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Vestry Meeting Held For St. John's Church

OTTERVILLE (C) — Annual vestry meeting of St. John's Church, Otterville was held Tuesday evening at the Parish Hall. The meeting was opened with Prayer by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove. Minutes were read by Vestry Clerk, Miss Catherine McMullens.

The following reports were read: church and budget reports by Treasurer Mrs. Carl Howse; Ladies' Guild by Mrs. Nate McMullens; Church Club by Miss Catherine McMullens; Altar Guild by Mrs. Fred Howse; Sunday school, cemetery and rectory reports by Mrs. Carl Howse, correspondence was then read.

Election of officers for 1967 was held: Rector's warden, Jack Freeland; people's warden, Ed Ruckell; delegate to synod, Ed Ruckell with Carl Howse as substitute.

Board of management, Mrs. Jack Reste, Mrs. Lena Young, Miss Edna Furlong, Keith Howse Sr., Harry Pickersgill, Art Picknell, Jack Reste, Richard, Saunders, Reg Wa-

vell and Nate McMullen, Mrs. Richard Saunders.

Church treasurer, Mrs. Carl Howse; Sunday School superintendent, Carl Howse; chairman for church sidesmen, Ed Ruckell; church auditors, Reg. Wavell and Mrs. Mary Picknell.

A discussion was held concerning the deficit of the subsistent budget. It was decided to hold a special meeting at a later date in regard to the selling of a lot, also plans for the 50th anniversary of the church.

Mr. Howse thanked the organizations and members for their faithful help during the past year, also the organist, Mrs. Nate McMullens and assistant, Mrs. Jack Freeland. Special thanks were extended to Rev. Uptigrove for his faithful guidance during the past three years.

Rev. Uptigrove spoke briefly on the various achievements during the past and thanked all those concerned for making them possible. He showed his appreciation for the loyal members. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 13, 1927

J. E. Curran, bookseller and stationer, died at Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas, at noon Tuesday, as a result of complications following an operation for acute appendicitis performed on Saturday afternoon.

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Messrs. Kellam and Ostrander have added to their undertaking equipment a new motor ambulance and funeral car, of the latest design.

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Montreal, Jan. 6 — Russell Oatman has been purchased by Montreal from Detroit in what is apparently a three-cornered deal which also sends Frederickson, Detroit centre, to Boston for Keats and Briden, centre and wing men, respectively.



Mrs. Mary Haskins

Mary Hastings Otterville Happy Blue Birds Housewife Club has elected Mrs. Mary Haskins president for 1967. This club was organized in 1956.



Twenty brides-to-be and guests, numbering 80 in all, were entertained at the engagement announcement party given by Welcome Wagon sponsors at White's Banquet Plaza. Welcome Wagon Hostesses Mrs. Gladys Bartram

and Mrs. Freda Crunden were in charge of the evening. The future brides received many lovely gifts and draw prizes and were given hints for wedding arrangements, including a fashion show

and make-up demonstration. The hall was beautifully decorated with floral bouquets and merchandise displays arranged by sponsors. Some of those in attendance are shown during lunch time.

(Photo by Seldon)

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LILA FREELAND GUELYN DUFFY

OTTERVILLE (C) — Elmer Diefenbaker of Saskatoon, Sask. was a visitor in the village of Otterville last week and also visited other places in the area. While in Otterville he called on Mrs. Ernest Jull, who was a pupil of his father, who taught at Milldale School. Mr. William G. McMullen, who had pictures and information of the school, was also a visitor with them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Johnson and Velma of Toronto were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Holmes.

Mrs. Bessie Walther is a patient in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

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Fifteen students of the seventh Registered Nursing Assistants class at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital took part in a capping ceremony Friday night, held at St. Pauls United Church. In the front row, from

left are: Miss Barbara Kennedy, Otterville; Mrs. Audrey Broad, R.R. 1, Burgessville; Miss Nancy Dietrich, Kitchen-er; Miss Carol Broad, R.R. 1, Burgessville; Miss Gwenyth Blackmore, R.R. 2, Norwich;

Miss Brenda Laing, Port Colborne; Miss Evelyn Wavell, R.R. 2, Delhi. Back row, Mrs. Mabel Johnson, Director of Nurses; Miss Barbara Burwell, R.R. 1, Eden; Miss Lois Wavell, Otterville; Miss Carol Mc-

Kinlay, Ingersoll; Mr. Alan Pick, Tillsonburg; Miss Sherrill Pearson, Tillsonburg; Miss Sylvia McSherry, Ingersoll; Miss Deanne Foster, Tillsonburg; Miss Beverly Eveland, Port Burwell, and Mrs. Norma Lockstein, class instructor.

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February 1, 1967



Twenty long service staff members of Tillsonburg Shoe Company, a division of Shoe Corporation of Canada, were honored at a recent awards dinner.

Shown left to right after receiving their 15 year pins are: R. A. Norman, Ileen Griffin and Robert Sergeant.

REID, Clarence Anson, 62, 56 King St. E., Chatham, Friday, after being struck by train. Sister, Mrs. Fred (Gloria) Kennedy, Charing Cross, survives. Private service today. T. Brady Hinnegan Funeral Chapel, Chatham.

Chatham, Ontario

Train kills man near Chatham

CHATHAM — Clarence Reid, 63, of Chatham, was struck and killed last night by an eastbound CPR passenger train, a mile east of Chatham.

A railway representative said the train crew saw the man's body in a ditch and backed up the train.

The body was found at the bottom of the deep ditch, on the northwest side of the right-of-way, approximately a half-mile south of Highway 2.

The train, bound for Toronto from Windsor, scheduled to leave Chatham at 5:55, was approximately one hour and 40 minutes late departing, because of storm delays.

Police and Dr. Michael Scott, coroner, are investigating.

Jan 26/67

LONDON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1967-

"I'm not hiding anything. I'm not protecting anybody. There is nothing to hide, no one to protect. Believe me."

Plot to kill Oswald denied in Ruby deathbed statement



This was the scene in a Dallas police station Nov. 24, 1963, when Jack Ruby fired the shot that killed Lee Harvey Oswald. Ruby died yesterday of cancer, still maintaining he had no accomplices in the murder of Oswald, killer of President John F. Kennedy. (AP Wirephoto).

Free Press Wire Services

DALLAS—Only a few hours before cancer killed him, Jack Ruby again denied he was part of a conspiracy to kill the accused assassin of president John F. Kennedy, and repeated that he acted alone.

Earl Ruby, a Detroit businessman, said he asked his stricken brother near the end: "Are you sure, Jack, there was nothing else?"

And Jack Ruby answered: "I'm not hiding anything. I'm not protecting anybody. There is nothing to hide, no one to protect. Believe me."

His deathbed statement confirms another that Elmer Gertz, a member of Ruby's legal team, said was recorded secretly a few weeks ago in the dying man's guarded room at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Ruby, in the recorded statement, said he blacked out and remembered nothing of the actual shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, which was seen by millions of television viewers Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963.

In excerpts from the recording, to be published today by the New York World Journal Tribune, Ruby vehemently denied he was part of a conspiracy, that he had even seen Oswald before, or that Oswald had ever been in his night club.

The recording continues: "The ironic part of this is, hadn't I made an illegal turn behind the bus to the parking lot, had I gone the way I was supposed to go, straight down Main St., I'd of never, I would never have met this fate because the difference in meeting this fate was 30 seconds one way or the other."

Asked if he knew the hour police had planned to move Oswald, Ruby replied: "He was supposed to be moved at 10 o'clock."

That was the hour announced, but the shooting actually took place at 11:20 a.m.

As he lay dying, Ruby was tormented with hallucinations in which he imagined that millions of American Jews were being slain in a pogrom as punishment because he, a Jew, silenced the alleged killer of a popular president.

Ruby insisted that he alone, without plan or prompting, shot Lee Harvey Oswald.

He swore also that rumors of secret meetings relating to the president's assassination, the killing of Dallas policeman J. D. Tippitt and the slaying of Oswald, were lies invented

Reeve Stanely Gehring Speaker at Institute

OTTERVILLE (C) — Reeve Stanley Gehring was speaker at the January meeting of the Women's Institute which was held at the home of Mrs. H. H. Pauli.

Mr. Gehring, speaking in the interests of citizenship which was the theme of the meeting, chose to speak on different types of citizens found in every community.

The leadership group is comprised of organizations who lead and support our Churches, Women's Institutes, Service Clubs, Lodges and other groups dedicated to give a helping hand to less fortunate people of the community.

Another group who are less fortunate than ourselves have to depend on the municipality for help and this group costs the taxpayer a large sum of money.

The county levy, after grants, was \$73,837.21 for the administration of justice, County general rate, which includes welfare, Children's Aid, grants to hospitals, training school, county home, cost the taxpayer, after grants were deducted, \$144,468 or a levy of 2.35 in 1965.

Mr. Gehring said "In bringing this information you can see that providing the necessary services which a county is required to provide take a large sum of money.

Mrs. Gehring was introduced by Mrs. M. L. Avey, convener of the

meeting and thanked by Mrs. Gladys Goodale, who presented Mr. Gehring with an Oxford product, a wedge of cheese.

President, Mrs. Irvin Gehring, presided. Two minutes silence were observed for the late Mrs. V. D. Oliver.

Members responded to roll call with "How can we as good citizens support Otterville?"

Notes of appreciation were read from those remembered through illness or otherwise, and other correspondence included a request for "Save the Children Fund" and War Memorial Hospital in London. Requests were granted.

Members were asked to bring a gift to the February meeting which will be forwarded to the Sunshine cupboard in Tillsonburg Hospital.

February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. William A. McMullen Friday at 8 p.m. instead of the afternoon meeting. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Myrtle Namsco, a member of the teaching staff at Otterville Central School.

Members decided to make and donate sewing to the War Memorial Hospital in London.

Mrs. Jack Walther gave a reading in keeping with the New Year for the motto.

March meeting will feature public speaking in which pupils of Grade 8 will compete.

FORTY YEARS AGO

February 3, 1927

The services of Mr. Charles Gray of Tillsonburg, an expert electrician, have been secured by the local hydro commission. —Petrolia Advertiser - Topic.

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Russell Oatman, the Tillsonburg boy who recently went to the Montreal Maroons from Detroit, is making good with a vengeance. In Tuesday's game that went into overtime, he notched the goal that gave the weakened Maroons victory over his former team mates from Detroit.

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

World Day of Prayer At Otterville Baptist

OTTERVILLE (C)—More than 30 women met in Fellowship Baptist Church to hear Mrs. James Twinem speak on the World Theme "And of His Kingdom there shall be no end" at the World Day of Prayer service Friday afternoon. Mrs. Twinem is the wife of Rev. James Twinem, pastor of the Baptist Church in Courtland.

This year's service was prepared by the late Queen Salote of Tonga in the South Pacific, where the first

Prayer is held each year. For many years the Queen led her people in this observance.

Local service was arranged by Mrs. Delmer Clinton, president of the Missionary Fellowship, Mrs. Charter Davis, Mrs. William Hanson, president of the United Church Women, and Miss Edna Furlong of St. John's Anglican Church.

Opening part of the service was conducted by Mrs. Delmer Clinton.

Others taking part were Mrs. William Hanson, Mrs. Stanley Arthur, Mrs. Laura Hooker, Mrs. Nelson Gleason, Mrs. Adam Oliver and Mrs. Douglas Ramsay of the United Church, Mrs. Richard Saunders, president of St. John's Anglican Guild and Mrs. Harold Durkee. Pianist was Mrs. William A. McMullen and accompanied Mrs. Jack Walther, who sang a solo.

Mrs. Paul Hill and Mrs. Murray Stover received offering.

Mrs. Delmer Clinton presided for the closing part of the service.

by "momserem," a Yiddish epithet.

These details of Ruby's last days came from his brother, Elmer Gertz, a Chicago lawyer prominent on the legal team which won reversal of the death sentence given to Ruby in 1964, and, through them, from other members of the family.

The Ruby murder trial and the Warren commission report supported conclusions that Ruby acted alone in shooting of Oswald.

The Eternal Goodness
I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise;
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.

And so, beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care

JOHN G. WHITTIER

In Memoriam

Passed away at
Tillsonburg & District Memorial Hospital
On Saturday, February 25th, 1967

Norine Riches

of Otterville

in her 69th year

Friends will be received at the Addison
Funeral Home, Otterville, Ontario, where the
Funeral Service will be held on

Monday, Feb. 27th

at 1:30 p.m.

Interment in Otter Cemetery

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, minister in Charge

Late Mrs. Stanley Riches

A highly respected resident of Otterville, Mrs. Stanley Riches died in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg on Saturday where she had been a patient for the past several weeks, in her 69th year.

Mrs. Riches, the former Norine Allan was born in Ottawa and came to the village 32 years ago from Toronto.

The late Mrs. Riches was deeply interested in organizations and attended them as long as health permitted. A member of St. John's Anglican Church, the St. John's Guild, the Violet Rebekah Lodge and the Otterville Women's Institute.

Her husband predeceased her in January, 1966 and she is survived by two sons John Brennan of London and Norman Riches of Otterville. There are nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was held from the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, assisted by Mr. Fred Smitham of London. Mrs.

William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns before and after the service. Numerous donations were made to Canadian Cancer Society, Heart Fund and Gideon Bibles.

Pallbearers were William G. McMullen, Nate McMullen, Jack Riste, Carl Howse, Richard Saunders and Edward Arthur.

Interment was made in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Area W M S Observes Tenth Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Fred Hill was hostess for the February meeting of the Women's Fellowship of the Baptist Church, which was the tenth anniversary of the organization.

Mrs. Winnie Davis, one of the charter members was presented with a gift by the president, Mrs. Delmer Clinton in token of her faithfulness and one hundred per cent attendance over the ten years. Mrs. Davis thanked the members for the gift.

President presided for the business part of the meeting. Roll call was answered with a verse of Scripture on love. A letter from missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Roy Hiron of Nigeria was read by Mrs. William Butler. Mrs. Murray Cowie will write them this month.

March meeting will take the form of a family night banquet at the church, Friday, March 3. Guest speaker will be Miss Marguerite Hill of Burgessville who works with the Christian Service Centre. Miss Hill will also show pictures of her work.

Mrs. Murray Stover was in charge of the devotional program and read Scripture. Mrs. Bruce Stover offered prayer for missionaries. There was also a season of prayer with several ladies taking part. A minute of silence was observed in memory of three members who had passed away, Mrs. Ida Graham, Miss Florence Smith and Miss Edna Pathy.

Short challenging messages of encouragement were received from three shut-in members, Mrs. Lena Fox, Mrs. John Wallace and Mrs. Mary Boomer. Greetings were also received from a former president, Mrs. William Fishback of Tillsonburg.

Secretary, Mrs. Bruce Stover, gave an interesting review of the ten years of missionary fellowships of the aims and purpose of the group.

A social hour was enjoyed when Mrs. Paul Hill and Mrs. Charter Davis conducted games and contests. Mrs. Murray Cowie assisted the hostess in serving refreshments and the birthday cake.

Area Rebekahs To Celebrate 21st Birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, was held in the I.O.O.F. hall with a good attendance. Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, noble grand, presided and welcomed members and visitors. A report on the sick and shut-ins was given. Mrs. Benjamin Strudwick read minutes, thank-you notes, and a letter from Tillsonburg branch of the March of Dimes thanking the Lodge for canvass made in the village, \$85 was collected.

Next meeting will be the 21st birthday of Violet Rebekah Lodge.

A report was given by Mrs. Fred Howse, P.N.G., of the I.O.O.F. rally centennial to be held in St. Thomas, March 24, 25, and 26.

The charter was draped in memory of our late Sister Norine Riches.

Refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

Marion Fish Honored At Presentation

OTTERVILLE (C)—Miss Marion Fish, whose marriage takes place at Brampton on Saturday, April 1, was honoured with a presentation, get-to-gether and farewell in the form of a surprise from the community. The event was held in the school room of the church and attended by more than 125 adults and children. The evening was arranged by members of the United Church Women. Mr. Edward Arthur was the capable chairman.

During the evening movies of local interest were shown by Jack Walther, which was followed by a mock wedding in which the following took part: bride, Mrs. Stanley Arthur; groom, Mrs. Alex Hanson; best man, Irvin Gehring; minister, John Davis; bridesmaids, Mrs. John McSkimming, Mrs. William A. McMullen and Mrs. Harold Waring; flower girl, Mrs. James Squance; ring bearer, David Arthur; soloists, Pat and Peg McClintock; pianist, Mrs. Norman McClintock.

Mrs. W. L. Addison read an address to Miss Fish in which she expressed appreciation to her for her untiring efforts in the work of the Sunday school and church where she will be greatly missed.

A silver tea service was presented her by Mrs. Harold Arthur and Mrs. Bert Hill. On behalf of the girls class in the Sunday School, of which Miss Fish had been teacher for many years, Joan McSunday school, presented her with a ceramic bowl.

Edward Arthur, on behalf of the Sunday school, presented her with a silver pin and earrings.

Miss Fish, who was unaware of arrangements being made for the evening in her honor, was completely taken by surprise when coming to church. She was immediately presented with a corsage.

After opening her gifts she thanked her many friends for their kindness and invited them to her home in Oakville at 175 Douglas Ave.

Violet Rebekah Lodge Birthday

Over 80 persons attended the twenty-first birthday party of Violet Rebekah Lodge. The meeting was conducted by the Noble Grand Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. Mrs. Leo Maybee of Tillsonburg, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario and District Deputy President of East St. Thomas District, Mrs. Juanita Baughman, were welcomed along with visitors from Delhi, Tillsonburg, Springfield and Harrietsville Rebekah Lodges.

Mrs. William Butler who has

been the musician for the past 15 years was presented with a Centennial tray by Mrs. Fred Thompson and Mrs. Nate McMullen on behalf of the Lodge.

A short program followed. Mrs. Jack Walther favoured with several solos. All Past Noble Grands lit candles on the three link chain birthday cake.

Mrs. Edna Honsberger of Ayr was present and was given special mention as the only member of the original Violet Rebekah Lodge. The banquet was convened under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Howse, Past Noble Grand.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 8

ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Adam Malcolm, Springford, 69th.

BIRTHDAY — Mr. Adam Malcolm, Springford, 91.

MARCH 17

BIRTHDAY — Mrs. Adam Malcolm, in hospital in St. Thomas, 89.

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OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McMullen and Gary, Mrs. Lester McMullen and Mrs. Avey all of Woodstock, spent part of Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine.

Mr. Joseph Gleason of London is visiting his son Nelson Gleason, Mrs. Gleason and family. Saturday evening 40 relatives attended a birthday dinner in his honor at Clark's Restaurant, Ingersoll.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Nean McMullen has tendered her resignation as junior opportunity teacher at Rolph St. School in Tillsonburg, and has accepted a position with the Woodstock Board of Education.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

March 13, 1947

Mr. Wilfred Lawson has sold his hotel in Otterville to A. E. Brown of Otterville, who will take possession April 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson intend moving to Hamilton.

THOMPSON, Mrs. Archie, 69, Kelvin, yesterday, Brantford General Hospital. Former Anna Viola Kelly. Survivors: husband; son, Fred, Norwich; sisters, Mrs. Louise Barnett, Norwich, Mrs. Harvey (Lillian) Thompson, North Norwich Tp. Service, 2 p.m. Friday, Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich. Kelvin Cemetery. Mar 28/31/67.



Members of the Mary Hastings Happy Bluebirds Club, Otterville, presented a centennial program recently, many members attending in centennial costume. Front row, from left: Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency and Mrs. Douglas Carroll. Centre: Mrs. Clarence Morris, Mrs. Harry Lee and Mrs. Charles Lumsden. Back row: Mrs. Elmer Almost, Mrs. Mary Haskins and Mrs. E. Groulx.

LEONA
(CHILD)
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One hundred years of street lighting was the theme of a display at the annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association and the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities held in Toronto. John E. and George W. Davis of Otterville Hydro smile as they contrast this gleam-modern beauty with old arc lamps seen earlier in the other section of the display. Close to 1,400 delegates attended the three-day convention. MAR



Old-time costumes will also be featured at the Kinette Fashion Show. Mrs. William Hilliker models one of the creations of yesteryear.



Mr. and Mrs. David R. Chambers



Seen at the Kinette fashion show Tuesday night was all the latest in feminine attire and a liberal sampling of costumes from the past. Clothes for the younger set, old and new, are here modeled by

Laurie Hilliker and Dianne Hart, front, and Lannie Ott and Diane Sandham, standing. A capacity crowd saw the show, which was staged at Annandale High School.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Ferns and two baskets of white and yellow mums decorated Beaconsfield Friends Church on Saturday, March 25, 1967, at 2 p.m. for the wedding of Edna Marguerite Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thompson of R.R. 2, Burgessville and David Ross Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chambers of R.R. 1, Otterville. Rev. W. Loader officiated, assisted by Rev. Gordon Chaffe, Organist, Mrs. Ken Hill of R.R. 1, Burgessville, accompanied the soloist, Mr. John Clark, of Toronto, cousin of the bride, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "I Love You Truly," during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a floor-length gown of nylon organza over silk, featuring lily-point sleeves, a lace bodice, and a chapel train of lace over nylon. A flower covered, wedding-ring style headdress held her shoulder tip veil in place, and she carried a white basket filled with pink and white carnations.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Keith Masterson of Brantford, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Diane Chambers, sister of the groom, and Miss Connie Swanton of R.R. 2, Norwich, friend of the bride. They wore similar floor-length sleeveless gowns of crystal peau de soie, featuring a lace over jacket with elbow length sleeves, the matron of honor in gold and the bridesmaids in jade green. Matching wedding ring style headdresses with circular veiling and a nosegay arrangement of white carnations, completed their ensembles.

Flower girls were Miss Patty Harris of Brantford, cousin of the bride, and Miss Sandra Wilson of R.R. 1, Otterville, cousin of the groom. They wore identical floor-length gowns of white crystal peau de soie with matching lace over jackets, headdress bands of gold and green flowers on a white background and carried tiny nosegays of white carnations backed with green and gold net.

Best man was Henry Ash, Jr., of

R.R. 1, Otterville, uncle of the groom. Robert Thompson and George Thompson, brothers of the bride, were ushers. Daryl Masterson of Brantford, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Reception for 200 guests was held at the Norwich Legion hall, decorated for the occasion with an arch of pink and white flowers and baskets of flowers. Bride's table featured a three-tier wedding cake and guests' tables were decorated with bud vases of yellow mums. Waitresses were Mrs. Verna McLaren, Miss Judy McLaren, Mrs. Herb Lawrence and Miss Donna Lawrence, friends of the bride's family.

Bride's mother received guests in an aqua blue, lace dress, featuring a three-quarter length jacket, worn with aqua flowered hat, white gloves, black shoes and purse and a corsage of white carnations. She was assisted by the mother of the groom who chose a two-piece, navy blue suit, worn with pink blouse, shoes, pink feathered hat, black purse and a corsage of pink carnations.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were single strands of pearls. Groom's gifts were tie pins and ties, and to the ring bearer, a ring.

For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride chose a pale pink mohair suit worn with a flowered silk blouse, pink gloves, matching hat, black purse and shoes, and a white gardenia corsage.

Guests were present from Brantford, Toronto, London, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, and Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers will reside at R.R. 1, Otterville.

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Prior to the wedding, the bride was feted at numerous showers. Two miscellaneous showers were given by Miss Connie Swanton and Miss Diane Chambers; two miscellaneous showers were given by friends from London Teacher's College; a linen shower by Bette Gene Masterson and Hazel Harris and a pantry shower by Verna McLaren.



Folks got together in much the same way they used to gather 100 years ago at the Mount Elgin United Church last Sunday when a special Centennial service was held, complete with pump organ and kerosene lamps. The choir, minister and many of the congregation were clad in dress of earlier times, and nearly 400 jammed the church to hear a 100-year-old sermon by Rev. E. Burr. Top left shows part of the attentive congregation; at right three scholarly churchgoers, Arnold Bloor, Harry Allison and Reuben Clark. Bottom left, a group from the choir gathered around an antique setting; from left, Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Mrs. Harley Goodhand, Mrs. Gordon Baskett, Mrs. Lawrence Stoakley, (seated) and Miss Diane Goodhand. Bottom centre a handsome centennial beard

1967

Walter-DeRoo

OTTERVILLE (C) — Red roses for the Virgin Mary and white and pink flowers decorated St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, April 8, 1967, at 11 a.m. for the wedding of Agnes Paula DeRoo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice DeRoo of R.R. 1, Otterville, and David John Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Walter of Otterville. Rev. Fr. Denys officiated. Soloist was Mrs. Josie Pattyn, and organist Mrs. C. Moon.

For her wedding the bride chose a floor-length gown of silk faille, featuring a close fitting bodice with long tapered sleeves, controlled skirt bordered with guipure lace enhanced by a separate train falling from the waistline to cathedral length. A pearl crystal crown held her veil, which was studded with sequins, and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white sweethearts.

Mrs. Barbara Demarest of R.R. 1, Delhi, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Lucille Brady of R.R. 1, Delhi, and Miss Anita Gekire of R.R. 3, Delhi, both cousins of the bride. They wore identical floor-length gowns of suzy blue crepe, styled on empire lines, and featuring lace bodices with scallops around the waist and elbow-length sleeves with scalloped frills. A lace train fell from the waistline. Their headdresses were small crowns of flowers and loops and they carried bou-



quets of pink and red flowers.

Richard Demarest of R.R. 1, Delhi, cousin of the bride, was best man. Ushers were Richard DeRoo of R.R. 1, Otterville, a brother of the bride, and Ron Smith of R.R. 1, Otterville, friend of the groom.

Reception for 200 guests was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Delhi. Bride's table was decorated with the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables were decorated with artificial red roses.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother wore a two-piece, light blue lace ensemble, worn with navy blue accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a two-piece turquoise lace ensemble, worn with a corsage of yellow roses.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were pearl earrings and necklace sets. Groom's gifts were cufflinks and tie clips.

For her wedding trip, the bride chose an orange ice suit, worn with navy blue accessories.

Guests were present from Bothwell, Windsor, Chatham, Wardsville, Otterville, Tillsonburg, Delhi and Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter will reside in Otterville.



Mrs. Earl Moulton with her three daughters who all celebrate the same birthday. Standing are twins Jennifer left, and Elizabeth, right. On mother's knee is Earleen, two-year-old sister, born exactly one year after the twins.



The local branch of Walker Stores Ltd. is observing centennial year by costuming its staff in gowns from the past, which will

be worn on several special occasions this year. In front from left are Mrs. Evva Jackson, Miss Eva Deveney, Mrs. Mabel Tillotson,

Mrs. Evelyn Ryan, Miss Hazel Hiltz, Mrs. Jan Harris and Miss Doreen Howse. On left steps are Mrs. Kathleen Atwood, Miss

Thoma Darnley and Mrs. Ruth Hurley. On right steps, Mrs. Hattie Sharp, Mrs. Helena Keenan and Mrs. Agnes Smith.

RONALD T. COLLVER
OTTERVILLE (C) — A life-long resident of Otterville, Ronald Theodore Collver passed away in Victoria Hospital, London, on Sunday, April 23, 1967, in his 60th year. A plumber by trade, he retired several years ago due to ill health.

He was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville; a member of the Masonic Order; and had received his 25 year jewel from the IOOF.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Fletcher; one son, John Douglas Collyer of Woodstock; four daughters, Mrs. Robert (Yvonne) Hewitt of Woodstock, Andrena Collver, Helen Collver, and Beth Collver, all at home; three sisters, Mrs. Lillian Ruthig of St. Marys, Mrs. Lloyd (Dora) Phillips of Tobermory and Mrs. Harman (Nellie) Hyndman of Norwich; and one grandchild.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Wednesday, April 26, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Douglas Ramsay of Otterville United Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

April 24/67
Crash victim dies

OTTERVILLE — Archibald Lloyd Moore, 79, RR 1, Norwich, injured Thursday in a two-car crash on Highway 59, a mile east of Otterville, died Saturday at Tillsonburg and District Memorial Hospital.

Police said Mr. Moore was taken to hospital, suffering a broken collarbone and head cuts.

The car driven by Mr. Moore collided with one driven by Gary Tuck, 25, of Richmond Hill. The Moore car was extensively damaged.

Mr. Moore, an Otter Mutual Insurance agent and retired farmer, is survived by his wife, the former Velma Hicks; a sister, Mrs. John (Mae) McDougall, Burford; brother, Fred, Otterville.

Funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m., tomorrow, at Addison Funeral Home, Otterville. Burial will be in Bookton Cemetery, Bookton.

ARCHIE MOORE

OTTERVILLE (C) — Archibald (Archie) Lloyd Moore of R.R. 1, Norwich, passed away in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, April 22, in his 80th year.

He was a well-known retired farmer of Bookton, giving up this occupation ten years ago. For the past 25 years he was an agent for Otterville Mutual Insurance Company, covering an area south to the Lake, west to St. Thomas and the immediate South Norwich Township area.

He was a faithful member of Bookton Presbyterian Church, and was also an Elder.

Surviving are his wife, the former Velma Hicks; one sister, Mrs. John (Mae) McDougall of Burford and one brother, Fred Moore of Otterville.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held on Tuesday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Harold Marr of the Presbyterian Church, Norwich.

Intement in Bookton Cemetery.

COLLVER, Ronald Theodore, 59, Otterville, yesterday, Victoria Hospital, London. Survivors: wife, former Ruth Fletcher; son, John Douglas Woodstock; daughters, Mrs. Robert (Yvonne) Hewitt, Woodstock; Andrena, Helen, Beth, all at home; sisters, Mrs. Lillian Ruthig, St. Marys; Mrs. Lloyd Phillips, Tobermory; Mrs. Harman (Nellie) Hyndman, Norwich. Service, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Addison Funeral Home, Otterville. Otter Cemetery, Otterville. *April 23 1967*

Happy Bluebirds Celebrate 20th Birthday 1967

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. John Malcolm, the centennial chairman of Women's activities of Norfolk County, was guest speaker at the April meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club held in the Presbyterian Church parlour, Norwich, with members of the Milldale group in charge. Speaker, gowned in Centennial costume, gave interesting suggestions to planning projects in keeping with Centennial year. Mrs. Malcolm was introduced by Mrs. Mary Haskin and thanked by Mrs. Zuella Hicks, who also presented her with a gift.

Mrs. Mary Haskin, president of the club, presided for the meeting which was largely attended. Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency was pianist. Members responded to the roll call by donating articles for the bazaar table at the Old Fashioned Garden Party. Good cheer conveners reported.

On behalf of the club Mrs. Mary Haskin presented a gift to Mrs. Burwell Kendrick who had celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Kendrick thanked the club for their kindness.

Mrs. Mary Haskin pinned corsages on past presidents Mrs. Daisy Ash, Mrs. John Pritchard, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Zuella Hicks, Mrs. Fred Pearce, Mrs. Harry Lee and Mrs. Elmer Almost.

A lovely birthday cake with 20 candles commemorated the birthday of the club, which is an ever-growing organization with a membership of 55. An Anniversary cake to honor Mrs. Kendrick was also enjoyed. ^{50th}

W.A.



Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, No. 177, I.O.O.F., marked its 50th anniversary Tuesday evening with a large number of guests attending. Dinner at St. Pauls United Church was followed by a meeting at the lodge rooms. Receiving special mention were Mrs. Faye Service and Mrs. Fred Cook, who will be 50-year members of the lodge in June and Mrs. Theresa



Rouse, a charter member. They are shown left. As a special gift, Duane Hicks, noble grand of Otter Lodge No. 50, presented a case with two gavels to the Rebekahs. He is shown making the presentation to Noble Grand Bessie Davis of the Rebekahs.



That "Centennial Year" look is prevalent around Tillsonburg, bringing women out in elegant fashions. In the spotlight in the above photo is Tillsonburg's own "Centennial Queen" flanked by her two royal ladies-in-waiting, along with two other local women

pliments Canada's 100 years. Left to right, Mrs. R. Beechey, centennial women's events chairman; Miss Sharon Barham, Miss Peggy Fleming, and far right, Miss Linda Hennessey. Fourth from left is Mrs. P. White, president of the Catholic Women's League, who had the group appear with her at a recent Knights of Columbus-

Catholic Women's League sponsored centennial affair in the auditorium of Glendale High School that featured the Catholic Central High School Band directed by Martin Boundy and the St. Cecelia Singers led by Sister Mary Margaret, A.T.C.M., all of London. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff).

NORWICH
COMMUNITY
CHOIR

CENTENNIAL
CONCERT

8:00 P.M.

UNITED CHURCH AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, 21st. APRIL, 1967
SATURDAY, 22nd. APRIL 1967

CHOIR DIRECTOR
MRS. J. DOUGLAS AVEY

ACCOMPANIST
MRS. WRAY HARTLEY

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN The Choir
The Audience will remain **standing** and join
the choir in singing of one stanza of

"O CANADA"

ANTHEM "This Land is your land!" Woody Guthrie
Arr. Don Wright

WESTWARD HO!

CHOIR "Red River Valley" Folk Songs of
Canada
Arr. Richard Johnston

Solo Voice - Mrs. Phyllis Hinks

This is probably the best known folk song
in the Prairie Provinces. Canadians assoc-
iate it with the Red River in Manitoba, but
it originated in Texas & Oklahoma

DUET "Blue Canadian Rockies" Cindy Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Force

CHOIR "Bury Me Not" Cindy Walker

Solo - Mr. Barry Smith

This originated in the U.S.A. but has
been popular in the Canadian West for
at least 60 years.

ANTHEM "Listen to the Lambs"
Based on a Negro Spiritual R. Nathaniel Dett

Solo Voice - Mrs. Muriel Lossing

COSMOPOLITAN CANADA

SOLO "Killarney" An Irish Folk
Tune - about 1880
Miss Cheryl Hastings (with choir)

LADIES' CHORUS "Santa Lucia" Italian Folk Tune
From Naples

SOLO "Weiss Du Wei Viel Sternlein Stehen?"
"Can you count the stars" - German
Folk Melody
Mr. Dan Klassen - Accomp. Mrs. Elsie Klassen

ORGAN AND PIANO DUET "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte
Mrs. Wray Hartley
Mrs. Pearl Hughes

OLD TIME GOSPEL HYMNS

CHOIR "Bringing in the Sheaves"
Solo Voice - Mrs. Helen Hall

"Shall we Gather at the River" R. Lowry
Arr. M. E. Avey

"All Hail the Power"

I N T E R M I S S I O N

Chairman of Centennial Committee - Mr. H. Williams

CENTENNIAL SPECIALS

CHOIR "The Centennial Hymn"
Words K. S. Moyer
Composed for Canada 1967 Music R. Le Lacheur

ANTHEM "They all call it Canada" Fred Grant
Arr. Leslie R. Bell

ORGAN AND PIANO DUET "Deep River" Negro
Spiritual
Mrs. Wray Hartley
Mrs. Pearl Hughes

AND TO THE EAST.....

CHOIR "I'se the Bye!"

This lively dance tune is one of the
favourites of the Newfoundlanders.

"Kelligrew's Soiree"
Speaking voice - Elizabeth Avey
The men of Champlain's Order of Good Cheer
are said to have sung the song at Port
Royal 1605. It was also used as a paddling
song.

MORE OF THE OLD

MALE CHORUS "Kentucky Babe" Adam Geibel

CHOIR "The Ash Grove" Welsh Tune
This air is so simple but perfect in form,
however, its origin is lost in the past.

ON WITH THE NEW!

CHOIR "Somewhere my Love" M. Jarre
Arr. R. Conniff
Words & Music

Lara's Theme from "Dr. Zhivago"

ANTHEM Hymn to Music Roy Wingwald
Adaption of Etude in E Major - by Chopin

- O Sacred art, O music fair....
- Teach us how to gain from thee
the lesson of thy harmony....
- So we may turn from discord
and learn, Peace in thy design

"And He Shall Have Dominion" "Alleluia"

ANTHEM "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"
17th. Cent. German
Arr. Luther W. Goodhart

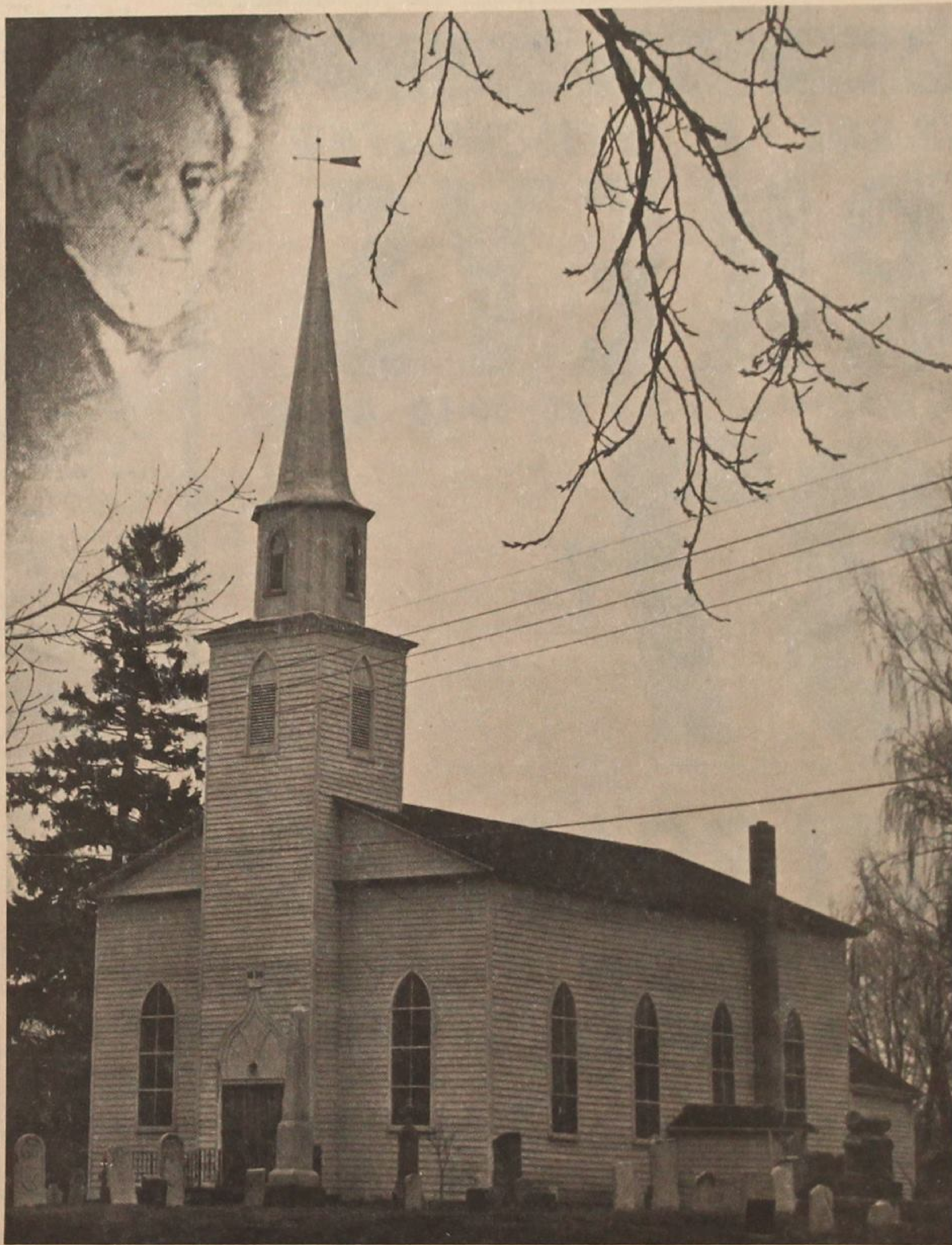
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- Appreciation is extended to
- the United Church official Board for use of the Church for practice and concert.
 - Mrs. Edith Lees for time consumed in taping the practice sessions.
 - all choir members for hours spent in practice.



131 YEARS AGO

Archdeacon of York Invited



Historic Port Burwell Church with Col. Mahlon Burwell inset



To Preach at Port Church

By Ellen H. Eff

A hundred and thirty-one years ago today Colonel Mahlon Burwell sat down to write a letter to the Archdeacon of York to invite him to preach the first sermon in the new church at Port Burwell.

One of the contributions that Colonel Burwell made to the early life of Port Burwell was the building and endowing of a Church of England in that village, and in his letter to Dr. John Strachan, dated April 12, 1836, he wrote:

"It is a good while since I have troubled you with a line but my church at Port Burwell is now in a state to be preached in. You promised me that you would preach first in it, and I must hold you to your word. After you have preached in it, the Rev'd Mr. Evans, resident of the village of Simcoe, and others of our church can preach there occasionally, and until we can get a resident clergyman.

"The church has already cost me a great deal, and I shall put myself to considerable more expense in completing it to my mind, and between ourselves, I intend to do that which I am not aware of any other persons having done in the Province — I intend making a deed for the church and about five acres of ground adjoining it, in which is a beautiful spring brook, and a site for a parsonage house, and I shall seek no remuneration. I shall only reserve a pew for myself and my heirs, and make the deed for the uses of the established church in this Province, but am not determined whether I will make it to the King or to the Bishop — I do not wish any allusion to be made to me, or the manner in which the church has been built."

The sermon was preached on Sunday, May 22, 1836.

On that occasion, the "magistrates and inhabitant of the village of Port Burwell and its vicinity" presented to Archdeacon Strachan an illuminated address to thank him for his part in setting forward the work of the Church of England in their community.

To the conventional expression of their thanks and appreciation, Colonel Burwell added a second paragraph, the wording of which had been proposed by Dr. Strachan himself:

that your decline of life may be accompanied with that peace and happiness which it is natural to hope, and expect, will follow the exercise of that fearless adherence to truth and justice by which your life has been eminently distinguished."

"Of the 67 magistrates and inhabitants who joined with Colonel Burwell in signing this remarkable address, it is doubtful whether any ever guessed the source of the sentiments it expressed, or had the smallest suspicion that they were other than spontaneous! Three years later, August 4, 1839, the Venerable Archdeacon was consecrated Bishop.

In the year 1836 (from February to October), the Townships bordering on the Otter Creek were part of the territory to which Rev. Thomas Green was assigned as travelling missionary. His journal of that year contains many references to places and people in the watershed, and shows that he maintained more or less regular services in Vienna, Port Burwell, Middleton (now Courtland), Norwich Township and Norwichville, and in the Townships of Windham and Malahide. On one occasion he recorded a visit to Dereham but does not identify the precise locality. He named the people in whose homes he was who assisted, sometimes at short notice, in

assembling the scattered congregations, and who opened their homes for the holding of a church service.

Among those he noted were as follows: At Dereham (Tillsonburg), Mr. Stroud, Mr. Burn; Vienna: Isaac Draper, J.P., John Wright, Mr. Ault; Port Burwell: John Burwell, J.P.; Middleton (Courtland): L. Tisdale, Mrs. Tims, John M. C. Crawford, Mr. Standings; Windham: Mr. Robins.

By 1837, Col. Burwell readied a neat and comfortable house for the residence of a minister and from his own property had endowed the church very liberally with funds.

From 1836 to 1843 there was no resident minister serving at the church although Col. Burwell was trying constantly during that period to have one stationed there.

In 1843 the first rector, Rev. Thomas Boulton Read, was sent to Port Burwell in answer to Col. Burwell's requests and an Anglican rector has been stationed at the church constantly since that time, Rev. W. Bennett is presently the rector.

An interesting chapter of the church's early history was discovered in 1936 when the worn fragments of the original deed of gift of land from Col. Burwell to the church was examined and the partly illegible wording

of the deed deciphered.

A section of the deed says: "Whereas the said Mahlon Burwell is in the humble hope that his own sins, negligences and ignorances may be forgiven through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ: and in prayer that the blessings of God may rest upon his posterity: he presents this deed for uses of the said established church . . . and the said Mahlon Burwell and his heirs, forever being members of the established church, shall possess and enjoy the right to nominate and present the rector when a vacancy shall occur . . . and to possess and occupy a pew, a part of the northeast corner of the church, measuring 8x12 feet on the ground floor. . . ."

Col. Burwell's grandson, Mahlon G. Burwell, assigned his right of choosing the rector over to the Bishop of Huron about 51 years ago. Until his death, about 37 years ago, Mahlon G. Burwell who was the remaining member of the family, occupied the front northeast seat where the old Burwell family pew had been set aside by order of the original deed.

And, so, today, one of Elgin County's oldest church structures — Trinity Anglican Church — situated at Port Burwell — is marking an important day in its history.

"We take this occasion to express our earnest hope, that strangely overlooked as you have recently been to the deep regret of every enlightened mind in both Canadas, you may yet live to be promoted to that professional station which you are so well qualified to adorn, and to which you have long had the first claim, and happy will it be for the prosperity and rapid extension of the church, and the moral elevation to this Province. Be assured, Venerable Sir, that our sincere wish is that you may be blessed with many years of health; and

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1967

OTTERVILLE HIT BY FIRE, 4 FAMILIES FLEE FLAMES

Two Businesses Razed; Damage Said \$150,000

By BILL TONNER

Sentinel-Review Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — Fire ripped through the business section of this quiet tobacco-belt village this morning, leaving in its wake a pile of rubble where once stood a hardware and appliance business, a department store without a ceiling and under about a foot of water, and forced four families out on the street.

The centre of the blaze appeared to be the Holmes and Taylor Hardware and Appliance shop on Main street which was completely destroyed, Wardell's Clover Leaf department store next to the hardware shop had extensive fire, smoke and water damage.

