

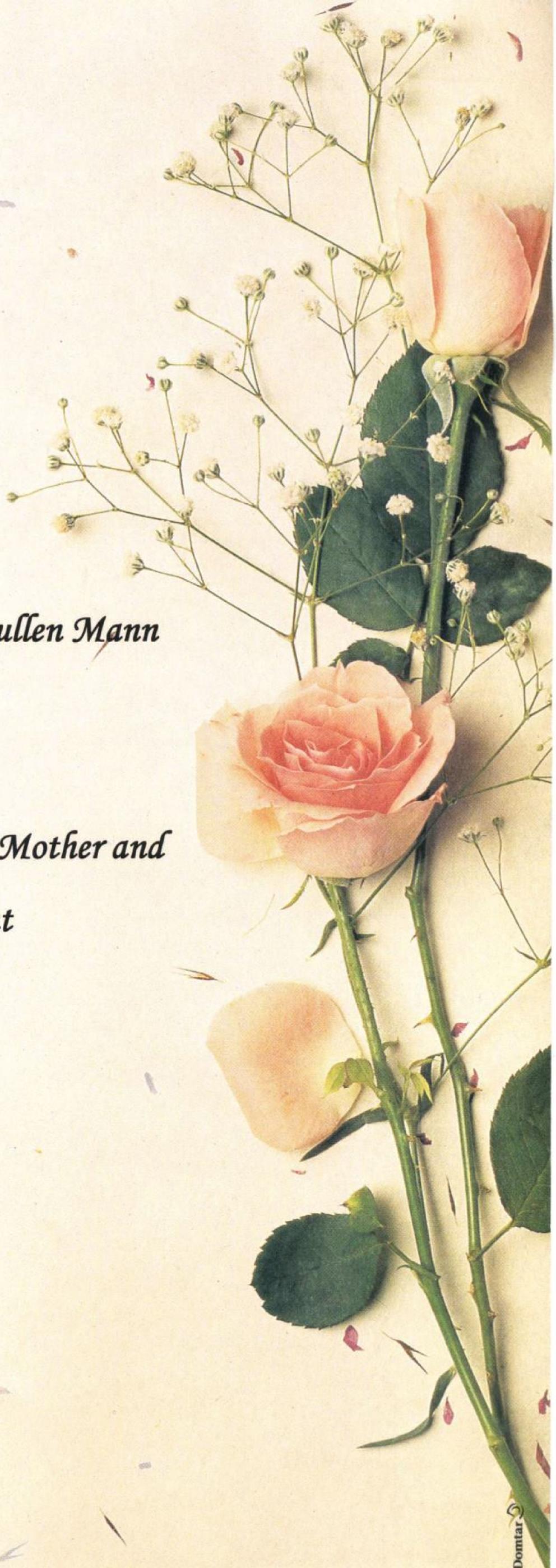
Scrapbook Collection of Catherine McMullen Mann

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Done by Winnie McMullen, Catherine's Mother and

Myrtle Riste, Catherine's Aunt



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Otterville from the Air



The pretty little Village of Otterville on the banks of the winding Otter is shown in this aerial view taken by a London Free Press photographer. The village's floodlit ball diamond and swimming pool in the pretty Memorial Park can be seen on the right side of the river. The scene looks almost due west with the main street cutting diagonally through. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

New Rector for Norwich

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The Rev. Clement Harold Wright, formerly of Carberry, Man., new rector of Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, is shown with his wife shortly after they arrived to take up duties at Trinity and the churches of St. Charles and St. John's in Otterville and Dereham Township.

Norwich Rector Assumes Duties

NORWICH, Jan. 14 — The new rector of Holy Trinity Church here, the Rev. Clement H. Wright, assumed his duties here today and preached to large congregations. It is expected that his induction will take place in 10 days. His charges include St. John's Church, Otterville, and St. Charles, Dereham.

He is a native of Lincolnshire, England, and came here from Carberry, Manitoba. His work with the church, up to three years ago when he went to Carberry, has been as an organist and lay reader. He is a member of the Society of Teachers, London, England.

Since coming to Canada he has been organist at All Saints Church, Winnipeg; St. Michaels and All Angels, Toronto, and was seven years at Barrie, before going to Carberry. He is an examiner of Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Executive Elected By Otterville I.O.D.E.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—A meeting of the I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Miss Norma Jean Clifford on Wednesday, January 16th, with Miss Lenora Slaght presiding.

It was announced that on February 13th, the I.O.D.E. is having a skating party and there will be lunch at Miss Lenora Slaght's after.

The elections resulted as follows: Honorary regent, Lenora Slaght; regent, Elaine Marshall; first vice-regent, Barbara Morrison; second vice-regent, Carol Broad; secretary, Marie DeVoogt; assistant secretary, Donna Cole; standard bearer, Mary Lou Hatton; treasurer, Catherine McMullen; councillors, Elaine Butler, Margaret Watter; correspondence, Madelon Ash; press and publicity, Wilma Cole; adopting a family committee, Barbara Furlong, Dolores Hooker, Barbara Morrison, Norma Jean Clifford; pianist, Carol Pennington; paper drive convener, Jean King.

To end the delightful evening, a lovely lunch was served, with Miss Norma Jean Clifford and Mrs. Thomas Clifford serving.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Miss Jean King on February 2nd.

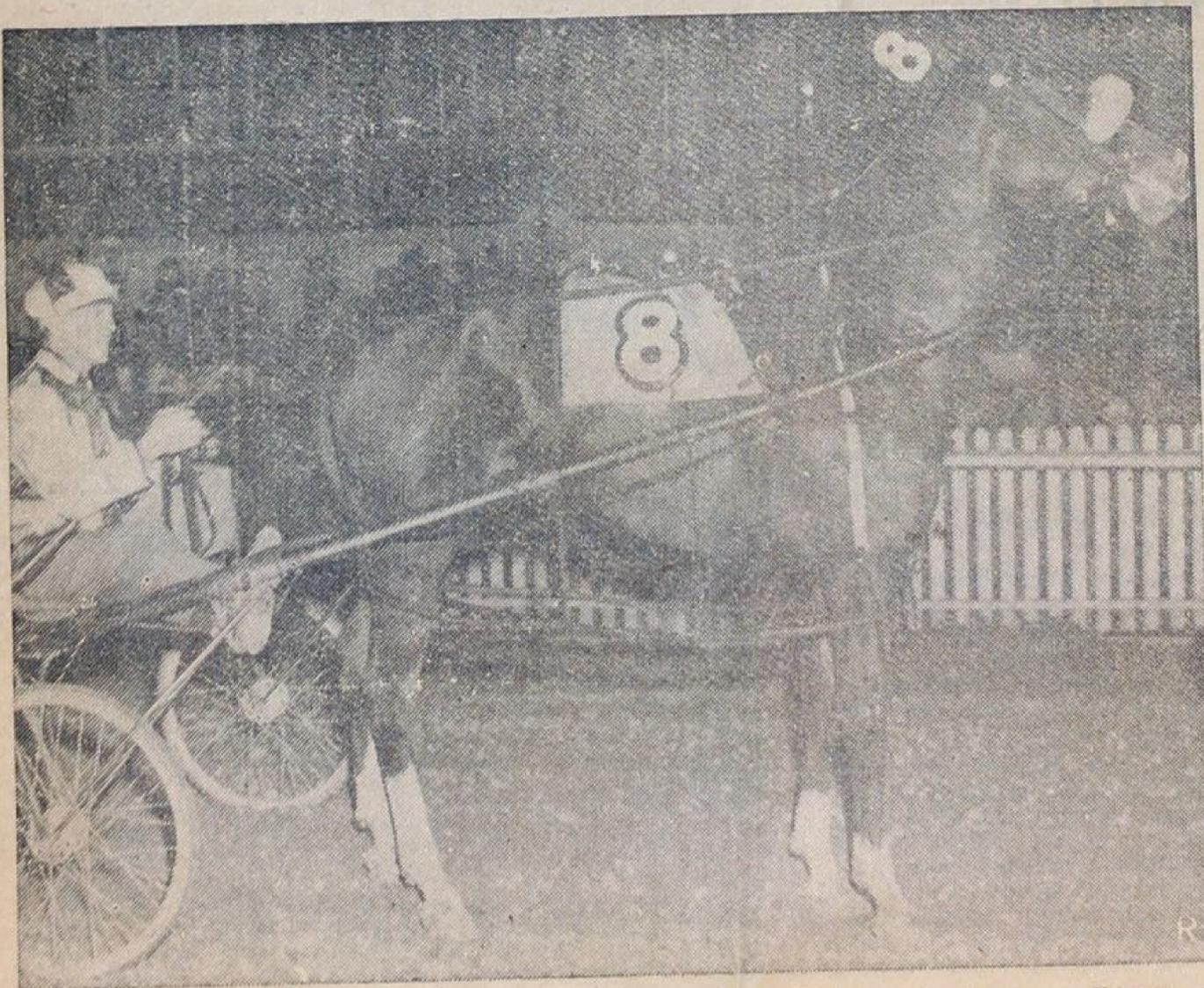
Elect Officers

Members of the Junior I.O.D.E. held a paper drive at Otterville and Springford on Saturday, and realized a profit of \$26.60 for their work.

The annual meeting was held at the home of Lenora Slaght, and the following slate of officers was accepted: Honorary regent, Mrs. Ivor Mann; regent, Lenora Slaght; first vice-regent, Anna Morrison; second vice-regent, Barbara Morrison; secretary, Marie DeVoogt; standard bearer, Janet Leitch; publicity, Donna Cole; paper and social convener, Elaine Marshall; treasurer, Catharine McMullen; counsellors, Norma Jean Clifford and Carol Pennington; pianist, Carol Broad; Empire correspondent, Mrs. Ivor Mann.

Wilma Cole and Mary Lou Hatton were accepted as members, and plans were made for a gift to a newly married member, and an invitation was accepted to have the next meeting at the home of Anna and Barbara Morrison. Feb 15/51.

Campaigns in States



Ed. Arthur has been helping to make Otterville a sizeable name on the harness racing map. Ed. was one of the more successful Canadian owners in the fall meet at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., that ended Saturday. It was the first time he had campaigned his stable at the Spa Raceway. Above he is shown up behind his Liza Dillon, a Dillon Mc mare out of Lulu Argot. The four-year-old was his only entry on closing night. Others in his stable are George Hy, Dillon Flicka and Barbara Ann Dillon. (Courtesy London Free Press.)



REV. C. H. WRIGHT
The Diocese of Huron is happy to welcome to its family circle, the Reverend C. H. Wright of Carberry, Manitoba, in the Diocese of Brandon. Mr. Wright has been appointed to the parish of Norwich, Dereham and Otterville, and Mr. and Mrs. Wright arrived in the parish on January 15th.
—Courtesy Free Press.

Norwich Rector Leaves For Parkhill Parish

Norwich—Rev. Lyall H. Crawford, six years rector of Holy Trinity Church, Norwich; St. John's Otterville, and St. Charles' at Dereham, last Wednesday took over the parish at Parkhill.

A reception for the rector and his wife was held following weekly services at Holy Trinity in Norwich. Other Protestant churches in the village withdrew services and ministers and members heard Rev. Mr. Crawford's farewell sermon. W. Colchester, lay reader, assisted in the service and the choir was directed by Mrs. Jack Foster.

Rev. Mr. Crawford thanked the parish for its co-operation in the work of the church.

At the farewell reception held in the parish hall, W. W. W. Morgan, rector's warden, told of the parish's regret at Rev. Mr. Crawford's leaving. Sam Croker, people's warden, presented a large mirror and a floor lamp to the rector. W. A. Stubbs, president of Canadian Legion Branch No. 190, also presented gifts to Rev. Mr. Crawford, who has been padre of the Legion here since 1945.

NOBBS—In Otterville, on Wednesday, January 3, 1951, Miss Beatrice Nobbs of Otterville, in her 49th year.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the service will be conducted on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment will be in Otter Cemetery.

Miss B. Nobbs Passes Following Long Illness

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Miss Beatrice Nobbs, teacher in Oxford County School for 27 years, died at her home on the Sixth Concession of North Norwich Township on Wednesday afternoon, following a lingering illness. Miss Nobbs was born at her late residence nearly 49 years ago and received her education at the Pleasant Valley School, the Woodstock Collegiate, and Normal School. After graduation she taught school, first at Maple Dell and later at Curries, Section No. 1 east of Otterville, North Norwich Gore, and until September, 1949, at the home school at Pleasant Valley, illness forced her to give up her work. For more than 30 years she taught the Beginners' Class in Otterville United Church Sunday school. She had also been a member of the choir of Otterville United Church for the same length of time.

She is survived by one sister and three brothers, Miss Gladys Nobbs, who has nursed her through her illness, Clarence Nobbs of Tillsonburg, Arnold Nobbs at home, and Reginald Nobbs of Toronto. Her parents, Joseph Nobbs and Ann Pearce Clendenning, predeceased her, and her eldest brother, Harold Nobbs, died suddenly just three weeks ago.

The remains are resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of Otterville United Church, of which she was a member. Interment will be in Otter Cemetery.

Funeral Rites For Miss Beatrice Nobbs

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, for Miss Beatrice Nobbs, who died at her home in North Norwich Township on Wednesday, January 3rd. The service was conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of Otterville United Church of which Miss Nobbs had been a member since girlhood. Mrs. Ronald Colver sang a solo, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," accompanied by Mrs. Edward Arthur who also played favorite hymns before and after the service.

Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held. Relatives and friends were present from Toronto, London, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Curries, Avon, Windham Centre, and many other places. Pallbearers were Mervin Wade, William Patterson, James Jackson, Alex Murray, Bert Jackson, and Carl Nobbs. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

St. John's Holds Vestry Meeting

OTTERVILLE: The annual vestry meeting for St. John's Anglican Church was held in the Parish Hall with the rector, Rev. C.W. Whight, presiding and giving the opening prayer.

The vestry clerk, Mrs. Nate McMullen, gave the minutes, and the church financial report and organ fund report was given by Mrs. William Law. Mrs. Wilson Young reported for the Ladies' Guild and Miss Jane Furlong for St. John's Church Club. The Sunday School report and Lot's Fund report were presented by Carl Howse, and the Cemetery Board report by W. J. Harford.

Mr. Wright presided over the following election of officers: rector's warden, Carl Howse; people's warden, J. W. Riste; church treasurer and missionary budget secretary, Mrs. W. H. Law; vestry clerk and organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Sunday School Superintendent, Carl Howse; lay delegate to Synod, J. W. Riste, with W. J. Harford as substitute; chancel guild honorary president, Mrs. Douglas Colver; president, Mrs. Leith Howse; auditors, Charles Otton and Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Announcement was made that the Missionary budget of \$136 had been paid in full and J. W. Riste moved a vote of thanks to all organizations, especially mentioning the Ladies' Guild for having the windows in the church and parish hall repaired. Mr. Wright congratulated the members on their splendid work and expressed gratification in being rector of the parish.

Later, during a social hour, he favoured with humorous monologues, accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano. He also gave piano selections. Lunch was served by the members of the Ladies' Guild afterward.

Euchre Held

There were 12 tables of progressive euchre in play in the Parish Hall on Friday evening, sponsored by the Ladies' Guild. The prize winners for the evening were Mrs. Peter Wavell, Mrs. Sylvester Honsberger, Nate McMullen, and Stanley Leach. Another evening of this kind will be held in the Parish Hall next week, and the last euchre prior to the Lenten season will be held on February 1st when a pair of men's socks will be drawn for, the tickets to be sold prior to the card party.

Rector Moves

Rev. Lyle Crawford, rector of St. John's Anglican Church for the past six years, moved to his new charge at Parkhill last week. Due to the new rector not arriving in time for the Sunday service, Rev. Mr. Semple of London had charge of the services on the circuit. Mrs. Ivor Mann was the organist for the service in the absence of Mrs. Nate McMullen who is confined to her home with an attack of influenza.

W. G. Williams Passes At Home Of Daughter

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Walter George Williams, a resident of the Otterville district for the past 23 years, died at the home of his son-in-law, Gordon McMullen, at Otterville, last Wednesday night.

Ten days prior to his death Mr. Williams suffered an attack of influenza and was brought from his home east of Otterville to the home of his daughter. He appeared to be recovering until Wednesday.

Born in Cardiff, Wales, nearly 70 years ago, Mr. Williams came to Canada at the age of 16, and lived at Burke's Falls before coming to this district, and he has lived at his present home east of Otterville for 21 years. His wife died last September.

He is survived by one son, Leonard Williams of Tillsonburg, and two daughters, Mrs. John Ellington (Maudie) of Teeterville, and Mrs. Gordon McMullen (Viola) of Otterville, also five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of Otterville United Church. Relatives and friends were present from Teeterville, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Bookton, Milldale and other places, as well as many of Mr. Williams' neighbors and friends in the vicinity.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were William McMullen, Nate McMullen, C. McNamama, Andrew Childs, John Davis and J. K. Wardell. Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. Feb 21/51

Mrs. M. Tubbs Passes At Home Of Her Son

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Mrs. Margaret Tubbs, a resident of Otterville until the past four years, died suddenly at the home of her son, Lloyd Tubbs, at London, late Tuesday night. Mrs. Tubbs had been in her usual health, and was taken ill while writing letters after supper, and died within a couple of hours. 84

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., 84 years ago, she came with her parents to the Galt district when a baby, and had spent practically all of her life in Oxford County. She came to Otterville in 1911 and lived here until four years ago, when she went to London to live with her son at 584 Central Ave. She was a member of the Otterville Baptist Church.

Her husband predeceased her 26 years ago. She is survived by two sons, Lloyd Tubbs of London and Elton E. Tubbs of Hamilton; and two granddaughters, Mrs. A. E. Bates (Jean) of St. Thomas, and Mrs. Joe Winchester (Nova) of Lone Pine, California. She also leaves two half sisters, Mrs. William Mott, Toronto, and Mrs. Roy Bates of Carleton Place, and two half brothers, Fred Avey of Norwich and Frank Avey of Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. Tubbs is resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Bruce Hisey, pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery. Feb 19/51 27

Former Otterville Man, James Spicer, Passes

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—James Spicer, a resident of Otterville for 15 years, died at the home of his son, Lawson Spicer, at Princeton, late Sunday night. He had been in poor health for some time, but had only been confined to bed for a few days.

Born near Mount Forest nearly 79 years ago, he farmed in that district during his early life, then spent a year in the west where he learned the baking business. He spent 12 years as baker in Mount Forest, where he married Mary Ann Dickie, who predeceased him 11 years ago. They also spent a few years at Glen Eden operating a general store, and later at Conn, where they farmed until 1928, and three years at Harriston before coming to Otterville in 1931 when they purchased the bakery business here. Mr. Spicer retired in 1946 after selling the business to his son, Derwood Spicer, and since that time has lived with his children.

During his residence in Otterville Mr. Spicer saw each of his five sons successfully launched in a bakery business of their own in various places.

He is survived by one daughter and five sons, Mrs. Norman Evans (Vera) of Allenford, Lawson of Princeton, Wilfred of Delhi, Mervin of Aylmer, Derwood of Otterville, and Elgin of Harriston. He also leaves 14 grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Brimacombe and Mrs. Margaret Warner of Toronto. Three brothers and two sisters predeceased him.

Funeral service was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. G. Wyle, minister of Otterville United Church, of which Mr. Spicer was a member. Temporary entombment was in the mausoleum at Mount Forest Cemetery, where interment will be made. Feb 25/51 04

To Live In Windsor



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, who were married recently in the Church of Our Lady of La Salette, will make their home in Windsor. The bride is the former Eleanor Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Myers of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Fitzsimmons of Otterville and the late Frank Fitzsimmons.—Les Langford photo. (Courtesy of London Free Press.) Feb 19/51

Bulldozer Pins Delhi Operator

A 32-year-old Delhi bulldozer operator was taken to Victoria Hospital in serious condition last night after his machine rolled over on top of him at the Fanshawe Dam site.

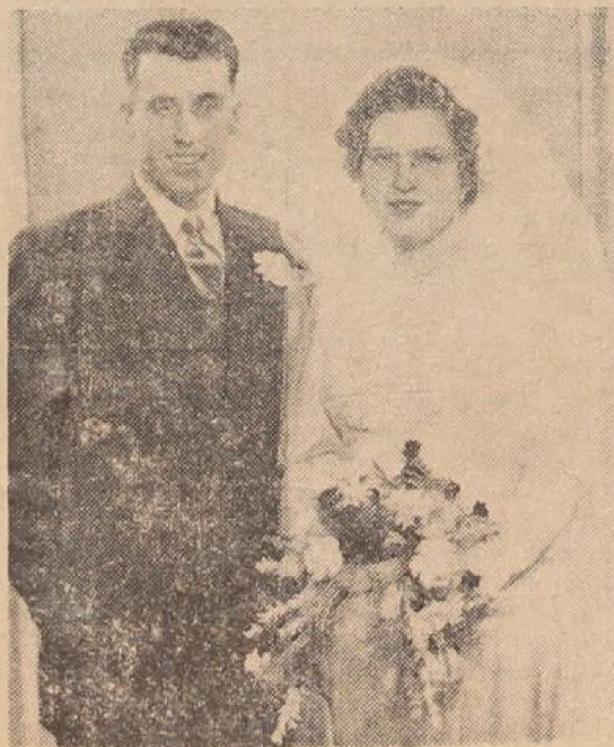
London Township Police Constable George Edwards said the man, rushed to hospital by ambulance, is Romain Eechaute, of R.R. 2, Delhi.

Police had few details about the accident last night but said Eechaute was at work with the bulldozer at 8.30 p.m. when it apparently toppled over on a grade, pinning him underneath. He was freed by other workers.

The week-end thaw had turned the dam site into a slimy, oozing sea of mud in which an accident could happen much more easily than under normal condition, according to the driver of the Bennett and Pincombe ambulance which took the man to hospital.

"I never saw so much mud in my life," he said. The bulldozer, after rolling over its victim, righted itself on its treads again. Eechaute's wife, Nancy, who was staying in London, went to hospital with him.

La Salette Nuptials FEB



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Francis Schooley are pictured following their recent marriage in the Church of Our Lady of La Salette. The bride is the former Velma Jessie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Schooley, all of La Salette. The couple will reside in that community.—Les Langford photo. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

Mrs. L. D. Hussey and family received word on Friday of the death of her eldest son, Lloyd Hussey, which occurred suddenly following a heart attack at Toronto. Mr. Hussey is survived by his wife and one son, Harold, in Toronto, also two sisters, Mrs. Eva Lawrence of Guelph and Miss Maude Hussey of Otterville; and Cecil Hussey, Otterville, William F. Hussey at Lakeview. Mrs. Lloyd Hussey's brother, A. Bacheldor of Otterville, and his daughter, Mrs. Jack Helsdon of Tillsonburg, attended the funeral in Toronto on Monday. Feb 27/51

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EECHAUTE—In Victoria Hospital, London, Sunday, February 18, 1951, Romain Adolph Eechaute, of Delhi, in his 33rd year. Friends will be received at the Addison funeral home, Otterville. Requiem mass at the Church of Our Lady La Salette, Wednesday, February 21, at 10 a.m. Interment in the La Salette Cemetery. Rosary Tuesday evening at 8.30.

Dam Accident Injuries Fatal

Romain Eechaute, 32-year-old Delhi district man who was pinned beneath a bulldozer at the Fanshawe Dam site February 11, died at Victoria Hospital early yesterday.

Eechaute suffered extensive internal injuries and severe shock when the heavy machine toppled on a grade and pinned him underneath. Fellow workers freed him. The following day his right leg was amputated.

He remained on the critically ill list and died at 1 a.m. yesterday.

Otterville Funeral

Coroner Dr. A. R. Routledge released the body.

Mr. Eechaute was born in Belgium and came to Canada at an early age. He lived at St. Boniface, Manitoba, Tillsonburg and Otterville before going to Delhi.

While he was in Otterville, Mr. Eechaute was in the trucking business. After he moved to Delhi about a year and a half ago he became a machine operator in construction work.

His first wife, Madeleine Verstrate, died in 1948.

He is survived by two children of this marriage, Rose Marie and Gerald Romain; his second wife, the former Nancy Lee Warren; a six-week-old son, Larry Romain, Delhi; two brothers, Larry, Amherstburg, Julien, Mount Brydges; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Eechaute, Tillsonburg.

The body is resting at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, where prayers will be said Tuesday night. Requiem high mass will be sung Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Church of Our Lady, La Salette. Burial will be at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, La Salette.

Romain Eechaute Dies Of Injuries

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Romain A. Eechaute, 32-year-old Delhi resident, formerly of Otterville and Tillsonburg, died in Victoria Hospital, London, on Sunday morning from injuries received on February 11 when he was pinned beneath a bulldozer at the Fanshawe Dam site.

The victim suffered extensive internal injuries and severe shock when the heavy machine toppled on a grade and pinned him beneath. Fellow workers freed him and he was removed to the hospital. The following day his right leg was amputated. He remained on the critically ill list and died at 1 a.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Eechaute was born in Belgium and came to Canada at an early age. He lived at St. Boniface, Man., Tillsonburg and Otterville before moving to Delhi about a year and a half ago. While in Otterville Mr. Eechaute was in the trucking business, leaving to become a machine operator in construction work.

His first wife, Madeleine Verstrate, died in 1948. He is survived by two children of this marriage Rose Marie and Gerald Romain.

Also surviving are his second wife, the former Nancy Lee Warren of Tillsonburg; a six-week-old son, Larry Romain of Delhi; two brothers, Larry of Amherstburg and Julien of Mount Brydges, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Eechaute of Tillsonburg.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, to the Church of Our Lady, La Salette, where requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, assisted by Rev. Fr. Veitenheimer and Rev. Fr. J. H. O'Neil. The services were largely attended, with relatives and friends from Tillsonburg, Amherstburg, Mount Brydges, Rock Island, Ill., Otterville, Norwich, La Salette, Delhi, London, Simcoe, Vittoria, Princeton, Scotland and many other places.

Many beautiful floral tributes filled the room. The flower bearers were four Fanshawe Dam employees, Lloyd Pitzel, Leonard Wehage, Leo Fleischhacker and Stewart McMillian. They were assisted by Martin Smith and Jerome Duffy of Otterville. The pallbearers were Gilbert Gekiere, George Gekiere, Gerald Gekiere, Leon Eecloo, Victor Caryn and Eugene Schaus.

Interment was in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at La Salette.

Died

AVEY—In St. Thomas, on Wednesday, March 7, 1951, Mrs. Nellie May Avey of Otterville, widow of Herbert Avey, in her 72nd year.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery.

Mrs. N. Avey Passes In St. Thomas Hospital

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Mrs. Nellie Avey, widow of Herbert Avey, died in hospital at St. Thomas early Wednesday morning. She had been in poor health for some time and seriously ill for the past few weeks, and was taken to hospital last week.

Born near Otterville, on the farm now owned by E. Wingrove, nearly 72 years ago, she lived in this vicinity all her life, and had many friends here. Following her marriage they farmed on the property now owned by A. DeGroote, and after Mr. Avey's death from influenza in 1918, she moved into the village to care for her father, the late James Langin. Thirty-one years ago she moved in with her only sister, the late Mrs. Ernest Addison, and following the latter's death 14 years ago, she had remained with her brother-in-law. She was a member of the Springford Baptist Church, and of the Otterville Women's Institute.

She is survived by three brothers-in-law, Ernest C. Addison, Frank and Fred Avey, and two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Bates of Carleton Place, and Mrs. Mott of Toronto, and a number of cousins.

Mrs. Avey is resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be in the Otter Cemetery.

Otterville Plan School Addition

OTTERVILLE: All members were present at a special session of the South Norwich Township Council in the Council Chamber in the Comunity Hall on January 15th. Bylaw 968 received third reading setting salaries and wages. Tentative approval was given the issue of debentures to cover the cost of a proposed form room in addition to the Otterville Central School. Two carloads of calcium were ordered for the roads.

MRS. H. PICKERSGILL HOSTESS TO CLUB

OTTERVILLE: The St. John's Church Club held their meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Pickersgill with seven members present. The president being absent, the vice-president, Jane Furlong, presided for the meting. It was planned to have a court whist on January 29th in the Parish Hall and committees were nominated to look after the lunch. Jane Furlong closed the meeting with a prayer.

Degree Team Has Invitations

OTTERVILLE: The regular meeting of Tecumseh Lodge No. 182, I.O.O.F., was held on Wednesday evening with N.G. S. Arthur presiding. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

An invitation was accepted from Simcoe Lodge for Tecumseh to confer the second degree on February 2nd at Simcoe, also an invitation from Cayuga lodge for Tecumseh to confer the second degree on a class of candidates at Cayuga, February 6th. This invitation was accepted for Tuesday, February 27th, if suitable to Cayuga lodge.

The newly-appointed captain of the 2nd degree team, Bro. William Butler, gave the team a work-out and was pleased with the progress being made.

The Young People of Bookton Presbyterian Church will present a three act play "Good Gracious Grandma" in the Community Hall Friday, February 23rd under the auspices of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah C. P. and T. Fund.



The two couples pictured above were married recently at churches in the Tillsonburg district. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kleer, left, were married at the Rhineland Lutheran Church manse. The bride is the former Elizabeth Schlidt, daughter of Mrs. William Schlidt of Germany. She arrived from her homeland a few days prior to the wedding. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kleer of Tillsonburg. The couple will reside here. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gilmore, right, were married at Otterville, where they will reside. The bride is the former Wanda Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Myers of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gilmore of Otterville.—Les Langford photos. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

Otterville Nonagenarian Mrs. Garthwaite, Passes

(From Our Own Correspondent)

OTTERVILLE—One of Otterville's nonagenarians, Mrs. Mary Catherine Garthwaite, died at her home in Otterville on Friday morning, following a four-day illness. Mrs. Garthwaite, who before her marriage was Mary Pettit, was born in Windham Township nearly 92 years ago, and had spent practically all her life in this district.

She was married twice. Her first husband, Robert B. Hemstreet, died in 1905; and later she married Charles Garthwaite, who died in 1922. She is survived by two sons, Lorne Hemstreet of Detroit, Mich., and Archie Hemstreet of Canoga Park, Cal. Another son, Harry Hemstreet, predeceased her 21 years ago. She also leaves six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She had been a member of the Bookton Presbyterian Church, but had lived in Otterville for more than 40 years. For the past several years poor hearing and eyesight have kept her in her own home most of the time, and for the past six years Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Waring have been with her.

The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville. Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the United Church, conducted the service, which was attended by many of her neighbors, also relatives from Detroit, Delhi, Brantford, Mount Pleasant, Burgessville, and other places.

During the service, Mrs. George Davis sang "God Will Take Care of You," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Nate McMullen.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Archie Jull of Newark, Asahel Bachelder, Alfred Moore, Charles Mannell, Charles Forman and Wellington Armstrong. Interment was in the Bookton Cemetery.

C. W. Wilcox Passes, Interred At Norwich

(From Our Own Correspondent)

OTTERVILLE—Funeral services for Charles Wesley Wilcox of Norwich were conducted at the Addison Funeral Home here on Tuesday by Rev. W. M. Kitely of Norwich.

Mr. Wilcox passed away on Friday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lorne Wade of Pleasant Valley, where he had been staying for several weeks. Death occurred suddenly after he had made a visit to his doctor.

Born at Normandale, Ont., 86 years ago, Mr. Wilcox farmed east of Norwich for several years. He later operated a store at Kelvin. He retired about 15 years ago and lived on John St. in Norwich.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lorne Wade; one sister, Mrs. Mary Tanner, and a brother, Walter Wilcox, both of Norwich, and four grandchildren. His wife predeceased him 11 years ago.

During the service George Lowe of Norwich sang "Going Home" and "The Last Mile of the Way," accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano.

Relatives and friends were present from Toronto, Burford, Scotland, Norwich, Paris and other points. Floral tributes included a basket from his Norwich neighbors on John St.

Pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Edward McCombe, Fred Avey, Roy Rachar, Alex Murray and V. Adams. Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

Many Attend Funeral Of Mrs. Robert Avey

(From Our Own Correspondent)

OTTERVILLE — Funeral service for Mrs. Herbert Avey, a life-long resident of the Otterville district, was held Saturday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and was largely attended by relatives and friends, including several from Detroit, Toronto, Hamilton, Pleasant Valley, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Burgessville and Springford.

Mrs. Avey, widow of Herbert Avey, died in hospital at St. Thomas last Wednesday morning, in her 71st year.

Rev. W. B. Walker, pastor of the Springford Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Avey was a member, had charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. W. G. Wylie of the Otterville United Church.

During the service, Mrs. Edgar Pearce of Cornell sang a solo, "The Pearly White City," playing her own accompaniment. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Ira Hooker, Dr. H. G. Downing, R. M. Holmes, Edward Moore, Fred Howse and Melville Beecroft. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Plan Tea

Mrs. Nate McMullen entertained the members of the Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church, and was assisted by her daughter, Miss Catherine McMullen, and Mrs. Carmen Kerr in serving tea.

Mrs. Wilson Young presided over the meeting, and plans were made for holding a St. Patrick's Day tea in the Community Hall. Mrs. Wavell invited the ladies to meet at her home for the next meeting.

In Memoriam

SMITH—In loving memory of a dear wife and sister, Florence Smith, who died in Buffalo, February 21, 1947.

Many a lonely heartache,
Often a silent tear,
But always a beautiful memory
Of one we loved so dear.
—Lovingly remembered by husband and sisters.

J. Norton Buck

PARIS, March 7 — Funeral services for J. Norton Buck, 64, who died at Norwich yesterday, will be held in Paris Baptist Church Friday afternoon, and interment made in Paris Cemetery.

Surviving besides his wife are, three sisters, Miss Edith Buck, and Mrs. C. C. Wheeler, Paris; and Mrs. D. S. Secord, Hollywood; and one brother, Stanley, Hagersville.

OCTOGENARIAN FETED

OTTERVILLE — Mrs. E. M. Forde celebrated her 84th birthday at the home of Mrs. William Steinhoff, where a few of her friends were entertained during the afternoon. Mrs. Forde who resides with her son in Brantford has been spending the winter months with her friend, Mrs. Steinhoff, who is several years

her senior, and both ladies thoroughly enjoy the social life of the community, and their presence at the various meetings of the church organizations and Women's Institute, is an inspiration to the younger members. Mrs. Steinhoff was assisted by Mrs. George H. Davis in serving afternoon tea along with the birthday cake. *MARCH*

LEO REISE, HOCKEY STAR IS OTTERVILLE GUEST SPEAKER

OTTERVILLE: Leo Reise, star defenceman of the Detroit Red Wings, was guest speaker at a Father and Son banquet arranged by the sports committee of Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F. Guests were the teen-age hockey team which the lodge sponsored.

William Butler, of the sports committee, was chairman, and introduced the guest speaker.

Mr. Reise congratulated the young lads on their work, and pointed out how fortunate they were in having the sports committee to give them a boost, as he had received his start in the same way. He dealt with hockey in general, outlining hockey in minor league setup, and also in the National Hockey League. He

spoke of the training methods, and restrictions on the players, and answered numerous questions of the youthful admirers.

Mr. Butler, and the noble grand Stanley Arthur, outlined the program which the sports committee have in mind for the summer in juvenile baseball.

William Pennington introduced the members of the hockey team, Gordon Pennington, Ken Pickersgill, Don Petch, Bob Van Parys, Bill McMullen, Bud Oatman, Bill Oatman, George Jakubowski, Bob Furlong, Clayton Obadiah, Larry Hudson, Don Arthur, Don Andrews, Bob Chrysler, Lyle Davis, Archie MacDougall, Norm Riches, Jack George and Hugh Parker. *APRIL*

Mrs. H. Pickersgill Hostess To Club

OTTERVILLE: The St. John's Church Club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill with 11 members present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, Mrs. Fred Howse. A short business meeting followed. The conveners for the program were Mrs. Roy Rachar and Barbara Furlong. Winners of the contests were Mrs. A. Jardine, Mrs. C. Otton, Mrs. R. Rachar and Jane Furlong. A light lunch was served by Mrs. Pickersgill, assisted by Mrs. Jardine and Jane Furlong.

Following the social hour presentations were made to two more of the members who are leaving. Jane Furlong read an address and Jean Harrington presented Mrs. Fred Howse and Miss Marie DeMeester with gifts on behalf of the club. *APRIL*

Mrs. W. Steinhoff 89 Years Old

OTTERVILLE: Mrs. William Steinhoff celebrating her 89th birthday was surrounded by more than 20 of her friends who gathered at her home to extend best wishes and spend a social time with her.

The previous evening Mr. and Mrs. George C. Williams, Toronto, had motored up on a surprise visit. One of the honoured guests at the birthday party was Mrs. A. J. Collver who will be 94 in July.

Mrs. Steinhoff enjoys good health and takes an active part in church meetings and the Women's Institute. More than 50 of her friends remembered her with cards and gifts on her birthday. Mrs. Elmer Almost, Mrs. George Daiken and Miss Beatrice Lee assisted Mrs. Steinhoff and her companion, Mrs. E. Forde, during the afternoon.

MATT. FURLONG 90 YEARS OLD

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The oldest Otterville-born person, and probably the oldest man in the village, Matthew Furlong, celebrated his 90th birthday on Wednesday, and a birthday dinner was held at his home in honor of the event.

Mr. Furlong has been frail in recent months, and is at present staying with his son, John M. Furlong, and family, where he enjoys listening to the radio. He also enjoys playing euchre with the young folks, but complains that "they quit playing with me when I beat them too much."

His parents came to Otterville from Waterford, and he was born here. He recalls hearing them tell of the trip by sailboat from Wexford, Ireland, which took six weeks, as much of the time the wind would blow them first one way then the other.

His first home was opposite the De Meester home. The site is a vacant lot now, but Mr. Furlong recalls when there was their home, a barn, and shingle mill, all of which have long since been burned down. Here the wood was cut for the then-famous Warner's matches, which he saw packaged. His present home on Main Street, shielded by tall evergreens, was built for him after his marriage, and he has lived continuously there for over 60 years. His mother died when he was about five, and his father's sister kept house for them.

Otterville had almost as large a population then as now, and he remembers the 100 pupils that filled the school, and the classes went to the front for their lessons, reaching from one side of the school to the other. Punishments was meted out then when needed, and the strap was used generously, or the long pointer over backs or heads, depending on the teacher.

A spotted Arabian horse, "Topsy", was Mr. Furlong's pride for 36 years. He raised him himself, and most Otterville residents recall seeing "Mat" with Topsy pulling the dray wagon. In addition to the mail and freight, there was always a human cargo of little folks, who never seemed to disturb the soft-spoken driver. His experience in dray work and driving a one-horse bus dates back many years, and he remembers the time the train first began to operate through Otterville around 1876. The road bed had been graded and the bridges built a few years before, and they were about ready to lay the track when the promoter was killed, and the work came to a standstill. At that time there were only a couple of houses past of J. W. Fisher's house, that area being all pine bush. West Otterville, then called Erbtown, had a good bit of the population then.

Mr. Furlong was one of the first village trustees, the first board being Robert Paxton, Morrison Hooker and himself. A staunch Liberal most of his life, he admits that he has voted both ways.

In his younger days, Mr. Furlong was a keen ball player, taking part in many of the teams in the counties around here, and the fingers on his right hand are all out of shape from catching ball. Until recent years he was in demand as a umpire, and last Summer he was usually on hand to witness the ball games in the park. He says he used to enjoy shinny as it was played in his youth, but doesn't care much for hockey as the professionals play it, maintaining that it's too much of a knock-down-and-kill game. However, he didn't miss much of the overtime in the recent series.

Always slow and easy going, he regrets that there have been days when he couldn't get around much, but thankful that he hasn't an ache or a pain of any kind. *April 1951*

Earle Petch Heads

New Board Of Trade

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—A Board of Trade has been organized at Otterville, with Earle T. Petch as chairman, George Slaght as vice-chairman and Cecil L. Finch, secretary.

More than 30 persons met in the Community Hall to organize the board and to elect a general committee of 12 persons representing the various types of industry in the community.

At the suggestion of the chairman, these were divided into four committees: Ways and means, Dr. G. M. Downing, William Butler and Burton Broad; industrial development, Alex. Slaght, David Kennedy and Nate McMullen; village improvement, Dr. Lois Batson, Clifford Rachar and J. K. Wardell; publicity, Mrs. W. L. Addison, Adam Oliver and Rod Taylor.

It was felt by many interested in community welfare that the board would fill a definite need. It is expected that there will be a large membership to aid the committees.

Suggested membership fee to the board was one dollar per year, and it was left to the executive to add other names to the committees in the event that any of the 12 chosen are unable to act. *April 1951*

Fred McKie Sells Bakery Business

Fred McKie, who has operated the McKie Bakery here since June 1946, has sold his business to George Van Kerrebrouck, proprietor of the Belgian Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. McKie are well-known in Delhi. Fred, who is a native of Norwich, conducted a bakery business in Otterville before he joined the R.C.A.F. in 1940. After serving in the air force for six years, he purchased the bakery business in Delhi. He is a member of the local branch of the Canadian Legion and was a member of the Delhi Optimist Club, a trustee of the Delhi School Board, a member of the Board of Stewards at the Delhi United Church and is still a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge, Norwich. *April 1951*

DEATHS

CLARK C. DELL

OTTERVILLE: Funeral services for Clark C. Dell, who died at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg last week, were held at the Addison Funeral Home, and were conducted by Rev. W.G. Wylie, minister of the Otterville United Church.

The service was largely attended by many of his friends and neighbours from South Norwich Township, where he had spent his entire life. There were also relatives and friends from Simcoe, Delhi, Glen Meyer, Norwich, Tillsonburg, London, Cornell, Woodstock and Waterford. Among the floral tributes was a basket from the neighbours.

Interment was in Milldale Cemetery. Pall bearers were Alan Hanson, Arthur Hanson, R.M. Holmes, Richard Brayley, Charles Forman and John Beck.

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At the close of St. John's Anglican Church service on Sunday afternoon a presentation of a tie clip was made to Charles Otton who has been transferred to the Elmira Branch of the Royal Bank. Rev. C. H. Wright made the presentation to which Mr. Otton expressed appreciation.

Mrs. Deveney made a presentation to Rosemary Otton after the Sunday school session.

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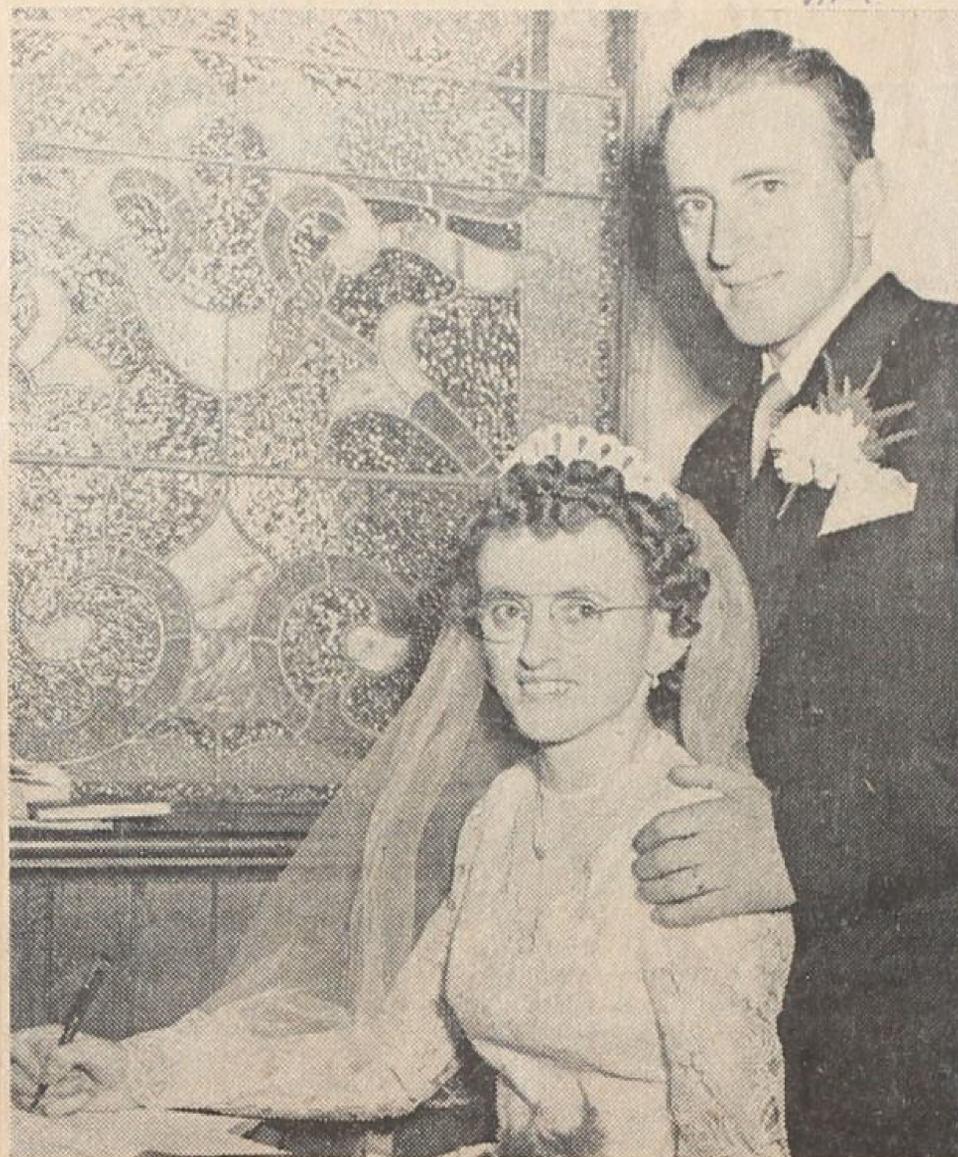
The St. John's Anglican Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Pickersgill. Mrs. Jack Furlong presided. Lunch committee for euchre on April 12th is Mrs. Mann, Mrs. H. Pickersgill, Mrs. F. Finch, Mrs. M. Law and Mrs. J. Furlong.

A presentation of a gift was made to Mrs. C. Otton by the members of the Ladies' Guild. Mrs. Otton is leaving soon for her new home in Elmira. Lunch was served by Mrs. Pickersgill, assisted by Mrs. J. Furlong, and Mrs. Lena Young. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Furlong.

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Married At Otterville

APRIL



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sterczer, Jr., are pictured signing the register following their marriage in the Otterville United Church. The bride is the former Helen Sabo, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sabo of Otterville, and the groom is the only son of Peter Sterczer of Port Rowan. The couple will make their home in Otterville.—Photo by Coni Studio, Delhi.

93rd Anniversary At Otterville Baptist Church

OTTERVILLE: The 93rd anniversary services were held in the Otterville Baptist Church on Sunday May 27th.

The guest speaker for the day was Rev. Albert Salter, a representative of the European Christian Mission. In the morning his message was "The Privilege of Christian Unity." The service was enhanced by vocal solos by Mr. Thompson of Brantford who sang "Wonderful Saviour", "What Shall I Give Thee, Master" and "Make Me A Blessing." Miss Helen Boomer was the accompanist.

In the evening the speaker chose the subject "The Suprem-

acy of Christ and the Meaning of His Death." Miss Margaret Wilcox was the pianist and the soloist again sang "I Am Climbing," "My Heart is Filled With Sunshine" and "Lift Up Your Eyes to Calvary." The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and large congregations greeted the guest speaker and pastor, Rev. H. B. Hisey.

The anniversary came to a close on Monday evening when the speaker, Rev. Albert Salter, presented pictures in the church and told in an interesting manner of conditions in the European countries.

A large attendance was present and a substantial sum of money was taken as an offering and presented to the speaker to aid the war-torn parts of Europe.

Dr. W. N. Meldrum Passes At Home In Norwich

Norwich—Dr. W. N. Meldrum, prominent Norwich and district physician for the past 33 years, passed away at his home early Thursday afternoon.

Born at Stratford, a son of Dr. Norman W. Meldrum, he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1903, and for the following two years lectured there. He started a practise at New Durham in 1905, and in 1918 came to Norwich, purchasing the practise of the late Dr. Phillips.

The late Dr. Meldrum was a true lover of horses, a keen judge of good pacers and trotters, having raised and campaigned such pacing stars as Hal Abbe 2:03 1/4, Sir Esme 2:04 1/4, San Abbess 2:06 1/2, Union Maid 2:10, Gentry Lad 2:12, Dillon Mc 2:02 1/2, Una Grattan 2:06, Dividend 2nd 2:08 3/5, Income 2:14 1/2, Dr. A. Dillon, 3, 2:14, Bonus Dillon 2:07, Cash Dillon, 3, 2:16. He had some fine looking horses in his stable, sired by Dillon Mc, at the time of his death.

In 1938, Dr. Meldrum won the Canadian Pacing Derby at New Hamburg with Sir Esme, and in 1939 he was again winner with Dillon Mc. Although these are his outstanding victories, he won numerous other honors at meets throughout Ontario.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, David, and two daughters, Misses Ruth and Mary, at home; also two sisters, Mrs. F. W. Anderson and Miss Alice Meldrum of Ayr. Private funeral service was held from his late residence on Sunday afternoon, with interment in the Norwich Cemetery.

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Thursday, May 17, 1951

CELEBRATES HER 93RD BIRTHDAY

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Mrs. T. G. Forman quietly celebrated her 93rd birthday last week, and was the recipient of many cards and flowers from individuals and organizations.

Although she has been confined to her room for nearly two years, Mrs. Forman is cheerful and bright and has a host of friends in the community.

Her niece, Miss Martha Lees of Norwich, was her guest for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bowman and family of Eastwood and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyce and children of Norwich spent part of Sunday with Mrs. Forman and family.

W.I. District Annual Held at Otterville



Members of the Otterville and Summerville branches of the Women's Institute were hostesses for the South Oxford District annual meeting at Otterville on Friday and served a potluck dinner. Shown are some of the officers elected and guests at the meeting. From left to right are Mrs. W. Mountain, president of Otterville

W.I.; Mrs. Lorne Daniel, vice-president of the South Oxford District; Mrs. Cecil Howard, district president; Mrs. Leslie Nancekivell, district secretary-treasurer; Miss Dora Burke, representative from the W.I. Branch, Toronto, and Mrs. Lorne Treffry, president of Summerville W.I. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A meeting was held in St. John's Parish Hall on May 23rd, comprising members of the congregation, Senior and Junior Guilds, Choir and Church-Wardens. The Rev. C.H. Wright presiding. It was decided to take steps to raise funds for the complete over-hauling of the "Casavant" organ. This is badly needed, as nothing really has been spent on the instrument since it was installed thirty years ago. A canvass will be held locally and members and friends who have left the district will be contacted. One or two organ recitals will be arranged in the near future. Mrs. N. McMullen the organist and choir director is acting as secretary-treasurer and would welcome any donations from interested friends.

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Carl Howse Acclaimed Tecumseh Lodge Head

Otterville—Carl Howse was elected noble grand of Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., by acclamation.

Noble Grand Stanley Arthur presided at the meeting. Harold Arthur was elected vice grand by ballot.

Other officers elected by acclamation were: Ross Avey, recording secretary; Max Avey, financial secretary; Fred Cole, treasurer; Dr. H. R. Batson, physician. The C.P. and T. committee was re-elected, with Stewart Godby taking the place of Carl Howse.

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Dr. and Mrs. R. A. C. Munkittrick

mony at Wellington Street United Church. Dr. and Mrs. Ronald A. C. Munkittrick were married at Springfield United Church. The bride is Georgina Cecille, daughter of Mrs. Ottewell and the late Cecil W. Ottewell, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. Munkittrick, Welland. (Photo by Saw Wood).

June 9/51

Attend Capping Ceremony—

June 21

Mrs. Elva Lazenby, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Petch, Otterville and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avey, Burgessville, attended the Capping Ceremony at Hamilton General Hospital, Tuesday evening, as guests of the Misses Noreen Petch, Juanna Lazenby and Juanitta Lazenby who received their cap, along with a large class of nurses-in-training. A reception followed where an enjoyable social time was held.

Board Of Trade Is Active At Otterville

OTTERVILLE: The first meeting of the newly-organized Board of Trade was held in the Community Hall and plans were made for a monthly meeting to be held the first Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

The chairman, Earle Petch, presided and every member of the executive and committees was present. Two much-appreciated letters were read offering congratulations and assistance on the venture, one from C. Syd Matthews, the Ontario manager of the Chamber of Commerce, Toronto, and one from Russell Brady of the Woodstock Board of Trade.

The Ways and Means committee set the membership fee at \$1 per member as they felt that greater good could be done in the community by a large membership at a small fee, and they plan to procure membership cards soon. A number of suggestions were offered for the village improvement committee, such as endeavouring to have a fence put along a dangerous walk near the mill race, a new flag on the Community Hall, and some paving done.

Additional signs is a project of the publicity committee, as the village has become a popular spot during the summer with its natural park, equipped with modern swimming pool and ideal picnic facilities. The industrial development committee is working on plans whereby they can invite additional industries to locate around Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter Catharine attended a birthday celebration in honour of the former's mother, Mrs. Emily McMullen, who was 87 recently. Other members of the family also Mr. and Mrs. William Croaken of Toronto joined them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Graves for the celebration.

The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held a brief business meeting in the Parish Hall.

Donald Burton Broad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Broad of Otterville. Rev. L. E. Mason, minister of First Baptist Church, officiated at the double-ring ceremony, performed before a setting of spring flowers and palms.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was stunning in a street-length dress of navy sheer with white accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses and white carnations.

Maid of honour was Miss Ruby Marie Mills, the bride's sister. She wore a navy sheer street-length dress and a corsage of pink roses. Donald Hankinson of Tillsonburg acted as best man. Miss Carol Broad, sister of the groom, played the wedding music

For a reception following, at the home of Mrs. Ruth Sommers,

North Broadway St., Mrs. Mills received, wearing a dress of black crepe with rhinestone trimming and pale green accessories. Her corsage was of yellow Talisman roses. She was assisted by Mrs. Broad, attired in a dress of blue and rose printed nylon sheer with pink accessories. Her corsage was of Sweetheart roses.

For a wedding trip through Eastern Ontario, the bride completed her ensemble by adding a gold whipcord coat with navy accessories. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Broad will take up residence in Otterville.

The groom's gift to his bride was luggage, and to his best man a revolving tie holder. The bride presented her maid of honour and pianist with silverware, and her waitresses with figured teapots.

ARMSTRONG—MILLWARD

OTTERVILLE: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, West Hamilton, was pretty with pink snapdragon and white stock and ferns on May 5th at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Miss Harriet Irene Millward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Millward, Hamilton, to Murray Eugene Armstrong, Hamilton, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Armstrong, Otterville. Rev. H. Newton Smith, Rector of the church, officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin and full-length embroidered white net veil, and she carried an arm cascade of white carnations, white sweet peas and red roses.