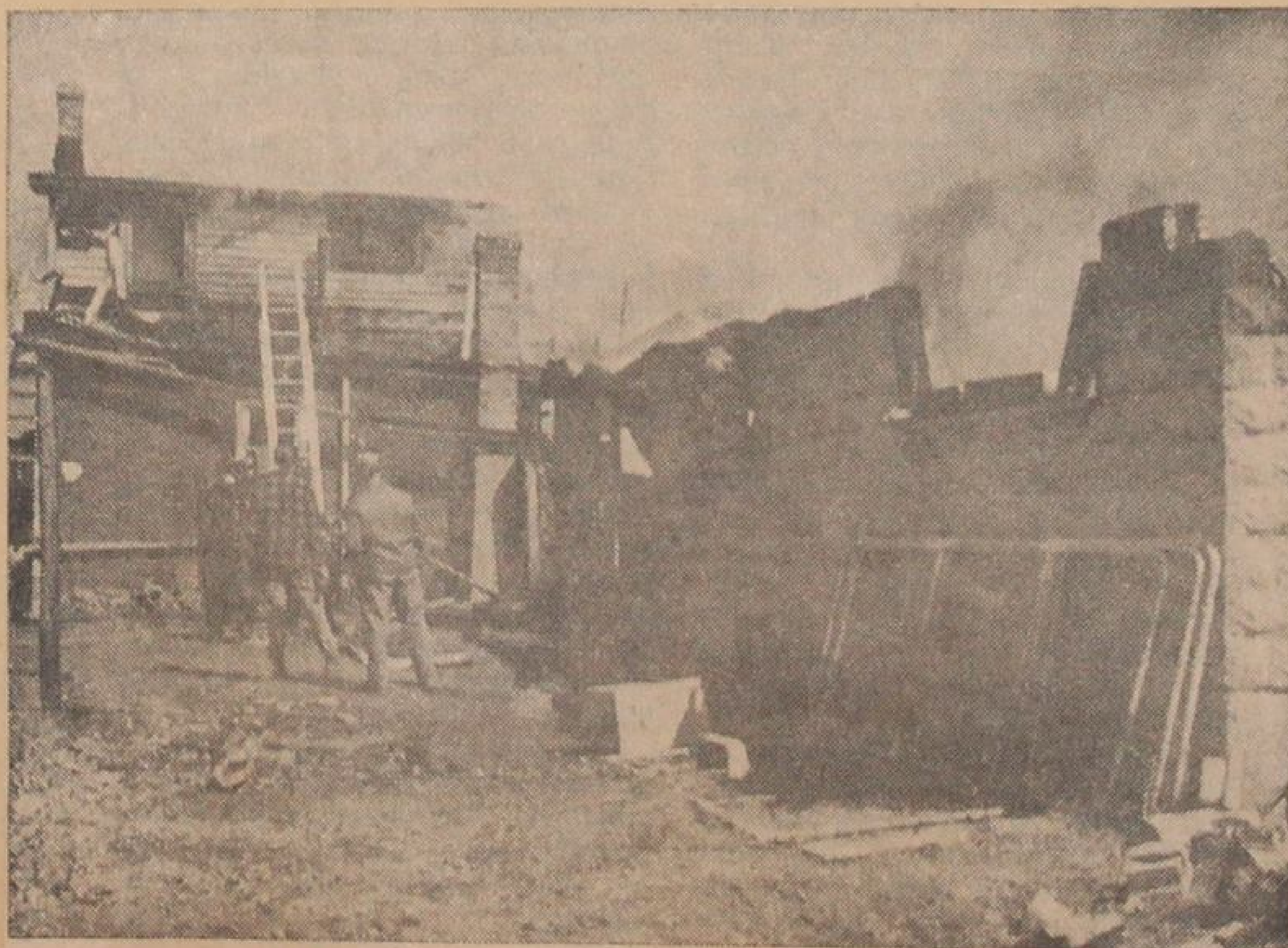
Three apartments above the department store were heavily damaged with smoke and water, and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Holmes on the other side of the hardware business was completely gutted.

No official estimate of the damage could be made but fire officials feel it could run in excess of \$150,000. Rod Taylor, one of the partners in the hardware shop discovered the fire when he opened for business at 8.15 this morning. He put the blame on a faulty heat-

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THE RUINS of the Holmes and Taylor hardware and appliance store, destroyed by fire in Otterville this morning, are seen at the left of this photo. The home of one of the owners, Murray Holmes is on the right. The residence, with the walls still standing, was completely gutted. Firemen and neighbors managed to save a few items of furniture from the home.



BACK OF BLAZING BUILDINGS, FIRE WAS VILLAGE'S WORST

ESCAPE FLAMES

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, both in their late 80s, were at home at the time of the fire but managed to reach safety without assistance. Neighbors and firemen managed to carry some of their possessions out of the burning home before flames drove them outside.

The tenants of the apartments over the Clover Leaf store were Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo, a widow, who came from Trinidad in September to teach school in Otterville. She had three children, one at work, another in high school and a younger one at public school. No one was at home when the blaze broke out.

The other apartments were occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Briggs and Miss Ivy Pennington.

The department store is operated by Murray Wardell and his sister Dorothy. Miss Wardell said she and her brother have been in business at the same location for 20 years and completely remodelled the premises eight years ago.

As she sloshed from one counter to another, through water that was everywhere, Miss Wardell said, "I was kicking just before Christmas when we had to pay a \$900 premium on our fire insurance, but believe me, I'm not kicking now — \$900 seems pretty small compared to what has happened today."

She had a lot of praise for the mutual aid fire plan that brought departments from Norwich and Tillsonburg to the scene. "Our own volunteer department was doing a wonderful job but the arrival of the others is one of the main reasons the entire business section was not destroyed," she said.

LIFE'S WORK GONE

Meanwhile, Mr. Holmes, the elderly partner in the hardware shop, who has been in business at the same location for over 45 years, walked aimlessly from one place to another, he seemed to be in a state of shock from the disaster that wiped out a lifetime of work.

Fire Chief Gordon Tripp of Woodstock, in his capacity as co-ordinator of Oxford County Mutual Aid firefighting, was also at the scene, ready to order Woodstock units into service if it was found to be necessary.

The chief of the South Norwich and Otterville volunteer fire department, 32-year-old Bill McMullen, said as far as he knows, it was the worst fire ever to hit the village.

Chief McMullen, who has headed the department for eight years, said, "I've lived here all my life, and the only other big fire I can remember is when the bakeshop, right across the street from today's fire, burned down. That was back in 1941, but it was nowhere near as bad as this."

The Norwich firemen were under the command of Chief Basil Baines and the Tillsonburg department was headed by Chief Wally Tully. Early this afternoon they were still pouring water into the smoldering wreckage.

Damage \$150,000 in Otterville blaze

OTTERVILLE — Nine persons are homeless and damage is estimated at \$150,000 following a fire here yesterday morning that destroyed a hardware store and home and heavily damaged a general store and three apartments.

No one was injured.

Otterville Fire Chief William McMullen blamed the fire on a faulty furnace.

Destroyed were the Holmes and Taylor hardware store and the adjacent home of co-owner Murray Holmes. Damage to an adjacent department store and three upstairs apartments was estimated by the owner, Murray Wardell, at between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Fire Chief McMullen said he presumed a faulty oil system caused flooding and "started burning the chimney out."

Rodney Taylor, co-owner of the hardware store, discovered the furnace "cherry red" at about 8:15 a.m. and summoned the Otterville volunteer fire department.

Ammunition in the store exploded during the blaze, along with 45-gallon drums of var-sol, turpentine and coal oil.

Mr. Wardell was not aware of the fire until firemen arrived. He immediately went to the upstairs apartments and guided occupants to safety.

The occupants were Miss

Ivy Pennington, George Briggs and Mrs. Myrtle Nansoo and her four children. They are all staying temporarily with friends in the community until the apartments can be repaired. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are staying at the home of their son-in-law, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Wardell last night said: "Community spirit is tremendous. Women have been inside the one apartment not seriously damaged all day scrubbing and cleaning. The apartment should be liveable by tomorrow."

Repairs to the other apart-

ments and the department store, he said will take at least a week.

A total of 28 firemen from Otterville, Tillsonburg and Norwich fought the blaze, described by Fire Chief McMullen as the worst the town has ever had.



An Otterville hardware store was destroyed and an adjoining house ruined yesterday in what Fire Chief William McMullen described as the worst fire he

— Free Press Woodstock Bureau could recall. A furnace in the basement of the Holmes and Taylor hardware store was blamed for the fire.

Otterville *Tues.*
April
Fire Loss *25th*
\$150,000 *1967*

OTTERVILLE — The Holmes and Taylor hardware store was levelled by flames in a two-hour period this morning as firemen fought a losing battle to save the predominantly wooden structure.

An adjoining home to the west, occupied by Murray Holmes, 83, co-proprietor of the hardware store, burned furiously but was almost out by 11 a.m. The interior was gutted and the roof was severely damaged.

Only the west wall of the hardware store was left standing. A warehouse at the rear containing paints and allied lines also was demolished.

The loss is estimated at \$150,000. There were no injuries. The alarm was turned in at 8.30 a.m.

Threatened was Wardell's Clover Farms Store which adjoins the hardware store on the east. Firemen poured water on these premises to avoid further loss.

Three apartments over the Clover Farms store were evacuated. They are occupied by George Briggs, who lives alone, Mrs. Myrtle Mansoo, a widow, her three daughters and a son and Miss Ivy Pennington, 81, who also lives alone.

Nothing was saved at the hardware store operated by Holmes and his son-in-law, Rod Taylor. A few items were taken from the house, but dense smoke and flames soon prevented anyone from entering the house. Some merchandise was removed from the Clover Farms store.

Under a mutual aid agreement, firemen and equipment from the Tillsonburg fire department and the Norwich fire department were on the scene to give assistance.

Rod Taylor said he arrived at the store this morning to open up, and noticed there was no heat. He went downstairs to investigate and found the oil furnace "cherry red."

He ran upstairs, grabbed a few boxes of ammunition off the shelves, and went outside.

South Norwich Fire Chief William A. McMullen said the fire followed the chimney which eventually became red hot and ignited the building.

Chief McMullen said the last previous major fire in the village was in 1941, when a bake shop was destroyed.



THE HOLMES AND TAYLOR HARDWARE STORE LIES IN RUINS AFTER TODAY'S \$150,000 BLAZE ON OTTERVILLE'S MAIN STREET



NEIGHBORS PITCH IN TO SORT SOME OF THE SALVAGE

Fire Destroys Hardware, Home

Fire losses which could run as high as \$75,000 gutted a hardware store, a two-storey brick dwelling, and badly damaged a general store at Otterville Tuesday morning.

Completely destroyed was the Holmes and Taylor Hardware store on Main Street, where the fire started shortly before 8:30 a.m. Rod Taylor, one of the proprietors, had opened the store shortly before, and while in his office, noticed smoke issuing from near the chimney. He phoned the South Norwich - Otterville Fire Department, but in moments flames were issuing from the spot.

Under mutual aid, fire departments from Norwich and Tillsonburg answered the call, and although for a time it appeared certain that the Wardell block, directly east of the hardware, would go out of control, excellent work on the part of firemen controlled the blaze, though the Wardell general store suffered extensive damage.

Almost completely destroyed was the residence of Murray Holmes, 83-year-old senior partner in the hardware firm, who has been in business in Otterville for 45 years. The two-storey house stands directly west of the hardware store.

Mr. Taylor said his stock, estimated at \$25,000, included heavy shipments recently received for spring business. An attached warehouse at the back of the store, contained a barrel of turpentine and other flammable materials, which burned fiercely.

Three apartments over the Wardell store received heavy smoke and water damage. The westerly apartment, occupied by George Briggs, was badly charred, as was the back wall of all the apartments. Mr. Briggs carried no insurance on the contents. Centre apartment, occupied by Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo, who last year came from Trinidad with her four children to join the Otterville teaching staff, received smoke and water damage, as did the east apartment, tenanted by Miss Ivy Pennington.

The fire worked its way into the Wardell store and burned above a false ceiling in the west side, but was stopped there by firemen. Murray Wardell, proprietor had high praise for the mutual aid system, without which, he said, total loss of the block would have been certain.

The front wall of the hardware store collapsed at about 9:30 a.m., with falling debris narrowly missing an unidentified fire fighter.

No injuries were reported in the disaster. Firemen were aided by the fact that only a light breeze was blowing at the time.



Fire at Otterville Tuesday morning destroyed the Holmes and Taylor Hardware and a house owned by one of the proprietors, Murray Holmes. Badly damaged was the corner block, Wardell's Clover Farm Market and general store. Firemen from Tillsonburg and Norwich, called in under mutual aid, assisted the South-Norwich-Otterville department in bringing the costly blaze under control. General view at left, shows black smoke rolling from the rear warehouse and hardware store, with the Wardell store in the foreground

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the Holmes and Taylor Hardware just as the front wall started to fall

Spectacular \$64,000

By TED CRANDON

OTTERVILLE — Damage was estimated at close to \$64,000 in a spectacular blaze which destroyed a hardware store, gutted a home and caused serious damage to a food store here yesterday morning.

No one was injured.

The building and stock of Holmes and Taylor Hardware were completely destroyed while the adjoining home of Murray Holmes, 83, was considered a complete loss.

Murray Wardell, who operates Wardell Clover Farm Market with his sister Dorothy, said there was extensive smoke and water damage to two of the three apartments above his store and to the \$25,000 stock in the food store.

Rod Taylor, 46, a son-in-law of Mr. Holmes and a partner in the hardware busi-

ness, said he went to work about 8.15 a.m.

"I went downstairs to light the oil furnace," he told The News-Record. "I went back upstairs to the store. About 10 minutes later I realized the blower hadn't come on. I went back downstairs to check and the chimney pipe was hot.

"I phoned Frank Finch across the street right away", said Mr. Taylor. "He can ring the fire alarm from his store. I thought I would try to get some of the stock off the shelves but there was too much smoke. I got out and closed all the doors".

He said there were several explosions and the building burned very quickly.

It spread to the Holmes residence just west of the hardware on Main Street. Mrs. Holmes was taken to the Taylor residence.

The blaze seemed to get in between a

Blaze Destroys Hardware, Home

false ceiling and the original floor in the food store.

"We are fortunate the firemen were able to save the store", declared Mr. Wardell.

He paid tribute to Otterville firefighters and firemen from Norwich and Tillsonburg who assisted under the Oxford County Mutual Aid Association.

Firemen had the blaze under control about 9.30 a.m. but firemen were at the scene almost all day making sure the blaze didn't break out again.

Hundreds of district residents lined Main Street here during the height of the fire. Dozens of Otterville citizens helped firemen battle the stubborn blaze, while other men and women helped salvage household articles, such as dishes from the Holmes residence.

Bill McMullen, Otterville's 32-year-old fire chief, said it was the worst fire he could remember in Otterville. He recalled that a bake shop burned on Main Street in 1941, but the loss wasn't as serious as in Tuesday's blaze.

"We received excellent co-operation from everyone", he insisted.

OPP Constable Tom Smith, of Tillsonburg, said he arrived on the scene about 9.05 a.m. and Main Street was quickly blocked off from traffic.

Mr. Taylor estimated total damage to the stock, store and fixtures at about \$40,000. The damage was partially covered by insurance.

Damage to the house and contents was about \$14,000. Although it was difficult to estimate damage to the food store and

apartments, it will probably be about \$10,000.

Damage to the food store and apartments will be repaired, but Mr. Taylor indicated he didn't know whether the hardware store and house would be rebuilt or not.

The food store is located at the intersection of Main and Dover Streets at Otterville's main intersection. One building west is the hardware store, which was gutted, and the Holmes house next.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring live in the next house on the street. Mrs. Waring is The News-Record correspondent in the area.

"The smoke was awful, but we were lucky there was no damage," Mr. Waring told The News-Record.

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Started 47 Years Ago Store Gone

OTTERVILLE — "That's life".

This was a comment of 83-year-old Murray Holmes while he watched flames destroy the hardware he started 47 years ago.

"We have never had a fire in all that time", he continued. "I guess it was the oldest building in the village, but its gone now".

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, respected citizens of this Oxford County police village, have lived in the house next to the hardware all that time.

A son-in-law, Rod Taylor, joined Mr. Holmes as a partner in the business 17 years ago.

Mr. Holmes naturally had trouble accepting the fact his business and house were both gone.

Mr. Taylor wasn't sure if the hardware store would be rebuilt or not.

Murray Holmes, 83-year-old owner of the house which was destroyed at Otterville, yesterday, looks over some household effects that were saved. Local ladies helped pack and store the items. (News-Record Photo)

We would like to thank sincerely all our friends and neighbours for kindness towards us at the time of and since the fire.
—Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor —
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Holmes.

Surprise Party For Mrs. Jull

May 1967
OTTERVILLE (C)—A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland in honor of the birthdays of the latter's mother, Mrs. Ernest Jull, whose birthday occurred earlier in the week.

The party was attended by all the members of the family and several friends including Mr. and Mrs. Robert English of Oshawa; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull, Russell, Murray and Joyce of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Waring of Otterville; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heatley and Barbara of Sarnia and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull and Glenna of Mount Elgin.

Other guests included Mrs. Luella Hagerman of Norwich, Miss Connie Swanton of Newark and Mr. Richard Rule of Sarnia.

Mrs. English was also greeted with "happy birthday" on the occasion of her birthday being that day.

A prettily decorated birthday cake trimmed with candles, along with ice cream and other treats was served and a social time spent.

Mrs. Jull was recipient of more than 100 cards and other birthday remembrances.



MURRAY HOLMES, elderly partner in the hardware business of Holmes and Taylor which was destroyed by fire

in Otterville this morning, is consoled by an unidentified neighbor, Mr. Holmes, facing the camera, has operated the

business for 45 years. His home, next to the store, occupied by he and his wife, was also destroyed.

OTTERVILLE ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) - Commemorating Canada's centennial and the 50th anniversary of the present St. John's Anglican Church, the church books which have been compiled giving the history of the first Anglican Church services which were held during the 1830's in Otterville and up to the present time, are available and can be purchased from any member of the Guild who are in charge of the books.

Plans are almost completed for the special service on Sunday, June 25, at 3 p.m., when the guest speaker will be Rev. Canon B.A. Silcox, B.A., L.Th. of Windsor.

Kennedy - Wallace

OTTERVILLE (C) — The wedding of Joanne Wallace of Montreal and William Albert Kennedy of Gravenhurst was solemnized Saturday, May 27, in St. Pascal Baylon Church, Montreal.

Given in marriage by her uncle, the bride wore a floor-length, white lace gown and veil, and carried a bouquet of red roses with stephanotis. Best man was Victor Karpavicius of Burlington, friend of the groom.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Joseph Wallace of Edmundston, N.B., wore an attractive ensemble of powder blue lace and matching accessories. The mother of the groom, Mrs. David Kennedy of Otterville, wore a sheer redingote over a flowered dress and navy accessories.

Guests were present from New Brunswick, Montreal, Toronto, Ingersoll, Norwich and Otterville.

A reception followed the double-ring, French - English ceremony at the home of the bride. The couple left for a trip through eastern Canada and U.S.A., and will reside at Gravenhurst.

held in afternoon
STROUD, Merle V., 69, Springfield, Saturday, at the home of stepdaughter, in Tillsonburg. Survivors: wife, former Kathleen Atwood; sons, William, Springfield; Merlin, Burlington; Bruce, Cook'sville; stepdaughters, Mrs. James (Fern) Hutchison, Salford; Mrs. Percy (Leota) Scott, Tillsonburg; Mrs. Jack (Elsie) Burgess, Blenheim; Mrs. Merlin (Darlene) Stroud, Burlington; brother, Lloyd, Springfield. Service, 2 p.m. tomorrow G. A. Barrie Funeral Home, Tillsonburg. Springfield Cemetery. *May 27-30/67*

Mrs. Ambrose Grandy

OTTERVILLE - Mrs. Ambrose Grandy, the former Margaret Ethel Ottewell, passed away Thursday, May 2, at St. Marys Memorial Hospital, St. Marys, in her 83rd year.

Mrs. Grandy, a resident of Otterville for many years, moved to London about two and a half years ago. She was predeceased by her husband.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Frederick (Jean) Hillier of London.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville. Graveside service and interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown, on Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m.

McMurphy - Hatton

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Two baskets of white mums, pink carnations and fern, decorated the United Church, Otterville, on Saturday, June 10, 1967, at 1:30 p.m. for the wedding of Margaret Roberta Hatton, daughter of Mrs. Elva Hatton of 59 Harvey St., Tillsonburg, and the late D.J. Hatton, and James Roy McMurphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McMurphy of North St., Otterville. Rev. Douglas Ramsay officiated. Organist, Mrs. William McMullen, Jr., played "The Wedding March" and "The Wedding Prayer" during the service.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Richard Van Parys, Jr., the bride chose a white, floor-length, sheath gown of organza and taffeta, styled with a sabrina neckline of chantilly lace, bowed bodice and coat-like effect falling in the back to a chapel-length train. Her wedding ring headpiece of matching material held in place her silk illusion, scalloped veil with appliqued sequins, and she carried a bouquet of white mums and carnations, centered with pink roses.

Mrs. David Henderson of London, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. She was attired in a sky-blue, floor-length gown of crepe with a blue lace top, round neckline, and elbow-length sleeves. A matching headdress and a cascade of commercial yellow and white mums centered with pink roses completed her ensemble.

Best man was Larry Shier of Ingersoll, friend of the groom. Ushers were Mervin Palen of Ostrander, brother-in-law of the bride, and James Benninger of Waterford, brother-in-law of the groom.

Reception for 36 guests was held at the Ingersoll Inn, Ingersoll. Bride's table featured a wedding cake and the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables were decorated with bud vases of pink carnations.

Bride's mother received guests in a blue lace, street length gown, worn with white accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations centered with pink roses. She was assisted by the mother of the

groom, who chose a pink dress and coat ensemble, worn with matching pink hat and white accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

For a wedding trip to northern Ontario, the bride donned a two piece cream coloured dress, worn with navy accessories and a corsage of orange delight roses.

The bride is on the nursing staff at Tillsonburg Hospital and the groom is employed at Haley Appliances Ltd., Springford.

Prior to her wedding the bride was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower held at the home of Miss Shirley Kilgour of Springfield, attended by the nursing personnel, and a miscellaneous shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. Murray Palen of Ostrander.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurphy will reside at Otterville.



Mr. and Mrs. James Roy McMurphy

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen attended the 13th annual Knevel Family Reunion which was held in the Memorial Park, Tillsonburg on Saturday. Members of the reunion had a variety table from which sales were made and the proceeds were donated to the Houghton Cemetery Board for care and upkeep.

The Gazette, June 21st, 1917 —

On the evening of June 18th, a banquet was held at the Revere House, Otterville, honoring Mr. Alex McFarland, who retired from the secretaryship of the South Norwich Agricultural

Society, after forty years service.

Walters-Couse



Mr. and Mrs. Murray S. Walters

CULLODEN (C) - Ferns, white satin bows and two containers of pink carnations and white mums, decorated Culloden United Church, on Saturday, June 24, 1967, at 2 p.m. for the wedding of Karen Marie Couse, daughter of Mr. and wedding music during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a floor-length gown featuring three tiers of lace, lily-point sleeves, and a bodice trimmed with sequins. Her crown headpiece was held in place by a two-tiered veil with sequins and she carried a cascade arrangement of sweetheart roses and white carnations.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Janet Walters of Otterville, sister-in-law of the groom. She wore a street-length aqua gown, styled on empire lines and featuring a lace bodice and crossover back with bow and a floating panel. She wore a white net headpiece with satin bows and carried a cascade of pink and white carnations. Mrs. Kay Foster of Belmont, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a street-length gown of pink crepe with matching chiffon overdress. Her headdress and bouquet were the same as the matron of honor.

Flower girl was Miss Jo-Anne Barnim of Otterville, niece of the groom. She wore a street-length dress of pink nylon over taffeta, worn with a matching headband of flowers. Mrs. Harry Couse of R.R. 1, Ostrander, and Murray Stanley Walters of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Walters of Otterville. Rev. G. Cardy officiated. Pianist, Mrs. Bernice Nicholson of Culloden, played traditional

A basket form with handles of pink and white carnations completed her ensemble.

Best man was Percy Walters of Otterville, brother of the groom. Richard Foster, brother-in-law of the bride, was usher. Ring bearer was Brian Couse of Culloden, nephew of the bride.

Reception for 51 guests was held in the basement of the church, decorated for the occasion with pink and white crepe paper and bells. Bride's table featured a three-tier wedding cake, white candles, roses, and the bridal flowers.

Guests' tables were decorated with pink and white roses and white candles. Waitresses were members of the U.C.W. of Culloden United Church.

Bride's mother received guests in a street-length pink dress with three-quarter length lace coat and white accessories. A corsage of pink sweetheart roses and white carnations completed her ensemble. She was assisted by the mother of the groom who chose a street-length, blue lace dress and jacket worn with white accessories and a corsage of pink sweethearts and white carnations.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were crystal necklace and earring sets; to the flower girl, a bead necklace and birthstone ring. Groom's gift to the best man was a cufflink and tie clip set; to the usher tie and socks; to the ring bearer, money and socks.

For her wedding trip the bride chose a two-piece navy blue suit, worn with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Guests were present from Durham, Windsor, St. Thomas, Belmont, Toronto, Kitchener, Aylmer, Otterville, Tillsonburg and Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters will reside at 2 Baldwin St., Tillsonburg.

Hold Surprise Birthday Party

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. R. M. Holmes and daughter, Mrs. Rod Taylor, Miss Lynn Taylor, Mrs. Ernest Jull, Mrs. Jack Freeland and Miss Ivy Pennington, were guests Wednesday at the home of Mrs. D. H. Morison, Stover St., Norwich.

The occasion marked a birthday celebration for Mrs. Morison who was completely taken by surprise on the arrival of her guests.

Other visitors included Mrs. John Storey, Mrs. N. C. Macwhirter and Miss Catherine Pollard.

The afternoon was arranged by Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mrs. H. A. Waring.

CARDS OF THANKS

Leitch—The family of the late John S. Leitch, Norwich, wishes to express their sincere thanks and deep appreciation to friends and relatives, for cards of sympathy, floral contributions and Cancer Society donations, and many acts of kindness—received during their sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. H. H. Batson, Miss Gertrude Foster, Miss Grace Warren, Rev. H. Marr, Arn and Son Funeral Residence and pallbearers.

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Fred Howse is watering experimental plots of flue-cured tobacco in a large greenhouse at the Experimental Farm, Delhi. More research on varieties than ever before are in the various plots. *MAY*

Centennial Ball Attracts 200 At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — A successful Centennial Ball was held in the South Norwich Community park Friday night, attended by 200 persons. A large number were dressed in Centennial costumes.

The pavilion was decorated for the occasion. The Stover orchestra of Bealton provided the music for the dance with Max Holbrook of Tillsonburg as master of ceremonies. A fried Kentucky chicken dinner was served at midnight.

Prizes were awarded to Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Batson for the best dressed couple; best dressed lady Mrs. Donald Clifford; best dressed gentleman, Grant Mountain. Howard Wells was awarded the prize for the best Centennial beard. *June 2/67*

Lodge Holds Tea, Bake Sale

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 held a most successful centennial tea and bake sale in the I.O.O.F. Hall Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, noble grand, and Mrs. Elmer Smith, vice-grand, welcomed the guests at the dorr. Mrs. Clayton Arthur, P.D.D.P. was in charge of the guest book. *June 21/67*

The tea tables were covered with lace tablecloths centered with silver tea services. Members of the visiting Lodges poured tea.

Draws were made and Mrs. Harry Newton of Norwich won the door prize, Mrs. Fred Thompson of Norwich the oil painting, and Mrs. Jack Riste of Otterville the painted lunch cloth.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen attended the 13th annual Knevel family reunion at Memorial Park, Tillsonburg, on Saturday. Members of the picnic had a variety table and the donations were given to the treasurer of the Houghton Cemetery for care and upkeep. *June 24/67*

OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. George Cardy, minister of Brownsville United Church, was guest speaker for the anniversary services held both morning and evening.

The speaker gave the attentive listeners a most timely message on "What good do we find in the church?" He said that Anniversary time we were inclined to look back, but we must also look ahead into the future for there are no changes of religion in God and the church. Let us be sure that we in our Christian church, are on the side of God. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Lorne Treffry, sang special numbers. Among them were a ladies' quartette, Mrs. Ronald Colliver, Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Mrs. Douglas Babbey and Mrs. Jack Walther. Other numbers were two anthems and "The Centennial Hymn" with Mrs. Colliver taking the solo part.

An invitation was read from St. John's Church inviting the congregation to attend the 50th anniversary of St. John's Anglican Church at a service Sunday, June 25th, at 3 p.m. Rev. B.A. Silcox, B.A., will be guest speaker.

In the evening service, Rev. Douglas Ramsay conducted worship service and the guest speaker gave the message "What kind of a Church member are you?" as a continuance of the message of the morning.

A male choir from Teesterville gave two musical selections which were much appreciated.

Many of the ladies attended the service in Centennial costumes.

Services at Springford and New Road were withdrawn for the day and members from there attended the services, morning and evening. *June 18/67*

June 14, 1967

Cemetery Board Re-Organizes

OTTERVILLE (C) — A meeting of plot holders of Otter cemetery was held in the South Norwich community hall. Purpose of the meeting was to re-organize the cemetery board. Max Avey was appointed chairman for the meeting and John Davis acted as secretary.

Financial report showed that the Otter cemetery is sound financially as surplus and perpetuity reserve shows \$6,699.92.

It was agreed that the board should consist of five members and that the board appoint a secretary-treasurer. Those appointed were William G. McMullen, John Davis, Gerald Treffry, Stanley Noels and Stewart Godby.

A resolution was passed that the board meet every three months and that the plot holder's annual meeting to be held during April. It was agreed that members serve for two years and longer if desired.

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— Free Press Norfolk Bureau

Dressed in her centennial finery, Mrs. Muriel Huffman inspects pioneer log cabin at Teeterville restored by Windham Township as a centennial project. Mrs. Huffman is a member of the township's centennial committee.

Hand-hewn log cabin rebuilt in Teeterville

By ROGER DRAY
of The Free Press

TEETERVILLE — The little log home a Windham Township pioneer hewed from the bush 118 years ago will become the township's centennial monument.

Its hand-shaved timbers have been re-assembled near the Teeterville Women's Institute hall in readiness for Windham's centennial celebration on July 15.

Preserved as a pioneer museum, the cabin now stands about four miles east of the place where it was built in 1849 as settlers began populating the centre of the township.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mason Sr. raised a family of eight in the cabin. One of their daughters now lives in Teeterville near the new site.

By July 15, the women's institute will have filled the pioneer house with a display of loaned and donated furnishings and artifacts.

Restoration work, financed by the township with provincial and federal centennial grants, has involved such de-

tails as the whittling of rustic cupboard latches and a search for wrought iron door hinges.

The official opening at 2 p.m. on July 15 will be part of a day-long celebration.

A parade of bands and floats will march the two miles from Windham Centre to Teeterville. A noon luncheon will feature fried chicken and cabbage rolls.

In the afternoon, there will be spike-driving and tug-of-war contests, honors for the township's first centennial baby and its oldest man and woman, the crowning of a king and queen and a parade of centennial beard winners.

The local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will hold a street dance and Teeterville volunteer firemen will set off a fireworks display after the evening variety show.

The centennial festivities will end Sunday with a 2:30 p.m. outdoor church service at the Teeterville athletic grounds, sponsored by all township churches.

ROBERT ERNEST PETTIGREW

OTTERVILLE (C) - A highly respected resident, Robert Ernest Pettigrew, died at his home, R.R. 2, Otterville, on Friday morning, June 16, 1967. Death

was due to a heart condition.

Casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Irvin Gehring, Max Avey, Jack Walther, Murray Wardell, Russell Parks and Lorne Treffry.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Mr. Pettigrew was born on Heron Island, New Brunswick, 79 years ago and had lived one mile south of the village for the past 44 years. Following their arrival, he started in the poultry business and for many years the Otterville Poultry Farm was known all over Canada. During this time he was appointed chairman of a Canadian Bay Chick Association. He retired from this occupation 7 years ago. Mr. Pettigrew served in the First World War and serves as president and past president of the Canadian Legion, branch 204.

He was a faithful member of the Otterville United Church attending as long as health permitted and was a member of the official board.

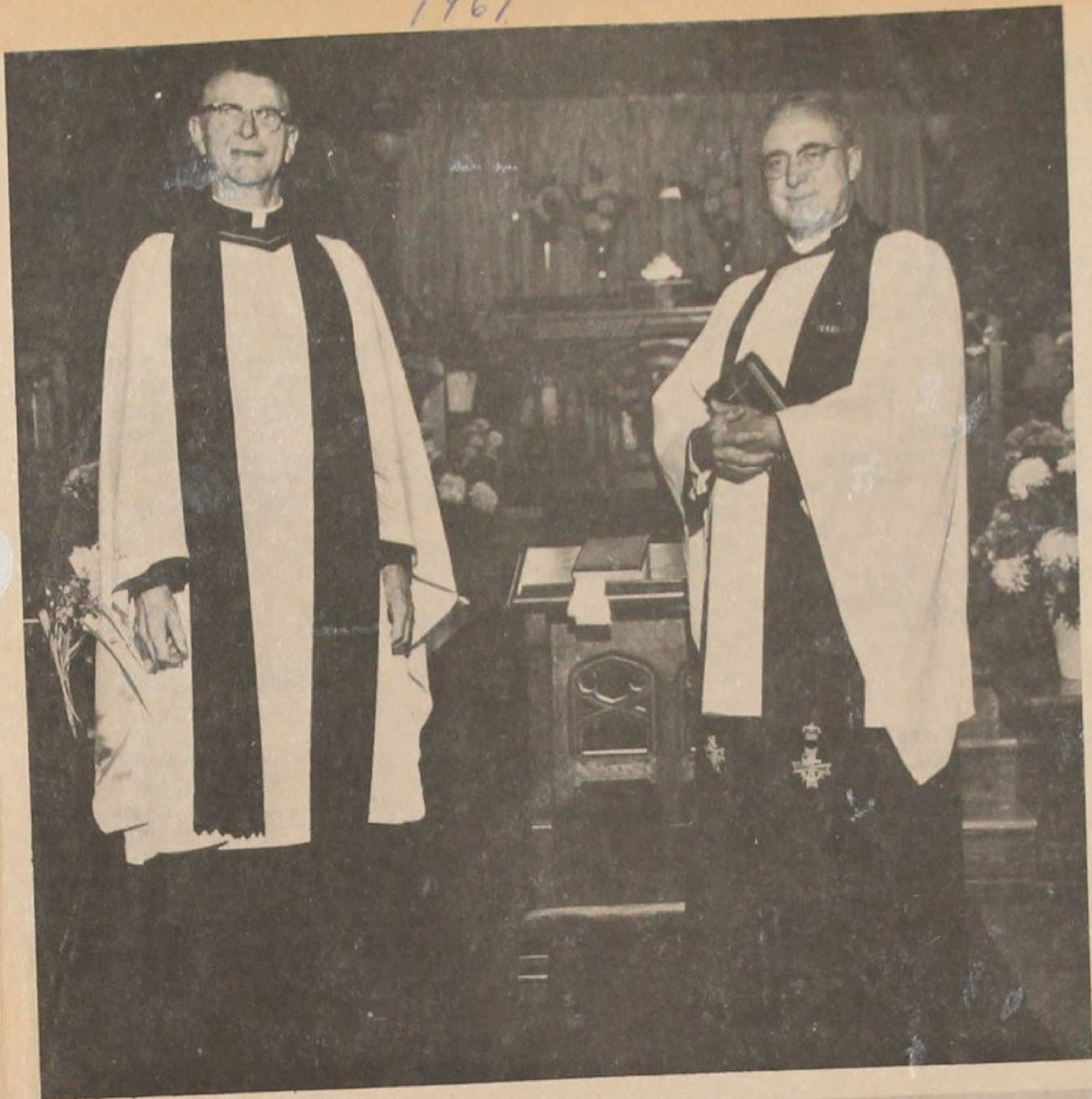
Interested in the affairs of the community, he was a member of the Tecumseh Lodge I.O.O.F., No. 182, a past member of the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club, and for many years was South Norwich representative for Norwich District High School.

Besides his widow, the former Laura MacMaster, he is survived by four sons, Robert and Donald of Otterville, Milton of Windsor and Hubert of Ottawa, a brother, John, and three sisters, Mrs. Sam (Alice) Creighton, Mrs. Nellie Reid, Mrs. Eva McMullen all of New Brunswick; also 18 grandchildren.

Funeral service was held from the Addison Funeral Home Monday afternoon and was very largely attended. Rev. Douglas Ramsay, minister of the Otterville Church, conducted the service. Mrs. Jack Walther was pianist. Tributes were numerous and beautiful and among them were donations to the Gideon Bible, Heart Fund and to Retarded Children.

PICKERSGILL — Mr. and Mrs. James Pickersgill, of Springford, (nee Pat Corbett), thank God for the safe arrival of their first born, a son, Trevor Howard, at Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital, on June 15, 1967. Trevor Howard is the first grandchild and great-grandchild in the families' of both parents.

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Sunday, June 25, 1967, was a day long to be remembered by more than 200 persons who attended the centennial and 50th anniversary service of the present St. John's Anglican Church.

Rector Canon B. A. Silcox, B.A., L. Th., of Windsor was the guest speaker and chose for his timely message "The Nations of the world seeking Love, Joy, Peace and Understanding."

Rev. Silcox was assisted by another former minister, Rev. Lyal Crawford of Parkhill, and Jack Riste, lay reader, of Otterville.

John Avey of Norwich was the young guest soloist and sang "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden." Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist. Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, rector of the Church, gave the call to worship.

The pews of the church were prettily decorated with miniature floral arrangements of red, white and blue. Offering was taken by Jack Freeland, Reginald Wavell, Robert Sage and Paul Wavell.

Miss Edna Furlong was in charge of the guest register. Many expressions of appreciation were given to members of the church who, with the anniversary in mind, have put forth every effort to beautify the St. John's Anglican Church.

The combined choirs of Otterville and Norwich led in the singing of the hymns and after the placing of Canada's Flag, "O Canada" was sung. Other hymns used throughout the service were "Onward Christian Soldiers" "O God of Bethel by Whose Hand" and "The Church's One Foundation." Flowers were placed in the church in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle Jones, by their daughter, Mrs. C.H. Steward of Toronto.

Following the church service a reception was held in the parish hall where the many who came from near and far renewed old friends and reminisced of former days.

During the social hour tea was poured by Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Silcox and Mrs. Mary (Jones) Stewart.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was in charge of books containing the history of the church while Mrs. Carl Howse had charge of the pictorial church plates and pictorial hasti-notes.

At this time former members spoke briefly Mrs. C.H. Stewart, Rev. Lyal H. Crawford, Mrs. H.G.E. Crosby, Rev. Canon B.A. Silcox of Windsor, Rev. Stanley Uptigrove closed the social hour with a special prayer.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove closed the social hour with special prayer for the People's Warden, Mr. E.F. Ruckle, who is a patient in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.



Special services marked the centennial and the 50th anniversary of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. At top are shown the rector, Rev. S. Uptigrove, and Canon B. A. Silcox, speaker of the day. Lower photo shows choir members: back row, Mrs. Avey, Carl Howse, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Jack Kindy, Joanne Avey, John Avey, Gladys Cole and Jack Riste; front: Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Carle Howse and Mrs. Nate McMullen.

SUN JUNE 25

(Harold Ryder Photos)



Commemorating

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and the

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of

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Otterville, Ontario

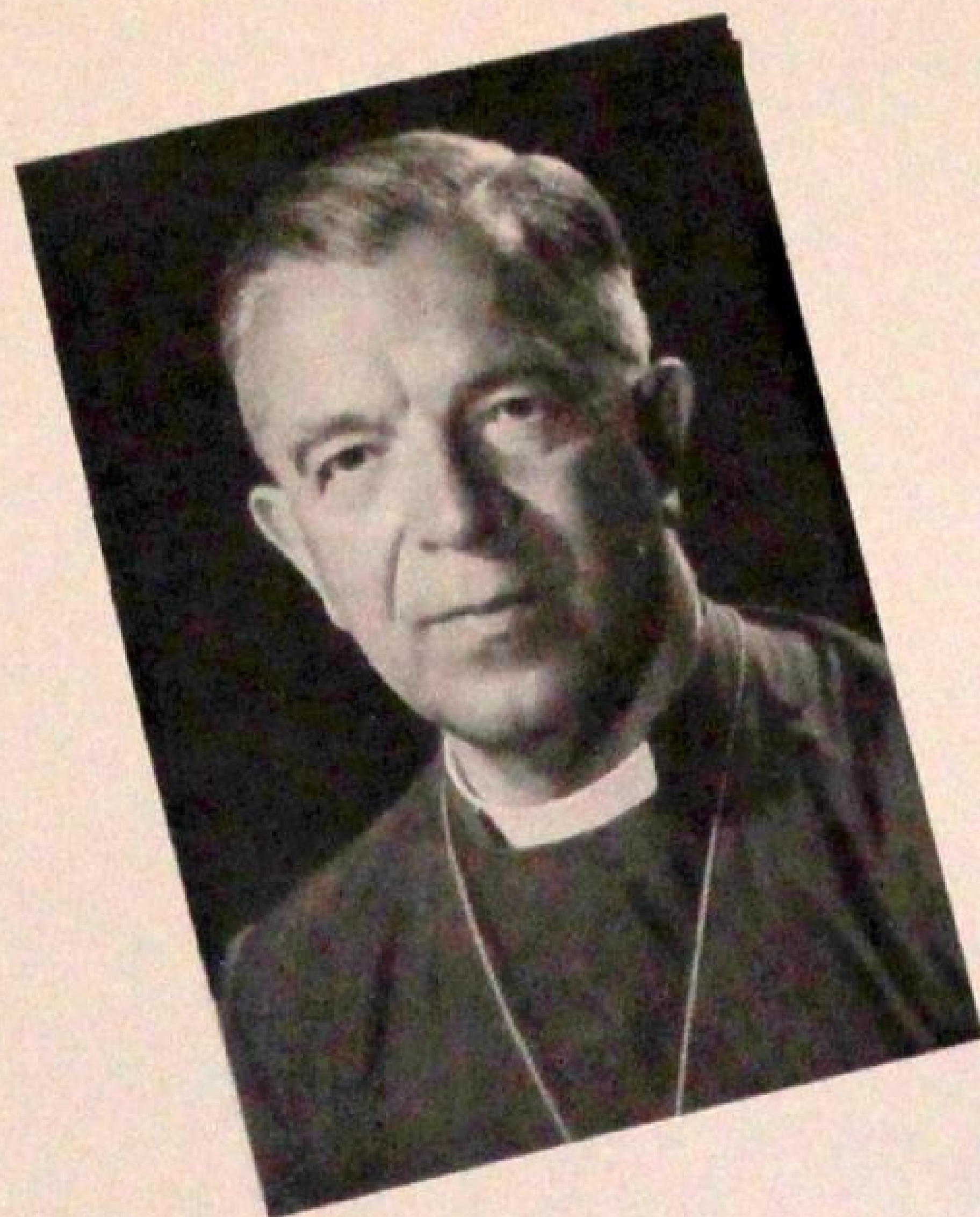
RECTOR S. V. UPTIGROVE, B.A., L. Th.

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The Bishop's Room

THE RIGHT REVEREND
GEORGE N. LUXTON, D.D., LL.D.
BISHOP OF HURON



TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, OTTERVILLE

My Dear Friends:

I write to congratulate you on the fiftieth anniversary of the building of your fine memorial church. It was a wonderful gift of a half-century ago, and there are very few localities that have a church so well designed and so handsomely furnished. I realize that the size and magnificence of your church has not only been a joy to you but, at some periods, has been a worrisome burden. During recent years I have greatly admired the way that you have girded yourselves to bring your church to good repair, and to maintain your services with a spirit of unity and a deep sense of privilege.

Your devotion has been an example for all of us, and I pray that as the years go on your community will increase in population and in the numbers of your fellow-workers at St. John's. Please God, when you celebrate the centennial of your fine church building, a community and congregation double the present size will bless you for all your devotion and sacrificial work and giving.

May God continue His blessings on you in Church and home.