Miss Jean Millward, sister of the bride, was maid of honour and wore a gown of embroidered organdy over mauve taffeta, a head band of mauve and white sweet peas. Her flowers were a cascade of mauve and white sweet peas.

Robert Armstrong of Brantford, cousin of the groom, was

best man. Ushers were Thomas Millward Jr. and Robert Millward, brothers of the bride.

Mrs. Bert Blackboro played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Miss Corrine Bryant, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because".

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. George Austin, of Hamilton. Receiving was the bride's mother, wearing a cornflower blue dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink roses with white sweet peas. Assisting was the groom's mother, wearing a printed grey silk dress with navy accessories and a corsage of red rose and white sweet peas.

Guests numbering 75 were present from Springfield, Otterville, Norwich, Brantford, Brampton and Stratford.

For a wedding trip to New York City the bride donned a navy blue suit and navy hat with a ream wool shortie coat and navy blue accessories. Her corsage was of red roses and white carnations.

Upon their return the couple will make their home in Hamilton.

BROAD—MILLS

TILLSONBURG: An attractive wedding was witnessed on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Mills, 56 King St., when Mr. Mills' daughter, Marjorie Mae, was united in marriage to



Mr. and Mrs. Davies

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Wendell Hillier, Racine, Wisconsin are spending couple of weeks with Mrs. Hillier's brother, Nate McMullen and other members of the family in this district. Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter Catherine who spent a week at Racine accompanied them to their home here.

Rev. C. Wright, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, also acted as organist while the regular organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen was on vacation. Mr. Wright's daughter was also organist for one Sunday. Plans are being made for an organ recital in the Anglican church the middle of July.

Floyd Hillier of Washington, D. C., has been spending 10 days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and other relatives here, and plans to accompany his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hillier, on their return to their home at Racine, Wis., the latter part of the week.

DAVIS—HARRISON

TILLSONBURG: A beautiful spring wedding was solemnized in St. Paul's United Church when Jean Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Harrison, 825 Quebec St., London, formerly of Tillsonburg, became the bride of George Wyatt Davis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis of Otterville.

The church was prettily decorated, and the communion table was adorned with graceful baskets of pink and white snapdragons intermingling with sprays of fern. The guest pews were indicated with white satin bows knotted with lily of the valley. Rev. W. E. Aldworth officiated, and Mrs. A. S. Russell was organist. Miss Jean Stansell sang "I'll Walk Beside You" before the ceremony and "Because" during the signing of the register.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a beautiful gown of white brocaded satin, the molded bodice featuring a Queen Anne collar, and fitted lily point sleeves with tiny covered buttons marking the back of the waistline. The floor-length skirt was fashioned with tucking over the hips, giving a slight bustle effect, and the soft full folds extended into a slight train. Her fingertip embroidered illusion veil was arranged from a becoming fitted satin cap, and she carried a bouquet of white calla lilies and white roses.

Matron of honour was Mrs. Wilfred G. Albright, sister of the bride. She wore a gown of pale green taffeta, with the floor-length skirt extending into a slight train. Her headdress was of double-frilled net with matching velvet ribbon. She wore matching mittens and carried a bouquet of Talisman roses.

Misses Dorothy and Carolyn Davis, sisters of the groom, were bridesmaids, and wore gowns similar to that of the matron of honour, yellow and lavender taffeta respectively, with matching headdresses and mittens. They carried contrasting bouquets of pink and yellow roses.

The bride's little niece, Judy Ann Albright, made a pretty flower girl in her pale green ruf-

fled taffeta frock, with straw poke bonnet and a nosegay of Talisman roses.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, John Davis, and the ushers were Wilfred G. Albright, brother-in-law of the bride, and John Brennan of Otterville.

After the ceremony, a reception for 70 guests was held in the church parlours, where pink roses and silver candelabra holding white tapers decorated the bride's table which was centred with a three-tier wedding cake. Tables reserved for the guests were decorated with white tapers in silver holders and pink rosebuds set in crystal bud vases.

Among the guests present were friends and relatives from Ingeroll, Hamilton, London, Aylmer, Otterville and Eden.

Mrs. Harrison, mother of the bride, received, wearing a navy crepe street-length gown showing inserts on the bodice and skirt of navy blue lace embroidered in seed pearls. Her hat was of navy straw with pink blossoms matching her accessories. A corsage of pink roses completed her attire.

The bridegroom's mother chose for the occasion, a smart gown of gray silk crepe with a becoming black hat, and wore a corsage of pink roses.

The groom's gift to his bride was a string of pearls, and to his best man and ushers, initialled belt buckles. The bride's gift to her attendants were pearls, to the organist and soloist, cups and saucers, and to the waitresses, china ornaments.

Among the many congratulatory messages were two cablegrams received from Port Elizabeth, Africa, and Preston, Lancashire, England.

For the wedding trip to Toronto, and Northern Ontario, the bride changed to a smart dress of navy nylon sheer with white hat and accessories, and wore a corsage of pale pink rosebuds.

Upon their return, the young couple will reside in Otterville.



Members of Mary Hastings Otter Valley Pals' Club, Otterville, ended their year's activities with a well-attended banquet held at Mil-Mar Manor, Tillsonburg. A theatre party followed the banquet to make a very enjoyable evening. Members of club are shown in the above picture, reading from left to right, front row: Mrs. Wm. Pennington, Mrs. Tom Clifford, Mrs. Steve Curtis, Mrs. Joe Jakubowski, Mrs. Ed Dragon, Mrs. Joseph Ash, president of the club; Mrs. Roy Rachar, secretary-treasurer;

Mrs. Earn Nolds, Mrs. Reg. Wavell, Mrs. Steve Medai. Middle row, left to right: Mrs. Joe Duffy, Mrs. Peter Wavell, Mrs. Art Picknell, Mrs. Kenneth Maloney, Mrs. Frank Finch, Mrs. Carl Devooght, Miss Jane Furlong, Mrs. Ronald Sage, Mrs. Ted Church, Mrs. Vern Armstrong, Mrs. Micky Pettigrew, Mrs. Ed. Moore, Mrs. Carl Howse. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Leon De Meester, Mrs. Paul Smith, Miss Jean Harrington, Mrs. Jack Furlong.

Instal Officers At Lions Club

June 1951

OTTERVILLE: Officers were installed at the last meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club before the summer recess. They were: Immediate past president, David Kennedy; president, Wib Hossack; first vice-president, Ken Wardell; second vice-president, Dalton French; third vice-president, Max Camp; secretary, Percy Gill; treasurer, Darwin Scott; chaplain, the Rev. Clarke Hood; Lion tamer, Grant Smith; assistant Lion tamer, Alex Slaght; tail-twister, Bill Butler; assistant tail twister, Jack Taggart; one year directors, Oscar Gare and Adam Oliver; two year directors, Henry Garlent and John Davis. The installation was conducted by the deputy district governor, Warren Rock, who also presented key awards to Dave Kennedy and Bill Butler. The Melvin Jones Award was also won by Bill Butler.

Twenty-eight of the 40 members received 100 per cent. attendance buttons, Wilf Addison, Allen Bayne, Fred Bishop, Gordon Bishop, Howard Butler, Bill Butler, Max Camp, Ross Carroll, Albert Cornwell, John Davis, Murray Downing, Dalt French, Oscar Gare, Perc Gill, Wib Hossack, Dave Kennedy, Ken Klinck, Ivan Leitch, Stan Manore, Nate McMullen, Watt Morgan, Claude Morrison, Adam Oliver, Warren Rock, Darwin Scott, Alex Slaght Martin Smith and Ken Wardell.

Last Rites Today For Mrs. S. Parson

TILLSONBURG, June 17 — Services for Mrs. Sophia R. Parson, 88, who died at her home on Bidwell street, will be conducted Monday afternoon, by the Rev. C. H. James, in St. Johns Church, and interment made in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

She was a descendant of two of the earliest Oxford County families, and was born on the old Kellett homestead, Five Points, concession 10, Dereham Township. She lived in Otterville 60 years.

Surviving are three sons, H. K., Otterville; the Rev. W. R. Parson, Grace Church, Freeport, Ill.; the Rev. G. P. Parson, Church of St. George the Martyr, Toronto, and one daughter, Mrs. John R. Ford, Gloversville, N.Y. *1951*



Mr. and Mrs. Cowie

and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Kerrwood. The couple will live in Ithaca, N.Y. (Photo by Don Schroeder.) Murray William Cowie is pictured (right) with his wife, the former Bonnie Jean Cotton, daughter of Walter Cotton, Norwich, and the late Mrs. Cotton. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Cowie, Bookton. The couple will reside at Little Lake. (Photo by Audrey Haight.) *June 23/51*

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME

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Happy Bluebird Club Presents Wheelchair To Lady 18 Years Crippled



"It's a long time since I have been so happy," was the declaration of Mrs. Myrtle Bishop, 54, Delhi, recently when she was seated in a brand new wheel chair, the donation of the Happy Blue Bird Club of the Mary Hastings Division. Mrs. Bishop has been crippled for 18 years and has never been to the dinner table at her home since that time. Now, she says, she will go where she wants to, thanks to this charitable club which comprises both Otterville and Norwich ladies. The funds for purchase of the chair were raised through a bake sale, card party and the booth which they operated at the North Norwich Public School Field Day. Mr. S. Bettridge, furniture dealer at Norwich, co-operated whole-heartedly, providing the wheel chair at cost price. Shown in the above picture are (left to right): Mrs. Daisy Ash, Otterville, president of the Mary Hastings Club; Mrs. Bishop, and Mrs. Martin Smith, Norwich, vice-president of the club.

—News-Record Photo.

Adherent 80 Years Praised at Service

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—On Tuesday afternoon 42 pastors and delegates from the Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches of Canada met in council in the Otterville Baptist Church to consider the advisability of recognizing and receiving into the Fellowship the Otterville Church.

Following the business meeting the ladies of the congregation served a bounteous repast and a social time was enjoyed.

In the evening the church was filled to capacity for a public service. Rev. Sydney Kerr of Galt led in the devotional part of the service and a song period was enjoyed. The charge of the church was given by Rev. James Fraser of Hamilton. Rev. Mr. Piper of Simcoe, moderator of the Fellowship Baptist Church, gave the right hand of fellowship to the Church. Rev. Donald Loveday of Central Baptist Church, Brantford, vice-moderator, conducted the service.

During the service high tribute was paid Mr. and Mrs. George Singer of Otterville who have been loyal supporters of the Church. Mr. Singer has attended regularly for 80 years, and Mrs. Singer for 60.

Special music during the evening was provided by Mrs. Lloyd Hurley of Tillsonburg, who sang "The Haven of Rest". Miss Helen Boomer, nurse-in-training at Brantford General Hospital, was pianist throughout the service.

The guest speaker for this unique service was a former minister of the Otterville Church, Rev. Leander Roblin of Kitchener, who expressed

the appreciation of being invited to a service such as this. His message was taken from Solomon 1:3, and the theme was "The Name of Jesus". Rev. H. B. Hisey pastor of the church closed the service with prayer.

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Pioneer Descendant, Mrs. S. Parson Passes

A descendant of two of the earliest Oxford County families, Mrs. Sophia Parson died Friday morning at her home, 103 Bidwell St., after being in failing health for several years.

She was born April 6, 1863, on the old Kellett homestead at Five Points, 10th Concession, Dereham, and was the granddaughter of Jon Burn and William Kellett. She was the widow of the late G. W. Parson, who predeceased her last October. Sixty years of her married life was spent in Otterville, where she was a devoted member of St. John's Anglican Church.

Surviving are three sons, H. K. Parson of Otterville, the Rev. W. R. Parson of Grace Church, Freeport, Illinois, the Rev. G. P. Parson of the Church of St. George the Martyr, Toronto, and one daughter, Mrs. John R. Ford of Gloversville, N.Y. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was held Monday at St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, at two o'clock, with Rev. C. H. James officiating.

Pallbearers were Charles Sealey, Frank Kellett and Leslie Kellett of Woodstock, and Murray Holmes, Maxwell Avey, and William Kennedy. There were many floral tributes.

Interment was in the Church of England Cemetery, Otterville.

Mrs. Collver, 94, Dead at Otterville

OTTERVILLE, July 10 — Otterville's oldest resident, Mrs. Ellen Collver, widow of the late Dr. A. J. Collver, was found dead in her home this afternoon. She apparently died soon after retiring Monday evening.

One week ago she celebrated her 94th birthday. She has been doing all her own work in her home, and was shopping as usual on Monday.

Tenants who live in part of her house failed to see her about this afternoon, and asked a neighbor, Mrs. R. M. Holmes, to investigate. Mrs. Holmes found the body in the bedroom.

Born in Brussels, July 3, 1857, she taught school for many years before going to Chicago to live with her twin brother, the late Rev. M. Dix. She taught in Chicago until shortly before her marriage to Dr. Collver 53 years ago.

She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society, and for many years taught the Bible class in the United Church here.

The body is resting at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, where service will be held Thursday afternoon at 2.30 (D.S.T.). The Rev. W. G. Wylie, of the United Church, will officiate with burial in the Otter Cemetery.

Otterville Woman Marks Birthday

OTTERVILLE — A woman who takes an active part in church meetings and in the local branch of the Women's Institute marked her 89th birthday at her home. Mrs. William Steinhoff entertained friends at a party on her birthday, but she was not the oldest person present. One of the callers, Mrs. A. J. Collver, will celebrate her 94th birthday in July.

Mrs. Steinhoff and her companion, Mrs. E. Forde, were assisted in greeting guests by Mrs. Elmer Almost, Mrs. George Daiken and Miss Beatrice Lees.

On the eve of her birthday Mrs. Steinhoff received a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. George C. Williams, Toronto.

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Rebekahs Celebrate 100th Anniversary

The Rebekahs are the oldest women's fraternal organization on the North American continent and will celebrate their 100th anniversary September 20, this year.

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Ontario, alone, has 30,000 members. Rebekah Lodge members dedicate themselves to visiting the sick and relieving want.

May Queen Lodge No. 5 of London, Ont., is planning to celebrate the centennial of the organization by exchanging fraternal visits with a Rebekah Lodge Degree staff from Detroit, Mich.

May Queen has several members nearing their 50th year of service in the order and still active.

Victoria Rebekah Lodge No. 1 was organized in London in the year 1869 when women's organizations were few.

With the motto "Service To Others" this lodge was the first Rebekah Lodge in Canada.

The membership has grown to 250. The two oldest living members of Victoria Lodge are Mrs. Edward Stock of Yarmouth Centre and Mrs. Charles Hems-worth of 442 Central Ave., London. Both have been members for 45 years. During both world wars the Rebekah Lodge members were engaged in making socks and other comforts for the soldiers. Their benevolent work is widespread.

Annual contributions are made to such worthy causes as the Navy League, British Sailors, the Community Chest, the Children's War Memorial Hospital, the Christmas Tree Fund for the Home for the Aged in Barrie.

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Funeral Late Mrs. E. Collver

Funeral services for ninety-four year old Mrs. Ellen Collver, who for many years was Otterville's oldest resident, were held Thursday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev.

W. G. Wylie, who came from Gode-rich where he has been assisting at a summer camp, to conduct the services.

Mr. Wylie based his message on the 27th Psalm, which Mrs. Collver had repeated to him from memory the previous week, and also spoke of her kindness and influence during the 30 years she had resided in Otterville as the wife of the late Dr. A. J. Collver. A solo "The Haven of Rest" was sung by Mrs. Ronald Collver, accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano. Many lovely floral tributes surrounded the casket. There were also floral tributes from her nieces and nephews in Illinois; and from relatives in Toronto, Woodstock, Hamilton and other places. Relatives were present from Norwich, Woodstock, Toronto, Grimsby, Hamilton, Tillsonburg, Utica, N.Y., St. Catharines and other places.

Interment was made in the Otter cemetery the casket bearers who also

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Mr. and Mrs. D. A. VanHooren

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. VanHooren were married at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Tillsonburg. The bride is the former Martha Alida Cattoir, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Lammens, Straffordville, and the late Dominick Cattoir, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius VanHooren, Otterville. (Photo by Mudge).



Williams - Hudson

OTTERVILLE — Pink and white gladioli, pink roses and ferns formed the setting for the ceremony at St. John's Anglican Church here uniting Marion Dolores Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hudson, Otterville, to Stanley Lloyd Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, R.R. 1, Tillsonburg. The Rev. C. H. Wright performed the ceremony, and Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist. Soloist was Mrs. Jack Riste.

Entering the church with her father, the bride wore a white satin gown, designed with a net yoke and hooped skirt. A tiara of seed pearls held her fingertip veil edged with Chantilly lace. She carried red roses.

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Attendants were Miss Betty Hudson, sister of the bride, and Miss Marie DeVooght, cousin of the bride. Miss Hudson was gowned in yellow taffeta, with matching headdress; Miss DeVooght wore green taffeta with matching headdress. Fay Williams, niece of the groom, was attired in lilac taffeta and wore a matching headdress. The bridesmaids carried pink roses and the flower girl a basket of the same flowers.

Glen Williams was groomsman for his brother. Harold Hudson and Earl Williams, brothers, respectively, of the bride and groom, ushered.

Receiving guests in the parish hall, the bride's mother wore mauve nylon mesh with white accessories. The groom's mother assisted, in a gray dress with black accessories.

The bride chose a going-away costume consisting of a navy sheer and white accessories. Following a trip to Northern Ontario, the couple will live in Aylmer.

JULY 21

Happy Bluebirds Picnic Held in Otterville Park

OTTERVILLE, July 19 — More than 100 housewives who express their views through the Mary Hastings column in The Free Press, together with their families, gathered in the Community Park at Otterville, for their annual picnic this afternoon.

The group, known as the Happy Bluebirds, have been organized for several years and at present have as president, Mrs. Henry Ash, Otterville. Mrs. Martin Smith, R.R. 1, Norwich, is vice-president, and Mrs. Harold Durkee, of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, secretary-treasurer.

Sports Program

An interesting sports program was arranged by Mrs. Fred Pearce, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Frank Swanton, Mrs. Raymond de Montmorency and Mrs. Harold Durkee.

Prizes for the races were won by Brenda Adlington and Jay Durkee for children five and under; Mary Ann Overbaugh, five to six; Dennis McSpadden, Wayne Swanton and Bobbie Reed, nine to 14; ladies race: Mrs. Frank Swanton; kicking slipper, Marjorie Pearce; honeymoon race, Jeronne Lawrent and Peggy Overbaugh.

Mrs. Emily McMullen, at 87, won the prize for the eldest person present. More than that, she is the oldest housewife to attend any of the 10 Mary Hastings picnics held so far this year in Western Ontario.

Seven-month-old Joanne Hurley, of R. R. 2, Tillsonburg, was the youngest person present today. Mrs. Harold Pearce was presented with a prize for the largest family and had four of her children with her. Bobbie Hansford had the nearest birthday and Mrs. Doreen Hansford was revealed as Miss Otterville.

Auction Is Held

Arthur Cartier, representing The Free Press, acted as auctioneer for a table of donated articles from the housewives, and brought out some fancy bidding from the group. The donations consisted of fancy work, garden produce, home baking, candy, plants, dishes, canned goods and other articles.

Mrs. Martin Smith won a draw for a cake.

Greetings from Mary Hastings and The Free Press were voiced by Mr. Cartier, who congratulated the large group on their well-organized picnic and on their past efforts, which included the recent presentation of a wheel chair to an invalid. He urged the housewives to attend the central picnic at Springbank Park, London, on August 25 and reminded them to send in letters at least once a year.

Picnic supper was served at a long table under the pines with ample servings of ice cream as a final treat.

Many Present

Among those present were: Sarah McMullen and Edna Burgess, Delhi; Bessie Walters and Rosalee Ash, Otterville; Nellie Lawrence, Germaine Lawrence, Alice M. Manary, Mary Eleanor Pappas, Bea Pappas, Peg Overbaugh Marianne, Dorothy Sztronga, Rosalie, Bobby and Eddie, Pam Fritz, Dorothea and Darrell, Grace Hall and Denise Kovacs, Delhi; Daisy Ash and Henry and Doreen Hansford,

Sunday School Picnic Held

OTTERVILLE: The annual picnic of St. John's Anglican Sunday School and Church was held in the Community Park and was attended by about 50 persons.

The prize for the oldest person present was won by Mrs. D. A. Collver and for the youngest by Catherine Jardine. Other prize winners in the various age groups were: running races, Wayne Spicer and Gary Thompson; Bob Spiers and David Walters; Percy Walters and Bill Spiers. Julia Hawley and Margaret Walters; throwing ball, Gary Thompson and Wayne Spicer; David Walters and Murray Walters; Bill Spiers and Doreen Howse; Julia Hawley and Margaret Walters; shoe kicking, Wayne Spicer and M. Howse; Bob Spiers and David and Murray Walters; Bill Spiers and Doreen Howse; Margaret Walters and Julia Hawley; balloon blowing, Gary Thompson and Wayne Spicer; Susan Jardine and M. Howse; Bob Spiers and David Walters; Bill Spiers and Percy Walters; Margaret Walters and Julia Hawley; clothespin race. Susan Jardine, Barbara Walters, David Walters, Gary Thompson, Bob Spiers; Bill Spiers, Margaret Walter, Leta Belle Wilson, Fern Picknell and Bill Walters.

Otterville; Dorothy Durkee and Marjorie Pearce, R. R. 3, Tillsonburg; Annie Smith, Mrs. W. Bauman and Marilyn Swanton, R. R. 1, Norwich; Ann Weller, Louise Weller, Edith Kindrick, Thelma Byers and Alice Cook; Hazel E. Haylock, Laura McMullen and May Dymont, Norwich; Catherine Pearce, Tillsonburg, R. R. 3; Marion Chambers, David and Diane, Otterville; Lillian M. and Doris Oatman, R. R. 3, Tillsonburg; Mrs. George Hurley, R. R. 2, Tillsonburg; Mrs. Beulah Manning, Tillsonburg; Mrs. George Wavell, Otterville; Mrs. N. J. K. Holder, Hamilton, Bermuda; Mrs. R. Courtney, Mrs. Milo Weatherwax and Mrs. J. Pryde, Tillsonburg; Mrs. W. L. Addison, Joan Ash, Elsie McSpadden and children, Ida Wrigglesworth and children, Otterville; Mrs. E. E. Hicks, R. R. 3, Tillsonburg; Brenda Adlington, Tillsonburg; Donnie Lillow, Dorset; Ida Rachar, Mrs. R. de Montmorency and Mrs. Joe Mitchell, Norwich; Mrs. Ruth Hurley, Joanne, Diane and Mrs. Doris Coates, R. R. 2, Tillsonburg; Gertrude Huggins and Mrs. J. Segner, Otterville; Mrs. K. Attleberg and Mrs. G. McCurdy, R.R. 4, Norwich; Mrs. S. Betteridge, Bonnie Betteridge, Mary Ann Betteridge and Mrs. F. Wagner, Norwich.

Replaces Tuning Fork



The Norwich congregation of the Free Methodist Church voted to use a musical instrument in the services. Previously a tuning fork, or pitch pipe was used to start the singing. Norman G. Lees, grandson of the founder of the church, is shown above at the keyboard of the melodeon.

Melodeon for Norwich Church Breaks Custom of 44 Years

NORWICH, July 25 — Slowly the old order changeth giving place to the new. One of the latest changes, which is in most ways remarkable, in Norwich is the decision of the Free Methodist congregation to use a musical instrument in their services.

Organized in 1906 they have steadfastly retained the custom of using a tuning fork, or pitch pipe, or just having the minister or some other member set the pitch and start the singing.

Four years ago the General Conference of the denomination voted to leave it to the individual congregations whether they would use instruments or not. The Norwich congregation continued the old way until a short time ago.

The change was brought about by the fact that A. B. Arn presented the Rev. L. W. Mino with a melodeon for use in the parsonage. When Mr. Mino left Norwich the congregation voted to use it in the services. The small instrument is in good repair and tune. Norman G. Lees, grandson of the founder of the church, is the first organist

Funeral Service Held For Thomas Quintin

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Funeral services for Thomas H. Quintin, who died at the home of his son-in-law, Donald Myers, near Scotland early Friday morning, were held Monday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home. Service was conducted by Rev. C. H. Wright, rector of St. John's Anglican Church.

Mr. Quintin had been a resident of the Otterville district until May of this year, and had been ill for some time before his death. He was born near Woodstock 89 years ago, the son of the late Samuel and Fanny Quintin. He learned his trade as printer at the Woodstock Review, and worked for Toronto papers, and also spent 12 years as a printer in the United States, returning to Canada 57 years ago. He spent 22 years as a farmer in Halton County, and farmed for 33 years near Otterville.

On May 1st of this year, after selling his farm, he moved to 22 Oak St., Brantford, and spent some time in the Brantford Hospital before returning to his daughter's home about a month ago.

While he did not hold office, he was always keenly interested in school affairs, as well as municipal activities.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edeline Raynor, four sons, Valerian and Milton of Brantford, Arthur of Detroit and Kenneth of Oxford Centre, and two daughters, Mrs. Donald Myers (Ruby) of Scotland and Mrs. Frank Savill (Lila) of Glen Meyer. He also leaves four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Attending the service were many relatives and friends from Detroit, Brantford, Scotland, Oxford Centre, Glen Meyer, Essex Falls, N.J., Milltown, Norwich and other places. Among the lovely floral tributes was a wreath from the Michigan Bank of Detroit, of which Mr. Quintin's son, Arthur, is manager.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were former neighbors: Martin Smith, Alex Murray, Ernest Wingrove, John McFee, Joseph McElhone and George McElhone.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville. *AUG*

Decoration Service Held At Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Decoration Day service, held at the Otter Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, was largely attended. Arrangements were under the direction of Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., with other organizations and the churches of South Norwich Township co-operating.

G. H. Davis was chairman and thanked all those who had worked to make the occasion possible, and especially thanked the Otterville Band, and those from other points who were assisting the band, who provided splendid music throughout the program.

"The Communion of Saints" was the subject on which Rev. C. H. James, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, spoke, giving an encouraging message to those who revered the memory of those who had passed on before. The guest speaker was introduced by Carl Howse.

Others taking part in the service were Rev. Oscar Boomer and Rev. Mr. Gill of Straffordville, who offered prayers, and T. G. Lewis of Woodstock who gave the Scripture lesson.

The cemetery presented a splendid appearance, as an abundance of beautiful flowers had been used to decorate the graves, and small flags marked those who had been Odd Fellows. *Aug 1951.*

Otterville H.B. President

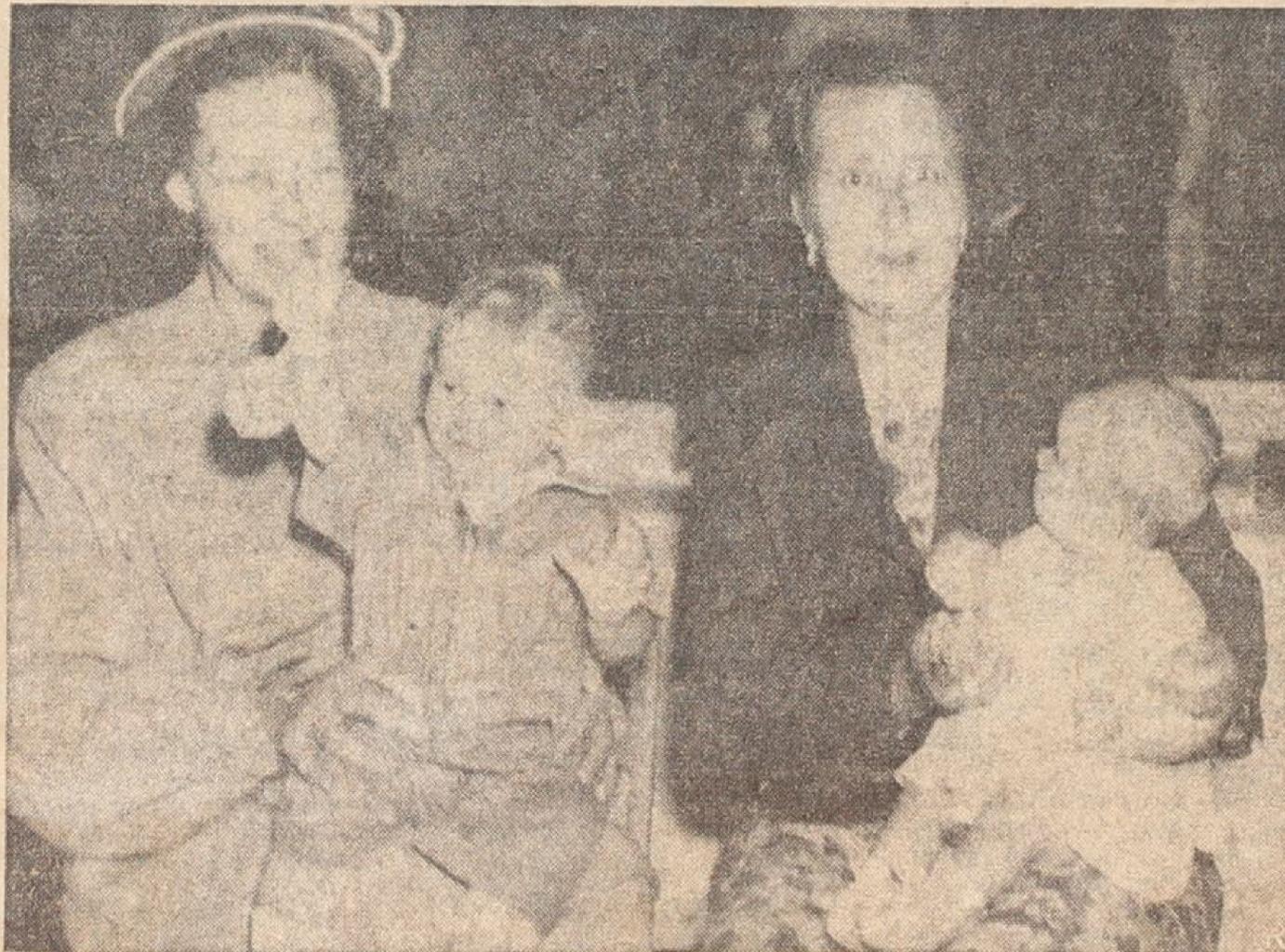


Mrs. Daisy Ash, president of the Otterville Happy Bluebirds Mary Hastings Club is pictured above. The Happy Bluebirds held their annual picnic at Otterville on Thursday, July 19. Approximately 125 persons, including several children, sat down to picnic supper. The group plans to have a large representation at the Mary Hastings Housewives' Central Picnic at Springbank on Saturday, August 25. *1951.*

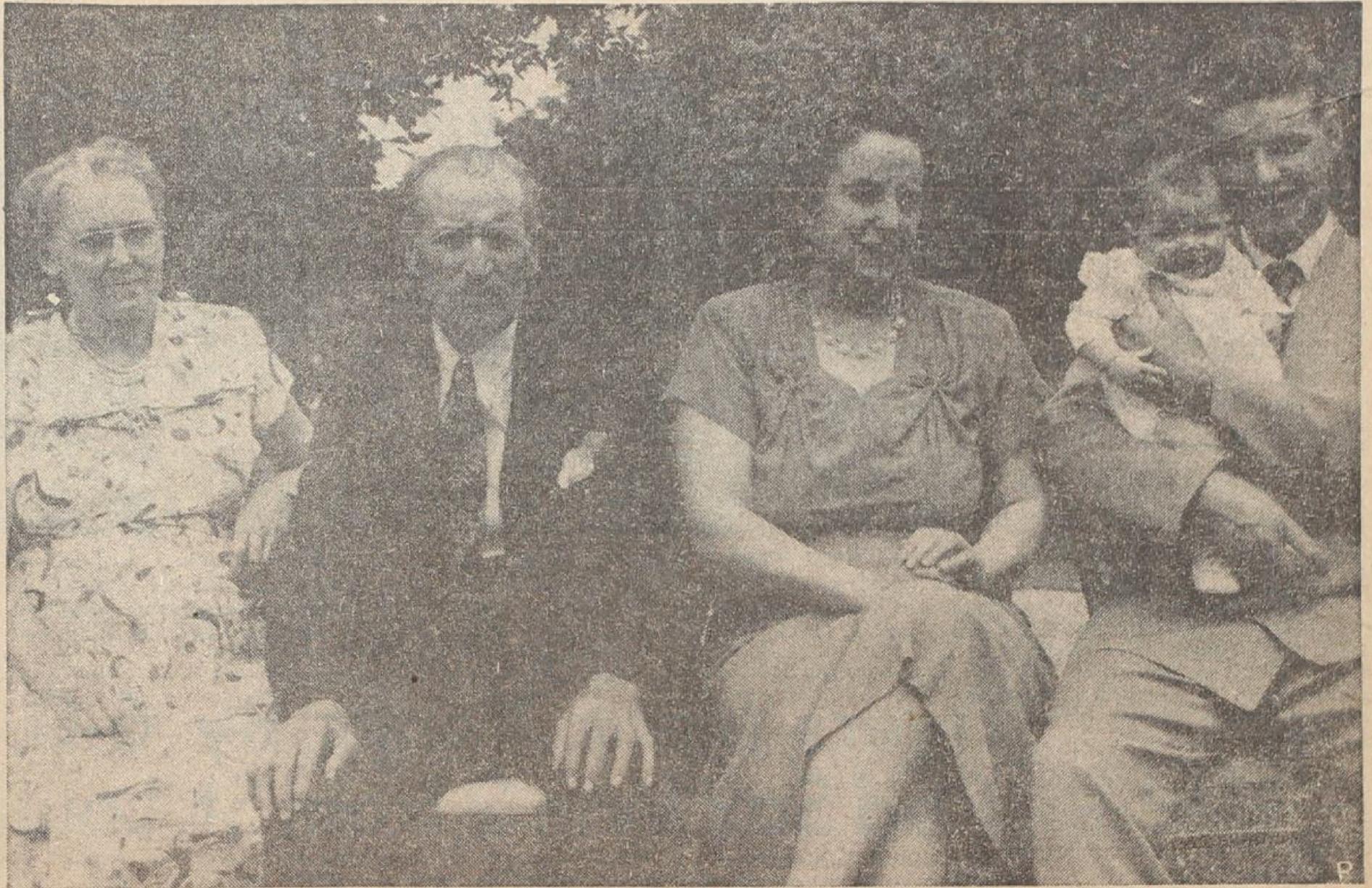
BOBBY MALONEY

OTTERVILLE: The funeral service for Robert Gordon (Bobby) Maloney, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maloney, whose death occurred Saturday afternoon following a long illness, was held Monday afternoon at the Addison Funeral home. Many neighbours and friends, as well as relatives from Tillsonburg attended. Rev. W. G. Wylie conducted the service. Among the beautiful floral tributes were those from organizations with which his parents were connected, including Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F.; Violet Rebekah Lodge, and the Sunshine Club, and the Otter Lumber Company, where his father is employed. The pallbearers, who also acted as flower-bearers, were Tom Furlong, Donald Petch, Gordon Pennington and George Jakubowski. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. *Sept 1951*

Take Baby Honors at Norwich Fair



These two youngsters walked away with the honors in Norwich Fall Fair's baby show. They are Douglas Ira Pierce, nine months, with his mother, Mr. Fred Pierce, left, of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, and Ida Ina Walda, five months, right, with her mother, Mrs. T. Walda, R.R. 1, Norwich. (Photo by Watson, Free Press Woodstock Bureau.)



Here are five generations of an Otterville family. George Haley, 82, second from left, who is great-great-grandfather to baby Ross Irwin, keeps his own home, doing most of the housework, as well as caring for an immaculate garden, from which he has sold 100 boxes of berries,

and \$30 worth of potatoes, already this summer. Left to right are, Mrs. Albert Lawrence, Otterville; her father, Mr. Haley; her daughter, Mrs. Frank Irwin, Toronto; Mrs. Irwin's son, Jack Irwin, and his little son, Ross, three months old, Toronto.

•Otterville Rebekahs' Installation Monday

Otterville — The degree team of Vigilant Rebekah Lodge, Norwich, exemplified the degree at Violet Rebekah Lodge. Noble Grand Mrs. George Slaght presided over the meeting and announced that the installation would take place on Monday, October 15th, when District Deputy President Mrs. Moore of Springfield would be present.

The financial secretary, Mrs. Nate McMullen, and the treasurer, Mrs. Don Baguley, gave their reports for the year. One candidate was initiated, and the noble grand and the staff captain of the visiting lodge were each presented with gifts. The mystery prize was won by Mrs. McNally of Norwich. At the close of lodge a salad plate lunch was served in the banquet hall by Miss Beatrice Lees, Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mrs. H. Huggins, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. J. Ritse, Mrs. E. Mountain, Mrs. Carl Howse, Mrs. T. Phillips and Mrs. W. Marshall.

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Otterville Lodge Oct Installs Executive

OTTERVILLE — Violet Rebekah Lodge officers were installed at a ceremony in the I.O.O.F. hall, conducted by the district deputy president, Mrs. Hazel Moore of Springfield and her installing staff. Officers are: Noble grand, Mrs. Ethel Arthur; vice-grand, Mrs. Lena Young; recording secretary, Mrs. Ann Treffry; financial secretary, Mrs. Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Mrs. Jean Baguley; warden, Mrs. Josephine Mountain; conductor, Mrs. Mary Mudge; colorbearer, Mrs. Gertrude Walther; chaplain, Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins; inside guardian, Mrs. Jean Marshall; outside guardian, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; right supporter noble grand, Mrs. Josephine Howse, P.G.; L.S.N.G., Mrs. Alice Arthur, P.G.; R.S.V.G., Mrs. Rebecca Maloney; L.S.V.G., Mrs. Gertrude Huggins; pianist, Miss Lila Jull; social committee, Mrs. Agnes Attlebery, Mrs. Beatrice McCurdy, Mrs. Daisy Ash, Mrs.

Daisy Mannell, Mrs. Laura Pettigrew, Mrs. Etta Collver and Mrs. Annie Smith.

Visitors attended from Norwich, Springfield and Hamilton.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Betty Slaght, retiring noble grand, to the district deputy president, and to the lodge's retiring officers.

DISTRICT COUPLE WED 50 YEARS

Otterville—Bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums and roses decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pearce as the couple joined with many friends to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce were married on October 30, 1901, at the home of Mrs. Pearce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam New. The Rev. Mr. Harnwell of Springfield officiated.

The couple's five children, Mrs. Ruby May, Miss Elsie Pearce, Mrs. Gertrude Gray, Harold and Elmer, along with grandchildren and relatives, met at Cornell for a family dinner.

Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Pearce received the guests and Mrs. Blake Pearce and Mrs. James Jackson presided at the tea table. Mrs. Edgar Kingdon and Mrs. Ira Pearce poured tea, and the couple's grandchildren, Patricia and Francis Gray, Kay Pearce and a niece, Marion Jean Pearce, assisted.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have both been active in community affairs. Mr. Pearce is an elder in the United Church and his wife participates in the activities of the W.A. and W.M.S., and the Otterville Women's Institute.

PRETTY WEDDING AT OTTERVILLE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The Otterville United Church was the scene of a pretty wedding when Ernaleen Thelma, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garnett, Otterville, was united in marriage to George William Heaslip of Woodstock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Heaslip of Princeton. The Rev. W. G. Wylie performed the ceremony before the altar banked with pink and white chrysanthemums and ferns. The wedding music was played by Mrs. Nate McMullen, Otterville, who also accompanied George H. Davis, who sang.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of heavy white satin, the full gathered skirt extending into a short train. The fitted bodice had a nylon poke outlined with a floral design of tiny pearls and beads. The sleeves extended into a point at the wrist and her veil was of nylon net with lace border, falling from a heart-shaped halo of satin and lace. She carried a bouquet of red roses and white baby chrysanthemums.

The maid of honor, Miss Margaret Tindall of Brantford, was gowned in ice blue taffeta made with a full gathered skirt with pleated collar. The bridesmaids were the bride's cousin, Miss Edith Spicer of Princeton, and Miss Marion Heaslip, the groom's sister, also of Princeton. Their taffeta gowns were made with boleros, the former wearing mauve and the latter pink, both with net overskirts. The maid of honor and the bridesmaids wore caps matching their gowns and carried nosegays

with colored streamers. Flower girl was little Dianne Spicer of Harrison, cousin of the bride, in a floor-length dress of pale green taffeta with pink roses over each shoulder, and pink rosebuds dotting the net overskirt and trimming the cap. She carried a basket of pink and white chrysanthemums.

The groom's brother, Lorne Heas-

lip of Woodstock, was best man, and the ushers were Earl Yeandle of Drumbo and George Spicer of Princeton.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Sommers, Tillsonburg. The bride's mother wore navy sheer with wine accessories, and the groom's mother was dressed in deep wine

with black accessories. Both wore corsages of chrysanthemums.

Later the couple left on a motor trip to Detroit and other points, the bride travelling in a gray suit with black velvet trim, black hat and accessories and light topcoat. Mr. and Mrs. Heaslip will reside in Woodstock, where the groom is a member of the city police force.

Lorne R. Wade

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Funeral services for Lorne R. Wade were held Friday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, and were largely attended. Rev. W. M. Kitley, minister of the Norwich United Church, conducted the services, and Mr. George Lowe of Norwich sang "God Understands" and "Jesus Whispers Peace." Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville was the pianist.

Among the many lovely floral trib-

utes were a basket from the neighbors, also from the Norwich High School staff and students, the Maple Dell School, the Norwich District Co-Operative, a wreath from the R.C.M.P. Marine Division, Halifax, and a spray from the staff of the Royal Bank, Woodstock, of which Miss Jean Wade is a member. Relatives were present from Halifax, Woodstock, Toronto, Norwich, Burford, Strathroy, Parkhill, Ingersoll and other places.

The casket bearers were Roy Rachar, Clarence Chrysler, Mac McNally, Alex. Murray, Alvin Newell and Delmer Clinton. Interment was made in the Norwich Cemetery.

To See Royal Couple On 40th Anniversary

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Holmes, a popular Otterville couple, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Thursday with a trip to Toronto to see Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. While there Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will be guests of their daughter, Mrs. Grenville Johnson, and Mr. Johnson. Their younger daughter, Mrs. Rod Taylor, lives in Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were married at Springford, October 11th, 1911 at the home of the latter's father, the late J. R. Johnson, by Rev. Thomas Grandy, who was then minister of the Springford Methodist Church. They lived first at the Holmes farm, now owned by Charter Davis at the Western edge of the village, and for the past 32 years have lived at their present home adjoining the Hardware Store.

Mr. Holmes is a vice-president of the Oxford Liberal Association, and director of Western Farmers Weather Insurance Mutual Company. He is also a Mason and an Odd fellow and was one of the charter members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions' Club.

Both are active members of the Otterville United Church, where Mr. Holmes is a member of the official board, and Mrs. Holmes is active in W.M.S. and W.A. Mrs. Holmes has taught a Sunday school class here most of her married life, and before that at Springford. She is also helpful in the Women's Institute where at present she is the capable district and branch convener of historical research. She was a graduate of Alma College, and as an elocutionist she is generous with her talent. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have a host of friends.

Appreciation

When illness bundles you off to your bed,
With many long difficult days ahead—
When you've just had one of those inside-out cries,
And you're down with the very disease you despise—
Don't you love to receive a nice cheery letter,
Or a card "Hope you are soon feeling better?"
And doesn't fresh fruit in a gay window sack
Soon coax the elusive appetite back?
Of course you agree—that goes for me too,
So thanks a whole heartfelt to all of you!
Thanks for the cakes, the books and flowers;
For friendly calls in the lonesome hours;
To Doctor Batson, sincerely "Thank You"
For your patience and skill, psychology too—
One more special thanks to my husband the cook,
For those nice nameless dishes of which I partook!

—Doris Innis, Otterville.

Mrs. Frances Heywood

London—Mrs. Frances Heywood, 94, a native of Otterville and one of London's oldest citizens, died Thursday in St. Mary's Hospital.

She was the widow of Peter Heywood, who died in 1927. Mrs. Heywood resided in London for 50 years. She was a member of the Anglican Church.

A granddaughter, Mrs. Marie Sanderson, London, survives.

Mrs. Heywood rested at the Evans Funeral Home, London, where funeral service was conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. Rev. L. J. Patterson of All Saints' Anglican Church officiated and burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Otterville.

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Mrs. Fred McMullen

PRINCETON, Nov. 19—Services for Mrs. Fred McMullen, 59, who died at her home, in Etonia, will be conducted there Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., by the Rev. H. A. Boyd, and interment made in Princeton Cemetery.

She was the former Cecile Duggan, of Niagara Falls, N.Y. and married Fred McMullen, of Otterville in 1905. They lived for a short time at Otterville and then moved to Matheson for 18 years. The next eight years, they lived on a farm east of Otterville. Selling this, they moved to Princeton district where they farmed 14 years.

Surviving besides her husband, are two daughters, Esther at home; Mrs. David Everett, Norwich; and two sister, Mrs. Kate Green, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; and Mrs. Christina Fraser, of Toledo.

M. Mullen, Mrs. Fred, 59, Etonia. Services at 2.30 p.m., today, at the family residence, interment in Princeton Cemetery.

Officials of Vigilant Rebekah Lodge were installed at Norwich. They are from left to right: Seated, Mrs. L. E. Force, rec.-sec.; Mrs. Edith McKenzie, treas.; standing, Mrs. F. Evoy, fin.-sec.; Mrs. Fred Sherman, J.P.N.G.; Mrs. C. H. Helsdon, N.G.; Mrs Artie Morris, V.G.

I.O.O.F., Rebekah Officers Installed



Hayden Lodge, I.O.O.F., in Norwich, is proud of the long-service record compiled by two of its members, W. E. Pollock (left) and Fred Bishop, seated above. They were initiated into the organization in 1899 and are the only 50-year members in the lodge. Officers installed in the lodge (standing) are Lavern Irving, J.P.N.G.; Leroy Arn, N.G.; George Ralph. V.G.

Lowlands Flooded Near Hawtrey As Beavers Dam Deerlick Creek

Four industrious beavers, uncommon but not unknown in this area, have been working about two months in Deerlick Creek, half a mile north of Hawtrey, and are now well under way with the building of their third dam. Authorities state that if these amphibious rodents are permitted to continue building dams, and stopping up the spring-fed creek, they will in time flood up to 100 acres of the marshlands that lie adjacent to the stream.

The lands which the beavers are flooding lie just south of the eastern extremity of the 10th concession of South Norwich Township, adjacent to the boundary line of Oxford and Norfolk Counties. The property owner, 87-year-old George H. Parker, who owns 250 acres of property in the vicinity, is willing that the beavers be left and make their home in the stream. It is the first time in Mr. Parker's long life that he has seen beavers at work.

The dams in themselves are a neat piece of workmanship. The largest of these is about 10 feet in width, and is holding back a swath of water about five feet deep. Very little water passes through the dam, just a trickle through the thinner

upper portions. The base of this large dam is about six feet wide, and is wedge-shaped up to the narrow peak.

The second dam, about 500 feet further down the stream is about seven feet in width, and holds back about three feet of water. When The News visited the site, the beavers had just started work on a third dam, about 100 feet further downstream.

The dams are composed largely of mud, cleverly held in place by branches and twigs. These industrious animals have cut trees in the vicinity up to four inches in diameter, and have dragged them into the dams' construction.

Few persons have seen the shy animals at work. According to Mr. Parker, they commence work about dusk, and work through the night. Each morning one can see the results of their night's labor.

Deerlick Creek, which harbors a limited number of trout in its snaking length each spring, usually contains about six inches of water at this time of the year. Near the dam, the beavers have backed up the water to a depth of five feet,

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Lowlands Flooded

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and it is gradually adding depth. In places near the dam, the water is already overflowing the banks of the stream, and flooding the adjacent lowlands. The beavers are attempting to build the banks higher as well to keep the water confined to the stream, but it is a losing battle on their part as the creek rises daily.

The beavers were brought to this section by Delhi parties, who placed them in Deerlick Creek near Delhi to build dams to further their own interests. But the animals found this site was not to their liking, and moved further upstream to their present site. When they first commenced building at the present point, the dams were torn out in an attempt to discourage them. But they were not easily discouraged, and kept right on building. It is expected that they will soon start the construction of winter quarters at the deepest point in the stream.

Concerned with the beavers, however, are the Township Council of South Norwich, and the Game Overseer of Oxford County. With the water being backed up, there is danger of the road flooding.

The Township Council met with Game Overseer Herb Clark of Woodstock and Ed. Meadows, game overseer of Huron district, recently. Both parties were in favor of leaving the beavers there for the coming winter at least, as it was thought that if they were moved so late in the season their chance of survival would be slight. Road Superintendent Elmer Almost was appointed to be in charge of the situation, and he is to see that the beavers do not build their dam sufficiently high to flood the road.

Residents of the district are watching with interest the outcome. Their interest has been reflected by the number of times they have visited the site, just to see if the age-old saying "busy as a beaver" is true.

Busy Beavers Dam Deerlick Creek



Four beavers have been hard at work on a farm in South Norwich Township, near Hawtrey, for the past two or three months, and have built two dams and started their third on Deerlick Creek. The spring-fed creek, which is usually a shallow stream, is now flooding its banks, and authorities believe that about 100 acres of land will be flooded before the beavers complete their work. George H. Parker, 87-year-old owner of the property on which the beavers are working, is pictured surveying the first dam built. The water has risen to a depth of five or six feet behind the dams.—Photo by Pettifer.

Ready for Spin in 36-Year-Old Car

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This old 1915 Model T Ford is still used by Lionel "Sandy" Rider, of Stratford, to take his family out for occasional Sunday afternoon spins. The newly-appointed Stratford policeman, former Lucknow resident, bought the car at Lucknow a few months ago. The old car is still mechanically sound and will clip off 40 miles an hour without a wheeze. Here Constable Rider with his wife and children Pauline, 11, and Elaine, six, sit comfortably on the ancient seats. (Photo by Free Press Stratford Bureau).

Remembrance Services Held at Otterville

Otterville—Following the church services at Otterville Sunday morning, a Remembrance Day service was held honoring those of both world wars.

George H. Davis, a veteran of both wars, conducted the service and prayer was offered at the cenotaph at the entrance of the Community Park by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the United Church.

After two minutes' silence here the South Norwich Township wreath was placed by Reeve Clarence Stover; the township school area wreath by Harold Pearce and the Village of Otterville wreath by William McMullen.

All proceeded then to the Memorial Swimming Pool in the park where five more wreaths were placed at the plaque there; the Province of Ontario by Mrs. William Addison; the I.O.D.E. by Miss Lenora Slaght; the I.O.O.F. by Carl Howse, the Lions Club by J. K. R. Wardell, and the Legion by George Davis. Bugler Frank Ebdon of Delhi sounded Last Post and Reveille, after which Rev. Bruce Hisey, pastor of the Baptist Church, offered prayer. The services were very largely attended.

Rev. H. G. Wylie of the United Church gave a powerful message on present day conditions in the world today at a Remembrance Day service in the church Sunday morning. His message was based on the Bible passage "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." The choir sang "Lest We Forget," with solo part by Melville Beecroft. Mr. Wyle was assisted in the service by Dr. G. M. Downing, a veteran of the Second World War, who gave the Scripture lesson, and by R. E. Pettigrew, a veteran of the First World War, who recited a fitting poem.



The engagement of Miss Jean Mary VanPatter and William Henry Slaght has been announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. VanPatter, Westmount, P.Q. The groom-elect, of Calgary, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Alexander Slaght, Otterville. The wedding will take place Dec. 27 in Westmount. Miss VanPatter and Mr. Slaght are both graduates of McGill University, Montreal, the bride-elect obtaining a B.Sc. degree and her fiancé M.Sc.

REBEKAHS FETE CHILDREN

OTTERVILLE — Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge held their Christmas party in the I.O.O.F. hall with 80 children of the village enjoying supper before the program presided over by Mrs. George Slaght. Mrs. B. Strudwick and her committee had charge of the arrangements for the evening, and recitations were given by Wayne Spicer, Linda Addison, Sonny Pennington, Bobby Baguley, John and Wayne Beecroft, Waneeta McMullen, Gladys Pickersgill, Neil Davies, Lorraine Butler. Songs were sung by Don Murray Hopkins and Douglas Collver, Karen Ash, Mary Lou Pettigrew, Lorraine Malcolm, Gordon Hill and Nell Davies. Lurene Treffry gave a piano solo and Christmas carols were sung. At the close of the program, Santa and his helpers distributed 180 bags of study.

Program Enjoyed At Otterville

OTTERVILLE, Jan. 1—An impromptu program was given at St. John's Parish Hall following the annual supper at which J. W. Riste presided. Carols were sung with the Rev. C. H. Wright, and Mrs. Nate McMullen playing the piano accompaniment. Members of the church club also sang carols. Recitations were given by members and attendance awards were presented to Doreen Howse and Patsy Durkee. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse assisted in presenting the gifts from the tree.

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Bridges, Foundations, Houses, Gateways, Memorial Cairns, Scattered Through Oxford, Octogenarian's Addition to W.O. Beauty

By George Lowe

In the Psalms it is recorded that if a man be so strong as to live to four-score years, "yet is their strength, labor and sorrow," but we are inclined to think the man, or men, the writer had in mind was one who did not love his work.

Take the case of Alfred E. Moore, of Otterville. He would say: "Though I am in my 82nd year, I love my work and for me it is a joy."

On July 6 Mr. Moore celebrated his 81st birthday, but not by sitting down in an easy chair. He was busy at his favorite task as a stone mason and was working at an entrance wall to the farm of Robert (Bertie) Arthur, near Kelvin. This work he has completed and he is justly proud of it. He was at it for 22 days and during that time he built into the wall an estimated 46¼ tons of stone. To hold this he used 12 yards of gravel, 60 bags of cement and 12 bags of lime.

Many of the stones used had stood for years in the foundation of a barn on the farm and were carefully chosen to make a lovely color pattern. The posts and walls were capped with cement.

When Mr. Moore was married, nearly 60 years ago, he had a 35-acre farm in South Norwich Township. He soon realized that this was not large enough to produce a good living for a family and thus he turned to mason work. His first job was to build a foundation under his own barn. Then, late in the 1890's or early 1900's he built the foundation under the barn of George Shadrick at Springford.

Feeling that he had much to learn about stone work, he sought the assistance of the late Jonah Barnard, who was then a

well skilled contractor. However Mr. Barnard had five acres of corn that needed cutting and pleaded "I cannot come." Mr. Moore soon solved this problem by offering to "come up and cut the corn nights." This chore was done then with either a hoe or sickle, but, with additional help, the corn was down a night or two later.

That was the beginning and since then Mr. Moore has accomplished many works of stone art that will stand for generations as monuments to his ability. Currently he is employed in erecting a cairn at Dillon Park that will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Agricultural Society.

Between times though, he has built 22 bridges in South Norwich Township, has built foundations under many barns and has erected solid stone houses. Last year he built the memorial cairn for the Drumbo Agricultural Society. Before that he had built a

memorial cairn marking the century since the Culver-Coolver families came to Norfolk County. Among his most wonderful works are the memorial gates at the entrance of the Oakwood Cemetery in Simcoe. Along Highway 59 and at various places in Oxford may be seen stone posts which he has built to the entrance of farm homesteads. One of his most extensive jobs was at Brownsville where he erected memorial gates and a stone arch as an entrance to the school. At stated distances along the whole front of the school yard stone posts were built on four-foot deep foundations and the whole is a pleasing sight.

In Woodstock, Norwich, Delhi, Tillsonburg, Drumbo, Burgessville, Simcoe and most of the centres in Oxford can be seen the results of his skillful handiwork and, though he is "going on 82," the end is not yet in sight for he has contracts that will take him well past his 82nd birthday and he hopes further still.

Stone Gateway in W.O.



One of many such pieces of stone work to be seen in Western Ontario, this gateway is the entrance to the farm of Robert Arthur, near Kelvin. It was constructed by Alfred E. Moore, of Otterville. He is 81.

40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
OTTERVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Childs were surrounded by members of their family when they marked their 40th wedding anniversary. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ross MacKay and family, Hickson; Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Bender and family, Tavistock; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rachar and daughter, Springford; Mr. and Mrs. Max Prouse, Tillsonburg, and their sons, Holly, George and Jack.

Avey - Harrington

OTTERVILLE — St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, was the scene of a pretty wedding when Jean Harrington, Otterville, fourth daughter of Mrs. Ruth Harrington, of Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., and the late Walter Harrington, was united in marriage to Ross Gordon Avey, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell L. Avey, Otterville. The Rev. C. H. Wright performed the ceremony. The church was decorated with baskets of chrysanthemums in pale shades and ferns, and the wedding music was played by Mrs. Eva Burt, Elora. Miss Myrna Wilson, Elora, sang.

The bride, given in marriage by Manley Wilson, Elora, was gowned in white taffeta, styled with full gathered skirt, long lace sleeves and lace yoke. Her finger-tip length veil was of embroidered net, held by a halo of net, and she carried a shower bouquet of red roses and white baby 'mums.

The bride's sister, Miss Lois Harrington, of Fort Qu'Appelle, was maid of honor. Her gown of yellow taffeta was made with full skirt and shirred bands on the skirt and around the shoulders. She carried pink carnations and yellow 'mums. Bridesmaid was Miss Myrna Wilson, wearing a gown of pink taffeta, made on similar lines to that of the maid of honor. Both wore flower caps to match their gowns and white gloves. Little Bonnie Avey, Brighton, was flower girl, wearing blue taffeta with narrow white velvet sash, and halo cap to match her dress. Wayne Spicer, Otterville, was ring-bearer.

Best man was Kenneth Mann, Otterville, and the ushers were Mervin Spicer, Aylmer, the groom's brother, Howard Avey, Otterville, and Jack Burrill, Brantford.

A reception was held at Mrs. Somers' home, at Tillsonburg. The bride's sister, Mrs. Derwood Spicer, wore wine with black accessories, and the groom's mother wore raspberry bengaline with black accessories. Both had corsages of yellow roses with white baby 'mums.

Later the bride and groom left on a motor trip to Detroit and other American points, the bride traveling in a rust shade dress with green coat and brown accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Avey will reside in Otterville.

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Eleanor Crossett Wed In Pretty Ceremony

In a pretty two-light ceremony at St. Paul's United Church, on Tuesday, May 1, Eleanor Maxine Crossett, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crossett of Tillsonburg, was united in marriage to William John Furlong, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Furlong of Otterville. Rev. W. E. Aldworth officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a gown of white satin with a plain fitted bodice and lily pointed sleeves, and a deep peplum extending into the train. The bride's headdress was a white satin cloche and a fingertip illusion veil with a scalloped edge. She carried a white Bible decorated with camillias and lilies-of-the-valley tied in streamers.

Maid of honor was Marian Bradfield, dressed in a yellow gown with a satin bodice and the skirt was of net. Her jacket was of taffeta with a peter-pan collar and cap sleeves, and was buttoned up the front and a small peplum was shirred in the back. Her costume was completed with elbow length gloves.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Lorne McEwen dressed in an orchid gown, and Miss Alice Andrews dressed in a green gown. Both dresses were styled along the same lines of the maid of honor's. All of the bride's attendants carried yellow, orchid and pink nosegays.

Sharon Sinden was flower girl. She wore a green taffeta gown with a square neckline and puffed sleeves. There were ruffles on both sides of the dress, and on her head she wore a matching poke bonnett tied under her chin.

Best man was Jack Church. Ushers were Donald Crossett, brother of the bride, and Tom Furlong, brother of the groom. Larry Van Goetham, cousin of the bride, was page boy, and wore a navy blazer and white trousers.

Miss Henrietta Wilkinson sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because". She was accompanied by Miss Audrey Wilkinson, cousin of the bride. The church was attractively decorated with white satin bows of lilies-of-the-valley, ferns, palms, candles and pastel flowers.

After the ceremony, a reception for 85 guests was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Sommers, North Broadway St. The bride's table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake on pillars and topped with lilies-of-the-valley.

Among the out-of-town guests were many from Detroit, Windsor, Greensville, St. Thomas, London, Port Hope, Toronto, Ingersoll and Otterville. Among the many wishes of happiness for the young couple was a telegram from the groom's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Furlong of Windsor.

The mother of the bride received at the reception, in a gown of orchid crepe with black accessories. Her corsage was of yellow rose buds. The groom's mother was attired in dress of powder blue faille with navy accessories. She wore a corsage of red roses.

The groom's gift to his bride was a necklace and earrings, set with blue stones. The maid of honor received a crystal rose bowl, and the bridesmaids received crystal figurines. The flower girl was presented with a gold locket. To his best man and ushers, the groom gave gray ties and initialed handkerchiefs.

As part of the tradition of wearing something old, the bride wore the wide plain wedding ring of her Grandmother Crossett.

For a trip to the Thousand Islands, the bride chose a tailored navy suit with white accessories. Her corsage consisted of pink camellias.

Upon their return, the happy couple will make their home in Tillsonburg.

Start Work On Otterville School

OTTERVILLE: The contract to erect a four-room addition to the present Central School at Otterville has been signed and work will commence immediately. The building is scheduled to be completed March 1, 1952.

The final order from the Ontario Municipal Board was received and the third reading given to the necessary by-law to issue debentures in the sum of \$85,000 at the September meeting of the South Norwich Township Council.

Contractor is the James Kemp Construction Co. of Hamilton.

The present school at Otterville has been overcrowded for some time.

Otterville Man Hurt In Crash

OTTERVILLE: Mac Pickersgill, Otterville, was taken to the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital early Friday when his car was in collision with another at the eastern entrance of the Otterville bridge.

According to Township Constable Arthur Kilpatrick, Otterville, who, with Provincial Police Officer Douglas Washburn, Tillsonburg, investigated the accident, the Pickersgill car proceeding east, crossed the road directly in front of one driven by Clarence Martin, Restoule, going west. The Pickersgill car had the side caved in and is almost a complete wreck. The other car, a '39 model was badly damaged in the front end.

Dr. H. H. Batson attended Pickersgill and had him removed to hospital, stating that he had a dislocated wrist and lacerations about the face and hands. Martin was uninjured, but his brother, Maryle Martin, and Manson McConnell, also of Restoule, received head cuts and bruises, and the latter also injuries to the ankle. They were treated by Dr. G. M. Downing. All the accident victims were workers in the tobacco harvest on Otterville farms.

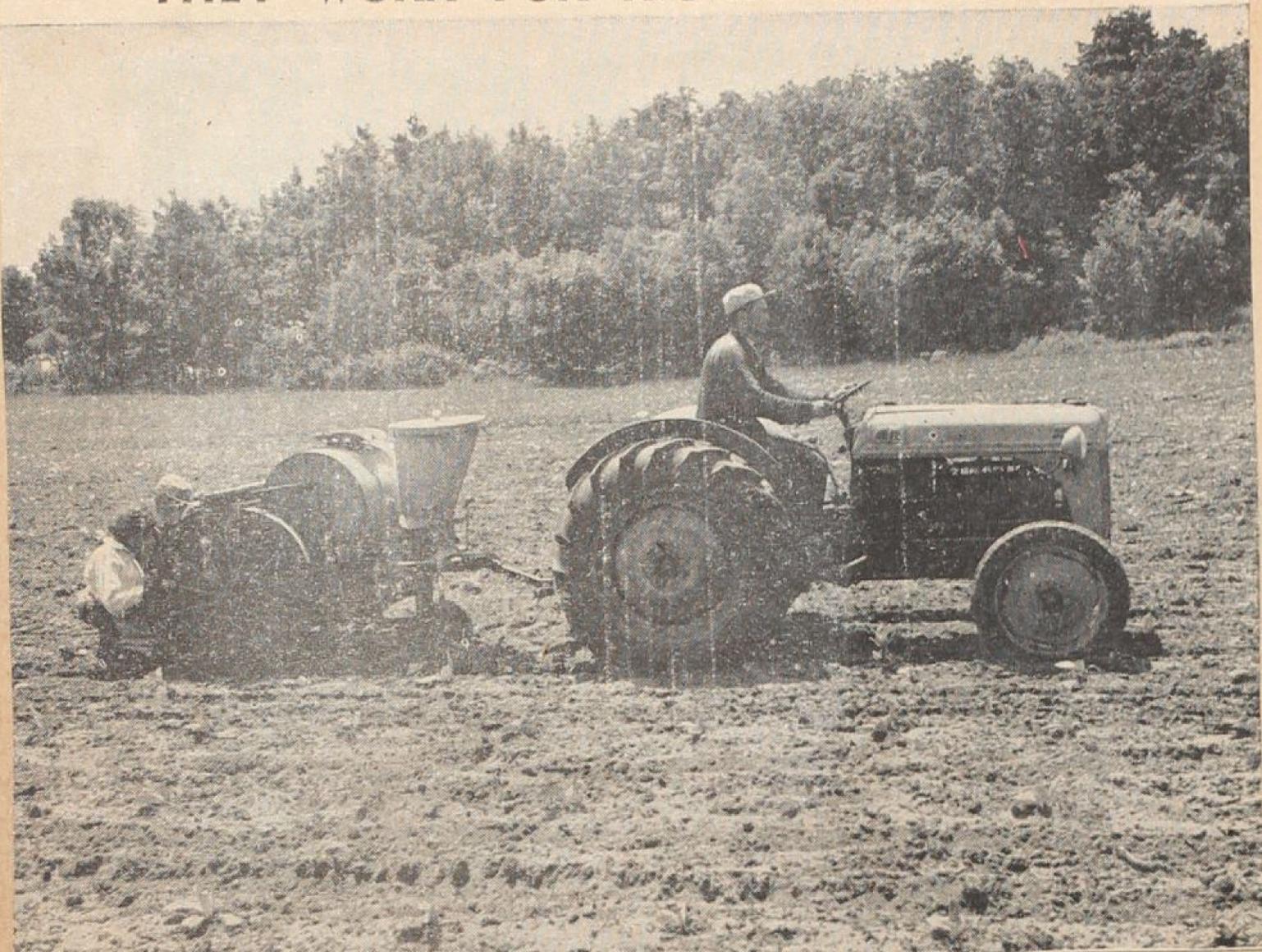


Otterville Couple Celebrate 40th Anniversary in Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Holmes, popular Otterville couple, are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today with a trip to Toronto to see Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. While there, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will be guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Grenville Johnson. Their younger daughter, Mrs. Rod Taylor lives in Otterville. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were married at Springford, Oct. 11, 1911, at the home of the latter's father, the late J. R. Johnson, by Rev. Thomas Grandy, who was then minister of the Springfield Methodist Church. They lived first on the Holmes farm, now owned by Charter Davis at the western edge of the village, and for the past 32 years have lived at their present home adjoining their hardware store.

Mr. Holmes is a vice-president of the Oxford Liberal Association, and director of Western Farmers' Weather Insurance Mutual Company. He is also a Mason and an Oddfellow, and was one of the charter members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club. Both are active members of the Otterville United Church, where Mr. Holmes is a member of the official board. Mrs. Holmes is active in the WMS and W.A. and she has taught a Sunday School class most of her married life, and before that at Springford. She is also helpful in the Women's Institute, where at present, she is district and branch convener of Historical Research. A graduate of Alma College, and as an elocutionist, she is generous with her talent.

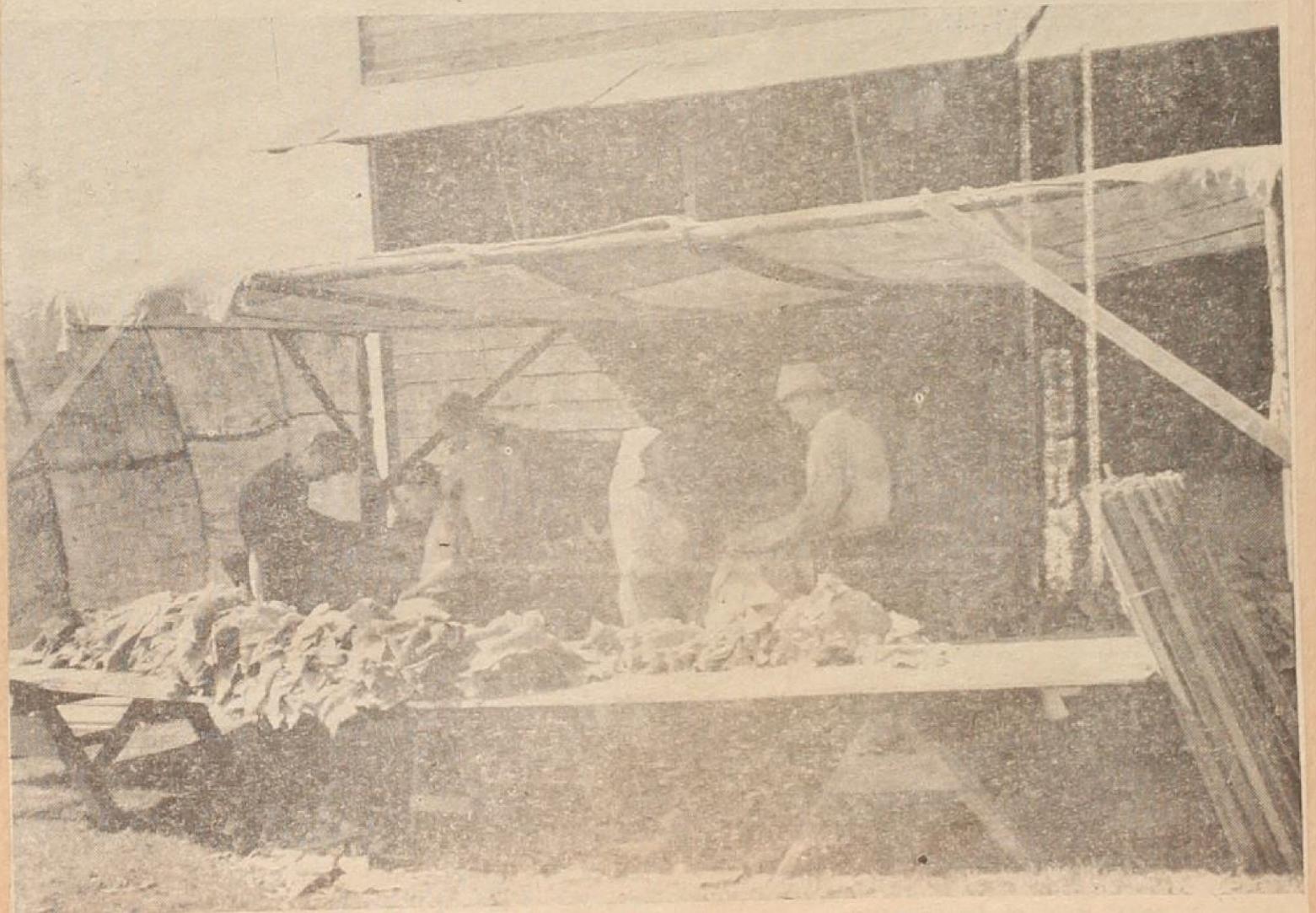
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HARVESTING ONTARIO'S \$50,000,000 CROP



Within the next 10 to 14 days Ontario flue-cured tobacco growers will be launching the 1951 harvest and scenes such as the

above will be common sights. Here the leaf, primed and boated in from the fields, is being tied and hung in the kilns for curing.

It is a hectic period, but if weather conditions are right and market favourable, the returns are usually excellent.

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AT THE END OF A PERFECT YEAR



A successful harvest completed and the tobacco stored away in the pack barn, this grower is

winding up his season's work on the land. He is cutting the tobacco stocks which later will be plowed

into the soil to return some of the strength which was taken away in producing the "green gold."



Princess Elizabeth greets Dionne quintuplets on her arrival at North Bay yesterday. (AP Wirephoto).

LONDON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1951
Princess Elizabeth Meets Quints

Head Norwich Students



Students of Norwich District High School selected leaders for their girls' and boys' Athletic Associations. Shown above are executive members of the male group. They are, from right to left: Jack George, president; Ralph Clayton, treasurer; Don Brook, vice-president; Bill George, secretary.



If the feminine set at Norwich District High School gets a full sports program during the school year, it can thank the executive of the Girls' Athletic Association for it. Officials are, from left to right: Ida Smith, vice-president; Taya VanMaanen, secretary; Joan Arthur, president; Lenora Slaght, treasurer.

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WILLIAM J. HARTFORD

OTTERVILLE: William J. Hartford, 78, who had lived here 70 years, died suddenly from a heart attack, at his home Tuesday night.

He was born at Woodstock, and lived at London for a time, before coming here as a small boy. He was an active member of St. John's Anglican Church, and sang in the choir for more than 60 years. He was a church warden for many years, and at the time of his death was secretary-treasurer of the church cemetery board. For 20 years he was superintendent of the Otterville Manufacturing Company, and later had a shop of his own. He was a village trustee for several years, and had been a member of the South Norwich Park Board for 50 years.

Surviving besides his wife, are one son, Hugh, Miami, Florida;

one brother, Charles, and a sister, Mrs. H. A. McDonald, Provost, Alberta, and two other sisters, Mrs. John Mundy, Harriston, and Mrs. Frank Foran, Detroit.

Resting in the Addison funeral home here, where services will be conducted, Friday, 2 p.m., and interment made in the Anglican Cemetery. *at church later*

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Early Culloden Land of Promise

*W.I. Tweedsmuir Book Lists
Valuable Items Of Historic Interest;
Church Built In 1857 For \$1,200*



This early scene of Culloden's main street recalls the village in its infancy. In its early days it showed promise of becoming one of the principal centres of Oxford County.



And this was another scene of Culloden in times long gone by, an old store with the principal means of transport, the ever-faithful horse, shown in front. Some present-day readers will recall the sight.

By Roy A. Darrow

(The information in the historical sketch below has been taken largely from the Tweedsmuir Book of the Culloden Women's Institute, compiled after considerable research by Mrs. Ross McClintock—R.A.D.).

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It was the day of beginnings. Forests stood in comparatively unbroken splendor. The few small clearings were prophetic of the fertile farms of today. Humble hand-hewn homes presaged the fine residences that were to replace them. To some the early years were a time of opportunity; to others, a time of hardship. But out of it all grew today's progressive communities.

In years gone by the village of Culloden gave promise of becoming one of the principal centres of Oxford County. It was a self-contained community. On one of its busy thoroughfares in the 1800's could be found hotels, butcher shops, shoe stores, tailor shops, cabinet makers, jewelry stores, wagon shops, sawmills, blacksmiths and several general stores.

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In their strenuous struggle the residents did not neglect the higher spiritual interests. There were three churches in the rich farming community at one time.

These were the days of the Esseltines, Rocketts, Empeys, Bighams, Fosters, Stansells, Falkins, Dillons, Allisons, Wilsons, Agars, Thomsons and many others. These were the days when the pioneers, who thought nothing of a 10-mile trek into Tillsonburg a couple of times a week.

The health of the community was ably cared for by two resident doctors, Dr. S. McDonald and Dr. S. Leeder.

News of the week was recorded in Culloden's own newspaper, *The Lively Times*, run in conjunction with a general store owned by Hugh Mann.

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Andrew Smart and his family were among the early settlers in the community. They built a log cabin in 1847 on property now owned by Charles Daniels. Mr. Smart, a tax collector, is said to have driven oxen to Hamilton, a two-week journey, to market his farm produce.

Just after the half-way mark

in the 19th century, Culloden started to grow and prosper. In the old land its settlers had been imbued with the principles of Presbyterianism and at an early date in the history of the settlement they sought to establish a cause which would be a centre of religious influence and level the life of the community.

In 1857 the Culloden Presbyterian Church was erected at a cost of \$1,200. It was capable of seating 400. The Culloden congregation was ministered to by the Rev. Robert Rodgers, of Tillsonburg, a young man fresh from college.

At that time the district covered by the charge was a large one, embracing Culloden, Tillsonburg and Norwich.

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This seems to have been an era of prosperity for the minister's salary was boosted to \$600 a year.

In 1894 Tillsonburg and Culloden congregations separated. The Rev. Malcolm McGregor was minister at the time.

The separation marked an epoch in the history of the Culloden and Tillsonburg Presbyterian churches. For more than 40 years they had been united in one charge, listened to the same ministers and been ruled by the same Kirk session.

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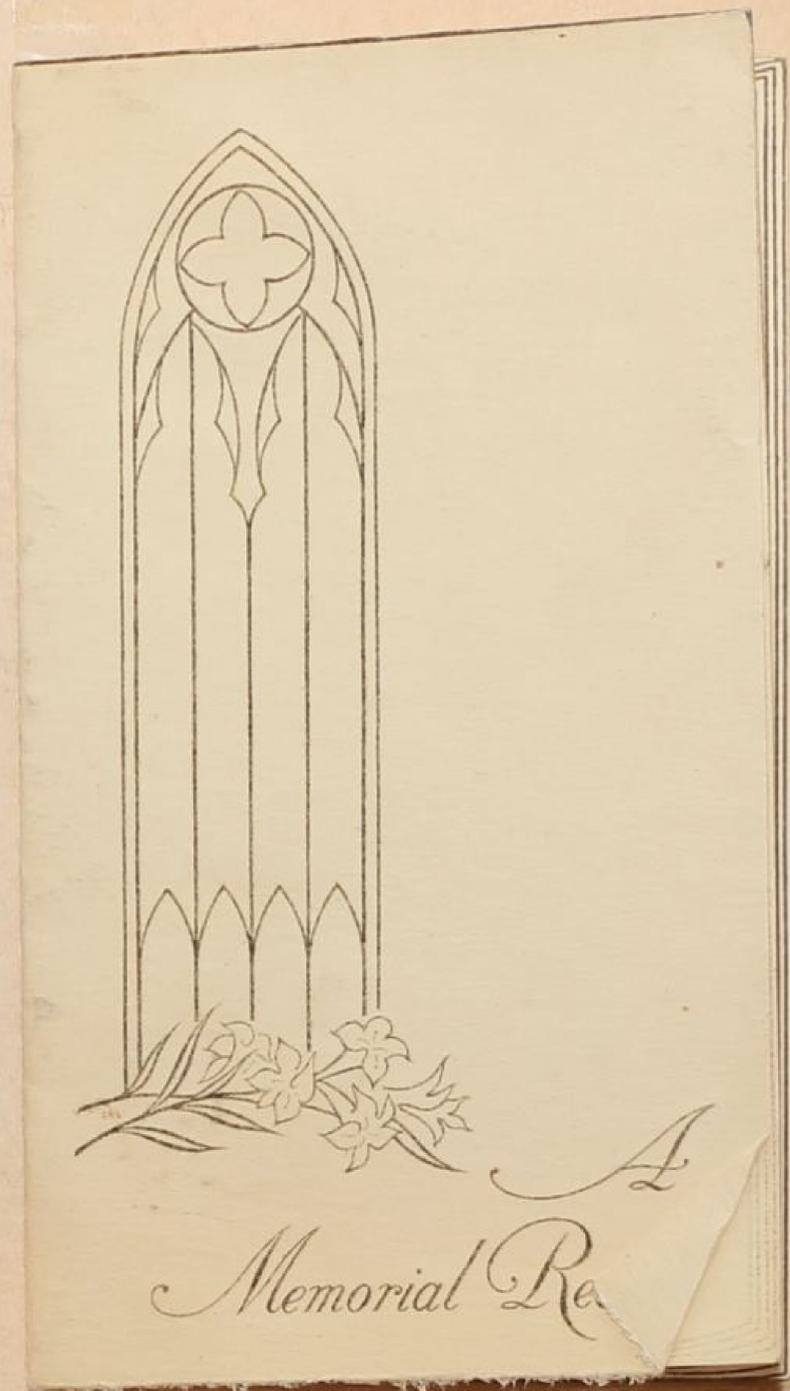
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By Roy A. Darrow

(The information in the historical sketch below has been taken largely from the Tweedmuir Book of the Culloden Women's Institute, compiled after considerable research by Mrs. F. McClintock—R.A.D.).

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It was the day of beginning. Forests stood in comparative unbroken splendor. The small clearings were prophetic of the fertile farms of today. Humble hand-hewn homes pre-figured the fine residences that were to replace them. To some the early years were a time of opportunity; to others, a time of hardship. But out of it all grew today's progressive community.

In years gone by the village of Culloden gave promise of becoming one of the principal centres of Oxford County. It was a self-contained community. One of its busy thoroughfares in the 1800's could be found hot with butcher shops, shoe stores, tailors, cabinet makers, jewelry stores, wagon shops, sawmills, blacksmiths and several general stores.

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In their strenuous struggle for better living conditions the residents did not neglect their higher spiritual interests. There were three churches in the rural farming community at one time.

These were the days of the Esseltines, Rocketts, Empeys, Bighams, Fosters, Stansells, Falkins, Dillons, Allisons, Wilsons, Agars, Thomsons and many others. These were the days when the pioneers, who thought nothing of a 10-mile trek into Tillsonburg a couple of times a week.

The health of the community was ably cared for by two resident doctors, Dr. S. McDonald and Dr. S. Leeder.

News of the week was recorded in Culloden's own newspaper, The Lively Times, run in conjunction with a general store owned by Hugh Mann.

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Andrew Smart and his family were among the early settlers in the community. They built a log cabin in 1847 on property now owned by Charles Daniels. Mr. Smart, a tax collector, is said to have driven oxen to Hamilton, a two-week journey, to market his farm produce.

Just after the half-way mark

in the 19th century, Culloden started to grow and prosper. In the old land its settlers had been

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
An one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the
boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time
and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Tennyson.

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In Memoriam

Died, at her home in Otterville
Tuesday, July 10th, 1951

Ellen Dix

widow of Dr. A. J. Collver
in her 95th year

The Funeral

Friends will be received at the
Addison Funeral Home, Otterville
where service will be held

Thursday, July 12th

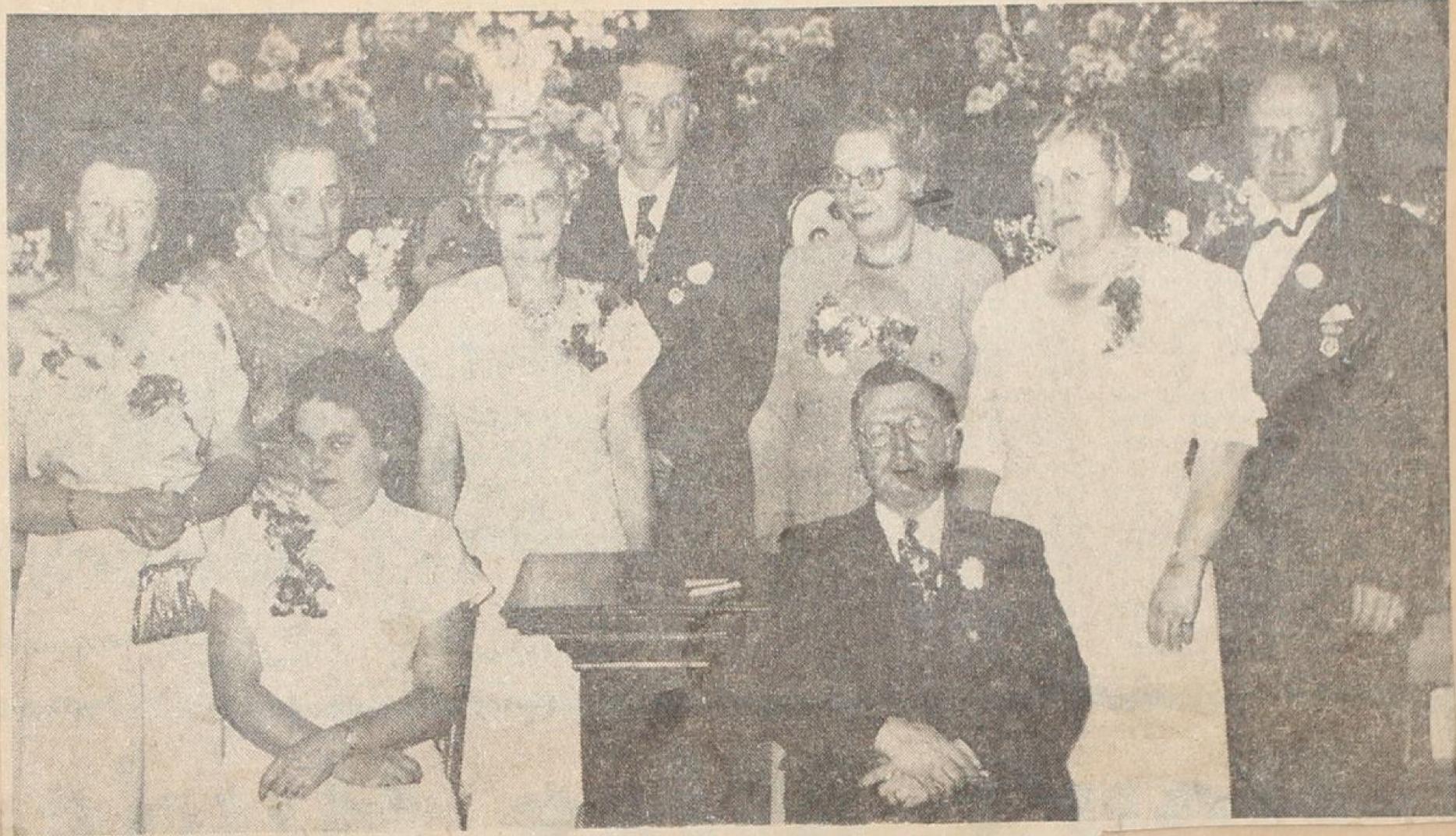
at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister
in charge

Interment in Otter Cemetery

Officers of Norwich O.E.S. Installed at Ceremony

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Principals in the installation ceremony of Norwich Chapter, Order Eastern Star, are pictured. Left to right, standing: Mrs. Mary King, Brantford, installing marshall; Mrs. Viola McClung, Brantford, past grand matron; Mrs. Alice Arthur, worthy matron; Clarence Larman, worthy patron; Mrs. Gladys McCall, grand treasurer, installing matron; Mrs. Florence Poole, Norwich, district deputy grand matron, district 18; Stewart Mayberry, Delhi, past grand patron, installing patron. Seated: Mrs. Lois Batson, immediate past matron; and William Waring, immediate past patron.

Mrs. Nate McMullen Hostess To Ladies' Guild

OTTERVILLE: St. John's Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen with 11 members present. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Jack Furlong, and all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Plans were made for the annual bazaar and tea to be held in the Community Hall later in November.

An invitation was accepted from the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church to attend the Autumn Thankoffering meeting in the school room of the church on Friday.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the vice-president, Mrs. Lena Young.

Mrs. McMullen served refreshments, assisted by several of the members.

Nov 15/51

Celebrate Five Events

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Four birthdays and a wedding anniversary were celebrated at a turkey dinner at the home of Mrs. E. MacDougall, east of Otterville, when her father, Arthur Bertrand of North Norwich, observed his 80th birthday. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Melbourne Bertrand of Belleville, and his grandson, Paul Bertrand of Belleville also had birthdays during the week, as did also his granddaughter's husband, Howard Loker of St. George. To make it complete Mr. Bertrand's son, Carl Bertrand, and his wife had their silver wedding this week, and they were presented with a chrome smoking stand by the 19 members of the family assembled.

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Otterville Odd Fellows In Dedication Service

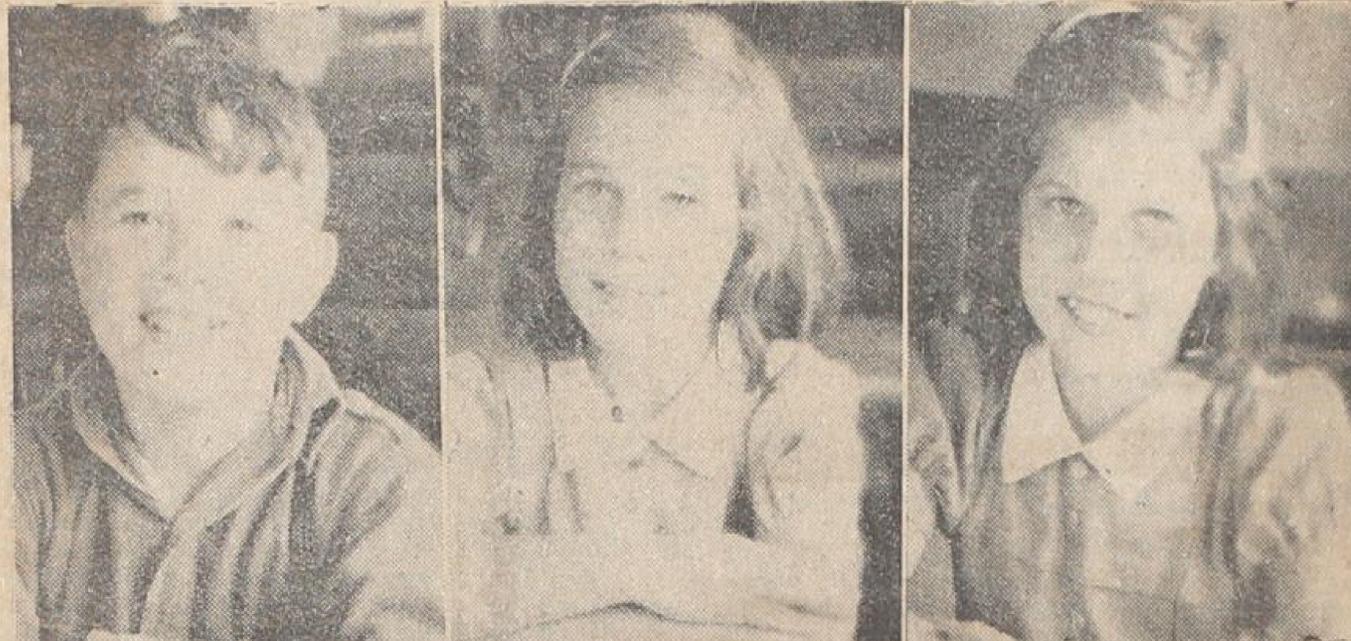
Otterville—An impressive service of dedication was exemplified by Byron Dundas, past grand master of the Grand I.O.O.F. Lodge, and his staff at the Otterville United Church. Max Avey, past D.D.G.M., presided and music was provided as the altar was built.

Mrs. Ronald Colver, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. J. M. Climie, Tillsonburg, were soloists accompanied by Miss Beth Watts, Tillsonburg, or the church organist. Many visitors from the district, and other centres attended.

Mr. Avey thanked all who had helped with the service, after which the visitors were served lunch by the ladies in the schoolroom of the church.

Nov 28

Crossing Accident Victims



William 12, Carol 8, and Olive 10, three children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell, R.R. 1, Otterville, were instantly killed when a fast New York Central express struck the father's truck at the Tillson Ave. crossing Saturday afternoon. Wreckage of the truck was littered along the tracks for 500 feet.—Photos by Baker. (Courtesy London Free Press.)

Ex-Reeve of Norwich Percy Longworth Dies

Chairman of the Norwich Public Utilities Commission and former reeve of the village, Percy Longworth, a well known Oxford businessman died at his home in Norwich last night.

Born in West Oxford Township in 1888, he was the son of the late Francis Longworth and Margaret Griswold. The family moved to North Norwich when he was two years of age. He lived in the township till moving to Norwich 35 years ago. Shortly before moving he conducted some farm sales and went on to become one of the best known auctioneers in Western Ontario.

He served on the village council for a number of years and as reeve in 1921 and again in 1936. In 1941 he was elected to the P.U.C. and served continuously until his election as chairman in 1945. He held this post till the end of 1948 and again became chairman in 1950. Mr. Longworth had received an acclamation for another term on the P.U.C. shortly before his death.

Since 1927, he had been a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge and was a past Worshipful Master of the lodge. For 30 years he had been a member of Hayden Lodge, I.O. O.F., and was a past noble grand of the lodge. Three times he had been patron of Norwich chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lydia Morley; two sons, Clayton of Brantford and Maurice of Norwich, and a granddaughter; five brothers, William of West Oxford, Herbert of East Oxford, Harvey and Arthur of Woodstock and Roy of Toronto; two sisters, Mrs. James Groves of Ingersoll and Mrs. Vernon Fewster of North Norwich.

A private funeral service will be held at his late home on Washington

Ave. in Norwich at 2 p.m., Friday, to be followed by a public service at 2:30 in Norwich United Church. A Masonic service will be held at the church and at the graveside. Interment will be in Norwich cemetery.

Fellow Pupils

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Ellis Scott, Algis Andrulionis, Ted McElhone, Dennis McSpadden, Donald McMullen, Sharon Furlong, Joan Singer, Kay Pearce, Lorette Denys, Mary DeRue and Thelma Cole.

Rev. L. Whan, pastor of the Norwich Baptist Church, who has been in close touch with the family throughout their bereavement, assisted Rev. Mr. Hisey in the service and following the opening prayer said, "On behalf of the family, I would like to express the words they cannot say, but which are uppermost in our minds, and thank all who have done so much for them. We know that all things work for good to those that love God, and this is our faith in our hour of trial."

Paul and David Hisey, classmates of the trio, sang a duet "I Have Found a Hiding Place," and Miss Tillie Goertzen sang "Some Golden Daybreak." Mrs. Bruce Hisey accompanied them. Miss Margaret Wilcox was the pianist for the remainder of the service. Rev. Mr. Hisey based his message on "Come unto Me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He spoke especially to the children, expressing the confidence with which their lives could be left in the gracious hands of God.

The casket bearers were all classmates, Alex Graham, Bill Zimmers, John Leitch, Paul Hisey, Ewald Jankus, Wayne Swanton, Donald Clifford, Grant Arthur, Larry Hudson, Bob Furlong, Allan Scott and Norbert Jakubowski.

The children were trapped in the cab of their father's truck when it stalled in the path of the speeding train shortly after noon Saturday. The father was able to jump to safety.

The impact threw the twisted body of the truck about 200 feet down the track and littered pieces of wreckage and the load of junk 100 yards along the right of way. The rear dual wheels of the truck were thrown some 400 feet west of the crossing and came to rest against a telegraph pole. One of the wheels struck a railway shanty.

Mr. Campbell was bringing the children into Tillsonburg to see the Santa Claus parade when the accident occurred. Mr. Campbell told police he saw the flashing wig-wag signal at the crossing and tried to stop, but the truck moved forward onto the track and stalled, with the express, travelling 65-70 m.p.h., bearing down some 200 yards away.

The engineer of the train, William Hayden, who saw the truck stop on the crossing, applied his emergency brakes, but the back of the train was 40 rods west of the crossing by the time the train was stopped. Engineer Hayden said it looked to him as though someone was trying to back the truck clear of the track when the front of the engine plowed into it. The truck was standing with its front end and cab over the tracks. The whistle of the train was being blown all the way to the crossing.

The cause of the accident was apparently the failure of the truck brakes. Campbell told Chief Constable T. L. Corbett of the Tillsonburg police, that he was pumping the brake pedal to work up pressure enough to stop the truck as it drifted forward and stalled with the front end on the tracks.

There was comparatively little traffic in Tillson Ave. when the accident occurred at 12:25 and, as the train came to a stop, Campbell ran alone up the tracks west of the crossing to pick up the broken bodies of two of his children and then returned to help search for the third.

Arthur Chipps of RR. 3, Delhi, was one of the first on the scene. Doing carpentry work at a building long the right of way, he heard the crash and looked out to see the debris flying through the air.

Coroner Dr. R. E. Weston ordered the bodies removed to the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where a preliminary inquest was held that afternoon. They were later removed to the Addison Funeral Home.

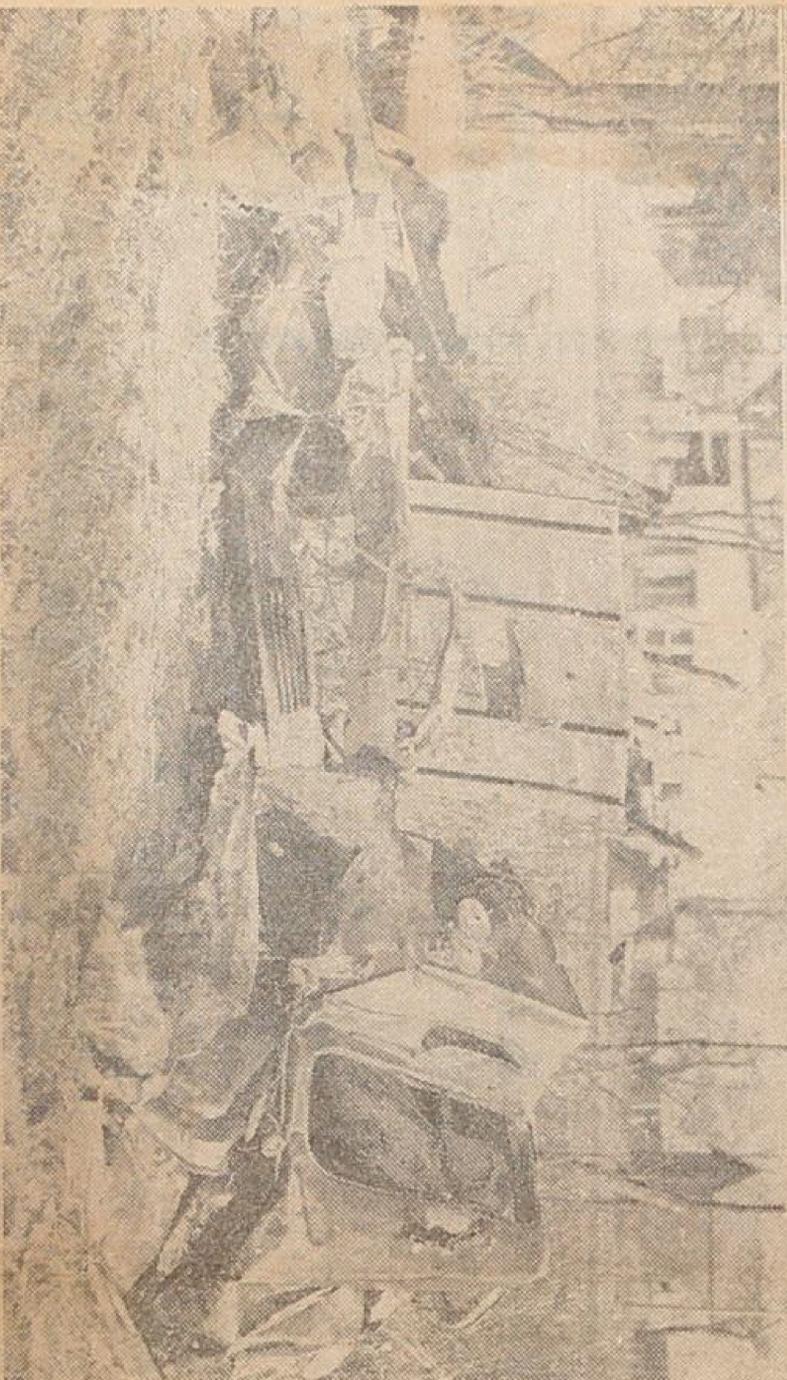
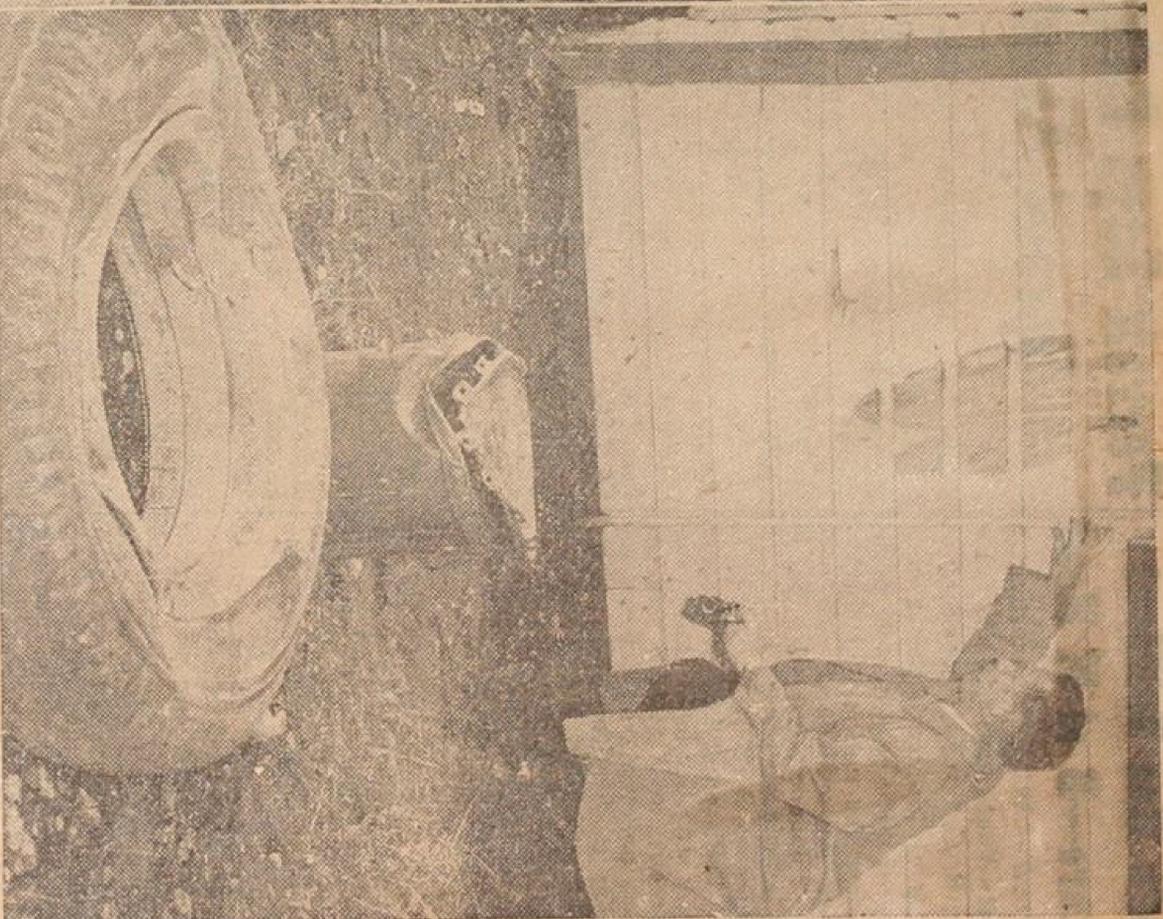
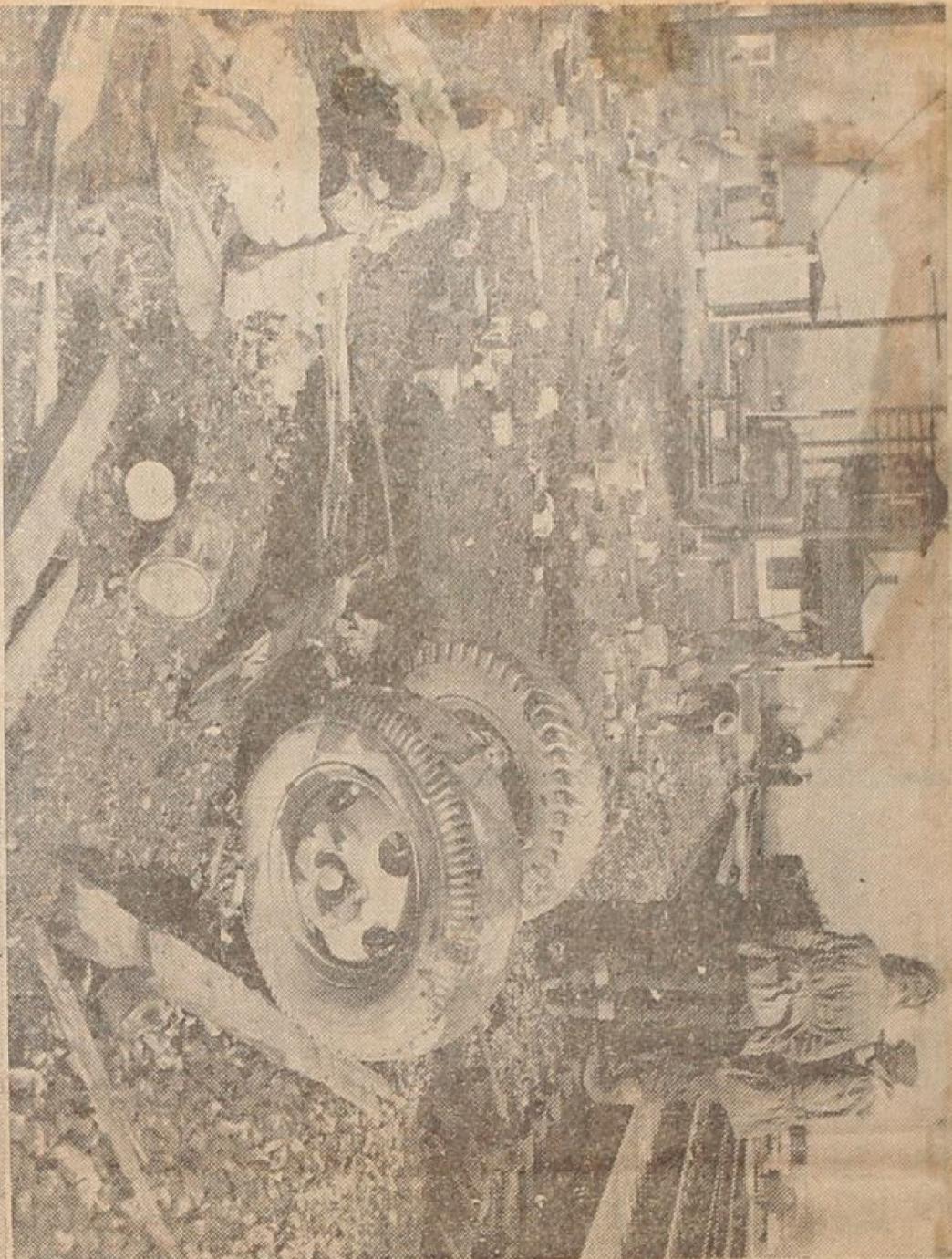
Both parents were placed under a doctor's care at their home just outside of Otterville following the crash. There are three other children, Laura, age 15, who was in

Tillsonburg at the time of the accident, and seven-year-old twins, Lila and Lily.

The family came to Southern Ontario from the Timmins district and had resided in Straffordville before moving to Otterville about two years ago. Among other survivors is their paternal grandmother, who lives on Manitoulin Island.

Provincial Constable W. E. Rogers and Constable Merlin Stroud, along with New York Central police, investigated the accident.

THREE OTTERVILLE CHILDREN KILLED IN CRASH

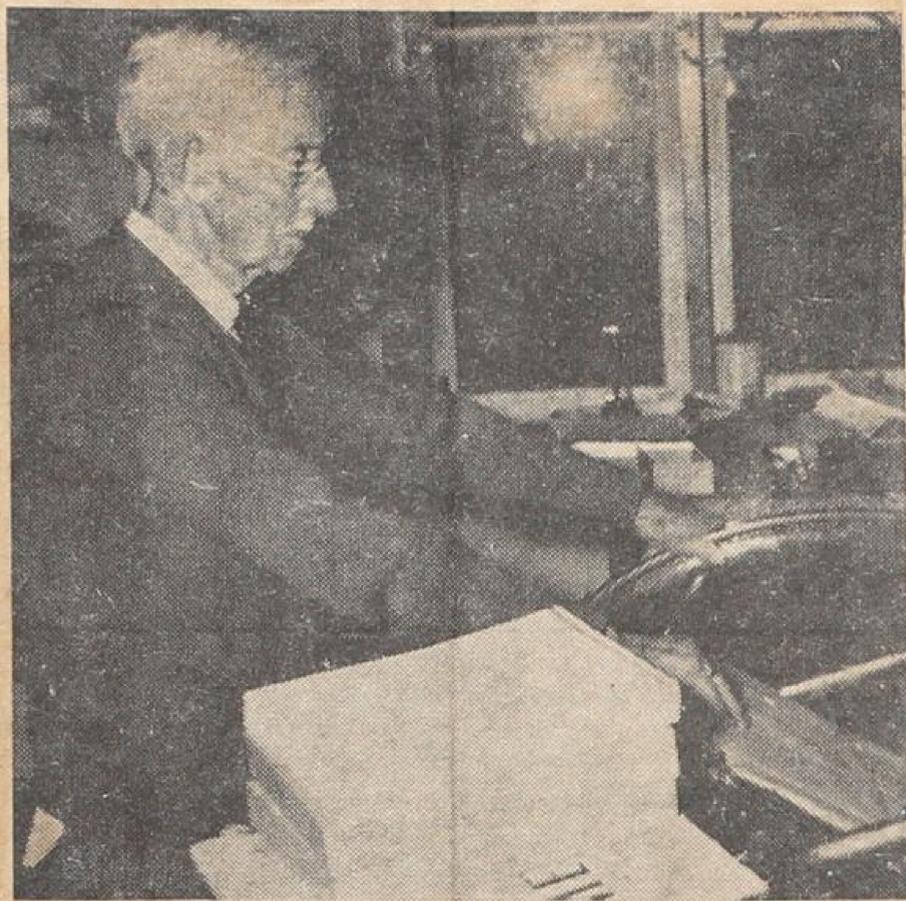


In a tragic pre-Christmas accident three young children were killed in the wreckage shown above early Saturday afternoon. Killed were William 12, Olive 11 and Carol 10, children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell of R.R. 1, Otterville. Top left is shown the front wheels of the truck thrown almost 100 yards by the impact. Bottom left is all that remained of the truck. Top right, one of the rear wheels struck the side of the building shown above, some 500 feet west of the crossing. The other rear wheels came to rest against a telegraph pole behind the shanty. Bottom right, Arthur Chippis of Courland, doing carpentry work on a building beside the track, was one of the first on the scene.—Photos by Stollery. (Courtesy St. Thomas Times-Journal.)