Sincerely yours,

George N. Luxton
Bishop of Huron

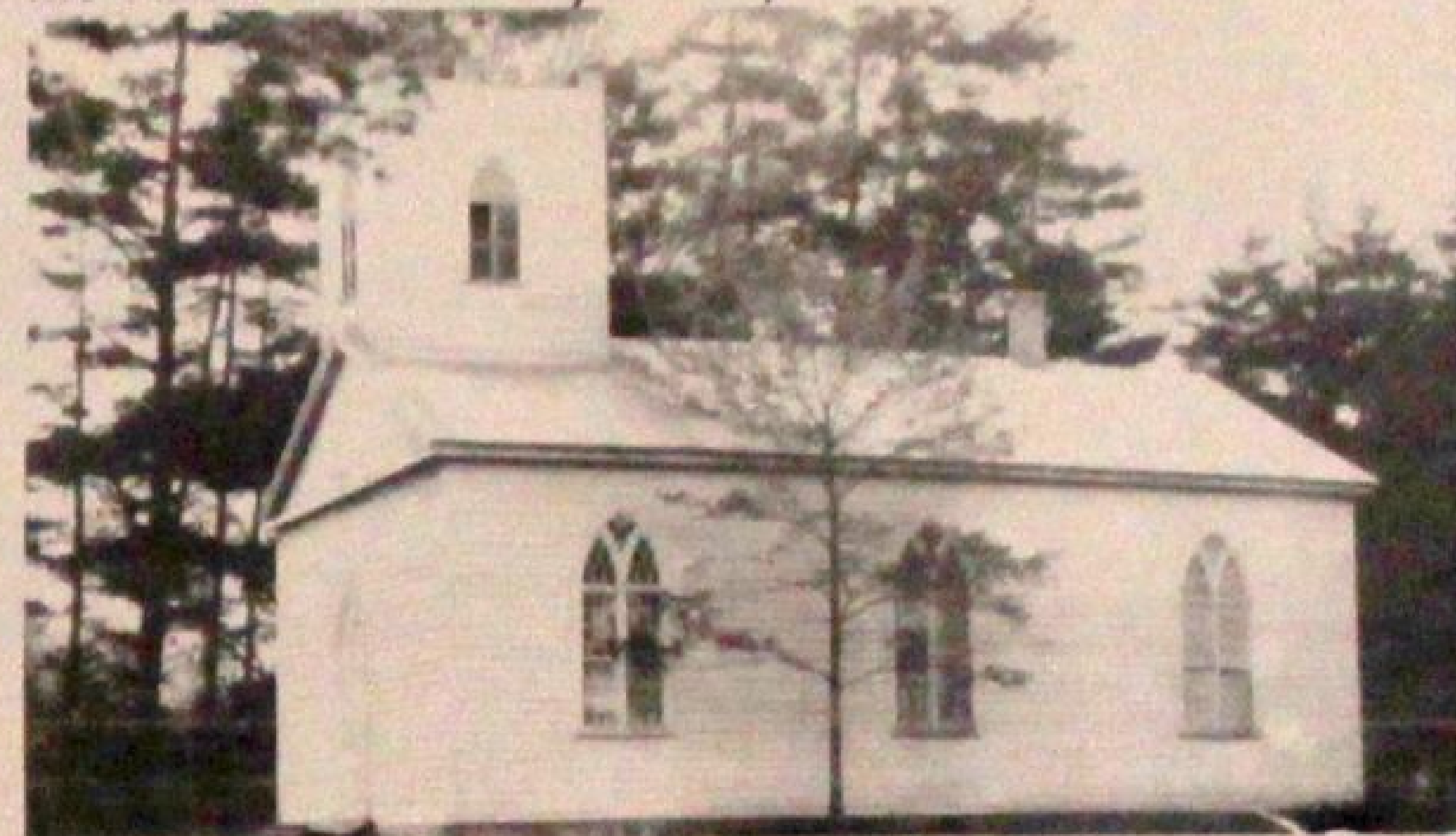
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CHURCH HISTORY

The first Anglican services were held during the eighteen-thirties in Otterville and the district by Rev. T. Greene and other travelling missionaries at the homes of John Jones (the grandfather) and Henry Powell Jones (the father) of Mrs. Charles Snell, as well as at other homes, the names of which are now forgotten.

Other travelling missionaries in the district of Brock, Talbot, and London who visited Otterville were Rev. James Stewart, Bishop of Quebec who died in 1837 and Rev. George Petrie whose work covered the years of 1839 to 1843. Rev. George Petrie married Mrs. Charles Snell's father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. Henry Powell Jones) in 1842. Rev. James Stewart succeeded Rev. George Petrie from 1843 to 1848.

During the years from 1830 to 1850 the Church of England became well established. After Rev. Mr. Brown came in 1848 it became very evident that the congregation had grown strong enough to justify the building of a church. An acre of land was offered by Henry Powell Jones on the (present) school ground site while Edward Bullock offered an acre of land where the cemetery now is. The latter was chosen. Edward Bullock supplied the timbers and lumber and the community did the labour gratis to build the old St. John's Church in 1854. This church remained the centre of community worship for some years.



The Original
ST. JOHN'S
ANGLICAN
CHURCH

In St. John's, many old family names come down to us as a memorial of their faithfulness to God. Names like the following and many more should be ascribed to the foundation stones of St. John's. Jones, Henry Powell Jones, Addison, Dildine, Dr. Carter, VanBuskirt, Bullock, and in later years were added names such as Heywood, Durkee, Davis, Mason, McFarlane, Dr. Collver, Maddison, Snell, Parson, Drake, Harford, Franks, Clares, Snook, Pearce, Hillier, and Kay.

The clergy from 1854 to 1913 as they were appointed were: Rev. Mr. Brown, Kennedy, Fisher, Peak, Evans, Mills, Saunders, Scott, Wright, Ward, Robertson and Tancock.

Rev. Mr. Kennedy was the first resident clergyman here and Rev. Mr. Mills later became a Bishop. Rev. Mr. Saunders was here from 1874 to 1877 or '78 and lived in the house now owned by Murray Treffry. The parish of Otterville grew by its large Confirmation Classes, but as it was connected with Norwich its records were burned there in the church fire of 1896 (thus the omissions and some inaccuracies).

In 1908 the lots for the present church building were purchased from the late John Tomblin. Excavating started in 1912. Rev. F.V. Vair came in 1913. The parish was separated from Norwich and connected with St. Charles, Dereham and St. Stephen's, Culloden. On October 22nd, 1913, the cement work of the new St. John's Church was begun. October the 3rd, 1915, saw the last regular sermon preached in the old church and the next Sunday and Monday of the same month the new Parish Hall was opened.

The present Church, Parish Hall and Rectory were given by the late Henry Bullock at a cost of some \$70,000.00. The present church seemed to thrive for some time and the rectors who worked obtained results.

At the dedication services on December 10th, 1916, the Lord Bishop of Huron, Rev. David Williams was present assisted by Rev. J.A. Robinson, Rev. H.H. Tancock and Rev. T.B. Howard. The Rev. F.V. Vair was the minister in charge. There were three services held with the total attendance of 920. Morning service at 11 A.M. with a congregation of 275, Afternoon at 3 P.M. with 250 and Evening at 7.30 with 395.

Organists since 1887.
In the old church.

Miss Nellie Creighton
Mr. Melbourne Durkee (coronet)
Mr. Alex McFarlane (violin)
Miss Nellie Clare
Miss Katie Jones

Miss Maggie Harford
Mrs. Tena Downing
Miss Bertie Harford
Miss Helen Humphrey
Mrs. John C. Robarts

Miss Margaret McFarlane

In the New Church

Mrs. John C. Robarts
Mrs. Tena Downing

Miss Winnie Young
Miss Greta Kennedy

Mrs. Nate McMullen

The first baptisms recorded was
January 14th, 1917, namely:

W. Ridley Parson
Percival Parson
Charles L. Furlong.

The first wedding to be
held in the church was:

Miss Susan Holland
to

Mr. Henry Albright
January 10th, 1917.

The first funeral recorded in the present church was of the late Mrs. Charles (Hutchinson)
Reavely, January 7th, 1917.



Upon entering the church there is a Tablet in the wall with the inscription:
AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM
ET
IN PIA EDWARD BULLOCK
ET CATHARINSE MATHILDIS RIVERS
VXORIS EJVS
MEMORIA
ANNO DOMINI M C M X I V

In the tower room when entering the church are two of the pews which were used in the old church. On the wall can be seen a piece of needlepoint which was used in covering one of the kneelers. The Reed Organ which was used for services in the old church stands at the back of the present church. In the Parish Hall are two beautiful oak chairs which were also brought down from the Old St. John's Anglican Church. The Bible and Prayer Book are also cherished treasures.

Through the years, the following persons have gone from the Parish into the active ministry of the church: W.R. Parson, G.P. Parson, G.S. Honour, W. Hills.

GIFTS and MEMORIALS

The Altar Cross----To the Glory OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF FREDERICK GEORGE BULLOCK, DIED MAY 27, 1925. Presented by the Ladies Guild.

Silver Alms Basin----TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF ALMA DEVENEY, DIED APRIL 10th, 1956. Given by Miss Eva Deveney and Mrs. Emma Beard.

Stained Glass Window----TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF KARENHAPPUCH FURLONG, Died November 5th, 1947.

Altar Prayer Book----Presented in Memory of Mrs. M. Furlong by the Ladies Guild.

The Altar Vases----Donated by Welford Snell and Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Roberts.

Murals in the Chancel were painted by Rev. C.A. Beasley and are:

SANCTUS ALBANUS SANCTUS GEORGIUS SANCTUS CEADDA SANCTUS HILDA

The names of the boys who paid supreme sacrifice in the war of 1914 are inscribed in the Bible held by SANCTUS CEADDA.

Members of the choir when the church was dedicated in 1916 were:

Delma (Collver) Witts
Myrtle (Young) Riste
Florence King
Maude Pritchard
Winnie (Young) McMullen
Maude Hussey
Clara (McFarlane) Pennington
Alice (Hawes) Young
Josephine Dawkins
Dorothy (Parson) Ford
Mabel (Wilson) Avey
Herbert Bean
Mrs. Secord, Brantford

Della (Harford) Switzgale
Ronald Collver
Carl Hawes
Clarence Reid
Charlie Furlong
Percival Parson
William Hussey
Mr. J.C. Robarts
Hugh Harford
Ridley Parson
Harry Hargroaves
W.J. Harford
Mr. Tremworth, Brantford
Organist. Mrs. J.C. Robarts

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Clergy serving the Parish during the period of our history were:

		1913---1967	
Rev. F.V. Vair	1913---1919	Rev. L.H. Crawford	1936---1938
Rev. J. Chapman	1920---1921	Rev. B.A. Silcox	1938---1942
Rev. R.S. Boyd	1921---1922	Rev. J.C. Caley	1942---1943
Rev. A.E.W. Ingram	1922---1925	Rev. LaVerne Margan	1944---1944
Rev. C.A. Beasley	1926---1926	Rev. L.H. Crawford	1944---1950
Rev. H.G.E. Crosby	1927---1930	Rev. C.H. Wright	1951---1955
Rev. W. Simpson	1930---1933	Rev. T.H. Masson	1955---1956
Rev. W.T. Smith	1933---1934		
Rev. P.H. Streeter		Rev. E.C. Grey	1956---1960
Rev. G.K. Nobes	1934---1936	Rev. S. Wilkinson	1960---1961
		Rev. R.T.F. Brain	1961---1963
		Rev. S.V. Uptigrove	1964---

Visiting Clergy and Lay Readers

W.R. Parson
P. Parson
W.H. Robarts
J.N. Doidge
T. Lewis
R.W. Lane
J.W. Riste

At one time between rectors appointed church service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Riste.

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The old St. John's church was sold in 1938, and later on, the Rectory. The years of spiritual depression left its scars on the church. The fine memorial to the late Henry Bullock and his wife was not completely finished and inadvertently the church lost some of its grip. The late F.G. Bullock, brother of the late Henry Bullock who was the Superintendent of the Sunday School and Church Warden for many years, looked after the plans and details in connection with the building of the beautiful church in which we now worship. The late F.G. Bullock passed away in 1925 and his wife (the former Elizabeth Creighton) passed away in 1929. The late Henry Bullock passed away in 1933 and the late Mrs. Henry Bullock in 1927.

As industry slackened in the town, it was only by the efforts of the few staunch Anglicans that the church was kept open. Many of the original parishioners are still with us, and many new folk have joined us.

For a brief period from 1936 to June 1939 Otterville was again connected with Norwich.

The Ladies Guild has been a very active organization all through the years and has assisted in many projects and finances of the church.

In 1965 the St. John's Church Club as a project had the chancel floor refinished. At the same time red carpeting was purchased for the centre aisle of the church. The tower room was also carpeted. The Casavant Organ purchased from St. Hyacinth, Quebec, was installed in the church in 1916. Lead tubing was partially replaced in 1951 due to weather condition and deterioration and in the winter of 1961 the organ was rebuilt and completely renovated. An organ fund was set up in May 1940 by Mrs. Nate McMullen who has been the dedicated organist for some forty-six years, and on November 8th, 1960, a Hallman Organ was purchased for the Parish Hall where service is held during the winter months.

Special tribute should be given to the late Mrs. Leith Howse and the late Mrs. D.A. Collver who took care and looked after the work of the Altar Guild for many years.

It has been a long and difficult time over the years. At the present time there is a record of forty families on the mailing list from the Parish. Sunday School is held every Sunday at 11 A.M. with a roll of forty children. Special mention is being made of Carl Howse who has been the faithful and understanding Sunday School Superintendent for over twenty-five years.

A painting by the late Mrs. J.C. Robarts and presented by her son the late Rev. W.H. Robarts serves as a memorial to her memory and can be seen in the Parish Hall.

Church service is held each Sunday at 10 A.M. and the Lectern Bible used at each service is also a fine memorial from the old Church. The date in the Bible is St. John's Church, January 1889.

PRESENT CHURCH OFFICERS	
Incumbent	----- The Reverend S.V. Uptigrove
Rector's Warden	----- J.S. Freeland
Peoples Warden	----- E.F. Ruckell
Lay Delegate	----- E.F. Ruckell
Board of Management	
Arthur Picknell	Keith Howse, Sr.
J.W. Riste	Mrs. Richard Saunders
Richard Saunders	Mrs. Carl Howse
Reginald Wavell	Mrs. J.W. Riste
Nate McMullen	Mrs. Lena Young
Miss Edna Furlong	Harry Pickersgill
Organist	----- Mrs. Nate McMullen
Altar Guild	----- Mrs. J.W. Riste and Mrs. Fred Howse
President of Ladies Guild	----- Mrs. Richard Saunders
President of Church Club	----- Mrs. Carl Howse
Sunday School Superintendent	----- Mr. Carl Howse
Vestry Clerk	----- Miss Catherine McMullen

Thus we come to the end of the life history of our Church. May the work still go on under the guidance of The Holy Spirit.

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To the members of

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

OTTERVILLE

May I assure you again that it has been a great joy and satisfaction to me, to have been your minister for the past three and one half years. During that time we have become a self-supporting Parish, and many improvements have been made to this beautiful Church whose fiftieth anniversary we are celebrating this year.

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His loving-kindness in the past history of this Parish, and pray that we may be found an acceptable people in His sight.

I extend to you my heartiest congratulations, and thank you again for the kindness and the co-operation which you have shown to me and to my father.

Your Minister,

STANLEY V. UPTIGROVE

Anniversary Service will be held in the church
 Sunday, June 25, 1967
 3 P.M.
 Canon B.A. Silcox, B.A. Guest Speaker
 Reverend S.V. Uptigrove, B.A., L.Th. Rector



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Windham Township's three-day centennial celebrations will long be remembered by many. Mrs. R. (Joseph) Mason, 94, of Teeterville, shown top left cut the ribbon at the official opening of Windham's centennial project, the museum, that was her home when she became a bride of Robert Mason in 1902. Senator William Taylor, shown holding the ribbon assisted her and was one of the past reeves to speak at the ceremony. Six-month-old Yvonne Patricia Heiter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heiter of Teeterville, was the "Centennial Baby." Top, descendants of the Attlebery family, rode a float in the parade held on the second morning of the celebrations, Saturday. Pictured are, seated, Mrs. H. (Kathleen) Drinkrow of Flint, Mich.; Clare Huffman of Vanessa; Mrs. Winnie Leach of Otterville; Mrs. Harold Attlebery of Simcoe. David Attlebery, in the 70-year-old carriage, and his father, Richard Attlebery of Paris; and Harold Attlebery of Simcoe, all descendants of Willy Attlebery who was born in Teeterville in 1867. Far right, David Arnold, 88, of Vanessa, who had many memories of olden days and will remember being honored for being the oldest man in Windham Township. Centre, members of the Friendly Corners Women's Institute, who served refreshments. Seated, left to right, W.I. President Mrs. L. (Marjorie) Lee; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. C. (Kay) Mitchell. Back row, Mrs. D. Hill, Mrs. W. Stone, Mrs. S. (Jean) Morrirs, Mrs. D. (Ethel) Kyes and Mrs. D. (Lillian) Hyndman. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

London, June 27, 1867.

PROCLAMATION!

CITY OF LONDON, CANADA WEST



INCORPORATED 1855.

WHEREAS,

IN PURSUANCE OF

An Act of Parliament,

Passed on the 29th day of March, 1867,
Instituted an "Act for the

UNION OF CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA

AND

NEW BRUNSWICK

And the government thereof, and for the
purposes connected therewith,"

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Hath, by Royal Proclamation bearing date
the 29th day of March, 1867, ordained,
declared and commanded, that on
and after the

First Day of July 1867.

The said Provinces of CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA
and NEW BRUNSWICK, should form and be

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ONE ONE DOMINION!

Under the name of

CANADA.

AND WHEREAS, at a Public Meeting held at the
City Hall on the 26th inst., it was resolved that the
day should be kept as a day of General Rejoicing:—
Therefore, I, F. SMITH, Mayor of the City of London,
do hereby request that the Citizens thereof do observe
and keep the said

1ST DAY OF JULY NEXT

AS A

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

By closing all places of business, Hoisting
Flags and other Decorations, and
doing all in their power to aid
and assist in inaugurating

THE NEW DOMINION.

Given under my hand, at the City of London,
this 27th day of June, A.D. 1867.

F. SMITH,
MAYOR.

Mayor's Office, London,
June 27th, 1867.

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Music's really in the blood

BY BOB WEBER
of The Free Press

The bouncing strains of "Yes Sir, That's My Baby, No Sir, Don't Mean Maybe . . ." came to us through the chilly night even before we reached the driveway to the farm.

We had been told — photographer Ed Heal and I — of the musical Stover Family of RR 1, Belton, and that each member could play a variety of musical instruments.

We had been given general directions that would get us to the home, four miles northeast of Thorndale. We now knew we had found it.

Eighteen-year-old Pearl Stover came out to greet us, cautioned us of the soggy ground, and led us along a narrow board walk to the rear entrance of the home.

"Welcome," said Mrs. Stover.

"I'm Esther, this is my husband, Fred, and my daughter, Mrs. Jim (Pearl) Flett, you've already met.

"Over there behind the drums is my oldest boy, Bradley. He's 16. And in that corner is John, the baby of the family. He's 15.

"That's as far as we go with ages," Mrs. Stover said. But she said she was Jack Benny's age and Fred was 42.

Mrs. Stover said that because Pearl got married last summer and now lives in Sarnia, reinforcements have been added to the orchestra. She introduced us to Mrs. Jim (Aileen) Warren, of Port Stanley, and Mrs. LeRoy (Noreen) Logan, a neighbour of the Stovers.

"Aileen plays the piano and piano accordion and Noreen the Spanish guitar and banjo. She also sings for us. I used to play the piano whenever we went out to perform but when Pearl got married we were in need of a trumpet player so I learned to play the trumpet.

"You know, we used to live on Centre Street in London. But the neighbors were always complaining about the 'noise'. We weren't about to give up our music so nine years ago we moved

to this farm, away from everyone.

"It hadn't been lived in for 23 years. There were no doors, windows, hydro or water. So we fixed it up. Now we can play whenever we want. Nobody in the family is the least bit surprised to hear me playing the trumpet at 6:30 in the morning."

The collection of instruments fighting for space in every room including four Spanish guitars, one electric; electric Hawaiian and bass guitars, a piano, an antique pump organ that's in excellent working condition; four banjos, three violins, two trumpets, trombone, alto horn, mellophone, set of drums, mandolin, ukulele, antique auto harp, saxophone and a variety of mouth organs, maracas and castanets.

"Each one of them is played by at least one member of the family," Mrs. Stover said. "In fact, there are a few instruments some of us can play that we haven't got."

Fred, who writes his own music, plays the lead Hawaiian guitar, mandolin, piano, bass guitar, and mouth organ.

Mrs. Stover plays the trumpet, French horn, alto horn, Hawaiian guitar, banjo, piano and ukulele;

Pearl plays trumpet, piano, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, Spanish guitar, bass guitar, violin, drums saxophone, mouth organ, accordion in addition to writing and composing her own lyrics and music.

Bradley plays the drums, bass guitar, Spanish guitar and banjo, and John, the banjo, Spanish guitar and mouth organ.

All members of the family take a turn at singing when they appear at dances, lodge socials, picnics and camp outs.

"Sometimes we get paid just enough to cover our expenses," said Mrs. Stover. "That's all we really want. Fred and I grew up with music in our blood so we've kept it up for the love of it.

"It sure has helped to keep the family together. We've never forced music onto our kids; they've picked it up willingly. It's kept them occupied at home, off the streets and out of trouble.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stover came from musical families. In fact they grew up together in their home town of Otterville.

"My father played many instruments," Mrs. Stover said, "and Fred's father sang Scottish songs and played the banjo. Fred used to visit us before we were married. He used to get heck for coming home late, but I was not the one who kept him, it was my father and the mutual love of music.

"Fred really taught me everything I know about music. None of us can read a note, but I have a pretty good ear and can always spot a false note."

Mrs. Stover has two cousins playing with Don Messer's famous Islanders.

Cousin Duke Neilson plays bass while Cousin Johnny Forrest plays accordion.

When Don Messer, complete with Islanders and the rest of the television gang were in Brantford and London for performances in mid-June, the Stover family lost no time in getting a family reunion together.

Duke and Johnny came

along and brought their instruments, too.

Inevitably, a family hoedown got going in the Stover living room with Mrs. Stover plunking away on banjo, cousins Duke and Johnny on either side and the rest of the family joining in.

The Stovers — that's how they're known at performances — make about 50 appearances a year, mostly throughout Southwestern Ontario. They particularly like street parades and fall fairs where they have an opportunity to "act up" a little and do novelty numbers.

The family stresses modern and old time music but is just as adept at changing the tempo and coming up with Dixie, calypso and Latin American numbers.

"I don't really know how we got started publically," said Mrs. Stover. "Fred, Pearl and I got started about five years ago. We needed a drummer but we could never get one that was dependable, so we finally taught Bradley."

The instruments have been bought over a period of years. An inscription on the trumpet that Pearl now has indicates it was presented to the 149th Battalion, Canadian European Force by the City of Sarnia, during the First World War.

"We picked that up in a London music store for \$20," Mrs. Stover said.

Confessing that I could only play a mouth organ (rather poorly at that) and wasn't too familiar with musical instruments, I asked Mrs. Stover, what is a mellophone?

"That's something like a French horn," she said.

"Hey, you've forgotten to mention the idiot horn," Pearl interjected.

"A 'what' horn?!" I asked.

"An idiot horn. We make those ourselves. They're simply a piece of cardboard tubing. We put finger holes in it and attach a horn on the end of it."

"Show him the 'clod-hop'," someone else suggested.

"Never heard of it," I said. "What's that look like and how do you play it?"

"Oh, that's not an instrument," said Mrs. Stover. That's a dance. Pearl and I also dance. She does the Charleston and step dancing and I clod-hop. That's a 'down East' dance. Everybody in the Maritimes does that. They're not worth their salt if they can't."

When we finally left Ed and I could still hear music as we got into the car and headed for home.

of the entertaining Stover family



Jam session occupies two rooms. From left are Fred Stover, John Stover, Mrs. Warren, Bradley Stover, Mrs. Flett, Mrs. Stover and Mrs. Leroy Logan.

July 1967

OTTERVILLE

Mrs. G.A. Hiller of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Louie Pastoria of Racine, Wis., were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert English were Monday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland, enroute to their home in Oshawa from a trip to the Canadian West. The latter's mother, Mrs. Ernest Jull, accompanied them to Oshawa where she will spend a few weeks.

Guests Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Whitfield and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cross of Creemore, North Carolina.



Twenty-two years ago, a brother and three sisters, in pursuing their own destiny, parted and went their different ways, to meet again now after more than two decades. A niece of the quartet, Mrs. Elmer Smith of 29 Wolfe St., Tillsonburg, assisted by her sisters, Mrs. J. (Verol) Fletcher of Ostrander, and Mrs. F. (Cora) Lonsbary of Springford staged a special party Thursday afternoon to honor the first get-together of the four, and the birthday of one of the three sisters, Mrs. W. (Pearl) Young of Detroit, Mich. Shown seated, who was the "surprised" guest at the event. Aged 70, she arrived in town last Saturday on a week's visit. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Lena Fox of Springford, 82; Frank Hicks of Springford, 78; and Mrs. Florence Chrysler of Oroville, California, 80, who enjoyed her first airplane ride for the reunion. Having arrived here Sunday, she plans an extended visit. The birthday celebrant, seated, was presented with a gift and a lighted birthday cake that she was asked to blow out, extinguishing every one. The honoree and the sisters were each given a corsage to wear, and the brother a boutonniere. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

South Norwich Celebrating

OTTERVILLE (C) — It's Centennial Week-End for South Norwich, with celebrations planned for Saturday and Sunday at the community park here.

Events start Saturday morning with a bicycle and tricycle parade from the post office parking lot at 9:30, followed by a bicycle rodeo. A swimming competition and inter-school ball tournament will be held at 1 p.m. Evening events are a tug-of-war contest at 7 o'clock, and a fire department water fight at 8.

Winding up the evening will be a teen dance, featuring the Novelles, in the park pavilion. There will be free stage coach rides, treats and prizes during the day.

Sunday has been set aside for family picnics in the park. At 7:30 p.m. a centennial inter-denominational church service will be held, with the township school choir and Norwich band providing the music. Speaker will be Father Czap of Tillsonburg. In case of rain the service will be held in St. John's Anglican Church. The service will be followed by a concert by the Norwich Musical Society Band.

July 1st & 2nd
1967. Mahel H.
25M. here

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Holmes, who have been at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mr. Taylor and family since April, have purchased the Daiken residence on Main St. west. They took possession of the property this week. Their daughter, Mrs. Grenville Johnson, and her daughter Velma of Toronto are holidaying with them.

JULY

RUCKELL - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, July 8, 1967, Edward Francis Ruckell of Springford in his 83rd year.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, until Monday, thence to St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, for service conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove. Interment in Springford Cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin, 104 Lisgar Ave., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday when they were at home to friends and neighbours. The couple were married in Springford, July 11, 1917, by Rev. Ottawell, and farmed east of Otterville for some years. Following this, Mr. Griffin was employed at the canneries in Otterville. They moved to Tillsonburg 17 years ago, and since that time Mr. Griffin has been employed at Livingston Industries. Mrs. Griffin is the former Clara Lamoure. The couple have three daughters, Ileen, at home; Jean, (Mrs. Edwin Smith), of Beachville; and Nellie, (Mrs. Hudson Chambers), of Woodstock. They have six grandchildren. Over 100 friends and relatives visited the celebrants Sunday.

July 9th 1967 Party

Late Edward Francis Ruckell

Edward Francis Ruckell, 82, a highly respected resident of Springford and a former resident of Hamilton passed away Saturday, July 8th in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg where he had been a patient for the past several months.

Born at Caradoc he was a bullder by occupation and following his retirement ten years ago he moved to Springford.

He was a faithful member of St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville and was the Peoples Warden at time of death.

He is survived by his wife the former Perscilla G. Manning, one daughter Mrs. Fred (Evelyn) Paul of Millgrove, one sister Mrs. Fred Prine of Dundas and three grandchildren.

The service which was largely attended was held Monday afternoon in St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville and conducted by the Rector Rev. Stanley Uptigrove. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist.

There were many floral tributes including donations to the St. John's Memorial Church Fund and the Canadian Cancer Society.

The casket bearers were Nate McMullen, Carl Howse, Jack Riste, Jack Freeland, Richard Saunders and Arthur Picknell.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Addison Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

He died July 1 of 67

Mrs. Edward F. Ruckell wishes to express her heart felt gratitude to the kind friends of St. John's Church, Otterville, and the St. John's Church Club and the Ladies Guild, also Rev. S. C. Uptigrove, Dr. McDermid, Dr. Hevenor and nurses on the first and second floor of Tillsonburg Hospital and all kind relatives, friends and neighbours who so kindly loaned cars and the many many kindnesses during the illness subsequent death of my dear husband, E. F. Ruckell.

THOMPSON, Frederick J., 80, Norwich, yesterday, at home. Brother, Archie, RR 3, Scotland, survives. Service, 2 p.m. Thursday, Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich. Kelvin Cemetery. *July 31/67*



Graduation exercises for the class of Registered Nursing Assistants which has just completed training at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital were held Friday evening in the auditorium of Glendale High School. Receiving diplomas were, front row: Miss Barbara Louise Burwell, R.R. 1, Eden; Miss Susan Deanne Foster, Tillsonburg; Miss Sylvia Joan McSherry, Ingersoll; Miss Sherrill Sylvia Pearson, Tillsonburg; Miss Carol Ann McKinlay, R.R. 4, St. Thomas; Miss Lois Laurene Wavell, Otterville; Miss Beverly Mae Eveland, Port Burwell. Back row: Alan Pick, Tillsonburg; Miss Brenda Mae Laing, Pt. Colborne; Miss Gwenythe Pearl Blackmore, R.R. 2, Norwich; Miss Carolyne Elaine Broad, R.R. 1, Burgessville; Miss Nancy Marie Dietrich, Kitchener; Miss Barbara Doris Kennedy, Otterville; Miss Evelyn Marie Wavell, R.R. 2, Delhi; Mrs. Audrey Lorraine Broad, R.R. 1, Burgessville. *JUNE*



Ronald Bodnar, 14, of RR 1, Burgessville found both a scenic spot and good fishing below the Ot-

ter Creek Dam at Otterville. He displays an afternoon's catch of bass.



Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Hopkins

OTTERVILLE (C) - Brass candelabra in a setting of palms and ferns, with bouquets of bronze and yellow mums, decorated Otterville United Church, on Saturday, August 5, 1967, at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Barbara Doris Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy of Otterville, and Howard M. Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Hopkins of R.R. 2, Norwich. Rev. D. Ramsay officiated. Organist, Mr. Larry Baguley of Otterville, school friend of the bride, played traditional wedding music and an organ solo "Because" during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a centennial style gown in white satin, with velvet and lace trim and a hooped skirt sweeping the floor. Her three-tiered shoulder-length veil was held in place by a coronet of lace filigree and she carried an empire topiary of white chrysanthemums and roses.

Matron of honor was Mrs. John Matthews of Ingersoll, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jeanne Kennedy of Toronto, sister of the bride, and Laura Hopkins of Norwich, sister of the groom. They wore identical centennial style gowns, featuring overskirts of yellow Swiss dot, shirred over a hooped floor-length skirt of yellow satin. Matching diminutive poke-bonnets with satin bows and a single empire topiary of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums, completed their ensemble.

Jocelyn Pickersgill of Port Dover, niece of the groom, was flower girl. She wore an original, floor-length gown designed for her, of shirred Swiss dot over yellow satin, worn with matching poke bonnet with satin bows. She carried a smaller, single empire topiary of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums.

Best man was Larry Hopkins of Norwich, brother of the groom. Ushers were Gary Howard of Burgessville, cousin of the

groom, and Bruce Kennedy of Otterville, brother of the bride.

Reception for 90 guests was held in the Otterville United Church parlor, decorated for the occasion with yellow roses. Table decorations included a three-tiered wedding cake, and miniature umbrellas with mint cups for the ladies and miniature top hat and cane mint cups for the gentlemen. The Women's Association of the church were waitresses.

Bride's mother received guests in a centennial gown featuring a pale green brocade waist and panniers over wine satin hooped skirt, worn with matching accessories and a corsage

of yellow roses. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a delicate mauve centennial gown with black lace trim and bonnet to match, worn with a corsage of white roses.

Bride's gifts to the bridesmaids were beaded satin evening bags; to the flower girl, a chain and heart locket.

An evening reception for about 200 friends was held in the Otterville Community Hall, following the church reception. The bride and groom toured Otterville and Tillsonburg in a Model A Ford, owned and chauffeured by Mr. Henry Lockstein of Tillsonburg.

For a wedding trip to Expo the bride chose a blush pink summer suit, worn with white accessories and a white orchid corsage.

Guests were present from London, Komoka, Delaware, Delhi, Port Colborne, Toronto, Ingersoll, Gravenhurst, Oxford Centre, Dorchester, Scotland, Burgessville, Mount Brydges, Tillsonburg, Port Dover, Woodstock, Harley and Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins will reside at 136 Winnett St., Woodstock.



Mr. and Mrs. Leith Murray
(Harold Ryder Photo)

Murray - Rachar

White gladioli and ferns adorned the altar, windows and pews of Springford United church on Saturday, July 29, 1967, at 2.30 p.m. for the pretty summer wedding of Miss Lynn Rachar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rachar of Springford, and Mr. Leith Murray, son of Mrs. Ruth Murray of Toronto and the late John Murray.

Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was Reverend Douglas Ramsay.

Mrs. Gerald Fagan of London, presided at the organ playing traditional wedding selections during the service and accompanying the Earle Terry Singers, conducted by Mr. Terry, as they sang the processional hymn, "Praise My Soul," along with "Wedding Prayer," "The Lord's my Shepherd" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked lovely in an original floor-length gown of ice white crepe styled on columnar lines and enhanced by delicate crocheting and appliques. It featured a chapel train with repetitions of the same fancy work. Her pill-box headpiece held in place the triple-tiered, shoulder length veil of pure silk illusion. A glamelia nosegay encircled with stephanotis and leather fern completed the ensemble.

Miss Janet Murray of Toronto, the groom's sister, was the honour attendant and bridesmaids were Mrs. Donald Lee of Brantford and Miss Lynn Lee of London, friends of the bride. The tiny flower girl was Miss Ann Prouse of Tillsonburg, the bride's cousin.

Attendants wore floor-length frocks of shell pink peau do soie, on modified A-line design, with puffed sleeves and shallow squared necklines; contrast was provided by moss green ribbons tied at the back defining slightly raised waistlines, along with bouffant hair poufs of moss green silk illusion, and moss green satin pumps. They carried hand clusters of stephanotis and leather fern.

The flower girl was charming in a long frock of white crepe be-ribboned in shell pink and fashioned with puffed sleeves. Her hair adornment was a circlet of white feathered carnations and stephanotis and she carried a wicker basket of petals.

Mr. Donald Lee of Brantford, close friend of the groom was best man and ushers were Mr. Ian Murray of London, brother of the groom, and Mr. Kenneth McKay of Royal Oak, Michigan, the bride's cousin.

A lawn reception for

ninety guests followed the ceremony. A circular bride's table was covered with white damask was offset by a round triple-tiered wedding cake frosted with lily of the valley motifs and topped by a bell cluster. Stephanotis and gladioli provided the floral setting and a silver toast cup, used by the bride and groom completed the picture.

Guests, seated cabaret fashion about the lawn, enjoyed a buffet luncheon and were entertained by the Earle Terry Singers, of which the bride is a member.

Bride's mother welcomed guests wearing an apricot crepe sheath complemented by a white picture hat, accessories and a gardenia corsage.

The groom's mother met guests outfitted in a costume of royal blue, consisting of a dress and hip-length jacket. Her hat and shoes of royal blue completed the ensemble along with a gardenia corsage.

For a two-week wedding holiday in the Maritimes, the bride donned a tomato red sleeveless skimmer with white kid shoes and gloves, paisley turban and a white orchid corsage.

The bride presented a petit point manicure set to Miss Murray and crystal perfume containers to Miss Lee and Mrs. Lee at a luncheon given by the bride in their honour.

Groom's presentations his attendants were hand crafted cuff-link and tie tack sets.

The couple's gift to each other was the silver cup used during the reception.

Guests were present from Brantford, Collingwood, Georgetown, London, Norwich, Otterville, Royal Oak, Michigan, St. Thomas, Tillsonbrug, and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray are residing at 1299 Islington Avenue, North Rexdale.



BACON-KINNELL

St. John Brebeuf and Companions Roman Catholic Church, Delhi, was the setting for the mid-summer wedding of Janet Isabelle Kinnell of Delhi to Aurele Bacon of Windsor. Rev. John Halter officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony on July 29, 1967.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ivan

Glendinning of Clearlake Highlands, California. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clement Bacon of Ansonville, Ontario.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, M. K. Glendinning of Delhi, was lovely in a floor-length gown of Georgette featuring an empire waist decorated with French guipure lace. The gently-controlled skirt was trimmed with the same lace,

and her sleeves were elbow-length. The chapel train was trimmed with two rows of lace. Her finger-tip veil was caught up by a headpiece of clustered roses touched with stephanotis intertwined in fern.

Matron of honour was Mrs. Don Glendinning, Delhi. Other maids attending were Heather Glendinning and Mrs. Rita Walters. Jackie Willis was flower girl. The bridesmaids and flower girl were attired in floor-length gowns of heaven blue Georgette on soft "A" lines with high French lace yoke and lantern sleeves. They wore matching clustered rose head pieces and blue shoes with a touch of French lace on the toe. The bridesmaids carried cathedral strands of daisies attached to prayer books. The flower girl carried a daisy nose-gay trimmed with yellow ribbons.

Ring bearer was Jimmie Flesher.

For the honeymoon trip, a tour of Quebec, the bride changed to a peach ban-lon suit, trimmed in white with brass buttons, white accessories and a variegated yellow and orange rose corsage.

The bride was a cashier at IGA Foodliner, Delhi. The couple will reside at Windsor, where the groom owns an IGA Foodliner store.

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In the Village of Otterville is an old grist mill that is still in operation after 122 years, its source of power that grinds the mixed feeds the pressure of water against a steel turbine, shown at left. Secondly on view is the mill, located south of the main street, on a site where there has been a mill since 1870. Third from left is pictured the owner and operator, Lorne Treffry, who took over the operation of the grist mill from his father, Ernest Treffry, in 1952.

Historical Mill Still in Operation

by Ellen H. Eff

Picturesque in its setting --- by a woodland beside a winding stream --- is a grist mill that is weather and age-worn and unique in the fact that it still runs by water power.

Located on a site where there has been a mill since 1807, this mill, south of the main street, in the Village of Otterville, despite its antiquity, is a real going concern and serves well the community and area farmers, turning out mixed feeds.

The "Treffry Mill" as it has been known since 1947, when Ernest Treffry took over its operation, is presently in charge of the former's son, Lorne Treffry, who has been operator of the mill since 1952. The latter's son, Murray Treffry, also assisted at the mill for a time.

Built in 1845, by Edward Bullock, the mill was sold in 1877 to E. M. Schooley; and in 1880 to S. B. Lossing. Next owner was Ray Lossing, followed by a man named "Graves" from

Tillsonburg, who struck a bargain with George Springgay, who had it after him.

The first mill was built after the arrival of the first settlers in "Otterville," John Earl and Paul Avery who had a grant of land from the government and also some machinery given to them by the government. They realized the great future of the water power and set about building a grist and saw mill. And, since that time, at least one mill has been in operation on the river. The present mill is one of few remaining mills in Oxford County that still operates with water power.

Being centennial year, it is interesting to note, that when the first settlers came, they noticed that the playful Otter had mud

slides all along the creek, and, so, called the first mills, "Otter Creek Mills." And, as the village took shape, the place became known as "Otter Creek Village." Later, it was renamed, "Otter Village," and finally "Otterville," the name the community goes by today, it being one of the largest communities in South Norwich Township.

And, since Canada's 100th birthday is being observed, it is especially important to pause and look and see something of the past that is yet a part of the present and may very well be taking its turn in the future, as long as the source of power that grinds ---the pressure of water against a steel turbine--- does its share.

a brief glimpse into the interior of the old industry.
(Photo by Ellen H. Eff)



July 14, 1967



Doug Arthur, 22, of Otterville, registered his maiden victory at Greenwood Raceway July 5 when he directed Harry Dillon to a front-running verdict in the fourth race. Victory was the second in nine season's efforts for Harry Dillon, a four-year-old son of Harrigan owned by Ed Arthur of Otterville and Cyril Streb of Rochester, N.Y. Doug Arthur, who works for his uncle, Ed Arthur, veteran horseman on the Golden Horseshoe Circuit, drove his first race at Garden City Raceway in St. Catharines last fall. Harry Dillon finished the mile in 2:08 3/5 and paid \$8.20 for the win.



Perfect health is enjoyed by George Douglas Uptigrove of Stover St. North, Norwich, who marked his 93rd birthday. He is still fond of playing the piano and reading his Bible. He is pictured with his son, Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, who is minister of the Otterville-Norwich Anglican charge. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Marks 93rd Birthday

George Douglas Uptigrove of Stover St., North, Norwich, has celebrated his 93rd birthday. The auspicious occasion was marked by a patio party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riste at their home on John St., Otterville, under the auspices of St. John's Anglican Church Guild.

Mr. Uptigrove was born at Delaware, Ontario, on July 26, 1874. His wife, the former Cilicia Nigh of Avon, passed on in 1934. He farmed for many years at his birthplace and now is living with his son, Rev.

Stanley Uptigrove, who is minister of the Otterville-Norwich Anglican charge.

Mr. Uptigrove has a daughter, Mrs. E. (Hazel) Doane of Mount Brydges; and one grandson, Ronald Doane. He has three brothers, Lorne Uptigrove of Flint, Mich., Addison Uptigrove and Hedley Uptigrove both of Delaware. One brother and two sisters are no longer living.

A favorite pastime for Mr. Uptigrove is reading the Bible and he likes to read the newspaper each day and still enjoys playing the piano.

1967 HERBERT S. LAWRENCE

OTTERVILLE (C) - Herbert Stephen Lawrence of R.R. 1, Otterville, passed away at his residence on Monday, August 21, 1967, in his 45th year.

He was born in Middleton Township. A millwright by trade, he was a former truck driver, and at the time of his death he was employed by Canadian Can Co. of Simcoe.

Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Georgina Harwood; two sons, Larry Lawrence of R.R. 1, Wiltonville and Gary Lawrence at home; one daughter, Donna Lawrence, at home; one grandchild; one brother, Albert Lawrence of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. Harry (Josephine) Goyeau of Windsor.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, where service was held Thursday, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Elgin Rintoul of Norwich United Church.

Interment in Delhi Cemetery.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Herbert Lawrence, who died at his home, R. R. 1, Otterville on Monday, following a heart attack, was held from the Addison Funeral Home on Thursday and was largely attended.

Many floral and memorial tributes were indicative of the high esteem in which the late Mr. Lawrence was held.

Rev. Elgin Rintoul of the Norwich United Church conducted the service and Mrs. Douglas Avey accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Nate McMullen sang "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

The casket bearers were Lloyd Thompson, Ross Chambers, Sam McSpadden, Clifford Coville, Jim Allison and Erland Dymont.

Interment was in the Delhi Cemetery.

BARBARA DOUGLAS

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Barbara Ellen Douglas, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Douglas of R.R. 2, Otterville, was held from the Addison Funeral Home on Friday and was largely attended by relatives and friends. Rev. Douglas Ramsay, minister of Otterville United Church conducted the service. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist.

MARTHA JANE SPRAGUE

OTTERVILLE (C) - Martha Jane Sprague of R.R. 2, Otterville, passed away at her home on Wednesday, August 30, 1967, in her 91st year.

She was the former Martha Jane Bridges.

Her husband, the late Ira Sprague, predeceased her in 1962.

Surviving are four sons, William Wardle, Joseph Wardle and Herbert Wardle all of Otterville, and Lloyd Wardle of Tillsonburg; one

daughter, Mrs. Violet Crooker of Port Rowan; two step-daughters, Mrs. Gilbert (Irene) Bowerman and Mrs. Joseph (Nettie) Wardle of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Eli (Rose) Crawford; 32 grandchildren; 68 great grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held on Saturday, September 2, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. W. Clare English of Otterville Baptist Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

MARTHA JANE SPRAGUE

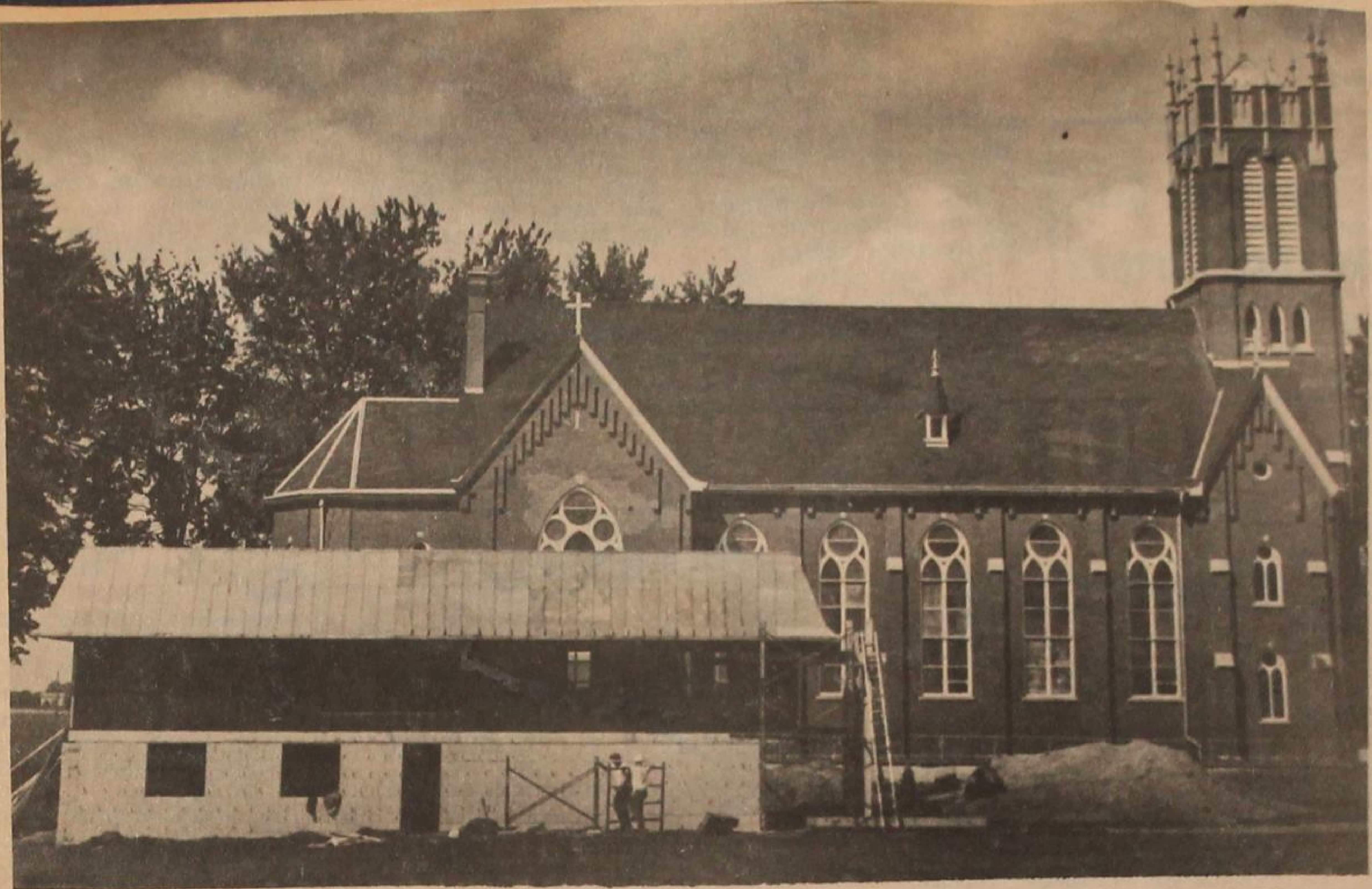
OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Mrs. Ira Sprague of R.R. 2, Otterville, who passed away on August 30, 1967, was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday, September 2, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Clare English of Otterville Baptist Church.

Mrs. Nate Mc Mullen played hymns before and after the service.

Donations were accepted for the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart Fund and Gideon Bibles.

Pallbearers were Frank Wardle, Donald Wardle, Lloyd Wardle, James Wardell, Jack Crooker and Kenneth Crooker.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.



Being presently erected at La Salette is a new rectory, adjacent to Our Lady of La Salette R.C. Church. Plans were to renovate the close to a century-old rectory. Estimate figures, \$20,000, however, did not make the project feasible, and, so, the men of the parish decided to do something. They planned a month's blitz and set a goal. They collected \$27,000, and brought in \$10,000 worth of pledges. Now, it was possible to go ahead with the building, and work on the site has been in evidence since July 1st. It is expected the structure, 2,500 square feet in size, will be completed around December of this year. It will be finished in red brick, with stonework, to offset the old brick from the new. The building will contain the pastor's residence, including a dining room and living room, housekeepers' suite, two guest rooms, and parish offices. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Woodstock education job OK'd 1967

Free Press Woodstock Bureau
WOODSTOCK — Appointment of George A. Simmons as the city's first director of education has been approved by the department of education.

Mr. Simmons, now principal of College Avenue Secondary School in Woodstock, will be officially named to the post at the next meeting of the board of education.

The appointment is to be effective in August.

A successor for Mr. Simmons' school post will be sought among city school teachers.

Man fails to pass bogus bills Aug 1/67

OTTERVILLE — Tillsonburg detachment provincial police are searching for a man who tried to pass bogus \$20 bills in three stores here Wednesday and yesterday.

At Wardell grocery store, a clerk thought a bill she was handed looked odd. She called owner Murray Wardell. While he went to a bank to check it, the man left.

He also left when clerks at Frank Finch hardware store and Saunders General Store noticed something wrong with the bills they were handed.

Otterville is seven miles northeast of Tillsonburg.



Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Pettigrew of George Ave., Windsor formerly of Otterville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Anne, to Robert W. Chernecki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chernecki of Larkin Rd., Windsor. The wedding will take place September 9 at 4 o'clock in St. Pauls United Church.



Mrs. Barbara Jull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hill of Otterville, graduated from the Brantford General Hospital, School of Nursing, on September 6, 1967.

Fashion Show At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C)- Women of the village and district were afforded the opportunity to get a glimpse of "What is new in Fashions" when Walker's of Tillsonburg modelled fall and winter wearing apparel in the community hall.

The hall was decorated with pots of mums, donated by Newman's Flowers in Tillsonburg.

The evening, which was sponsored by the Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church, was enhanced by piano music played by Mrs. Jack Freeland, who was pianist throughout the evening, and followed with piano solos by Mrs. Norman McClintock.

Mrs. Fred Howse was master of ceremonies and Mrs. Ruth Hurley was commentator.

Gordon Elliott, the new store manager, spoke briefly.

The models appeared on the ramp which was built by Otter Lumber and the sound system was provided by the Tri-County system.

Prizes which were donated and won were: \$15.00 shoe kit by Walker's, Miss Joan Gehring; \$5 certificate by Walker's, Mrs. Harold Arthur; \$3 certificate by Wardell's, Keven Church; basket of fruit, Mrs. Lena Young; studio makeup kit by Doreen Howse, Julia Sherman.

Other winners were Dr. Lois Batson, Mrs. G. M. Downing, Mrs. Murray Treffry, Mrs. Jack Walter, all of Otterville and Mrs. Bert Mooney of Tillsonburg.

Homemade candy was sold during intermission.

Feigner Big Draw For Softball Fans

Over 1,100 spectators showed up at the Southside Sportsfield enclosure last night and they all went home happy.

Eddie Feigner of The King and His Court treated the large crowd to an entertaining softball display. Feigner was at his comical best as his team nipped Otterville Otters, 1-0.

Second baseman Garnet Scott surprised himself, Feigner and the fans when he stroked a double to right field in the first inning. Scott was shocked when the hurler delivered behind his back but the batter stuck out his bat and managed to shatter a no-hit effort early.

Centrefielder Bill McMullen was the only other Otter to reach the winner for a safety. McMullen slapped a short two-bagger in the sixth when Feigner was tossing from second base.

Feigner quickly returned to the proper distance after McMullen's hit sent losing pitcher Bob Smith scampering to third base with two out. Bob Furlong struck out to start the sixth and Smith drew a walk when Feigner moved back.

Scott whiffed despite the pitcher's handicap but when McMullen punched a shot past infielder Bob Hill the tricky winner became serious. With rightfielder Alex Smith at the plate Feigner bore down and blew three strikes past the batter to retire the side.

In the first frame Feigner started his antics when he whiffed Bob Smith while tossing behind his back. He continued in

the third when he warned Brian Taylor a change of pace was coming and still recorded a strikeout. Scott also waved at a change-up in the fourth and was one of 19 and two-third strikeout victims in the seven-inning exhibition.

First baseman Neil Davies was making his third appearance in the seventh when the game ended. Feigner worked the count to three balls and two strikes before shortstop Bob Hill went to the Otter bench to shake hands.

Catcher Wayne McGill and first baseman Al Jackson decided to leave the diamond and Feigner was left facing a surprised Davies. The pitcher declared the game was over but Davies remained at the plate in a state of shock.

Feigner retired the side on strikes in the first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth. Davies touched him for a liner to Jackson in the third. Alex Smith earned a free ticket and Ted

McElhone was hit by a pitch when Feigner was blindfolded in the fifth and the losers mustered their only real rally in the sixth.

The King and His Court rapped six hits in the first three innings but counted the lone run without a safety in the fourth. McGill drew a walk, went to second on Dave Arthur's error, advanced to third on a fielder's choice and scored on a miscue by Scott.

Feigner led the winners with three singles — including a bunt when he warned Otters. Each of the remaining players managed one safety in no less than six official trips each.

King and His Court — McGill c, Jackson 1b, Feigner p, Hill ss.

Otterville — Furlong ss, B. Smith p, Scott 2b, McMullen cf, A. Smith rf, Arthur 3b, McElhone c, Davies 1b, Taylor lf, King and His Court

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Court awards \$8,500 to Otterville girl hurt in car accident

Free Press Woodstock Bureau WOODSTOCK — Dianne Oliver, 17, of Otterville, was awarded \$8,500 in Ontario Supreme Court here yesterday, and her father, Adam, \$3,732 in expenses for leg injuries the girl received in a July 22, 1966 one-car accident.

The award was made against David C. Mills, also of Otterville, driver of a car in which Dianne was a passenger.

Mr. Justice James M. King said the girl suffered pain and

the inconvenience of having to spend an important year of her life in a hospital and at home recovering from injuries. She received a broken right leg which was fractured in the same spot later.

He said the driver of the car was negligent in turning to another passenger, Daniel Cohoe of Burgessville, while driving. The car struck a tree along the farm driveway of Alex Hanson, Otterville.

Dianne's award will remain in trust until she is 21.

Installation Set For Rebekahs

OTTERVILLE (C)- The members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, held their regular meeting in the I.O. O.F. hall. Mrs. Elmer Smith, Vice Noble Grand, presided. Mrs. Ross Addlington acted as recording secretary in the absence of Mrs. Ben Strudwick.

The charter was draped in memory of the late Mrs. Richard Saunders and Mrs. Annie Courtney, past president of the Rebekah assembly of Ontario.

Mrs. Ruth Collver sang a solo, "In the Garden," accompanied by Mrs. Norman McClintock.

Announcement was made of the installation ceremony of the lodge which will be held October 16, when Mrs. Audrey Richardson and staff of Aylmer will be in attendance.

Following the meeting Mrs. Bryce Smith, Mrs. Ross Addlington, Mrs. Edward Bowlby and Mrs. Charles Mannell served refreshments.

Sept 18/6

Otterville's Unofficial Historian

By Ellen H. Eff

Historian of a community - that is Mrs. M. (Velma) Holmes of Main St., Otterville.

Her library of "Scrapbooks" that number around 17 and span 56 years, are more fascinating than fiction for they tell stories - true to life happenings - of a place she has called "home" since the day she became a bride, October 11, 1911, having married Murray Holmes, who is no stranger in the village, having conducted a hardware store for 47 years, until July, 1966, when fire razed his place of business.

Born at Springford, Ontario, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Johnson. Her mother was the former Ella Antice, the "Antice" family dating back to William the Conqueror of France.

One would suppose having such a historical background would be sufficient reason for being news-minded, a saver of scraps of a sort, and, as it happened, it was a casual remark by a grandson, Murray Johnson, who wanted to know more about the family background, that got her started.

"Why don't you write it down, Gran?" he had said, and, so, via scissors, clippings and paste, she began to gather information on the "Antice" family and stuck it into a leather-bound scrapbook. Today, she still has that scrapbook and inside can be found information on the family's crest - a dexter cubit arm vested, holding a Griffon's head - and with it, the story that goes that two "Antice" brothers came to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror in 1066 and later made their home in the beautiful County of Devon. In the course of time, apparently, one brother changed the spelling of his name from "Antice" to "Antiss." Even now, it is said, "Antice" is a very common name in France. About the year 1,600, a descendent of this "Antice" family went to Jamaica and had large sugar plantations. Later, he and a large retinue of servants went to England. The Antice family had a castle in England similar to "Fallzia Castle" in Normandy, France.

Since the first scrapbook, Mrs. Holmes has compiled scrapbooks not just for her own keeping but three scrapbooks as well for the Otterville Women's Institute of which she is a member; and getting her grandchildren (of which she has six) interested by making for them paste from her own special recipe that she has made and used through all her scrapbook-making days. A daughter, Mrs. G. (Ella) Johnson of Toronto has had a hand in the project, also, having gone with her mother to cemeteries to check facts on some of the collected items, all of which appear in scrapbooks that are numbered and indexed, so

Not only "scrap-wise" has Mrs. Holmes taken an interest in the community, but actively, too. She was president of the Canadian Red Cross during World War II, and did a lot of knitting for the Armed Forces. (Presently, she is piecing and quilting crib quilts for the nursery at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital). She has been associated with the Women's Missionary Society and Woman's Association of the United Church, Otterville, and was a Sunday school teacher at the church for 25 years. She

was convener of historical research and current events for the London Convention W. I. in 1952-'54, and district and branch convener for many years, and a director on the Woodstock Museum Board.

A graduate of Alma College, St. Thomas, she was an accomplished elocutionist and in this regard was generous with her ability as a reader for all organizations. For many years she wrote a column in the Woodstock Sentinel - Review signed under the pen-name, "Noreen."

The fire that destroyed their store and apartment in July, 1966, got such quick response from the people of the community that within three minutes most of the personal belongings - including the scrapbooks - were saved.



Mrs. Velma Holmes

It is a never-forgotten experience to sit a spell and look and read the articles in the scrapbooks, for it is like seeing the past in the present.

Where are the scrapbooks destined for?

"Just for the enjoyment of the family," Mrs. Holmes said, but added "anyone, any time, can call by and look at them." that any article can be found easily.

Dr. H. Petch Joins Faculty At Waterloo 1967

OTTERVILLE (C) - Dr. Howard E. Petch of McMaster University, Hamilton, a leading Canadian physicist, will join the faculty of University of Waterloo September 1, as a senior administrator and a professor of physics.

Dr. Petch, 42, has resigned as chief research director and principal of Hamilton College, the science and engineering college at McMaster. He is one of the top three administrators at the university. "The resignation of Dr. Petch is a great loss to McMaster and an equal gain to the University of Waterloo," said Dr. H.G. Thode, president of McMaster.

Dr. Petch has been a faculty member at McMaster since 1954. He is a native of Agincourt and received his master of science degree at McMaster and his doctorate in solid state physics, nuclear science and metallurgy. At Waterloo he will be working with one of the largest solid state physics research groups in Canada.

Dr. Petch is a member of the National Research Council grant selection committee for chemical and metallurgical engineering, the physics committee of the Science Secretaries, and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada standing committees on the sciences.



A historic old building in the Village of Otterville is the grist mill, located just off Main Street. It is still in operation, after being a "going concern" for the past 122 years, its source of power, the pressure of water against a steel turbine, that makes it one of the few grist mills around using water power. It is owned and operated by Lorne Treffry of Otterville, shown at bottom right, who purchased it from his father, Ernest Treffry, in 1952. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Grist Mill Operates 122 Years

By Ellen H. Eff
Still in operation after 122 years is an old grist mill, in the Village of Otterville. Nestled in a woodland setting beside a flowing stream, the ancient structure hums with activity every week day for it is a busy place of business for farmers come from the surrounding area, as they have for over a century now, to get their mixed feeds ground.

The mill, located just off the main street of the village, is on a site where a mill has stood since 1807.

Its source of power — the pressure of water against a steel turbine — makes it unique, for only few grist

mills around use water power. Its operator is Lorne Treffry who took over the mill from his father, Ernest Treffry, in 1952, after it had been in the family since 1947. The present owner's son, Murray Treffry, worked in the mill for a time but due to an asthmatic condition, had to take up new work, and, so, it doesn't look as though an old family business will make a third generation concern.

The grist mill was built in 1845 by Edward Bullock. The Owners have been the following: E.M. Schooley (1877); S.B. Lossing (1880); Ray Losunique (date unknown); Mr.

Graves (date unknown); George Springay (date unknown); Ernest Treffry (1947); Lorne Treffry (1952).

It was the first settlers who built the first mill when they arrived in the community in 1807. Namely, the men, John Earl and Paul Avery, were responsible for the construction of a mill on the site. They had received a grant of land and machinery from the Government and seeing the possibility of water power from the Otter, set about building for the future.

By 1850-1860, there were no less than 12 steam and 14 water mills in operation. Most of the mills then were

saw mills as this part of the country was full of some of the finest white pine in North America.

And, now one of the few mills in Oxford County that as yet uses water power, is still in operation in "Otterville" one of the largest communities in South Norwich Township, situated on the Otter Creek. Thus, rightly, the first mills got their name, being called "Otter Creek Mills." (As the village took shape, it became known as "Otter Creek Village," and later "Otter Village," and finally, as it is known today "Otterville").

Next time you're driving through, just look to your left as you leave the main street, and you will see the picturesque place.

FORD — Suddenly at his late residence, Ontario Street, St. Marys, on Wednesday, September 13, 1967, Norman A. Ford, in his 51st year. Beloved husband of Bernice Drinkwater and dear father of Ted, Avonton and Ron, at home; brother of Mary (Mrs. Don Galloway), Byron; Douglas, St. Marys; Wilma (Mrs. Nelson Gleason) Otterville; Barbara (Mrs. Gordon Dolg), Listowel, and Edna (Mrs. Ted Davis), London; two grandchildren survive. Resting at the L. A. Ball Funeral Chapel, St. Marys, where the funeral service will be held Friday, September 15, at 3 p.m. Interment in St. Marys Cemetery.



1967 It won't be long before it's back to school again and every boy knows that means the end of carefree days. Fifteen-year-old Paul Wavell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wavell of Queen St., Otterville, is making the most of the passing summer days. He is "out fishing" in a scenic spot in Otterville. (Phot by Ellen H. Eff)

Centennial Poem by 100 Year Old

A former resident at Springford for over 50 years, Mrs. John Veale of Markham Nursing Home, Markham, will be one hundred years old on Wednesday, September 27. Her niece, Mrs. Underwood, invites her friends to attend her birthday party, or if unable to attend, to send birthday greetings in letters or cards.

In honor of the centennial year, Mrs. Veale has composed the following poem:

Centennial bells are ringing,
 Are ringing loud and clear,
 To celebrate the birthday
 Of our Canada so dear.
 The men who guided through the years
 Have been of great renown,
 And guided well and faithfully,
 Without a fear or frown.

Our earth is full of riches and wealth,
 And our rivers and forests too;
 Whichever way we turn our eyes

Its grandeur meets our view.

The churches, too, have had much to do
 In making our Canada famous;
 In the years we're passing through
 May they still be true and blameless.

The eyes of the world are on us today,
 In every tribe and nation.
 It means a lot to be the host
 Of such a celebration!

Area Couple Observe Fiftieth Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Verstraete

OTTERVILLE (C) - The coming week-end will be an important time for Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Verstraete, who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Verstraete are well-known residents of Otterville and district and to mark their anniversary they will be at home to their friends on Sunday, October 15, 2-5 in the afternoon and 7-9 in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Verstraete have requested no gifts.

Mrs. Verstraete has one sister in Belgium and one brother, John Keirsebilck at LaSalette. Mr. Verstraete has two sisters in Belgium and one sister, Mrs. Mary Vervaecke at Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Verstraete extend a gracious welcome to their friends at their home on Sunday.

Reception Held At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - For the reception in honour of the 50th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Verstraete, upwards of 150 friends and neighbours called to extend best wishes.

Mrs. Willy VanBesien met the guests at the door and Misses Dianne and Deborah Deconinck granddaughters, were in charge of the guest book in the afternoon and Misses Linda Deconinck and friend, Susan Harrison, were in charge in the evening.

The tea table, which was covered with a white linen cloth was centred with a prettily decorated cake with candles at each side.

Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Jack Rists poured tea.

Mrs. Wil VanBesein and Mrs. Kenny Venden Busche served the guests.

Among the gifts received were 50 yellow roses from the neighbours, two gold cups and saucers, and a gold candy dish; also greetings from the Province of Ontario, Gordon Pittock and Wally Nesbitt, M.P.

Receiving prizes from the Norwich-Otterville Lions for best costumes at a Hallowe'en party were Kelly MacNeil, Dianne Goossens, Murray Jardine and Ronnie Goossens.

Champion Otters Hold Banquet

OTTERVILLE (C) The Otterville Otters held their annual banquet and dance in the German Home Delhi

Members of the winning Otters receiving trophies were: Bob Smith, Alex Smith, Bob Furlong, Ted McElhone, Dave Arthur, Merlin Howse, Garner Scott, Bill McMullen, Bryan Taylor, Neil Davies, Roy Rachar, Manager-Coach; Stuart Godby, statistician; and Bob Duffy, bat-boy.

Alex Slaght was the M.C. and introduced Stan Gehring, South Norwich reeve, who presented the trophies to the Otters. The Township Centennial Committee presented the Otters with a special Centennial trophy to be put on display and individual trophies for each member of the team to be kept. Mr. Gehring was assisted by Mrs. C. Webb, member of the Centennial Committee.

The Otters have won the O.R.S.A. title now ten out of the last eleven seasons.

Dave Arthur thanked, Mrs. Roy Rachar for her duties on the gate; Frank Finch, for his donations to the club, and Bill McMullen for his many hours of work keeping the diamond in shape.

After a bountiful meal dancing was enjoyed by all.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Elmer Smith was installed noble grand at ceremonies of Violet Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Audrey Richardson, district deputy president, assisted by a team from East St. Thomas, District No. 17, Aylmer, conducted the ceremonies.

Other officers installed included past noble grand, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; vice-grand, Mrs. James Kitchen; recording secretary, Mrs. Ben Strudwick; financial secretary, Mrs. Stan Arthur; warden, Mrs. Eva Gauthier; conductor, Mrs. Ruth Collver; musician, Mrs. Norm McClintock; chaplain, Mrs. James Squance; colour bearer, Mrs. Oliver Hill; right supporter of noble grand, Mrs. Fred Howse; left supporter of noble grand, Mrs. Fred Thompson; right supporter of vice-grand, Mrs. William McMullen; left supporter of vice-grand, Miss Eva Deveney; inside guardian, Mrs. Gert Hanson; outside guardian, Mrs. Fred Moore.



OTTERVILLE (C) - The official opening of the South Norwich municipal offices was held at Otterville on Saturday, October 21, at 2 p.m. Stanley Gehring, reeve of the township, was chairman.

After welcoming the guests and residents of South Norwich, Mr. Gehring introduced Vernon Cuthbert, warden of Oxford County, who congratulated the township on their centennial project. Wallace Nesbitt, M.P. for Oxford brought good wishes from the federal government. Gordon Pittock, ex-M.P.P. for Oxford, spoke briefly and commended the township on the new offices. Mr. Pittock introduced Mr. Alex Maurice, project co-ordinator of the Ontario department of tourism and information centennial planning branch, who cut the ribbon and de-

clared the building officially open.

Included among the floral arrangements were those from the Royal Bank, Otterville, Otter Lumber Co. Ltd., Jewitt, Dodd and Vallee, surveyors, of Simcoe, Newman's Flowers Ltd., Tillsonburg, and Bennett Stationery, Tillsonburg.

Township road machinery and South Norwich volunteer fire department fire fighting equipment was on display. Also on display in the basement were antiques, and it is understood these will be the basis of a permanent museum at the hall.

Refreshments were served by members of the Otterville Women's Institute.

Tea and coffee was served during the day by Mrs. William Martin and Mrs. Stanley Gehring.

The new South Norwich Township offices, built as a centennial project, were officially opened Saturday afternoon. Top photo shows Oxford MP Wallace Nesbitt, right, and other dignitaries who took part. Centre photo are Councillors Joseph Murphy, William Martin, Stanley Palmer, Reeve Stanley Gehring, Deputy-Reeve Alex Slaght, Clerk Ted McElhone, and Alex Maurice of Toronto, representing the Ontario department of tourism and information, who cut the ribbon. The \$30,000 building, lower photo, was completed last year. Contractor was Otter Lumber Co. and the architect W.M. Smale of Simcoe. Lower photos are by Ellen Eff. *Oct 21*

Municipal Building Officially Opened

1967



Centennial of Confederation South Norwich Township offices, erected by the Township of South Norwich, were officially opened Saturday afternoon. The \$30,000 building, located on Main St., in the Village of Otterville, was made possible through the co-operation of the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. Pictured above is the building and some of the dignitaries who were present. Left to right: Deputy Reeve Alex Slaght of Otterville, Reeve Stanley Gehring of Otterville; A Maurice of Toronto, representative of the Centennial Commission of Ontario, who cut the ribbon; and Township Clerk Ted McElhone of Otterville. Visitors toured the building following the brief opening ceremony. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

SERVICES OF THE NEW EDIFICE OF THE NORTH BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH



Alex Slaght Dies On Hunting Trip

OTTERVILLE (C) — The second deputy-reeve of South Norwich Township within a one-year period has died. Alexander Ezra Slaght, passed away on Friday while on a hunting trip at Restoule, Northern Ontario.

Deputy-reeve Henry Ash died at the end of December, 1966. Mr. Slaght, who was at that time councillor, was appointed to take the place of Mr. Ash. Replacement for the council position of Mr. Slaght was made, Joe Murphy.

Since the council members were all acclaimed for the 1967-68 term at a November 1966 nomination meeting, there were no other candidates to call upon to fill the vacant positions.

A definite date has not yet been set to appoint a replacement for Mr. Slaght and the other resulting vacant council seat.

Mr. Slaght suffered a heart attack and died while dressing at his hunting camp.

Born in Windham Township where he farmed, he later moved to Delhi, where he was agent for Massey-Harris machinery. Later he farmed on the 11th concession of South Norwich. For the past 40 years he has been a resident of Otterville where he was at one time a member of the village trustees.

For a number of years Mr. Slaght was a partner of Slaght Lumber Company. Following the disposal of the

business he was engaged in carpentering.

Interested in township affairs, he served as councillor for three years and deputy-reeve for the past year.

He was a member of Norwich Order of the Eastern Star, charter member and 30-year member of Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, member of the Masonic Lodge, Mocha Temple, Tillsonburg and chairman of South Norwich Centennial Committee for the past year.

Survivors include his wife, the former Beatrice Beaton; one son, William, Calgary; four grandchildren; one brother, George Slaght, British Columbia; five sisters, Miss Cora Slaght, Mrs.

Fred Broad and Mrs. William Winkell, all of Springford; Mrs. Fred Quance, New York State, and Mrs. Forrest Kent, St. Catharines.

Funeral service was from the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, conducted Monday by Rev. Douglas Ramsey, Otterville United Church.

Pallbearers were Ted Church, Roy Rachar, Nate McMullen, Tom Furlong, Ted

McElhone and William A. McMullen.

An OES and Masonic Lodge service was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Interment was in Windham Centre Cemetery.

ALEXANDER SLAGHT

OTTERVILLE (C) Residents of the village and district were shocked when they learned of the sudden passing of a highly-esteemed resident, Ezra Alexander Slaght, 71, whose death occurred at a hunting camp at Restoule in northern Ontario, on Friday, November 17, 1967. Mr. Slaght had gone with a number of hunters from the village and it was while getting dressed that he suffered a heart attack and passed away suddenly.

He was born in Windham Township where he farmed for a time. He later moved to Delhi where he was an agent for Massey-Harris machinery. Later he farmed on the 11th Concession of South Norwich Township and for the past

40 years he has been a resident of the village where he was a member of the village trustees. He was a co-partner of Slaght Brothers Lumber Co. and following the disposal of the business he engaged in carpentry work and was greatly in demand.

Interested in the affairs of the township, he served as councillor for three years, and for the past year was deputy reeve. He was a member of the Norwich Order of the Eastern Star; a charter member for 30 years of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club; a member of Freda Masonic Lodge No. 17, Delhi; and Mocha Temple; and chairman of the centennial committee for the township.

Surviving are his wife, the former Beatrice Bea-

ton; one son, William Slaght of Calgary; four grandchildren; one brother, George Slaght of British Columbia; five sisters, Miss Cora Slaght, Mrs. Fred (Elizabeth) Broad and Mrs. William (Florence) Winkell, all of Springford, Mrs. Fred (Grace) Quance of New York State and Mrs. Forrest (Mary) Kent of St. Catharines.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, November 20, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Douglas Ramsay of Otterville United Church.

A number of members of Oxford County Council and members of South Norwich Municipal Council attended the service. Mrs.

Nate McMullen, pianist, played favorite hymns before and after the service.

Many donations to the Heart Fund and the Canadian Cancer Society were received. Included in the many floral tributes were tokens from Oxford County Council; South Norwich Municipal Council; Order of the Eastern Star and Freda Masonic Lodge, Delhi.

Pallbearers were Ted Church, Roy Rachar, Nate McMullen, Tom Furlong, Ted McElhone and William A. McMullen.

A memorial service was held at the Funeral Home Sunday evening by the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodges.

Interment in Windham Cemetery.

OTTERVILLE (C) - -

Councillor William Martin has been appointed deputy-reeve for South Norwich to fill the vacancy left by the death of Alex Slaght. The vacant council seat has been filled by the appointment of George W. Davis, who has been serving as a village trustee for Otterville.

The appointments were made at the 13th meeting of township council, held on Wednesday. They will fill the remainder of the two-year term.

Named to the South Norwich Parks Board were Stanley Gehring, Adam Oliver, William McMullen, Sr., Roy Racher, Carman Scott, Lorne Treffry and George Davis.

A resolution was passed that the name of William McMullen Sr. be proposed to receive the centennial medal for his work on centennial projects in the township. Mr. McMullen headed the museum committee.

Car Wrecked By Vandals

OTTERVILLE (C) — A car owned by Harry Pickersgill was stolen on November 12 and later that day found in the Tillsonburg reservoir.

The act appeared to be the work of vandals as the inside of the car was wrecked. The upholstery was slashed and torn from the seats, arm rests were broken and doors broken.

Students of the Otterville Central School who reside east of the Otter Creek in the village are being transported to and from school by bus this year. The service is provided by the South Norwich School Area Board.

Up until the present five buses were used to transport the pupils in the rural area to the school. The sixth bus has been used as a spare bus and will be used on this new route.

The service to the school children of the village began November 13 and carried 90 pupils to school on the first day of operation. In picking up the children the bus made 10 stops in the village.



Four generations stand outside the century home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ostrander. Left to right are Harry A. Ostrander; his son, Ewart, holding a great-grandson, James Bradley; and grandson, Harry E. Ostrander. The attractive old home at the bottom of Broadway is kept in perfect condition by Mr. Ostrander and is set off by well-tended lawns and gardens.

Harry Ostrander Home Pre-Dates Confederation

One of Tillsonburg's oldest homes - built several years before confederation - is that of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ostrander, 22 South Broadway.

The century home, kept in excellent repair and surrounded by well-tended grounds, was being built 120 years ago. It was built by John and Susan Wittaker.

Mrs. Wittaker was a great aunt of Mrs. Ostrander. The Wittaker's first child was born on May 8, 1849. There are two grandchildren still living, Mrs. Mabel Lewis of Merlin and Howard Soper of Windsor.

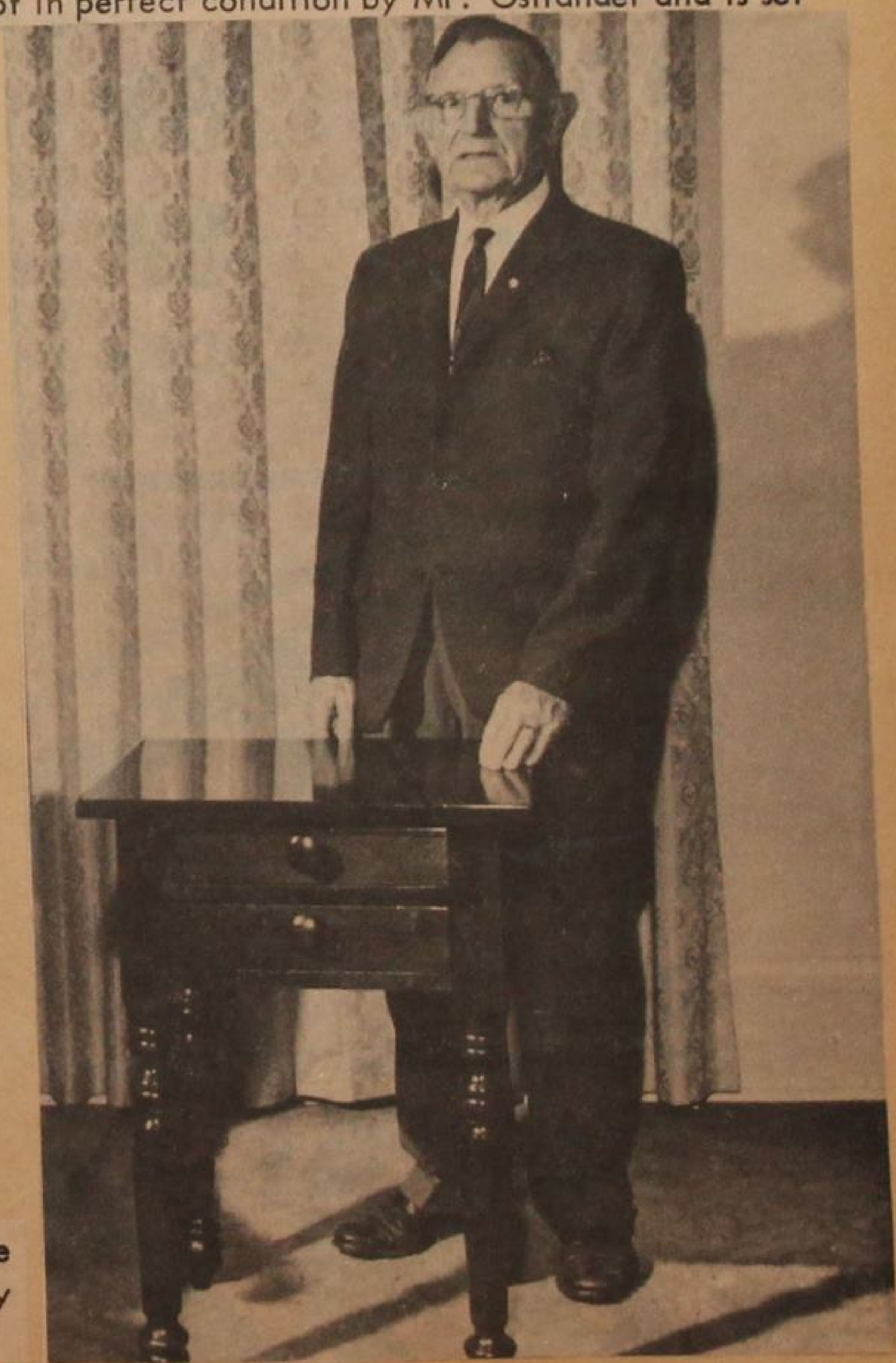
The original property was paid for with adze heads.

In 1848 George Tillson made up and gave to Mr. and Mrs. Wittaker a solid walnut table, which in turn

was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander some 20 years ago.

The centennial project of the Ostranders has been a new roof and complete outside painting of the old home.

Mr. Ostrander takes great pride in the appearance of his home, as evidenced by the manicured lawns, trimmed evergreens and beautiful flower garden.



Harry Ostrander is shown with a solid walnut table given to the builders of his home back in 1848 by George Tillson.

56 YEARS OF FACTS

By ELLEN H. EFF

A lady who is compiling scrapbooks for her family's enjoyment but often to many friends and strangers has brought out her "knowledge books," is Mrs. M. (Velma) Holmes of Main St., Otterville.

Fifty-six years of actual facts are pasted in some 17 scrapbooks, and most of them concerning events and people of the "Village of Otterville." (She has some information on "Springford," too, where she was born).

Her first scrapbook, though, was started for a family reason. A grandson, Murray Johnson, wanted information on the "family background". And, thus, with scissors, paste and clippings, Mrs. Holmes got the information together, in story and picture form, of the "Antice" family, her mother having been the former Ella Antice.

The leather-bound scrapbook contains family pictures and a picture of the family's crest of arms — a dexter cubit arm vested, holding a Griffon's head. Also, the story of the "Antice" family from its beginning, that goes back to two "Antice" brothers who came from England from Normandy,

France, with William the Conqueror in 1066. They later made their home in the County of Devon, England and after, a brother changed the spelling of the name from "Antice" to "Antiss." (Even today, it is said, that the name "Antice" is very common in France). Then, in the year 1,600, a descendant of this "Antice" family went to Jamaica and had large sugar plantations. Some years after that, he had a large retinue of servants sent to England where the "Antice" family had a castle, similar to "Fallzia Castle" in Normandy, France.

Thus, family matter filled her first scrapbook, but over the years since, happenings of her own "home town" has taken her interest and she has clipped and collected many items on events and the people who made them. Each scrapbook is unique in the fact that each is numbered, one after the other, and indexed within, so that no article is too difficult to find.

And, this "Saver of Scraps", has her own original ideas about paste. She makes up her own version of it, something she has been doing since the beginning of her scrapbook days, and is stirring up some, too, now, for her grandchildren (of which she has six) a number who are starting scrapbooks of their own.

Not only via scraps has Mrs. Holmes taken a part in the community but actively has been associated with many organizations. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and Woman's Association of the United Church, Otterville, and taught Sunday School for 25 years. She was president of the Canadian Red Cross during World War II, and did a great deal of knitting for the Armed Forces. (She is presently piecing and quilting crib quilts for the nursery at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital). She was convenor of historical research and current events for the London Convention Area in 1952-54, and was also district branch convenor for many years. She has compiled three scrapbooks for the Otterville Women's Institute of which she is a member. Also, is a director of the Woodstock Museum Board.

As for her own scrapbooks, they will be keepsakes for her family.



Fifty-six years of history of Otterville is within the covers of scrapbooks made by Mrs. M. (Velma) Holmes of Otterville, shown above with the first scrapbook she compiled more than half a century ago. Besides her own, numbering around 17, she has turned out three for the Otterville Women's Institute of which she is a member. Her scrapbooks will be kept in the family.

Late Thomas Clifford

Thomas Clifford, a well known resident of Otterville, died at the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, September 20th in his 49th year. He had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Clifford was born in Windham Township. He was a machine operator by trade.

He is survived by his wife, the former Doris Payne; one

daughter, Mrs. Floyd (Norma) Hussey of Tillsonburg; two sons Leonard of Otterville and Donald of RR 1, Otterville; his mother Mrs. Oliver Clifford of Otterville; four sisters, Mrs. Lorne (May) Lancaster, of Burford; Mrs. George (Eva) Elliott of RR 2, LaSalette; Mrs. Wilbur (Ila) Condie of RR 1, Delhi and Mrs. Donald (Ada) Morris of RR 3, Norwich; two brothers, Roy of RR 1, Norwich and Leo of RR 1, Norwich; also nine grandchildren.

Funeral service was held from the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville on Saturday, conducted by Rev. Douglas Ramsay of Otterville United Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns before and after the service. Donations were made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Gideon Bibles and Heart Fund.

Pall bearers were Peter Wavell, Ross Eitel, Duncan McMurchy, Melbourne Smith, Ray McCombs and Keith Howse.

Interment was made in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

N United Church Women

Taking the form of a dessert meeting the September meeting of the United Church Women was held in the school-room of the Otterville United Church and after a social time the president Mrs. William Hanson graciously welcomed the members and visitors to the fall and winter term of meetings. Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo was the pianist.

Mrs. Hanson gave a splendid report of the Conference which was held in Guelph during the summer of the United Church Women.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Laura Hooker gave the financial report after which Thank You notes were read by Mrs. Hanson. The Good Cheer convener Mrs. Gladys Goodale reported on the visits she had made to the Hospital, Nursing Homes and of the cards which she had sent to shut-in members of the organization as well as members of the church. The many who were remembered in the report revealed the sincere interest taken by the convener.

Much discussion dealt with the forming of a C. G. I. T. group. Many members offered their assistance to assist the leader when one is chosen.

The annual turkey supper will be held in the school room of the Otterville United Church in October. Supper to be served at 5.30. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

A lovely quilt top completed by Mrs. Elsie Pearce was donated to the group for any purpose decided by the meeting. It was unanimously decided the ladies have a quilting and the quilt be presented to Mrs. R. M. Holmes.

The roll call for the October meeting will be responded to by the members donating cash or hand made article for the bazaar. The members repeated The Lord's Prayer in unison which closed the meeting.

Mrs. Fred Cole presided for the worship service and the hymn "Rise Up O Men of God" followed by a reading by Mrs. Cole "Someone is Watching You." The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Earnest Treffry. A vocal number was much appreciated, sung by five Public School pupils, Cheryl White, Bonnie Hendricks, Laura Chisholm, Marlene Walter and Darlene Lewis. Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo was the pianist. The offering was received by Mrs. Elsie Pearce and Mrs. Earnest Treffry.

Violet Rebekah Lodge

The members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 held their regular meeting in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Mrs. Elmer Smith, Vice Noble Grand presided. Mrs. Ross Addlington acted as recording secretary in the absence of Mrs. Ben Strudwick.

The charter was draped in memory of the late Mrs. Richard Saunders and Mrs. Annie Courtney, past president of Rebekah Assembly of Ontario.

Mrs. Ruth Colver sang a solo "In the Garden" accompanied by Mrs. Norman McClintock.

Announcement was made of the installation ceremony of the lodge which will be October 16th when Mrs. Audrey Richardson and staff of Aylmer will be in attendance.

Following the meeting Mrs. Bryce Smith, Mrs. Ross Addlington, Mrs. Edward Bowlby and Mrs. Charles Mannell served refreshments.

Sunday worship service at the Baptist Church was conducted by the pastor Rev. W. Clare English. The message was entitled "God's Unspeakable Gift," taken from 2 Corinthians, 9. Psalm 33 was read as the Scripture lesson. Brian and Dwight Davis received the offering.

The October meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship will be held at the home of Mrs. George Friesen at Norwich on Thursday evening, October 5th.

Happy Bluebird Club

The September meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club was held in the Parish Hall of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Norwich. The president Mrs. Mary Haskin presided and welcomed the thirty members including visitors to the first meeting after the summer recess.

The meeting opened with "O Canada" with Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency at the piano, after which the Creed was repeated in unison.

The roll call was responded to after which the secretary-treasurer Mrs. Zuella Hicks gave a detailed account of finances. Final plans were made for the autumn bus trip which the club are taking to Goderich.

Good Cheer conveners, namely Mrs. Roy Rachar, Mrs. William Stapleton, Mrs. Sam Lucas, Mrs. Harry Lee, Mrs. Vital Van-kerrebroeck and Mrs. Dora Fleming reported their activities of their work for the summer and the many thank-you notes received revealed the appreciation of those who had been remembered.

Following the meeting Mr. Bristol Roswell of Norwich showed pictures which he had taken while on a trip to the East Coast, New England States, Ottawa and other interesting points. He was accompanied by Mrs. Haskin, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Carroll on this holiday recently.

Mrs. Zuella Hicks thanked Mr. Roswell for this lovely trip by picture.

Members of the Sixth Concession group were hosts for the evening and following the social time Mrs. Daisy Ash thanked the ladies for the evening and announced the October meeting which will be in keeping with Hallowe'en will be held at the home of Mrs. Glen Avey at Milldale with members of the Milldale group in charge.

The members were asked to come in Hallowe'en costume or pay a fine.

The Progress of Our Church taken from the Study Book was given by Mrs. Earle Petch in a two part form. After the first part a recording of the Steel Band from Trinidad, taken from the Opera "Carman" was played and the second part of the study book followed.

The hymn "Take My Life and Let it Be" was the closing hymn which was followed with the Benediction.

40th Wedding Anniversary

A family get-to-gether, to honour Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur, whose wedding day was the actual date, September 21st was held at the home of their son Dr. and Mrs. Clair Arthur, Preston on Sunday and attended by 40 relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur who were married 40 years ago, were the recipients of many lovely gifts. A lovely wedding cake centred the table.

The honouored guests received a telephone call from their daughter Joyce, Mrs. Harold Sweazey and Mr. Sweazey from Arndale, Halifax, who were unable to attend the happy event.

Relatives were present from Orangeville, St. Jacob's, St. Marys, Tillsonburg, Norwich Woodstock and Otterville.

The event was meant to be in the form of a surprise. Owing to the fact that the the family feared their parents would have other plans the party was just a partial surprise.

Otters Take One-Game Lead

Otterville Otters took a one game lead in the North Oxford Softball League semi-final when they defeated New Dundee Dodgers 7-1 in the first game of the best-of-three series played here Saturday night.

The Otters opened the scoring in the first inning pushing one run across the plate, then added two in the fourth by

single by Bob Furlong, Dave Arthur, Alex Smith and Bryan Taylor, aided by an error, then scored four more runs in the fifth and there on never looked back.

Alex Smith carried the heavy bat for the winners slashing out three singles, while Bob Furlong and Dave Arthur come through with a couple of singles each.

Bob Smith went the distance on the mound for the homesters, gave up six hits and struck out thirteen batters.

Len Sarasas and Fred Dalmer were the best at the plate for the losers, banging a pair of singles each. The Dodgers picked up their only run of the game in the eighth when Sarasas lined a single, went to second on a passed ball and came home on Dalmer's single. B. Bierman started on the rubber for the visitors, was touched for eleven hits and fanned five Otter batsmen. John Weaver came on in relief in the seventh.

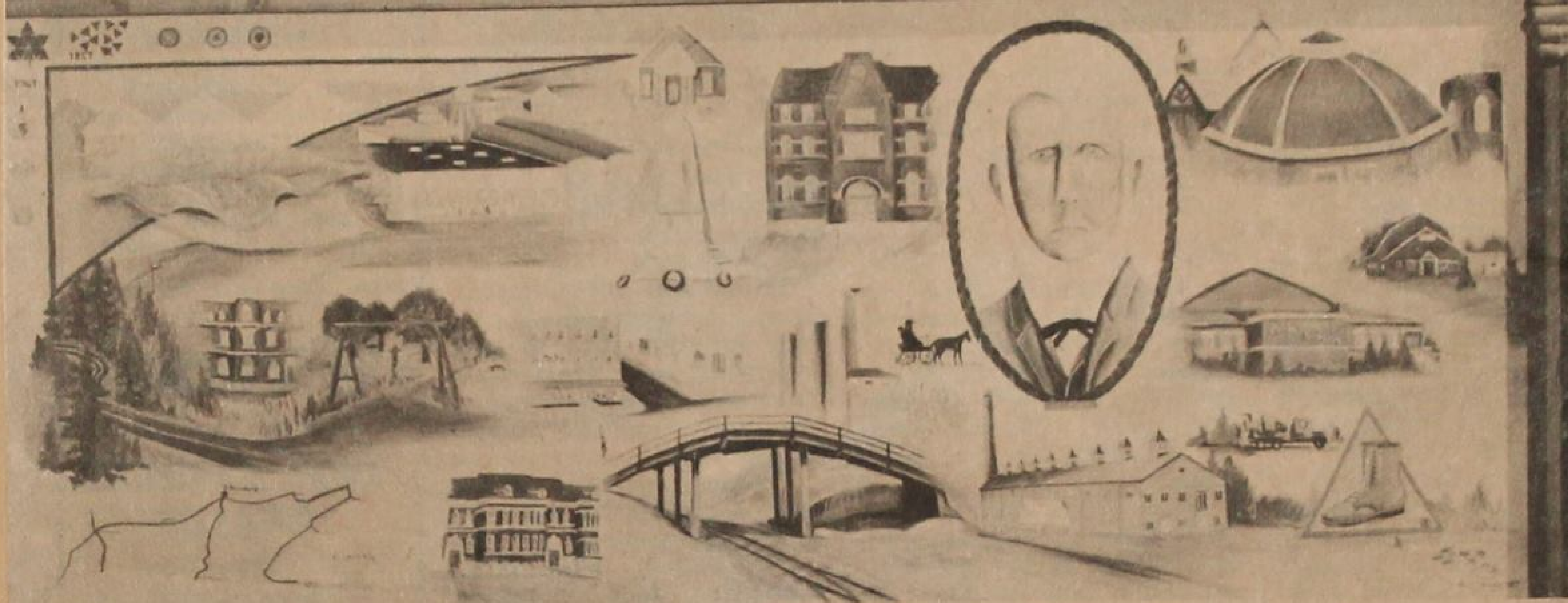
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Bierman, Weaver (7) and Sarasas.