The Otterville Happy Bluebirds Club, composed of ladies of the Norwich-Milldale-Otterville-Springford and Courtland districts, who correspond through the Mary Hastings column of The Free Press, have a busy time visiting several localities to present three one-act plays: "The Buggensville Uplift Society," "Choosing A Housekeeper," and "Squaring It With The Boss." Those taking parts in the plays are shown in the picture. Front row, left to

right: Philip Pearce, Hugh Pearce, Ross Hicks. Second row: Mrs. T. McNally, Mrs. Z. Hicks, Dorothy Durkee, Mrs. F. Swanton, Miss Lila Jull. Back row: Bill Racher, Doris Oatman, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. M. Pearce, Mrs. Daisy Ash, Mrs. S. McSpadden, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. W. Wilson and Melbourne Smith. The money raised is used for benevolent causes.



VETERAN PRINTER

For 65 years J. Wesley Fish has printed the voters list for South Norwich township and this is believed to be a record for the province. Mr. Fish, who just celebrated his 90th birthday, still is busy as a printer. He has his shop in the upper part of a barn on his property at Otterville. He says he never learned the trade of printer, but through the years he has become proficient at it and turns out work of which a master

printer might well be proud. For many years he had a grocery and stationery shop in Otterville, but now just "tinkers" at the printing. For 52 years Mr. Fish was superintendent of the Methodist and United Sunday school and has been treasurer of the congregation for a longer time than that. He is shown at one of the machines in his shop and is just completing a letter-head job. (Photo by Lowe—S-R Engraving)

Otterville's J. Wesley Fish, 90 Printed Voters' List 64 Years

Otterville—J. Wesley Fish, veteran Otterville printer, celebrated his 90th birthday during the Christmas holidays with a family dinner, and with members of his family around him during the week. Ninety red roses, along with personal gifts from his children were presented to him, also gifts, flowers, telegrams and cards from scores of the friends he had made during his 90 useful years.

Sunday morning he was in his usual place at church, and again with his family he attended the carol service at night, and while his deafness prevents him from hearing much that takes place, it does not prevent him from being in the place of worship.

Mr. Fish is extremely active and is one of the finest printers, taking pride in any work well done, and spends most of his time in his "Hobby Shop," turning out work that is a credit to his profession. The fact that his print shop is a

short distance from his home, and is on the second floor, does not affect him at all, and he is frequently seen walking briskly the two blocks from his home to the village stores. His keen wit and kindly encouragement make him a welcome caller anywhere.

He has printed the voters' lists for South Norwich for the past 64 years, a record believed unsurpassed by anyone anywhere. He still keeps a perfect set of books for the Otterville United Church of which he has been treasurer for many years. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for 52 years, and is the only living member of the original Otter Cemetery Board and still performs all the necessary duties of the office of secretary-treasurer.

Any task he sets for himself is done with meticulous care, and he is up-to-the-minute in all his ideas, and well deserves the love and respect he receives from his fine family and a host of friends.

90 yrs - on Dec 24th 1951

NOBBS—In Tillsonburg on Saturday, December 8, 1951, Leslie E. Nobbs, in his 61st year.

Rested at the H. A. Ostrander & Son Funeral Home, where service was held on Monday, December 10, at 2 p.m. Clergyman was Rev. L. E. Mason, and interment took place in the Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Leslie E. Nobbs, 60 Dies Suddenly Here

A highly regarded citizen of Tillsonburg and Norwich and known throughout Tillsonburg for his kindness and generosity, Leslie Edward Nobbs, 60, passed away suddenly Saturday at his residence, 111 Lisgar Ave. Death was caused from a heart attack.

He had farmed in the Norwich district for many years, and upon coming to Tillsonburg secured a position at the Tillsonburg Shoe Company, Ltd. He was a stock-keeper at the time of his death.

The late Mr. Nobbs was born in Norwich on April 25, 1891, the son of the late George Nobbs and Martha Jackson, both of Norwich. In Norwich, on January 6, 1915, he married the former Alma Powers.

Survivors, other than his wife, are two sons, Gerald E. and Donald L. of Tillsonburg; one daughter, Mrs. Girvin Dougall (Orla) of Toronto; one brother, Carl R. of Norwich, and two sisters, Mrs. George Ryder (Ada) and Mrs. Mervin Wade (Florence), both of Norwich, also four grandchildren, Darlene and Trudy Dougall of Toronto, and Linda and Dennis Nobbs of Tillsonburg.

Funeral service was conducted Monday at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home, with Rev. L. E. Mason of the First Baptist Church in charge. Soloist was Mrs. Roy Charters, who rendered "The Last Mile of the Way," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. H. Hazlett.

Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased, Wilfred Ryder of Norwich, Carmen Ryder of St. Marys, Wendall Nobbs of Norwich, Lloyd Anger of Burford, Glen Crandall of London and Kenneth Powers of Dorchester. Flower bearers were employees of the Tillsonburg Shoe Company Ltd. and Gro-Cord Rubber Company Ltd., and friends and relatives of the deceased.

The numerous and beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Mr. Nobbs was held. There were wreaths from the workers of the Tillsonburg Shoe Company and Gro-Cord Company.

Interment took place in the Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Otterville Doctor Notes Changes In 51 Years Serving Community

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Otterville—Otterville has always been fortunate in having good doctors. For continuous service, Dr. H. G. Downing has made a record in this community.

In 1900 Dr. Downing received his degree as M.D. at Toronto, the

youngest in a class of about 70. Immediately after graduation he came to Otterville, taking over Dr. Stockton's practice, while the latter was in Germany, taking post-graduate work. On his return, Dr. Stockton went West to specialize in children's diseases. Dr. Downing bought his

practice and has now completed 51 years in Otterville and still looks after many patients, although his only son, Dr. G. Murray Downing, who returned to Otterville after serving during the war, looks after the greater share of the work.

Queried as the changes during the half century of his practice, Dr. Downing laughingly remarked; "The country is certainly different now than in my early years. I remember many a call to alcoholics with D.T.'s. One I remember insisted on me carrying a lighted lamp down in the cellar to see the snakes, and then upstairs he showed me windows where he said devils were laughing at him. When he crawled under the bed in search for more, I had my hypo needle ready and gave it to him in the hip."

Snow and impassable roads then, and no nearby hospitals were a far cry from paved roads, fast cars, and five hospitals within 30 miles.

"Coldest Ride"

"One night there was an urgent call to a patient in La Salette, eight miles distant, and the roads were impassable, and the only possible chance for them to get a doctor was by the railroad. There were no night trains; so six strong men pumped a 'jigger' to come for me," he related. "With bitter wind, drifting snow, and zero weather, that was the coldest ride I remember."

Horses were the only means of travel during the first 12 years of his practice.

Twice in one night he delivered premature babies while he and the mother were the only ones in the house. Another time he was called to a shack where the cold from the broken windows was so intense that he kept his coonskin coat on while he attended a 13-year-old mother. She came through the ordeal.

Bedbugs were another worry, and in those places he had to watch where he placed his coat or any equipment.

Many Emergencies

The kitchen table was the operating table often in the early part of the century. When an emergency arose, Dr. Downing has performed

appendectomies, amputations, castract and other operations with a minimum of equipment. "Funny thing, but they all got better," he remarked. "When an emergency arose, and I couldn't wait for another doctor, I have had to give the anaesthetic and operate too."

Otterville also has Dr. H. H. Batson, M.D., and his wife, Dr. Lois Adams Batson, dentist, who have been here for 25 years. Dr. A. J. Colver, whose widow died in Otterville in July at 94, is believed to have been the first doctor to obtain an Ontario licence, and he practiced in Otterville until around 1820.

Of Dr. Downing's 1900 class of about 70, only 14 are living, and eight of these were at the class reunion in Toronto this fall.

None Smoked

As they were "talking shop" it was noted that of 20 in the room at one time, not one of them smoked. "Doctors realize the dangers of excessive smoking," Dr. Downing said, "but we can't seem to convince our patients of the danger."

Keenly interested in astronomy, Dr. Downing has also found relaxation in art and has shown many of his pictures at exhibits. He also found time to teach a class at Sunday school. During his term of office as village trustee Otterville obtained hydro and a water system. His father-in-law, the late William Holmes, and Charles E. Addison were the other two "town fathers" at that time.

An active member of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, Dr. Downing has contributed much to the community. To a host of friends he is best known for his friendliness, a keen sense of humor, and a rare ability to dispel fear.



Long Service

Dr. H. G. Downing, who has completed 51 years' service as a medical doctor in the Otterville district. Dr. Downing began his practice in Otterville immediately following his graduation in 1900. He now has associated with him his son, Dr. Murray Downing.

DEATHS

LESLIE TATE

OTTERVILLE: Leslie Tate, who spent practically all of his life in the same house in which he was born, on the eastern outskirts of Otterville, died in Soldiers' Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg on New Year's Eve. He would have been 79 next week.

Most of his life was spent at photography, and he did some of this work until last summer. He had been in poor health for some time but around as usual. Friday he suffered a stroke while visiting at the home of his sister where he had gone to spend the New Year week-end. He was taken to the hospital where he never regained consciousness. He is sur-

vived by one sister, Mrs. Arnold (Lazelle) Hill, and a niece and nephew, Mrs. Delmer Clinton and Fred Hill, all of South Norwich Township.

Mr. Tate rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Bruce Hisey, pastor of Otterville Baptist Church, of which deceased was a member. Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

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 Simcoe.

The pallbearers were R. M. Holmes, William Kennedy, J. K. Wardell, A. Barchelder, George Daiken and Fred Church. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

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Find Relaxation in Music



Former residents of Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clinton, above, of 346 Grosvenor street, London, find relaxation in music in their London home, to which they retired three years ago. Mrs. Clinton has taught piano to her children and grandchildren.

Former Otterville Couple Enjoy Music in Retirement

WHITE-HAIRED and in her 80th year, Mrs. Andrew Clinton of 346 Grosvenor street, sat down at her always-open piano, whisked nimbly through a tricky composition without fumbling a single grace note, trill or arpeggio, then held out hands twisted by rheumatism and apologized for her performance.

"I should be able to do better than that," she said. "I suppose that, over the years, I've given a hundred people, young and old, an elementary knowledge of music.

"My son is a fine pianist, and right now I'm teaching my 11-year-old grandchild. Already, with her supple fingers, she can do things

that I'm no longer able to do. It's very annoying, but I suppose at my age it's to be expected."

Mrs. Clinton studied music in her youth, and has made a life-long hobby of playing religious pieces and orchestral music arranged for the piano, finding time for it even in her 50 years as a farmer's wife on a 138-acre property at Otterville.

She and her 78-year-old husband retired to London three years ago. They have been married for 52 years, and Mrs. Clinton says laughingly that he is one of her few pupils who has not developed into a capable musician.

"He was always fooling around

and would never concentrate," she says. And while Mr. Clinton maintained that one good musician in the family was enough, he listened closely and critically as his wife played, and unconsciously marked the rhythm with his hands.

Mr. Clinton said his own hobby was still "fooling around," and had firm ideas on the blueprint for lasting happiness in marriage.

"A man should keep his eyes open, look over the whole market, select the very best article he can find, and, having made his bargain, stick to it, as any honest businessman should."

Now that their family of three children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild are settled in their own lives, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton cope with the household chores, and, the day's work over,

amateur-teacher and erring-pupil let bygones be bygones, and relax together in a common love of music.

St. John's Church Club held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Catherine McMullen with a good attendance, and plans were made for a euchre to be held in the parish hall Friday evening. Mrs. Ross Avey, who is leaving Otterville soon, was presented with a cup and saucer by the club. A number of interesting contests were enjoyed, after which the hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Nate McMullen, served lunch. *Apr. 1952.*

Otterville Mill Has New Owner

OTTERVILLE, Feb. 20 — Lorne Treffry, who recently sold his farm on the 10th concession of South Norwich Township to Alec Johasz, of Port Burwell, has purchased the flour and feed mill at Otterville from his father, Ernest Treffry. The new mill owner plans to move to Otterville next week, having purchased the house of Mrs. Paul Fish, just east of the I.O.O.F. hall. Mr. Treffry's father has owned and operated the mill for the past ten years.

About 65 of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Treffry's neighbors gathered at their home for a farewell evening with them. On behalf of the group an address was given by Irvin Gehring, and Howard Hussey and Mrs. Kenneth Moore presented them with gifts. *1952.*

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Five Otterville Nonagenarians Interested in Village Affairs

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—There are five nonagenarians in Otterville, and all have spent most of their lives in South Norwich Township. All five are mentally alert and willing and eager to discuss in any way the affairs of the community.

Otterville's oldest resident, Mrs. T. G. Foreman, will celebrate her 94th birthday this week. While confined to her bed most of the time, she is cheerful and her hands are busy crocheting neat little doilies which she presents to her friends.

Matthew Furlong, who celebrated his 91st birthday the last of April, was born in Otterville, reads without glasses, and never misses the ball games on the radio.

J. Wesley Fish came to Otterville as a baby, 90 years ago, and judging from his beautifully kept

garden, and the long hours he works in his print shop, he chose a healthy atmosphere. As treasurer of the United Church and secretary-treasurer of the Otter cemetery, he is a busy and a happy man.

Two of the nonagenarians had their 90th birthday this year. Harvey Sinden, who lives with his sisters, Mrs. James Johnston and Mrs. Barnard, was born in South Norwich Township, near Otterville, 90 years ago last February, and was active as a barber until a few years ago. He still enjoys getting out around, the yard and garden.

Mrs. William Steinhoff was also born in South Norwich Township and was 90 in April, and enjoys all the activities of the community, and does her share in making Otterville a delightful place.

Ninetieth Birthday Celebrated



(Staff Photo by J. Lynes)

Surrounded by scores of gifts, flowers and congratulatory messages from a host of friends, Mrs. William Steinhoff, Otterville, celebrated her 90th birthday Friday. Mrs. Steinhoff has been a resident of South Norwich township during her entire 90 years, and is still active in church and community affairs, and keeps her own home, with a relative or friend with her most of the time. She is a member of the Springford Baptist Church and is usually in her place there on Sundays, and often attends the United Church services in Otterville, and entertains the Baptist Mission Circle of which she is a member. Active in the Otterville Women's Institute, she is also an inspiration to the W.M.S. and Women's Association of the Otterville United Church.

Mrs. Steinhoff's husband died soon after they moved from the farm into the village over thirty years ago, but her home continues to be a centre of hospitality, and while she has no family of her own, she is seldom alone.

The day before her birthday,

the Otterville Women's Institute presented her with a huge birthday cake which she has shared with the scores of friends and relatives who have called to offer greetings on the happy occasion.

Among those who came from a distance to be with her were Mrs. E. Forde of Brantford who has been her companion part of the time for many years, and has passed her 85th birthday; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Williams of Toronto, also a number of her nieces and nephews, and her only sister Mrs. Rose Griffin of Woodstock, and her brother George Singer of Otterville.

Assisting Mrs. Steinhoff through the two-day celebration were some of her nieces, Mrs. J. A. Hainer, Brantford, Mrs. Enoch Mills and her daughter, Aylmer, Mrs. Lloyd Daniels, Hatchley, Mrs. J. Lynes and Mrs. Wallace McClellan, Norwich, also Mrs. Dorothy Wilcox, Mrs. Elmer Almost, Miss Beatrice Lees, and others. The rooms were attractive with roses, daffodils, Easter lilies, and other gift flowers.

APR 1952

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(January 29, 1897)

C. H. Parker & Company are having their ice house filled from the Waterworks pond.

Mr. Snell, who recently kept the hotel near the M.C.R. station, has rented Hick's hotel in Otterville and is now running it.



Mr. and Mrs. Oenema

OTTERVILLE — At the United Church parsonage the Rev. W. G. Wylie united in marriage Betty Marguerite Hussey and Sietse Oenema. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hussey, Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Atze Oenema.

The bride wore a lilac silk-crepe dress with matching hat, white accessories and corsage of white carnations. Mrs. Doreen Marchuk was the bride's only attendant wearing hyacinth blue crepe with matching bolero, white accessories and corsage of pink carnations. John Mason was groomsman.

At a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Hussey wore a lime green dress with pink accessories. After a trip to the Eastern States the couple will live in Otterville.

88th Birthday

Otterville—A party in honor of Mrs. Emily McMullen's 88th birthday was held at her old home, where her granddaughter, Mrs. Fred Thompson, and Mr. Thompson now reside.

Mrs. McMullen enjoys fairly good health, and received many gifts and cards on the happy occasion.

Those of her family present for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Lester McMullen of Beachville; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Nean McMullen, Ann and Ross, of Norwich; Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine.

Mrs. Thompson was assisted by her mother and aunts in serving the birthday supper along with a decorated cake.

MAY 26



Mr. and Mrs. Mann

Mann-Riddell

WELLBURN, May 24 — This afternoon, in a setting of spring flowers at the home of the bride's parents, Beverley June Riddell became the bride of Robert William Mann in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Roy Burgess. Miss Donna King presided at the organ. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowland Riddell, Wellburn, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann, Otterville.

Mr. Riddell gave his daughter in marriage. She wore white nylon embossed tulle, ballerina-length, with a matching jacket styled with tapered sleeves. A tiara of braided satin and seed pearls held by nylon shoulder-length veil, and the bride carried a shower of red roses and lily-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Mervin Gateman, Southampton, was matron of honor, wearing embroidered ballerina-length pink nylon marquisette with matching stole and accessories and carrying pink roses and purple-tinted lily-of-the-valley. The groom's brother, Ivor Mann, of Tillsonburg, was groomsman.

At a reception at Palm Grove Restaurant, the bride's mother wore a rosewood dress with navy accessories and corsage of yellow roses. The groom's mother chose a printed silk dress with grey accessories and corsage of pink roses.

For a wedding trip, the bride donned a grey suit with flamingo accessories. The couple will live in London.

Late May Isabel Law

The death occurred of Mrs. May Isabel Law at the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg, Thursday morning after a short illness. She had attended church as usual last Sunday, and had visited with friends late in the afternoon. Early in the evening she was found in her living room unconscious, with a paper she was reading still in her lap. She was taken to the hospital Monday morning, but never regained consciousness. Born at Vittoria she spent her early years in Hamilton and Montreal, and after her marriage lived at Wapolla, Saskatchewan for 11 years, returning to Vittoria for a few months before moving to Otterville where she has lived for the past 25 years. Her husband, the late William Henry Law predeceased her nine years ago, and she is survived by one son, Herbert Law, accountant at the Royal Bank at Wallaceburg, and one granddaughter Brenda Law. She also leaves a sister Mrs. Jemmett, Beamsville and a brother H. R. Taylor, Woodstock. She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, and has been the church treasurer for a number of years. She was also active in the Ladies Guild, and was a member of Violet Rebekah Lodge, and the Otterville Women's Institute.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the St. John's Anglican Church and were largely attended. Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge, of which Mrs. Law was a recent member, attended the service in a body. Rev. C. H. Wright conducted the services, and Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist. Relatives and friends were present from Wallaceburg, Beamsville, Ingersoll, Guelph, Ridgeway, Vittoria and other points. Among the many lovely floral tributes were those from the Wallaceburg Kinsmen club, the J. L. Thompson Supply Co., the staff of the Wallaceburg Royal Bank of which Mrs. Law's only son Herbert Law is a member, the Otterville Women's Institute, Violet Rebekah Lodge, the St. John's Ladies Guild and St. John's Church Club, and the neighbors.

Interment was made in the family plot in St. John's Cemetery at Woodhouse, the casket bearers being Nate McMullen, Stanley Geh-



FAYE BAILEY, North Norwich, is the last pupil to leave old Norwich High School. The Grade XIII student is shown leaving the school which is to be used no more. Next year the new building will be used. Faye is seen just after writing her last examination—
Latin

La Salette

June 19 1952
Charles W. Alward, 23, of LaSalette, died in Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital, Monday morning as the result of injuries in an accident at Brownsville, when his truck turned upside down on the main street. An artery in his right leg was severed and he suffered from severe shock.

A passenger, Morgan Wray, also of LaSalette is in hospital suffering from severe head injuries and shock. A third man, Jack Harwood escaped with a shaking up.

Provincial Constable William Rogers who investigated said Alward was driving at a high rate of speed when the truck turned over and landed with four wheels in the air. Rogers said Alward was thrown out of the truck and that brake marks on the road extended 315 feet.

Born in Detroit, deceased who was a trucker, came to this district in 1935. He was educated at Delhi school and St. Jerome's College, Kitchener. He was a member of Our Lady of LaSalette.

Surviving are his wife, former Margaret Hooker, whom he married in 1949, a son Charles Jr. two years old, his mother, Mrs. M. Boone, Delhi, three sisters, Darlene, Betty and Cecile and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. VanParys, Delhi.

The funeral was held from the K. M. Porter Funeral Home and Solemn High Mass was offered by Rev. Fathers Veitenheimer, Fitzpatrick and Wynn, this morning at 10 o'clock. The pall bearers will be Reg. Harwood, Bert Slossie, Wilfred Denise, Jerry Thournout, Albert Schelstraete and Andrew Veceschauer.

Otterville Man Develops System To Cure Tobacco

Air Holes Cut Peril of Fire

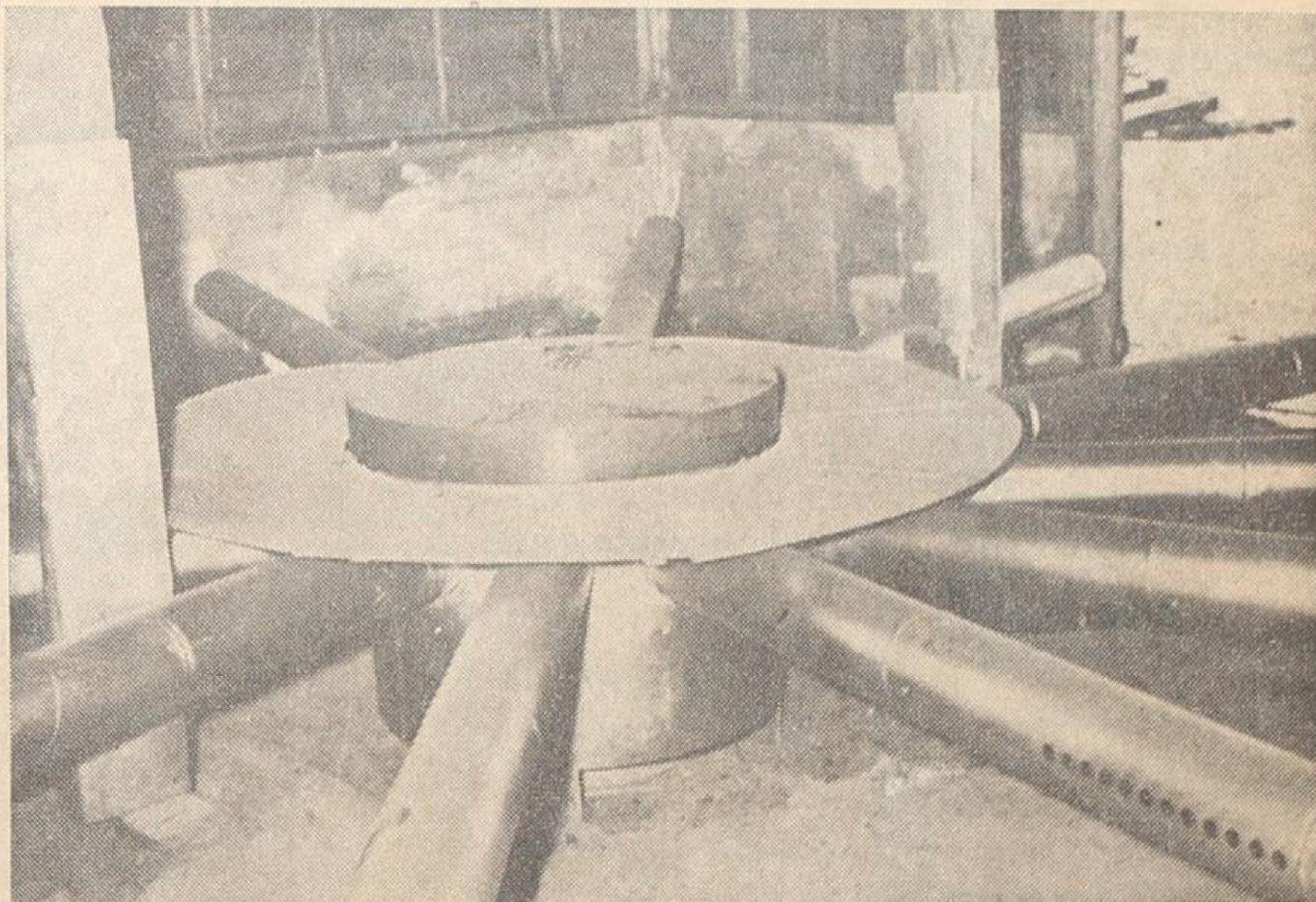
NORWICH, June 3 — A new system of tobacco curing has been introduced in this area by an Otterville man, R. C. Pettigrew, who is currently turning out curing units for installation in many kilns throughout the district.

Operated by an oil burner, the unit consists of a combustion chamber and a dozen distributing pipes which carry hot air to every point in the kiln. Pettigrew has also included in his unit thermostatic controls and a photo-electric cell to limit the temperature range.

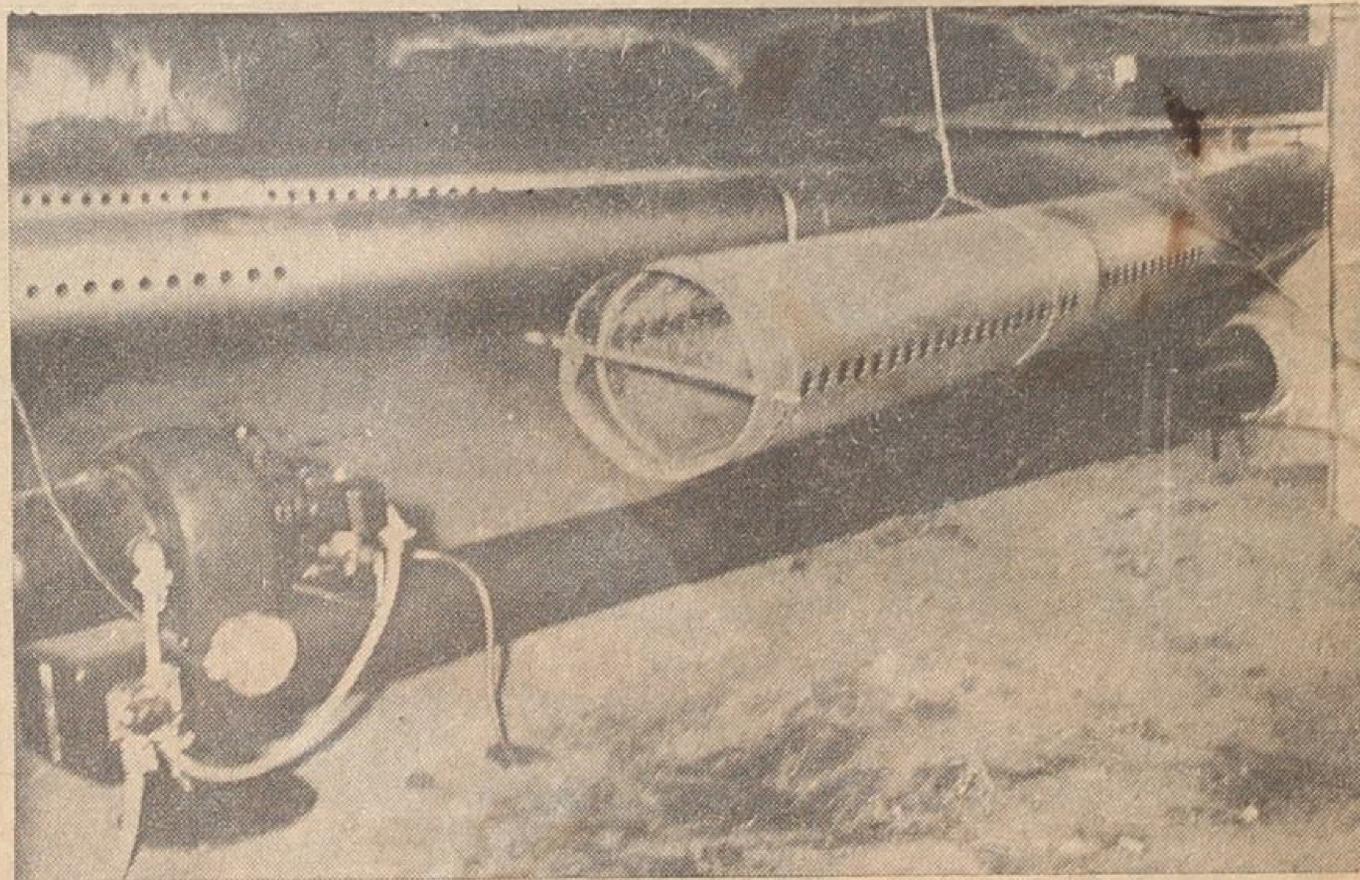
Hundred-Degree Range

He contends the equipment greatly reduces the possibility of fire and also tends to cure green tobacco better than older methods. The unit has a 100-degree temperature range, from 90 to 190 degrees.

Most curing systems circle distributing pipes around the walls of the kiln. These pipes often become red hot before sufficient heat escapes to cure the tobacco. Pettigrew combats this with "breathing holes" in his pipes and an electric fan.



Distributing pipes fan out from the combustion chamber of a new tobacco curing system inaugurated by R. C. Pettigrew, of Otterville. This equipment has interested many Norwich district growers, several of whom have ordered it installed their kilns for use this year.



Close-up view of a distributing pipe shows the "breathing holes" punched by Pettigrew to permit hot air to circulate freely through the tobacco kiln. At the left is the electrically-operated oil burner which powers the new curing unit. Fire hazard is reduced to a minimum.

Otterville Oddity Bursts Blooms

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Mrs. Wellington Armstrong of this village, who prizes her flower gardens very highly, was very much surprised when the second blooming of her magnolia tree appeared. Usually this tree takes on buds in the fall which burst forth in the spring, but this tree has already shown its beauty

twice this year.
July 1952.

PETTIT — GRAVES

Rev. Lloyd Whan, minister of the Norwich Baptist church, officiated at a lovely home wedding on Saturday afternoon, June 14th, which united in marriage Miss Shirley Emily Graves, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Graves, Main Street, and Bruce Stephen Pettit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Pettit, Ingersoll.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, before an attractively arranged bank of mixed summer flowers and under a streamer decked arch and wedding bells. Large baskets of peonies and roses in pastel shades were distributed throughout the house to complete the scheme of decoration and enhance the beauty of the occasion.

Traditional, recorded wedding music was played as the bride was escorted by her father, who gave her in marriage. After the double ring ceremony and during the signing of the register, Mrs. Douglas McKay sang in faultless manner, "The Wedding Prayer".

The bride was an attractive figure in her two piece suit of yellow gaberdine, with mauve accessories. She wore an orchid corsage and the groom's gift of a rhinestone brooch. Mrs. Lyle Shou, Woodstock, was bridesmaid and she wore a dressmaker suit of lime colored gaberdine. She had chosen pink and green accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Keith Pettit, Ingersoll, assisted his brother as groomsman. Honoured among the guests were Mrs. Emily McMullen, Otterville, 89 year-old grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. Clara Lusk, Langton, grandmother of the groom. The former looked smart in her pretty dress of black flowered crepe, with corsage of mauve sweetpeas. Mrs. Lusk was chic too, in an Alice blue crepe dress with a corsage of red roses. For this important occasion Mrs. Graves, mother of the bride, had chosen navy sheer, with navy accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Pettit, mother of the groom wore turquoise crepe with a corsage of pink roses and with black accessories.

The wedding breakfast was served by the Misses Barbara Fleming, Ingersoll; Catherine McMullen, Otterville, and Leslie Force, Norwich. Assisting with preparation were: Mrs. D. McKay, Mrs. W. Crosken, Toronto, and Mrs. Murray Pinkerton.

Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Pettit entrained at Woodstock to go to Hamilton, Niagara Falls and Buffalo for their honeymoon. They will make their new home in Sarnia.

Out of town guests came from: Woodstock, Ingersoll, Toronto, Hamilton, Simcoe, Langton, Otterville and Sarnia.

June 14/52

Died

McMullen—At her home in Otterville, on Wednesday, July 30th, 1952, Mrs. Florence Mary McMullen, widow of Arthur Gordon McMullen, in her 71st year.

Friends will be received at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where funeral services will be held on Friday August 1st at 2.00 p.m. Interment will be in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

LATE MRS. F. M. McMULLEN

Mrs. Florence Mary McMullen, widow of the late Arthur Gordon McMullen and a life-long resident of South Norwich township, passed away at her home Wednesday morning.

Born in Otterville 70 years ago, she was the daughter of the late John Holland Wase and Jenny Addison.

After her marriage she and her late husband farmed in the district one mile east of Otterville, and following her husband's death she and her son Gordon moved into the village.

She had been in failing health for some time, suffering a severe stroke last Saturday.

She is survived by two sons, William and Gordon McMullen; and five grandchildren, all of Otterville. Her only brother, Addison Wase predeceased her several years ago.

Funeral service will be held at the Addison Funeral Home Friday August 1st, at 2 p.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. W. G. Wylie minister of the Otterville United church. Interment will be at the Otter cemetery, Otterville.

Funeral Service Held For Mrs. F. McMullen

(From Our Own Correspondent)

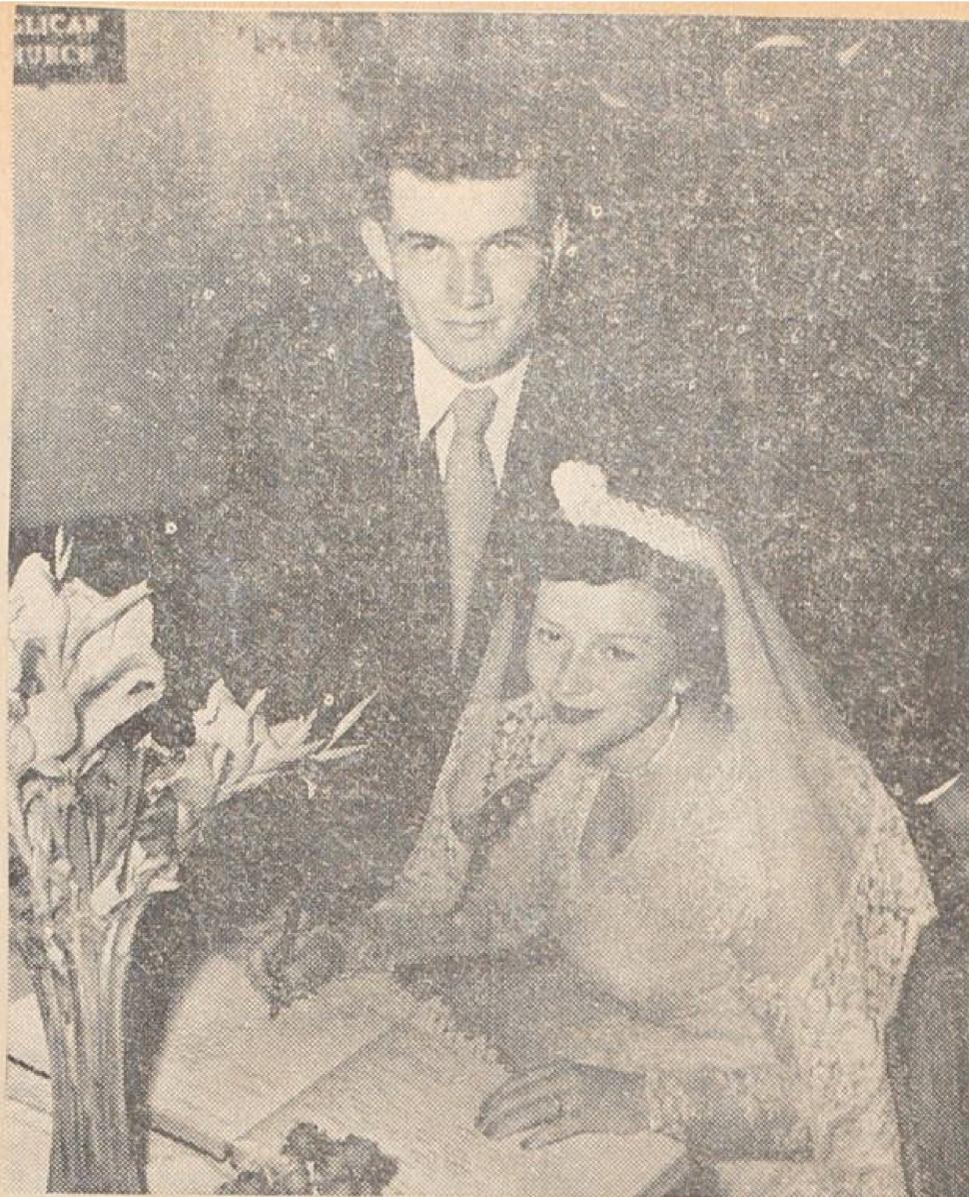
Otterville—Mrs. Florence Mary McMullen, widow of Arthur Gordon McMullen, Otterville, died at her home here Wednesday morning following a stroke which she suffered last Saturday. Mrs. McMullen was born in Otterville 70 years ago and spent her entire life in South Norwich township.

After the death of her husband she moved with her son Gordon from their farm a mile east of Otterville to the village where they have since resided. She had been in poor health for some time but was able to be around most of the time until last Saturday.

She is survived by two sons, William and Gordon McMullen, and five grandchildren, all of Otterville. Her only brother, Addison Wase, predeceased her several years ago.

Funeral services held Friday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home were conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of Otterville United Church. Before and after the service, Miss Lila Jull, Otterville, played a number of favorite hymns. The services were very largely attended by deceased's friends and neighbors. Also, many were present from St. Thomas, London, Springfield, Dorchester, Burgessville, Brantford, Norwich, Woodstock, Burford, Teeterville, Hamilton, Tillsonburg, Princeton, and Ridgeway, Wisconsin, and other places. Scores of beautiful floral tributes filed the room, and among them was a wreath from the Police Village of Otterville, of which Mrs. McMullen's eldest son, William, is a village trustee, and wreaths also from the Tip Top Cannery and the men employees of the Cannery, where the younger son, Gordon, is employed, and the women employees.

Casket bearers and flower bearers included Cecil Hooker, Murray Holmes, Andrew Childs, Ben Strudwick, Herbert Parson, Charles Forman, Alex Slaght, William Butler and Charles Mannell. Interment was in Otterville Cemetery.



Shown following their recent marriage in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, are Mr. and Mrs. Harry James Green. The bride is the former Bertha Margaret Marshall, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall of Otterville, and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Delmer. The couple are residing at Delmer. (Les Langford, St. Thomas.) **SEPT 1, 1952**



Mr. and Mrs. Nutkins

Pictured after exchanging marriage vows in London churches are Mr. and Mrs. George Albert Nutkins (left) and ~~Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leonard (Bud) Kinsella (right)~~ shown signing the register. Velma Angela Angell, bride of Mr. Nutkins, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Angell, Otterville, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nutkins, London.

Anglican Concert

The Christmas concert for St. John's Anglican Sunday school was preceded by a supper with more than 30 of the pupils present. Rev. C. H. Wright was the chairman for a good program of recitations by Lois Durkee, Lois Wavell, Gary Thompson, Susan Jardine, Wayne Spicer, Jay Durkee, Merlin Howse, Peter Pickersgill, Barry Wavell and Barbara Walters.

There was also a quartet, "Silent Night," by Diane Wavell, Gladys Pickersgill, Lois and Patsy Durkee, and a play, "As Children Like It," by Miss Marie DeVoogdt's class. Bobby Picknell sang "Rudolph" and Fernie Picknell favored with a piano solo.

Miss Catherine McMullen's class gave a skit on "Santa Claus" and Doreen Howse, Barbara Briggs and Sharon Furlong sang "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa." Mrs. Nate McMullen and her daughter, Miss Catherine McMullen, played a piano duet, "King of the Forest," and the program closed with "God Save the Queen."

Santa arrived afterward and distributed gifts from the well-laden tree. Prizes for the best attendance throughout the year were given to Merlin Howse, who attended 46 Sundays, Doreen Howse for 45, Patsy Durkee for 41 and Susan Jardine for 40.

Mrs. Joseph Jakubowski

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph Jakubowski, whose death occurred at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital last Tuesday, were held from the Addison Funeral Home to the Church of Our Lady, La Salette, Saturday morning where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Fr. E. Veitenheimer.

Sympathy to the bereaved family at Christmas time was expressed by many beautiful floral tributes, including wreaths from the neighbors, Slight Brothers, the Otter Lumber Co., and the Pals Club of which Mrs. Jakubowski was a member. There were also a great number of mass cards, and the services Friday evening and Saturday morning were largely attended.

Among those coming from a distance were Mr. Jakubowski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jakubowski, and Mr. and Mrs. Val Jakubowski, who motored the 1,700 miles from Grayson, Sask., to be with the family; also James Reiger, Grayson, Sask., and other relatives from Montreal, Toronto, Oshawa, Cathcart, Delhi, Aylmer and other places.

Interment was made in the R.C. Cemetery, La Salette, and the casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Frank Finch, Rouville Alix, Roy Rachar, Joe Ash, Nate McMullen and Fred Walther.

Dec 23-27/52

Carol Service

A carol service was held at St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon and was well attended. Rev. C. H. Wright provided Christmas music and also played the accompaniment for the solo "The Holy City" sung by Mr. J. W. Riste. Conrad Austin sang the solo part in "O Little Town of Bethlehem." A quartet of Conrad Austin, Sharon Furlong, Barbara Briggs and Ferne Picknell sang "Away in a Manger" and "See Amid the Winter Snow" with the choir and congregation joining in the chorus. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist.

The church was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, and the pews were marked by branches of evergreen and candles.

Receives Cap

Miss Joan Brown was one of a class of 76 to receive her cap last Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital, London. Miss Brown is spending a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown.

DEC 1952

Norwich OES Marks 25 Years

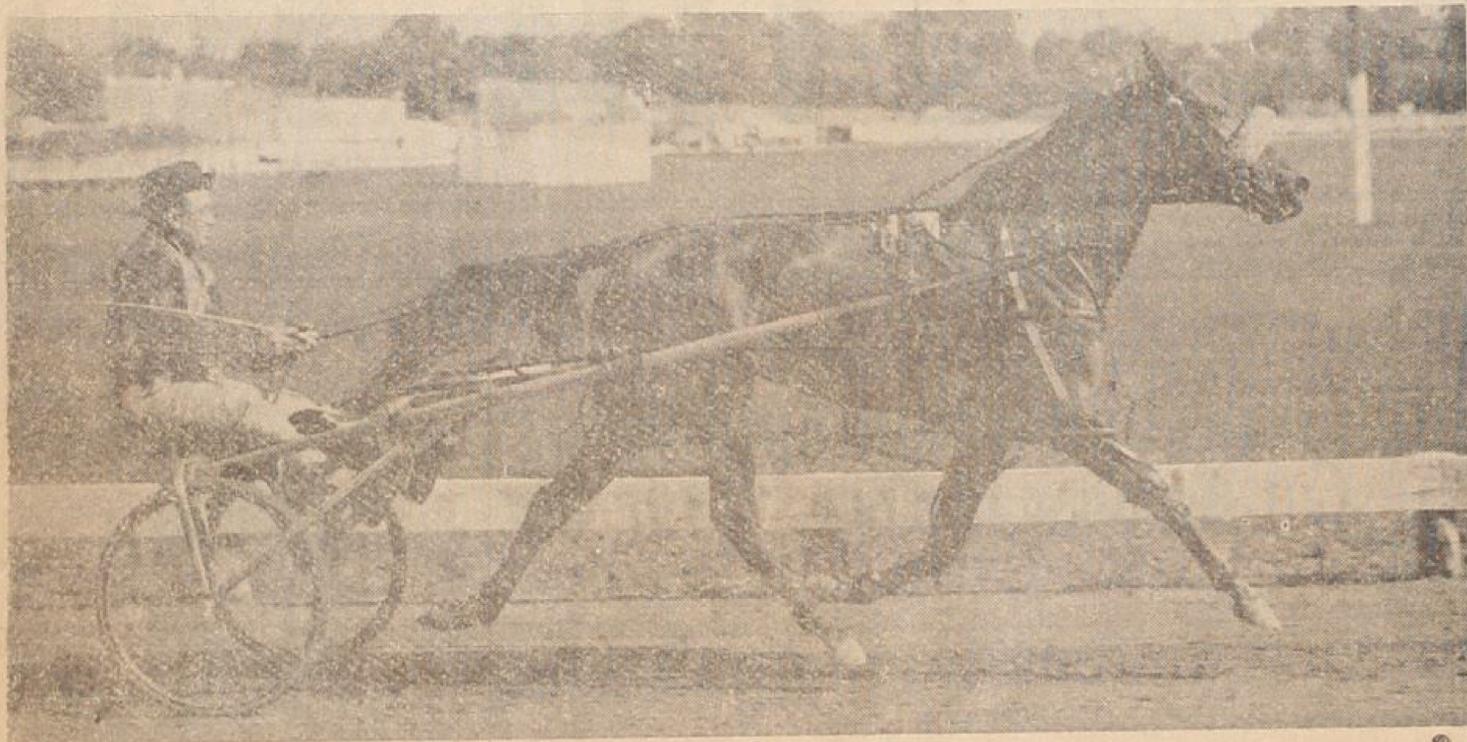


A group of well-wishers are pictured at a gala occasion marking the 25th birthday of Norwich Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Left to right: Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Elizina Mann, Otterville, the last two members to be

initiated; Mrs. Leita Wardell worthy matron, and Harry Cookman, worthy patron; Mrs. Sarah Leitch, Mrs. Florence poole, first two members to be initiated into the chapter.

DEC 1952

Otterville Mare Retires from Racing



The largest money-winning Canadian-bred mare, Dillon Flicka, after eight consecutive years of racing, has been retired into the broodmare ranks and will go to the court of Ensign Hanover next spring. Owned by Ed. Arthur of Otterville, Ont. (Joe Hodgins up), Flicka campaigned with success in Ontario and New York State, and will be missed by her large following of fans. Dec/52

Dillon Flicka, Canada's largest money-winning Canadian-bred mare owned by Ed. Arthur of Otterville, has been retired, after eight consecutive years of racing, having faced the starter 328 times with a total earning of \$27,720.11. She has had 54 wins, 68 times second, 53 times third, and very seldom out of the money.

She won her first two starts as a two-year-old after early training over the Tillsonburg oval by Mel Horton. As a three-year-old, she was 14 times first, 14 times second and 13 times third, out of 51 starts. When four years old, she had 16 wins, eight seconds and 11 thirds. Part of that season was spent in the United States. In all her three and four-year-old races, she was driven by Alfie Moore of Sarnia, who rated her well.

When five years old, she took a record of 2:07 1/2, and at six years of age lowered it to 2:06 2/5, which she carried until this year, when she lowered it to 2:06 1/5 at Buffalo Raceway, where she has raced for the last four years, completing her season there with a win.

It would seem feasible that she will miss the raceways as much as her fans will miss her, as she always liked to race, and gave all she had

every time she went to the post.

Dillon Flicka, sired by Dillon Mc, dam, Jean Argot, finished her racing career in sound condition, and never had to be scratched for any race.

She will be sent to Castleton Farms, Lexington, Kentucky, next spring, to be bred to Ensign Hanover, 1:59 4/5.

Handicap No Obstacle to Service



Near-blindness, which fell upon her last summer, did not deter Miss Florence Akins (seated, right) from accepting a second term as president of the Ladies' Aid of Knox Presbyterian Church, Norwich. Miss Akins is pictured with her executive. Left to right, seated: Mrs. James McKie, secretary, and Miss Akins; standing, Mrs. A. B. Arn, leader of Group 1; Mrs. John McKie, second vice-president; Mrs. V. Coward, treasurer, and Mrs. George Lowe, first vice-president and leader of Group 3. Miss Akins serves as leader of Group 2, as well as Ladies' Aid president.

Mrs. Mary McFarlane

Mrs. Mary Ella McFarlane, widow of Alex McFarlane of Otterville, was buried at Otterville Tuesday afternoon following a brief service at the Addison Funeral Home, and graveside service at the Otter Cemetery, conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the Otterville United Church of which Mrs. McFarlane was a member.

Mrs. McFarlane had spent most of her life in Otterville, and several years ago went to Hamilton to be with her daughter, Miss Ida McFarlane, returning to their home here each summer. She was 92 years of age, and had an attack of pneumonia early in December and was taken to hospital.

Her three daughters, Miss Ida McFarlane, Miss Nina McFarlane and Mrs. William Cavanagh reside in Hamilton, and one son, Kenneth, lives in New Jersey.

Funeral services were held at the Marlatt Funeral Home in Hamilton Monday evening and were largely attended. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Relatives at Otterville included Misses Ida and Nina McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cavanagh and son and daughter, Michael and Nora; and Mrs. Ed. Pennington of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Doherty and Gordon McFarlane, St. Catharines, Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell and son, John, Grimsby, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McIntosh, Whitby, and Mrs. Keelah Dickson, Utica, N.Y.

The casket bearers were Alfred Moore, Murray Holmes, Clare Durkee, Ronald Collver, Charles Mannell and Max Avey.

Former Otterville Couple Enjoy Music in Retirement

WHITE-HAIRED and in her 80th year, Mrs. Andrew Clinton of 346 Grosvenor street, sat down at her always-open piano, whisked nimbly through a tricky composition without fumbling a single grace note, trill or arpeggio, then held out hands twisted by rheumatism and apologized for her performance.

"I should be able to do better than that," she said. "I suppose that, over the years, I've given a hundred people, young and old, an elementary knowledge of music."

"My son is a fine pianist, and right now I'm teaching my 11-year-old grandchild. Already, with her supple fingers, she can do things

that I'm no longer able to do. It's very annoying, but I suppose at my age it's to be expected."

Mrs. Clinton studied music in her youth, and has made a life-long hobby of playing religious pieces and orchestral music arranged for the piano, finding time for it even in her 50 years as a farmer's wife on a 138-acre property at Otterville.

She and her 78-year-old husband retired to London three years ago. They have been married for 52 years, and Mrs. Clinton says laughingly that he is one of her few pupils who has not developed into a capable musician.

"He was always fooling around

Oxford Police Probe Shooting

Special to The Free Press

TILLSONBURG, Jan. 20—Provincial Police here are investigating the shooting of Hugh Cooper, 41-year-old Springford laborer, found unconscious in the kitchen of his employer's home. A .22 rifle bullet, striking his left breast, had punctured his lung and passed through his body, narrowly missing his heart.

Cooper was discovered by Mrs. Charles Newell, wife of Cooper's employer, police reported. Dr. Downing, of Otterville, rushed Cooper, badly bleeding, to Brantford hospital in his car.

Authorities reported Cooper's condition is favorable.

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Mrs. Thomas Hudson

OTTERVILLE, Jan. 13 — Services for Mrs. Thomas Hudson, 68, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillian DeVoogdt, will be conducted Monday at 2.30 p.m. by the Rev. C. H. Wright, Norwich, in the Addison funeral home, and interment made in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

She came to Simcoe from England in 1912. Following her marriage to Mr. Hudson, they lived in Norfolk and Oxford counties, and 15 years ago came to Otterville, where Mr. Hudson died seven years ago.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters, George, Toronto; William and Ernest, Otterville; Mrs. William H. Mudge, Beachville, and Mrs. DeVoogdt, Otterville; one brother and two sisters, William Hickman and Mrs. Ernest Edgington, Simcoe, and Mrs. Kate Badnell, England.

Jan 12/52

Norwich OES Presented With Flag



To commemorate their year as the presiding officers of Norwich Chapter, Order Eastern Star, Mrs. Lois Batson, Otterville, and William Waring, Norwich, past worthy matron and patron, presented the chapter with a large silk Union Jack. The formal presentation was made to the chapter by Mrs. Marion Ross, New Toronto, the former Marion Stevenson, of Norwich, who also conducted the dedication ceremony. Mrs. Alice Arthur, presiding patron, accepted the flag and thanked the donors. Pictured, left to right, are: William Waring; Mrs. Lois Batson; Mrs. F. Poole, D.D.G.M.; Mrs. Marion Ross; Mrs. Mabel C. Mackereth, Toronto; worthy grand matron; Mrs. Alice Arthur worthy matron; Clarence Larmen, worthy patron. (Photo by G. Lowe).

Feb. Haley - Broad 9/52.

OTTERVILLE — The United Church parsonage, Otterville, was the setting for the wedding of Doris Evelyn Broad, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broad and Murray Alfred Haley, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Haley, all of Springford. The Rev. W. G. Wylie officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father was charming in a gown of nylon net-over blue taffeta with head-band of pink roses and camillius, matching her bouquet.

Mrs. Norman Fleming, sister of the bride, as matron of honor, wore a gown of navy blue sheer with corsage of Better Times roses and a navy blue straw hat with white trim. LeVerne Haley, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Broad was gowned in navy blue sheer with corsage of pink carnations and camillias. Mrs. Haley, mother of the groom was attired in blue faille with corsage of red roses and camillias.

The bride's going-away costume included a powder blue suit with pink straw hat and navy blue accessories.

Following a honeymoon in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Haley will reside at R.R. 1, Springford. *J.L.*

Happy Bluebirds President



Pictured above is Mrs. Martin Smith, new president of the Otterville Happy Bluebird Mary Hastings Club. Mrs. Smith succeeds Mrs. Daisy Ash, the club's first president, who served several successful terms. The Happy Bluebirds Club will be hosts at a Mary Hastings Area Picnic this year. 1952.