B. Smith and McElhone.



A one-woman centennial project is this mural painting which depicts many of the points of interest around Tillsonburg. Mrs. Jack Helsdon, 143 Lisgar Ave., did the interesting oil during many weeks of spare time and had it completed for display during the town's centennial week. It was also shown at the Tillsonburg Fair. On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Helsdon presented the painting to the town. It was accepted by Mayor Bryan Jones, left, and Francis Troyer, vice-chairman of the Centennial Committee, right. The painting will hang in a suitable spot in the town hall as a memento of Canada's 100th birthday.

Lions Prepare for Lombardo Dance

"The sweetest music this side of Heaven" comes to Tillsonburg, September 21, and 55 Lions Club members are at work promoting the venture.

Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians, probably the most successful orchestra of the century, will be playing at the Tillsonburg tobacco auction exchange under the sponsorship of the Tillsonburg and Norwich-Otterville Lions Clubs.

The distinctive Lombardo sound, immediately recognizable around the world, is expected to draw a large crowd. Although the orchestra will play concerts in this part of Ontario

this will be the only dance performance in the area, and it is being promoted from London to Brantford.

Lions will transform the auction building into a first rate ballroom for the occasion. Preparations are being made for special stage lighting and decorations, by a committee headed by J. B. Carroll. Twin baby grand pianos have been arranged for the two-piano numbers. An excellent sound system, the same as used in the Brantford Civic Centre is being installed. There will be adequate seating, with chairs being rented in proportion to the expected crowd, and there will even

be extra washroom facilities installed, if necessary.

General co-ordinator for arrangements is A. B. Swayze, and Earl Ferguson of the local club and Bill Butler of Otterville are looking after ticket sales.

There will be 22 Lions plus extra help on hand to serve the crowd on dance night, and Boy Scouts will be looking after parking.

The Lions sound truck will be out almost every night from now on in different communities promoting the dance.

Advance tickets are selling for \$3.50. They will be \$5 at the door.



GUY LOMBARDO

Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians will be in Tillsonburg September 21st,

Moerman - Lawrence

Bronze and yellow mums decorated St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, October 14, 1967, at 2 p.m. for the wedding of Donna Marie Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawrence of R.R. 2 Tillsonburg, and Andrew Maurice Moerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Moerman of R.R. 4, Aylmer. Rev. Allan Young officiated. The organist played traditional wedding music during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a beautiful long sheath gown of peau de soie. The bodice and long lily-point sleeves were of Swiss imported lace, and the full train, caught at the waist with two bows, was of the same lace trimmed in peau de soie. Her finger-tip veil was French silk illusion, featuring a floral head-dress, and she carries a cascade of white carnations, stephanotis and orange delight roses.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Theresa Faw of R.R. 4, Aylmer, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Mary Kesteloot of Aylmer, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Lorraine Lawrence of Brantford, sister-in-law of the bride. They wore identical gowns of melon French silk chiffon, with bodice and short sleeves of Swiss lace. Over the gown was a coat effect, with the fullness caught at the lower back. Their headdresses were of a petal design of matching melon silk chiffon, and they carried cascades of bronze and yellow mums.

Miss Brenda Jacobs of Port Burwell, niece of the groom, was flower girl. She wore a long white sheath dress of peau de soie, with bodice and short sleeves of imported Swiss lace. Her train was caught at the waist with two bows, styled the same as the bride. Two peau de soie bows to match the dress formed her headdress and she carried a basket of bronze and yellow mums.

Harry Ward of Eden, friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were George Lawrence of Brantford, brother of the bride, and Roger Moerman of Belmont, brother of the groom. Ronnie Kesteloot, nephew of the groom, was ringbearer.

Reception for 200 guests was held at Mil Mar Manor. Bride's table featured a three-tier wedding cake and the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables were decorated with mums in rose bud vases.

Bride's mother received guests in a three-piece ensemble of camel crepe and lace, worn with brocaded hat and mink brown accessories and a corsage of bronze and yellow mums. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a three-piece, brown, double knit wool suit, worn with black hat and accessories and a corsage of yellow mums.

For her wedding trip, the bride chose a fur-trimmed tweed suit, worn with feathered hat and black accessories, and a corsage of pale yellow and bronze mums.

Mr. and Mrs. Moerman will reside at 147 Town Line, Tillsonburg.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Moerman

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lees of Otterville wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Ollie Catherine to Edward John Douma, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Douma, also of Otterville. The wedding to take place Saturday, October 14th, 1967. s28c

Museum

Otterville has stolen a march on Tillsonburg with the inclusion of a museum in the basement of the new South Norwich municipal building.

With the great amount of centennial spirit shown in Tillsonburg, we had earnestly hoped that some group would adopt a museum as a project here. Exhibits of antiques have drawn considerable public interest, and there have been a number of persons who have expressed a willingness to donate pieces to a museum, if such were started. The Pollard family, for example, recently donated photographic equipment, dating back to the early history of the town, which is being stored until such time as a place exists to properly exhibit it.

Maybe, someday, we'll catch up to Otterville.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

October 16, 1947

Rev. John Nicholls Doidge, B.A. L. Th, was formally inducted as rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Culloden, on Friday evening in an induction service in St. John's Church, conducted by Most Rev. C. A. Seager, D.D., L.L.D. Archbishop of Huron and Metropolitan of Ontario.

Otterville - The Community Band has commenced a new class, and eight new members have been enrolled already. The band is under the leadership of H.M. Watts of Tillsonburg.

Organ Recital At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C)- An organ recital enhanced the spirit of Christmas given by Larry Baguley, a student at the University of Western Ontario, in the United Church, Otterville.

Among the contributions, which were well received, were the following numbers, Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, Bless This House, Ave Maria, Somebody Bigger Than You and I, I Asked The Lord, He, A Selection of Christmas Carols, Danny Boy, Classical Selections, and two Concertos.

Needing no introduction, Larry was welcomed to the church by Mrs. Douglas Ramsay.

Another evening of music will be presented in the near future by Larry who has high hopes of travelling abroad this summer in the interests of music.

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Postmaster at the Otterville Post Office since December 1, 1940, John M. Furlong of Main St., Otterville, will retire from the post on Saturday. His wife, Mary, who has been his assistant for some 13 years, will remain on staff along with Mrs. C. (Laura) Hooker, and the new postmaster, Mr. Johnson of Woodstock. A native of the village, he enjoys baseball and hockey and is looking forward in just being retired. His father, Matthew Furlong, was also born in Otterville. He has one brother, Charles Furlong of Windsor and one sister, Miss Edna Furlong of Otterville. *DEC 31* (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

St. John's Anglican Church
Morning prayer was observed at the 10 o'clock service at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Jack Riste Lay reader was in charge of the service. The Rector Stanley Uptigrove still recuperating after his operation.

Mr. Riste spoke on the Advent season and the events leading up to the nativity of our Lord. In reading the collect for the Sunday next before Advent the speaker emphasized the importance of the words. Stir up we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy people that they plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works, may of Thee be plenteously remarded through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The speaker also mentioned the prophesy of the birth of Christ as written in the 23rd chapter of Jeremiah. "Behold the days come saith the Lord that I will raise up unto David a righteous branch and a King shall reign and prosper and shall execute judgement and

justice in the earth. The Lord liveth which led the seed of Israel out of the north country and from all countries wither I had driven them, and they shall dwell in their own land. We as Christians know what pleases God and what displeases him. If we know of things in the church that are displeasing to God and an hindrance to his work and an abomination to him. Let us see to it that we do our part in making and keeping the church free and unstained from those who through blindness and hardness of heart and contempt of God's Holy Word and Commandments, are endeavouring to create tumult, rebellion and false doctrine that are getting and will continue to get a firm hold on the minds and hearts of men, women and children the world over.

It is time for action, not just

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mere words so may we as members of Christs Holy Church show to the world through our actions as well as words that the church is very much alive and that God, our God is alive and that he lives and reigns in the hearts of all the people who proclaim him as Lord of all.

At the beginning of the service the Rector presented Mr. Jack Riste with a red ribbon and cross, emblematic of a lay readers place and duties in the church, also a beautiful prayer book and surplice in appreciation for taking the services in the three parishes while the Rector was in hospital and through his recuperation.

Christmas guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and family were: Mrs. Mabel Hillier and son Floyd of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Hillier was the former Mabel McMullen of Otterville and this was the first Christmas in fifty years she had been home. Others attending the Sunday Christmas dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine, Mrs. Laura McMullen and Ross, all of Otterville;; Anne McMullen, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Pettit, Kim, Kevin and Billy, Sarnia; Miss Peggy Fleming, Tillsonburg; Mr. Archie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Kendrick and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graves, Norwich.

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OTTERVILLE (C) — Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine for New Year's were Mrs. Mabel Hillier and son, Floyd of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Mabel Avey of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Lena Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste and Mrs. Lottie Armstrong of Otterville. *Xmas 1967*

ARLINGTON HOTEL

DESTROYED

The Arlington Hotel, a Tillsonburg landmark for over 75 years, was destroyed by fire early Thursday with an estimated loss of \$400,000.

The blaze apparently started at shortly after 5 a.m. in the rear of the building in the kitchen area. Tillsonburg Fire Department received the call at 5:32 a.m.

At 7:23 a.m. the front wall caved in.

Eleven persons sleeping in the hotel were roused by an employee and managed to escape, but lost all their possessions.

Jack Foster, a police radio dispatcher, who roomed at the hotel, said he was awakened by sharp cracking sounds in the heating pipes. Moments later a shouted warning told him to get out, as "the place is going up." He threw on a few clothes, tossed a couple of dresser drawers out of his north window, and slid down an emergency rope to the ground, burning both hands on the rope.

Mr. Foster said when he looked out in the hall it was filled with smoke and escape by that way seemed impossible. "So I threw the rope out of the window and slid down." He said,

"I think I hit the ground at about the same time as the end of the rope."

By the time the fire department arrived on the scene the blaze was out of control. Dereham Fire Department, under Chief Joe Sharpe, was called in under mutual aid, and the fire was contained within the building walls. Middleton Township Fire Department also responded with help.

Wind carried the flames away from the adjoining Tillsonburg Bowling Lanes, and that building received only minor scorching. Smoke and embers carried for blocks in a southwest direction, but snow-covered roofs minimized danger.

By noon, firemen had most of their icy hose lines

rolled up, but water was still being poured on the smouldering ruins. A Gilvesy Construction crane with a wrecking ball was brought to the scene during the morning to knock down tottering walls and partitions.

The original hotel was believed built on the site in the 1880's. Mr. A. Matheson, Sr., originally operated an establishment, there and later his son, who sold the business to Bob Craise about 1907.

During the Matheson-Craise regime, the hotel was the town's social and commercial centre. It's dining room was renowned throughout Western Ontario. Sample rooms for commercial travellers were described in advertising near the turn of the century as "commodious, well lighted and comparable to those to be found in the largest centres." A pool room was an added feature, to while away the hours for travellers. What is now the Tillsonburg Bowling Lanes was originally the hotel's livery stable.

It is believed that the late Mr. Craise was responsible for building the south wing on the hostelry, and making a total of 37 rooms available under one roof, as well as the banquet and licensed lounge facilities.

Mr. Clarence Kohl purchased the hotel from Mr. Craise in 1945. During his ownership the large ground floor room on the south end of the building commonly known as the ladies beverage room, was built.

Mr. Kohl sold the Arlington in 1957 to Sidney and Nathan Applebaum, who operated it until 1963, when a Hamilton man, Ignacy Truskowski, assumed ownership. His tenure was short, selling the following year to the present owners, Jvozas Kezinaitis and Ber Seduikis. The owners were both absent at the time of the fire, visiting relatives in Hamilton.

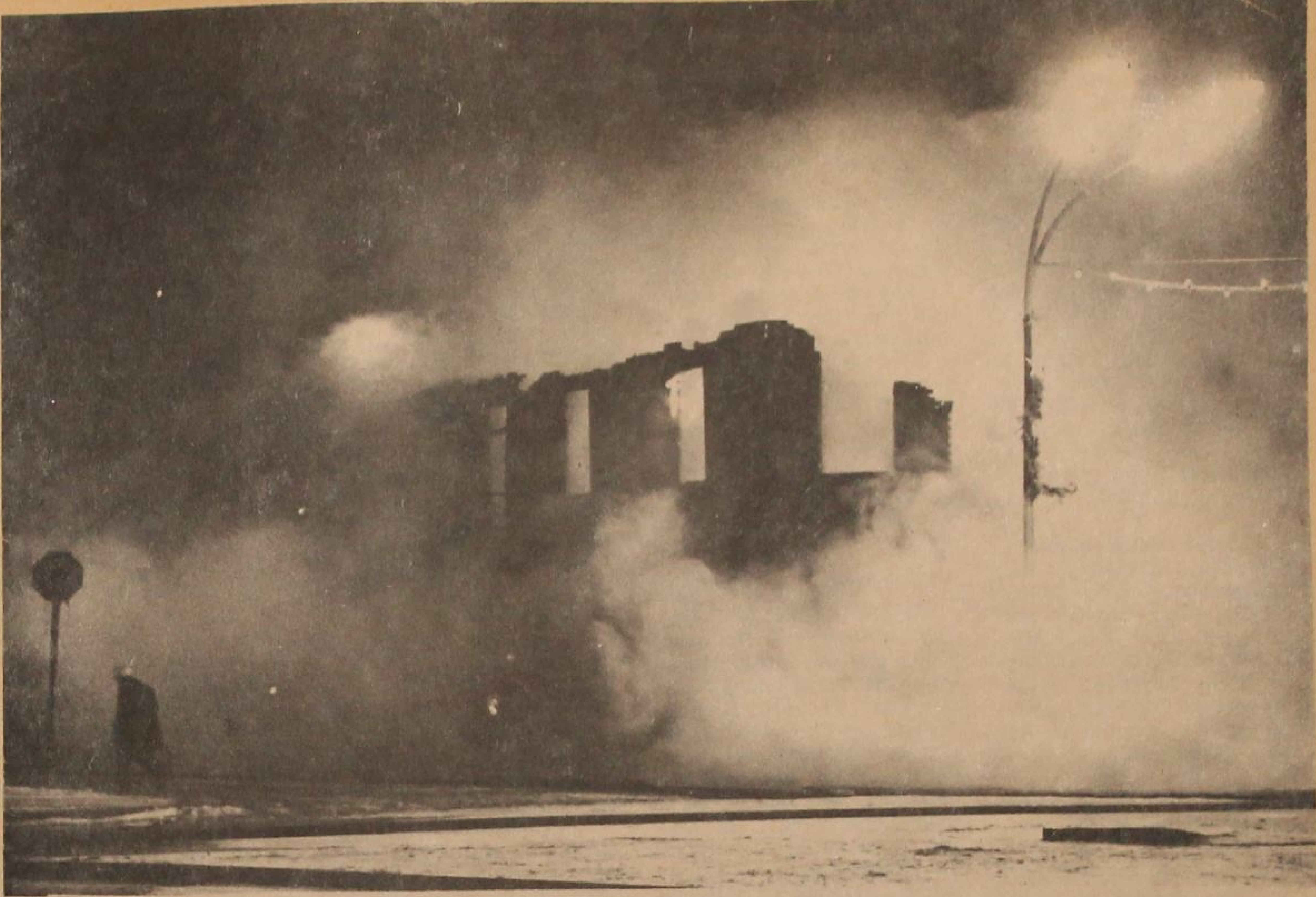
An inspector from the fire marshall's office was observed at the scene about noon.

At one time the Arlington was the centre for service club gatherings in Tillsonburg, but as new establishments appeared on the scene, some left for other facilities. At the present the Rotary Club was the only service group meeting regularly there. The fire destroyed much of the Rotarian equipment, including dozens of banners that members had picked up in inter-club visits around the world.



The Arlington Hotel as it was.

1967



Largest fire loss in years was the spectacular Arlington Hotel blaze which started shortly after 5 a.m.



, Thursday. Three departments kept the blaze from spreading, but loss of the building was complete.



FROM HOLLYWOOD comes the voice of famous Canadian actor Lorne Greene on the sound track of A.K.O. Production's new Boy Scout film, "For Friendship" Jamboree, filmed at Farragut State Park, Idaho, last summer and recently completed. Ken Orton, president of the film company, flew to Hollywood last week to record Mr. Greene's voice during a break in the shooting of the actor's television series. The new film will have its premiere tonight in the National Research Council Theatre in Ottawa.

By WILLIAM S. ROBINSON
of The Free Press

TORONTO — Mrs. Vera H. Graves of Courtland had a special audience with John Diefenbaker yesterday afternoon, taking some precedence over a horde of callers.

Mrs. Graves, an out-and-out supporter, had a Diefenbaker "victory song" she wanted him to read and to hear on a tape recorder.

The song, written to the tune of the hymn Sound the Battle Cry, is a far cry from the jive or marching songs with which the Tory chieftain's supporters greeted him at his first appearance at the convention in the morning.

Mrs. Graves, 76, a retired Salvation Army officer, operates a school of music in Courtland. She says she has written a lot of poetry generally to the music of her favorite hymns.

Incidentally, she has more than a political association with the Prince Albert lawyer. She has returned to the Baptist church in which she was raised. Mr. Diefenbaker is a Baptist.

"He's a great man," she sighed after the brief interview, then went on to say it was only through the chief's good offices she was able to attend the convention. He arranged hotel space for her after she wrote to him a week ago.

She wrote the song before last fall's party meeting that ordered the convention to decide whether Mr. Diefenbaker should stay as leader. That was when "he was hurt so bad," Mrs. Graves said.

The song reads as follows:

*He's a leader grand; he for right will stand
He will save our land, from the fray
Join the victory band, shout thro' all the
land*

*Diefenbaker is here to stay
Rouse ye people; all ye politicians
Put the rebel and the traitor down.
Onward, forward, shout for Diefenbaker
Christ is his captain, he will lead us on.*

*He's no doped up mind; he's no drunken
swine,
And bribes cannot bind him to wrong.
He's no renegade, no fault-digging spade,
He a path has made, 'twixt right and wrong.*

*Let him lead us on, join our victory song;
Make our Canada a land to love;
Get beneath the weight, open wide the gate,
Help our leader great to lead us on.*

There has been no indication the song will get any use on the convention floor.

76-year-old Courtland supporter writes victory song for Diefenbaker

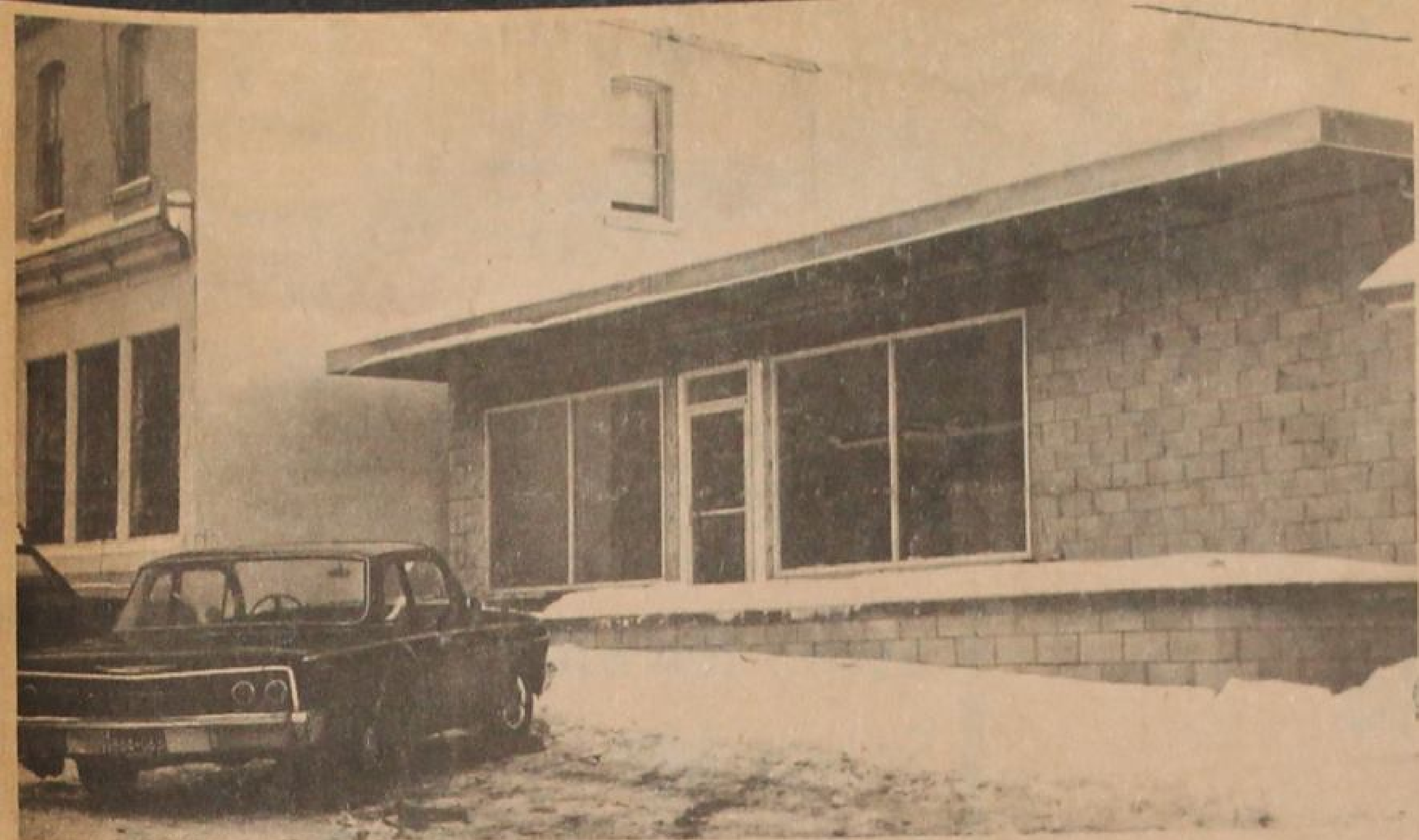
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SOUTH NORWICH COUNCIL 1968 -- Seated, William Martin, deputy-reeve; Stanley Gehring, reeve; Ted McElhone, clerk-treasurer. Standing, Delbert Wrigglesworth, assessor; Stanley Palmer, councillor; Elmer Almost, road superintendent; and councillors Joseph Murphy and George Davis.



The handsome new township office building, located in Otterville, was a centennial project for South Norwich Township. A museum is housed in the basement of the building.



From the ashes of a bad fire in Otterville last year which destroyed the Holmes and Taylor Hardware and the adjoining Holmes residence, has risen a modern new hardware store. Proprietor Rod Taylor said he plans to be open for business in about a month or six weeks. The Wardell General Store, left, which was also badly damaged, has been completely repaired and remodelled.

3,202 In South Norwich Home Of Champions

The police village of Otterville, lying roughly in the centre of South Norwich township, has no overcrowding problems.

Population, 795. Acreage, 812.

While much of its land is still agricultural, for the purposes of the assessors' rolls, this much is counted

as being the village. It comprises the south half of township lots 10-11-12 and 13 in Concession 8; and the north half of the same lot numbers in Concession 9.

Assessed value of the land and buildings stands at \$807,979 on the 1967 records.

Within its confines, Otterville provides a variety of services for South Norwich residents, including garages, service stations, a furniture store, funeral home, two lumber yards, plumbing and heating shop, beauty salon, grist mill, electric and appliance store, butcher shop, dairy bar, bank, and a large general store. A hardware store, destroyed by fire last year, has been rebuilt, and is just about ready to resume business.

Outside the village are another 2,407 residents, bringing population of the township to 3,202 at last count.

Taxable acreage in the township (excluding Otterville) is 35,273, with an assessed value of \$4,195,125, bringing the total assessment to just over the \$5 millions mark.

During 1967, building permits totalling \$327,900 were issued, showing continued growth. Of these, \$230,000 were residential, \$63,000 commercial and \$34,600 agricultural. Actually, the agricultural permits do not altogether reflect total rural building, since no permits are needed for farm buildings other than houses, which are located more than 150 feet from the road.

Road superintendent Elmer Almost and his crew look after 85.6 miles of township roads, about 24 miles of which are paved. Also within South Norwich are 16 miles of county road and seven miles of provincial highway.

"Otterville - - the Home of Champions."


That's not a fancy slogan hanging at the entrance to the village, but it is a matter of fact.

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Park Major Lions Project

South Norwich is well known for its attractive and well-kept park at Otterville.

The park, separated from the main part of the village by the Otter Creek, is a busy spot throughout the summer.

Busy with it are the active members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, who make the park and its outdoor swimming pool one of their major projects.

Lions have maintained and operated the pool since it was built. They sponsor swimming classes five mornings each week through the summer, and also operate a bus service for youngsters from Norwich. This year the club

put a new bottom in the pool.

The club subsidizes the park, this past year contributing about \$700. They built new washrooms in the park two years ago.

In the winter, the bus service operates in reverse, with transportation being provided to Norwich arena for skating. Lions are also in the process of providing a new ice conditioning machine for the arena.

Scouts, minor hockey, minor ball and other groups also receive help from the Lions, who, as the only service club in their area, take on sort of a multiple-purpose role.

Their sight conservation program is another major

project, as it is for many Lions clubs, and during the Christmas season they distributed about 40 baskets to needy families, 21 of them in the Springford-Otterville area.

Norwich druggist Bob Scott heads the busy club this season. Howard Fleming is first vice-president; Don Swanton, second vice-president; Andy Vanden-

berghe, third vice-president; Jim McLaren, secretary, and Fred Thompson, treasurer.

As a centennial project, the club went truly international, sponsoring the formation of a Lions club in Norwich, N.Y. The Lions from the other Norwich plan to come to Canada later this year to celebrate their first anniversary.



New to Otterville is Arnold Johnson, who was appointed postmaster there on January 5, succeeding Jack Furlong, who held the post for 27 years. Mr. Johnson served at Woodstock post office for almost five years prior to his appointment and is still commuting from there until he can find a residence in the village. The Johnsons have a married daughter, living in Woodstock, and a son, 15, in high school there. Mrs. Mary Furlong, wife of the former postmaster, who assisted him for 13 years, is still a part-time employee, and Mrs. Laura Hooker, also working part time, completes the staff. With his retirement, Mr. Furlong, an avid harness horse enthusiast, has more time to devote to his hobby

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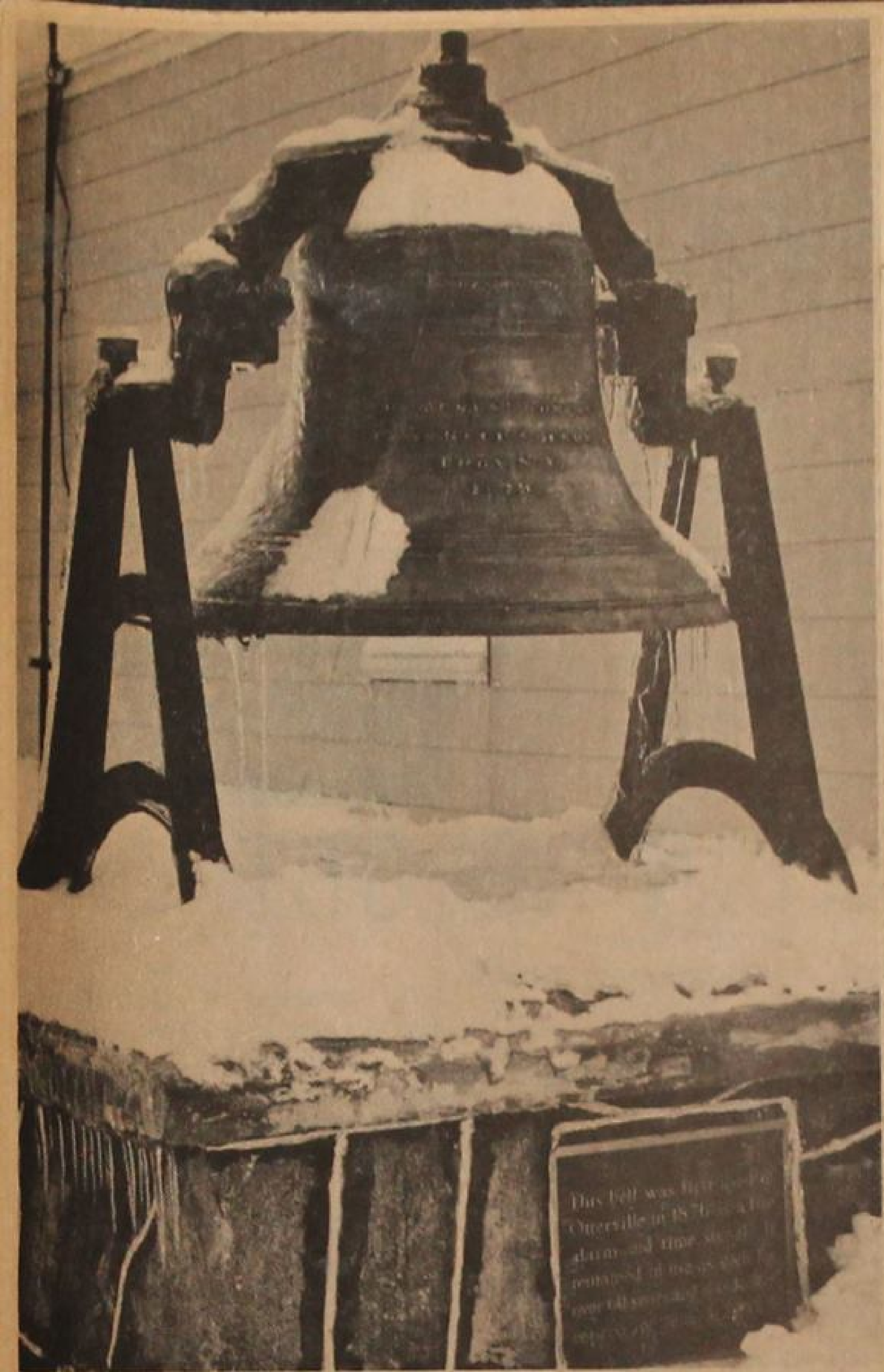
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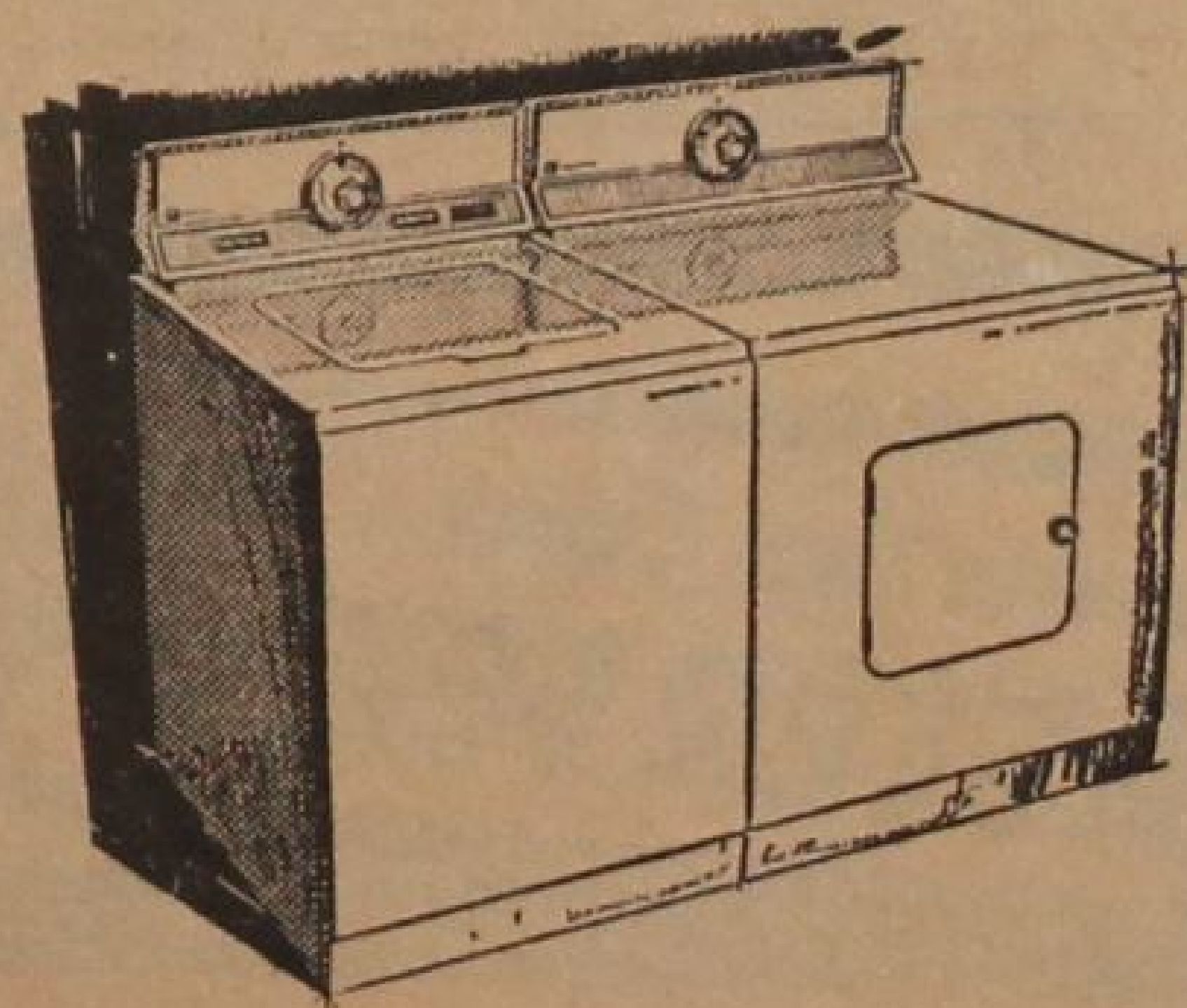
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In a joint announcement made Thursday night in Delhi, sale of the plant and assets of Pettigrew Sav-Oil Ltd., of Otterville to Powell Manufacturing Co. of Bennettsville, South Carolina, was revealed, along with extensive plans for expansion of the Otterville tobacco equipment firm.

Robert Pettigrew, manager-owner of the Sav-Oil firm, has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Canadian operation, which will be known as Powell Agri-Systems Ltd.

A new 21,000 square feet of factory space is under construction, which will be primarily used for manufacturing of bulk curing systems for tobacco. Sav-Oil products - burners, kiln vents and humidifiers - will continue to be manufactured in the old plant.

Powell president Oliver Rowe, who flew in from, Charlotteville, N.C., to be at the press conference, stated that the move was a major one for his firm, and one that had not been taken lightly. The firm has pioneered advances in bulk curing systems, and while they have been making some sales in Canada over the past eight years, it was realized that a Canadian plant was needed if the firm was going to be actively engaged in the market.

Mr. Rowe said no plans have been made to bring personnel from the United States, as adequate management and work force could be recruited here. "We will supply the technical know-how and the money," he said.

Terming the bulk curing system as a scientific improvement in preparing tobacco, Mr. Row emphasized that the firm would have a greater impact on the economy of the community than just an increase in payroll. "We are making something entirely new, not in existence before, which will continue to make wealth for the farmers by

reducing labor costs and increasing efficiency."

Robert Wilson, manager of the Powell firm, said a large tract of land had been acquired in Otterville, adjacent to the Sav-Oil plant, and that foundations were in for the new building, which it was hoped would be ready for occupancy by the end of February. Included in the new building will be a classroom in which will be conducted an educational program for farmers to

familiarize them with the new concept in curing. He said the Otterville operation payroll should triple or quadruple by March.

"What we plan to sell is a complete production system for tobacco farms," he said.

The firm also makes tobacco harvesting machines, but no plans are made to bring these to Canada at present.

Sales of bulk curing equipment will be handled

by Provost Manufacturing Sales Ltd., of Lambeth, while the Sav-Oil line will continue to be distributed from the Otterville plant.

Predictions are that bulk curing will eventually take over all flue-cured operations in Canada, with gradual elimination of the traditional method of loading kilns with tobacco tied to sticks. A three-man table gang can easily handle the tobacco harvested by six primers, it is said.

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New Fertilizer Firm To Open In Otterville

By SHIRLEY GLENDINNING

OTTERVILLE — Renovation work will start tomorrow (Thursday) on the "old shoe factory", Main Street, Otterville, to convert the building into a fertilizer manufacturing firm.

The old building has not been used for about seven years, having been used as a storage warehouse for the Tip Top Canners firm after it ceased housing the manufacturing of shoes.

Bill Van Rooy, of Waterford, told The News-Record late yesterday he had purchased the building about two months ago. His firm, to be known as "Growmor Chemicals Limited", manufacturers and distributors of agricultural chemicals will come into being officially on February 1.

Mr. Van Rooy expects the plant to be ready for production in about four weeks' time. Renovations will provide offices, heating facilities and rooms for the installation of tanks, pumps, meters and other necessary equipment for the production of liquid fertilizer.

Mr. Van Rooy praised the South Norwich Township Council officials for their excellent co-operation in helping him to establish at Otterville. He purchased about two acres of land with the building to allow for future expansion.

The Waterford man looks on Otterville as an ideal central location, with low overhead.

Initially the firm will employ about 20 men, mostly salesmen.

"Eventually we expect to have 70 to 80 men on the road", said Mr. Van Rooy. "Our goal is \$800,000 of business during the first year."

The all-Canadian firm, at the onset, will serve the counties of Norfolk, Brant, Oxford, Haldimand, Elgin and Middlesex.

"I expect about 70 per cent of my business will be with tobacco farmers", says Mr. Van Rooy. He is associated with Van Rooy Farms (tobacco and corn) and was associated with a fertilizer firm for the past five years.

He pointed out his firm would be one of the few companies in North America equipped to offer laboratory facilities for soil testing. "This testing will not only be in the major soil elements but also the minor and trace elements," he emphasized, stating that the firm would test for 12 elements.

"I feel the trend is definitely towards liquid fertilizer," said Mr. Van Rooy. "It is easier to use on crops and easier to incorporate the important minor elements in liquid than in dry fertilizers."

Our firm will also be one of only a few in North America using chemicals of food quality; for instance, phosphoric acid, which is used in beverages and jams, jellies and sugar refineries and potassium hydroxide, used in certain forms of medicine. JAN

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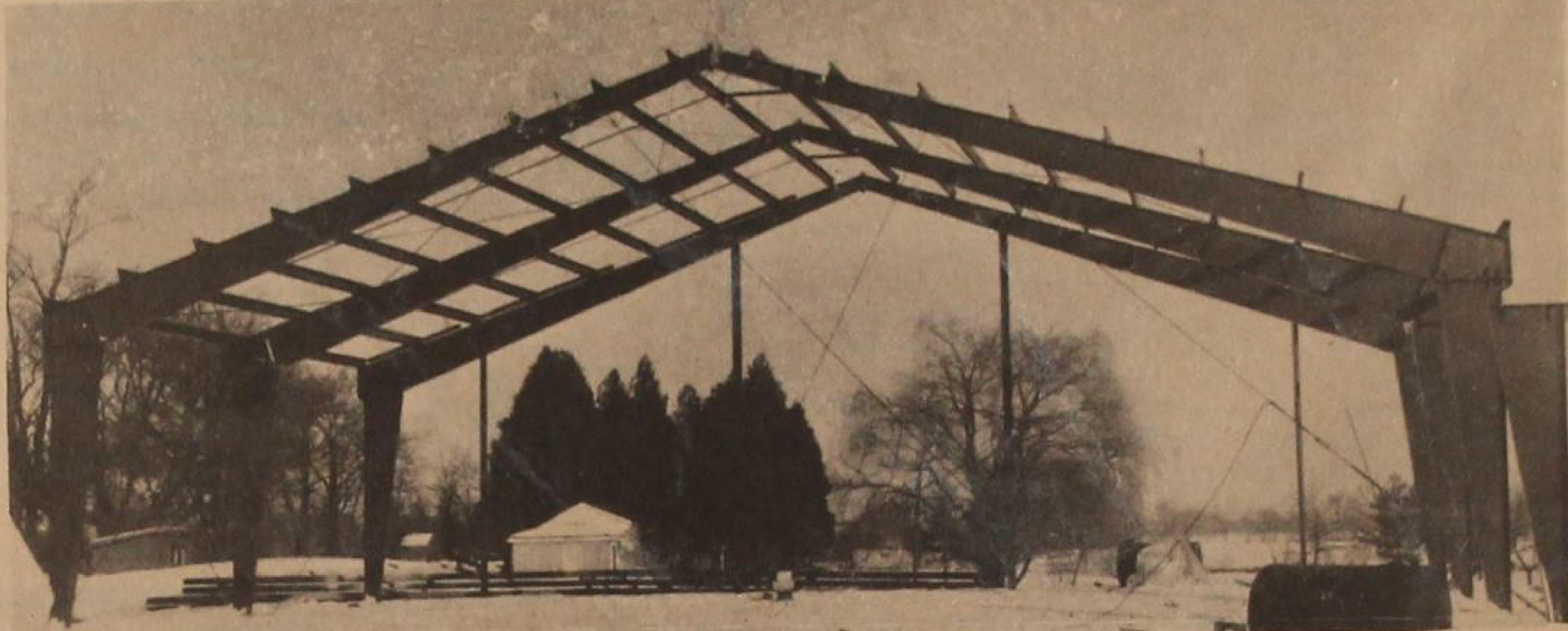
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OTTERVILLE

EXPECT 70 TO WORK AT PLANT

The Delhi News-Record, Wednesday, January 31, 1968 Page 9



By April this steel structure will be enclosed and will be the plant which houses Powell Manufacturing Company, producers of bulk curing systems for Canada. Located beside the former Sav-Oil firm in Otterville, plant labour force is expected to increase from 70 in April to 250 persons in two years' time.

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W. McMullen Gets Centennial Medal

OTTERVILLE — William McMullen Sr., Otterville, was the recent recipient of a Canada Centennial Medal for distinguished service to the nation.

Recommended by the South Norwich Township Council, for his work in setting up a South Norwich Museum, for his efforts on behalf of the Park at Otterville and community work over the years, Mr. McMullen is a native and life-long resident of Otterville.

Mr. McMullen is the proprietor of McMullen's Machine Shop. Work is done there by himself and two other employees on machines and parts for Canadian Leaf

Tobacco Company, Sav-Oil, area farmers and two construction companies. Before he established this business in 1946 Mr. McMullen was an engineer with the old Tip Top Cannery Company at Otterville.

Mr. McMullen served as a trustee for the police village of Otterville for a number of years.

As for the South Norwich Museum, located in the basement of the municipal building at Otterville, Mr. McMullen is quick to give credit to other workers who helped to set it up, including Stan Noels, Mrs. Inis Webb, Lorne Treffry and Fred Lonsbary.

Many of the items in the museum are relics from early manufacturing concerns at Otterville. Included are carpet sweepers made at the Otterville Manufacturing Company. Hand corn planters, also made at the plant which closed in 1932, are also on display. The whistle which signalled the workers at the manufacturing company is one of the most treasured souvenirs there.

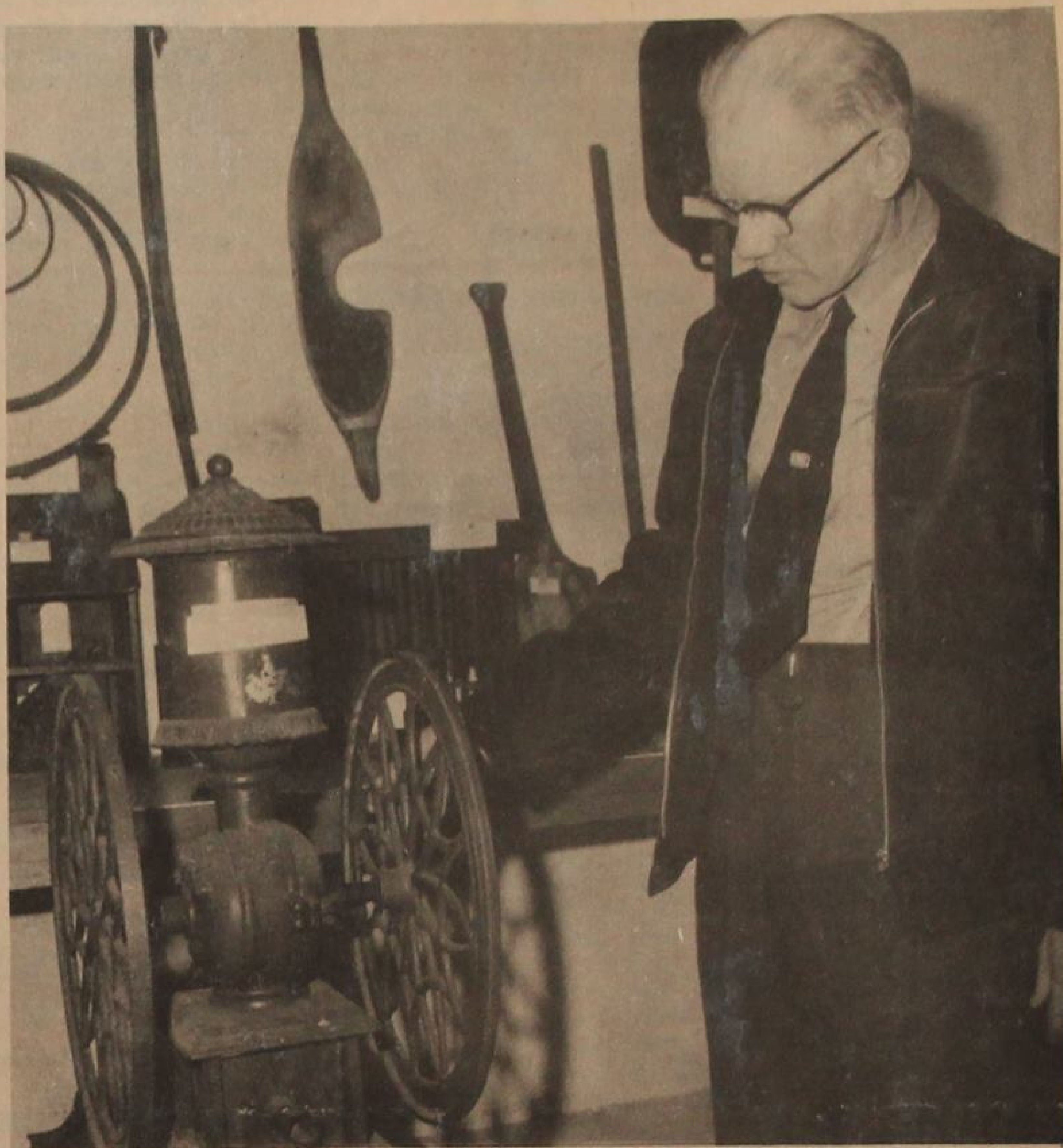
Some of the museum articles are on loan, some have been donated as outright gifts.

Amongst the antique items reflecting the heritage of South Norwich are documents and records of its beginnings. Included are handwritten ledgers of old council meetings and even records of old cattle, sheep and swine brands registered to early settlers. The registered mark of the animal owners was branded on the animals' ears. Also included is an old parlour organ, gramophone player, butter churns, candle molds, flat irons and charcoal-heated irons, stone jugs, iron kettles, coffee grinders, an old kitchen clock made in Connecticut with wooden gears.

Many are the old agricultural implements and carpenters' tools on display in the large square basement room.

Dating back to 1870 are a couple of old brass musical instruments on loan from Fred Pearce, an old trombone and a cornet with circular valves.

Mr. McMullen has also obtained old negatives of scenes from the past in Otterville and district, for instance of the old bridge of 1921 which led across the Otter Creek to the park. He has had the pictures enlarged and they are also on display at the museum.



Awarded a Canada Centennial Medal, as recommended by South Norwich Township Council, William McMullen, founder of the South Norwich Museum is seen with some of the museum articles. In the foreground is a store-used antique coffee grinder. Amongst the background items are an old wooden doll house, candle molds and a yoke for carrying water buckets. (News-Record Photo)

Buys Building At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Donald Ostrander, owner of the Otter Dairy Bar, has purchased the two storey building which was the former post office on the north side of Main St.

The building which was bought from M.L. Avey, is occupied by the barber shop, operated by Murray Cowie, on the main floor, and tenants occupy the second floor.

By Shirley Glendinning

OTTERVILLE — Otterville residents are watching with keen interest the steel skeleton now being erected on Dover Street next to the "old" Sav-Oil firm.

For by April it is anticipated that a labour force of 70 men will be required for the completed building which will house the manufacturing of bulk curing systems.

In two years' time that labour requirement is expected to swell to 250.

Excitement ran high early this month when the announcement was made that the established Otterville firm of Sav-Oil Limited, makers of kiln burners, had been sold to the Powell Manufacturing Company of Bennetsville, South Carolina. And further, that Powell intended to expand the manufacture of tobacco equipment in Canada with the

erection of a new 260 by 80 foot building for the manufacture of bulk curing systems.

The former owner-manager of Sav-Oil Robert Pettigrew has been appointed vice-president of the Canadian operation for Powell. Robert Wilson is executive vice-president and general manager of Powell here.

Although the new plant was originally intended to be finished by the end of February some weather problems have delayed completion date until March.

Complete bulk curing systems will be built at the plant.

With the buildings being prefabricated there also, the outfits will be sold as a complete unit, installed on the farm site.

In the future all materials used at Otterville will be Canadian made. At the beginning steel from Hamilton will be shipped to the United States for manufacture of component parts needed. But

this situation will change when necessary tooling has been done in Canada.

In 1967 in South Norwich Township \$327,900 value of building permits were issued. Major of these was for a \$38,000 addition to Maple Leaf Mills Limited at Springfield. The addition is the last of three sections of the building program there.

The value of residential permits issued totalled \$230,000. Some of the 13 new homes built were rural homes.

During last year two-and-a-half miles of pavement was completed at a cost of \$20,000. This year it is expected that two miles will be paved from the railroad at Hawtry, south to Concession 12. There will also be some paving in town.

A new dump truck was purchased by the township in 1967 at a cost of \$5,575. At the present tenders are out for a new half-ton truck. Last year a new fire truck with a 1,300 gallon pumper was purchased for \$7,400. A new water well, pump

house and line valued at \$4,300 were acquired, with 1,004 feet of 6 inch main laid. Proposed to be laid this year are 1,250 feet of 8-inch main and 1,000 more feet of 6-inch main.

During 1967 a new floor in the South Norwich Swimming Pool was put in by Otterville - Norwich Lions Club.

One of the highlights during centennial year was the official opening of the hand-

some new township office building at Otterville.

Soon to be opened in the village is a new building housing the Holmes and Taylor Hardware Store which was destroyed by fire in 1967.

South Norwich Township Council is headed by Reeve Stanley Gehring. William Martin is the deputy-reeve. Councillors include Stanley Palmer, Joseph Murphy and George Davis.

MRS. DENNIS KERWIN

OTTERVILLE (C) --

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Dennis Kerwin, formerly of Otterville, who passed away January 16 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, was conducted Thursday at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Tillsonburg, by Rev. Fr. A. M. Czap.

Pallbearers were Philip Kerwin, Paul Kerwin, Robert Kerwin and John McNally. Temporary entombment at St. Mary's Cemetery, interment later in St. Peter's Cemetery Newark.

Former South Norwich Clerk Dies At 70

OTTERVILLE (C) — Clerk of the township of South Norwich for 20 years, Herbert Kellett Parson died Sunday at his residence on Dover Street in Otterville.

Mr. Parson, 71, retired from his duties as township clerk due to ill health in 1966.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Parson grew tobacco for a few years just west of Otterville. A member of St. John's Anglican Church, he was the son of the late George Parson and Sophie Kellett.

Survivors include his wife, the former Pearl Mae Hall; two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Bette) Brick, Toronto, and Mrs. Lloyd (Barbara) Good, Brantford; two brothers, Rev. Ridley Parson, Detroit, and Rev. Percival Parson, Port Credit; a sister, Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) Forde, New York State; also five grandchildren.

He rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was conducted by Rev. Stanley Optigrove on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Interment was in Otter-

MRS. MARGARET KERWIN

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Margaret Kerwin, the former Margaret Segner, 97, died in St. Mary's Hospital, January 16.

Born in South Norwich Township, she was the last surviving member of the family. Two sisters and a brother predeceased her.

Following her marriage to the late Dennis Kerwin she lived in Dereham Township. Following the death of her husband she lived in Otterville.

The late Mrs. Kerwin rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, until January 18, when Requiem Mass was held at the St. Mary's Church, Tillsonburg. Service was conducted by Fr. Alex Czap. Temporary entombment was in the Parish Cemetery Tillsonburg with burial later in St. Peter's Cemetery, Newark.

Bearers were Philip Kerwin, Paul Kerwin, Robert Kerwin and John McNally.

Mrs. G. M. Downing received word that her father Dr. Sam S. N. Wynn had received a Centennial Medal in recognition of valuable service to the nation. He is a veteran newspaper editor being associated with the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association and having served as Chairman on Hospital and Health Boards.

In 1955 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Saskatchewan in recognition of his long service to the province.

MRS. MARY ESTHER
WILSON

OTTERVILLE (C)-Mrs. Mary Esther Wilson of 39 Dale St., Tillsonburg, formerly of Otterville, passed away on Sunday, January 7, 1968, in her 88th year.

The former Mary Esther Griffin, she was born at Lynedoch and later lived at Summerville.

Surviving are one son, Willard Wilson of Otterville; two daughters, Mrs. Bert (Iola) Mills of Stratfordville and Mrs. Helen Froelick of Tillsonburg; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Booth of Simcoe; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Wednesday, January 10, at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Douglas Ramsay.

Interment in Delhi Cemetery.

OTTERVILLE (C) - A tour through Radio Station C.K.O.T. in Tillsonburg was an interesting feature of the January meeting of Otterville W.I. arranged by Mrs. Laura Hooker, the convener of education and committee.

The members were met at the station by Mrs. Thelma Hyatt and introduced by Mrs. H. H. Pauli. The members enjoyed a conducted tour through the offices by Mrs. Hyatt, assisted by John Mather, Program director.

Later the members met in the studio and were given the opportunity to give their name and read a news headline over the air. Mrs. Pauli, on behalf of the Institute, presented a cup and saucer to Mrs. Hyatt and expressed appreciation to other members of the staff.

The members returned to the home of President Mrs. Ivan Leitch for the remainder of the meeting and social time.

An invitation from Summerville branch was given members to meet with them in the Community Hall, Feb. 13, to attend the short course, "Treasurers in Your Attic."

To replenish the Sunshine Cupboard at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital members were asked to bring a gift to the February meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Murray Treffry.

"Hats for You" was chosen for the short course which will be held in Woodstock March 8 and Mrs. William A. McMullen was chosen to attend.

Cash donations were made to the Canadian Save the Children Fund. The members are continuing their project to sew for the Children's Hospital in London.

Mrs. H. H. Pauli gave an interesting paper which was prepared by M. L. Avey, secretary - treasurer of Otterville and Springford schools.

The Otterville Public and Continuation School was built in 1927. First principal of the continuation school was William McDowell. On June 28, 1947, the Continuation School was closed. Melville Bectcroft was principal at that time, and the new high

school area was formed. On January 20, 1944, South Norwich School Area Board was formed with L. B. Hyde, public school inspector in the chair. Fred Furlong was chosen as the first chairman of the school area board. In 1945, the school area board bought two busses and transported continuation school students to the Continuation school in Otterville until the closing of the school.

In 1947 South Norwich School Area Board purchased three new busses at a cost of \$15,987.90 and closed No. 1 School east of Otterville, No. 2 School Milldale, No. 14 School Hawtrey, No. 8 School Summerville, No. 9 School Cornell. They transported these pupils to the first consolidated school in Otterville. At that time Boyd Little was engaged as principal. In 1953 the addition was built on the Otterville School, making the total of 10 classrooms.

The present staff are the following: Boyd Little, principal; John Julet, assistant principal; Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo, Grade 6; Mrs. Fred Cole, Grade 5; Mrs. Douglas Babbey, Grade 4 & 5; Mrs. Ross Thompson, Grade 3; Mrs. Larry Fitzsimmons, Grade 3 & 2; Mrs. John Hulet, Grade 2 & 1; and Miss Mary Anne Silverthorne, Grade 1; Mrs. Fred Kniffen, opportunity class, and Miss Kathryn Simmons, music teacher.

In 1959-60 the new school at Springford was built with six classrooms and was officially opened June 27, 1960, with Mr. Hyde as speaker.

The present teachers at Springford School are: Donald Neale, Grade 7 & 8, principal; Douglas Babbey, assistant principal, Grade 5 & 6; Mrs. Douglas Ludwig, Grades 4 & 5; Mrs. Victor Rigole, Grade 3 & 2; Mrs. William Coward, Grades 2 & 1.

Present enrollment at Otterville No. 6 is 320 and at Springford, No. 6B, 161.

The school board owns six busses, No. 2 bus route, 43 miles with 56 pupils; No. 3 bus route, 50 miles with 59 pupils; No. 4 bus route, 38 miles with 61 pupils; No. 5 bus route, 42 miles with 60

pupils; No. 6 bus route, 54 miles with 60 pupils.

In November 1967, the school board started transportation for the children in the village. No. 1 bus makes two trips with 46 pupils each trip, making a total of 92 town children, east of the bridge over the Otter Creek that get a ride to school.

Total number of children transported to school is 388, total mileage of 43,245 for one year.

A bus makes three trips per week to North Norwich School at Burgessville with Grades 7 & 8 for manual training and domestic science classes.

South Norwich School Area trustees are Harold Pearce, chairman since 1948, A. L. Rice, Irvin Gehring, Donald Pettigrew, Edward Monk.

Mrs. Leitch gave the courtesy remarks.

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held in the parish hall with the Rector, Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, presiding for the election of officers for the year 1968.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Officers elected were, Jack Freeland, rector's warden; Reginald Wavell, people's warden; Jack Riste, delegate to Synod; alternate, Reginald Wavell; board of management, Jack Riste, Mrs. Lena Young, Miss Edna Furlong, August DeWachter, and Harry Pickersgill, appointed by the rector; Arthur Picknell, Richard Saunders, Reginald Wavell, and Nate McMullen, appointed by the people; Mrs. Carl Howse, church treasurer; Reginald Wavell and Arthur Picknell, auditors; Carl Howse, Sunday School superintendent.

Posted To Embassy In Santa Domingo

OTTERVILLE (C) Felix Douma, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Douma of Otterville, has been appointed third secretary and vice-consul in the Canadian Embassy in Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic. Mr. Douma, who has been in Ottawa for the past 16 months on a training program in the Canadian Diplomatic Service, will leave for the Dominican Republic on Monday, January 29. This week-end he was in Otterville bidding farewell to his parents. Mr. Douma, who is 26 years of age, graduated from Norwich District High School in 1960.

After obtaining his honours B.A. from the University of Western Ontario, he did further studies at Massey College in the University of Toronto, where he received a Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy. He joined the Department

of External Affairs in September, 1966, after spending some months in the Netherlands from where the Douma family emigrated in 1953.



FELIX DOUMA



GEORGE A. BARRIE, JR.

The founder of the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home and a director of the Western Ontario Funeral Directors Association, George A. Barrie, Jr., of 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, January 14, 1968, in his 47th year.

He was born in Toronto, March 3, 1921.

He was a past member of the town council and of the Public Utilities Commission; a member of the Rotary Club of Tillsonburg; past president of Tri-County Credit Union; a director of the crippled children's treatment centre, London; a member of the Tillsonburg Gideon Bible Society; a veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy, World War II; and a member of First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marjorie Walther; four daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Shirley) Chubb of Ottawa; Marlene Barrie; Sylvia Barrie and Elisabeth Barrie, all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Barrie, Sr., of Tillsonburg; two sisters, Mrs. Parke (Eva) Huffman of Detroit and Mrs. Erwin (Muriel) Nase of Washington, D.C.; and one brother, Dr. R. E. Robins of Vancouver, B.C. One brother, Joe Barrie, predeceased him January 21, 1967.

Resting at the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home until Wednesday noon, thence to First Baptist Church, where service will be held at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. James Taylor, assisted by Rev. Lambert Baptist.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Buy Beaver Building

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TILSONBURG

Andy Balazs, operating as Balazs Enterprises Ltd., informed The News today that he has purchased the Beaver Building at the corner of Harvey and Foundry Streets from Roy C. Crandall for an undisclosed sum.

Plans for use of the building are not complete, but Mr. Balazs said the front of the main floor will be converted into commercial property, while other portions of the building may house industrial enterprises and stor-

age facilities.

The building for many years housed a foundry and general machine shop plant. R. C. Crandall first, started in the business in 1919, bought a half-interest in 1921, and acquired full control in 1930. It continued to operate until 1952 when the foundry was shut down.

FLETCHER H. BRADBURN

A piano teacher and organist at Avondale United Church, Fletcher H. Bradburn of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 2, 1968, in his 57th year.

Born at Delmer May 22, 1911, he was a son of the late Charles Bradburn and Rachel Fletcher.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. William R. (Mary Ellen) Crawford of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg; and two brothers, Leslie Minshall of Biggar, Sask., and Ray Minshall of Woodstock.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Friday, January 5, 1968, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church.

A Legion service was held at the Funeral Home Thursday evening at 8 o'clock by Branch 153, the Royal Canadian Legion.

Interment in Delmer Cemetery.

Homer Ernest Smiley

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for a former well-known merchant of Otterville, Homer Ernest Smiley, who passed away on Saturday, February 10, 1968, at Wentworth Lodge, Dundas, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Monday, February 12, conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist. Among the floral tributes were donations to the Heart Fund and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were David Kenney, Nate McMullen, Harold Durkee, Kenneth Maloney, Clarence Tichbourne and Arthur Moore.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

John Cole

OTTERVILLE (C) - John (Jeru) Cole, 81, formerly of Otterville, died Sunday in the Brantford General Hospital. He was born in Round Plains, Norfolk County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cole, and had farmed at Little Lake previous to being employed at Tip Top Cannery in Otterville for 38 years, retiring in 1961. Mr. Cole had been a resident in Brantford for the past five years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Allan (Alice) Davies of Brantford; three brothers, William Cole of Norwich, Lou Cole of Woodstock and Andrew Cole of Waterford; four sisters, Mrs. May Swift of Kelvin, Mrs. Nina Graves of Brantford, Mrs. Rose Barnard of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Gladys Ritenburg of Norwich; and one granddaughter.

His wife, the former Rita May Brooks, and one daughter, Viola, predeceased him.

Mr. Cole rested at the Hill and Robinson Funeral Home until Wednesday for service in the chapel at 2 p.m. Interment in the Vanessa Cemetery, with Rev. Arthur Hirtle of Immanuel Baptist Church officiating.

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Mrs. John Anderson

Mrs. John Anderson of Faith Haven Nursing Home, Ingersoll, passed away on Monday, March 11, 1968, in her 83rd year.

She was the former Helena Durkee.

Born at Otterville, she was a daughter of the late Melbourne Durkee and Margaret Furlong. She lived for many years in Chicago and Florida. Following her retirement as switchboard operator in Illinois, she was a member of the Illinois Bell Pioneers. She was also a member of the Senior Citizens in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Twice married, her first husband, Harry McBride, predeceased her in 1953 and her second husband, John Anderson, in 1966.

Surviving are one son, Harold Durkee of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Edna Pearce of Otterville; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

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Threatens police, kills self

By BOB JONES
of The Free Press

OTTERVILLE — An Otterville man shot himself in the head Sunday night after threatening his wife and a police officer who tried in vain

to talk him into giving himself up.

Jack D. Vance, 45, police said, pointed a .22 revolver at the police officer and at himself alternately for about 25

minutes before killing himself in his bedroom.

The policeman who risked his life was provincial Constable B. K. Hickey of the Tillsonburg detachment.

This account was given.

Arthur Moore, a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Vance, phoned OPP at Tillsonburg to report a shooting at the Vance house, and that Mr. Vance had barricaded himself in an upstairs bedroom.

Constable Hickey, knowing Mr. Vance as a friend for about a year, telephoned Mr. Vance first.

There was no answer.

Constable Hickey radioed for assistance and called for a tear gas squad from the London OPP detachment.

Then he went into the house.

Mrs. Vance was at the Moore house.

Police said she had been in the sunporch and that a bullet had been fired into the sunporch floor.

Constable Hickey picked his way up the stairs and headed for the bedroom.

He walked in and saw Mr. Vance lying on the bed holding a revolver at his head.

He wouldn't put it down, and pointed it at the officer.

Constable Hickey talked to the man for about 25 minutes before he was ordered out of the room.

As the constable got outside he heard a shot.

Meanwhile, other OPP officers had arrived from Tillsonburg and Port Burwell.

The tear gas squad from London had just left for Otterville when they were recalled by radio.

Det-Sgt. Dennis Alsop said an autopsy was held yesterday and exhibits have been sent to the Centre of Forensic Science at Toronto.

Det. Alsop said an inquest will be held.

Mr. Vance, formerly of Tillsonburg, is survived by his wife, the former Norma Cromrie; brothers, William G., J. Weldon and Bruce A. Vance, all of Tillsonburg; sister, Mrs. R. D. (Jean) Graham, of Madoc.

Service will be held at 2 p.m. today at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral home, Tillsonburg. Burial will be in Tillsonburg Cemetery.



Extensive changes to the front and interior of the Beaver Building on Harvey and Foundry Sts. are underway. Recently purchased by Andy Balazs from R. C. Crandall, the former foundry building will soon house a large new Canadian Tire Store, to be operated by James White. The Canadian Tire operation will occupy the entire ground floor, with about 5,000 square feet devoted to sales rooms and the remainder to stock rooms and storage. The house immediately south of the building, formerly owned by Alice Kite, will be torn down and a private parking lot made. Immediately to its rear, a four-bay garage will be built as a service depot for Canadian Tire. Available for rent will be 6,000 square feet of office space on the second floor and a large area for storage and warehousing.

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MADELAINE

On Saturday, March 2, 1968, wedding vows were exchanged between Terry Darlene Vitias, daughter of Mr. Jack Vitias of Norwich and the late Mrs. Pansy Vitias, and Ronald Lloyd Oatman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Oatman of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg.

The bride was lovely in a floor-length gown of satin with an overdress of chantilly lace. The gown was accented with a chapel train attached at the neck, and an elbow-length veil with a crown of seed pearls and aurora borealis. The bride carried a white Bible covered with pink sweetheart roses, white carnations and long English ivy.

Maid of honor was Miss Rose Marie Oatman, sister of the groom. She wore a floor-length dress of yellow chiffon and carried a bouquet of white pom poms and yellow roses with white streamers. Junior bridesmaid was Miss Janet Sivyer, cousin of the bride. She wore a floor-length dress of blue satin and carried a bouquet of pink roses and white pom poms with white streamers. Miss Beth Sivyer, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a floor-length dress of pink satin, and carried a basket of pink and white flowers. Best man was Mr. Jay Durkee of Otterville, friend of the groom. Usher was Mr. Edward Vitias, brother of the bride, and ring-bearer was Master James Oatman, brother of the groom.

Reverend Stanley Uptigrove officiated at the wedding.

Mrs. Mary J. Prong

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Edward Prong of R.R. 2, Port Burwell, who passed away on March 20, 1968, was held at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on Friday, March 22, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Roy Dungey of Trinity Anglican Church, Port Burwell.

Pallbearers were Lloyd Jackson, Joe Butcher, Russell Butcher, Charles McCord, Robert Matthews and Murray Scanlon.

Interment in Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Port Burwell.



Oatman-Vitias

Mrs. Josephine Prong

Mrs. Josephine Prong of R. R. 2, Port Burwell, passed away at Lakeside Nursing Home, Port Burwell, on Wednesday, March 20, 1968, in her 95th year.

Born in Houghton Township, December 30, 1873, she was a daughter of the late Samuel Beckett and Agnes Brady. Her husband, Edward Prong, predeceased her January 26, 1939.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Gladys) Bartram of Tillsonburg; two sons, Norris Prong of R. R. 2, Port Burwell, and Roy Prong of Forestville; three grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home Tillsonburg, where service will be held Friday, March 22, at 2 p.m.

conducted by Rev. Roy Dungey of Trinity Anglican Church, Port Burwell.

Interment in Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Port Burwell.

Four area firms given expansion loans

MARCH 1968

By NORM IBSEN
of The Free Press

TORONTO—Four Western Ontario industries have been granted loans totalling \$865,000 by the provincial government's Ontario Development Corporation to help finance expansion programs and create new jobs, including 180 in Otterville.

Three of the loans are interest-free and forgivable, under the province's equalization-of-industrial - opportunity program announced by Premier Robarts during last fall's election campaign.

The fourth loan—of \$250,000—will facilitate the rebuilding of Strathroy Flour Mills Ltd., mill which was destroyed by fire last September. Cost of replacing the mill and equipment is estimated at \$625,000.

The Strathroy loan will be an ordinary interest-carrying ODC loan.

The department of economics and development estimates that 239 jobs will eventually be created in Wingham, Walkerton and Otterville as a result of expansion and modernization programs to be financed by forgivable loans to three companies.

The companies are Western Foundry Co. Ltd. in Wingham—where the department said 77 jobs would be jeopardized if the company didn't get financing to help it expand and improve its competitive position—Union Carbide Canada Ltd. in Walkerton and Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. in Otterville.

Largest loan—\$396,000—will go to the Otterville company, which produces tobacco kilns and curing equipment. Of the total, \$246,658 will be interest-free and forgivable and the remainder will be loaned at ODC's current eight per cent rate.

The money will be used to modernize production facilities and the department estimated that 50 new jobs would result as soon as the program is completed and another 130 would become available as the

plant builds up to maximum capacity over a three or four-year period. The Otterville company now employs only 20.

Western Foundry in Wingham will get \$89,521 toward a \$289,000 expansion program. The company manufactures oil-fired and warm air furnaces, sheet metal and boiler parts.

A factory addition will be built this summer and a foundry addition is expected to be completed in April, 1969. The department of economics and development said 29 jobs would be added to the present work force of 77 over a five-year period.

A \$129,083 interest-free loan has been approved for Union Carbide in Walkerton to help finance a plant expansion as part of a production boosting program the government said will cost more than \$500,000. The department said the company plans to spend \$394,000 on new equipment over the next two years.

Union Carbide produces dry batteries. The expansion is expected to create 30 new jobs.

Economics Minister Randall said demand for the company's batteries has outstripped production capacity and there are also prospects for exports to Europe.

Strathroy Flour Mills also anticipates higher export sales when its mill is reconstructed,

because the capacity of the new mill will be 55 per cent greater than it was before the September fire. About 20 per cent of its pre-fire production was exported.

The department pointed out that the new mill will restore an annual cash market for 360,000 bushels of wheat to about 400 farmers within a 10-mile radius of Strathroy.

The equalization-of-industrial - opportunity program—the slogan applied to it by the government—is designed to stimulate industrial development and expansion and to strengthen the job market outside the main urban centres of Ontario.



The Kinette Club's Spring Fashion Show will be held Tuesday evening March 19, at 8 p.m. at Annandale High School auditorium. Shown above modelling some of the fashions are, top left to right, Theresa Boka from Queen's Ladies Wear; Doreen Howse and little Kim Elliott from Walkers; Rachelle Parker from Judy's; bottom, Colleen Dulong, Vera Corbett and Leona Rachar from Heath's; and Mary Stephenson, Lenora Hilliker and Betty Simonics from Lady Anne.

MARCH



The 65th annual meeting of the South Oxford District Women's Institute was held at Norwich United Church on Wednesday. Those elected to serve as district officers were, from left to right, front row, Mrs. F. Shelton, Woodstock, president; Mrs. B. Somers, R. R. 1, Salford, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. William Dawson, curator, Tillsonburg; (back row) Mrs. William Wallace, R. R. 1, Ingersoll, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Otterville, Federated representative; Mrs. Robert Pettman, Ostrander public relations officer, Mrs. Leonard Caffyn, Ingersoll, immediate past president, and Mrs. Mervin Hicks, Ostrander, 1st vice-president. Inserted above is Mrs. Owen Hawkins of Brownsville, 3rd vice-president.

Violet Lodge Visits Brampton

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, accompanied by Lodge members from Tillsonburg, Norwich and Delhi numbering 42, were guests at Floral Rebekah Lodge, Brampton, on Monday night when Mrs. Elmer Smith, Noble Grand of Violet Rebekah Lodge, was presented with a gift as a memento of the visit there. Mrs. Ben Strudwick, captain of the degree team, conferred the degree on two candidates from the local lodge and on one candidate at Brampton. Mrs. Ronald Collver was the soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Norman McClintok. Another guest at the meeting was the Grand Master of Toronto Lodge.

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Otterville Anglican

OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. Stanley Uptigrove was in charge of the Easter Holy Communion service at St. John's Anglican church. The message was based on "Easter." Jack Riste sang a solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Pots of flowers were placed in the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Leith Howse, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Sam Harris, William Walter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pavely, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pickersgill, David Furlong, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Alma Deveney, by their families. Flowers were also placed in the church for St. John's Anglican Church and for former members.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Miss Edna Furlong attended the funeral service on Tuesday for the late Rev. L. H. Crawford, a former rector of St. John's, Anglican Church, Otterville Holy Trinity, Anglican Church Norwich, and St. Charles, Dereham. Mrs. Beverley Monk and Mrs. Evelyn Grimmett of St. Charles accompanied them.

Mrs. Opal Speirn and Mr. Jack Aldrich of Port Stanley visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, and daughter, Catharine.

APRIL

Miss Ivy Pennington was an honoured birthday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Jordan in Springford last week. Others from Otterville attending the happy occasion were Mrs. R. M. Holmes, Mrs. Winnie Davis, Mrs. Edna Davis and Miss Gladys Nobbs.

APRIL

Mrs. Frederick Avey

Mrs. Frederick Avey of 9 Elgin St. W., Norwich, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, April 30, 1968, in her 76th year.

The former Ethel Pearl Wade, she was born in North Norwich Township, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wade. She lived in the Norwich area all her life, and was a member of Norwich United Church and the Golden Age Club.

Her husband predeceased her in 1959.

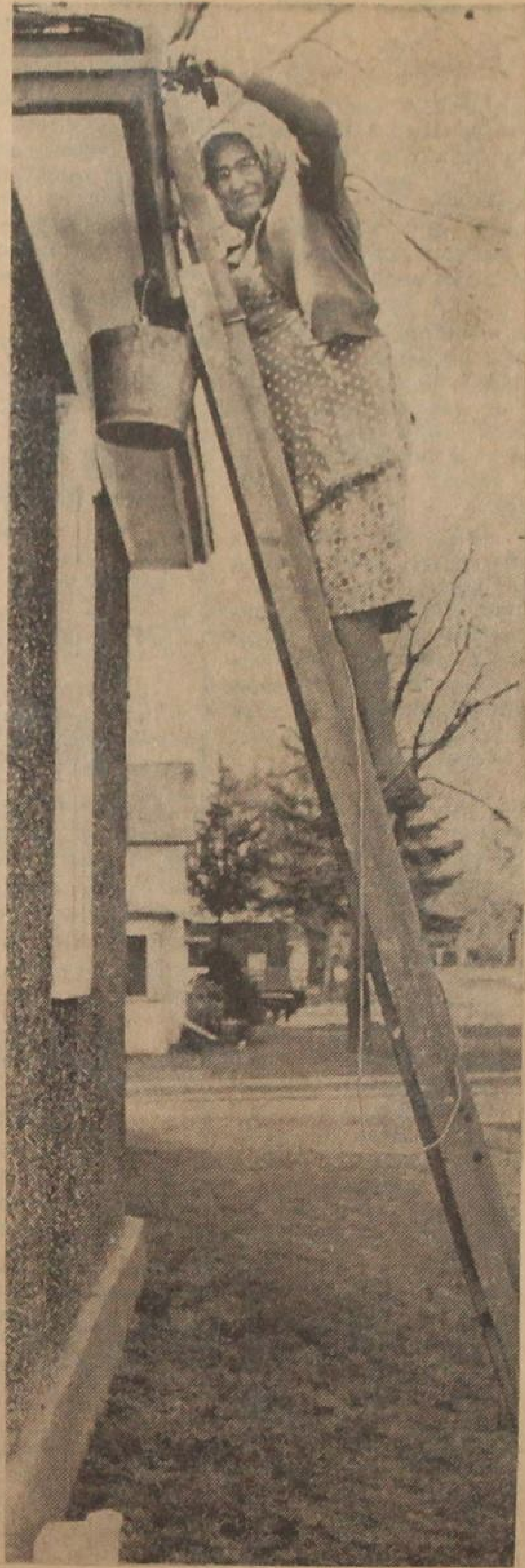
Surviving are nieces, Mrs. John (Jean) Kikut of Woodstock, Mrs. Bruno (Joyce) Naumanis of Milwaukee; and nephews, Hilton Wade of Chesley and Glenford Wade of Woodstock.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich, where service will be held Friday, May 3, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Elgin Rintoul of Norwich United Church.

Interment in Norwich

*On
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to do . . .*

This Mount Elgin district Mennonite protected himself from the early morning chill earlier this week on his way to market and was one of the first patrons. Nate McMullen, of Otterville, used some of his time to roto-till his vegetable garden bed in his backyard. Mrs. Margaret Nagy, of 60 King St., Tillsonburg, proved she doesn't have any fear of heights. She used an extension ladder to clean the eavetroughs of her home.





Leonard A. Carley

OTTERVILLE (C) - Leonard Albert Carley, a resident of Albright Manor, Beamsville, passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 14, 1968, at Hotel Dieu Hospital, St. Catharines, in his 79th year.

Born at Barrie, Mr. Carley became affiliated with the Trader's Bank, later to become the Royal Bank of Canada, in Windsor in 1906. At the age of 22, he became the youngest bank manager in Western Canada, serving in Edmonton and Lethbridge and several places in Saskatchewan. Mr. Carley came to Ontario in 1929 and managed banks in Otterville and Winona, retiring in 1944. He was a member of the United Church. While in Western Canada, he was a member of the Scottish Rite.

He was an early resident of Albright Manor and was chairman of the resident's board.

His wife, Ina Irene Carley, predeceased him in 1964.

Surviving are one son, Kirke Carley of Sarnia; two daughters, Mrs. Angus M. (Grace) Adams of Vineland and Mrs. W. H. (Eleanor) Hall of Kitchener; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral service was

conducted Wednesday, April 17, at Tallman Funeral Chapel, Vineland, with burial in Fifty United Church Cemetery, Winona.



Shown with the propane units being installed in the new bulk curing equipment being manufactured at Powell Agri-System Manufacturing Company in Otterville are Larry Gilbert, Art Witherup, and James Erwin, a control engineer with the company.

New Otterville Plant Now in Production

Powell Agri-Systems, a Canadian subsidiary of Powell Manufacturing Company in Bennettsville, South Carolina, located at Otterville, began active productions of the new bulk curing systems on April 4.

The sale of the plant and assets of the Pettigrew Sav-Oil Limited to the Powell organization was revealed, along with extensive plans for expansion for the Otterville tobacco equipment firm, in January.

The new 21,000 square foot factory space, which is being constructed at the site, is now near enough completion to facilitate the beginning of production.

Powell president Oliver

Rowe has stated that the establishment of the Otterville industry was a major move on the part of his company and that it should not be taken lightly.

The firm has been a pioneer in the development of the bulk curing systems. While they have been making some Canadian sales over the past eight years, the International firm came to realize that a Canadian plant was needed if the firm was going to actively compete in our market.

The Otterville hopes to eventually produce bulk curing units, including the furnaces, on a large scale.

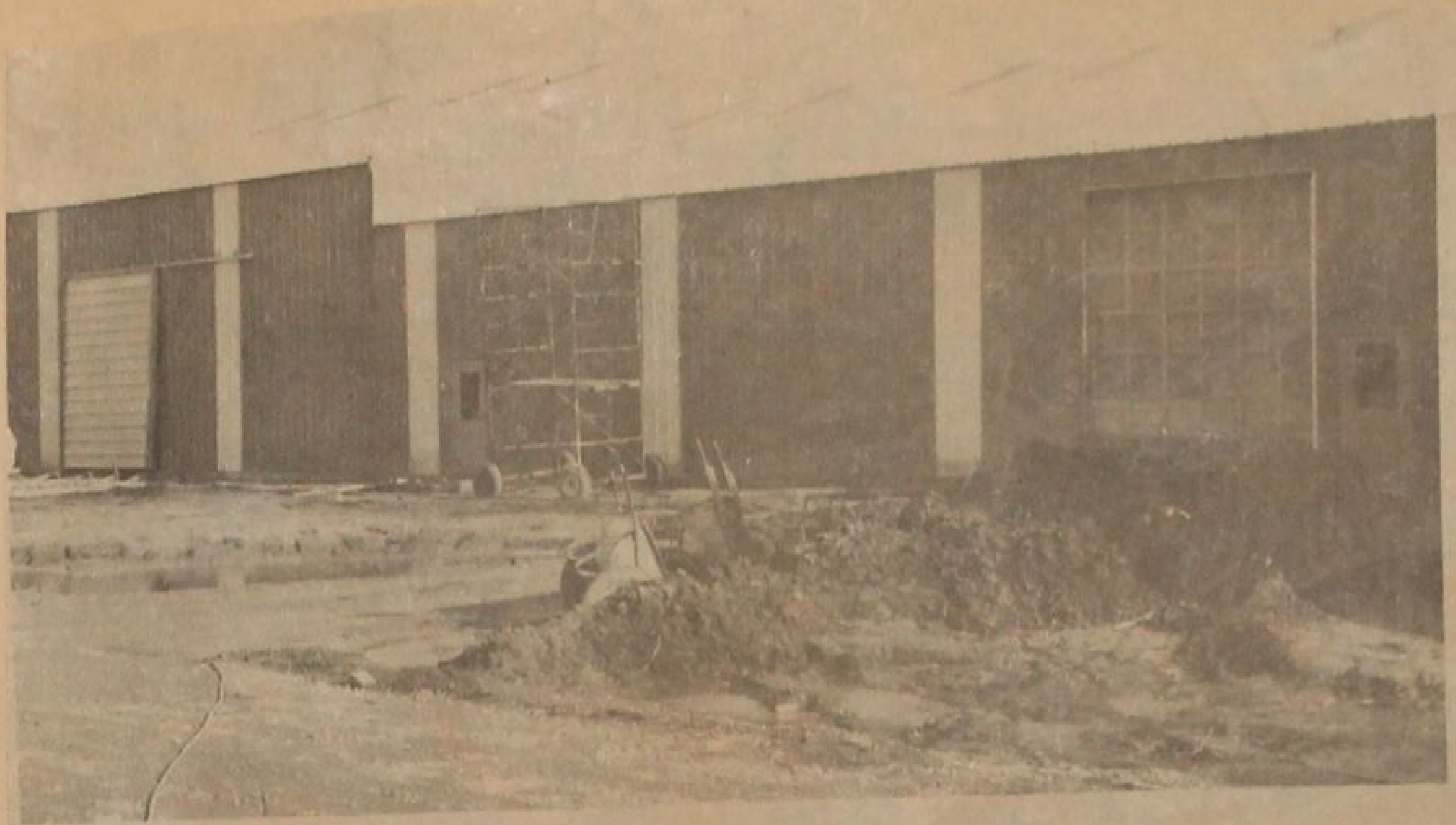
The firm will also continue to produce the

original line manufactured by the Sav-Oil people, including gas and oil humidifiers, curing systems, kiln vents, etc.

The Powell company also expects to produce a tobacco combine which is designed to remove the ripe tobacco leaves mechanically and to rack them for bulk curing. The machine will operate at a speed of

two to three miles per hour and has a two-man crew.





The new Powell Agri - Systems Company manufacturing plant at Otterville is nearing completion and the production of bulk curing systems has already begun inside. The official opening of the plant is expected to be scheduled during July.



Ed Arthur -
the diversified farmer.

ED ARTHUR -- 'Diversified Farmer'

When Ed Arthur of Otterville bought an old standard bred mare foal by side, for \$150 in 1943, little did he realize the tremendous effect that purchase was going to have on his future life.

Prior to that time Ed had been a tobacco farmer since 1931, and before that operated his own trucking business.

That "foal by side" turned out to be one of the better race mares of her day, Dillion Flicka by name. She took a mark of 2:06 and in winning free-for-all events amassed lifetime earnings of \$29,000. By today's standards, many horses make that much money in one year, but this was in the days of \$200 - \$500 purses with only 40% going to the winner.

Today Ed Arthur has one of the most respected standard bred racing stables in Ontario. In a week or 10 days he will be shipping 17 head to Greenwood Raceway in Toronto to take part in the summer's racing on the "Golden Horseshoe" circuit, with tracks at Toronto, St. Catharines and Campbellville. He has campaigned in Ontario for only the past three years, for 18 years previous to that spending the racing season at Buffalo, Batavia, Vernon Downs and Saratoga Raceway. Racing standards and purses in Ontario now, however, are fairly well on a par with the American tracks.

Ed claims he is still basically a tobacco farmer. His wife and constant companion, Annie, disagreed.

"Well then you can say that I'm at least a "diversified tobacco farmer," retaliated Ed.

Actually the Arthurs have three farms and although they are operated by growers, Ed keeps a fairly close watch on the operation and can often be

seen around the warehouse to accept or reject bids. He was one of the early ones in the business, growing his first crop in 1931.

But back to the horses it's a subject that Ed would rather talk about.

The first mare that Ed bought, Jean Argot by name, turned out to be quite a mare. She had six colts in all that went to the races. In addition to Dillion Flicka, her first, she was the dam of Ensign Dillion, 2:00.3, Flicka's Ensign 2:03, Dilly Pence 2:06, and three with lesser records.

What are the best horses ever to race under the Arthur banner? That question didn't need much consideration: "Ensign Dillion, Keen Freight, and Kwik Kat."

Ensign Dillion was bred and raised by Ed, and was one of the toughest race horses he ever drew a line over. He is still owned by Ed, is now 14 years old, and is standing in the stud.

The other two, Keen Freight and Kwik Kat, were purchased by Ed, at the annual Harrisburg Sales and turned into real bearcats on the Golden Horseshoe Circuit. Keen was named the three-year-old pacer of the year on the Circuit, in 1965 with winnings of some \$20,000 for that year. The Kat was runner up for the aged horse division the same year with earnings of some \$17,000.

The following spring, however, within a month, both horses broke bones. Keen Freight's racing days were over. Kwik Kat's break healed sufficiently that Ed raced him sparingly last season and hopes to again this year, but the injury did sap considerable of his potential.

But Ed, like most horsemen, is optimistic. And not without reason, perhaps. This year he has a couple coming on that will definitely be heard from.

He has Non Stop, owned by the Tored Stable of Tillsonburg and Otterville, and Right Dillion, owned by nephew Doug Arthur, both entered in the \$33,000 Grattan Bars stakes at Montreal in May. In addition he has several other good looking young prospects that promise to be in the winner's circle their fair share in 1968.

Any thoughts of retiring? "Well it might be alright, but I can't afford to for a few years yet," claims Ed.

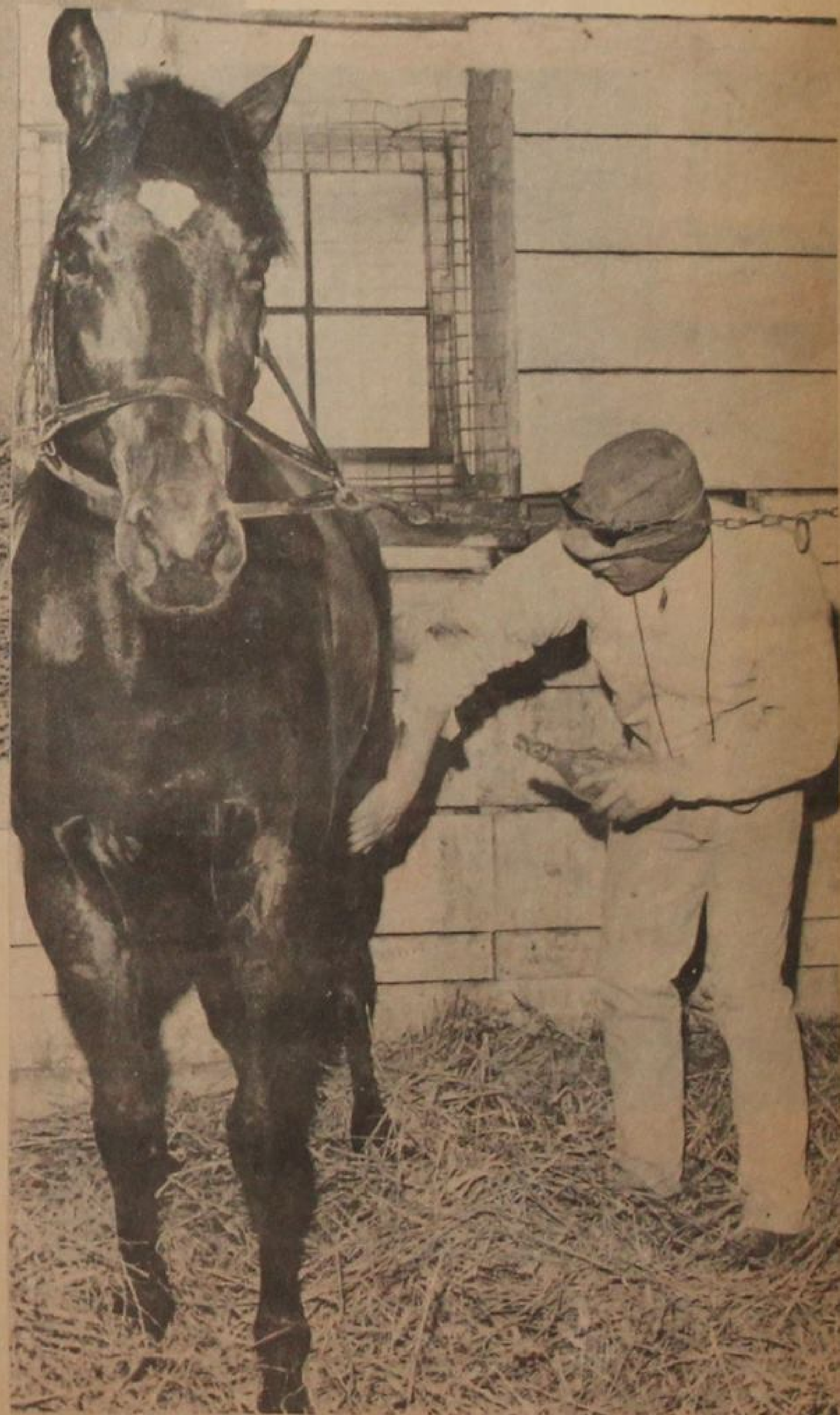
His nephew, youthful Doug Arthur, is taking first trainer responsibilities with the stable and last season drove his first races. An O.A.C. graduate, Doug will likely be teaming even more horses in the not too distant future.