Otterville Board Committees Set

OTTERVILLE, Jan. 13 — The newly elected officers of the Otterville Board of Trade held their January meeting in the Community Hall.

Officers for 1952 are: Past president, T. E. Petch; president, Dr. G. Murray Downing; vice-president, R. O. Taylor; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Addison; council, Nate McMullen, Alex Slaght, George Slaght, David Kennedy, Adam Oliver, Dr. Lois Batson, J. K. Wardell, Clifford Rachar, C. L. Finch and William Butler.

Committees

Comittees appointed to act for one year are: Industrial, Nate McMullen, Alex Slaght and David Kennedy; publicity, Adam Oliver, W. L. Addison and R. O. Taylor; civic improvement, Dr. Lois Batson, J. K. Wardell and Cliff Rachar; ways and means, William Butler, George Slaght and Cecil Finch.

Inquiries are to be made regarding a parking lot in the village.

An essay on "How To Improve Otterville" will be open to the pupils of the entrance class in the Otterville school, and a \$5 prize will be given for the best one submitted.

Five Generations



Mrs. John B. West, Simcoe, at nearly 96, is the "senior member" of the five generations posed above. Mrs. West (seated) is holding her great-great-grandson, Richard Chartier. Standing are, left to right: Mrs. Dee Scott, Otterville; her daughter, Mrs. Russell Martingale, Toronto, and Mrs. Martingale's daughter, Mrs. Monty Chartier, Toronto, Richard's mother.

Otterville Picks 1952 Essay Winner

OTTERVILLE, Feb. 10—Twenty essays on "How To Improve Otterville," written by pupils of the entrance class at the Otterville School, were received by the Otterville Board of Trade, and the judges presented the \$5 prize to Norbert Jakubowski for "the most practical ideas."

Suggestions in the essays ranged from sidewalks and streets repaired, and sanded for ice; snow removal; street name signs; speed limit and stop signs enforced; garbage removal, to entertainment with special mention being made of a theatre. Numerous suggestions were to have the bowling green put in shape, and the Community Hall improved. Many felt that there should be no refuse allowed in the Otter Creek and that manufacturing concerns should be encouraged to locate in Otterville. Bus service and a tourist lodge along with more parking space and a fountain on Main street were other ideas. At the Community Park, which is Otterville's main attraction, the pupils recommended that trees be planted near the park entrance, earth placed over the tree roots, sand under the swings, and slides installed.

The president, Dr. G. Murray Downing, presided over the meeting and reported that some of the projects had been completed or were under way. The fence by the bridge was up, and the park sign was nearly ready. A delegation was appointed to meet with the village trustees regarding garbage disposal. The members were asked to try and stimulate interest regarding the bowling green "which has become an eyesore," and it was the hope of the Board that there would be more horticultural work done in the village.

Mrs. Ira Hooker 2-16/52 Dies Suddenly

OTTERVILLE, Feb. 17 — Mrs. Mary E. Hooker, 87, wife of Ira Hooker, died suddenly in her sleep yesterday, at her home, on Main street. For a week she had been attending her husband, who is seriously ill with flu, and when she did not get up at the usual time relatives decided to let her sleep as they thought she was tired.

She was a native of Kersey, Pennsylvania, and lived in Detroit before coming to Windsor 24 years ago. In 1935 she and her husband moved to a farm in South Norwich Township, and eight years ago came here to live. She was a member of the United Church.

Surviving besides her husband, are four brothers, and four sisters, in the United States.

Resting at the Addison funeral home, where services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m., by the Rev. W. G. Wylie, and interment made in the Otter Cemetery.

2-19/52

Funeral Service Held For Mrs. Ira Hooker

Otterville—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Ira Hooker of Otterville were held Tuesday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and were largely attended. Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of Otterville United Church, had charge of the services, and Miss Lila Jull was the pianist.

Mrs. Hooker, before her marriage, was Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Brocious, and is survived by her husband and four brothers and sister, William Cloyde Brocious, Moundsville, W. Va., Mrs. Leon Evens, Eldred, Pa., Mrs. Laura Fox, Kersey, Pa., Mrs. Mae Bridge, Turtle Creek, Pa., Frank Brocious, Brockway, Pa., Arthur Brocious, Kersey, Pa., and Mrs. Angelo Nasoni, Brandy Camp, Pa. All were present at the funeral, arriving here Monday, except the eldest brother and the youngest sister. Other relatives and friends were also present from Niagara Falls, N.Y., Pittsburg, Norwich, Detroit, La Salette, Windsor and other places.

There were many lovely floral tributs among them being "Gates Ajar" from the neighbors, and tributes from groups of Mrs. Hooker's friends, the Shrine Club, the Otterville United Church, the ball boys, the Summerville Women's Institute, and the employees of Slaght Bros.

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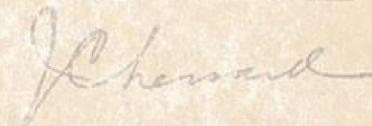
There are two classes of licence:

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THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE

Accept only an official licence in payment of fee.


Deputy Minister of Transport



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VOTRE NOUVELLE LICENCE DE RADIO EST ÉCHUE

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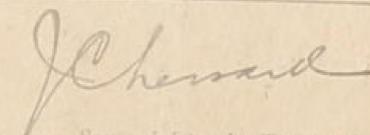
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Ceux qui se servent d'appareils radiorécepteurs sans licence sont passibles d'une amende, tel que prévu par la Loi.

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QUE VOUS RECEVREZ CETTE ANNÉE

N'acceptez qu'une licence officielle.


Sous-ministre des Transports

OTTERVILLE 1952

Mrs. Glen Avey has been spending a couple of weeks in Ingersoll, London and Buffalo.

Mrs. William Winkskill of Little Lake has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Ainsley Slaght, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Treffry and Billy visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bateman at Norwich on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mills of London spent the week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. Don Broad, and Mr. Broad.

Mrs. Thomas McNamara, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNamara, Jr. of Simcoe, and Miss Gretta Downing and Clarence Downing of Milestone, Sask., spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wardell and family.

Mrs. Valeria Brough of Maple Dell spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother-in-law, Mrs. James Brough, at the home of Mrs. Burton Broad.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Baguley and Bobby spent Sunday at Niagara Falls. Larry Baguley spent the day with his grandmother, Mrs. A. A. Stringer, at Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Broad and daughter, Linda, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bell at Springford.

Ladies' Guild

The St. John's Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Ward King with a good attendance and the president, Mrs. Lena Young, in charge. She gave a poem, "Life," which was much enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mann. The remainder of the meeting was spent in crocheting and knitting, after which Mrs. King, assisted by her daughters, Misses Ila and Jean King, served refreshments.

At a previous meeting held at the home of Mrs. M. Kerr, Mrs. Law and Mrs. L. Howse were appointed to meet with the ladies of the other churches to make plans for the World Day of Prayer, with Mrs. D. Spicer as leader. The Valentine Euchre was postponed to February 25th. Mrs. Kerr was assisted by Mrs. J. M. Furlong and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill in serving refreshments.

The St. John's Church Club met at the home of Miss Helen Thompson with a large attendance and Miss Jane Furlong presiding. Mrs. A. Jardine and Mrs. H. Pickersgill were the program conveners. Prizes for the evening were won by Mrs. Roy Rachar, Mrs. A. Jardine and Miss Jane Furlong. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Moore on February 27th.

(Intended for last week)

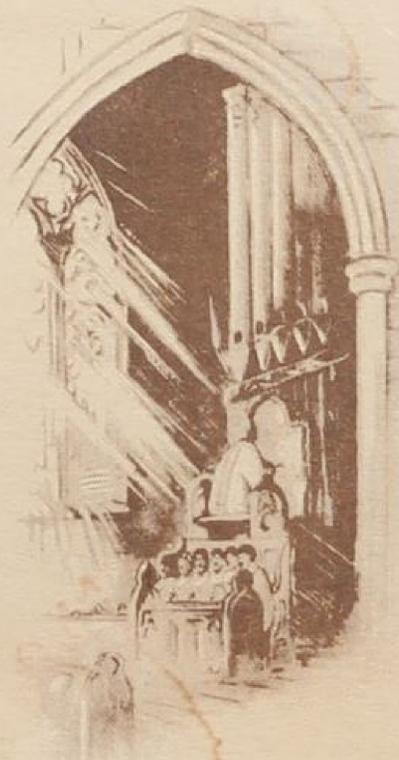
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Waring, Miss Lila Jull and A. E. Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull at Mount Elgin.

Several from here attended the progressive euchre held at Cornell Community Hall last week.

W. L. Addison accompanied her sister, Mrs. Russell Cooper, and Mr. Cooper of Tillsonburg to Ingersoll where they visited their sister, Mrs. Earl Fugard, in the Ingersoll Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wardell attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Herbert Downing, at Simcoe on Tuesday.

Miss Lila Jull, Mrs. J. K. Wardell and Miss Dorothy Wardell attended the recital in the Tillsonburg High School last week in which Miss Mary Syme was one of the artists appearing on the program.



In
Remembrance



Comfort

There is a day
of sunny rest
For every dark and
troubled night.
And grief may bide
an evening guest
But joy shall come
with morning light

For God hath marked
each sorrowing day
And numbered every
secret tear.
And Heaven's long age
of bliss shall pay
For all His children
suffer here

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR

Lenora Knevel

in her 73rd year.

PASSED AWAY

in Houghton

on Tuesday September 23, 1952.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and
Son Funeral Home, Tillsonburg,
until Friday, September 26, 1952, at
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Methodist Church for service at
2:00 p.m.

CLERGY

Rev. R. S. Hicks.

INTERMENT

In the Houghton Cemetery.

H. A. OSTRANDER & SON
FUNERAL HOME

First Settlers in Norwich District Arrived from New York in 1810; Events of Early Times Recalled

THE LONDON FREE PRESS, Saturday, March 8, 19

By Jean H. Waldie

As early as 1810, two pioneer settlers of Norwich, Peter Lossing and Sears Mott, with their families, left their old homes in Dutchess County, New York, and set out on the long journey to the new homesteads which they had purchased in the Norwich district in Oxford County.

The townships of North and South Norwich were so named after the City of Norwich, Norfolk, England. The word, which is Norwegian in origin, is derived from *nordo-vicus*, meaning "northern village."

"Open House" at Burford

When the newcomers arrived in Upper Canada, they made their way to Burford, where they rested for a few days at the home of John Yeigh, who kept "open house" for new settlers and travelers. Traveling with difficulty, Peter Lossing and his three sons, Solomon, Edmund and Benson, together with Sears Mott and a surveyor named Halsted, later covered the seven miles to Cooley's Pond by way of the old stage road and the remaining five miles to the homestead site by a path marked with blazed trees, made by surveyors.

The party reached its destination at nightfall and cut down several trees to construct a rude shelter of brush. A story is told that Benson, 11-year-old son of Peter Lossing, began chopping down the first tree in North Norwich, but his father took the axe from him, claiming the right to cut the first tree himself.

Built Log Hut

Within a few days the men built a log hut, where they were to live all winter, during which time they were engaged in chopping trees, clearing land and making a sled road through to Cooley's Pond.

In 1809, Peter Lossing had come to this country to visit friends and select a site for a new home. While in York (now Toronto) he heard of fine lands available in Oxford County. That same year he made a second trip to Upper Canada, this time accompanied by his brother-in-law, Peter De Long. Together they purchased from William Wilcocks (or Wilcox), of York Township, the entire tract of 15,000

acres in Norwich which he had received from the Crown in 1800. The price was 50 cents per acre.

Procure Settlers

Lossing and De Long thereupon returned to New York State and arranged for purchasers for portions of this tract of land. Adam Stover agreed to take 1,000 acres for each of his children who would go to Canada and live there. Three of his sons, Michael, Frederick and Adam, and one daughter, Mrs. Peter McLees, accepted the offer and settled on the tract in Norwich.

Joseph Lancaster spoke for 3,000 acres and the Motts, the Cornwells, the Snyders, the Sackriders, the Emighs, the Nichols, and others, numbering about 50 families in all, came to the Norwich district.

In Succeeding Years

Peter De Long did not accompany his brother-in-law to Upper Canada in 1810, but arrived the following year, as did also the Stovers, Solomon Sackrider, John and Elias Moore, John Siple and Peter McLees. The families of Henry Hillicker, John Palmer, David De Long and William Curtis took up land in 1812, and Joseph Woodrow in 1813.

Peter Lossing was a minister of the Society of Friends and held the first religious services in his home in 1811. Many of the other pioneers were also members of the organization. Adam Stover and his entire family, with the exception of one son, Michael, who was a Methodist, were all Friends.

Site of Norwich

When Adam Stover divided his land among his family, he gave Michael the 1,000 acres which were to be the later site of the Village of Norwich.

By the summer of 1811, there were 11 families in Norwich Township and 5,200 acres of land had been taken up. In the first season, 32 acres were planted and in the second, 735 acres. Soon, the farmers had a surplus of wheat and in a few years the surplus amounted to several thousand bushels annually. This was teamed to Ancaster over roads so rough that a three-day journey was required

and 25 bushels constituted a full load.

In 1812 Susan Mott became the bride of George Wright, with Benajah Mallory, M.P.P., officiating. This was the first marriage to take place in the township.

Soon after Michael Stover settled at Norwich, religious services were held at his home by the circuit rider minister of the Methodist Church who occasionally visited the district. As early as 1814, Abner Matthews, a local preacher, and the Rev. Mr. Whitehead, a superannuated minister, were conducting services at the Stover home.

In 1820 Stover donated land to the Methodists for the erection of a church with the understanding that other denominations could make use of the church building until they had their own places of worship. At one time three different congregations were holding Sunday services there.

Meanwhile the Society of Friends, the first religious body to hold organized services in the district, had sufficiently increased membership to warrant the establishment in 1816 of a preparative meeting and in 1819 of the monthly meeting, as set apart from the Pelham quarterly meeting, to be known as the Norwich monthly meeting. At that date it comprised the meeting at Ancaster and all the meetings of Friends westward in Upper Canada.

Norwich Begins

The years between 1820 and 1830 saw the growth of a small village at Norwich. In 1828 James Barker and his son, William, opened the first general store. Dr. Ephriam Cooke, who arrived in the same year, was the first physician. He later became a member of Parliament. Peter Lossing was appointed postmaster when the post office was established at Norwich in 1830. This was the second post office in Oxford County.

Not till 1876 did Norwich become an incorporated village and elect a separate council from that of the township. Gilbert Moore was the first reeve and H. J. Adams, James Barr, M. Charlton and D. M. Donald, the councillors.

The same year marked the organization of the first fire company, with more than 40 names on the roll. George Bleakley was captain of the fire company and W. H. Burtch, captain of the hook and ladder company. The first business block in the village was D. W. Miller's, built in 1876. That year also saw the first issue of Norwich's first newspaper, *The Standard*, of which H. C. Pitcher was publisher and proprietor.

Birthdays Just Week Apart



Miss Lottie Brough, Norwich's oldest resident who will mark her 100th birthday on Saturday, is pictured with her niece, Mrs. L. Fish, and great-nephew, Texas Fish, who will celebrate his first birthday just a week later, on March 22. (Photo by Lowe).

Miss Lottie Brough 100 This Saturday

NORWICH, March 11 — On Saturday, March 15, Miss Lottie Brough, the oldest resident of Norwich Village (and perhaps in Oxford County), will celebrate her 100th birthday.

On that occasion a few friends will be received during the afternoon and relatives and friends will shower her with cards of greetings and gifts. The Village of Norwich is sending flowers and her church, Norwich Baptist, is doing likewise.

A bit frail, she is nevertheless in excellent health for one of such great age. She can still see well enough to read Scripture passages each day and just now she is busy piecing blocks, three inches square, for a quilt. She hopes to be able to stick at it long enough to complete the job.

Miss Brough's parents were the

late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brough. They came to Canada from England approximately 125 years ago and purchased a farm on the sixth concession of North Norwich, where William Patterson lives now.

The previous owner of the farm had been unable to raise the taxes and the Broughs found the farm and buildings in a very run down condition. In the shack that was on the farm several members of the family were born. Miss Lottie was the fourth.

Miss Brough remained with her parents as long as they lived and was housekeeper for her brother, Wilbur, until his death. Always a lover of flowers, she has made her home and surroundings a place of beauty. She has lived in Norwich for more than 30 years.

W. Pavely is still confined to Tillsonburg Hospital following an operation. *Apr 1952*

Mrs. Bearor of Windsor, who has been keeping house for Ira Hooker since Mrs. Hooker's death in February, suffered a heart attack last week and was taken to Tillsonburg Hospital where her death occurred Saturday night. Mrs. Bearor has visited Mr. and Mrs. Hooker on various occasions, and during her stay here made many friends.

Mrs. Alice Higgs

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Otterville—Funeral service for Mrs. Alice Celeste Higgs, who died at Tillsonburg Thursday, was held Saturday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and was conducted by Rev. H. B. Hisey, pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church, where Mrs. Higgs attended when she was able to be out.

Among the relatives present at the service were Mrs. Higgs' son, Wilfred Thompson of Toronto, and her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Rickman (Eva) of Detroit, both of whom were with their mother since Tuesday of last week.

Other relatives were present from Tillsonburg, Brantford, Ostrander, Normandale and other points.

The casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers were Clifford Haley, Floyd Lounsbury and Earl Vincent of Tillsonburg, Charlie Forman, Rouville Alix and Fred Hill of Otterville. Interment was made in the Otterville Cemetery.

Mrs. Hibbs, widow of the late Benson Higgs, died early Thursday morning at Mrs. Layman's Nursing Home at Tillsonburg where she had been confined to bed for the past 14 months.

Mrs. Higgs, 78 years of age, was born at Otterville. Her first husband was John Thompson, and after his death she married Benson Higgs and they lived at Beachville. She returned to Otterville after Mr. Higgs' death. About 10 years ago she suffered a broken leg and has spent most of the time since in bed, living for several years at the home of Mrs. George C. Smith, and on New Year's Day of last year was taken to the nursing home.

She is survived by two sons, John Thompson of Normandale and Wilfred Thompson of Toronto. She also leaves two daughters by her first marriage, Mrs. Clarence Norman of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Ernest Rickman of Detroit, and nine grandchildren. She also leaves a brother, Henry McKibbin of Otterville, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Haley of Tillsonburg. *Mar 1952*

Graham-Ryder

Norwich—The marriage of Mrs. Hazel Ryder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pick of Norwich, and John A. Graham, son of the late Elmer and Mrs. Graham, Otterville, took place at the Norwich United Church parsonage. The Rev. W. M. Kitley performed the ceremony.

Miss Edith Pick, sister of the bride, and Murl Graham, brother of the groom, were the attendants.

After a short honeymoon to Montreal and points east, Mr. and Mrs. Graham will take up residence on the groom's farm near Embro. Mrs. Graham is a member of the staff of the Oxford County Health Unit.

Oxford Deaths Held Accident

Special to The Free Press

TILLSONBURG, March 6 — A corner's jury tonight found that William Campbell, 12; Olive Campbell, 11, and Carol Campbell, 10, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, R.R. 1, Otterville, were instantly killed by accidental causes in a truck-train crash near here December 1, 1951, and attached blame to no one.

The verdict of the jury was read by Foreman J. A. Abbott following a two-hour hearing and short deliberation.

The three children were killed when their father's three-ton truck stalled on Michigan Central Railway tracks and was struck broadside by a fast freight. The father jumped to safety seconds before the truck was hit.

Couldn't Move

In his evidence, Campbell said he failed to see the train until it was nearly on top of the truck. He said he had no chance to move the vehicle from the tracks and shouted at his three children in the cab to jump.

Evidence was given by Dr. C. C. Lee, physician called to the scene, Provincial Constable W. E. Rogers, Constable Merle Stroud, Station Agent Charles Turner, Witness Reuben Bradley, all of Tillsonburg; Engineer William Hayden and Fireman David Hope, St. Thomas; Trainman Wilfred King, Windsor.

Funeral Laura Coates

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville for the late Laura Coates beloved wife of Dee Scott, Otterville who passed away in the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg on Tuesday morning.

The late Mrs. Scott was stricken with a severe stroke nearly two weeks ago and from that time never regained consciousness. Last week she suffered another stroke leaving her completely paralyzed.

She was born in Norfolk County 65 years ago and since her marriage 45 years ago has lived in Otterville. Their first home was were Mr. and Mrs. Ward King now live and then they moved to the home were Mr. and Mrs. Ladoz live now, later moving into the village on Main St.

Mrs. Scott was a kindly neighbour and took great pleasure in sharing her flowers with the sick or shut-in. Her home was always enjoyed when meetings of organizations to which she belonged would meet.

Active in Church work she was a member of the W.M.S. and was making plans for packing a bale for the Society at the time of her illness. She was also a member of the Home Department of the Sunday School and of the Woman's Association of the United church. Other organizations were The Sunshine Club and The Violet Rebekah Lodge.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, one daughter (Edna) Mrs. Russell Martingale, Toronto; one grandchild (Marion) Mrs. Monty Chartier Toronto and two great grandsons. Her aged mother 96, Mrs. J. B. West of Simcoe, also three sisters, Mrs. Claude Brown of St. Alban's Vermont, Mrs. Arthur Gamble, Simcoe; and Mrs. J. Pettit of Delhi. One brother Clayton Coates lives at Simcoe.

Mrs. Dee Scott Funeral

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Funeral services for Mrs. Dee Scott were held Friday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home and were largely attended. Rev. W. G. Wyle, minister of the Otterville United Church, of which deceased was a member, conducted the services, and members of Violet Rebekah Lodge, of which Mrs. Scott was a past noble grand, attended the service in a body.

On Thursday evening about 60 members of the lodge, accompanied by a number from Norwich, performed impressive last rites at the funeral home, with Noble Grand Mrs. Stanley Arthur, and the Vice-Grand Mrs. Wilson Young in charge; Mrs. Carl Howse as marshal, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, chaplain, Mrs. William McMullen, soloist and Miss Lila Jull, pianist.

Among the many lovely floral tributes were those from Violet Rebekah Lodge and Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F.; the Otterville United Church; the Sunshine Club; the Otterville Women's Institute; the Past Noble Grands; the Woman's Association; the neighbors, and from the C.I.L., where Mr. and Mrs. Scott's only daughter is employed.

Relatives and friend were present from Toronto, Simcoe, St. Albans, Vermont, Delhi, Chatham, Brantford, Curries, Waterford, Windham Centre, St. Williams and many other places.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, with members of the lodge acting as flower bearers, and J. K. Wardell, Charles Forman, Ira Hooker, R. M. Holmes, Max Avey and Herbert Parson as casket bearers. *Apr 1 - 4/52*

Attended Divine Service

About 200 cadets from the Norwich High School attended Divine service in St. John's Anglican church, Otterville Sunday morning. The boys and girls led by the band, made a colorful pageant in their trim uniforms, as they marched through Otterville to the church, and on their return R. E. Pettigrew, of the Norwich High School Board, along with other officials, took the salute from a decorated platform on Mr. Wardell's lawn. *May 11/1952*

Rev. C. H. Wright, Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church delivered an impressive sermon to the large congregation which more than filled the church. He based his message on two texts "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and "He hath given them a law which shall not be broken". He described life as a circle of Nature, Man, and God, each of which had laws that must not be broken, or chaos would result. In closing he charged the youth, that every act committed, good or evil, will be brought to judgement, stressing the importance of "remembering Thy Creator in the days of thy youth". A solo "My Task" was sung by Mr. J. W. Riste, with Mrs. Nate McMullen at the organ.

MRS. STEINHOFF *1952* *April 4* 90 ON FRIDAY

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Surrounded by scores of gifts, flowers and congratulatory messages from a host of friends, Mrs. William Steinhoff of Otterville celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday. Mrs. Steinhoff has been a resident of South Norwich Township during her entire 90 years, and is still active in church and community affairs, and keeps her own home, with a relative or friend with her most of the time.

She is a member of the Springford Baptist Church and is usually in her place there on Sundays, and often attends the United Church services in Otterville, and entertains the Baptist Mission Circle of which she is a member. Active in the Otterville Women's Institute, she is also an inspiration to the W.M.S. and Woman's Association of the Otterville United Church.

Mrs. Steinhoff's husband died soon after they moved from the farm into the village over 30 years ago, but her home continues to be a centre of hospitality, and while she has no family of her own, she is seldom alone.

The day before her birthday, the Otterville Women's Institute presented her with a huge birthday cake which she has shared with the scores of friends and relatives who have called to offer greetings on the happy occasion. Among those who came from a distance to be with her were Mrs. E. Forde of Brantford, who has been her companion part of the time for many years, and has passed her 85th birthday; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Williams of Toronto, also a number of her nieces and nephews, and her only sister, Mrs. Rose Griffin of Woodstock, and her brother, George Singer of Otterville.

Assisting Mrs. Steinhoff through the two-day celebration were some of her nieces, Mrs. J. A. Hainer of Brantford, Mrs. Enoch Mills and her daughter of Aylmer, Mrs. Lloyd Daniels of Hatchley, Mrs. Lines and Mrs. Wallace McClellan of Norwich, also Miss Dorothy Wilcox, Mrs. Elmer Almost, Miss Beatrice Lees and others. The rooms were attractive with roses, daffodils, Easter lilies, and other gift flowers.

Those Are Victory Smiles

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Livingston put on smiles that outshine The Montreal Trophy they are holding after Livingstons won the Canadian Senior Basketball Championship on Friday night. On the piano is the Bunny Sabbath trophy, emblematic of the Eastern Canadian crown. Livingstons now await the winner of the University of Western Ontario-University of Alberta series to be played in London the week of May 12th. Tillsonburg will play either the Mustangs or the Golden Bears in the Olympic trials, probably the following week. Indications are that the Olympic committee may hold the series here. The team will play an exhibition game with Tonawanda, N.Y., in Niagara Falls on April 26th.—Free Press Photo (See also Page 19.)

W. I. Picnic

The Otterville Women's Institute had a delightful June meeting at the summer home of Mrs. Alex. Slaght at Turkey Point with 36 of the members present and a few visitors at the all-day meeting. A bountiful potluck dinner was served at noon with the social convener, Mrs. Fred Walther assisted by other members in charge.

Afterward the president, Mrs. Max Avey, presided over the regular meeting and as it was a grandmother's meeting, the response to the roll call was a saying of grandmother's day. There were 16 grandmothers present and Mrs. Walther had made dainty satin flowers for them to wear. Mrs. Avey welcomed the members and a special welcome to the officers of the Summerville branch who had assisted the Otterville members in driving cars. A special welcome was also extended to the oldest member of the Otterville branch, Mrs. William Steinhoff, who at 90 thoroughly enjoyed all the activities of the day, and also to a former district president, Mrs. H. G. Downing, who with her nurse also enjoyed the day at the lakeside. The secretary, Mrs. Stanley Davis, read a letter of appreciation from the Canadian Cancer Society and other expressions of appreciation were also given. Plans were made for a bus trip to Niagara Falls after the middle of July and Mrs. Alex. Slaght was appointed to arrange for a bus. Mrs. R. M. Holmes extended greetings to the grandmothers, and gave one of Edgar Guest's poems, "Sky Blue Hair," and following her address on "Pioneer Grandmothers," she gave the poem "When Grandma Danced the Minuet." A splendid report of the district annual was presented by the district director, Mrs. H. B. Hisey, and the branch chose an afternoon meeting on home furnishings "Brighten Your Home with Color" as their choice for the extension services. Mrs. Hisey announced that the London convention would be two days this year, October 28 and 29. A short talk on "Multiple Sclerosis" was presented by Mrs. W. L. Addison after which the branch made a \$10 donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Society for research work.

Birthday greetings were sung for Mrs. Hisey, also for several other members who had June birthdays. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Alex. Slaght for her gracious hospitality, and to the program convener, Mrs. Walther, and others who assisted throughout the day. A light lunch was enjoyed after an hour at the beach.

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Familiar Ground in New World



The Pearly King and Queen of Old London's cockneys and costermongers—Albert and Rebecca Matthews—visited their namesake city in Canada yesterday. Here, resplendent in their costumes of 60,000 buttons, they stand on the steps of Covent Garden Market building—named after the famous produce market in Old London.

Pearly King and Queen Spend 8 Hours in London

You can't faze a Cockney from Old London—he'll meet any situation with the same native good humor he uses for "the bloke next door."

Yesterday the King and Queen of the Cockneys—Albert and Rebecca Matthews—gave London, Ontario, an eight-hour sample of their friendly company.

Traditional Pearly King and Queen of Hampstead Heath, Old London, they had a smile, handshake and greeting for anyone who wanted to stop and look at their pearl button costumes.

And 60,000 pearl buttons attract a lot of attention. To say nothing of the nine colored ostrich plumes nodding gracefully in the wide-brimmed hat of Queen Rebecca.

Costumes Developed

Speech and dress of the visitors mystified many. The regal title, King Albert explained, is in the family. The pearl button costumes "just developed" out of fancy dress worn at out-door fairs held at famous Hampstead Heath on the outskirts of London, England.

"We started off with just a few buttons and kept sewing 'em on," said Queen Rebecca. Yesterday the buttons kept dropping off and alert members of the regal party rescued them.

"This suit's about 40 years old, you know—the suit underneath is rotting," said King Albert. "We try

to keep out of the rain as much as we can."

The Cockney couple is winding up a whirlwind tour of the United States and Canada on a trip sponsored by the British Travel Association in a "Come to Britain" tourist campaign.

Greeted at Station

They arrived in London from Niagara Falls, accompanied by Mrs. Jeanne Niedermayer, Toronto representative of the association. William Loveday greeted the visitors at the C.N.R. station and took them to a London Rotary Club luncheon in Hotel London.

After lunch they visited city hall, received civic welcome from Mayor Allan J. Rush and signed the city visitors' book.

A tour of The Free Press and Radio Station CFPL was followed with visits to Covent Garden Market, Thames River, and drives along Piccadilly, Pall Mall and other streets with names reminiscent of Old London.

Interested crowds collected wherever the party stopped for photographs or for a look at the sights. London, Ontario, it seemed was full of expatriate Cockneys yesterday, all eager to pay homage to their sovereign.

Throughout the "royal pair" conversed with all-comers, keeping things gay with their rhyming Cockney slang.

King Albert gave a sample — "fr' instance — up the apples and pears — stairs; my 'storm and strife' — wife; me tit-fer-tat — hat. Get it?"

Costermonger Cries

King Albert was "right at 'ome" in Covent Garden Market. As he walked down the "apples and pears" from King street into the market building he started singing some of his costermonger cries, designed to attract customers to buy his wares.

"Been a flower seller, fish-monger and rat-catcher in me time," he explained.

The King and Queen are retired from so-called "active business" now. They use their fame to help promote charitable campaigns. Last year they were in Holland to help Queen Wilhelmina's Cancer Fund.

They started their present trip in New York last week, visited Philadelphia, Washington, Toronto and Niagara Falls before coming here. They saw Gertrude Lawrence in "The King And I," on Broadway, and were guests of the star.

"She's a Cockney too, you know," King Albert said.

To make the visitors feel "at home" they toured the city in an English-make car supplied by Eddie O'Doud.

Before leaving for Montreal last night King Albert, speaking as Mr. Matthews of Hampstead, said wistfully:

"People have been really nice to me and the 'missus', treated us just as though we was royalty. We can't afford a penny bus ride — so to speak — and we're glad we came."

Surprise Birthday Party

Among those from a distance that attended the surprise birthday party for their aunt Mrs. Charles W. Moore last week were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mitchell and children John Carol and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mitchell and children Marjorie and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell and Brian, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hammond all of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Dunsmore and children Ted, Allen and Marion, Ted Dunsmore and Betty Walden all of Beamsville, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Willis, Mrs. Jean Stewart and son Jack of Hamilton, Mrs. W. S. Stocks and Miss Alice Hammond of Tillsonburg. Mrs. Moore who was 81, was the recipient of many gifts, also the entire birthday dinner including beautifully decorated tablecloth, plates and serviettes, and a birthday cake. Her nieces and nephews also gave her personal gifts, a basket of roses and corsage to wear for the happy occasion. Mrs. Moore, who often writes poetry, was delighted with these verses composed for the occasion by one of her nephews:

The nephews and the nieces are here from East and West:

To visit dear Aunt Maggie, the one that we love best;

We've planned this little party, with just one thought in mind,

To show that we appreciate an aunt so good and kind;

So when you smell these roses red, and cut the birthday cake,

Don't say you don't deserve it, for you do, for goodness sake.

Preached Stirring Sermon

Rev. C. H. Wright rector of St. John's Anglican Church preached a stirring sermon based on the text "Could Ye Not Watch with me for one hour?" at the service the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Howse was baptised. Following the church service there was a congregational meeting to appoint a church treasurer to take the place of the late Mrs. W. Law who has been the efficient treasurer for several years. Tribute was paid to her faithful work in this respect, and her last work for the church was done just before she was stricken the previous Sunday afternoon, as the deposit slip was already made out ready for the Bank Monday morning. Mrs. Carl Howse was appointed to act as church treasurer.

At the Otterville United Church, Rev. W. G. Wylie spoke on one of the beatitudes "Blessed are the Peacemakers" dealing with the difference between peacemaking and pacifism. The choir sang an appropriate anthem led by the organist Earle Clark of Ingersoll. Mr. Wylie announced that there would be a communion service next Sunday.

TRUCK UPSETS

TILLSONBURG, June 15 — Charles Alward, Lasalette, is in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital tonight with critical injuries received when his truck turned upside down on the main street in Brownsville. An artery in the right leg is severed and the victim is suffering from severe shock hospital authorities reported.

A passenger, Morgan Wray, also of Lasalette, is also in hospital here suffering from a severe head laceration. A third man Jack Harwood, Lasalette, escaped with a shaking up.

Provincial Constable William Rogers, who investigated, said Alward was driving south at a high rate of speed when the truck turned over and landed with the four wheels in the air. Rogers said Alward was thrown out of the truck and that brake marks on the road extended for a distance of 315 feet.

St. John's Anglican Church

A recital at St. John's Anglican Church enabled the committee to make the last payment on the repairs to the pipe organ, and also provided a musical treat for many music lovers. The rector, Rev. C. H. Wright a talented musician played four organ selections, "March Triumphant", "Prelude and Fugue in C. Minor", "Londonderry Air" and the "Hallelujah Chorus". The Norwich choir provided several choral selections, "God So Loved the World" with William Colchester singing the solo part; "He Shall Feed His Flock" solo by Mrs. Stacey Hinks; "Incline Thine Ear" solo by A. McCurdy; "Come Loyal Hearts" solo by Miss Gladys Cole, and "All in an April Evening". Mrs. V. B. King of Woodstock favored with violin selections and J. W. Riste, Otterville sang "Open the Gates of the Temple".

Rev. C. Queen of Ingersoll introduced the artists, and commended the rector and committee

in their efforts to have the organ repaired, and also gave the dedicatory prayers. The ladies of St. John's Guild served lunch to those taking part after the recital.

Prompt Your Memory Fifty-two Years Ago

(The Gazette, June 21st, 1900)

Dr. Stockton of Otterville, had gone to the Old Country for a trip. During his absence his practice was looked after by Dr. Downing of Woodstock.

Lasalette Man Dies of Hurts

Special to The Free Press

TILLSONBURG, June 16 — Charles Alward, 22, of Lasalette, injured yesterday when his truck overturned in Brownsville, died in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital today.

Alward suffered severe shock and loss of blood when an artery was severed in the accident. His truck turned over and landed with its wheels in the air on Brownsville's main street.

Passenger in Hospital

A passenger, Morgan Wray, also of Lasalette, is still in hospital with head lacerations. His condition is reported improved. A third man, Jack Harwood, Lasalette, escaped injury.

Coroner Dr. R. E. Watson performed a post-mortem and gave the cause of death as pulmonary embolism due to severe bodily injuries.

The late Mr. Alward was born in Detroit and came to Delhi in 1935. Surviving are his 19-year-old wife; one son, Charles William, 2; his mother, Mrs. Mary Boom, Delhi, and three sisters, Darlene, Betty and Cecile, all of Delhi. The body is resting at the K. M. Porter funeral home, Delhi, until Thursday morning, thence to Our Lady of Lasalette R.C. Church, Lasalette, for requiem high mass at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Fr. E. Veitenhelmer officiating. Interment will be in Delhi R.C. Cemetery.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Law with the president Mrs. Wilson Young in charge.

The secretarial duties were performed by Mrs. Nate McMullen, and plans were made for the organ recital at the church Friday evening June 20th. Mrs. Wm. Marshall, Mrs. Leith Howse, Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Douglas Colver and Mrs. Nate McMullen had attended the deanery meeting at Ingersoll and a short report of the meeting was given and announcement made that the three boys' shirts and the cash donation had been handed in for the deanery bale. Plans were made to attend a strawberry tea at the home of Mrs. Fred Grimmett, Dereham. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Law served afternoon tea.

Mrs. May I. Law

OTTERVILLE, June 20 — Services for Mrs. May I. Law, who died in Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg, will be conducted Saturday, 2 p.m., by the Rev. C. H. Wright, in St. John's Anglican Church, and interment made in the Anglican Cemetery, at Woodhouse.

She attended church last Sunday, and in the afternoon visited friends. Early in the evening she was found in her living room unconscious, with a paper she read still in her lap. She was taken to the hospital but never regained consciousness. Born at Vittoria she spent her early years in Hamilton and Montreal, and after her marriage lived at Wapella, Saskatchewan, 11 years, returning to Vittoria for a few months before moving to Otterville where she has lived 25 years. Her husband, William H. Law, died nine years ago. She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, and church treasurer for a number of years. She was active in the Ladies Guild, and was a member of Violet Rebekah Lodge, and Women's Institute.

She is survived by one son, Herbert, accountant at the Royal Bank, Wallaceburg, one granddaughter Brenda Law; one sister, Mrs. Jemmett, Beamsville; and a brother, H. R. Taylor, Woodstock.

Mrs. Wm. H. Law suffered a severe stroke on Sunday and was taken by ambulance to the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Monday morning. Her son Herbert Law of Wallaceburg was called to her bedside.

A. T. Bell who has resided with Mrs. W. H. Law for the past several years was taken to the home of Mrs. C. Kerr on Monday after Mrs. Law had been taken to the Tillsonburg Hospital.

Plan to Marry June 14/52



The Church of St. John the Evangelist will be the setting, June 14, at 3 o'clock for the marriage of Elizabeth Ann Wells, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Wells, Wellington street north, and Paul Hugh Crosby, Toronto, son of the Rev. Hugh G. Crosby and Mrs. Crosby, Schenectady, N.Y. Mr. Crosby is a graduate of University of Western Ontario. (Photos by Norfolk).

Social and Personal

Crosby-Wells Wedding Planned for Mid-June

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Ann Wells, London, and Paul Hugh Crosby, of Toronto, will be solemnized June 14 by the groom-elect's father, the Rev. Hugh G. Crosby, of Schenectady, N.Y., and the Rev. Archdeacon C. W. Foreman, of London. The wedding will take place at the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

Miss Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Wells, Wellington street, has asked Miss Mary Helen Sweeney to be her maid of honor.

The bride-elect will also be attended by Miss Jean Ryan and Miss Pat Crosby, of London; Mrs. John Cowan, Sarnia, and Miss Ann Quinn, Timmins, as bridesmaids.

Fred Thompson, Toronto, will be groomsman, and Frank Convery, Toronto, and Gerald Stone, James Fisher, Thomas Wells and Dave Crosby, of London, will usher.

Mrs. Howard Ferguson will be soloist, and Ivor Brake will preside at the organ.

Appreciation

I wish to thank my many friends for their lovely gifts and cards sent to me during my stay in hospital for my eye operation, which was very successful. A special "thank you" to St. John's Ladies' Guild and St. John's Church Club for their lovely remembrances. I deeply appreciate all their kindness to me at this time.
—Mrs. A. Deveney, Otterville.

St. John's Church -- Otterville

RECITAL

Offering in Aid of Organ Restoration Fund

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th 1952 - 8 p.m.

PROGRAM

1. Organ "March Triomphale" J. Lemmens
2. Air & Chorus "God So Lov'd the World" Stainer
(Mr. W. M. Colchester)
3. Air "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel
(Mrs. Stacey Hinks)
4. Violin & Organ "On Wings of Song" Mendellsohn
(Mrs. V. B. King)
5. Vocal Solo "Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp
(Mr. Jack Riste)
6. Choral "Incline Thine Ear" Himmel
(Mr. A. McCurdy)
7. Organ "Prelude and Fugue in C Minor" Bach
8. Violin & Organ "Romance" Waniawski
"Monastery Garden" (by special request) Ketelbey
9. Choral "Come, Loyal Hearts" Whitehead
(Miss Gladys Cole)
10. Choral "All in an April Evening" Robertson
11. Organ "Londonderry Air"
Organ "Minuet from Samson" Handel

ST. JOHN'S, OTTERVILLE

Friday, June 20th — 8 p.m.

ORGAN NEWLY RENOVATED

RECITAL

Organ, Violin, and Choral Music.

Collection in aid of organ fund

Original Hospital and Nurses' Residence



Tillsonburg was proud of its first hospital, officially opened in 1926, but it was a far cry from the modern, 100-bed hospital of today. The first hospital had a 20-bed capacity, but was enlarged in 1938 to bring it to a 38-bed capacity. The old wing has now been completely remodelled. The hospital was originally made possible by the late John Smith, who left his entire estate towards it.

SWEET BRIAR CLUB PICNIC HELD

July 1952



Last Thursday the Sweet Briar branch of the Mary Hastings Club held their annual picnic in the Municipal Park, and an enjoyable affair it was! A group of ladies prominent in the organization are shown above, front row, (left to

right): Mrs. Sara McMullen, who was in charge of sports; Mrs. Ivan Metcalfe of Port Dover and formerly of Delhi, honorary member; Mrs. Alice Manary, 79, oldest member of the Sweet Briars; back row, Mrs. Lottie Gilbert of Simcoe, treasurer of the Norfolk Vio-

lets; Mrs. Martin Smith, president of the Happy Bluebirds, Otterville; Mrs. Henry Ash, honorary president of the Happy Bluebirds, Otterville; and Mrs. Nellie Lawrence, president of Sweet Briars. (News-Record Photo).

MARY CHRYSLER WED IN GARDEN

Norwich—Under an arch of cedar and roses in the garden of her home, Mary Pauline Chrysler exchanged marriage vows with Percy Alexander Murray. The Rev. George Wylie officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white embroidered eyelet Swiss organdy over taffeta. The fitted bodice featured a sweetheart neckline and the gown was fashioned with a bouffant skirt. A seed pearl headdress held the fingertip veil and she carried a bouquet of white gladioli.

Miss Ruth Chrysler of Toronto was the bride's only attendant, wearing a ballerina-length gown of yellow Swiss organdy designed similarly to that of the bride. She wore a yellow organdy picture hat with mauve velvet streamers and carried a bouquet of mauve gladioli.

Hilton Wade of Brantford was best man, and Robert Chrysler ushered. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, the bride's mother greeting her guests in a mauve crepe and lace dress with white accessories and corsage of yellow roses. The groom's mother received in a pink figured silk dress with white accessories and corsage of yellow roses. For a wedding trip to Ottawa and Eastern Ontario the bride wore a blue faille taffeta dress with white accessories, a white coat and corsage of pink roses. On their return the couple will reside at R.R. 1, Norwich.

July 1952

DEATHS

MRS. IDA BROUGH

OTTERVILLE: Mrs. Ida Louella Brough, of Springford, died at the Belvedere Nursing Home, Ingersoll, Saturday. She was 79.

She was a daughter of the late Rev. Lewis Randall and Sarah Elizabeth Brewer. She was born at Mt. Brydges and spent her early life there.

Following her marriage to the late James Brough, who died 10 years ago, she lived on concession six, South Norwich Township, moving to Springford 33 years ago.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Burton Broad, Otterville; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Martin Haley, Springford.

She rested at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, for funeral service Tuesday at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Ross Readhead, of Springford Baptist Church. Burial was in Springford Cemetery.

'Housewives' Enjoy Otterville Outing



The Otterville Happy Bluebirds were hosts yesterday to the first Mary Hastings area picnic since the group was formed three years ago. Officers of the Otterville group are, left to right: Mrs. Fred Pearce, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Henry Ash and Mrs. Martin Smith. Housewives from Norwich, Tillsonburg, Delhi and the surrounding district attended the outing. *July 17th 1952*

July Henry Mills 1952

Henry Mills, who for the past 33 years has been a resident of the Norwich district, died at his home following a short illness. Recently he underwent an operation at Brantford hospital and was brought home a few days ago.

Born in Elgin County on July 1, 1886, Mr. Mills was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coughlin Mills. For many years he was an employee of Michigan Central Railways and worked as electrical central operator at La Salette, Springfield and Fargo before taking up farming on the 6th concession, North Norwich.

He sold his farm after a few years there and moved across into South Norwich Township.

Mr. Mills was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Martha Hagerman, three daughters, Mrs. W. Hulet, Norwich; Mrs. W. Harris, Guelph, and Miss Mary Mills, at home. Five grandchildren, also two brothers and a sister, Robert Mills of West Lorne, Arthur Mills of Michigan and Mrs. Emma Walker, West Lorne, survive.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence in Norwich, where funeral service was held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

HOLD FIRST MARY HASTINGS PICNIC

Otterville — About 150 adults and children attended the first Mary Hastings area picnic held under the auspices of the Otterville Happy Bluebirds at the Community Park here last Thursday.

Tillsonburg, Delhi and Norwich were strongly represented at the picnic. Visitors were present from many other district points and as far away as Detroit.

A large group from London, including several members of the central executive also attended.

Mrs. Martin Smith, president of the club, was in charge of the program which included a great variety of sports and games.

Mrs. Harold Durkee was in charge of children's races. Assisting in other events were Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Elmer Almost, Mrs. Harold Hall, Mrs. Ross Chambers, Mrs. Frank Swanton, Joan and Rosalie Ash.

Mrs. Fred Pearce was in charge of the register. A penny sale was conducted by Mrs. William Alexander, Mrs. Ralph Crane and Mrs. Durkee.

Winners were:

Races, under six, Jay Durkee; six and seven years, Lois Durkee; eight and nine years, Dennis McFadden; nine to 12 years, Fred Crane.

Peanut scramble, Kay Pearce; shoe scramble, under six, Sharon Oatman; over six, Gwen Howell-Harris.

Wheelbarrow race, Hugh Pearce, Dennis McFadden.

Adult Events

Running race—Mrs. Frank Swanton.

Spot race—Mrs. John Keller.

Relay races — Mrs. Ross Chambers.

Kicking the shoe — Laura Lee Swanton.

Time-guessing contest — Mrs. Mack McNally.

Visiting shut-ins — Mrs. S. A. Maidment.

Youngest baby — Byron, 15-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Overbaugh of Delhi.

Oldest lady — Mrs. Alice M. Manary, Delhi; coming the farthest — Mrs. Elizabeth Stapleton, Detroit.

Miss Bluebird — Mrs. Mack McNally, Otterville.

Largest family—Mrs. Sam Spadden and Mrs. Harold Pearce, each with four children.

Youngest mother — Mrs. Jack Lawrence, Delhi.

Nearest birthday — Henry Antonessen, Cornell.

Quilt draw — Mrs. Jack Wilson, Otterville.

Cake draw — Mrs. Robert Elder, Sarnia.

Registration List

Otterville: Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Elmer Almost, Mrs. Martin Smith, Mrs. William Walters, Mrs. N. (Winnie) McMullen, Mrs. Wellington Armstrong, Mrs. Ross Chambers, David and Diane Chambers, Mrs. Wilfred Addison, Mrs. Ira Pearce, Mrs. H. (Gertrude) Huggins, Miss Florence Segner, Mrs. Frank Swanton, Laura Lee, Wayne and Richard Swanton, Mrs. Alfred Ash, Miss Lila M. Jull, Miss Rosalee Ash, Mrs. Evelyn Mitchell, Mrs. Ken Wardell, Mrs. John Keller, Johnny, Billy, Patsy and Mary Francis Mitchell, Mrs. James MacMullen, Mrs. Edna Burgess.

Tillsonburg: Mrs. Harold Durkee, Miss Zuella Hicks, Mrs. John Pryde, Mrs. Ray Courtney, Mrs. Ray Sitts, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Fred Pearce, Donald Pearce, Mrs. Doris Oatman, Sharon, Ronald and Rosemarie Oatman.

Delhi: Mrs. Clarence Young, Mrs. Alice M. Manary, Mrs. Murray Overbaugh and family, Mrs. Nellie Lawrence.

Norwich: Miss Alice Cook, Mrs. Ross Rachar, Mrs. John E. Young, Mrs. Burwell Kendrick, Mrs. H. (Jennie) Mitchell, Mrs. Mack McNally, Mrs. Jessie H. Lasenby, Mrs. J. R. Graves, Mrs. Frank Wagner, Miss Helen E. Mitchell, Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency and Douglas DeMontmorency, Miss Carol Ann McMullen, Mrs. Henry Ash, Henry Ash, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Crane, Mrs. William Alexander, Mrs. Harold Hall, Harold and Linda Hall.

A number also attended from London and other centres.

Park Picnics

Picnics held in the Community Park over the Civic Holiday weekend included the West Oxford United Sunday School, the Brantford Fire Department, the Treffry family, the O.E.S. Signet Club, the Stevens family, and the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Sunday school. Last week the Northfield Sunday school picnic was held Tuesday, the Norwich Presbyterian and the Otterville Anglican on Wednesday. Owing to the rain the Simcoe Salvation Army cancelled their picnic on Civic Holiday. During the past week, Lion William Butler had charge of the booth and Lion Ken Klinck is taking charge the first week in August.

Celebrate Birthday

Four Otterville birthdays were celebrated at a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wardell, Monday evening. Their daughter, Miss Dorothy Wardell, the youngest of the quartet and their next-door neighbor, Alfred E. Moore, and Will Kennedy and Mrs. Charles Addison each have July 28 birthdays, and have celebrated them together for many years.

Mrs. Addison, who was 86, and Mr. Moore, who was 83, started spending their birthdays together along with their families about 40 years ago, and when Will Kennedy moved to Otterville he was added to the group, and about 10 years ago Dorothy Wardell was also added. Mr. Moore at 83 is a busy man, and spends most of his days at his chosen work, stone and cement work. *Aug 4/1952*

OTTERVILLE

Surprise Party

Aug. 27—A surprise party in honor of Miss Lenora Slaght who leaves Otterville next week to train as a nurse at the Brantford General Hospital, was held at her home and attended by most of her aunts and uncles. The affair came as a complete surprise to Miss Slaght and she was presented with numerous personal gifts by the 26 persons present. All enjoyed the picnic supper on the lawn afterward. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kent and daughter Joan and Miss Cora Slaght, Port Dalhousie, Mrs. Cecil Ottewell and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mowat, Springford, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Winskill, Little Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Slaght, Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams, of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Poag, Cainsville, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ledson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bibby, Galt.

Miscellaneous Shower

A miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Margaret Marshall, Otterville whose marriage takes place on September 1st, was held at the home of Miss Lenora Slaght and attended by forty of her friends from Tillsonburg and Otterville, and other places. Among the guests were the bride-to-be's grandmother, Mrs. Bullavant of Hamilton. Most of the girls spent the evening in making a bride's book while the rest enjoyed a hat contest. Miss Slaght was assisted by her mother, Mrs. George Slaght, Mrs. George Daiken and Mrs. Charles Hopkins in serving dainty refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harford of Provost Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson A. Harford of British Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. John Mundy and daughter Miss Pauline Mundy of Harriston, Mrs. Allan Harford, Stratford and Miss Barbara Harford of Toronto visited Mrs. William J. Harford, and also called on friends in the village on Tuesday.

Mrs. Grenville Johnson of Toronto has been spending several days with her son Murray at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Oatman of Kelowna, B.C., Eddie Oatman of Minneapolis, Russell Oatman of Toronto, who have been visiting their former home in Springford also visited many of their friends in Otterville during the past week.

Kiln Destroyed

Sept. 2—Fire destroyed a kiln of tobacco on the farm for Bernard Robeys, on the eastern outskirts of Otterville Tuesday afternoon. There were four other kilns on the same farm located on the south side of the road, and they were not damaged. The Otterville Fire Dept. was called and they sprayed the side of the next kiln so that the sparks would not ignite it also. Mr. Robeys had taken off 23 kilns of tobacco so far this season. The kiln destroyed was partially covered by insurance.

Decoration Day Service

The annual Decoration Day service was held in the Otter Cemetery at Otterville Sunday and owing to the rain was not attended as largely as usual, but scores of persons remained in their cars and heard the memorial message by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the United Church. Mr. George H. Davis was the chairman, and the Otterville Community Band provided splendid music throughout the service. Rev. Ross Readhead Springford Baptist Church, gave the scripture lesson and prayers were offered by Rev. Oscar Boomer of the Otterville Baptist church, and by Mr. T. G. Lewis, guest speaker at the Anglican church for the day. Mr. Carl Howse who introduced Mr. Wylie, also thanked the Band, and all others who had contributed toward the service, and to Tecumseh Lodge, I.O. O.F. and Violet Rebekah Lodge who arranged the service.

The cemetery presented a beautiful picture as practically all the graves were nicely decorated, and the offering received was presented to the Community Band.

First Meeting Held

Violet Rebekah Lodge held their first meeting since the Summer recess Monday evening, and owing to numerous Labour Day activities the attendance was smaller than usual. The Noble Grand Mrs. Stanley Arthur presided, and the second nomination of officers was held. Plans were made for draping the charter at the next meeting in memory of Mrs. Wm. Law.

Had Charge of Services

Mr. T. G. Lewis, Woodstock, had charge of the services at St. John's Anglican Church Sunday and based his message on the Proverb "Where there is no vision the people perish". He dwelt at length on the "Queen's message which she gave on her 21st birthday, "I want to make my dedication now. It is very simple; I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great commonwealth to which we belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution unless you join in it with me as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it".

The General Synod will be held this week in London, and lay delegates or rectors will be in every church for a morning service next Sunday, and St. John's will have Very Rev. W.W. Davis, B.A., B.D., Dean of the Cathedral, Halifax, N. S.

Real Estate Changes Made in Springford

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Springford—There has been several exchanges in real estate in the village in the past few weeks.

The house and lot of the late Mrs. Ida Brough has been sold to the couple who have occupied part of the house for several years, Mr. and Mrs. Mert McClintock. Mr. and Mrs. William Haley, who have lived just north of the village for over 10 years, have sold their property to Mr. and Mrs. Towers of Niagara. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pickersgill have sold their pretty little bungalow east of the village to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pearce of Cornwall, and have purchased a farm in the Avon district.