Even with a busy schedule, Ed Arthur still finds some spare time. He has served on the village of Otterville council for 10 years; had been 35 years an Odd Fellow; is a director of the Canadian Trotting Association; is an active member of the Otterville United Church, and even finds time to curl a couple of times a week.

One could go on and tell many tales about the "diversified farmer" from Otterville. He has had some unique experiences packed into his busy life. An aged Indian lady from down in the Niagara peninsula, who goes to the races occasionally and who knits socks for Ed because she likes him, summed it up nicely in conversation a couple of years ago; "He a good man and he's honest."



Blue Blazes - property of the Golden Leaf Syndicate.



A rubdown with alcohol for Right Dillon

ED ARTHUR'S

RACING STABLES



An interior view of the Arthur training centre.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Maude Hussey of Guelph is holidaying at the home of Miss Vera Welsh.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Avey attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Bonnie Jean Avey, who was united in marriage to Patrick Nixon. The wedding took place in Trinity United Church, Cobourg, and the reception was held in the I. O. O. F. hall at Cobourg and was attended by 150 guests.

James McMurchy and Donald Rooke co-partners who purchased the Rexall Drug Store from Glenn McEwen several months ago, have opened for business in all lines of electrical appliances and also a repair service centre. The owners also take care of repair work out of town. *May 1968*

Kendrick Downing was among the Graduates at Convocation Hall at the University of Western Ontario with Bachelor or Arts Degree.

Mrs. Olive May of Hartley Whitney, England has returned to her home after spending three weeks with her daughter Mrs. Allan Jardine, Mr. Jardine and family.



The bride's table was decorated with white and blue floral decorations and the guests' tables with blue sprayed carnations.

The bride's mother wore a street-length, white brocade dress with matching hat, off-white accessories, a silver mink stole, and an orchid wrist corsage.

The groom's mother wore a street-length water-blue shantung sheath dress and coat ensemble with matching accessories. She had a yellow orchid wrist corsage.

For the wedding trip to the Northern New England states, the bride chose a rich yellow swiss brocade sheath dress, with matching coat, long sleeves and tailored lapels with beige accessories. Her corsage was of burnt-orange roses.

The couple is at home at 850 Kipps Lane, London.

The bride gave Italian leather compacts to her attendants, and a cultured pearl necklace to the flower girl. The groom gave his attendants, cigarette lighters.

Out-of-town guests were from London, Ottawa, Toronto, Aurora, Kitchener, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Lambeth, Brantford and Paris.

Prior to the wedding the bride was honoured at miscellaneous showers in London, given by Miss Mary Ann McMahon, Miss Madeleine Rebry, and Miss Ann Fisher. Employees of Bell Telephone also presented her with a gift.

Mrs. Ted McElhone, Otterville, held a surprise shower for the bride.

The bridegroom was presented with a gift from the staff of Ernst and Ernst, London. The bridegroom was also entertained at a stag party given by Ted McElhone and Allan Scott at Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman Scott entertained the wedding rehearsal party.

The flower girl was Miss Terri Scott, St. Mary's, niece of the groom.

The maids' gowns were of floor-length crystal royal blue peau de soie. The A-line skirt was loose in back with an inverted pleat and martingale belt. The bell shaped elbow sleeves were trimmed with tiny pearls.

White baby carnations sprayed a light blue were placed separately as the headdress. They carried a cascade of pom pom mums sprayed blue with white sweetheart roses.

Best man for his brother was Allan Scott, Otterville. Other gentlemen attendants were James McNamara and Ted McElhone, and ring-bearer, Master Bill Scott, St. Mary's, a nephew of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception for 400 was held at the Delhi Hungarian Hall.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Ted Young, Cooksville, was the matron of honor. Other maids were Miss Mary Ann McMahon, London and Miss Madeleine Rebry, Glen Meyer, both friends of the bride.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garner Scott (Photo by Rose-Le)

SCOTT - McNAMARA

Our Lady of LaSalette Church, LaSalette, was decorated with potted mums and ferns for the marriage of Ann Marie McNamara and Joseph Garner Scott. Rev. Father G. F. Childs officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell McNamara, R.R. 1, Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. Carman Scott, Otterville, are the parents of the groom.

"Ave Maria", "On This Day O Beautiful Mother", and "The Lord's Prayer", were sung by soloist Mrs. Ellis Scott, St. Mary's, and played by organist Mrs. William McMullen, Otterville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white silk organza over peau de faille. The gently controlled A-line skirt and the entire bodice were strewn with the most delicate French Alencon lace. The bodice was highlighted by a large portrait collar, empire waist and long sheath sleeves belled at the wrist and touched with a bow.

A cathedral-length pure silk illusion veil was caught up by an orchid headpiece touched with shimmering crystals. Attention was focused on the flowing "cage" train cascading at the back from the neckline in chapel-length.

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C.M. Hillikers Wed 20 Years

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hilliker were honored at a reception held at the home of their son, Bill Hilliker, at 42 Lisgar Ave., on Sunday, May 5, on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary.

Hostesses were Mrs. Bill Hilliker and Mrs. Don Treffry, who invited guests into the dining room. The tea table was attractive with a hand-crocheted table cloth, candles and a floral arrangement. Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. N. D. McLeod and Mrs. C. E. Nobbs; in the evening, Mrs. Harry Lee and Mrs. Wallace Ball. Waitresses were Mrs. Harold Dean, Mrs. Max

Rohrer, Mrs. Pat McCready, Mrs. Bruce Lounsbury, Mrs. Gordon Cramer and Miss Andrena Collver.

Attending the door were Mr. Bill Hilliker, Mr. Max Rohrer and Mr. George Treffry. Grandchildren, Miss Laurie Hilliker, Brian Hilliker and Dess McCready, were in charge of the register.

The honorees were recipient of many cards, gifts and flowers. One hundred and fifty guests were present from St. Marys, Belmont, Drumbo, Woodstock, Preston and Otterville, and other points.

Innes-Vansickle

OTTERVILLE (C)

Otterville United Church was the setting on Saturday, May 18, 1968, at 2 p.m. for the wedding of Ellen Marie Vansickle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vansickle of Otterville, and James William Innes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Innes of Otterville. Rev. Douglas Ramsay officiated. Mrs. William McMullen, Jr., of Otterville, played traditional wedding music during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length, white rayon gown, featuring a lace bodice, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and lily of the valley.

Maid of honor was May Innes, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Valier Cowlle, cousin of the bride, Patricia Slaght, and Donna Vansickle, sister of the bride. Miss Innes and Miss Slaght wore street length, blue, cotton dresses. Miss Cowlle wore street-length blue chiffon over taffeta, and Miss Vansickle wore a street-length blue satin dress. They all carried bouquets of pink carnations.

Flower girl was Patricia Scott of R.R. 4, Thorndale, cousin of the groom. She wore a white lace over blue satin dress, white flowers in her hair, and carried pink carnations.

Best man was Robert Innes, brother of the groom. Ushers were Donald Innes, Henry Innes, brothers of the groom, and Arthur Venner, cousin of the groom.

Reception for 75 guests was held in the United Church parlour. Waitresses were friends of the bride.

Bride's mother received guests in a bluish green, satin, street-length dress, worn with a corsage of white carnations and yellow roses. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a street-length blue, crepe dress, worn with a corsage of white carnations and pink roses.

Bride's gifts to her

attendants were charm bracelets. Groom's gifts were cufflinks and tie tacks.

For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride chose a red crepe dress, worn with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Guests were present from Otterville, Toronto, Aylmer, Norwich, Woodstock, London, Thorndale, Tillsonburg, Salford and St. Catharines.

Mr. and Mrs. Innes will reside at 16C Francis St., Tillsonburg.

1968 Annual Lodge Service

The annual Tecumseh I. O. O. F. and Violet Rebekah Lodges worship service was held in St. John's Anglican Church Sunday evening. Members of the lodges accompanied by a number of Cantons marched from the lodge rooms to the church led by a musical band.

Rector Stanley Uptigrove was in charge of the service. The form of service was the Order for Evening Prayer.

Lay Reader Jack Riste read the Scripture lesson from Matthew 7. Rector Uptigrove's message was entitled "Faith of Our Fathers."

Mrs. Ruth Colver sang a solo "My Cathedral." Jack Freeland and Reginald Wavell received the offering.

Late LeRoy Nix 1968

The death occurred suddenly on Sunday, June 9th, of LeRoy Nix, 81 years, of Norwich at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Nix was born in Lynedoch, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Nix, and resided in that area until moving to Norwich 27 years ago. He was a retail butcher, retiring in 1959, and was also interested in horses, working with race horses as both trainer and driver. He was an adherent of the Norwich Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife the former Olive Irene Smoke; one son Howard of Norwich; also three grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence with Rev. Walter Loader, minister of the Norwich Baptist Church officiating.

The service was well attended. There were lovely floral tributes and "In Memoriam" cards.

The bearers were Robert Moodie, Clarence Hoyt, Harold Williams, Bert McKim, Douglas Carroll and William Smith.

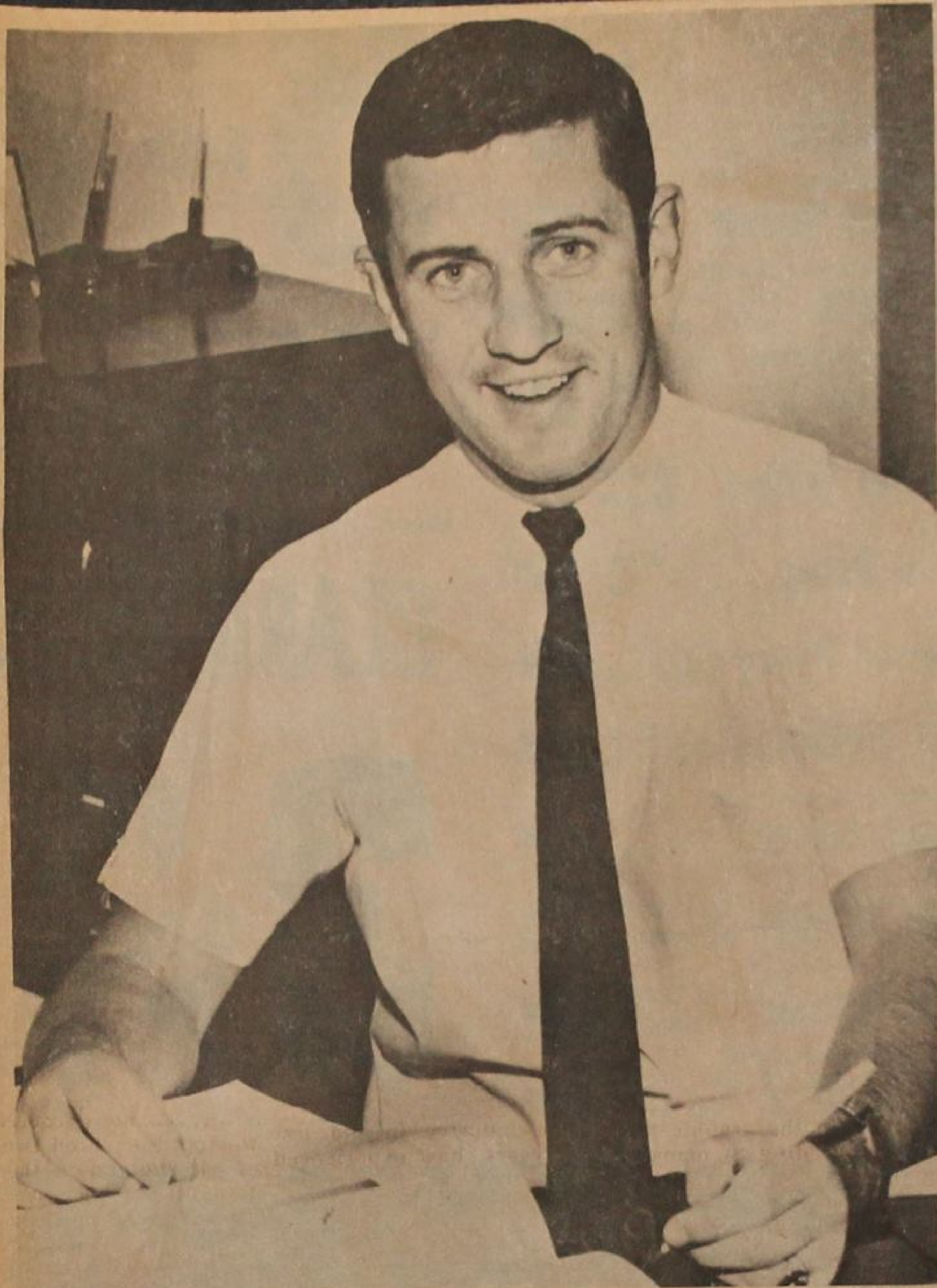
Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Lynedoch.



Jack Furlong of Otterville, a postmaster in Otterville from 1940 until 1967, was presented with a plaque by the township council on Monday night. A father of nine children, Mr. Furlong also received recognition in the form of a certificate presented by the Post Office in February. He is a lifetime resident of Otterville.

A letter was read from G. E. McElhone, who tendered his resignation as clerk - treasurer of the township of South Norwich, effective June 3, 1968, which was accepted by council.

A plaque was presented by Reeve Stanley Gehring on behalf of the township, to Mr. Jack Furlong, in recognition of his 27 years as postmaster of Otterville.



Clerk-Treasurer Appointed By South Norwich

1968

OTTERVILLE (C) - South Norwich Municipal Council meeting was held Monday evening with all members present.

The application of Merlin Howes of Otterville for the position of clerk-treasurer for the township was accepted.

Council has received approval from the Department of Highways for the purchase of approximately two acres of land from Joe Ash for the sum of \$2,000.

Road voucher of \$4,571.93 and regular accounts of \$2,309.19 were passed by council.

July council meeting will be held Monday evening, July 8 at 7 p.m.

Preparing tax bills for residents of South Norwich Township is the clerk-treasurer of S.N.T., Merlin M. Howes of Otterville.

(Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Merlin Howes New Clerk-Treasurer

OTTERVILLE — A young man who enjoys working with figures is the new clerk-treasurer of South Norwich Township.

Merlin M. Howes of Otterville, a native of the village, has been behind the desk at the S.N.T. office since June 1, replacing Ted McElhone.

He began his education at the Otterville Public School,

and attended Norwich District High School and Ryerson Technical Institute in Toronto from where he graduated prior to taking his new position.

His duties include issuing licenses for hunters and preparing tax bills. Since the population of South Norwich Township is up to 3,202 now,

he receives some help periodically from Mrs. R. (Jean) Dow.

Mr. Howes has been associated with the Otterville Otters and the Norwich hockey team.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howes live in Otterville. Also, his sister, Miss Doreen Howes.

SENATOR KENNEDY DIES

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, aged 45 years, died at 1.45 a.m. today in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles.

The senator was a presidential candidate and had just won the California primaries. A great political future awaited him and it was just 3 1/2 years ago that his brother President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Texas. The Senator was just leaving his headquarters when the assassin with 8-shot pistol opened fire. Two bullets enter Senator Kennedys head, one the fatal one. Neuro-surgeons worked for hours trying to repair the shattered bones. One other bullet was in back of the neck.

Four other persons were wounded at the same time but none seriously.

The assassin was immediately taken into custody but refused to give his name. He was later identified by his brother as Sirhan-Sirhan and is of Jordanese parentage.

The body is being taken to New York to lie in state, thence to Washington, where he will be buried beside his brother in Arlington Cemetery.

JUNE 6



BEECROFT — DOUGLAS

Saturday, June 8th, Trinity United Church, Ingersoll was the scene of a pretty wedding when Rev. S. R. Lucyk united in marriage Roberta Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douglas of Ingersoll and David John son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft, Otterville. The church was decorated with white candlebra, and baskets of pink and white carnations, snapdragons and daisies. During the service Mrs. Douglas Avey of Norwich sang The Lord's Prayer and The Song of Ruth and was accompanied by Mr. Albert Furtney of Ingersoll.

The bride given in marriage by her father wore an original floor length gown of white satin with elbow length sleeves of Venise lace and train extending from the shoulders. Her floor length veil was held by a pillbox of matching Venise lace. She carried a colonial nosegay of lily of the valley, pink and white roses, cornflowers, daisies and forget-me-nots.

Miss Ruth Douglas acted as her sister's maid of honour, while Miss Gail Cuthbert of Ingersoll, Miss Maxine Ezewski

of Longlac and Mrs. James Jones of Kitchener were bridesmaids. Each attendant wore a different shade of pink shantung with A-line styling and shoulder bows and matching bow head-dress. They carried nosegays similar to that of the bride.

Mr. Wayne Beecroft of Otterville acted as his brother's best man. The ushers were Mr. John Douglas of Ingersoll, brother of the bride, Mr. Alex Douma of Leamington, and Mr. Bryan Taylor of Otterville.

A reception in Fellowship Hall of Trinity Church followed the service where decorations were in keeping with the pink and white theme. The bride's mother wore an ivory crepe dress with lace sleeves and yoke, matching accessories and a corsage of orange delight

The couple will reside in Belleville until September where the bride works with the Victorian Order of Nurses and the groom at Belleville General Hospital. They will move to London in September where where the groom will complete his studies in medicine at the University of Western Ontario.



MR. & MRS. ALBERT LAWRENCE

Otterville Couple Married 60 Years

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lawrence of Otterville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 23, with the family all present, including the grandchildren, from New Liskeard, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Brantford, Tillsonburg, Windsor, Simcoe, and Montreal.

They have lived most of their lives in the district, being married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Haley of Vanessa on June 24, 1908, by the late Rev. William Ottewell. The first part of their married life was spent on Mr. Lawrence's father's farm, east of Otterville, where Mr. Lawrence served on the school board for 18 years. He also took a keen interest in municipal affairs and was a member of the South Norwich council for four years, and for 21 years worked as maintenance man on the road grader for South Norwich Township.

In 1912 he became a member of IOOF Tecumseh Lodge and later joined the Masonic Order and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Lawrence is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star. Both are members of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Alta) Irwin of Collingwood and Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) Hopkins of Hamilton, three sons, Carmon Lawrence of Tillsonburg, Murray Lawrence of Brantford and Stanley Lawrence of Montreal, 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence received telegrams from Her Majesty the Queen; Prime Minister Trudeau; Mr. Stanfield; Mr. Robarts, premier of Ontario; M.P. for Oxford, Wallace Nesbitt; and Mr. Dower, M.P. for Collingwood. Mr. Gordon Innis, MPP for Oxford, called to extend best wishes and a scroll of honor of their 60th anniversary was presented by the Ontario



MR. AND MRS. GARY DESMOND RACHAR
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

Rachar - Wavell

OTTERVILLE (C) - Blue and white chrysanthemums and carnations decorated St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on Saturday, June 15, 1968, at 2:30 p.m. for the wedding of Lois Laurene Wavell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wavell of Otterville, and Gary Desmond Rachar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rachar of Otterville. Rev. S. Uptigrove officiated. Organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen, accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Ruth Collver of Otterville, who sang "I'll Walk Beside You" and "The Lord's Prayer" during the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wavell of Otterville wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Laurene, to Mr. Gary Rachar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rachar of Otterville. The wedding to take place on Saturday June 15th, 1968, at 2:30 o'clock in the St. John's Church, Otterville, Ontario.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a full - length gown of white silk organza, styled on empire lines with cape effect, offset in applique lace. A full train with appliqued scalloped lace flowed from the waist. A flowered headdress, offset with pearls and rhinestones, held her four-tiered, silk illusion, bouffant veil in place and she carried red and white roses and white carnations with green ivy.

Mrs. Dianne DeGroot of Waterford, friend of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Cathy Rachar of Otterville, sister of the groom, and Miss Helen Collver of Otterville, friend of the

bride. They wore identical full-length gowns of buttercup georgette chiffon, styled on empire lines. The long sleeved gowns were trimmed at the empire waist with blue flowered embroidery. Their head-dresses were blue flowered with matching silk veils and they carried bouquets of blue and white carnations.

Mr. Archie DeGroot of Waterford, friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Mr. Paul Wavell of Otterville, brother of the bride, and Mr. Bob Rachar of Otterville, cousin of the groom.

Reception for 90 guests was held in the parish hall of the church. Bride's table was decorated with the bridal bouquets, white candles and candle holders and the wedding cake. Guest's tables were decorated with blue and white carnations. Waitresses were Kathy Jardine, Dianne Oliver, Julia Sherman, Janice Mountain, Josephine Mountain, Janet Taylor and Wenda Spicer, all of Otterville.

Bride's mother received guests in a street-length, paradise blue sheath dress with an overdress of chiffon gathered at the neckline, worn with white accessories and a corsage of pink roses and white carnations. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a street-length pink and white, A line dress, worn with white accessories and a corsage of pink roses and white carnations.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were sterling silver, cultured pearl earrings and necklaces; groom's gifts were silver lighters and pen sets.

For a wedding trip to eastern Canada, the bride wore a white, A line dress with layers of lace on the neckline, a green coat with matching lace on sleeves, white accessories, and a mauve orchid corsage.

Guests were present from Brantford, Galt, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Woodstock, Hespeler, Peterborough, Hatchley, Guelph, Harley and Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Rachar will reside on Main St., Otterville.

1968
Mrs. Fred Kniffen

Mrs. Marion Kniffen, beloved wife of Mr. Fred Kniffen of Rock's Mill, slipped quietly away in the early hours of Monday, July 15, 1968, in Victoria Hospital, London.

Mrs. Kniffen had been taken to the hospital on June 29th and her sudden passing shocked and saddened the entire community.

She was born at Rock's Mill on April 2, 1917, and was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rock of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg.

She received her early education at New Road School and Tillsonburg High School.

Following graduation from London Normal School she taught at Hawtreay Public School for two years.

After her marriage, July 24, 1941, to Mr. Fred Kniffen, they resided in Tillsonburg and London.

In 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Kniffen returned to Rock's Mill to live in the pioneer Rock homestead, formerly occupied by Mrs. Kniffen's grandfather, the late Mr. John Rock.

For the past ten years Marion taught in the Otterville Central School where she served with vigor and devotion for her pupils, until the last week of the school year.

She was a gracious lady and her pleasing personality and fine cooperation in school affairs were deeply appreciated by the members of the teaching staff and school boards.

Her friendly warm outreach to the pupils sent many a child out from her classroom with heart kindled with a new courage and ambition to learn.

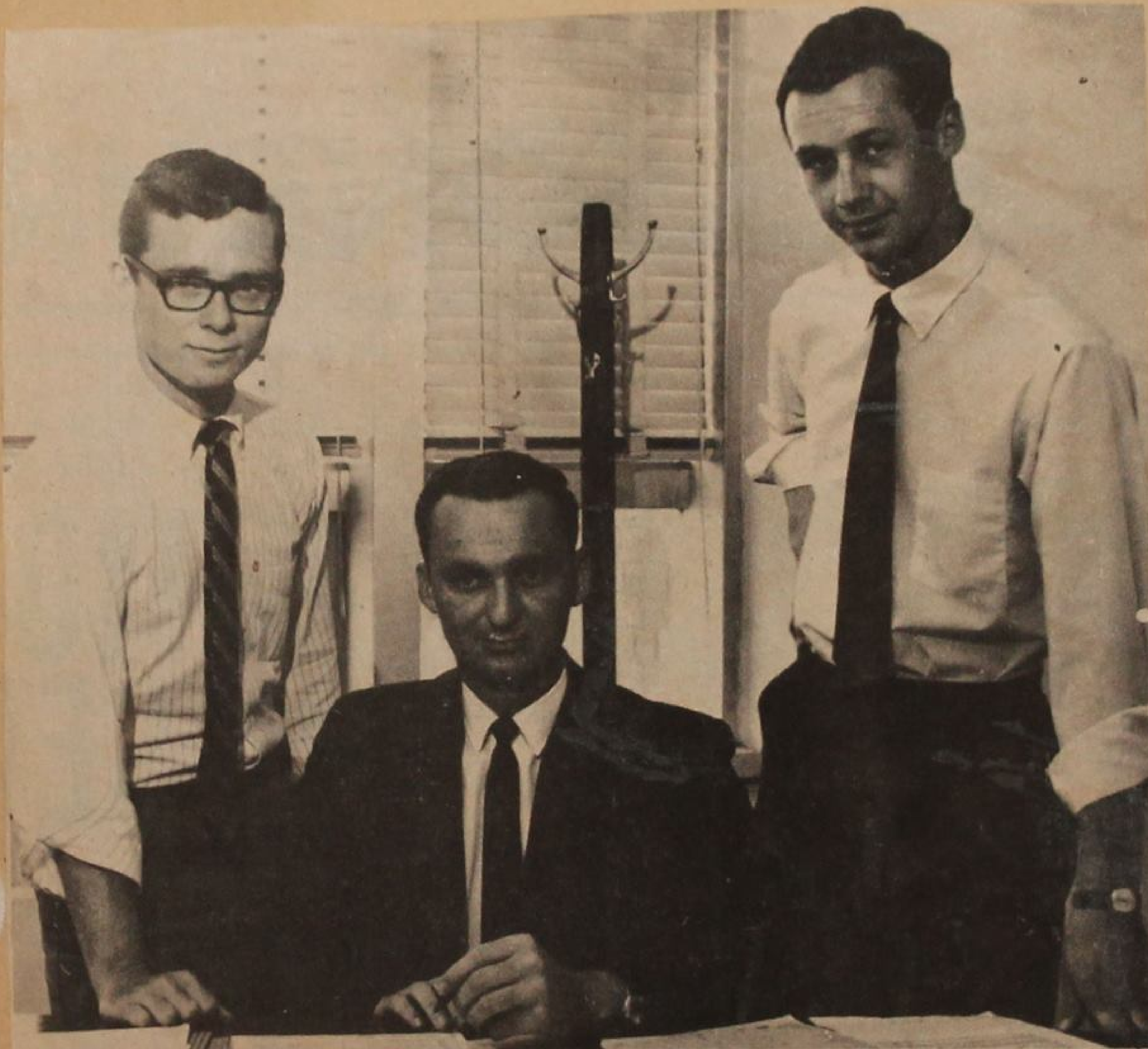
She was a faithful member of the New Road United Church and an ardent worker in the Sunday School, beginning to teach at an early age.

The cause of missions was near to her heart and many can bear witness to the helping hand she extended to those in need.

She was also active in the community organizations, being past president of the Women's Teachers' Federation of Oxford County and the Kinette Club of Tillsonburg.

Besides a loving husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Marianne) Nadrofasky, Brantford, and Jane at home; one son, Murray, at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rock R.R. 2, Tillsonburg; one grandson and two sisters, Mrs. Edward (Margaret) Nickerson of Utica, Mich., and Mrs. John (Merle) Parish of Sarnia, also two aunts, Mrs. Ida Cattell of Rock's Mill and Miss Neta Cuthbertson, Tillsonburg.

Interment was in New Road Cemetery.



Additional staff at the Canada Manpower Centre at Tillsonburg for the summer are Wayne Beecroft (left) and Bryan Taylor (right). Both are university students from the area and they will assist existing CMC staff in recruiting workers for the tobacco growers in the area. Tony Murphy (centre) is manager of the Tillsonburg branch.



Shown here are some of the old tombstones in the Summerville Cemetery. Third from the left is the most interesting stone in the 1/2 acre plot. Placed in memory of a sea captain, it has a plunging anchor at the base. At right is the last stone placed in the cemetery about 55 years ago. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Of the 65 tombstones, the most interesting is one inscribed, "To my husband, Capt. J. C. Blewett, born November 17, 1841, died June 17, 1887" with "Mary Blewett, born July 24, 1842, died May 6, 1896", etched further down the high tree-log style tombstone enhanced with oak leaves and ivy and a plunging anchor at the base.

The last burial in the Summerville Cemetery occurred 55 years ago when Mary C. Misner (1836-1913) was interred.

Names on the old tombstones include Addison, House, Reavely, Lees and Quance to mention but a few. Because of the weathering of the numbers it is hard to determine which is the oldest tombstone in the Summerville Cemetery but there is one dated 1859 which indicates the plot has been in the area over 100 years.

set up again, in semi-circle fashion, patterned after Newark Cemetery.

According to another member, Mrs. Stanley Arthur of R.R. 2, Otterville, the members are preparing to paint the posts and plant some trees, with \$123 recently received in a T V show, "Take Your Choice," on CFPL-TV. What money is left will be used to maintain the cemetery in the future.

Council cut the grass more frequently but the cemetery was still in dire need of more care.

A spokesman for the W.I., Mrs. R. W. (Hughena) Brayley of R.R. 2, Otterville, said, "we thought we would never get permission to go ahead, but once we did, we appointed Mrs. S. R. (Muriel) Gehring of R.R. 2, Otterville as convener, and our plans got underway."

When 1967 rolled around the members had a black iron gate made by Nate McMullen, of Otterville, and this was set up in front of the cemetery, inscribed, "Summerville Cemetery".

This Spring, a cleaning bee was held and the earth plowed up in the 1/2-acre plot and new grass sown. Also, the tombstones were removed, cleaned, and

Summerville Institute Improves Pioneer Cemetery

By ELLEN H. EFF

Some 27-members strong, the Summerville Women's Institute, a number of years ago decided to extend their efforts in the direction of the pioneer burial ground, located at R.R. 2, Otterville, off Highway 59, the renovations being planned in conjunction with centennial year 1967.

The provincial government approval was received only a few months ago, after a lengthy delay.

Prior to this the group had approached the South Norwich Township Council (under whose jurisdiction the Summerville Cemetery had been for many years) and received their blessings and an offer of help. In fact, when members started to show their interest in the Summerville Cemetery, the South Norwich Township



Historic Summerville Cemetery, located at R.R. 2, Otterville, off Highway 59, has recently been renovated. Project was undertaken by the Summerville Women's Institute. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Ralph Roy Moore

NORWICH (C) - Ralph Roy Moore, aged 80 years, passed away at his residence, 35 Main St., on Monday, July 15, 1968.

Born on the Gilbert Moore farm in North Norwich Township, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Moore. Originally a dairy farmer, he began growing mangel seeds in 1914 and built a garden and root seed business which was successfully carried until 1958. The agricultural enterprise he began now produces vegetables for processing and bird seed, on the 600 acres of Cairnlea farms.

Ralph Moore was very mechanically minded and invented many of the planting, harvesting and cleaning machines used in the business. His first car was the first Ford sedan in Oxford County. He made and used the first rubber-tired wagon in this part of Ontario. A snow blower he made and used is of the type now in general use, was keeping his driveways clear years before the first ones appeared on the market. Of his many inventions, the only one he ever patented was a cultivator attachment to weed between the plants in the row.

For a number of years he was a Director of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association and in 1948 was made a Robertson Associate of the organization. He served as secretary of the Norwich Public School Board when the remuneration was only \$25. per year and later as a member of the High School Board and the Norwich and North Norwich Planning Board.

Keenly interested in sports, he attended nearly every Norwich combine ball game played last year. In his early years he excelled in several sports and in a ball tournament helped his Norwich team to victory as pitcher in hitting 5 home runs.

He was married to Harriet Edith Shaw, who died in 1926, and C. F. Perle Ramsay, who passed away in 1957. He later married Florence M. Scott.

Surviving are three sons, Paul M. Moore, John G. Moore and David D. R. Moore all of Norwich; also nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, July 17, at the Arn and Son Funeral residence with Rev. Elgin Rintoul of the Norwich United Church officiating.

The service was well attended by relatives and friends. There were many floral tributes and In Memorium Cards.

Bearers were: John W. Moore, Don Moore, Douglas J. Cross, Maurice V. Longworth, Wilfred Fidlin and Frank Filipovits.

Interment was in Norwich cemetery.



Charter members of North Broadway Baptist Church, first organized in 1939, were on hand Sunday to assist with laying of the cornerstone of a new home for the congregation. They were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. Milton Anderson and Mrs. Charles Graydon. At right are Emerson Graydon and Rev. Lambert Baptist. JULY 1968

DeRoo - McMullen



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD MARCEL DeROO
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

OTTERVILLE (C)-White baby mums, pink carnations and fern decorated St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, July 6, 1968, at 11 a.m. for the wedding of Juanita Caron McMullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McMullen of R.R. 1, Otterville, and Richard Marcel DeRoo, son of Mrs. Madeliene DeRoo of R.R. 1, Otterville, and the late Maurice DeRoo. Fr. J. Caruana officiated. Organist, Mrs. C. Moon, played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Josie Pattyn, who sang "Ave Maria" during the service.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, was lovely in a full-length gown of silk organza, empire style, and featuring a bodice and sleeves of imported French lace, with full length sleeveless coat falling into a full-length train of French lace. The coat and train were caught together at the shoulders by two small bows of silk organza. A crown set with pearls and crystals held in place her silk illusion veil which was embroidered with lace motifs matching the lace of the gown, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses, white carnations and English ivy.

Matron of honor was Mrs. David Walters of Otterville, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Miss Karen Ellington of R.R. 2, Vanessa, and Miss Marlene Finch of Otterville, both friends of the bride. They wore identical, full-length, sheath-type gowns of turquoise spray silk chiffon covered with a cape of chiffon held at the neck by a ring of lace and enhanced with matching lace at the waist. Their silk illusion veils were held in place by silk chiffon flowers and pearls, and they carried bouquets of tinted turquoise shasta

mums, held by large white velvet bows and ribbons. Best man was Mr. David Walters, brother-in-law of the groom. Ushers were Mr. Barry Gekiere of Delhi, cousin of the groom, and Mr. Gary Walters of Otterville, friend of the groom.

Reception for 130 guests was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Norwich, decorated for the occasion with pink and white carnations, pink and white bells and streamers. Bride's table featured a wedding cake iced in pink and white, and the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables were decorated with pink and white carnations. Members of the Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary were waitresses.

Bride's mother received guests in a street-length coat and dress ensemble of silver blue brocade, worn with white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a street-length dress and jacket of beige linen, worn with deep rose accessories and a corsage of deep pink roses.

For a wedding trip to northern Ontario, the bride chose a street-length, white linen dress worn with woven yellow and white plaid coat, white accessories and a white orchid with yellow throat corsage.

Guests were present from Windsor, Chatham, Ceylon, Otterville, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Waterford and Iona Station.

Mr. and Mrs. DeRoo will reside at R.R. 1, Otterville.

Prior to her wedding the bride was honored at a shower held at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Williams. Following the presentation of gifts, games were played and a delicious lunch served.

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PITTS — KENNEDY

The altar of Otterville United Church was banked with flowers on Saturday, July 27, 1968, at 4 p.m. for the wedding of Jeanne Sharon Kennedy of Toronto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy of Otterville and Thomas Douglas Pitts son of Mr. and Mrs. Beier Pitts of Meaford. Rev. Douglas Ramsay officiated. Organist Mrs. William A. McMullen of Otterville played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist Miss Karen McSpadden of RR 1, Otterville, friends of the bride, who sang "Wedding Prayer" and "O Promise Me" during the service.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a floor length gown of white corded rayon under organza and lace. Her chapel-length veil of organza and Czechoslovakian lace was held in place by a floral headdress and she carried a crescent arrangement of gardenias, white rose buds and stephanotis.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Howard Hopkins of Woodstock, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Brian Hicky of Toronto, friend of the bride, Mrs. John Matthews of Beachville, sister of the bride and Miss Susan Pitts of Toronto, sister of the groom. They wore identical floor-length gowns of turquoise taffeta ac-

ented with flowing sleeve panels. Their headdresses were floral arrangements of turquoise-tinted carnations and they carried sun-bursts of yellow chrysanthemums and white carnations.

Mr. Martin Lapp of Port Credit, friends of the groom was best man. Ushers were Mr. Robert Gower of London, Mr. Robert Weingarden of Toronto, both friends of the groom and Mr. William Kennedy of Gravenhurst, brother of the bride.

Reception for 104 guests was held at Mil-Mar Manor, decorated for the occasion with yellow roses. Bride's table featured a four tier cake with stairs for a miniature bride and groom to descend to a waiting coach below.

The bride's mother received guests in a pink crepe sheath and matching lace redingore worn with white accessories and an orchid corsage. She was assisted by the mother of the groom who chose a blue crepe gown with bodice of guipure lace, worn with matching accessories and an orchid corsage.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were silver cream and sugar sets; groom's gifts were silver cuff links.

For a wedding trip to the Laurentians, the bride chose a tangerine, Swiss shantung suit worn with matching accessories and a white gardenia corsage.

Guests were present from Toronto, Port Credit, London, Kitchener, Windsor, Meaford, Delhi and Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts will reside in Toronto.



The South Norwich Sports Day began with a parade of young people from the Baptist Church to the Lion's park in Otterville. From left to right are the winners in the best decorated tricycle competitions held last Saturday morning. They are Heidi Pettigrew of Springford, best decorated girl's tricycle; Wilma McMullen, best girl's tricycle and rider; Scott Jull, of Springford, best original tricycle and rider; and Michael Lenaers of R.R. 1, Otterville, best decorated

A Big Day for South Norwich Youngsters



Parade moves across bridge into beautiful Otterville park

OTTERVILLE (C) - The weatherman favored with a beautiful day for the South Norwich Sports Day program here Saturday, and for the youngsters it was a red letter day, with a parade, a full day of sports, and a dance for teens in the evening.

Promptly at 9:30, little folk with their bikes, trikes, carts and doll carriages, along with their pets, all in the latest fashion of decoration, and many dressed in fancy costume, formed in line and marched from the Baptist Church on John St. N. to Main and over the bridge to the Community Park where they awaited judging.

Several members of the Norwich Band preceded the long parade. Mrs. George Douma and Miss Edna Furlong were the judges at the park. Several members of the OPP were in charge of the rodeo.

Prizes for parade, winners went to the following:

Best decorated girl's bicycle, Patty Davis; best decorated and rider, Christine McMullen; best original, Wesley White; best decorated boy's bike, Michael Lenaers; girl's, Heidi Pettigrew; boy's tricycle, Scott Jull; girl's tricycle, Wilma McMullen.

Best 4-wheel, decorated costume and theme, Janette and Donna Butler; best decorated buggy, Nancy Van Bommel; wagon, Laura Lee Pettigrew; tractor Dwayne Clifford; go-cart, Michael and Joey Webb.

In the rodeo, winners were:

Boys 6-9, slow bike race, Danny Barnim, Michael Furlong and Ted Briggs; boys 7-9, Joey Webb, Leslie White, and Michael Furlong; 6 year old, Bentley White; girl's rodeo 7-9, Debbie Shearer, Mary Ellen Gleason and Karen VanParys; boys rodeo 7-9, Joey Webb, Leslie White and Michael Furlong; boys, 10-14, Michael Jascho, Kathy Hudson and Scott Taylor.

Fast tricycle race, Kevin Church; Senior girls, slow tricycle race, Cheryl Ann Walther; Lynn Furlong, Cheryl, White and Kathy Hudson; Senior boys, Bobby Pinnoy, Brent Vanparys and Allan Lee.

Winners of the tug-of-war were teams captained by: 1st, Eddie VanBommel; 2nd, Michael Webb; 3rd, Jeffry Pickersgill; 4th, Robbie Pinnoy; 5th, David Ramsay.

A fish pond was provided on the grounds for the little folk under seven years and this proved a delightful spot.

Donald Neale was the announcer at the microphone and did a splendid duty, announcing all the winners of the day.

Winners in the swimming events were:

Girls, 1 width, 6, 7, and 8, Patty Davis, Bonnie Briggs, Sheila Jones; 9, 10, and 11, Shelly Shearer, Kim Kramer, Lynn Furlong; 1 length, 12, 13 and 14, Brenda Oliver, Joan Gehring, Louise DeRoo.

Floating fiction, 9, 10 and 11, Shelly Oliver, Kim Kramer, Shelley Shearer; 12, 13 and 14, Brenda Oliver, Joan Gehring, Louise DeRoo.

Picking up Rings, 6, 7 and 8, Patty Davis, Bonnie Briggs, Cheryl Smith.

Gathering blocks, 6, 7 and 8, Bonnie Briggs, Becky Hendricks, Darlene Smith; 9, 10 and 11 Dianne Goosens, Shelley Shearer, Debbie Shearer; 12, 13 and 14 Brenda Oliver, Joan Gehring, Louise DeRoo.

Tied feet race, any age, Brenda Oliver, Kim Kramer, Shelley Shearer.

Boys: swimming 1 width, 6, 7 and 8, Bill Richardson, Paul Finch; 9, 10 and 11, Rod Sage, Frank Kozuch, Perry Miller; swimming 1 length, 12, 13 and 14, Clare Barnim, Ricky Richardson, Bradley Kramer.

Floating fiction, 9, 10 and 11, Steve Zacher, Frank Kozuch, Rod Sage; 12, 13 and 14, Brent VanParys, Clare Barnim, Peter Dirse.

Picking up rings, 6, 7 and 8 year olds, Paul Finch, Bill Richardson; gathering blocks, 6, 7 and 8, Bill Richardson, Paul Finch; 9, 10 and 11, Jeffry Pickersgill, Steve Pickersgill, Michael Furlong; 12, 13 and 14, Clare Barnim, John Honcoop, Ricky Richardson.

Tied feet race, any age, Brent VanParys, Fred Ostrander, Perry Miller.

Softball games highlighted entertainment of the afternoon in the park. In a novice game two teams of small boys from the village played the first game, which resulted "B" 14, "A" 3.

In the second game of the afternoon, Otterville outscored Springford Pee

Wees 12-8. In the only girls game, Otterville defeated Springford 12-11. Otterville outlasted Springford 5-3 in a Bantam game.

In the final game the young men from Springford and Otterville tangled and Springford proved too strong for the local lads and defeated Otterville 11-3.

In the evening the South Norwich Volunteer Fire Department presented a water fight for entertainment.

Softball trophies donated were as follows:

Trophy donated by Mrs. George McElhone was won by the Otterville Girls Softball team and received by Josephine Mountain and Debby Church for the novice game.

Michael Furlong, captain of the winning team, received the trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pettigrew. A trophy donated by Davis Brothers was won by the Otterville pee wees and received by Brent VanParys.

Gordon Arthur received the trophy for the Otterville Bantams, donated by McMullen's Machine Shop.

For the Young Men's game, Ted Mansion received the trophy donated by Holmes and Taylor Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Webb donated a trophy for the junior Tug of War, which was won by Eddie Van Bommel's team. Ten dollars was donated to the softball team who had the most relatives present. Springford Pee Wee team was the winner, having 20 relatives present.

The successful Sports Day closed with a teen dance in the pavilion in the Community Park.

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Many expressions of appreciation were given to those who took a deep interest in the planning of the day, similar to the day of sports which was held last year commemorating the Centennial, and it is hoped that this kind of a program for the children may become an annual event.

Those helping in the day's program were Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dow, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pettigrew, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pettigrew, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordon and Brian Taylor.

Former Pupils Gather At Otter School

OTTERVILLE (C) — Former students of the Otterville Continuation School celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the school.

Students who attended the school during the first two years were present from Toronto, Georgetown, Dundas, Winona, Hamilton, London, Aylmer, Milton, Tillsonburg, Springford, LaSalette, Norwich and Otterville.

They were received at the school by Mrs. Harold Wenn and Mrs. William Butler. Mrs. Lorne Parker and Miss Eva Deveney were in charge of the registration. Following the registration an assembly was held in the pavilion in the Community Park. Mrs. Harold Wenn welcomed her former schoolmates and honoured guest Mrs. R. M. Dales formerly Miss Maude Howell who was one of the first teachers at the school.

Mr. William G. McDowell of Brampton, first principal of the school was the guest speaker.

Mr. McDowell reviewed the events in connection with the opening of the school, paying tribute to the School Board for that period for their interest and foresight in bringing education to their young people. Mr. McDowell also contrasted the flexible courses offered in education of today and the rigid course of that period.

Later in the afternoon a picnic supper was enjoyed with Miss Lillian Oatman in charge. AUG 5

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OTTERVILLE (C) - The fifth McMullen reunion was held in the Community Park, when 50 relatives sat down to well laden tables featuring a chicken dinner.

Following the dinner the president, Howard McMullen of Woodstock, called the gathering to order and welcomed the relatives who came from Norwich, Point Edward, Woodstock, Burgessville, Chilliwack, B. C., Otterville and Toronto.

The time and place for the 1969 reunion will be decided later.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Bright of Sarnia kept the young folk busy in a full program of sports while the older ones enjoyed their visiting and reminiscing.