There has also been a change in the occupancy of one of the apartments adjoining the cheese factory which until recently has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Caswell.

Obituary

LATE ROSS HAYLOCK

Ross Haylock, lifelong resident of this district, died in the Woodstock General Hospital about noon on Monday in his 60th year. Mr. Haylock, apparently in his usual health, suffered a paralytic seizure just after he retired on Thursday evening and he never regained consciousness.

Born near Bookton, in Norfolk County, deceased was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haylock. With them he moved to the farm where George VanMaanen lives now when he was four years of age. After he was married to Hazel Moore, 33 years ago, he took over the management of the farm and remained there until 1942. Since then he had been employed at the Williams Tool Company in Brantford. For four years he lived in Brantford, but returned to Norwich and had lived in his late home since.

Mr. Haylock was of a cheery disposition and was esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He was a member of the Norwich United church and of Hayden Lodge, I.O. O.F. For several years when he was on the farm he served as a trustee of the Milldale school.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Farrell, Waterloo, and a granddaughter in Waterloo. One son, LeRoy, was killed in an auto accident ten years ago.

The funeral was held at 2.00 o'clock, (today), Thursday. Rev. Lloyd Whan, minister of the Baptist church had charge and interment was in the Norwich cemetery.

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Hockey-Playing Oatman Boys Home for Visit, Talk Over Old Times on the Ice Lanes

Eddie Oatman, a name that was emblazoned over the sport pages of the continent for more than a quarter of a century; Eddie Oatman, selected by many as one of the greatest right wingers that ever played the sport of hockey, and Eddie Oatman, the hometown boy that made good, returned home this week.

With him is his brother, Ross Oatman, who himself was prominent in Ontario hockey circles, though not to the extent of Eddie. Joining them is a third brother, Russ, who also has had his memorable moments in hockey.

The three brothers are visiting their youngest brother, Wilford of Springford, and joining them will be their sister, Mrs. Mildred Hicks of Detroit. For all of them, and for many residents of Tillsonburg and district, it is going to be a week of conversation, with "Do you remember when . . ." being the main theme.

The meeting of the three brothers is unique in sports history. Very rare is the case when one family contributes so many sons to such wide sport recognition, particularly when the recognition is confined to one sport.

Eddie, who has played hockey more consecutive years than any other man, is the most notable among the brothers, but Russ will always be known as the man who put the Montreal Maroons into the Stanley Cup play-offs in his first year up in National Hockey League circles. This was in the 1928-29 series. Russ scored the winning goal for the Maroons, which eliminated the Montreal Canadiens.

Russ began his professional hockey career with the Victoria Cougars, then was moved to Detroit, but before the season began was sold to the Montreal Canadiens. Russ signed a two-year contract for \$6,000, right here in Tillsonburg.

Hockey Family

Ross Oatman, who brought his wife and daughter, Irene, all the way from Kelowna, B.C., arrived here Monday. He attended school here and played hockey with Otterville and baseball with Tillsonburg when Jake Smith who had charge of the Chevrolet agency here in town then, sponsored a team. His brother, Ed., and Fred Furlong also played. In the year 1915-16 Ross played amateur hockey in Victoria, B.C., and during the First World War played Junior O.H.A. amateur with the 228th Battalion in Toronto.

The older Oatman brothers, both of whom have passed away, also played hockey, figuring prominently in local ice circles.

Roe and Bide Oatman are remembered by many hockey fans in this district.

All of the Oatman boys got their start in hockey on district teams. In 1905 Roe and Eddie were playing for the Tillsonburg Juniors, along with Frank Burke, now of Detroit, Fred Kimpton, Bert Barnard, Fred Kelman, Jimmy Russell and Billy Law, brother of Stan Law. Horace Weatherwax and Gordon Roeding acted as assistants to the team. The next year most of them were boosted to the Intermediate Pan-Dried squad. Fred Kimpton was again in goal, with Lonsdale Weatherwax on the defence. Also playing were Nelson

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Springford Corporal Korea War Casualty

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Springford—L/Cpl. Wayne L. Oatman, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Oatman of Springford, has been reported wounded in Korea. This is the first Korean War casualty from this district.

Mrs. Oatman was advised last Thursday by telegram from the War Department, that L/Cpl. Oatman had been wounded in the right shoulder August 12.

Following was the telegram received: "Sincerely regret to inform you that your son, Lance-Corporal Wayne L. Oatman, First Battalion, Princess Patricia's, Canadian Light Infantry, has been reported accidentally wounded on August 12. Nature of wound stated as superficial puncture wound, right deltoid region, caused by accidental explosion. Should further information be received, you will be contacted."

No further information has been forthcoming, and Mrs. Oatman is awaiting a letter direct from her son. A letter from Korea usually takes about 10 days for delivery.

L/Cpl. Oatman joined the Princess Pats three years ago last March. He arrived in Korea on October 7, 1951, and hoped to be back home the latter part of this month. On arriving in Korea, he was moved to the front lines quickly, and was in the fighting area almost constantly until January of this year, when he became sick. Following a four-month hospital stay, Oatman was again moved to the front, only to suffer a fractured ankle, and again be hospitalized. The ankle injury had just been reported healed when the shoulder injury was reported.

No particulars of the latest injury are available.

The Oatman brothers, while visiting relatives in Springford, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wilson on Friday. Later in the evening with Mrs. Wilfred Oatman at the piano, a jolly old sing-song was enjoyed by all present.

(The writer remembers when about 60 years ago two dear little old ladies (sisters) used to sit up near the choir seats and how they loved to sing. One of those ladies was the grandmother of the Oatman brothers. She also remembers a young man with a lovely mellow voice, a member of the choir, who occasionally sang solos. This man was Archie Oatman, later father of the Oatman Quintet). *Aug. 1952*

Mrs. Gladys Richards and granddaughter Frances Richards of Windsor has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Riste for several days. Mrs. Richards who was the former Gladys Green has been renewing friends here, as it is her first visit back to Otterville since she left here as a girl 37 years ago. *Aug. 17-21/52*

OTTERVILLE W. I.

OTTERVILLE — The Otterville Branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Stanley Davis. The vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Riches, presided over the meeting and paid tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. William H. Law, a member for many years. A minute of silence was observed in her memory. *Sept 1952.*

Roll call was answered by suggestions for a school lunch. Mrs. R. M. Holmes was elected delegate to attend the area convention at London the latter part of October. A donation was made toward a fund sponsored by the Federation of Agriculture, and plans made for a tag day in aid of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

A talk on the motto, "Every time you help someone up the ladder you are nearer the top yourself," was presented by Mrs. Sam Innis, and accordion selections were given by Bobby Baguley. The main feature of the meeting was a talk on Winston Churchill, given by Mrs. H. G. Downing.

Refreshments were served by the committee at the close of the meeting and a social time enjoyed.

OTTERVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harford of Provost, Alta., Mr. and Mrs. Emerson A. Harford of British Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. John Munday and daughter, Miss Pauline Mundy of Harriston, Mrs. Allan Harford, Stratford, and Miss Barbara Harford of Toronto visited Mrs. William J. Harford and also called on friends in the village on Tuesday.

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Mrs. Nate McMullen entertained a few of the former schoolmates of Mrs. Gladys (Green) Richards of Windsor one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lees, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lees and Ollie of Norwich visited their aunt, Mrs. T. G. Forman, and family on Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. James of Dorchester and Mrs. William Polton of Norwich visited Mrs. C. E. Addison one day last week.

Miss Jean Parker of Norwich spent several days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mannell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell of Springford and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Addison spent part of Friday and Saturday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste entertained Mr. Lewis of Woodstock, who had charge of the services at the Anglican Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pearce, Mrs. Henry Huggins and Mrs. Jack Segner spent a day last week in Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Addison of Brantford visited the former's mother, Mrs. C. E. Addison, on Saturday. *Aug. 24/1952*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Macklon and Kay of Royal Oak, Mich., Mrs. Charles Fisher and Buddy of Windsor, E. Seitz and Miss Inex Fisher of Hamilton and Miss Zella Fisher of Toronto spent part of Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Addison. Mr. and Mrs. Macklon remained for over the week-end and their daughter remained for 10 days.

Mrs. David Kennedy has been spending 10 days with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kennedy of Hamilton at New York City. During her absence her sister-in-law, Mrs. Erwin Ackland, and sons, Teddy and Bradley of London have been with her family.

Mrs. Emily McMullen of Norwich has been spending several days at the home of her son, Nate McMullen and family, and accompanied Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter, Catherine, to Tillsonburg Sunday to visit Miss Effie Nelson and their cousin, Mrs. George Iden.

Late H. L. Boughner
Hosea L. Boughner, one of the
oldest residents of this town-

ship, died in the Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg Thursday morning following a lengthy illness. Mr. Boughner was born at Lynnville 92 years ago, and spent his boyhood days there. Following his marriage he has lived at his present home in Windham township for the past 68 years. He has been in poor health for the past eight years and was taken to hospital three weeks ago. He is survived by one sister Mrs. Chas. Miller of Bloomsburg. His wife, the former Margaret Jane Hagerman predeceased him 33 years ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gillis have been with Mr. Boughner since that time. Deceased was a member of the Bookton Presbyterian church, and an elder for many years there.

Funeral services were held at the Addison Funeral home, Saturday afternoon and were largely attended. Rev. J. C. Hood, Norwich, minister of the Bookton Presbyterian church, had charge of the services, and a solo "When My Life's Work is Ended" was sung by Mr. George Lowe of Norwich. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist. There were many lovely floral tributes from relatives and friends, and among them was a wreath from the Bookton Presbyterian church of which Mr. Boughner had been a member for so many years.

Relatives were present from Bloomsburg, London, St. Thomas, Stratford, Aylmer, Hamilton, Delhi, Woodstock, Waterford, Simcoe, Bookton, Little Lake, Vanessa, Teeterville and other places. Interment was made in the Bookton cemetery. The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Harold Ryder, George McCurdy, Omar Hagerman, Bruce Addison, Fred Moore and Barry Ellington.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in St. John's Anglican Church Sunday morning and evening, and the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Rev. C. H. Wright, rector of the church, conducted the morning service and Holy Communion. Five little girls, Doreen Howse, Sharon Furlong, Judith Rachar, Margaret Walter and Barbara Briggs sang "Fairest Lord Jesus." At the evening service the first three named girls also sang. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist at both services.

Rev. A. D. Munro of Thamesford was the guest speaker at the evening service and based his message on a portion of the 118th Psalm, "I called upon the Lord in distress and the Lord answered me."

Mrs. Jack Bigar

NORWICH, Sept. 23 — Mrs. Jack Bigar, well-known Norwich citizen, died suddenly here tonight, following a stroke this afternoon.

Born at Teeterville, she was the former Ruby Hyndman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hyndman, and was in her 51st year. Her early life was spent at

Otterville. Following her marriage in 1923, she lived for about three years in Belleville and Galt but has lived here since then. She was an adherent of the Norwich Free Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband; four sons and two daughters, Donald, Ralph, Robert and Lloyd, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Cowan, Mrs. Cyril (June) Laekeman, all of Norwich; three brothers and three sisters, Fred Hyndman, Mt. Pleasant; Miss Rita Hyndman, Galt; Cecil, Otterville; Ray, Norwich; Mrs. William Allen, Delhi, and Mrs. Peter Potter, Burford; also four grandchildren.

The body is resting at the Addison funeral home, Otterville. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

LATE MRS. J. VIGAR

The death occurred with startling suddenness on Tuesday evening of Mrs. Jack Vigar and her death came as a great shock to her family and wide circle of friends. Apparently in her usual health, Mrs. Vigar was preserving pears when she became ill and shortly afterwards went unconscious and died about 7.30 o'clock.

Born at Teeterville, she was the former Ruby Hyndman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hyndman and was in her 51st year. Her early life was spent in Otterville. Following her marriage to Mr. Vigar on August 15, 1925, they lived in Belleville and Galt for about three years before coming to make their home in Norwich. Mrs. Vigar was a quiet reserved woman but was respected for her love for her family and her good qualities as a neighbour. She was an adherent of the Free Methodist church.

Surviving are her husband, four sons and two daughters: Donald, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Cowan; Mrs. Cyril (June) Laekeman; Ralph, Robert and Lloyd, all of Norwich. She leaves also three sisters and three brothers: Fred, Mt. Pleasant; Miss Reta Hyndman, Galt; Cecil, Otterville; Ray, Norwich; Mrs. Wm. Allen, Delhi; and Mrs. Peter Potter, Burford. Four grandchildren also survive.

The body is resting at the Addison funeral home in Otterville and the funeral will be held there at 2.30 o'clock on Friday Afternoon, September 26. Interment will be made in Bookton Cemetery.

Bishop Norris At Anglican Church

Right Reverend I. A. Norris, Lord Bishop of Brandon, Manitoba a delegate to the General Synod of the Anglican Church meeting in London, and who has been announced as Bishop Ordinary to the Armed Forces, was the special preacher at Holy Trinity Anglican church last Sunday morning.

The distinguished clergyman was welcomed by the rector, Rev. C. H. Wright, who said "It is a distinct pleasure to welcome Mr. Norris to this pulpit today. I welcome him as the Bishop who ordained me and with whom I worked for several years. It is a great pleasure for Mrs. Wright and myself to have him and it is also a great pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Colchester who have known and worked with him much longer than we".

Bishop Norris chose for his text: Verse 39, Chap. 2 of The Acts—"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call".

After announcing the text and before he began to preach, Bishop Norris replied to Mr. Wright's welcome. "I appreciate very much your rector's welcome," he said, "immediately upon coming into your church I felt at home. My diocese is made up of churches just like this and I have come to love this type of church and the services they hold. It is a great privilege for me to come to a church where the rector and lay reader are your very own. Not often a Bishop can come to a situation like that where the Bishop, priest and lay reader began their work in the same diocese".

Died

KNEVEL—In Houghton on Tuesday, September 23, 1952, Lenora Knevel, in her 73rd year.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander & Son Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Friday, September 26, at noon, thence to Houghton Free Methodist Church for service at 2 p.m. Clergyman, Rev. R. S. Hicks, and interment in the Houghton Cemetery.

Lenora Knevel

A native of Houghton and a resident there for most of her life, Miss Lenora Knevel passed away Tuesday, September 23, while in her 73rd year.

She had resided with her niece, Mrs. George Horley of R.R. 2, Port Burwell, for the past 10 years.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Mary Cudney of Port Burwell, and several nieces and nephews.

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In his sermon Mr. Norris told the congregation: "That we must return again to the place where we recognize Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God, the Saviour of the World. That knowledge brings confidence and strengthens us for our Christian tasks".

"A short time ago", the Bishop continued, we comforted ourselves by saying: "Every day and in every way the world is getting better and better", but now more and more we are finding out that in every age there is the power of evil to be reckoned with; that ever it is struggling against all that is right". You ask what can we do about it? Let me remind you are more in number than the Apostles, to whom this promise was given and you have behind you the millions who have named the name of Christ as their Lord. Christ died that the world might be saved, but it won't be done in our way, but according to His will. We shall be strengthened if we recognize that in the centre of all things there is the Rock of Certainty that cannot be overturned".

"The greatest danger that faces us today is our lukewarmness and our disinterested attitude. We think we may save ourselves and that is all that is required. The fact is we are to be His witnesses and to everyone of us He has given a task to do. Let us not be ashamed and frightened of our religion, but let us know it to be the most glorious thing in our lives.

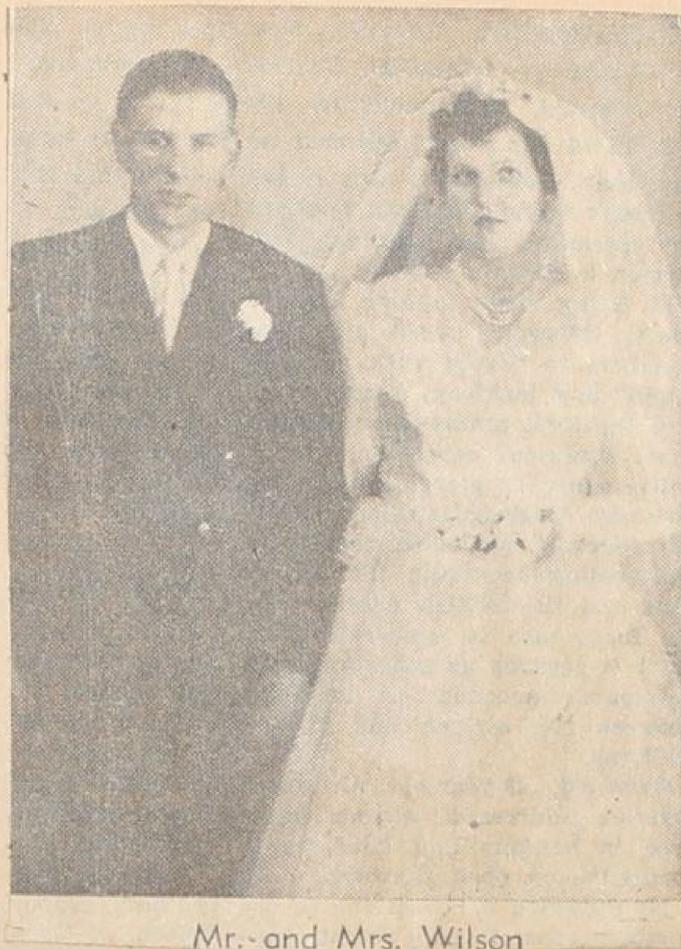
Mr. Norris illustrated the need for christian witness by telling of many churches which are either closing, or holding only infrequent services because of the lack of money and workers. He urged all to seek to see the important nature of the work of the church.

Mr. Wright conducted the service and was ably assisted by William Colchester, lay reader. Mrs. Foster was at the organ and the choir sang a special anthem.

Otterville Rebekah Officers Installed

Otterville—Officers installed at Violet Rebekah Lodge by District Deputy President Helen Underwood of East St. Thomas District No 17, and her staff were: Noble Grand, Lena Young; vice grand, Jean Marshall; recording secretary, Anna Treffry; financial secretary, Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Jean Baguley; warden, Mary Furlong; conductor, Rebecca Maloney; inside guardian, Hilda Avey; outside guardian, Beatrice McCurdy; chaplain, Josephine Mountain; R.S.N.G., Betty Slaght; L.S.N.G., Emma Strudwick; R.S.V.G., Eva Hill; L.S.V.G., Annie Smith; junior past grand, Ethel Arthur; musician, Wilma Butler; color bearer, Iren Smart.

Addresses were given by the vice grand from Aylmer, and Brothers Orton and Ellsworth. Sister Ethel Arthur was presented with her past noble grand's jewel, and she presented the district deputy president with a gift. Lunch was served, the committee in charge being Edith Avey, Josephine Howse, Gertrude Walther, Vera Weish, Josephine Mountain, Pearl Parson, Marjorie Hopkins and Elzina Mann.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilson

A lovely fall wedding was solemnized at the Norwich Baptist church by Rev. L. Whan, when Betty Rosalee, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ash became the bride of Wm. R. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Norwich.

Entering the church with her father, the bride wore an imported gown of net over heavy candle-light satin, French lace yolk, set with sequins. The full net skirt clouded by a lace peplum which extended into a beautiful train. Her finger tip veil of tulle illusion was held by a tiara of seed pearls and sequins. She wore a beautiful string of pearls a gift of the groom and carried a White Bible and gardenias.

Mrs. Douglas Avey was organist Tom Turton, Ingersoll was soloist he sang "Because" and "I love you truly".

The maid of honour was the bride's youngest sister Joan. She wore flamingo net over satin.

The bridesmaid was Marion Cowan Norwich, in yellow satin with lace. Their headdress was a crown of flowers with a short veil. They carried contrasting colours of chrysanthemums with a silver cascade.

The flower girl, niece of the bride looked lovely in a floor-length hooped dress of blue nylon net over taffeta with a lace yolk, puffed sleeves, net poked bonnet tied with a big bow, white gloves and carried a muff of baby mums.

The little ring bearer, brother of the bride looked smart in a blue suit carrying a white satin cushion with French lace.

Little David Chambers nephew of the bride was train bearer in a smart blue suit.

Glen Avey, Burgessville was best man. Ross and Gordon Chambers were ushers.

The reception was held at Summers, Tillsonburg. The bride's mother received the guests in a midnight blue velvet dress with black accessories, a corsage of pink roses.

The groom's mother received in a teal blue suit with black accessories. A corsage of pink roses.

For their honeymoon to the United States the bride donned a black velvet dress with white lace yolk pink shortie coat and black accessories.

On their return they will reside in Milldale.

The bride's gift to her attendants and organist was a compact. The flower girl a locket.

The grooms gifts to his attendant and soloist, a wallet to the ring bearer and train bearer a ring.

Out of town guests were present from Detroit, Garden City, Mt. Clemens Mich., Tillsonburg, Delhi, Windham Centre, Langton, Otterville, Burgessville, Woodstock, Princeton.

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Executive of Courtland Company



Shown are officers of Courtland Metal Products Limited, which in three years time hopes to employ some 140 persons in the manufacture of metal stampings and small assem-

blies for the automotive, appliance, implement, furniture and toy trades. Left to right are Harold Browett, Courtland, treasurer and general manager; Mrs. C. A. Lee, Court-

land, president, and George Davis, Otterville, secretary, accountant and office manager. Delhi News-Record Photo.

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Late Thomas J. Arthur

Thomas John Arthur, a resident of this district for more than fifty years died at his home in Otterville, Saturday afternoon, following several weeks illness. Mr. Arthur suffered a broken hip in the early summer and was confined to hospital at Tillsonburg for several weeks but was able to return to his home the latter part of July. Born near St. Paul, in Downie township, Perth County, nearly 76 years ago, Mr. Arthur spent his early life there. Following his marriage to Mary A. Arth-

ur 52 years ago he lived at Hawtrey, Bookton and Arthurs' Corners before moving to his present home in the village about six years ago. He was an active member of the Bookton Presbyterian church for about 25 years, and following union he was a member of the Otterville United Church and has been one of the elders for many years. He also served as a school trustee for 22 years at S.S. No. 8 and was a member of the Orange Lodge for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Mabel

McKie and four sons, Stanley, Clayton, James S., and Kenneth, all of Otterville. He also leaves 15 grandchildren, two brothers, William Jas. Arthur, Pontiac, Mich., Samuel Arthur, Stratford, and three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Eidt, Sebringville, Mrs. Mary Corbett and Mrs. Emma McGiveren, both of St. Marys.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Otterville United church and were very largely attended by relatives, neighbors and friends. Rev. W.G. Wylie, minister of the church conducted the services, and Mr. Geo. Lowe, of Norwich sang "Good Night and Good Morning" and also sang a solo at the close of the service. He also assisted the congregation in singing "Unto the Hills Around Do I Lift Up" and "Rock of Ages". Mr. Carl Hilliker of Tillsonburg was the organist. There were many beautiful floral tributes, and among them were those from the Summerville Women's Institute and the Otterville United Church. The flower bearers included Keith Arthur, Clare Arthur, Donald Arthur, Bruce Hanson, Grant Arthur, Robert Arthur, Harold Arthur, Earl Lee, George Zimmer, Thomas McGiveren, Braden Austin, Lorne Eidt, Stanley Corbett, John Eidt, William Austin, Bert Black. Relatives were present from Sebringville, Stratford, St. Marys, Pontiac, Windsor, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Norwich, Shelbourne, Woodstock, Bookton, Hamilton, Springfield, Toronto, and other places.

Interment was made in the Bookton Cemetery, the casket bearers were Thomas Arthur, Joseph Arthur, William Eidt, Nelles Arthur, Gordon Corbett and Alex Hanson.

Late John D. Huggins

John David Huggins a resident of the Otterville and Norwich district practically all of his life, died at Woodstock Tuesday Oct. 14, in his 70th year. Mr. Huggins was born in Norflok County, but lived in this district until five years ago. His wife died 30 years ago and he is survived by four sons and two daughters, Frank of Mt. Elgin, George and Elmer of Galt, Lorne of Delhi, Mrs. Fred

(Myrtle) Hansel and Mrs. Melvin (Mildred) Southern both of Oshawa. He also leaves 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one sister Ada, and one brother William Huggins, both of Burgessville.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home and were conducted by Rev. W.G. Wylis, minister of the Otterville United Church. There were many lovely floral tributes from relatives and friends, and among them were wreaths from the United Steel Workers Local 2918, Ingersoll and the Employees of the Savage Shoe Co. Preston where deceased's sons were employed. Relatives and friends were present from Mount Elgin, Oshawa, Galt, Delhi, Burgessville, Beachville, Curries, Woodstock, Glen Meyer, Norwich, and other places.

Interment was made in the St. John's Cemetery, Otterville, the casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Dee Scott, William McMullen, Gordon McMullen, Nate McMullen, Henry Leach and Murray Holmes.

ATTENDED CONVOCATION

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mannell of Otterville; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wenn and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Parker, Norwich, were in London last Friday attending the 157th autumn convocation of the University of Western Ontario. Arnold Mannell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mannell and brother of Mrs. Wenn and Mrs. Parker, was the recipient of the degree of Ph.D. at the convocation. Previously he had gained the degree of B.Sc., and has been doing research work at the University and taking special studies leading to the higher degree.

Mr. Mannell formerly attended the public and continuation school at Otterville, and finished his secondary education in Norwich, graduating from the old High School in June, 1939. Afterwards, for two years, he was a member of the staff of the Royal Bank, at Otterville. Later he served in the R.C.A.F. and after his discharge entered the University of Western Ontario. Throughout his scholastic career Dr. Mannell was especially successful, and he will, no doubt, carry his hard working, methodical habits into whatever work he later enters. For the time being, he will continue research work at the university.

Mrs. Mannell is the former Jean Keenan of Springford. Mrs. Keenan, her mother, also attended the graduation ceremonies. All the visitors greatly enjoyed the convocation address of Dr. Louis Blake Duff of Welland. Dr. Duff received the honorary degree of L.L.D.

A family reunion was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mannell after the convocation ceremonies. This feature of the day was a complete surprise for the successful young man, and he enjoyed it to the utmost.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester McMullen and son Ronald of Beachville, Mr. and Mrs. Nean McMullen and family and Mrs. Emily McMullen of Newark spent part of Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mason and family have been spending several days with relatives at Arnprior, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Waring spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roy McIntyre at Norwich.

Church Club

The St. John's Church Club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Spicer recently with eight members present. The president, Miss Jane Furlong, presided for the business when plans were made for the euchre and cribbage games which will be held in the Parish Hall November 21st.

Games and contests were enjoyed with the president convening.

A lovely brooch was presented by the members to Mrs. Roy Rachar who is leaving next week for England where she and her children will visit relatives and friends.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and the members expressed their appreciation to the hostess for the lovely time spent.

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Scott - Crooks

OTTERVILLE — At the parsonage of the Otterville United Church the Rev. W. G. Wylie united Berta Crooks and James Dee Scott, both of Otterville, in marriage. The bride's only sister, Miss Olla Miller, was the only attendant. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Scott left on a short trip to Niagara Falls, the bride wearing a dress of navy blue with velvet hat and matching accessories. On their return they will reside in Otterville. Nov 1/52.

Couple Honored

A pleasant social time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Treffry last Thursday evening when the neighbors on John St. feted Mr. and Mrs. Dee Scott with a pleasant surprise. After several games of cards Mrs. Earle Petch made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Scott of a table ornament. Both thanked their friends for the lovely evening and for the gift. There were 14 in attendance. Nov 27/52.

Canadian Scholars Pay Tribute To Dr. Innis, Otterville Native

The many contributions of Professor Harold Adams Innis, head of the Department of Political Philosophy and dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto, have been outstanding in many fields—as a political economist and historian, teacher, author, and member on Royal Commissions. Saturday Night says in a recent issue, in publishing tributes from two Canadian scholars abroad.

Dr. Innis, a native of Otterville, and brother to Sam Innis of that village, has the single honor of being the only non-resident of the U. S. to be president this year of the American Economics Association. Dr. Innis graduated from Woodstock High School and enlisted in the First World War after graduating from McMaster University, Hamilton. He taught school at S. S. 1, South Norwich, about 40 years ago.

In tribute J. Bartlett Brebner, professor of History at Columbia University, New York City, had the following to say:

Outside Canada, during the past 15 years or so, Harold Innis has been recognized as one of the world's great scholars in spite of the fact that few of the outsiders were primarily interested in the Canadian studies upon which, arithmetically, his reputation principally rested. In the U. S. and Great Britain the true originality, terseness and penetration of his thinking along many lines unfailingly commanded attention, argumentation and respect. I remember, for instance, meeting an American scholar who had merely heard Innis speak informally at a conference and who was determined to learn more about him. Perhaps one other Canadian scholar during the past 35 years has won equal prestige abroad, but none who has specialized for the most part in Canadian subjects.

Moreover Innis's sense of urgency has seldom permitted him to take the time to achieve a lucid, winning style of exposition. Scholars read his writings, often protestingly, because they cannot afford to neglect them. His unique status abroad has been signalized by many offices and special lectureships, the presidencies of the Economic History Association and of the American Economics Association.

Canadians outside the world of scholarship (academic and non-academic) have in Innis's case, on the whole, confirmed the adage about the honoring of prophets. Yet here is a historian and political economist whose published works are based upon both kinds of research—in the records and on the ground. During his early days, while some dim-witted colleagues at the University of Toronto shook their heads over him and suggested that he should go elsewhere, he was working at the available libraries and archives behind barricades of historical source of materials that had never been mined before, or travelling, frugally and "light," all over Canada from the MacKenzie to Nova Scotia to study the workings of the Canadian economy.

By the time of the depression after 1929, his status in informed circles was secure and the impact of his basic ideas and demonstrations was influencing the whole body of Canadian social studies. Not a few scholars of lesser stature have gladly acknowledged that Innis patterned their thinking for them. Moreover, it is difficult to define the boundaries of his self-culture, that is, of his satisfaction of his own curiosities. His acquaintance with literature, for instance, both past and current, is remarkable.

His personality, while somewhat enigmatic, is a winning one. Few men who have pricked so many bubbles in public discussion can have so few enemies. Indeed, hundreds of persons feel an incalculable debt to his stimulus and encouragement.

Apparently because it is so obvious that his first duty is to truth, his victims seldom misinterpret his often devastating criticism as malice. Moreover, few persons can resist his sense of fun and his quizzical, semi-skeptical attitude towards a world, much of whose behavior he finds deplorable, but necessary to be borne because of the human frailty that he acknowledges in himself.

If he can be summed up, it is in the word "liberal," the devotee of freedom in thought and expression. This is not any easy quality in a man who takes a somewhat sardonic view of human nature. It tempts such a one towards elitism and away from democracy. Innis's saving grace lies in his sense of humor and on the fact that he transcends Locke and his followers by not coupling liberty necessarily with property.

For him liberty of thought, with strict relevance of existing or ascertainable evidence, is what stands between man and his destruction by decay and fossilization. As he once wrote, "Pure scholarship is a growth hormone of civilization as well as a measure of its quality."

Gerald Graham, Rodes Professor of Imperial History at the University of London (Eng.), presently at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., said the following:

The other day I quoted Harold Innis (without naming him) during a speech to the Nassau Club at Princeton, where I am now working in the Institute for Advanced Study. Members demanded "Who was that?" and several voices simultaneously: "Innis."

Here at the Institute—a sort of microcosm of the world, with members ranging from France to Persia—there is no geographer, economist, historian or student of the social sciences who does not know "Innis of Toronto" and his work. Only at rare intervals does Canadian scholarship throw forth a giant in the international sense who renounces the fleshpots and remains here to set a standard of learning and academic integrity.

Innis is one of the utterly selfless persons who, having themselves toiled hard from the bottom rungs of scholarship to the top, and gained tremendous intellectual resources, have no greater desire than to share their abundance with any others who can make use of it. My chief recollection of working with him is the way in which he made our problems his own, seeming to forget about his numerous tasks and projects, and cutting through the undergrowths of facts both relevant and irrelevant to the major premises which gave one a new sense of proportion.

Innis has never called himself a historian; but his sense of history far transcends the antiquarianism not infrequently practised in universities. Actually he has no vested interest in any single compartment of knowledge. Primarily an economist and a first-rate one, he refuses to be put in any watertight compartment, and this helps to explain the freedom and breadth of his thought.

Sometimes this expansion of horizons went on too rapidly. His Oxford lectures three years ago dealt

with problems of education in classical times, and in that home of classical studies there were those who questioned some of his points. But as Humphrey Sumner, the Warden of All Souls, and himself one of the great men of present scholarship, remarked to me: "He may at times have leaped too far, but none of us listening to him could doubt the stature of the man."

He might be called a social philosopher, but he has always hated the charlatans who have sought to make the social studies "scientific" in the manner of the natural sciences. His thinking has been governed by history and by the humanities.

In my younger days, Innis was the stormy petrel of Canadian academia. With a bold and original mind, he never made discretion the better part of valour, and he has always shown contempt for the security-minded and the eternal compromiser. He has suffered defeats, but he has probably never been 'counted out'; and with the enormous successes (which he seems never to have anticipated) he has shown always an entire absence of vanity.

I can still see him—as I did the first time, almost twenty-five years ago—hatless and with hair flying in the summer breeze, shambling into his lair in the Public Record Office, up Chancery Lane. I have seen him after dusk in the local 'pub' discoursing on fish, furs and fools, and stirring small groups of Record searches with his pungent sallies and wry humour; I have seen him rise up a little shyly in the middle of a scholars' conference, and then proceed, Prometheus-like, to steal strange fires from the Heavens, and dominate the audience as the Elder Pitt once dominated the eighteenth-century House of Commons.

Dr. H. Innis, 58, Economist, Dies

TORONTO, Nov. 9 — (CP) — Dr. Harold Adams Innis, 58, internationally-renowned Canadian economic historian, died Saturday.

Known to scholars of the social sciences throughout the world as "Innis of Toronto," he was head of the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto and dean of the School of Graduate Students. His several books were widely read outside of this country despite the fact they dealt strictly with Canadian economics.

Born in Otterville, Ont., educated at Woodstock Collegiate and a graduate of McMaster University, Prof. Innis earlier attended the universities of Chicago, New Brunswick, Manitoba and McMaster, Laval and Glasgow.

Royal Commissions

In 1934 he was a member of a royal commission investigating the economic life of Nova Scotia and later was a member of the commission studying adult education in Manitoba. In 1944 he received the Royal Society of Canada's Tyrrell Medal for "outstanding work in history and economic science" and the next year attended the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science's anniversary celebration in Moscow.

He did not confine his studies to the field of economics and in 1948 he lectured at Oxford University on the problems of education in classical times. While in England he also delivered the Cuts Foundation lecture at the University of Nottingham.

Rapped Scientific Thinking

He objected vigorously to the application of scientific methods to social studies, preferring to govern his thinking by history and the humanities. In 1948 he was one of 11 educationalists who drafted a "constitution for a world government" as the answer to the problems of the atomic age.

Prof. Innis is survived by his widow, the former Mary Quayle, of Wilmette, Ill., also a noted Canadian scholar, historian and author of several books on economic history in Canada; two sons, Donald and Hugh; and two daughters, Mrs. Bruce Cates, of Vancouver; and Anne Christine.

The funeral will be held Monday at 3 p.m. EST from Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto.

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**PRETTY WEDDING
 AT OTTERVILLE**

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. John's Anglican Church here Saturday afternoon, when Phyllis Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Strudwick of Otterville, was united in marriage to Alan George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rachar of North Norwich. Rev. C. H. Wright, rector of the church, officiated.

The church was decorated with bronze and yellow 'mums and ferns and white chrysanthemums were used at the altar. Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville, played the traditional wedding music, and the soloist, Mrs. J. M. Climie of Tillsonburg sang "Wedding Prayer" and during the signing of the register sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white cut velvet fashioned on Colonial lines. The jacket was made with long sleeves, extending to a point at the wrist, and stand-up collar. The tight fitted bodice had a sweetheart neckline, and the full hoop skirt extended into a slight train. The full-length veil was of nylon net, and was held by a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of deep red roses.

Mrs. Margaret Harrison of Woodstock was the matron of honor and wore a floor-length gown of iridescent taffeta in blue and rose, and carried a bouquet of roses and baby 'mums in rose shades. Mrs. Frank Finch of Otterville was bridesmaid and wore rose taffeta and her flowers were of shaded roses and 'mums. The junior bridesmaid was Miss Denise Barrett of Salford, niece of the groom, wearing a gown of medium blue taffeta and carrying pink roses and tinted 'mums. All wore tiny caps of flowers and petals matching their gowns, which were all made on princess lines. The flower girl was Juanita McMullen of Otterville, who wore a pale taffeta dress, with hoop skirt, and net yoke. She carried a basket of pink roses.

Louis Barrett of Salford, brother-in-law of the groom, was the best man, and the ushers were Victor Barnes and Ron Greer, both of Toronto.

The reception was held in the Parish Hall, where the bride's mother received wearing a grey-blue lace dress with navy accessories and corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore iridescent taffeta in brown shades with contrasting accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Ninety guests were present from Toronto, Acton, Salford, Detroit, Norwich, Otterville and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Rachar left on a motor trip to Northern Ontario, the bride travelling in a grey suit with purple hat and accessories and corsage of white gardenias. On their return they will reside in Tillsonburg.



Nov. 1/52 Mr. and Mrs. Rachar

Marks 91st Birthday With Work for Church

OTTERVILLE, Dec. 31—J. Wesley Fish, veteran printer of Otterville, celebrated his 91st birthday by doing "just a little extra work" for the church he has loved and loyally served practically all of his life.

Recently he noticed that the hymn number cards in the Otterville United Church were becoming soiled after more than 30 years of use, so he printed a new set on his birthday and presented them to the church.

Mr. Fish spends most of his time in his "Hobby Print Shop" doing extra fine work, and has printed the South Norwich Township voters' lists for the past 65 years, doing it again this year.

He is treasurer of the United Church, and spends much of his "spare" time on the church books.

In addition to his work around his home and his shop, he is the secretary-treasurer of the Otter Cemetery Board, being the only living member on the original board.

Mrs. Nellie Carswell has been visiting her nieces, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. J. W. Riste, and also her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lena Young. Dec 1952.

Ladies' Guild

The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held their last meeting of the year at the home of the president, Mrs. Lena Young, with Mrs. J. M. Furlong taking the secretary's place for the day. Reports of the bazaar were presented which were very satisfactory, and of goods sold since the bazaar. There was a minute of silence in memory of a valued member, Mrs. Leith Howse. Mrs. Furlong invited the ladies to meet at her home for the Jan. 8th meeting at which time the new officers will be elected. Mrs. Young served tea at the close of the meeting. Dec 1952.

Died

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 MOORE—At his home in Otterville on Wednesday, December 17, 1952, Charles Whitehead Moore, in his 85th year.

Friends will be received at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where funeral service will be held Friday, December 19, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Charles W. Moore

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Charles Whitehead Moore, a lifelong resident of Otterville, died at his home here Wednesday morning following a brief illness. Mr. Moore underwent an emergency operation about three weeks ago, and had apparently recovered and was around as usual until last Thursday.

Born 84 years ago a mile north of Otterville, near the Scidmore farm, he spent his early life there, moving to his present home on the western outskirts of Otterville 65 years ago. Forty-five years ago he married Margaret Hammond, who survives him, also one son, Edward S. Moore, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Moore was one of a family of 10 children of the late Alexander B. Moore and Susan Stevenson, and the only remaining member of the family is his one brother, Alfred E. Moore, Otterville. Mr. Moore was a member of the Springford Baptist Church, and a number of years ago he served as deacon, Sunday school superintendent, and has also been treasurer and teacher during his earlier years. He also acted as secretary for the old Forresters' Lodge when it was located here. He had farmed here all his life, and assisted with some of the work until this fall.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where funeral service will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. by Rev. Ross Readhead, pastor of the Springford Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

NORWICH O.E.S.

MARKS BIRTHDAY

Norwich—Norwich Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, celebrated its 25th birthday and honored charter members at a ceremony after the close of the chapter. More than 150 members and visitors from Fort Francis, Toronto, Brantford, Lynden, Simcoe, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Vittoria, Parkhill, Waterford, Scotland, Delhi, Ingersoll, Hamilton, Innerkip, Leamington and other points were present.

One of the first worthy matrons of the chapter, Miss Ethel Poldon, presided during the opening ceremonies. She was assisted by Norman Hern, who has been worthy patron on several occasions. Several of the charter members and past matrons assisted with the opening of the chapter.

Guests introduced included the Worthy Grand Patron of Ontario, Wellington Smith, Fort Francis; three past worthy grand matrons, Mrs. Viola McClung, Brantford, Mrs. Florence Andrews, Scotland, and Mrs. Pearl MacDonald, Cooksville. Also present was the D.D. G.M., Mrs. Minnie Shelton, Innerkip, two past D.D.G.M.'s, 15 presiding matrons and patrons, and 40 past matrons and patrons.

Nine of the charter members were present, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bishop, Miss Ethel Poldon, Mrs. Letitia Poldon, Mrs. Rubena Winterburn, Mrs. George Lowe, Mrs. John Boyce, Mrs. Jennie Cornwell and Mrs. Edith Sweazey. These members were each presented with charter member pins and nosegays of red roses.

The first two members who joined after the chapter was instituted, Mrs. J. S. Leitch and Mrs. Ross Poole, were also presented with nosegays. The ceremony was conducted by the worthy matron, Mrs. Leita Wardell, and Harry Cookman, both of Otterville. The conductresses, Mrs. Mary Learn and Mrs. Edith Petch, were assisted by Mrs. Poole, D.D. G.M., and the birthday cake was presented by Mrs. Charles Mann and Mrs. Martin Smith. The star point candles were lit by Mrs. Agnes Newlands, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Jean Baguley, Mrs. Alice Arthur and Mrs. Mabel Garland.

The birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Viola McClung, P.W.G.M., and Wellington Smith, W.G.P., who each gave messages of congratulation and encouragement. Others who spoke briefly were Mrs. Florence Andrews, P.G.M., on co-operation and good fellowship, and Mrs. Pearl MacDonald, P.G.M., who expressed the hope that the foundation which had been laid by the charter members will continue with success.

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Mrs. Leith O. Howse

The death occurred at Victoria Hospital, London, late Wednesday night of Mrs. Leith O. Howse, a resident of Otterville for the past 42 years.

Born at Lowville, near Hamilton, 64 years ago, she was the former Laurel Ivy Naisbitt. She spent her early life at Lowville and a short time at Freeman before her marriage 42 years ago when she came to Otterville.

She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church and also of the Ladies' Guild and Altar Guild and Violet Rebekah Lodge and took an active part in these organizations when health permitted. She was confined to Victoria Hospital for the past two weeks and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital a week prior to that.

She is survived by her husband and five sons, Fred and Carl of Otterville, Charlie of Woodstock, Keith and Paul at home; six grandchildren; three brothers and four sisters, Milford of Burlington, Frederick of Bronte, Frank of Niagara Falls, Ont., Mrs. Fred Bowman (Pearl), Mrs. George Brain (Florence), Miss Delilah (Daisy) Naisbitt and Mrs. David Robinson (Rhea) all of Burlington.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, until Saturday noon, thence to St. John's Anglican Church for service at 2 p.m. Clergy, Rev. C. H. Wright and interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Funeral at Otterville For Mrs. Leith Howse

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Funeral services for Mrs. Leith Howse were held at St. John's Anglican Church Saturday afternoon and were very largely attended by relatives and friends from Burlington, Niagara Falls, Bronte, Norwich, Delhi, Otterville, Fonthill, Brantford, Tillsonburg, London, St. Thomas, Woodstock and other places.

Rev. C. H. Wright, Norwich, rector of the church, conducted the services at the church and also at the graveside. There were many beautiful floral tributes, and among them were those from the Neighbors, Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., and Violet Rebekah Lodge, the Experimental Station, Delhi, Ladies' Guild and St. John's Church Club, employees of Elliott Bros., Woodstock, and the degree team of Violet Rebekah Lodge.

Forty members of Violet Rebekah Lodge performed their last rites at the Addison Funeral Home, Friday evening, with the Noble Grand, Mrs. Lena Young, in charge, assisted by the past district president, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Mrs. Jean Marshall, VG, Mrs. Ethel Arthur, JPG, Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, chaplain, Mrs. Nate McMullen, pianist, and Mrs. Ronald Colver, soloist, who sang "The Haven of Rest."

Interment was made in the Otterville Cemetery. Casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Ward King, Edward Moore, Dee Scott, Andrew Childs, Max Avey and Murray Holmes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arthur entertained the latter's family at an anniversary dinner last Tuesday. Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKnight and daughter Shirley, Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chrysler and son Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Murray, of Pleasant Valley. The occasion marked the 19th wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. McKnight. Christmas Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kendrick, Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomson and children, Gary and Karen, Milldale, Mr. and Mrs. Nean McMullen, and children, Ann and Ross, and Mrs. Emily McMullen, Norwich, Miss Effie Nelson and Miss Jennie Sharp, Tillsonburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riste, Mrs. Lena Young and Emil Smith, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cucksey and daughter, Diane, and Miss Jean Deer of Burgessville, Mrs. Albert Beckham, Simcoe, and Mrs. Annie Clarke spent Friday with Mrs. James Johnston and family.

Sunday at St. John's Anglican Church, Rev. C. H. Wright reviewed the past year in his sermon. He also announced that the first Sunday in the New Year, the service would be in the evening, and the following services during January would be held in the morning.

Late Mrs. Joseph Jakubowski

Mrs. Joseph Jakubowski, a resident of Otterville for the past twelve years died at the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg Tuesday morning where she had spent the past three days. Mrs. Jakubowski, the former Annie Augustine, was born at Melville, Saskatchewan, 36 years ago, and spent her early life there. Following her marriage in 1934 she lived at Grayson, Sask. coming to Otterville with her family in 1940. She had been in poor health for some time, and confined to her home for the past few weeks. She is survived by her husband and three sons, George, Norbert and Donald, all at home. She also leaves her father Ambrose Augustine and stepmother in Saskatchewan, also one step brother, Mike Augustine and seven sisters, Mrs. John Jakubowski, Endeavor, Sask., Mrs. John Weishaupt, Vancouver,

B.C., Mrs. Sebastian Appel, Esterhazy, Sask., Mrs. Aloyse Wallenger, Grayson, Sask., Mrs. Edward Dragon, Delhi, Ont., Mrs. Jim Reiger, Grayson, Sask., and Mrs. Frank Ottenbreit, Cathcart, Ont.

Mrs. Jakubowski is resting at the Addison Funeral Home Otterville where prayers will be offered Friday evening at 8.30. Requiem high mass at the Church of Our Lady, LaSalette, Saturday, Dec. 27th, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, LaSalette.

Funeral of Mrs. Jakubowski

Funeral services of Mrs. Joseph Jakubowski, whose death occurred at the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg last Tuesday, were held from the Addison Funeral Home to the Church of Our Lady, LaSalette Saturday morning where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father E. Veitenheimes. Sympathy to the bereaved family at the Christmas season was expressed by many beautiful floral tributes, including wreaths from the neighbors, Slight Brothers, the Otter Lumber Co. and the Pals

Club of which Mrs. Jakubowski was a member. There were also a great number of mass cards, and the services Friday evening and Saturday morning were largely attended. Among those coming from a distance were Mr. Jakubowski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jakubowski and Mr. and Mrs. Val. Jakubowski, who motored the 1,700 miles from Grayson, Saskatchewan, to be with the family, also Mr. James Reiger, Grayson, Sask. Other relatives from Montreal, Toronto, Oshawa, Cathcart, Delhi, Aylmer and other places. Interment was made in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, LaSalette, and the casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Frank Finch, Rouville Alix, Roy Rachar, Joe Ash, Nate McMullen and Fred Walther.

Councils Meet in Norwich Area



Municipal problems expected to come up for consideration in 1953 were studied at the inaugural meeting of Norwich Village Council. Its members, left to right: Councilor Harold Williams, Clerk A. L. Bushell, Councilor Howard Butler, Reeve H. C. Cayley, Councilors Howard McCombe and Stanley Newton.



Members of South Norwich Township Council met for their first session of 1953 yesterday. Left to right around the table they are: Councilor Robert Lee, Road Superintendent Elmer Almost; standing, councilor J. A. McCabe, Reeve Fred Walther, Councilor Monty Murphy; Clerk Herbert Parson, Councilor A. Hutcheson.

Prompt Your Memory

Fifty-two Years Ago

(The Gazette, January 31, 1901)

D.D.G.M. Bro. Bell of Springfield, with his staff of assistants installed the officers of Hayden Lodge, I.O.O.F., as follows: N. G., Harry Herrick; V.G., J.A. Yeo; Rec. Sec'y, Fred Bishop; Fin. Sec'y, Leslie Mills; Treas., J.D. Hogarth.

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Norwich defeated the Woodstock Y.M.C.A. team here in a game of hockey, but were defeated by the B.C.I. team when they played in Brantford.

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Saturday, February 2nd, was declared a public holiday in Canada, as a day of mourning to the late Queen Victoria.

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The Presbyterian congregation were hearing a number of visiting ministers, with a view of extending a call.

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Otterville was talking over the matter of building a new school, and adding another teacher to the staff.

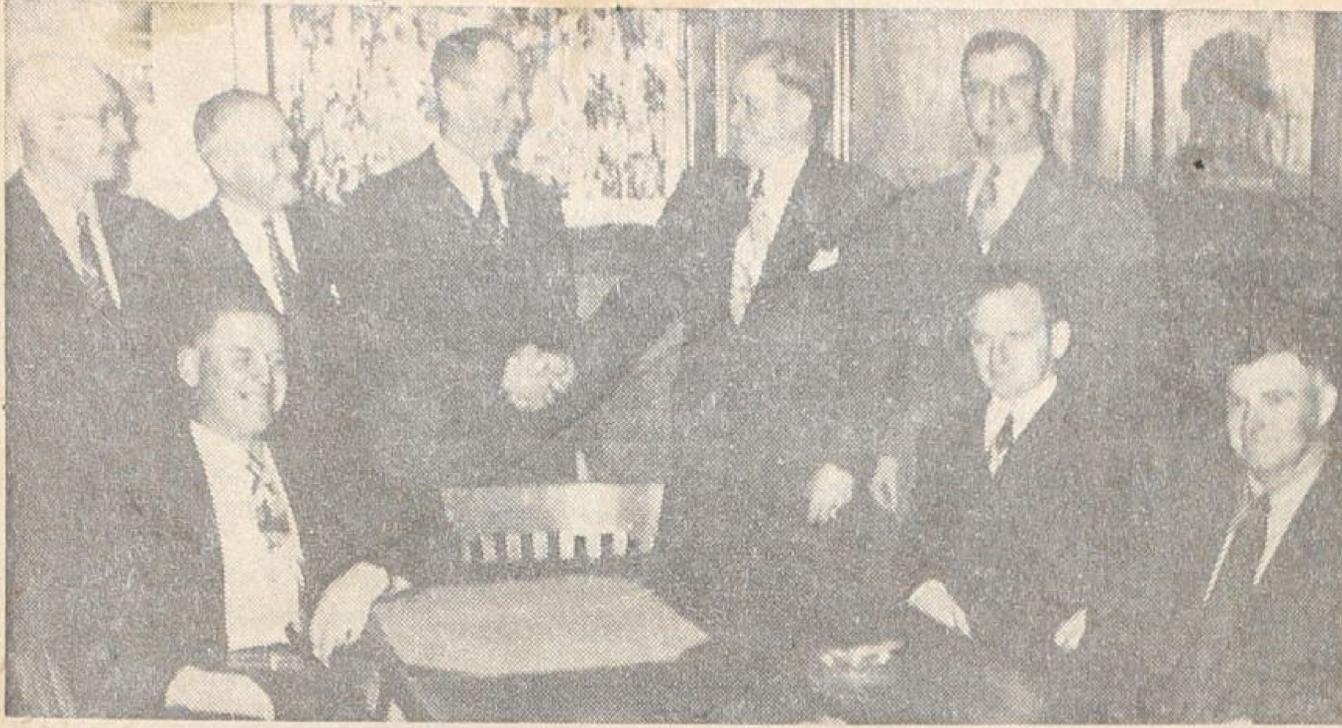
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Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Wellington Armstrong with the president Mrs. W.E. Marshall in charge. A committee of Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Lena Young was chosen to assist in the planning for the World Day of Prayer which will be held in the schoolroom at the United Church, Friday, Feb. 20th. Bills were paid for materials which have been purchased for making articles for the bazaar next Fall. All the items toward the deanery bale were donated, and the necessary knitting is being done, ready to be forwarded in May. There were also cash donations for the articles to be bought. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Armstrong after the meeting.

The congregation of St. John's Anglican Church showed their appreciation to Mrs. Nate McMullen, who has been the organist of the church for more than thirty years, by presenting her with a platform rocker. *Jan 31/53.*

C.L. Brown and son A.E. Brown have sold their tobacco farm north of Otterville to Nick Evanoff of Delhi, and Mr. and Mrs. Evanoff plan to move there the first of March. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown have purchased a duplex brick house from Mr. McComb on the Main street at Norwich, and Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Brown are building a house for themselves near the Milldale cemetery.



North Norwich Township Council was the third municipal group in Southeastern Oxford County to hold its inaugural meeting. Left to right are: Councilor Carl Bertrand, Road Superintendent Charles deMontmorency, Clerk John Pritchard, W. L. Bishop, retiring reeve, who is welcoming Reeve R. H. Bickle, Councilors Weldon Burrill, Grant Smith and Douglas Deeyes. (Photos by Lowe).

Leach-Malcolm

Otterville—Mrs Eva Malcolm and George Leach, both of Otterville, exchanged marriage vows at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Tillsonburg, with the Rev. Fr. A. P. Spencer officiating.

The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Loftus of Delhi, cousins of the bride. The Rev. Fr. Smith of Port Burwell presided at the organ and during the signing of the register sang "Ave Maria."

A reception was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Somers, Tillsonburg.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Windsor and Detroit, and will reside in Otterville.

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Enroll Hampton Howse

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Private funeral services for baby Enroll Hampton Howse, eight-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Howse, Otterville, were held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. H. Wright, Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. The baby had been ill since New Year's, and is survived by three young brothers, Keith Jr., Larry Dale, also his parents and grandparents, Leith O. Howse, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosehart, all of Otterville. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Otterville.

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Mary Hastings Club Elects Executive



Several of the newly elected executive of the Happy Bluebirds (Mary Hastings) Club are shown here after their installation at Norwich. They are, from left to right: Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency, pianist; Mrs.

George Lowe, press; Mrs. Fred Pearce, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Martin Smith, president; Miss Lillian Oatman, vice-president, and Mrs. Ross Haylock, sick and flower convener.

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Late Charles Wesley Wilcox

The death of Charles Wesley Wilcox of Norwich occurred Friday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law Lorne Wade where he has been staying for the past several weeks. Mr. Wilcox has been in poor health for the past several years but his death occurred suddenly shortly after he had returned from a visit to his doctor. Born at Normandale 86 years ago, Mr. Wilcox farmed east of Norwich for several years, and later had a store at Kelvin retiring about 15 years ago and lived on John Street in Norwich. His wife predeceased him eleven years ago, and he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lorne Wade, and one sister and one brother, Mrs. Mary Tanner and Walter Wilcox, both of Norwich. He also leaves four grandchildren.

Mr. Wilcox rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, at 2 p.m. and were conducted by Rev. W. M. Kiteley of Norwich. Interment was made in the Norwich cemetery.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CHARLES WESLEY WILCOX

Funeral services for Charles Wesley Wilcox of Norwich, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lorne Wade at Pleasant Valley on Friday, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and were conducted by Rev. W.M. Kiteley of Norwich. During the service Mr. George Lowe of Norwich sang "Goin' Home" and "The Last Mile of the Way". He was accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano. The floral tributes from relatives and friends included a basket from Toronto, Burford, Scotland, Norwich, Paris and other places. Interment was made in the Norwich Cemetery, the casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Howard McCombe, Fred Avey, Roy Rachar, Alex Murray, Alvin Newell and W. Adams.

Brotherhoods Meet

Col. White of London was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Anglican Brotherhood in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church, and gave an informative talk on the immigration laws of Canada. Members were present from London, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, Norwich and Culloden. Owing to inclement weather the attendance was not as large as expected. Solos were sung by J. W. Riste of Otterville, accompanied by the rector, Rev. C. H. Wright, at the organ. Lunch provided by the Ladies' Guild was served by the men after the meeting.

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THE REV. W. R. PARSON, who has been appointed rector of the Anglican charge of Dutton and West Lorne, effective March 1.

Native of Otterville Named Dutton Rector

Rev. William Ridley Parson, B.A., B.D., O.S.L., has been appointed as rector of the Church of the Nativity, Dutton, and of Grace Church, West Lorne, according to an announcement made recently by Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, Anglican Bishop of Huron. Rev. Parson will assume his new duties on March 1.

Born and raised at Otterville, he was educated at Woodstock Collegiate and the University of Western Ontario and Huron College, London.

Ordained in 1925 he served as curate under Canon Quintin Warner at Cronyn Memorial Church, London, and as rector of Christ Church, Huntingford, and Trinity Church, East Zorra. Later he did post graduate work at Harvard and at the University of Chicago, specializing in sociology and social psychology.

While in Chicago, he was canonically transferred to that Diocese and served as rector of two churches, the Church of Our Savior, Elmhurst, and Grace Episcopal Church, Freeport, Ill., which he is leaving to return to Canada. In the Chicago Diocese he served on the Department of Christian Education and as Dean of the Northern Deanery. In 1938 he received the Bishop's cross for distinguished service.

Mrs. Parson is formerly of London, and there are three sons in the family, John, a student at the University of Illinois; David, in high school, and Mark, in grade school. Mr. Parson was a member of the Freeport Rotary Club, and devoted his spare time to botany, gardening and forestry. His sister, Mrs. John R. Ford, is formerly of Dutton.

John Gillett, 85, 2/1/53 MAR Dies at Hospital

John Gillett, 85, of 779 Nelson street, retired Canadian National Railway employee, died Saturday at Victoria Hospital after a year's illness.

He was born in England, son of the late Edwin and Harriett (Brown) Gillett.

Mr. Gillett was an adherent of Hyatt Avenue United Church.

His wife, the former Kate Miller, died a year ago. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Pearl) Easton, and Mrs. John (Kate) Warner, of London, and Mrs. Joseph (Edna) Taylor, of Toronto; a son, John, of Toronto; a brother, Albert, of London; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Service will be conducted in the Needham Memorial Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday by the Rev. Carlyle Husser, of Hyatt Avenue United Church, burial following in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Return Home From England

Mrs. Roy Rachar and children Judith and Bobby have returned home after spending four months with the former's father and other relatives at Durham, England. They made the trip both ways by plane, and the return trip they encountered some bad weather, necessitating a stop at Iceland and also at Goose Bay, Labrador for refueling where they found temperatures of 30 below zero. At Iceland, Mrs. Rachar found that souvenirs were beautiful but very expensive and the only milk available there was goat's milk. It was Mrs. Rachar's first trip back to her homeland since coming to Otterville nine years ago. She did not find the changes she expected in England, and life there was much the same as when she left.

Ladies Guild

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Wright, en-

tertained the Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville at the rectory, and there was a very large attendance. The president, Mrs. W. E. Marshall presided over the business meeting and Rev. C. H. Wright was the pianist, and also gave an instructive message on "Lent." Mrs. Charles Hopkins gave the Scripture lesson, and an invitation was accepted to have the next meeting at the home of Mrs. George Wavell. Mrs. Nate McMullen was appointed to purchase additional yarn for knitting articles for the Fall bazaar. Announcement was made for the Good Friday service, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Wright was assisted by Mrs. J.W. Riste and Mrs. Mabel Avey in serving tea after the meeting.

At the Holy Communion service in St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday, the rector, Rev. C. H. Wright gave a memorial message based on Jesus words, "Do This in remembrance of me."

Club at Norwich Stages Carnival

NORWICH, March 13 — Norwich Figure Skating Club, having enjoyed a busy and successful season under the direction of Miss E. Durno, professional instructor who serves both Woodstock and Norwich clubs, held its second annual carnival tonight at Norwich Community Arena.

An ambitious program was presented.

President Al Wisson has worked for weeks perfecting a scheme of decoration. Mrs. W. Plaxton did the costumes.

The two-and-one-half-hour program was highlighted by the appearance of Miss Elaine Richards, of Oshawa Skating Club.

Norwich, Burgessville and Otterville children, billed as "Norwich Skating Stars of Tomorrow," took part.

Some of the ambitious children, like Fraser Lawson, Carl Harrison and Barbara Thrower belong to both Woodstock and Norwich skating organizations in order to profit by extra skating time and instruction under Miss Durno.

This year, Miss Durno devoted Monday and Friday afternoons and evenings to the Norwich club which has a membership of more than 150.

'Chorus' Line, Skipping Team



Members of the Norwich Figure Skating Club presented their second annual carnival before a capacity crowd in the town's arena last night. Among the performers were the eight "chorus" line girls (above). They are, left to right: Nina Wisson, Mary Alice Carnaghan, Ruth Fidlin, Geraldine Bloxsidge, Sandra Plaxton, Ida Smith, Marilyn Gehring, Dolores Hooker. The four-girl skipping team (right) includes: Connie Noack, Sandra Hogg, Ruth Ann Irving and Betty Woods. Highlight of the show was the appearance of Miss Elaine Richards, of the Oshawa Skating Club. The carnival was directed by Miss E. Durno, Norwich club instructor. Norwich, Burgessville and Otterville children, billed as "Norwich Skating Stars of Tomorrow," participated in the program. They are among some 150 members of the town's skating organization. (Photo by Lowe).

Ladies' Guild

The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held a successful St. Patrick's tea and sale on Tuesday in the Community hall.

Mrs. Lena Young was the hostess, and Mrs. Frank Finch, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. D. R. Spicer and Miss Barbara Furlong had charge of the tea tables. The bake table was convened by Mrs. W. E. Marshall and Mrs. Nate McMullen, while Mrs. B. Strudwick had charge of the apron sales.

The kitchen committee included Mrs. J. M. Furlong, Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mrs. D. A. Collver, Mrs. Mabel Kerr, Mrs. Herbert Parson, Mrs. Charles Mann, Mrs. M. Maloney and Mrs. DeVoogdt. Mrs. George Wavell arranged for the draw on the pillow cases won by Mrs. Ariel Buck.

The tea tables were attractive with bouquets of daffodils, and the tea cloths were covered with pale green transparent covers. Shamrocks were also used for added decorations, and many St. Patrick's day emblems were used in the refreshments, and also in decorations on the homebaked goods.

Club Meeting

The St. John's Church Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Thompson with the vice-president Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presiding over the business meeting.

She extended an invitation to have the next meeting at her home.

Shower Held

Miss Mary Jane Arthur was honored by several of her girl friends in view of her approaching marriage, and was presented with a torchiere lamp.

The party was held at the home of Miss Jean King, and the evening was spent in making a bride's book for the bride-to-be.

Miss King was assisted by Miss Barbara Furlong, Miss Marie DeVoogdt and Miss Catherine McMullen in serving refreshments at the close of the evening.

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Lodge Anniversary

The seventh Birthday Party for Violet Rebekah Lodge was held in the I.O.O.F. hall Monday evening with 125 members and visitors from Belmont, Norwich, Aylmer, Springfield and Tillsonburg.

The Noble Grand, Mrs. Lena Young welcomed the visitors, and the Belmont degree team conferred the degree on three candidates, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Gwen Williams and Mrs. Helen Thompson.

After lodge, the lunch committee served a delicious plate lunch, and the draw was made for a pair of pillow cases which were won by Frank Finch.

Norwich Man Phones Australian Brother



Sam Pascoe, of Norwich, talks to his brother in Australia whom he hasn't spoken to for 54 years except for a chance meeting in Belgium during World War I. Grouped around are, left to right: D'Arcy Corless, a son-in-law; Mr. Pascoe; Mrs. Pascoe, and two daughters, Mrs. Corless and Helen Pascoe. (Photo by Love).

Oxford Man Phones Australian Brother

Greeting Shouted 15,000 Miles

NORWICH, April 6 — Sam Pascoe yesterday shouted "Happy Birthday" across 15,000 miles to a brother he last spoke to in a chance meeting in 1917 at "Shrapnel Corners" in Belgium.

Except for that meeting in World War I, Sam Pascoe hadn't spoken to his brother, William, for 54 years until he called him long distance Sunday at New South Wales, Australia.

Although he made the call at 5.45 p.m. (EST), Sunday, it was 8.45 a.m. Monday in New South Wales. Sam Pascoe had two sheets of notes for the six-minute conversation in case he forgot what to say in the thrill of the moment.

Both brothers were born in Australia but Sam came to Canada and later joined the Canadian Army. He met his brother in Belgium while he was serving with

the Australian Army. They met for a brief moment as the Canadians went to relieve the Aussies at the front.

Other members of the family and relatives also spoke across the miles. And a friend who heard of Mr. Pascoe's plan to telephone Australia slipped a bill in his hand a few days before.

"Talk to your brother for me just a few minutes longer," he said.

Walter Osborne

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Funeral services for the late Walter Osborne, who was found dead in his home last Tuesday afternoon, were held Thursday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home and were conducted by Rev. C. H. Wright, Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church.

Deceased was born in Burford township nearly 78 years ago but has lived in South Norwich Township for 72 years, living alone most of that time.

The floral tributes included lovely sprays from the Otterville neighbors and friends and also from the Otterville Cemetery Board. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery and the casket bearers were Max Avey, Herbert Parson, Clare Durkee, George H. Davis, Charles Forman and Charles Longstreet.

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Race Horse Killed

The terrific wind which prevailed here on Friday was the cause of an accident which killed one of Edward Arthur's race horses. Mr. Arthur had the animal in the back of his truck bringing her home from New Hamburg and a quarter of a mile from his home, the wind lifted the rack, along with the mare, right off the truck, killing her almost instantly.

Mr. Arthur had raced the 6 year old mare, Direct Ann, but she had suffered a leg injury, so he had decided to breed her this year. The truck was not damaged, but the box was smashed completely.

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Late Mrs. Marry Innis

Mrs. Mary Adams Innis, wife of William Innis, Otterville, died Wednesday night in her 85th year, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Brayley.

Born near Roseville, she later moved to Galt. After her marriage she lived two miles east of Otterville. She is survived by her husband, and three children, Samuel Innis, Otterville; Mrs. Brayley, Mrs. M. Malcolm, Teeterville; a sister, Mrs. Charles Scott, Galt;

a brother, John Adams Chicago.

She was a member of Springford Baptist Church. She organized several groups of Red Cross during World War I which later developed into the Otterville Women's Institute, of which she was the first president. She was a life member of the Baptist Mission Circle and she organized the first mission band of the Otterville Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Innis celebrated

their 58th wedding anniversary late last year. 1907-1953

OTTERVILLE April 1953

Celebrates 92nd Birthday

Matthew Furlong, one of Otterville's several nonagenarians, celebrated his 92nd birthday Saturday and enjoyed a day spent with his family. Mr. Furlong has been living at the home of his son J.M. Furlong, but had his birthday dinner in his own home where his daughter, Miss Edna Furlong, Detroit had been spending the week. Also present for the occasion were his sons Fred W. Furlong, Greensville; Charles Furlong, Windsor; and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Furlong, Otterville. Mr. Furlong enjoys fairly good health, and is particularly interested in the ball games, which he enjoys via the radio.

Given Farewell Party

A group of friends of Mrs. Kenneth Maloney met at her home in the form of a surprise to spend the evening with her before she sails for Aberdeen Scotland, to visit her relatives for a few months.

Suffered a Compound Fracture

Lorne Cooper, R. R. 2, Tillsonburg, suffered a compound fracture of his leg, Friday, when a section of a silo fell on it, almost severing the leg. Mr. Cooper was standing on a cement ring around the base of the silo when the section fell, pinning his leg against the base. He was brought to the office of Doctors H. G. and G. M. Downing, Otterville for first aid, and immediately taken by ambulance to the District Memorial Hospital, at Tillsonburg, for an operation on the leg.

Bride-Elect



Joyce E. Arthur, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur, Otterville, will become the bride of Howard F. Sweazey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sweazey, Merlin. Miss Arthur, a graduate of London Normal School, is a member of the Woodstock Public School staff. The marriage will take place April 4 at Otterville United Church.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Roy Rachar, with the vice president Mrs. Wilson Young in charge. After the opening prayers and the Scripture lesson by Mrs. Mabel Kerr, final plans were made for entertaining the W. M. S. Ten dollars was sent to the W. A. for the Deanery meeting at Woodstock, and a dozen red roses were sent to Mrs. Emily McMullen on her 89th birthday. Plans were made for a meeting on June 11th, and at the close of the meeting there was a contest conducted by Mrs. Young, after which Mrs. Rachar was assisted by Mrs. D. R. Spicer and Mrs. George Wavell in serving tea. *May 21/53*

Edith May Program *1953*

An "Edith May" program was held at the May meeting of the Woman's Association, when four of the members bearing that name took part in the program which was held at the home of Mrs. Edith May Petch. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Edith May Pearce, and the topic entitled, "Thy Kingdom Come" was prepared by Rev. W. J. Copsey, and presented by Mrs. Edith M. Treffry. Mrs. Edith May Avey was the program convener and gave a reading, "When I Get Time," and the story of Queen Elizabeth II was told by Mrs. Edith M. Petch.

The president, Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew presided over the meeting, and the roll call was responded to by naming a favorite saying of our mothers. Mrs. Fred Walther and Mrs. George Daiken were named a committee to purchase carpet for the altar platform in the United Church. A donation was made to the Children's Aid Society, and the Association paid half of \$12.50

Ladies Guild *May 53*

Mrs. Ivor Mann, Tillsonburg, entertained the Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, and there were more than 20 present. Rev. and Mrs. C. H. James, Tillsonburg were present and both addressed the Guild briefly. The president Mrs. W. E. Marshall presided, and plans were made for the picnic on Wednesday, June 10th. Mrs. Fred Thompson invited the Guild to meet at her home for the next meeting, and Mrs. B. Strudwick will have the scripture lesson. There was an impromptu program when "embarrassing moments" were discussed. Mrs. Mann was assisted by Mrs. Carl Howse, Mrs. Charles Mann and Mrs. Jack Riste in serving tea.

Celebrated 76th Birthday

Mrs. Frank Mustard accompanied Mrs. J. M. Furlong, Miss Jane Furlong and Charlie Howse to Ingersoll to spend the afternoon with the former's husband on his 76th birthday. Mr. Mustard has been confined to his bed for over three years, being at Brantford for more than two years, and yast year he was taken to the Belvedere Nursing Home at Ingersoll. Mrs. Furlong had made a birthday cake for her uncle, which he enjoyed along with his visitors. *May 1953*

Ladies Entertained

St. John's Church Club entertained the Ladies' Guild of the Anglican Church in the parish hall recently and progressive euchre was enjoyed, with the prizes going

to Mrs. John Segner and Mrs. Ira Pearce. Travelling prizes were won by Mrs. Joe Ash and Mrs. Nate McMullen. The club members served a salad plate, after which C. H. Wright gave a brief address and Mrs. Alma Deveney and her daughter, Miss Eva Deveney were presented with a substantial purse from their Otterville friends to help equip the new home which they have recently built. While completely taken by surprise, Mrs. Deveney warmly thanked their friends for their kindly interest and generous gift. *May 27/53*

Ladies' Guild Host

The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church graciously entertained the members of the W.M.S. of the United Church in the parish hall on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. G. M. Downing gave an interesting talk on the Coronation. The president, Mrs. W. E. Mashall, and the vice-president, Mrs. Lena Young, welcomed the ladies, and two solos were sung by Mrs. Ronald Collver, "In a Golden Coach There's a Heart of Gold" and "Land of Glad Tomorrows," with Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano. Mrs. Young opened the meeting with a short devotional, and following the address all joined in singing "God Save the Queen."

A flower contest was used in arranging groups of four ladies for lunch at each table, and during the social hour Mrs. McMullen and daughter Catharine favored with two piano duet numbers. Mrs. Wylie thanked the members of the St. John's Guild for all their kind hospitality.

Mother Turns Dining Room Into Classroom

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The first private kindergarten in Otterville is ending its first year next week, and appears to have been a successful venture for a former teacher and her 11 pupils which include her own three-year-old twins.

The teacher, Mrs. David Kennedy, wife of an Otterville merchant, and mother of five children, has found time during her 13 years of married life to teach intermittently, and also take part in community affairs.

Six Otterville children attended kindergarten at Norwich during the previous school term, the parents taking turns transporting them the five miles. This term there seemed to be a difficulty with the transportation problem, so an idea was born in Mrs. Kennedy's brain, that since she was already tied at home with the twins, she might also use her teaching ability to advantage. Consequently, her dining room was turned into a classroom, and each morning from 9 to 11.30 it is a hive of activity. Mrs. Kennedy hopes to continue the kindergarten classes again next October until the following May. *May 1953*

Detroit Basso Gives Impromptu Concert In Church At Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—This community was honored on Sunday afternoon, when Charles Whitlock of Detroit, a talented and outstanding basso vocalist in that city, consented to give an impromptu concert in St. John's Anglican Church. Mr. Whitlock was visiting in Otterville with Charles Furlong of Windsor, who spent the week-end at his home here. Mr. Whitlock was a guest on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riste.

Many of the citizens of the village and community took advantage of the rare opportunity to hear such a concert and opera star. Mr. Whitlock presented his selections from memory.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was the accompanist and the large number of music lovers expressed their appreciation to this fine work of art, to one who had given them his time and talent so freely.

Among the numbers that were given in the first section were "Star Vicino" by Salvator Rosa; "Io Ti Lascio, O Cara" by W. Mozart; "Spesso Vibra" by A. Scarlatti; "In Questa Tomba," L. Beethoven. In the second section were two numbers written by Handel with two substitutes, "O, Sleep Why Doth

Thou Leave Me" and "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves."

In the third section were "Au Pays" by J. Massenet; "Psyche" by E. Paladile; "Le Cor" by A. L. Flegier. In the fourth section was "Je Crois Au Dieu" (Credo) by F. David. This aria was taken from the opera "Herculanum" which was written in 1859. It was written especially for the organ, with the translation of the French text.

During the intermission of the recital Jack Riste led in responsive prayers and also welcomed the guest artist and all those who had come to the recital.

In the next group of songs the artist sang "Bell Man Song" by Forsythe, "In Victus" by Hubn, "Go Way From My Window" by Niles; "Myself When Young" by Lebmann.

The spirituals were fitting numbers to the close of the concert and were sung unaccompanied. These were "Down by the Rivah" by McGimsey; "Deep River" by Hall Johnson; "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" by McGimsey; "Thunderin' and Wunderin'" by McGimsey; and the last number taking the place of the closing prayer was "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord." This brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

Song Recital

A song recital was presented at St. John's Anglican Church by Mr. Charles Whitlock of Detroit Sunday afternoon, and was much

enjoyed by about 100 persons from the village and community. Mr. J. W. Riste opened the service with prayer and welcomed the visitors. Mr. Whitlock sang several groups of songs accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the organ, and he also sang several Negro spirituals unaccompanied. The collection was presented to the Organ Fund of the church.

Frank Young 1953

ST. THOMAS, June 26 — Last rites were held today for Frank Young, 84, well-known Port Stanley contractor, who died at his residence, 18 Erie street, after a long illness. 1953

Service was conducted in the Williams funeral home, by the Rev. M. G. Clark, Port Stanley United Church, assisted by the Rev. H. R. Rokeby-Thomas, Port Stanley Anglican Church. Pallbearers were: Arthur Ney, Larry Dimmock, Harold Sprague, Lorne Berry, Joseph Sharp and Cecil Marr. Interment was in Union Cemetery.

Otterville—J. P. Vair is leaving Otterville to take up residence in Tillsonburg, where he assumes the duties of secretary-treasurer of the Southern Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Association.

June 15/33

Mortgage on Parsonage Burned

A ceremony was held in the Otterville United Church, Sunday evening when the mortgage on the parsonage was burned. The minister Rev. W. G. Wylie presided over the meeting and the guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. C. D. Daniels, Ingersoll. During the service there were two male choruses "I will Be True to Thee O Lord" and "I Want My Life to tell for Jesus." Miss Joan Arthur also sang a solo, and the accompanist was the church organist and choir leader, Earl Clark of Ingersoll. Mr. Daniels gave a challenging message dealing with our attitudes toward life, based on Jesus' words, "For I came down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of Him that sent me." Rev. J. B. Townend, chairman of the Oxford Presbytery, was also present and took part in the service.

The modern parsonage, built at a cost of over \$10,000.00, which belongs to the Otterville, Springfield and New Road churches, was built about five years ago and the mortgage has been gradually reduced to \$1,900.00, which was entirely paid after a canvas of the three charges this spring.

As the mortgage was burning, Fred Lee of Springfield, who with Charles Stover of New Road and Max Avey of Otterville, assisted in the ceremony, paid tribute to

all who had made the occasion possible. The mortgage continued to burn long after the ceremony was over, and Mr. Lee said, "Mortgages always have a habit of hanging on too long."

Afterward the parsonage committees of the three charges served refreshments in the school-room of the church, and greetings from the London Conference and the Executive of the Dominion Board were voiced by Mrs. Donnelly of Straffordville. Stanley Arthur of Otterville also outlined the activities of the parsonage committee during the past few years, and Warren Rock, New Road and others also spoke briefly. The service was well attended by the congregations of the three charges.

Mrs. Mary Doyle

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary (McNally) Doyle of Detroit were held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, La Salette, on Friday morning, and were attended by all of her family and a number of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Doyle was a widow, and she leaves seven living sisters, all widows, and both of her daughters are widows. All were present at the funeral. Her sisters are Mrs. Emma Olmstead, La Salette; Mrs. Sarah Casey, Kingston; Mrs. Theresa Schooley, Hamilton; Mrs. Mabel Schooley, La Salette; Mrs. Ida Byrick, Stratford; Mrs. Helena Secker, Toronto; Mrs. Irene Dwyer, La Salette. Mrs. Doyle also leaves one brother, Mac McNally, Otterville. Another brother, Frank McNally, and two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Gibbons and Miss Rose McNally, predeceased her.

Mrs. Doyle was the eldest of a family of 12, and was born near Otterville 82 years ago. Her husband, the late Thomas Doyle, was a builder and built many of the homes and some of the churches in this area. The family moved to Brantford 50 years ago, and in 1915 to Detroit, returning to Otterville in 1918 and remaining here until 1926. After her husband's death, Mrs. Doyle returned to Detroit to be with her children, all five living in the Detroit area, Mrs. J. B. Barutio, Mrs. T. E. O'Connor, James C., Frank J., and Stanley E. Doyle.

Mrs. Doyle also leaves four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One son, Andrew, predeceased her at the age of 21, and a daughter, Vera, died in infancy.

Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Fr. E. Veitenheimer, who also conducted the service at the grave. There were many beautiful floral tributes and numerous Mass cards. The casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers at the funeral home, were Frank Beaton, Almonte Murphy, Clarence McNamara, James Schooley, Joe McCauley and Jack Furlong. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, La Salette. May - 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mannell attended the 50th anniversary of the Goldstone United Church near Elcra where Mrs. Mannell spent her girlhood days. They were accompanied by their grandson Paul Wenn of Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, and Mrs. Lena Young attended the funeral of Frank Young at St. Thomas on Friday. Mrs. Harry Young of Tillsonburg accompanied them.

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Sets "Good Example" in Mail Boxes



Former Councilor W. E. Jull, of North Norwich Township, has long been an advocate of clearly legible names on rural mail boxes. Mr. Jull has set a good example by erecting a mail box post which is made of stout timber, and depicts a policeman with blue trousers and red coat. He holds the box in outstretched arms. Mrs. Archie Jull is opening the box to get the mail. She is accompanied by her three children: Russell, Murray and Joyce Ann. (Photo by Lowe). 1953

Funeral of Mrs. Beaton

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Eleanor (Ella) Beaton, of Toronto, was held Sunday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, with Rev. Ross Readhead, pastor of the Springford Baptist Church in charge of the services. Mr. George H. Davis sang a solo "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" with Mrs. Nate McMullen playing the piano accompaniment. Among the floral tributes from relatives there was also a wreath from the Blatchford-Clark Employees of Toronto where Mrs. Beaton's only son Claude has been employed for several years. Relatives were present from Toronto, Brantford, Tillsonburg and Beachville.

The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Max Avey, Dee Scott, Nate McMullen, David Kennedy, John M. Furlong and Fred C. Church. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Mrs. Beaton was the daughter

of the late Mortimer Burtch and Isabelle Best, and was born in Ontario nearly 83 years ago, and spent her early life near Otterville. Her husband, the late Wesley Beaton died 59 years ago, and she lived at Woodstock for a number of years, and about 20 years in Brantford. Eight years ago she went to Toronto to be with her only son Claude Beaton. In April she suffered a fall, and has spent the past ten weeks in St. Jude's Rest Home at Toronto where she died early Friday morning. Besides her son she leaves her brother-in-law George Haley, and her niece Mrs. Albert Lawrence, both of Otterville.

Violet Rebekah Lodge

Violet Rebekah Lodge held a well attended meeting in the I. O. C. F. hall Monday evening at which nominations were made for the new officers and election will be held in the Fall. After the meeting the Noble Grand, Mrs. Lena Young presented Mrs. Nate McMullen with a Rebekah pin from the lodge in recognition of her faithful service as Financial Secretary ever since the lodge started seven years ago. The presentation also marked Mrs. McMullen's birthday, and greetings were sung for her. Afterward the committee in charge served a dainty lunch.

The Tip Top Canners have been operating the past week with a trail run of pork and beans.

In Memoriam

Arthur— In loving memory of Thos. Arthur.

DAD

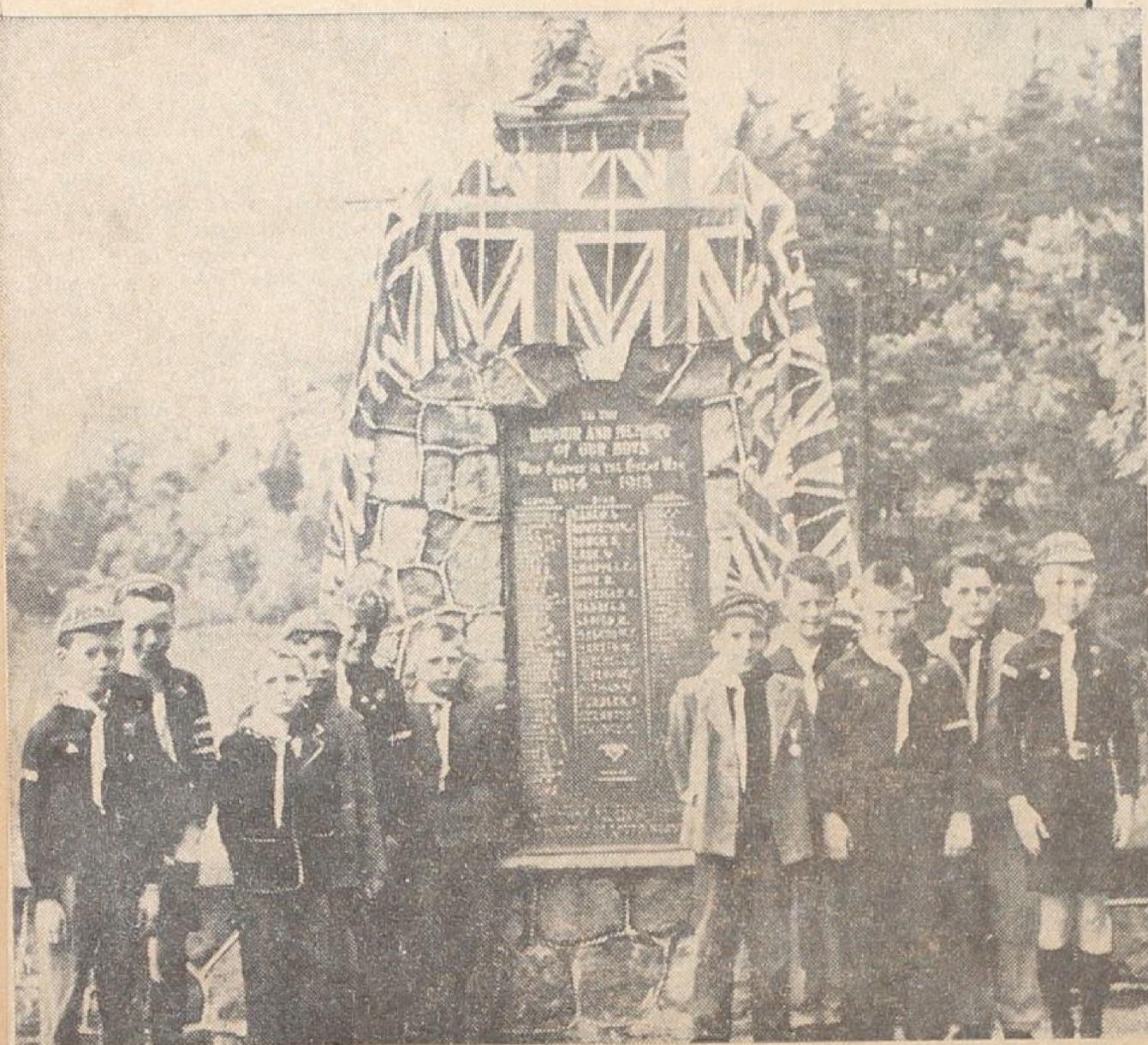
When I remember the days gone by,
When we sat around the fire place
In the Mansion on the hill.
I remember you Dad,
Reciting the bedtime stories that made us glad.
Last night the moon had a golden ring,
Tonight no moon we see,
The wreck of the Hesperous,
Then about the one that stilled the waters on the Lake of Galilee.

Then I remember of the trip we planned,
Why your 52 Wedding anniversary was just at hand.
Later we strayed where the orange blossoms waved Miami,
Beach we'll say by the way.

Then I remember the corpse of clay,
The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away.
I know now Dad he had a journey arranged for you,
That man has never described
Or been able to come through,
For no man yet has lived
To tell how hard it is to die,
So as your seat will be empty
And you will be missed,
We know now Dad he called you home,
So we shall not be weary in well doing,
For in due season, we shall reap if we faint not,
Then be able to— Steal away, steal away home;
To be with you and Jesus.

Son and composer
Kenneth Arthur

Otterville Holds Coronation Service



Special coronation services were held at Otterville yesterday. Here, members of the village Cub Pack are shown in front of the war memorial which has been decorated by Canadian Legion members. (Photo by Lowe.)

THE QUEEN IS CROWNED

This is another in a series of Coronation Year letters from overseas written for The Gazette and other members of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

(By R. G. Simpkin)

Like many of you I did not see the actual crowning—I saw the parade passing to and from the Abbey and from a room in Canada House watched the ceremony of the crowning in the Abbey.

If I had been given an opportunity to choose my own seat I could not have had a better one. I saw the parade on the way from the Palace as it came to Trafalgar Square and swing right.

With a pair of field glasses I had along I could look into the carriages as they passed. As the Queen's Carriage swung around the turn I caught a glimpse of the Royal Couple as they waved.

Then on return they passed directly below us twice, each time within 25 feet of our gallery.

From B. Gallery, which was the press box, we were high enough to see into the vehicles but not too high to look down on the tops.

On the first time past it had begun raining while the military units were passing, but before the Royal part of the procession came along the sun broke through and we were able to get colored movies.

In less than an hour the parade started back past our stand again and turned at the monument towards the Palace. This time the rain again soaked everyone.

Canadian troops, including navy, army, and air force, formed a guard of honor on both sides of the route where the parade passed Canada House.

Those along the route were provided with slickers but when the parade came near each time these were removed and like the police and spectators they stood in the rain. Of course thousands of military and naval personnel did not have slickers at any time.

In Seats At 5 a. m.

Everyone coming to Canada House had been warned to be in their seats by six a. m. However, most of us were there by five or soon after.

We had purchased meal tickets with our seats at \$6.80 for breakfast, morning coffee, and luncheon.

Breakfast consisted of two slices of thin bread buttered and a dab of marmalade (if you could get it but is was all gone when I got served) and a partly filled cup of tea or coffee. This we balanced on our hands as no place was provided to sit or stand. Morning coffee included a square of cake and a sandwich, again if you could get it.

Luncheon, which was served during the time the Abbey service was going on, consisted of a cold plate of vegetable salad, lettuce and tomato, with either a slice of cold meat or some cold chicken which included bones as well as meat, a dessert of fruit and a slice of ice cream and piece of cake, choice of tea or coffee. Then we again ate from our hands and I have pictures of several sitting on the thick rugs in the High Commissioner's office.

Parade a Wonderful Sight

All at home have seen pictures of the parade by now but to actually watch it pass was most inspiring. It did something that nothing else could. It was not the color and the pomp and uniforms so much as the loyalty of those millions who stood not for hours but for days wedged in so tightly that not a jot of pavement was visible among them, with the rain coming down time after time.

Some had slickers, others not some a newspaper which soon got soaked but did not move. Even after they had seen the parade pass once they stayed on another two hours to see it pass again. With such loyalty as this we realize there is a great truth in the words, "There'll always be an England."

Carried On Stretchers

St. John Ambulance did an amazing service. From our seat we saw at fifty persons carried away on stretchers, back beyond the monument to where they were given temporary treatment. From here ambulances took those needing further assistance to hospitals.

At first they called the ambulances to the spot but soon the service became overtaxed and an emergency place was set up. Had the weather been hot and humid perhaps many more would have collapsed.

We saw St. John's men take children and others away on foot, presumably to toilets as they brought them back later where they wormed back into the crowd. An amazing thing about the whole crowd was how they managed for personal service. There were no facilities nearly large enough to accommodate a small portion of them.

Looking down from the railing of our covered balcony while rain was dripping on the bare heads of women below, I counted one hundred and twenty-five heads in an area not as big as the average dining room. They never moved or even tried to avoid the dripping rain as there was no place to move.

Churchill Show

On the return to the Palace

when Sir Winston Churchill's coach came opposite us it veered from the parade.

Units following were signalled on past and Winnie and his guests together with the mounted body guard stood there to see the balance of the parade.

Immediately the shout went up, "We want Winnie," and he leaned out the window and waved. Cheer after cheer broke out from the multitudes.

As the balance of the parade passed the officers in charge of each unit saluted the Prime Minister's Coach.

Mr. Churchill remained there while the Royal Carriage approached and the Queen and the Duke both laughed and leaned towards the Prime Minister and waved to him. The Duke seemed to really enjoy this incident and I took colored movies. I believe we in Canada House press gallery have an exclusive on this.

As the procession passed out of our view, making a right turn at the Square, there were cheers from the throng. But even then there seemed no rush to move on.

I made my way out to the street. It had been a long day, just over 12 hours since I had entered the building, 12 hours and the passing of the greatest pageant the world had ever seen.

Air Force Fly Past

In less than an hour, as soon as time allowed for the Queen to get to the Palace and take her place at the balcony the air force fly past began.

I got as close as I could to this but crowds had filled the roads

leading to the grounds down which the procession had recently passed.

Around the Palace the people had broken through the police lines and filled the square. The fly-over was most thrilling. Jets and all the latest type of aircraft took part including RCAF.

Those who had stood packed there for 36 hours or more cheered not the planes but the Queen in the window.

All during the night the streets were filled with merriment, dancing and laughter. They who had endured the waiting along the streets were still not exhausted but filled the pubs and drank and danced and later watched the fireworks display.

With you next week at the Derby.

Claim Apple Tree First In Township

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — According to records in possession of Mrs. R. M. Holmes, Otterville, the first apple orchard in South Norwich township was planted by John Phillips on what was later Mrs. Holmes' father's farm, in 1810.

There is still one tree living of the original orchard of 1810, which blossomed again this spring in spite of its 143 years.

The farm, which for 75 years was known as the Johnson farm, was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broad in 1930, and they are still on the farm. Mrs. Broad is a first cousin of Mrs. Holmes.

Late Mrs. Margaret Theresa Allen

The death occurred early Thursday morning of Mrs. Margaret Theresa Allen of Otterville at the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg. Mrs. Allen has been confined to hospital for the past four weeks, and during that time suffered a broken hip. Born in Ireland 82 years ago, she came to Canada with her parents Patrick and Barbara Crowley when she was twelve years old, living in Oshawa and after her marriage to Joseph Mead Allen they lived at Toronto and spent the summers at Port Ryerse for the past 30 years. Following her husband's death she has spent much of her time with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Riches (Norine) at Otterville, living here continuously the past three years.

She was a member of the Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church at Toronto, and of the Otterville branch of the Women's Institute. She is survived by her daughter, two grandsons, and one greatgranddaughter. Four brothers and one sister predeceased.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville until Saturday morning when requiem was sung at St. Mary's Church, Tillsonburg by Rev. Father Spencer at 7.30 a. m. Interment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto.

Mrs. Fred McKie of St. Thomas spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arthur and Mrs. Thomas Arthur and attended the Arthur reunion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter Miss Catherine McMullen, Mrs. J. W. Riste and Mrs. Wellington Armstrong returned home Sunday after spending a week at Algonquin Park, Cochrane and Manitoulin Island.

Mr. G. W. Hillier has returned to his home at Racine, Wis., after spending ten days with his brother-in-law, Nate McMullen, and Mrs. McMullen, also visiting other rela-

HUSSEY—At Otterville on Sunday, July 5, 1953, Howard E. Hussey, in his 41st year.

Rested at the Addison and Son Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Tuesday, July 7th, at 1 p.m. by Rev. W. G. Wylie. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

Howard E. Hussey

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The funeral of the late Howard Ersmus Hussey, who was found dead in his barn Sunday morning, was held Tuesday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home and was largely attended by relatives, neighbors and friends.

Rev. W. George Wylie, minister of Otterville United Church, had charge of the service and a solo, "The Old Rugged Cross," was sung by George Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano.

Relatives were present from Selkirk, Fisherville, London, Hamilton, Buffalo, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Curries and many other places. There were beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, also a basket from the neighbors, and one from the Summerville Women's Institute.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Stanley Arthur, Clayton Arthur, James Arthur Jr., Harold Arthur, Lorne Treffry and Irvin Gehring. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

Mr. Hussey was born nearly 42 years ago in South Norwich township and spent his entire life in that district, living on the 10th concession. He was the son of the late Ersmus and Joanne Hussey, and is survived by his wife, the former Nellie Pucula, three sons, Earl, Larry and David, all at home, and one daughter, Mrs. S. Oenema (Betty), and a grandson, Terry Oenema, of Otterville. He also leaves one brother, Charles Hussey, Tillsonburg, and a sister, Mrs. Russell Mudge, Brownsville.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Howard E. Hussey wish to thank their friends and relatives for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Rev. Mr. Wylie, pallbearers, Mrs. N. McMullen, and Mr. George Davis. Our thanks also to the neighbors and others for the beautiful floral tributes and to Mr. Addison at the funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. John Riste and Mrs. Lena Young visited Miss Effie Nelson and Miss Jennie Sharp at Tillsonburg Sunday.

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Hot weather didn't keep the Happy Bluebirds group of the Mary Hastings Club from enjoying the annual picnic. Left to right: Mrs. Marjorie Pearce, Mrs. Vera Davis, Mrs. Martha Mills, Mrs. Katie Lowe and Mrs. Martin Smith.

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Happy Bluebirds Enjoy Annual Picnic Despite Hot Weather



There's nothing like an ice cream cone at a picnic on a hot day. Henry Ash, son of Mrs. Daisy Ash, left, gets a big kick out of his cone. Looking on is his grandmother, Mrs. James McMullen.

Oxford County Swamp Known by Various Names Following Much-Discussed Murder Case of 1890



A stump in the middle of this old picture marks the spot where a body, unidentified for some time, was found in 1890, touching off Western Ontario's most famous murder case. The body was later identified as that of Fred C. Benwell and the swamp, near Princeton in Oxford County, soon became known by names such as the Benwell Swamp and Dead Man's Swamp. Shown second from the left is Inspector John Wilson Murray, famous detective who cracked the case. On the right is John Rapp, a nearby resident at that time who heard the shots that killed Benwell. The body was found with the right foot resting upon the stump.

A certain Oxford County swamp is known to local citizens by various names — all arising out of one of the most famous murders in Canadian history. Princeton district residents refer to the swamp variously as the Benwell Swamp, the Swamp of Death, and, a certain pit in the swamp, the Devil's Hole or Devil's Pit.

The names have been given to the swamp since 1890, when Fred C. Benwell was lured to this country from England by John Reginald Birchall and murdered in the Blenheim Township swamp. Birchall later was convicted and executed.

All the Trappings

The case had all the trappings needed to excite the most jaded reader of the day. The body, with two bullet holes in the head, was found by woodsmen from near-by Princeton, working in the swamp. Identity of the victim was unknown and was not learned for some time. Birchall appeared voluntarily to attempt a monumental bluff, telling police he and his wife had traveled from England with a man who might have been the swamp victim and then identifying the body although claiming not to know the murdered man's name. Another man, Douglas R. Pelly, later appeared and testified Birchall had lured him to Canada and tried twice to murder him. And detective work of a high standard was evident throughout the weeks following the murder, until the university-trained slayer, who had once posed in Woodstock as a titled Englishman under the name of Lord Somerset, was brought to trial, convicted and finally executed in the jail yard at Woodstock by a hangman who claimed he got his start in that profession by hanging Chinese pirates.

Motive for the slaying — and the attempted slaying of Pelly — was money. The two were brought to Canada by Birchall who extracted \$500 from his victims as fees for instructions he had promised to give them in Canadian farming methods.

World Interested

The entire case excited all Western Ontario — in fact all Canada and much of the rest of the world. Newspapers throughout Canada, the United States and Britain carried full details of the case as it proceeded from day to day. Thousands of sightseers visited the swamp to view the spot where the body had been found. And when the case was finally brought to court, more than 50 reporters were present in Woodstock's town hall where the hearing was held, representing papers from all over the world, including England and France.

Chief police figure in the case was Inspector John Wilson Murray, superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department of Ontario. He it was who directed the investigation. And by successfully breaking the case he added to his already great stature—that of a man who had gained a reputation for never releasing pressure on a case while there remained the



Reginald J. Birchall, left, was convicted of the murder and was executed in Woodstock jail yard. Shown on the right is Mrs. Birchall, who was exonerated of all connection with her husband's schemes and misdeeds. Centre is Mrs. Birchall's sister.

slightest chance of apprehending the criminal.

Details of the affair have been kept fresh throughout the years, thanks partly to Inspector Murray, himself. A full record of the case was included in his memoirs.

To Woodstock

Reginald Birchall was the scion of a prominent English family and a student at Oxford University. He eloped with a pretty English girl in 1889 and brought her to Canada where they located in Woodstock. While there, Birchall, apparently without his wife's knowledge, began to lay schemes to inveigle wealthy young Englishmen to Canada under the guise of

teaching them Canadian farming methods for a fee.

So Birchall returned with his wife to England for a visit and, on his next trip to Canada, brought with him two well-off young Englishmen, Fred Benwell and Douglas Pelly. Both advanced Birchall large amounts of money for the purpose of being instructed in farming methods.

The party landed at New York, then went on to Buffalo, spending some time there.

The Fatal Trip

Then, on February 17, 1890, Birchall left Buffalo and brought Benwell into Western Ontario. The younger man was to be shown the farm which Birchall claimed to own in the district and where Benwell was to become a student farmer.

The pair came by train, which they left at Eastwood, a few miles east of Woodstock. Here came the first slip-up for Birchall. An Eastwood girl later recalled seeing two men get off the train and walk in the direction of the swamp. Later she saw the older man return alone.

And the station agent later recalled seeing the two leave the train there, too. He also happened to see the younger man drop a cigarette case and bent down to pick it up for him. This simple act had a later bearing on the case.

Shot In Head

Birchall and Benwell walked to the swamp and into it, presumably on their way to the "farm." Then, just after entering the swamp, Birchall, walking behind Benwell, shot the young man twice in the head.

As later events illustrated, Birchall then took care to remove from Benwell's person all identification marks before returning to Eastwood to catch a train back to Buffalo. He went to great pains to take everything from Benwell's pockets and cut all labels from his clothing. This was to be the perfect crime. No one would even know who the victim was if the body was eventually found.

But here, too, there was a slip. Benwell had again dropped his cigarette case, unknown to Birchall, and it lay at the entrance to the swamp. And on it were the initials F.C.B., the sole clue which police were to find when the body was discovered—five days later.

(To Be Continued)

Otterville Holds Decoration Day

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Decoration Day was observed in the Otterville cemetery on Sunday afternoon, when more than 100 persons gathered in the Otter Cemetery.

Major Pedlar of the Salvation Army, Toronto, was the guest speaker. Recently returned from China, and at present conducting meetings across Canada, Major Pedlar gave a brief, but forceful address based on three ideas, the need of friendship in the world, the need of God and the need of love.

George H. Davis was the chairman, and thanked the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and others who helped to arrange the service, especially thanking Bristol Roswell who provided the P.A. system and specially recorded music for the occasion. Recorded duets were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gilmour, accompanied by Mrs. H. Bickle on the new organ at Burgessville United Church.

The Grand Master of the I.O.O.F. Lodge, Robert Williamson, also was a guest speaker, and urged the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to continue to carry out the decoration services, especially in the smaller communities, and use the same opportunities for rededicating their own lives. He reminded the members that their first duty was to their church, then the lodge, and then the community at large.

In spite of the hot dry weather there was an abundance of beautiful flowers on most of the graves in the area, and flags also marked the resting place of each deceased member of the Lodge. *Aug 30/53*

Mrs. Ida Gray

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Word was received at Otterville Wednesday of the death of a former resident, Miss Ida Gray, at Windsor. Miss Gray, who was 79, spent most of her life in this district and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gray.

Funeral services will be held in Windsor at the Sutton Funeral Home, Thursday night, and interment will be made in the Otter Cemetery at Otterville Friday at 2 p.m. *Sept 1/53*

Church Service

Rev. C. H. Wright, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, preached from lessons taken from

Abraham's time on Faith in the Unseen, at the regular service in the church Sunday morning. Mr. Charles Whitlock of Detroit was the guest soloist singing the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist and accompanist.

FOUR GENERATIONS



When Mrs. John Potter of Woodstock, formerly of North Norwich township visited her daughter, Mrs. Douglas J. McKay, the occasion was highlighted by the gathering of four generations. Mrs. Potter is shown as she held her great-granddaughter, three months old Marilyn Elaine Byers, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Byers, while she grandmother, Mrs. McKay and mother, Mrs. Byers watched.

(Photo by George Lowe)

Elect Officers

Violet Rebekah Lodge held their election of officers at their meeting in the I.O.O.F. hall Monday evening with the Noble Grand, Mrs. Lena Young, presiding.

Officers elected were Jr. P.N.G., Mrs. Lena Young; Noble Grand, Mrs. Jean Marshall; Vice Grand, Mrs. Josephine Mountain; recording secretary, Miss Beatrice Lees; financial secretary, Mrs. Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Mrs. Jean Baguley; C.P. and T. committee, Mrs. Gertrude Walther, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong, Mrs. Mabel Avey, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Betty Slaght and Mrs. Daisy Mannell. Mrs. Lena Young was elected as new trustee.

Plans were made for the installation of officers on October 19th, and the lunch committee in charge will be Mrs. Edith Avey, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Mrs. Gertrude Huggins and Mrs. Etta Collver. The members decided to look after the painting of the I.O.O.F. basement rooms.

There were 36 members present and at the close of lodge refreshments were served by Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, Mrs. Josephine Howse and Mrs. Mabel Avey. *1953*

Mrs. Fred Leach

NORWICH, Oct. 29—Services for Mrs. Fred Leach, lifelong resident of Oxford County, who died at her home, Washington avenue, were conducted by the Rev. C. F. Lyon yesterday, in the Arn funeral home, and interment made in Otterville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Richard Pick, George Anderson, William Racher, Wray Leach, Bright; Earl Leach, Stratford, and William Alexander.

She was the former Della Daiken, of North Norwich Township. From 1912 to 1945 lived on Otterville road,

near Bookton, and then came here.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Roy Racher, North Norwich; Mrs. Ruby Christo and Charles Leach, Norwich; Henry Leach, Otterville; and three brothers, Charles Daiken, Burford; John and James, Simcoe.

Born

Pettit—Bruce and Shirley (nee Graves) are happy to announce the arrival of their son Brian Kim on October 28th, at St. Joseph Hospital, Sarnia.

45 Years A Teacher Ottrevillian Retires

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — After 45 years of teaching in which more than a thousand pupils have been guided by her kindly and thorough instruction, Miss Ida B. McFarlane has retired and returned to the home in which she was born at Otterville.

Miss McFarlane attended the Otterville Public School, and it was here that she received her first position as school ma'm while in her teens. She had attended High School at Tillsonburg, Model School at Woodstock, and then taught for two years before going to Normal at Hamilton.

Before teaching in Hamilton city schools, she taught at Binkley school, and also at Rock Chapel in West Flamboro. Last fall she was presented with her 35-year pin, after having taught at King Edward, Allenby and A. M. Cunningham schools in Hamilton.

Many successful persons have been under her guidance, and in Otterville there are several businessmen who remember her as their first teacher. During her teaching career, Miss McFarlane spent her vacations at her home in Otterville, and has many friends who welcome her return to the village. *1953*

Miss Ida McFarlane, recently retired teacher, was a guest at a meeting of the Board of Education at Hamilton when they entertained the Quarter Century Club and retiring employees. She was presented with a scroll and corsage, and enjoyed a social time with the other teachers. During her stay in Hamilton she visited her sister Mrs. W. Cavanagh and family. *Oct 1953*

Escape Injury—

William Andrews and Rev. C.H. Wright had a narrow escape from serious injury on Tuesday evening. Mr. Andrews, in his taxi, was taking Mr. Wright to Otterville for a meeting. Evidently they were visiting and did not see the train approaching the crossing, south on the Highway. When he did see it, Mr. Andrews turned the machine sharply to avoid ploughing into the train. The highway was slippery and the car turned right around crashing the backend into the train. The automobile was badly smashed, but Mr. Wright was able to chance a ride with Darwen Lowe and proceed on his way to his appointment. *Oct/53*

Funeral of Late Alexander R. Murray

Funeral services for Alexander R. Murray, 56 year old South Norwich township farmer, who died suddenly Wednesday following a heart attack, were held Friday at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, and were very largely attend-

ed. Rev. W. G. Wylie, Otterville, conducted the services, and Mr. George Lowe, Norwich, was the soloist, singing "Sunrise Tomorrow" and "Beyond the Sunset." Mrs. Nate McMullen, Otterville

was the pianist. *Oct 1953*
Relatives were present from Thamesford, Thorndale, Stratford, Detroit, London, Woodstock, Brantford, Lakeside, St. Marys, Galt and many other places. The

many lovely floral tributes were carried by Alvin Newell, Alex Jackson, Stanley Card, Fred Hill, Carl Nobbs, Wm. Hill, Robert Chrysler, Wendyl Nobbs, William Rachar, Melbourne Smith and other friends. Mr. Murray is survived by his wife, the former E. Louise Bent, and one son Percy at home, and one sister Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Stratford.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville, the casket bearers being Martin Smith, Roy Rachar, Clarence Chrysler, Arnold Nobbs, Wm. Patterson and Mervin Wade.

St. John's Bazaar *Nov 1953*

A very successful afternoon tea and bazaar was held by the Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church Club in the Community Hall Saturday afternoon. Articles not sold at the bazaar were taken to the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen afterward, and part has been sold since the bazaar and more will be sold at the euchre party in the parish hall Thursday evening.

At the Holy Communion service in St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday the rector, Rev. C. H. Wright, paid tribute to the memory of Sam Harris and his work in connection with the church, and also thanked his family for the flowers placed in the church. Mr. Wright visited Mr. Harris in a Toronto hospital the day of his death, and his sudden death was a severe shock to Mr. Wright, and also to many other friends here and at Harrison.

Violet Rebekah Lodge

Violet Rebekah Lodge had their installation of officers Monday evening with the District Deputy President Mrs. Bernice Taylor of Belmont and her staff in charge. Officers installed were Jr. past Noble Grand, Mrs. Lena Loung; Noble Grand, Mrs. Jean Marshall; Vice Grand, Mrs. Josephine Mountain; recording secretary, Miss Beatrice Lees; financial secretary, Mrs. Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Mrs. Jean Baguley; warder, Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins; conductor, Mrs. Nina Eakers; chaplain, Mrs. Ruth Collver; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Ethel Arthur; L. S. N. G., Mrs. Eva Hill; R. S. V. G., Mrs. Josephine Howse; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Edith Avey; inside guardian, Mrs. Jean Gehring; outside guardian, Mrs. Gertrude Walther; color bearer, Mrs. Helen Thompson; musician, Mrs. Wilma Butler.

There were visitors from Norwich, Tillsonburg, Belmont, Hamilton and Waterford. After the meeting a cold plate supper was served in the newly decorated banquet hall, the committee in charge being Mrs. Edith Avey, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong, Mrs. Gertrude Huggins, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Mrs. Etta Collver and Mrs. Myrtle Riste.

Nov 6-9-1953.
**Winston Thomson,
Telegrapher, Dies**

A wireless telegrapher in London district with the Canadian Pacific Railway for many years, Winston Harold Thomson, 53, died suddenly last night at his home, 62 St. George street.

He was born at Houghton Centre, near Tillsonburg, and lived for nine years at Komoka before coming to London nine years ago. For the last four years he was employed by Reliance Petroleum Ltd.

Mr. Thomson was a member of Oriental Lodge, AF and AM, at Port Burwell.

His wife, the former Barbara Switter, survives with a sister, Evelyn, Mrs. Norris Prong, Port Burwell, and two brothers, Lawrence Thomson, of King Lake, and Kenneth, in Vienna, Ont.

Service will be conducted Monday at 3.30 p.m., by the Rev. Dr B. C. Eckardt, of Christ Church (Disciples), at the Evans funeral home, Richmond and Central, where the body is resting. Place of burial will be announced later.

Nov 28/53
Kenneth C. Thomson

A resident of the Vienna district all his life, Kenneth C. Thomson passed away on Thursday, November 26th, in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

He conducted a dairy farm until two years ago, when he moved to Vienna to reside. He was born in Houghton Township, the son of the late Thomas Thomson and Annie Knevel Thomson.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Norris Prong (Evelyn) of R.R. 2, Vienna, and one brother, Lawrence of Kinglake. Mr. Thomson was predeceased by his wife, the former Iva Mitchell, in 1946, and by a brother, Winston, who died in London on November 6th.

Rested at the H. A. Ostrander & Son Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Friday afternoon, thence to Port Burwell Memorial Chapel, where service was conducted on Saturday at 2 p.m. by Rev. C. K. Dolby of Port Burwell.

Pallbearers were Burton McCord, George Teall, Lloyd Herron, Lyle Tait, Lloyd Jackson and Clarence Scanlon. Interment took place in St. Luke's Cemetery, Vienna.

Funeral of the Late Samuel Harris

Funeral services for Samuel Harris, 68 year old war veteran of Harriston, were conducted by Rev. C. H. Wright, Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican church, Otterville, and Rev. David A. Powell, rector of St. George Anglican Church, Harriston, at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, Saturday afternoon. During the service Comrade George H. Davis, Otterville, sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Mrs. Nate McMullen, Otterville, was the pianist. *Nov 14/53.*

Born in Devonshire, England, deceased came to Canada in 1902. He enlisted in the 216 Bantam Battalion in Toronto early in the first World War, and changed in England to the 5th Battery Artillery of Montreal. He was in the battle of Mons and was with General Bing when Vimy Ridge was captured. He attempted to enlist in the Second World War, but was rejected.

He was a past Nobel Grand of Minto I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 98 at Harriston, and was a charter member of Lady Minto Rebekah Lodge, No. 360 Harriston, and was outside guardian at the time of his death. Members of Violet Re-

bekah Lodge, No. 330, Otterville, held a memorial service at the funeral home Friday evening with the Noble Grand Sisiter Mrs. Jean Marshall, vice grand, Mrs. Josephine Mountain, and chaplain Mrs. Marjorie taking part. The soloist was Mrs. Ruth Collver, singing two solos, "The Haven of Rest," and "Nearer My God to Thee," accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano.

There was a large attendance at the funeral including members of the Harriston Canadian Legion, who attended the service in a body, also the Otterville Oddfellows, and both organization conducted graveside services. Comrade J. C. Dale, Harriston conducted the Legion service and Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Bugler Roy Bradley of Harriston. Max Avey, P. D. D. G. M. and Harold Pearce P. N. G. of Tecucseh Lodge, Otterville, had charge of the Oddfellows service. Mr. Harris' only brother, Charles F. Harris, Toronto, and his only sister Mrs. Bessie Walters, and her family of Otterville were the only immediate relative present.

Ten members of the Canadian Legion acted as flower bearers for the many beautiful floral tributes including those from St. John's Anglican Church, Sunday School, Ladies Guild and Church Club, Otterville, Employeers of Harriston Stove Co., Minto Lodge No. 98 Oddfellows, Harriston Branch Ladies Auxiliary, Canadian Legion, Tecumseh Lodge No. 183 I. O. O. F., St. George Anglican Church, Evening Guild and W. A. Harriston Lawn Bowling Club, staff of Coronation Hotel, Harriston, Harriston Stove Foundry, Harriston Branch 296 Canadian Legion, and Gates Ajar from Lady Minto Rebekah Lodge, No. 360, Harriston.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville, and the casket bearers were members of Otterville Oddfellows of which he had been a member, Nate McMullen, Ed. Moore, Albert Lawrence, Clare Durkee, W. Pavely and Fred Howse.

Buried Dec 19/53

Drinkwater, Mrs. Frank, 32, Toronto, formerly of Port Stanley. Services Saturday at St. Thomas.

Veteran, 68, Dies, Misses First Parade

OTTERVILLE, Nov. 12 — A 68-year-old World War I veteran who never missed a Remembrance Day parade and whose only worry when he was taken to hospital two weeks ago was whether he would be able to take part in this year's parade, died yesterday as the Last Post was being sounded throughout the land.

Samuel Harris, of Harriston, a former Otterville resident, died in Toronto General Hospital just after he told his sister he wished he could be in the parade.

Mr. Harris was taken ill two months ago, and was sent to Toronto for treatment afterwards.

Born in Devonshire, England, he came to Canada about 40 years ago and lived in Harriston and Toronto before coming to Otterville in 1927. He returned to Harriston in 1940.

He was a member of Harriston Anglican Church and sang in the church choir. He was also a member of the IOOF and Rebekah lodges.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Bessie Walters, of Otterville, and one brother, Charles Harris, of Toronto.

The funeral will be conducted Saturday at 2.30 p.m. at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, by the Rev. G. Powell, of Harriston Anglican Church, and the Rev. C. H. Wright, of Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Burial will be in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Dec. 31, 1953 -2300 THE TILLS

Matthew Furlong

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Matthew Furlong, 92, the oldest Otterville-born resident of this village and the oldest man in the community, died last Wednesday at the home of his son, Postmaster John M. Furlong. His wife predeceased him in 1947.

In his younger days he was a baseball player, and for many years after he stopped playing he was an umpire.

He was one of Otterville's first trustees, and a lifelong Liberal. For more than 60 years he lived in the same house on Main St. He went to live with his son three years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Fred of Greensville, John M. of Otterville, Charles of Windsor; one daughter, Edna, of Detroit; 10 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and was largely attended. Rev. C. H. Wright, Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, had charge of the service, and Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist.

There were many lovely floral tributes from relatives and friends, also from the neighbors, the St. John's Anglican Church, Ladies' Guild, St. John's Church Club and Sunday school, the Tip Top Cannery, Greensville, and the employees of the Tip Top Cannery, Otterville, and J. L. Hudson employees at Detroit.

Relatives and friends were present from Greensville, Detroit, Windsor, Tillsonburg, Simcoe, Port Dover, Toronto, Hamilton, Ingersoll, Norwich, St. Thomas, Walkerton and other places.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery. Casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Nate McMullen, Cecil Hooker, Murray Holmes, Fred C. Church, Kenneth Maloney and Andrew Childs.

Thomas Pearce

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Service for Thomas Pearce, 74, who died Sunday at his home here, was conducted Tuesday, 2 p.m., at the Addison Funeral Home by the Rev. W. G. Wylie, Otterville United Church. Burial was in Springford Cemetery.

Mr. Pearce was born in Norwich Gore and spent his early life there. He farmed for many years at Cornell, and retired seven years ago and moved to Otterville. He was a member of the United Church, and was an elder for many years. He was also a member of South Norwich Township Council for several years, and a trustee on the Cornell school board.

Surviving besides his wife, the former Edith New, are two sons, Harold and Elmer, Cornell; three daughters, Mrs. Roland May and Elsie, Toronto, and Mrs. Jesse Gray, Cornell; four brothers, Blake, Norwich; Marshall, Detroit; Edgar, Springford; Ira, Cornell; two sisters, Mrs. James Jackson, South Norwich, and Mrs. Harry Holmes, Trenton, and 10 grandchildren.

Dec. 20-22/53.

H. R. McBride

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Word was received by relatives at Otterville last Wednesday night of the death of Harry Roy McBride at St. Petersburg, Fla., where he had spent the past four years.

Mr. McBride was born in Unionville, Indiana, and also lived at Chicago. He had been in poor health for the past eight years. He spent a year in Otterville and had been spending the winters in the south. Four years ago, shortly after arriving at St. Petersburg, he fell and sustained a fractured hip, and had been confined to his bed ever since.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lena Durkee. His only sister died about 10 years ago. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Chicago.

On Monday morning the body was taken to the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where funeral service was held Tuesday, December 29th, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the Otterville United Church. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. *1953*

James T. Arthur

OTTERVILLE, Dec. 28 — James T. Arthur, a lifelong resident of South Norwich Township, died in the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg, this morning following three weeks' illness.

Born at Hawtrey 75 years ago, he lived on No. 59 Highway until he retired in 1939 and moved to Otterville. He was a member of the Otterville United Church and had served as an elder for the past several years.

His wife, Emma Gertrude Soper, died several years ago. He is survived by two sons, Harold and Edward, Otterville, and two daughters, Mrs. D. A. (Enid) Scott, of St. Catharines, and Mrs. Leslie (Blanche) Simpson, Hamilton; nine grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Arthur, Otterville; Mrs. Harvey Patterson, Shelbourne, and Mrs. Edward Lee, Bookton.

The body is at the Addison funeral home, where service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in the Bookton Cemetery. *Dec. 28-30/53*

Late Michael Joseph Maloney

Michael Joseph Maloney, a resident of Otterville for the past 28 years died in the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg early Thursday morning. *Dec 10/53*

Born in London, England 72 years ago, Mr. Maloney came to Canada at the age of 12 and lived at Norwich Gore, and a short time at Beachville. Following his marriage he lived at New Durham, and for the past 28 years in Otterville. He has been in poor health for four years, and had been in hospital for eleven days.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rebecca Taylor and two sons, Robert and Kenneth of Otterville, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and were conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the United Church where deceased attended. During the service Mrs. Ronald Collver sang a solo "The Heaven of Rest," accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen who also played a number of favorite hymns before and after the service. The service was largely attended by neighbors and friends, including a number from Tillsonburg, Hamilton, Simcoe, and other places. There were many beautiful floral tributes, among them being a basket from the Neighbors, sprays from the Tip Top Cannery, the Otter Lumber Co., also tributes from the Rebecca Degree staff and the Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church.

The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Nate McMullen, Vivian Rachar, Clarence Silverthorne, Fred C. Church, Jack Furlong and Albert Lawrence. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Talbot and family have moved to London where Mr. Talbot has been operating a service station for the past several months. Mr. and Mrs. Don Carey have taken over the service station and lunch room in Otterville which the Talbot family have operated the past few years.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riste with the president Mrs. W. E. Marshall in charge. Christmas carols were sung, and plans were made for the

Christmas supper and Christmas tree in the Parish Hall on Friday December 18th. After the meeting tea was served.

Anglican Concert

St. John's Anglican Church held their Sunday School concert in the Parish Hall with Carl Howse as chairman.

Recitations included "My Stocking," Susan Jardine; "The Christmas Candle," Gary Thompson; "A Good Reason," Peter Pickersgill; "I Love Santa," Barbara Walters; "My Day," Jay Durkee; "Too Small," Marlene Finch; "A Christmas Pie," Wayne Spicer; "The Happiest Girl," Lois Wavell; "A Present for Daddy," Bobby Rachar; "The Goodest Man," Sandra Wavell; "Our Wish," George Wavell, Jr.; "A Christmas Pie," Wanda Spicer; "The Star of Bethlehem," Merlin Howse.

A song "'C' Is For the Christ Child" was sung by Gladys Pickersgill, Dianne Wavell, and Pat and Lois Durkee. Marie DeVoogdt's class presented "The Kindergarten Christmas Class" and Dorothy Durkee's class sang two carols with Fernie Picknell at the piano. Catherine McMullen's class presented "A Merry Christmas" and Lois Durkee sang "Santa Claus" with Pat Durkee at the piano.

Several corals were sung by the junior choir led by Jack Riste, and accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen. Santa was helped by Mrs. Carl Howse, Misses Marie DeVoogdt and Catherine McMullen. Best attendance prizes were won by Doreen Howse, Merlin Howse and Jay Durkee (tie in their class) and by Lois and Pat Durkee, tie in their class. *Dec 18/53*

The superintendent Carl Howse thanked the Guild for the wonderful supper, and also the teachers for their help during the year, and for preparing the Christmas entertainment.



J. Wesley Fish of Otterville, a Veteran Printer and Church worker, celebrated his 92nd birthday on December 24th. *53*

J. Wesley Fish celebrated his 92nd birthday on Thursday, and spent part of the day in his Print Shop working as usual. That day he printed the Memorial cards for another nonagenarian, and a life-long friend, Matthew Furlong. Mr. Fish had several of his family with him on his birthday and for the Christmas holidays. He also received gifts, flowers and plants, and telegraph and long distance messages from Chicago and Halifax.

Dec. I. O. D. E. 1953

The Lt. Col. John McCrae, Chapter of the I. O. D. E. held their Christmas party at the home of the Regent, Catherine McMullen with a large attendance. Laurene Treffry was pianist and after the flag raising ceremony and prayers of the Order, the girls had a business meeting and plans were made for their Christmas Cheer boxes, and also to sing carols on Christmas eve. The next meeting will be the election of officers and will be held at the home of Madelon Ash on Jan. 20th. Elaine Butler gave the treasurer's report, and the secretary Donna Cole also presented her report. The flag was retired by Carol Pennington, and there was an exchange of Christmas gifts from the prettily decorated tree. A contest was conducted by the regent and the prize was won by Carol Pennington. After the meeting lunch was served by the girls, and the hostesses mother Mrs. Nate McMullen provided a Christmas cake and some added Christmas dainties, which were much enjoyed.

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End of Old Phone Era



The old crank-handle "magneto" wall phones went "dead" in about 400 Port Stanley homes yesterday as Bell Telephone crews cut the community over to a new dial system. But villagers had their new dial sets ready. Here Mrs. Jim Sharkey checks her two phones to see which is working.

Club Elects Officers

The annual meeting of St. John's Church Club was held at the home of Miss Jane Furlong. Mrs. J. M. Furlong presided over the election of officers: President, Mrs. Frank Finch; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; secretary, Miss Jane Furlong; treasurer, Miss Catherine McMullen; auditors, Miss Eva Devaney and Mrs. A. Jardine; press reporter, Mrs. F. Finch.

Plans were made for a euchre party in the parish hall in the early part of February.

Miss Jane Furlong and Mrs. Frank Finch were the program conveners and the winners of the prizes were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. A. Jardine and Miss Furlong. Mrs. Fred Thompson invited the club to meet at her home for the next meeting when Mrs. A. Jardine will be the program convener. 1953

Annual Vestry Meeting

Rev. C. H. Wright, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, presided over the election of the following officers at the annual Vestry meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riste.

Elected were: Vestry clerk, Mrs. W. E. Marshall; rector's warden, Carl Howse; people's warden, J. W. Riste; treasurer, Mrs. Carl Howse; lay delegate to Synod, J. W. Riste; sub-lay delegate, Carl Howse; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Sunday school superintendent, Carl Howse; Chancel Guild, honorary presidents, Mrs. Douglas Colver, Mrs. Jack Riste and Mrs. Mabel Avey; auditors, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. D. Spicer.

Plans were made to have St. John's Anglican Cemetery fixed up, and J. W. Riste and Carl Howse were appointed to look after it.

Very gratifying reports were presented by the church treasurer; also by Mrs. Nate McMullen for the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill for St. John's Church Club and by Carl Howse for the Sunday school and cemetery board.

Rev. C. H. Wright thanked the officers and all organizations of the church for their splendid work. After the meeting Mrs. Riste served refreshments and a social time was enjoyed.

Officers Elected

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The Lt. Col. John McCrae Chapter of the I.O.D.E. held their annual meeting at the home of Ruth Almost and Barbara Morrison presided over the election of officers.

Elected were: Honorary regent, Mrs. Ivor Mann; regent, Catherine McMullen; first vice-regent, Carol Broad; second vice-regent, Marion Leach; secretary, Donna Cole; assistant secretary, Margaret Walters; treasurer, Elaine Butler; counselors, Ruth Almost and Marie DeVogdt; standard bearer, Carol Pennington; pianist, Madelon Ash; assistant, Ferne Picknell; press reporter, Wilma Cole.

Catherine McMullen, treasurer during the past year, gave her report and the meeting opened with the prayer of the order. Following the election, plans were made for a skating party on February 4, and Elaine Butler invited the chapter to meet at her home for their next meeting on February 18.

TILLSONBURG, OTTERTVILLE I.O.D.E. CHAPTERS HOLD CHURCH PARADE

Feb 15 1953

Tillsonburg and Otterville chapters of the I.O.D.E. held their annual church parade to St. John's (Anglican) church, Tillsonburg, last Sunday evening. Four chapters were represented: James H. Wilson, regent Mrs. J. A. Gillett; H.M.S. Courageous, regent Mrs. L. S. Millman; Mary Churchill, junior group; and Lieut.-Col. John McCrea, Otterville, regent Catherine McMullen.

Some 75 members of the chapters paraded into the church preceded by the colorful standards carried by Mrs. Edwin Shearing, Mrs. Ray Corner, Karen Brown and Carol Pennington.

Rev. C. H. James, rector, welcomed the ladies of the I.O.D.E. to the church prior to delivering his sermon. He chose as his text St. Luke 19:41-42, "And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it saying, 'If thou hadst known even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes'."

Rev. Mr. James declared that in this passage it recorded one of the few instances where Jesus weeps, and he added that it must be something important to make a strong man weep. Jesus wept because of the inability of the people of Jerusalem to see Him as their Messiah and because He was consequently unable to save them from the destruction that would befall Jerusalem. The minister said that he was glad there was such a passage in the Bible because it taught there was such a thing as a true patriot.

He explained that there were two classes of people which do harm to the British Empire, both of which might call themselves patriots. There are those, he said, who are all-critical and see no good thing accomplished by the Empire; on the

other side there are those who see it all in white, failing to see or to admit that the Empire had done anything wrong. He pointed out that the history of the Empire has neither been all good nor all bad.

The British Empire has a lasting and glorious greatness, continued Rev. Mr. James, but this is not based on its size, nor its numbers, nor its resources. The greatness of the British Empire does not rest on any material thing, he concluded, but in the character, spiritual strength and moral fibre of its people.

It is the Christian homes and the spirit of Christ that has made England great, he said.

A solo, "Just For Today," was sung by Alfred Bird.

Following the service, the I.O.D.E. retired to the parish hall where refreshments were served.

Honeymoon in Rochester

1953
March 21



A honeymoon in Rochester and the Eastern States followed the ceremony in which Mary Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Arthur, Otterville, became the bride of Robert Bruce Adlington, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Adlington, Straffordville. (Photo by McKittrick's).

Honored by Friends

Miss Mary Jane Arthur was honored by several of her girl friends in view of her approaching marriage, and was presented with a torchiere lamp. The party was held at the home of Miss Jean King, and the evening was spent in making a bride's book for the bride-to-be. Miss King was assisted by Miss Barbara Furlong, Miss Marie DeVoogdt and Miss Catherine McMullen in serving refreshments at the close of the evening.

Palm Sunday Service

At the Palm Sunday service in St. John's Anglican Church, Rev. L. H. Wright preached a special memorial service for the late Queen Mary, speaking of her loyalty and sterling qualities. He announced that the Good Friday service would be held at 10 A. M. Mr. Charles Whitlock of Detroit, who spent the week-end with Mr. Charles Furlong of Windsor, at the latter's home here, was the guest soloist and sang "The Holy City" and unaccompanied he sang "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" During the afternoon, Mr. Whitlock also sang for an hour at the church. Mrs. Nate McMullen accompanied him at the organ, and he also sang a number of Spirituals unaccompanied, all of which were much enjoyed.

We, with the rest of Canada and the Commonwealth of Nations, mourn the passing of her beloved Majesty Queen Mary. She was the symbol of all that is fine of dignity, kindness and love of her home and family.

March 1953

Mark Birthdays

The 89th birthday of Mrs. Emily McMullen of Norwich was celebrated at the home of her son, Lester McMullen, and Mrs. McMullen at Beachville when 40 of her family gathered to spend the afternoon with her and provide a birthday dinner. Mrs. McMullen has not been in the best of health for some time but thoroughly enjoyed the day and was presented with many lovely gifts, cards and flowers also a beautifully decorated three-tiered fruit cake which was served with ice cream.

Mrs. Frank Mustard accompanied Mrs. J. M. Furlong, Miss Jane Furlong and Charlie Howse to Ingersoll to spend the afternoon with the former's husband on his 76th birthday. Mr. Mustard has been confined to his bed for over three years, being at Brantford for more than two years, and last year he was taken to the Belvedere Nursing Home, Ingersoll. Mrs. Furlong had made a birthday cake for her uncle, which he enjoyed.

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Mrs. Nellie Carswell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aldrich of Detroit and Mrs. Opal Sperin of Port Stanley, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and assisted in celebrating the birthday of Miss Catherine McMullen.

Mrs. G. W. Hillier of Racine, Wisconsin, and her son Floyd Hillier of Washington, D. C. left Sunday for Racine after spending most of last week at the home of the former's brother Nate McMullen, and also visiting other relatives in this district. Mr. Hillier leaves shortly for Taipei, in Formosa where he expects to spend two years in research work.

June 10-14/53

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Prong of Port Burwell called in Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen one day last week.

Norwich HS Cadets Demonstrate Rifle Drill



Norwich cadets were commended yesterday on their smart turnout for the annual inspection. This squad, under Sgt. Max Sherman, demonstrated rifle drill.

Norwich Cadets Hold Inspection

NORWICH, May 7—Despite the fact that preparations for the annual cadet inspection had been carried out under the most difficult and trying circumstances, due to continued rainy weather, yesterday's review was a creditable one.

The program included training demonstrations by Able Company, in charge of Capt. James Burrill; squad drill by girls, guided by Lieut. Catherine McMullen; rifle drill, under command of Lieut. Max Sherman; squad drill by Grade X boys, under Sgt. R. Slaght; rhythmic drill by girls commanded by Lieut. Joan Arthur; tumbling by girls, directed by Donna Jaques; tumbling by boys led by Robert Morrison, and mass calisthenics, under command of Capt. Ed. Majernik and RSM Carl Beal.

Inspecting officers were Lt.-Col. N. Wilkins, of the Oxford Rifles, Wodstock, and Lieut. Rankin, officer commanding Cadet Corps in this district.



Norwich Girl Cadets—The girls' sections of the Norwich District High School Cadet Corps have always outshone the boys and that is partly due to their excellent officers. These officers will put their classmates through their paces on inspection day, May 6. From left to right, front row, Joan Arthur, Louise Weller, Helen-Katarynczuk, Luanne Vankerrebroeck, Doris Poole, Donna Jaques, Ruth Wilson; second row, Jean McKee, Durelle Penny, Margaret Csanadi, Marilyn Gehring, Catherine McMullen, Marie DeVoogdt, Maida Winegarden; third row, Verna Wilcox, Caroline Carroll, Ida Smith, Gwen Harvey, Taya VanMannen, Edith Joiner, Helen Ryder; at back, Marion Austin.

Norwich HS Holds 'Open House'



Parents got a chance to inspect the new Norwich District High School during its "Open Night" program. A feature of the exhibits was the display of the shopworking class, shown here. Left to right are: Sam MacSpadden, instructor; Roger Couckuyt and Andre Vandenberghe.



Students in homemaking classes of the high school presented a fashion parade. Among those taking part, left to right: Janet Leitch, Carolyn Davis, Marilyn Gehring, Betty Jean Jacques, Donna Cole, Dorothy Stokley and Ruth Fidlin. (Photos by Lowe).

Lt. Col. John McCrae Chapter of I. O. D. E.

The Lt. Col. John McCrae Chapter of the I. O. D. E. celebrated their seventh birthday at a well-planned meeting in the Otterville United Church, with the Regent, Miss Catherine McMullen in charge, and the honorary Regent Mrs. Ivor Mann of Tillsonburg as the guest speaker. Mr. George Lowe of Norwich was the soloist and he sang "Building for Eternity" and "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Miss Lurene Treffry was the organist for the meeting, and also played piano selections downstairs during the tea hour.

Miss McMullen reviewed Empire events, dealing particularly with

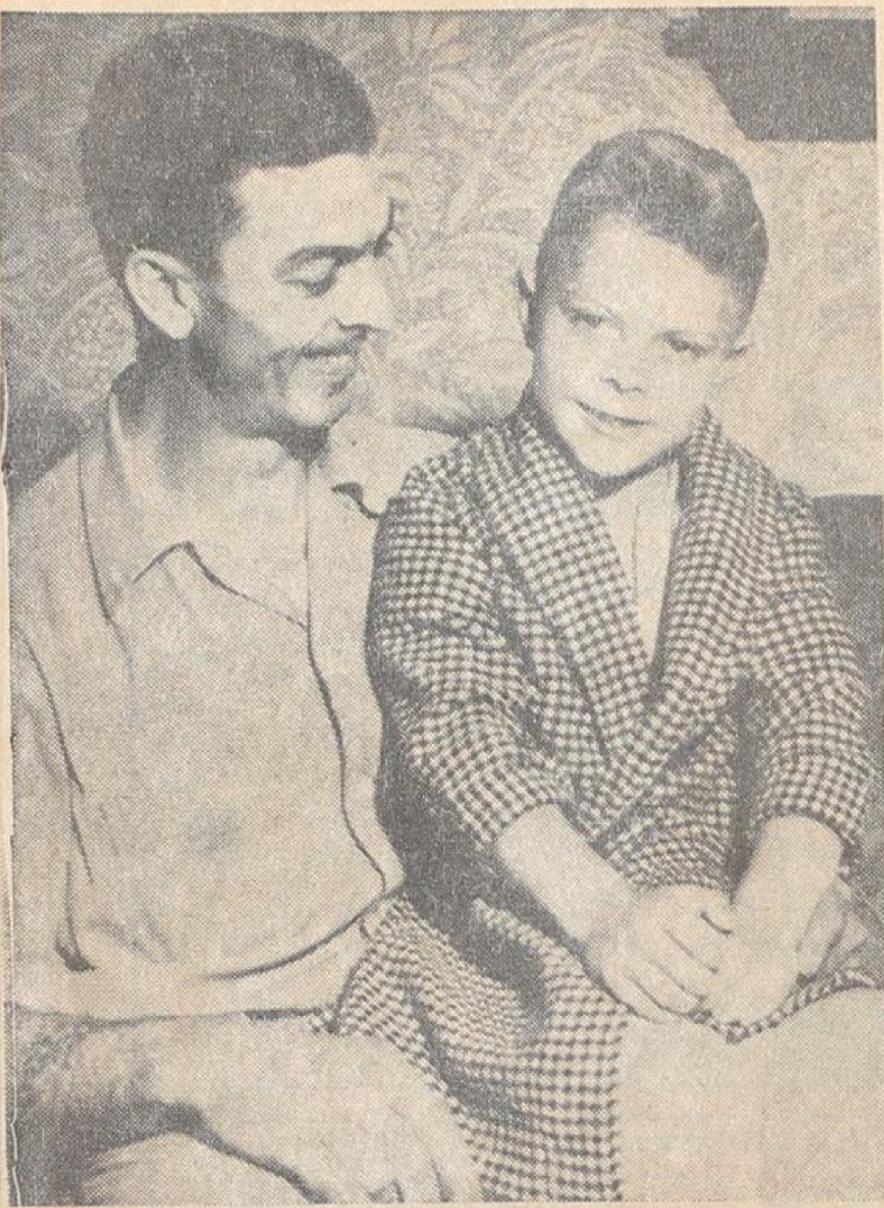
the Coronation, and welcomed the visitors. She announced that officers elected this year are Honorary Regent, Mrs. Ivor Mann; Regent, Catherine McMullen; 1st vice Regent, Carol Broad; 2nd vice Regent, Marion Leach; secretary, Donna Cole; assistant secretary, Margaret Walters; treasurer Eline Butler; Standard Bearer, Carol Pennington; councillors, Marie DeVoogdt and Ruth Almost; Pianist, Madelon Ash; assistant, Fern Picknell. She introduced Mrs. Mann who was the first Regent and during the past six years has been the Hon. Regent, and also read birthday greetings from friends and organizations.

Mrs. Mann outlined the ideals and principals of the order and gave a most informative talk on their achievements. She urged the girls to not sell themselves short on education, reminding them that it is an easy thing to carry around, and will always help you through." She reminded them that the Otterville Chapter is one of 13 junior chapters in all of Canada, and brought greetings from Courageous Chapter, Tillsonburg, of which there were several other members present. In closing she cautioned the girls to keep close to the church of their faith always, as every life needs an altar.

The church was beautifully decorated with bouquets of roses and lighted candles which were also in each window. The schoolroom was also pretty with patriotic colors, and pouring tea were Mrs. L. S. Millman, Tillsonburg and Mrs. G. W. Wylie, Otterville. Assisting in serving the guests were Donna Cole, Wilma Cole, Elaine Butler, Lurene Treffry, Shirley Exelby, Yvonne Colver, Marie DeVoogdt, June Hopkins, Catherine McMullen and Mrs. Lorne Treffry. *June 24-23*

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Welcomes Son From 'Dead'



Gary Rachar, six, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rachar, Otterville, here rests on his father's knee after the harrowing experience of falling into Lake Erie, being pulled from it "dead" and revived. An Aylmer youth, Ed Bertless, pulled him from the water and revived him after he fell off the breakwater at Port Burwell. Gary doesn't remember a thing about being rescued. "I was dead," he said.

Aylmer Youth Identified As Oxford Boy's Rescuer

PORT BURWELL, June 15—A youth who rescued a six-year-old boy from drowning in Port Burwell yesterday was identified today when he telephoned the boy's parents to inquire about his condition.

Clayton Rachar, of Otterville, father of six-year-old Gary Rachar, said a youth who identified himself as Ed Bertless, of RR 1, Aylmer, telephoned him today to ask how Gary was feeling.

The youth admitted he pulled Gary from the water and administered artificial respiration until the youngster revived. He said three boys from London spotted Gary in the water and gave the alarm.

Mr. Rachar said he was anxious to locate the rescuer of his son so he could thank him.

Tonight Gary was reported to be recovering.

HOME CEREMONY AT OTTERVILLE

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Otterville—A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Otterville, Friday afternoon, June 19th, at 5 o'clock when the Rev. George Wylie united in marriage, Jean Carol, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Daiken, and Charles Norman Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Riches, Otterville.

The ceremony was performed before a setting of peonies, foxgloves, and roses before lighted pink tapers, in the presence of 18 guests.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of white and green nylon with black velvet trim and bandeau of white roses in her hair. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and feathered white carnations.

Miss Carol Butler, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a dress of frost-point trimmed with ruffles of eyelet lace and a bandeau of pink roses in her hair. Her nosegay was also pink roses and feathered white carnations. Master Vern Daiken, brother of the bride, acted as ring bearer.

After the reception the couple left for a wedding trip to Toledo, Ohio. For travelling the bride chose a navy and white linen suit with red and white accessories. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Riches will reside in Norwich.

Late Ralph Bowerman

Word was received here of the death of a former resident, Ralph Bowerman of Long Branch. Mr. Bowerman who was in his 41st year was on his way to take a street car to work when he was stricken with a heart attack and died at Toronto a few minutes afterward. He is survived by his wife and three small children, twins nearly three years old and a five month old baby. He also leaves his father Amos Bowerman of Whitby, three brothers, Clarence and Roy at Oshawa and Carl at New York, and four sisters, Mrs. Edna Hansel, Oshawa, Miss Beulah Bowerman Whitby, Mrs. Maude Waldeck, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Mabel Broadbent, Oshawa.

Funeral services were held at Oshawa on Friday, and interment was made there.

William and Gordon McMullen of Otterville attended the funeral and Amos Bowerman accompanied them on their return home and spent several days at Otterville.

Teacher Retires After 45 Years

OTTERVILLE, July 23 — After 45 years of teaching in which more than a thousand pupils have been guided by her kindly and thorough instruction, Miss Ida B. McFarlane has retired and returned to the home in which she was born at Otterville.

Miss McFarlane attended the Otterville Public School, and it was here that she received her first position. She attended high school at Tillsonburg, Model School at Woodstock, and then taught for two years before going to Normal at Hamilton. Before teaching in Hamilton city schools, she taught at Binkley School, and also at Rock Chapel in West Flamboro.



Scott - Morrison Wedding

A pretty Autumn wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Saturday afternoon, October 10th at two o'clock, when Anna Marie Morrison, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. V. Morrison, Otterville, was united in marriage to Robert Scott, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Scott, Tillsonburg. Rev. W. G. Wylie, Otterville, performed the ceremony before tall standards of large chrysanthemums in pastel shades and ferns.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a waltz-length strapless gown of white brocaded lace over taffeta. The bolero jacket had long sleeves tapered at the wrists, and the tiny collar was fastened at the neck. The floral lace pattern extended into a design in the full gathered skirt, and her fingertip length veil was of French illusion, and the cap was encircled with flowers outlined in sequins and pearls. She carried a white Bible with a mauve orchid and streamers.

The bride's only sister, Miss Barbara Morrison, was maid of honor, wearing pink lace gown over taffeta, made with halter top and matching bolero. The pleated net overskirt was waltz length, and trimmed with sequins and floral lace flounce over the hips. She wore a matching bandeau and

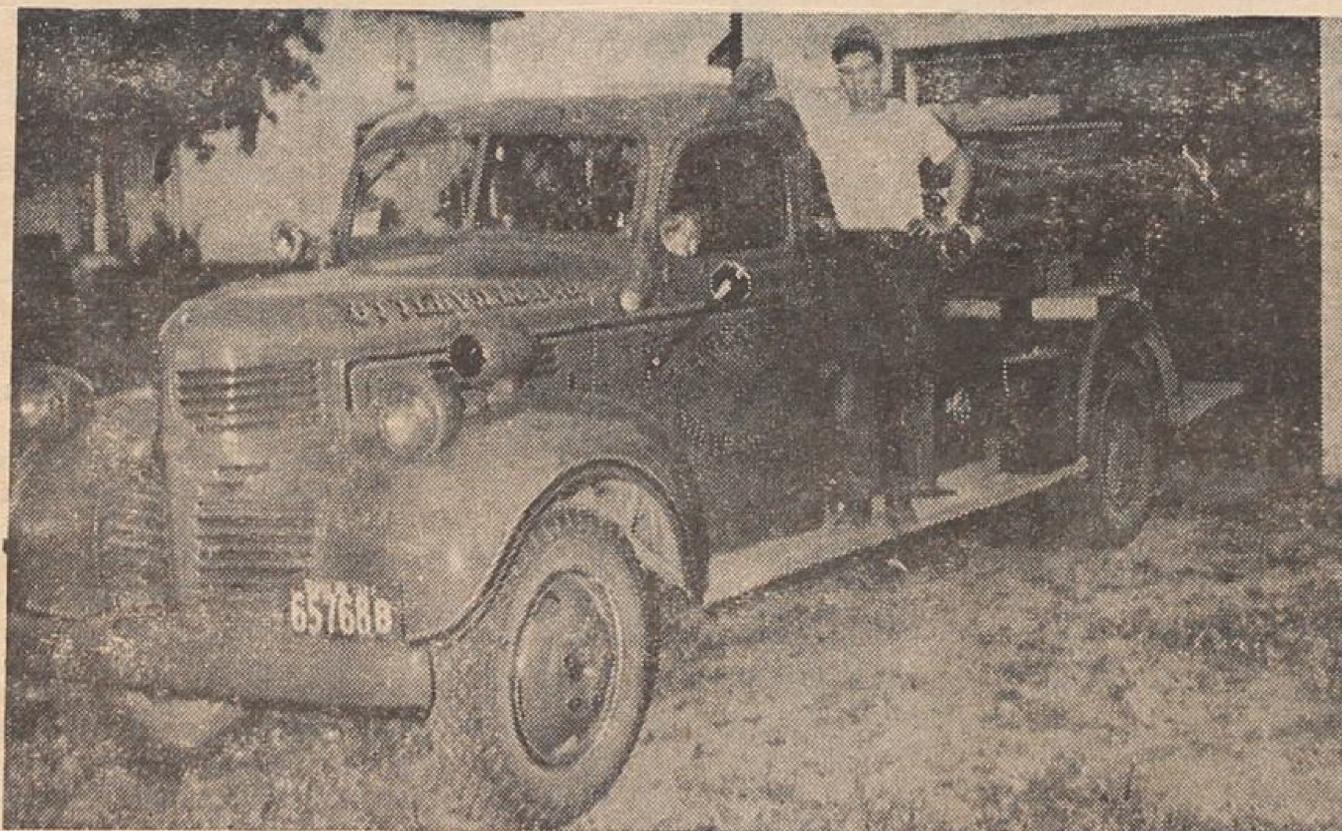
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lace mitts and carried a pink Bible covered with roses.

Mr. Merlin Hearn, Tillsonburg, was the best man. The wedding music was played by Miss Janet Leitch, Otterville, wearing turquoise net over satin.

Following the ceremony a reception was held, and the living rooms were attractively decorated with pink and white chrysanthemums and roses. The bride's mother received wearing wine taffeta and corsage of roses, and was assisted by the groom's mother gowned in dusty rose crepe with corsage of roses. A buffet lunch was served by Misses Dorothy Davis, Joan Brown, Elinore Leitch and Frances Batson. There were 60 guests from Sault Ste. Marie, Cooksville, Niagara Falls, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, Meaford, Schomberg and other points. Among the honored guests were three pairs of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waller, Tillsonburg, Mr. and Mrs. David Morrison, Sault Ste. Marie, all who had celebrated Golden weddings this year, and Mr. and Mrs. George Loucks, Meaford.

For a motor trip to Michigan and Dallas, Texas, the bride chose a sleeveless bead-trimmed dress in cocoa brown, with matching jacket, and white feather hat, brown shoes and accessories, and orchid corsage. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside in Tillsonburg.



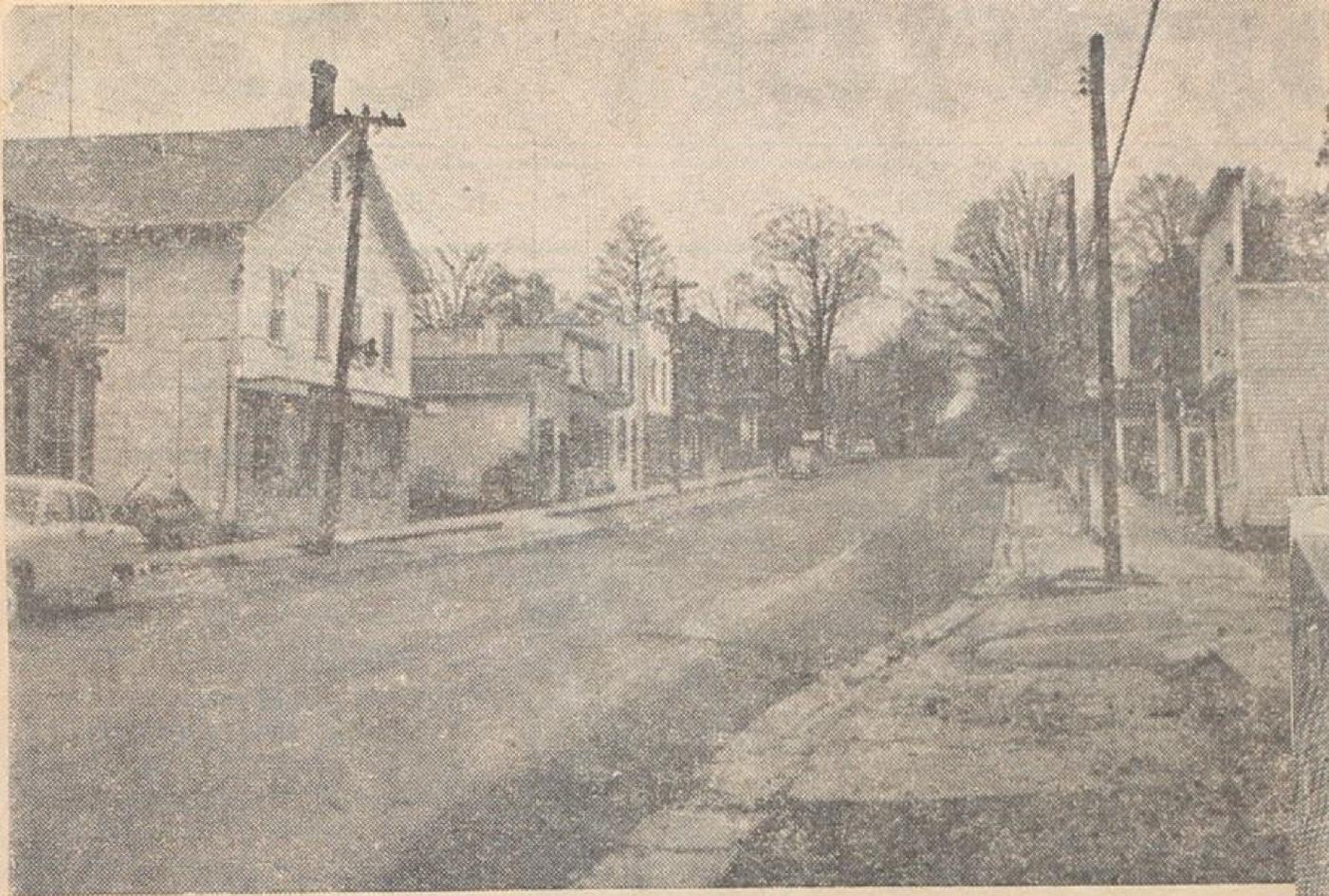
When it came to shining up the "fire buggies" it's a safe bet that no fire chief in Ontario did a better job than 19-year-old Bill McMullen, possibly the youngest fire chief in Ontario, of the village of Otterville and the township of South Norwich. In fact Bill and his 11 bonded firemen have two trucks to shine and they both are bright and shining.

For many years Otterville had a truck equipped with chemical tanks and this is still used. Last year the township of South Norwich entered into an agreement with the village whereby they purchased a new truck, with a pumper of high pressure and equipped with a 400-gallon tank which can be used in the case of rural fires. It has proved effec-

tive on occasions already. The Otterville company is in the process of re-organization. Bill will have the assistance of his dad, Bill sr., and several other village residents. The older men have every confidence in the youthful leader and give him every co-operation. Bill is shown above with the newest truck.

(Photo by George Lowe).

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OTTERVILLE'S MAIN ST.



The Otterville softball team received the George W. Lashbrook trophy recently, emblematic of their being the champion team in the Tillsonburg District Softball League for 1953. Seven teams: Knights of Columbus, Tillsonburg; Junior Farmers, Tillsonburg Machine, Merchants, Tillsonburg; Norwich, Delhi and Otterville, made up the league and interested and spirited games were played. In the first game of the playoffs the Knights of Columbus beat Otterville 26-1, the second score was 12-11 in favor of Otterville, the third 8-4 and the fourth 14-12 for Otterville. The snap shows, in front: Bill McMullen, lf; W. Kozuck, catcher; Bob Butler, batboy holding the trophy; Bob Furlong, ss; Murray West, assistant pitcher. Back row; George Davis, mgr; H. Hudson, rf; K. Arthur, 3b; C. Arthur, cf; Bob Smith, pitcher; D. Arthur, 2b; B. Butler, playing coach. Absent D. Kozuck, 1b; Bill Oatman and L. Oatman, spares.

(Photo by George Lowe).

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**Pioneer Families
 In Vienna's 100th**

Active interest in the celebration of Vienna's 100th anniversary of incorporation is being shown by direct representatives of two of the village's best known pioneer families—the Edisons and the the Cluttons. It is hoped that both will be well represented with other old families at the centennial.

It was from the Edisons that Vienna is said to have got its name, early in the last century. Colonel Mahlon Burwell, founder of Port Burwell, proposed calling the community Shrewsbury, after a place in England, but the Edisons, headed by Captain Samuel Edison, came originally from the Vienna district of Austria, and they gave the community the name under which it was incorporated in 1853. It had been a growing village for 25 years previously to that.

Moved to Dearborn

Captain Samuel Edison was the grandfather of Thomas Alva Edison, the electrical wizard and great inventor, who spent his boyhood at Vienna. The old Edison home was bought and moved intact many years ago to Henry Ford's Greenfield Village at Dearborn, Mich.

So far as is known, Thomas A. Edison never visited Vienna in his later years, although invited to the centennial of the founding of the village, but his son, Charles Edison, former governor of New Jersey, has been in these parts and is said to have visited the place where his paternal great-grandparents lived for so many years.

Undoubtedly the best known of the Clutton family was the late Samuel Clutton, Vienna's postmaster for many years; a former warden of Elgin County and a pioneer wool dealer and manufacturer of Aylmer. He was at least 90 years old when he represented Vienna for the last time as reeve. He was an honored member of the Elgin County Council.

"Most Exciting"

The suggestion has been made to the Vienna municipal authorities that the site of the old Edison homestead, on the bank of the Big Otter, as it winds through the village, should be acquired and converted into a little park or breathing spot as a memorial to the Edison family, and particularly to Thomas A. Edison.

According to local legend and record, Thomas A. Edison spent many happy boyhood days around the old frame house or along the banks of the Big Otter. Sometimes he fished or swam in the creek; or other times, like other adventurous lads of his age, he rode the big lumber barges down the creek to Port Burwell harbor. For many years Vienna was a vigorous lumbering centre, with half a dozen mills or more. One writer of a century and a quarter ago described Vienna as "the most exciting community in Upper Canada."

One Of Edison's Inventions



A member of the Edison family, Mrs. J. P. Coombe of Vienna, stands beside a type of Edison phonograph invented by her cousin, famed inventor Thomas Alva Edison. Mrs. Coombe is the former Nora Edison. Two sisters also live in Vienna. They are Mrs. E. E. Jackson and Miss Clara Edison. One section of the museum displayed in the town hall was dedicated to the memory of the "Wizard of Electricity." (Times-Journal Photo.)

Mrs. Roy Hill

Norwich—Mrs. Roy Hill, 63, lifelong resident of this district was instantly killed at her home, concession six, North Norwich Township, Friday, when she slipped while going down the cellar stairs and fractured her skull.

Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Hill, and her husband, who heard the noise rushed to see what had happened and she was dead when they picked her up. Her mother, Mrs. Charter Jackson, met death in a similar manner, many years ago. Mrs. Hill was a member of Otterville Baptist Church.

Surviving besides her husband, are three sons, Bert Otterville; William, North Norwich; Paul, at home; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Hannon and Mrs. Samuel Poole, Norwich; Mrs. Merle Graham, Holbrook; and one brother, James Jackson, Norwich.

Rested at the Arn Funeral Chapel here, where services were conducted Monday, 2 p.m., by the Rev. Bruce Hisey, and interment in Norwich Cemetery. *Aug 1953*

Charles F. Harford

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Word has been received here of the death of a former resident, Charles F. Harford of Provost, Alta., at the Edmonton hospital.

Mr. Harford was born at Otterville, the second youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harford in a family of seven boys and three girls. At the age of 16 he went west, where he creditably filled various positions, including management of stores in Alberta. He was an honorary member of the Canadian Legion, and at various times had been a member of the village council, Board of Trade, Community Chest, Red Cross, and every community enterprise for the good of the town and district. He was Worshipful Master of the Provost Masonic Lodge in 1937.

He was ill for about three weeks and is survived by his wife and one daughter, Barbara; three sisters, Mrs. H. C. MacDonald, Provost, Mrs. J. A. Mundy, Harriston, Ont., and Mrs. Frank Foran, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Harford was a brother-in-law of Mrs. William J. Harford, Otterville, and visited here a year ago. His sister, Mrs. Bert Mundy, and Mr. Mundy flew from Harriston to Edmonton when they learned of his illness, remaining there for a month.

Rev. George Nobes Rites On Tuesday

ST. THOMAS, August 2 — Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Trinity Anglican Church, Aylmer, for the Rev. George K. Nobes, rector of All Saints Church, Cannington, who died in Cannington unexpectedly Friday night. He was formerly rector of Trinity Church, Aylmer.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Nobes, he was born in Strathroy, and graduated from University of Western Ontario and Huron College. His ministries included Rocanville, Raymore and Eston, Sask., but ill health forced his return to Ontario. He had been rector at Cannington since May of this year.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Grace Lorch, Aylmer; three sons, David, eight; Fred, seven, and Bob, five, and a brother, Fred W. Nobes, Toronto.

A service was conducted by the Rev. Harold Hesketh at Cannington at 2 p.m. yesterday, and the remains were then taken to Aylmer and will rest at the Barnum funeral home, until final rites which will be conducted by the Rev. T. Dale-Jones, of Trinity Church. Interment will be in Aylmer Cemetery.

Hurt In Crash



STANLEY MacMILLAN, SR., 45, Ingersoll, who suffered lacerations and head injuries in a four passenger plane crash near Buffalo Saturday.



STANLEY MacMILLAN, JR., 23, also of Ingersoll, who was treated for lacerations and released from hospital after the four passenger plane crash.

Two Ingersoll Men ¹⁹⁵¹ Injured In Air Crash

BUFFALO, N.Y., July 29 — (CP) — Three persons — two of them from Ingersoll, Ont. — were injured Saturday when a four-passenger plane crashed in a field in suburban Cheektowaga.

Hospital attendants listed the injured as:

Stanley MacMillan, Sr., 45, Ingersoll who suffered lacerations and a possible head injury. His condition was reported to be fair.

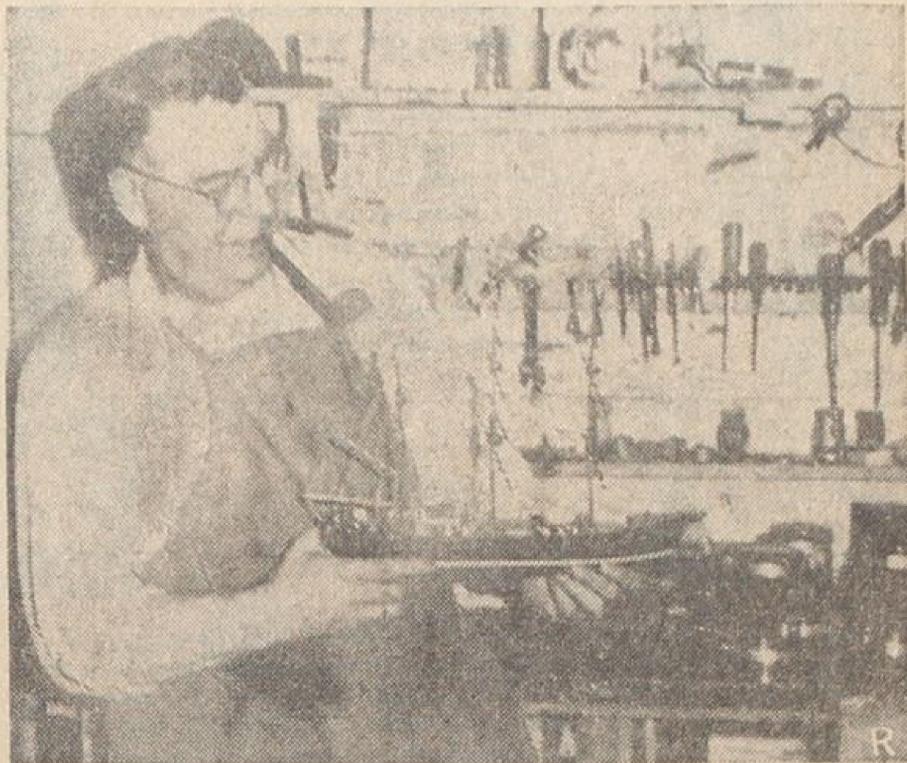
Stanley MacMillan, Jr., 23, also of Ingersoll, suffered lacerations. He was treated and then released from hospital.

Pilot Injured

Arnold Collier, 40, of Buffalo, suffered possible fractures and internal injuries. Collier, owner and pilot of the aircraft, was said to be in fair condition.

Police said Collier told them he did not notice that his engine was failing but found he was having trouble gaining altitude before the amphibious plane crashed with its wheels up. The hull and one wing of the plane were damaged.

Hobby For Retirement



William Colchester, for the past 15 years manager of the Bank of Montreal in Norwich, and who, on Wednesday, completes 40 years with the bank, is looking forward to retirement. Then, he says, he will have more time for his hobbies, wood-working and general tinkering. He is shown above with his model of Cutty Sark, a fast clipper sailing boat, and models of glass jugs he makes.

^{Tony} Organ Recital / 5
An organ recital in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund was held in St. John's Anglican Church Sunday evening and was largely attended, and a generous collection was received to be added to the fund which the members have been working for many weeks. The rector, Rev. C. H. Wright conducted the regular service prior to the recital with Mrs. Nate McMullen at the organ. After the short service, Mr. Wright presided at the organ and Mr. A. McCurdy of Norwich was the soloist and Mrs. V.B. King of Woodstock was the violinist.

Organ selections which Mr. Wright played were "Pomp and Circumstance"; "Salu D'Amour"; "Prelude and Fuge in B Flat"; "The Lost Chord"; "March Triumphant", "R.C.A.F. March Past". Mr. McCurdy sang "Hear My Cry O Lord" and "Two Cities". Mrs. King played "The Old Refrain" and "In a Monastery Garden". All of the selections were well given and much enjoyed by the large congregation. During the offertory several little girls sang "Jesus Bids Us Shine". Temporary repairs have been made to the organ which was installed in the church more than thirty years ago, and additional work will be done soon.

Otter Valley Executive



The Otter Valley Pals' Club, another fast-growing Mary Hastings Column Group, is guided on its successful way by its president, Mrs. June Ash, pictured above.

Misfortune Hits ^{Aug 15} In Bunches At Otterville Home

OTTERVILLE: Mrs. E. W. Mountain had the misfortune to trip over a tobacco stick just as she was leaving E. S. Moore's farm Saturday and two stiches were required to close a cut under her eye. She was able to return to work Monday.

The same evening her daughter, Mrs. Morgan and Rev. Laverne Morgan and three children, arrived from Marine City, Michigan, to spend the week-end, and Philip Morgan, two and a half, was taken ill suddenly and was rushed to Brantford Hospital where an emergency operation was performed and he will be confined to the hospital for the week.

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