The Grand Opening Saturday of the Flower and Gift Shop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Almost was a decided success and persons from distant points were visitors and customers throughout the day.

A draw was made on a table arrangement and this was won by Mrs. Sam Lucas of Tillsonburg. Mr. Stanley Mitchell of Norwich drew the lucky ticket.

The new business which goes under the name of Ilene's Flower and Gift Shop is on Main St. West, Otterville. AUG

Rev. George Honour, Mrs. Honour and daughter, Beth of Central Patricia, were overnight guests with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter, Catherine. AUG

Happy Reunion Held

One remaining descendant of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harford—Mrs. Jack Mundy and her daughter Miss Pauline Mundy of Harriston, accompanied by her nephews Mr. Hugh Harford and Mrs. Harford of Florida and Mr. Harford Smith and Mrs. Smith of Vancouver met with the former's brother-in-law Mr. Frank Foran and family and grandchildren from Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. W. J. Harford Jr., Mrs. Harford and family of Silver Creek, New Jersey were also guests at the happy reunion which was held in the Community Park, Otterville on Sunday, August 25th. 1968

The out-of-town guests were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter Catherine, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste, Miss Edna Furlong and Mr. Charles Furlong, Mrs. George Davis Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis Jr. and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring.

The reunion numbering forty sat down to well laden tables which all enjoyed under cloudy skies and a shivering breeze which probably hastened the reminiscing of the happy days of yester-year which were spent by some of the visitors in Otterville.

Guests were present from Warren, Michigan, London, Berkley, Michigan and Windsor.

Clarence B. Singer

OTTERVILLE (C) -The death occurred at his home early Wednesday morning August 7, 1968, of Clarence Brock Singer in his 74th year. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Singer and was born on the 11th Concession of South Norwich Township.

Following his marriage, he farmed on the 11th Concession of Norwich and later farmed 2 mile west of Norwich. For the past eight years he has lived retired on Dover St., in

Run Over By Truck

A Springford man was critically injured Thursday morning when a dump truck loaded with eight tons of sand passed over his body.

Alvin Hopkins, 48, foreman for Stan Palmer Construction Co., of Springford, was rushed to hospital here by Gray's Ambulance following an accident on the 12th concession of South Norwich, just east of the Middleton - South Norwich town line. Extent of his injuries were not known at press time, but it was thought he suffered a crushed pelvis and internal injuries.

The construction firm was engaged in levelling a field and trucks were drawing in sand from another part of the property. As the loaded truck backed in to dump its load, it was thought that Mr. Hopkins walked behind it, and likely did not hear the truck because of the noise from a nearby bulldozer.

Dr. D. Hevenor administered to the man

Driver of the truck was Bob VanKerrebroeck, of R.R. 1, Norwich.

The accident occurred on the 19th anniversary of Mr. Hopkins' employment with the Palmer firm.

OPP Constable J. L. Mutton conducted the investigation.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Norwich; a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 104, Norwich; and a member of Hayden IOOF Lodge No. 152, Norwich.

Surviving are his wife, the former Alice Hanson; and two sisters Mrs. Joseph (Clara) Stasin and Mrs. Robert (Irene) Goodman, both of Detroit.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home where service will be held Friday, August 9, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Douglas Ramsay.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Trucker in serious condition

TILLSONBURG — Springford trucking employee Alvin Hopkins, who was run over Thursday by one of his employer's dump trucks, remained in serious condition Friday at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

A hospital supervisor said Hopkins was being treated for pelvic and internal injuries.

The truck was driven by Robert VanKerrebroek, 22, of RR 1, Norwich. Both men are employed by Stanley Palmer, of Springford.

The accident took place Thursday night about 10 p.m. on the farm of Alvons Monsere, RR 2, Tillsonburg, where the Palmer trucking firm is levelling a field. The farm is about five miles east of Tillsonburg on Oxford County Road 20, the Springford-Holbrook road.

Late Alvin E. (Stub) Hopkins

A road construction accident on Thursday, August 22nd, claimed the life of Alvin (Stub) Ernest Hopkins, Springford, who died in the Victoria Hospital, London on Saturday, August 24th in his 48th year.

He was born in Springford and was employed by Stanley Palmer of Springford, for whom he had worked for the past 19 years. The accident happened 19 years to the day he started work.

He was a member of the Otterville I. O. O. F. Tecumseh Lodge No. 182 and was a veteran of World War 2.

Besides his widow the former Jean Wilson, he is survived by two sons, Wayne and Robert of Springford; two brothers, Donald of Tillsonburg and Charles of Hamilton; two sisters, Mrs. Howard (Hilda) Avey, Tillsonburg; Mrs. Neil (Doris) Davison, London; his mother, Mrs. Edward Hughes, Otterville.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville at 2 p.m.

OTTERVILLE — Decoration service was held in the Otter Cemetery, Sunday and was conducted by the Ministerial Association of Otterville.

Rev. Douglas Ramsay minister of the Otterville United Church gave the message "Life after Death" to the large number gathered for the service.

Pastor Clare English of the Otterville Baptist Church read the scripture lesson taken from Corinthians 1: 15; and was followed with prayer by Rector Stanley Uptigrove of the St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Solos by transcription were sung by George Beverley Shea among them were "The Old Rugged Cross", "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye".

The Memorial Plot sponsored by the Canadian Legion was a tribute to those who had lost their lives in the past wars and was decorated with baskets of flowers and flags.

A good number from other places attended the service and many visited the cemetery on Sunday evening to view the wonderful display of floral pieces placed on the plots of loved ones.

Norwich-Otterville Lions Only Combined Club In N.A.

By DAVE ELLIS

OTTERVILLE — The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, which has been "roaring for 31 years", is the only combined Lions Club in North America.

The 43-member club has been very active in the Otterville-Norwich area said President Howard Fleming, R.R. 1, Mt. Elgin. Some of their projects include the park and swimming pool in Otterville which are completely financed and run by the club, and an ice machine for the Norwich Arena. The Red Cross Blood Donor's Clinic is organized by the club which is responsi-

ble for mailing lists, and providing transportation for those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

All the money required to finance their projects is raised by the members, through club activities so you don't have to be a rich man to be a Lion.

Money raised through draws and fairs, such as the one held at Norwich over the week-end is used entirely for charitable purposes.

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Louis Deer (nee Edna Hansell) of Mio, Michigan, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter, Catherine, and also called at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Clare English and family.

Mrs. Nelson Gleason and Mrs. Laura McMullen have returned to their homes after spending two weeks at Turkey Point.

Otterville Man Dies In Wreck

OTTERVILLE (C) — An Otterville man died in the flaming wreckage of his car early Thursday, after it left the road east of Springford and crashed into a large tree.

Keith Melrose Howse, 44, driving a 1967 sedan, was apparently killed instantly by the crash. His car burst into flames and the body was trapped in the wreckage.

The accident was reported to provincial police at 2.15 a.m. by a nearby resident.

The South Norwich fire department, and Gray's ambulance were called to the site but could be of no help.

Dr. R. M. Hall, coroner, of Norwich also attended the scene.

The body was removed to Woodstock General Hospital by the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, of Otterville.

Funeral service for Mr. Howse was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

He was born in Otterville

and lived here all his life and was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Survivors are his wife, the former Florence Rosehart; three sons, Keith, Jr. at home, Larry and Dale, both of Tillsonburg; brothers, Fred, Carl, Paul, all of Otterville, Charles of Woodstock.

Pallbearers were Edward Moore, William Briggs, Kenneth Mann, Grant Mountain, George Childs, Frank Finch.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

HOWSE - Suddenly in South Norwich on Thursday, September 5, 1968, Keith Melrose Howse of Otterville, in his 45th year. Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, for service Monday, conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

KEITH M. HOWSE *Sept*

OTTERVILLE (C) -

Funeral service for Keith Melrose Howse, who died early Thursday morning as the result of a car accident in South Norwich, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home Monday afternoon.

Mr. Howse, 44, was a life-long resident of Otterville, and a member of St. John's Anglican Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Florence Rosehart; three sons, Keith, at home, and Larry and Dale, both of Tillsonburg; four brothers, Fred, Carl and Paul, all of Otterville, and Charles of Woodstock.

Service was conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Mrs. William A. McMullen, organist, played hymns before and after the service. Donations were made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Gideon Bibles and the Heart Foundation.

Pallbearers were Edward Moore, William Briggs, Kenneth Mann, Grant Mountain, George Childs and Frank Finch.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville. *SEPT 5*

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many relatives, friends and neighbours for the beautiful floral tributes, the contributions to the Heart Fund, Canadian Cancer Society, Gideon Bibles. Thanks also for the cards, letters and messages of sympathy and many acts of kindness shown us in our recent bereavement in the loss of a dear father and brother, the late Keith Howse, Sr. Special thanks to Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, Gleason Funeral Home, the ladies who prepared and served lunch after the service.—The Howse families.

Otterville's Edward Moore Has Diversified Operation

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By DAVE MacLAREN

OTTERVILLE — Edward

Moore is an Otterville farmer with many diversified agricultural interests. Beef, corn, apples, asparagus and last but not least tobacco. He is probably best known to tobacco farmers through the displays of Moore's tobacco seed which appear at many retail outlets in the tobacco districts during the late winter months each year.

Mr. Moore graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph in 1934 as an agronomist. His first position was at the Delhi Experimental Sub-Station where he worked for two years before being transferred to the Harrow Experimental Station.

At Harrow a screening of tobacco varieties was being conducted as a testing of their purity. In addition there was also tobacco seed production for commercial use in a program to get reliable seed into the farmers' hands.

Mr. Moore explained it was necessary for the Harrow research people to enter the commercial tobacco seed production as until then there was no pedigree burley or flue-cured seed available in Ontario. As a result farmers could not be certain the seed they purchased

would run true to form or whether it was even what it was claimed to be.

However commercial seed production was taking money from the Harrow budget and they were not reimbursed from seed sales as this money went to the central treasury. So when Mr. Moore decided to return to farming after working at Harrow for two years, he was encouraged by the superintendent of the station to start a commercial production of flue-cured tobacco seed as a private enterprise and so in 1940 became the first producer of registered flue-cured tobacco seed, under the Canada Seeds Act.

The act has since changed and tobacco seed is now known as "certified seed" and there are six producers in Ontario and one in Quebec. To meet the regulations enforced by the Plant Products Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture the seed used must be the progeny of breeders' seed, limited to one generation.

Each of the seven licenced varieties must be planted in a separate greenhouse and they are inspected once in the greenhouse and twice in the field.

Mr. Moore said the certified seed business isn't the easy dollar maker it might

appear to be by just looking at the price tag on an ounce of seed. "You must grow a tremendous amount of seed in relation to the amount you sell," he said.

This is necessary to offer a full choice to the customers at the retail level as variations in growing seasons will create a demand for certain varieties which cannot be estimated beforehand. In addition you can't count on getting seed of a saleable quality from all seed plants in an unfavourable season, he said.

Last year Mr. Moore's records show 1,000 hours of labour in preparing the certified seed, which it might be noted he has exported to over 12 different countries through the years besides supplying the domestic demand.

Regarding farm records, Mr. Moore made an interesting observation. He said, "I think good farm records

are more important to a successful operation than finding a tobacco variety which would produce 40 pounds more to the acre, or a corn hybrid able to yield a few more bushels to the acre."

He expressed his concern that agriculture was subsidizing the rest of the population with a supply of cheap food. Mr. Moore said a commensurable profit for investment and time spent in agriculture was difficult to achieve in relation to incomes in other areas of enterprise.

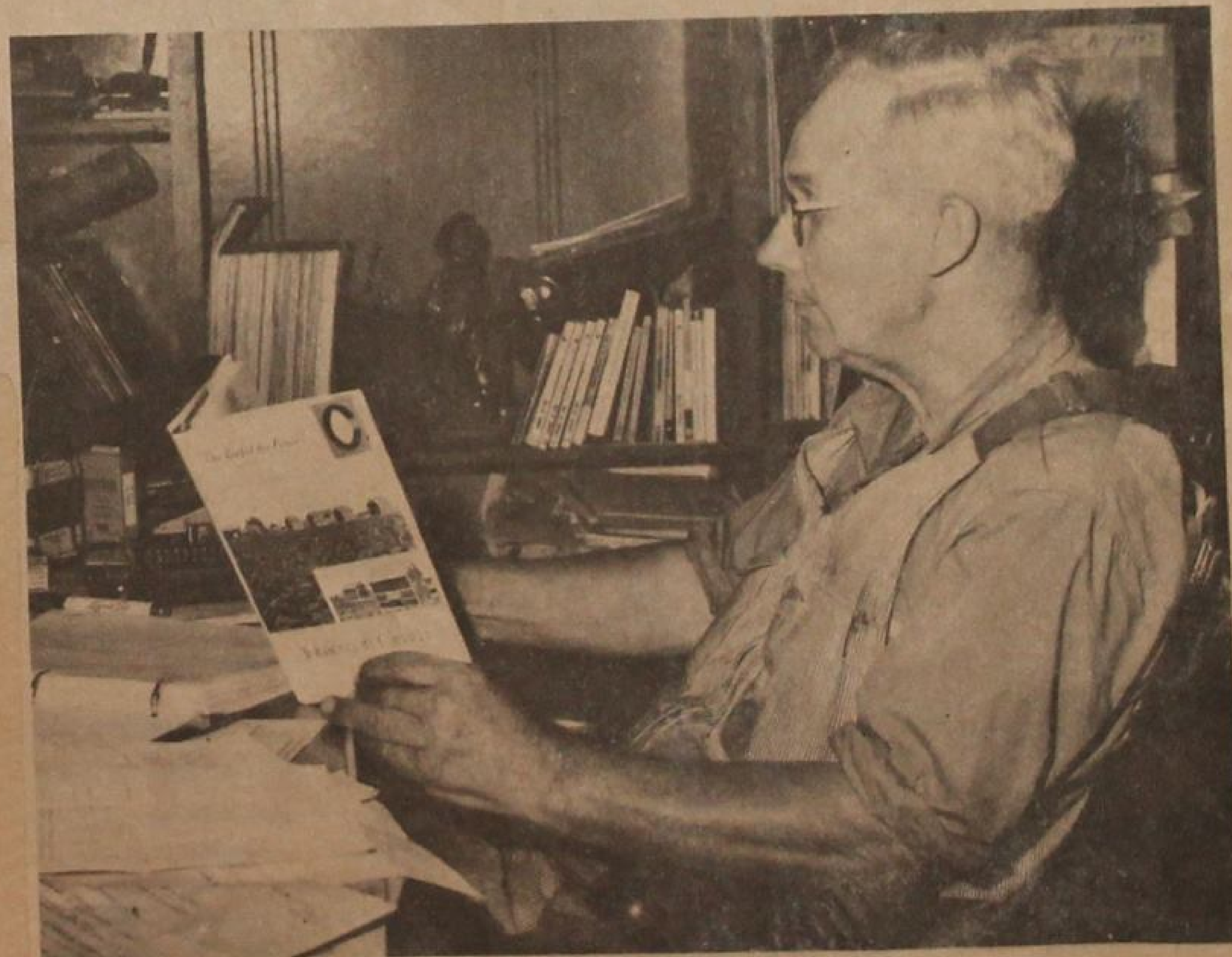
He said, "I don't know what the answer is, but it is an unfair situation."

Beside 26 acres of tobacco grown for sale and two acres for seed production, Mr. Moore also grows 175 acres of corn, his own hay, 10 acres of asparagus, has a 14 acre apple orchard and feeds 150 western steers. So his thoughts are based on a wide experience in various agricultural enterprises.

Mr. Moore and his wife, Marie, have two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Diane) Smith of Springford and 17-year-old Margaret who is at home. Mr. Moore's farm was owned by his grandfather who moved from Welland County to South Norwich Township about 110 years ago.

The Moore family are United Empire Loyalists. As Pennsylvanian Quakers they did not support the American Revolution so their buildings were burned and they were forced to flee to Canada.

Mr. Moore doesn't have much time to relax, but when he does it is usually to read history. At the family level of history he has records for the farm operation kept by his grandfather and father. One such record is a tax bill for the farm for \$30 paid by his father, the 1967 tax bill amounted to \$1,034.



Edward Moore enjoys reading history to relax. As the first Canadian grower of registered flue-cured tobacco seed, he will recall many of the events recorded in Lyal Tait's book, "Tobacco In Canada." (News-Record Photo)

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Otterville Man Operates One Of Few Watermills

By DAVE ELLIS

OTTERVILLE — Lorne Treffry isn't exactly the most popular man with local power suppliers. He operates one of the few remaining watermills in Southern Ontario.

The 125-year-old mill is still able to produce about 50 horsepower.

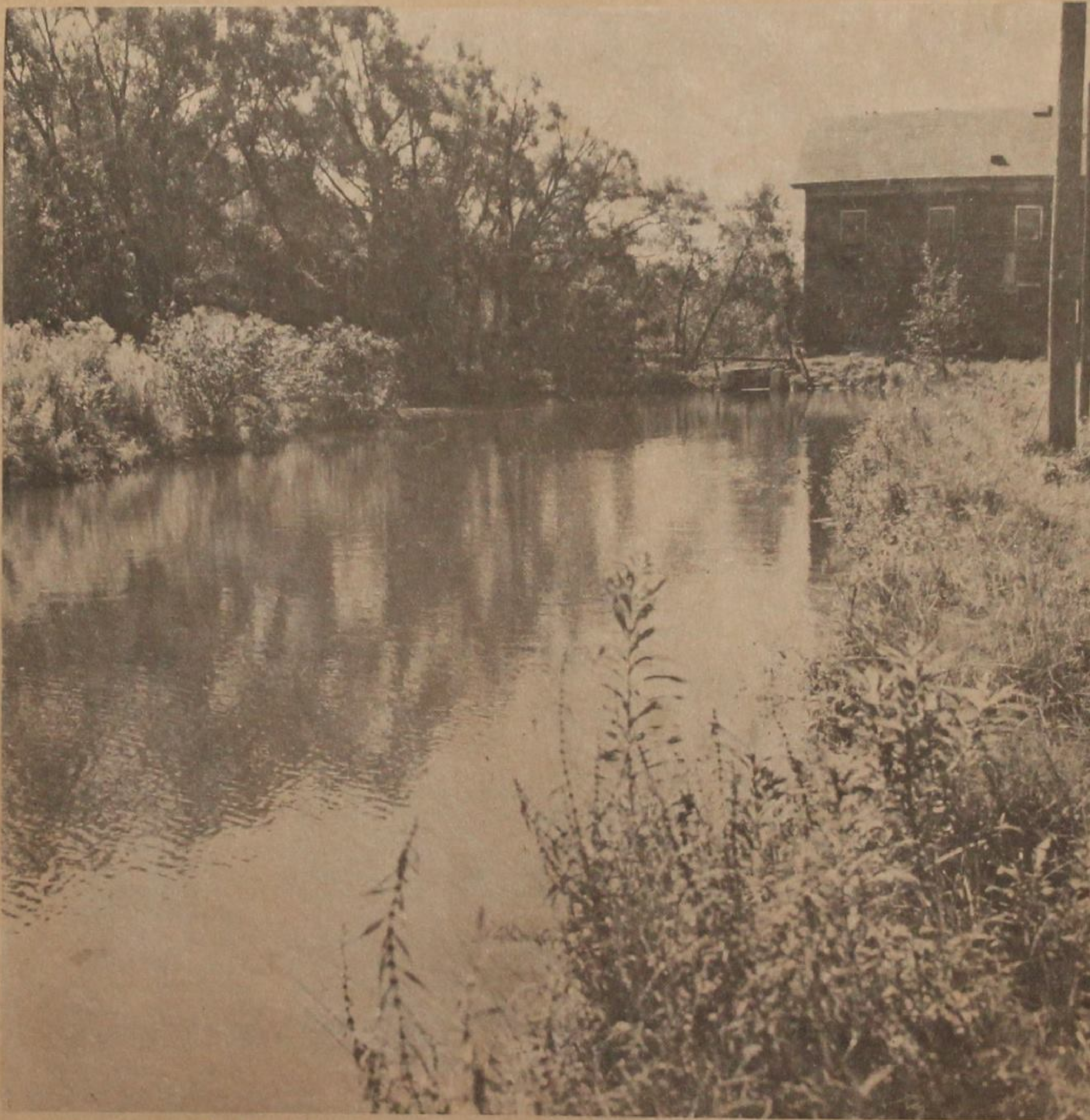
The mill was originally equipped by a waterwheel but that was replaced by a turbine, 65 years ago, said Mr. Treffry. The original turbine is still driving the mill.

There are still problems involved in running a water mill, for example, in winter the mill often becomes caked in ice overnight and has to

be thawed out before the mill can begin operation.

There is only one company at Meaford that still deals in parts for water mills, and parts have increased in price, but explained Mr. Treffry, the parts do not need replacing very frequently.

At the mill there is a corn chopper, corn grinder, corn sheller, oat roller, and a feed mixer.



This is the millpond running into Lorne Treffry's 125-year-old waterpowered grist mill. The mill is one of a dwindling number of water-driven mills in Southern Ontario. (News-Record Photo)

Otterville Public School Has New Kindergarten

By ELLEN H. EFF

OTTERVILLE — Otterville Public School has something new to offer this term — a kindergarten class, with a classroom of Grades 5-6 pupils transferred to the second of the two South Norwich Township elementary schools, located at Springfield.

Registration figure soared to 310 at the Otterville Public School, with 10 teachers on staff.

Principal at the Otterville Public School is Boyd Little who has taught at the school since 1947, teaching Grade 8 this year. He formerly was on the teaching staff at schools at East Missouri, Embro and Guelph, being a teacher for 21 years. He enjoys photography and collecting stamps.

Married, he has two sons, William Little, an employee of the Tillsonburg branch, Royal Bank of Canada, and Brian, a Grade 10 student at Delhi District High School, and a daughter, Margueriete, a Grade 9 scholar at Norwich District High School.

Miss Mary Anne Silverthorn of Straffordville is the new kindergarten teacher with a class of 50. She started her teaching career at the school in 1965. She attended elementary schools at Guysboro and Straffordville, Annandale High School, Tillsonburg, and Glendale High School, Tillsonburg, and London Teachers' College.

Travelling and music are her two main enjoyments.

Grade 1 teacher for the second consecutive year at the school is Mrs. J. (Christine) Hulet of Otterville. She formerly taught for one year at St. Mary's Separate School, Woodstock. She attended St. Peter's Separate School, London, Central High School, London, and London Teachers' College. Her husband, John Hulet teaches Grade 6-7 at Port Burwell. She will have a class of 30 this term.

Giving instruction to Grades 1-4 to a class of 18 is Miss Donna Austin of Burgessville, a new teacher at the school. She formerly taught for seven years in her hometown, Timmins, where she attended elementary and high school, and North Bay Teachers' College. She collects rocks as a hobby.

Mrs. J. D. (Sherrill) Babbey of Otterville is Grade 4 teacher with 33 pupils this year. This marks her third term on the teaching staff, starting her profession at the school. She attended Ostrander Public School, Annandale High School, Tillsonburg, and Glendale High School, Tillsonburg, and London Teachers' College. Her husband, Douglas Babbey teaches Grade 6-7 at Springfield Area School. She is fond of reading and music.

Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo of Otterville has been a teacher for 20 years, teaching her third term this season, students of Grade 6, numbering 34. She began her teaching career at Port of Spain, Trinidad. She collects stamps and enjoys music, reading and doing embroidery work.

A first year teacher at the school beginning her teaching career is Miss Janice Priester of Courtland. She will have 31 students to teach, Grades 1-2. She attended Bell Mill Public School, Annandale High School, and London Teachers' College. Reading and music are her favorite pastimes.

Mrs. L. (Linda) Fitzsimmons of 50 Brock St., Tillsonburg, Grades 2-3 teacher, will have 33 students this term which marks her second year on the teaching staff. She has taught for four years, two years spent at Our Lady of LaSalette School, LaSalette. She attended elementary school at Otterville, Norwich District High School, and London Teachers' College. Her daughter, Lisa, is three-years of age. Her husband, Larry Fitzsimmons trains race horses at Tillsonburg.

A teacher at the school for 21 years is Mrs. F. (Violet) Cole of Otterville. She is teaching Grades 5-6. She attended Princeville Public School, Durham High School, and Teachers' College, Toronto. She is an avid coin collector, a hobby she shares with her husband, Fred Cole. Also, enjoys painting and doing fancy work.

New teacher at the school and in the profession is Les Ferris of Burgessville, who will have 30 pupils in his class, Grade 7. He attended Beaconsfield Public School, Norwich District High School and London Teachers' College. He is a canoeing enthusiast.

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Otterville Library Receives 175 Books

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Library has just received a shipment of 175 more new books, several being of the latest editions, from the Oxford County Library Co-operative.

According to the local librarian, Earle Petch, reading of the available books has kept up well during the summer months, and the membership which is free to Oxford County residents has kept to around the 300 mark, with an average of 100 books being taken out each week.



Otterville Public School teaching staff is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Mrs. F. (Violet) Cole of Otterville; Principal, Boyd Little of Otterville; Les Ferris of Burgessville. Back row, left to right: Miss Janice Priester of Courtland; Mrs. J. (Christine) Hulet of Otterville; Mrs. L. (Linda) Fitzsimmons of Tillsonburg; Miss Donna Austin of Burgessville; Mrs. D. (Sherrill) Babbey of Otterville; Miss Mary Anne Silverthorn of Straffordville; and Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo of Otterville.

C.D. Uptigrove, 94 Still Plays Piano

By ELLEN H. EFF

OTTERVILLE — To talk over old times and to play the piano are high on the list of likes of George Douglas Uptigrove, 94, of Stover St., North, Norwich, the oldest gentleman in North Norwich Township.

Born in Delaware Township on July 26, 1874, son of the late Joseph Uptigrove and Esther Kilbourn, Mr. Uptigrove marked his 94th birthday two days later than his birth date this year for only then it was convenient to have a family dinner. The event was a quiet one, held in the Anglican Parish Hall, Norwich.

Just recently returned from travelling in Northern Ontario and in the State of Michigan, U.S.A., Mr. Uptigrove enjoyed the car jour-

ney with his son, Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, who is minister of Anglican Otterville-Norwich circuit, who on his holiday went gathering family history data.

Now, Mr. Uptigrove can be assured of his ancestry for his son's findings have proven that he is the ninth generation of the Kilbourn family who came to Connecticut, U.S.A. in 1635, the name Kilbourn (or Kilborn or Kilbourne) derived from the town of Kilbourn in the North Riding of Yorkshire, England.

Other notes, found in the search, show that Mr. Uptigrove's great grandfather, Timothy Kilbourn, settled in Kilworth, Delaware Township in 1796. The common ancestor of all the Kilbourn families in the Western continent, Thomas being born at

Wood Ditton in the County of Cambridge, A.D. 1576, going to Connecticut in 1635. A former farmer in Delaware Township, Mr. Uptigrove retired in 1956.

Besides his son, Rev. S. Uptigrove, with whom he resides, he has one daughter, Mrs. E. (Hazel) Doane of Mount Brydges; and one grandson, Ronald Doane. Also three brothers, Lorne Uptigrove of Flint, Mich., U.S.A.; Addison Uptigrove and Hedley Uptigrove, both of Delaware Township. His wife, the former Cilicia Nigh of Avon, passed away in 1934. Also, one brother and two sisters.



Family history has caught up with George D. Uptigrove of Stover St., Norwich, the oldest gentleman in North Norwich Township. His son, Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, minister of the Anglican Otterville-Norwich circuit, travelled with his father to gather data this past summer. (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

In Memoriams

SAUNDERS—In loving memory of a beloved daughter, Kathleen Saunders, who passed away September 4th, 1967.

My heart still aches with sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose her
No one will ever know
Each time I see her picture
She seems to smile and say
I am only sleeping
We'll meet again some day.

Sadly missed and always remembered by her mother.



A unique memorial chapel, that depicts the Old Windham Centre United Church, is located in Windham Centre Township next to the cemetery. A plaque, erected nearby explains its history: "This monument is a replica of the church erected on this same site in 1868. The new Old Windham Centre Church is 1 mile south of this site." (Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Springford Cemetery About 121 Years Old

By ELLEN H. EFF

OTTERVILLE — One of a number of cemeteries located in South Norwich Township is "Springford Community Cemetery."

Like many of the others in the area, it observed "Decoration Day" the third Sunday in August but unlike some of the other cemeteries, it had no program presentation so as to give the visitors a chance for quiet meditation on this occasion.

The cemetery, located a 1/2 mile east of the village of Springford, has a marker dated 1847, making the cemetery 121 years old but as burials were known to have taken place prior to the time when stones were being erected, it is even older than that.

Known first as a "burial ground" during the 1800's, the piece of land on which the cemetery is located today, was originally the property of J. C. Smart, and when it was put into use as a burial ground it was a densely wooded area — cedar, pine and stumps being in great abundance.

According to Blaine Oatman of Springford, secretary-treasurer of the Springford Community Cemetery Board, the first lots were given free to those who would clear out a burial spot, and this procedure was followed for more than a decade. Later, a piece of land, 16 1/2' square sold for \$5 (large enough to bury eight).

In 1887, the burial ground was taken over by the community, the residents get-

ting the stumps out and the land cleared away for plots, becoming officially then a "cemetery."

On April 11, 1887, the first trustees were elected. According to the first minute book, in the possession of Mr Oatman, the men who served were Charles Jenvey, secretary; James Wilcox, L. Hicks, H. Shaddock and J. C. Smart.

On the second board were F. W. Vardon, secretary; William Bell, J. C. Smart, Melburne Haley and Louis Oatman.

It seems that the cemetery was still in a state of wilderness 74 years ago judging from an entry I came across in the first minute book: "Resolved that J. R. Johnson, D. Hicks, H. W. Reavely, J. Wardle and D. R. Wilson be appointed a committee to collect funds for repairing and clearing the cemetery."

And, I noted, too, the following item: "John Senley, 2 1/2 days of work, \$3.13; E. Smith, for a day of work, \$1.25; J. C. Smart, for a half-day of work, \$.73."

It wasn't until 1887 that the first official deed was issued plot owners. Prior, word of mouth or maybe a slip of paper was the only deed a holder of a piece of land had to signify ownership of a particular parcel of ground.

First map was made of the burial ground in 1847, the map still in good condition and among Mr. Oatman's collection of old cemetery keepsakes. Also, the last map that was drawn up in 1967 that shows 230 plots in use and quite a number yet unoccupied.

Mr. Oatman pointed out during the interview, "What

the present Springford Community Cemetery Board is striving to do is to carry on the tradition set up by the pioneer developers of the cemetery — to plan it in such a way that it can keep on expanding with the years so that interest can be maintained in the cemetery.

Because of the forethought of those men in the past the old pioneer cemetery is combined with the new part; and the trees planted by those who followed after, around 1930, is especially being enjoyed today for the shade they give and the added beauty they shed over the cemetery."

Present board members include Fred Broad, chairman; Blaine Oatman, secretary-treasurer; Garfield Wardle, M. R. Wilson and Earl Haley.

C. A. McKee, a former secretary-treasurer gave faithful service to the Springford Community Cemetery Board for more than 20 years and did much work around the cemetery, too, during that interim of time.

First caretaker was D. Hicks who was voted into that position on February 19, 1894. Chauncey Smith was caretaker for two years prior to Wilfred Oatman who has been caretaker of the cemetery since 1950. Present grave digger is Stanley Noels of Otterville.

The cemetery was at first looked after by the plot owners themselves, some who cut the grass and some not, and others gave donations of money to have the graves trimmed of the grass but the cemetery had an unkept appearance. And, so, in 1957, perpetual care was established.

First cremation took place in the cemetery on March 18, 1927. The deceased was Marcia E. Breniman, aged 77, who died at San Jose Hospital, San Jose, the burial permit owned by Mr. Oatman.

Last year, the cemetery received a new entrance when Oxford County Council, on cutting down a hill in the vicinity closed the old entrance, put in a new entrance and road, donating the land and also putting up a fence around the cemetery, now giving the cemetery parking area for the cars inside the cemetery.

And, just recently, a new link fence was strung from the front entrance down the side of the parking area, and a small gate added to the

front of the cemetery, the latter donated by Douglas Wilson, and given a new coat of silver paint by Mr. Oatman and Fred Broad, the duo being among a number of citizens who have taken vital and active interest having worked over 40 years for the betterment of the Springford Community Cemetery.

September 11, 1968



Most unique tombstone in the old burial ground that is part of Springford Community Cemetery is the one above, set up in memory of Thomas Pearce who died on May 4, 1898 and Maria Giles, who passed away on December 22, 1908. It depicts a plunging anchor symbolic in the area of sea captains' tombstones. Shown looking at the tombstone is Stanley Noels of Otterville, grave digger.

New Otterville Firm Has 50 Employees

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By DAVE ELLIS

OTTERVILLE — The new Powell Agri-Systems building on the outskirts of Otterville, is a major addition to area industry.

The large, 40,000 square foot new building will be used to manufacture bulk curing units for Canadian tobacco growers. At present, the company assembles pre-fabricated units produced at the Powell factory in South Carolina.

But because of the high cost of transporting the par-

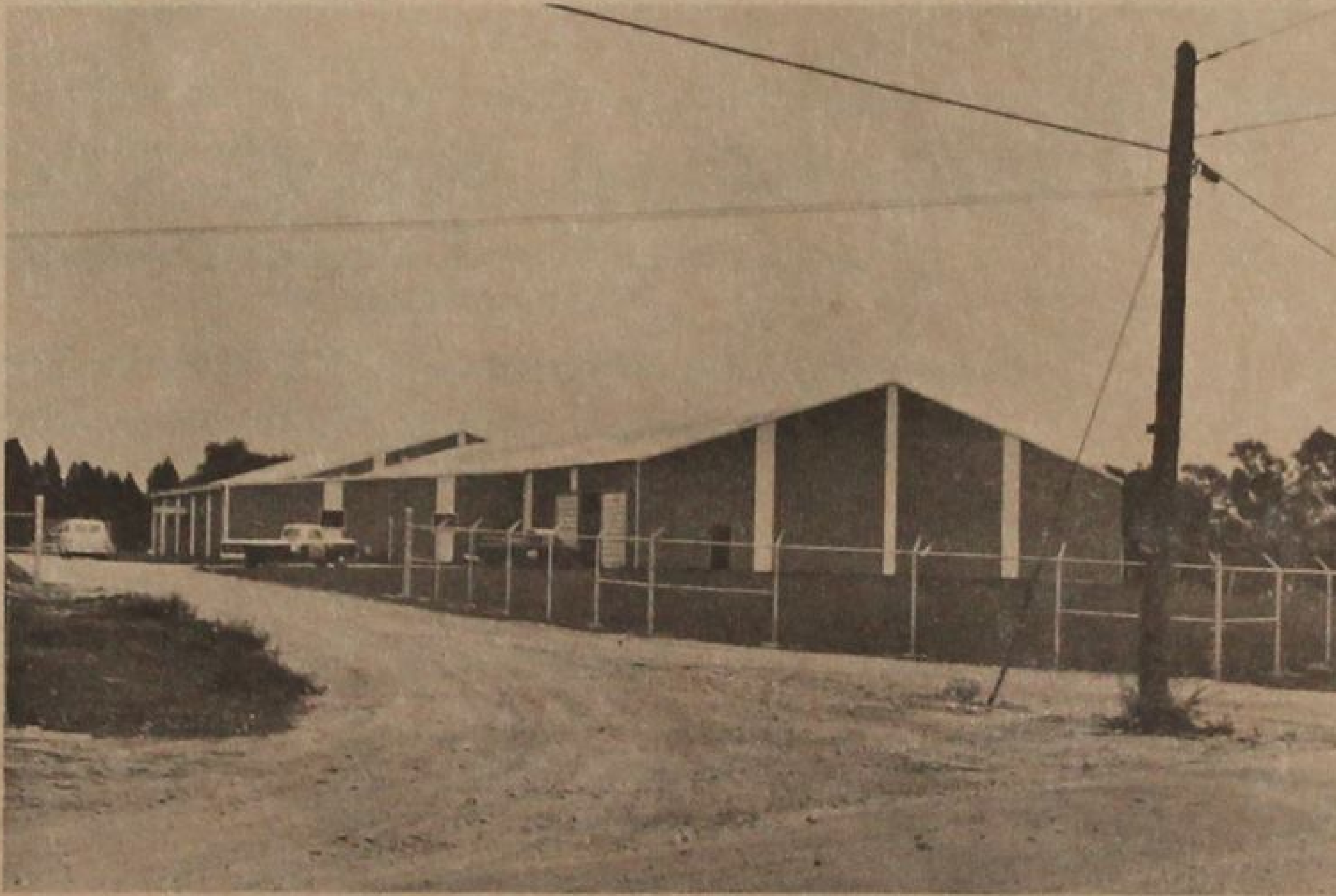
tially constructed units to Canada, and also because the American factory is operating close to its maximum level, it was decided to start producing the bulk curers in Canada.

Mr. Wilson, executive vice-president of Powell Agri-Systems, said Canada presents an especially good market for bulk curers because of the relatively large tobacco acreage of farms. In the United States he explained, the average size of farm tobacco acreage is generally much smaller.

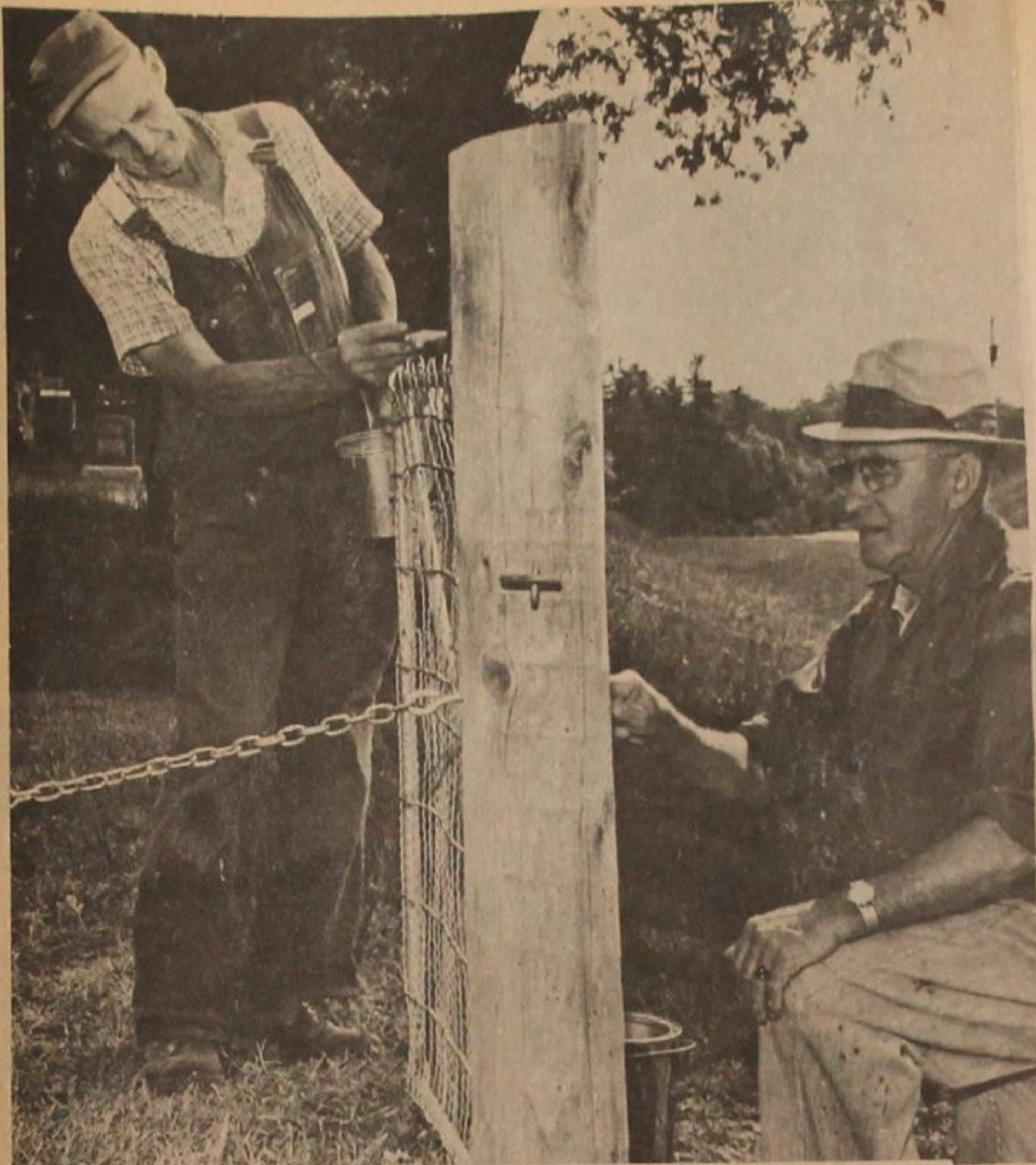
The new factory is providing new jobs for area workers. The policy of the company is to hire entirely Canadian staff, for its operation in Canada.

At present there are 50 workers on the payroll, but this should increase as the company moves into the busier winter months.

The factory will gradually begin full production at Otterville and the complete changeover from assembly of part to production of parts will occur in the very near future, said Mr. Wilson.



This is an exterior photo of the modern, new building of Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. at Otterville.
(News-Record Photo)



Two South Norwich Township residents, Blaine Oatman, left, secretary-treasurer, and Fred Broad, right, chairman of the Springford Community Cemetery, who have worked over 40 years for the betterment of the Springford Community Cemetery, are shown painting a new addition to the cemetery, a small front entrance gate, prior to having put up a new link fence that runs down along the new parking area in the cemetery

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(Photos by Ellen H. Eff)

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10 Bulk Curing Units

Five Ladies Prime Tobacco For

which are filled, one-third with water and fish and two-thirds with pure oxygen.

By DAVE MacLAREN
OTTERVILLE — Rene Goossens may have started a trend on his R.R. 2, Otterville, farm which will assure the ladies a job in tobacco in the bulk curing era. He had five local ladies prime his 48.5 acre crop of Yellow Gold and they did a good job. Granted there was a lone male to help them, but they don't have to take a back seat to anybody.

So it was a reverse situation on Mr. Goossen's farm this harvest as two men loaded the 10 bulk curing units and the ladies took over in the field.

Meanwhile at the pack-barn, Mr. Goossen, his wife, Nellie, and a young helper were busy baling the crop.

The word baling rather than sorting is used because on the day The News-Record visited the farm the kiln being readied for market was so uniform very little sorting was required.

Mr. Goossens said this would vary somewhat if a spot of different tobacco (immature or weather flecked) had been harvested with the general run of tobacco primed to fill the unit. However he noted such tobacco was usually contained in a few of the bulk racks and this simplifies the sorting.

Preparing the kiln was a simple case of Mr. and Mrs. Goossens opening the bulk racks on the barn floor and scooping an armful of leaves

up for the baling box. A quick glance at the armful would indicate a few "different type" leaves needed to be removed on occasion, but more often the armful could be baled just as it was.

An indication of the uniformity of the crop was that only two bales of green tobacco had been graded out of 26 kilns when the Goossens' farm was visited.

By now probably three-quarters of the 40 kilns harvested is stripped. On the average it was taking three people about five to six hours to strip a kiln. Mr. Goossens said he was baling it a bit drier than he would when it was conventionally

stripped as he wanted to be a little cautious the first year.

"Bulk curing is the coming thing, there's no doubt about it," Mr. Goossens stated. He believes his propane gas bill will be cut in half but he said this saving will be slightly reduced by a larger hydro cost to operate the bulk unit motors.

The weight of cured tobacco from various pullings ranged as follows per unit: second pulling 1,800 to 1,900 pounds; third pulling 2,100 to 2,200 pounds and fourth pulling 2,500 to 2,800 pounds.

When asked what they would do this winter, Mrs. Goossens said she would just get all the odd jobs done she never had time to do before, and perhaps work in a bit of curling. Mr. Goossens was mulling over a few ideas, but he hadn't definitely decided how his extra free time would be spent.

Mr. Goossens is also widely known as a trout raiser throughout the province. Each year he sells some 200,000 Rainbow, Kamloop and Speckled trout which vary in size from two to 12 inches to customers all over the province.

In total weight this represents around 16,000 pounds of fish. Some of them are sent by air freight to Sault Ste Marie in plastic bags

In one respect Mr. Goossens does not agree with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests trout policy. A licence must be obtained for each species of trout raised and he is no longer able to obtain a licence to raise Brown trout.

"Apparently some official in the department has decided the Brown is not a good trout and has decided to eliminate it," Mr. Goossens said. "I disagree with this because there are some streams such as the Otter, north of Otterville which will only support the Brown species," he continued.

As Mr. Goossens put it, "a Brown trout is better than nothing at all." Perhaps he will gain some support for his thinking from trout anglers who feel the same way.

Mr. Goossens moved with his parents to the 180 acre South Norwich farm in 1942 and he purchased the farm in 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Goossens have three sons and two daughters. Three of the children attend school at Otterville and the other two attend Tillsonburg District High School.

It is the pleasure of both families to share in announcing the engagement of Nancy Louise Ratz, London, daughter of Mrs. James Peat, Woodstock, and the late Wilfred S. Ratz to Robert Wayne Baguley, London, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baguley, Otterville, Ont. The wedding will take place on Saturday, October 12, 1968, three o'clock in Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter Catherine have returned to their home after spending a week with the former's sister Mrs. Mabel Hillier Floyd and Michael, in Washington, D. C. Oct 13 / 68



Springford Area School staff is shown above, front row, left to right: Douglas Babbey of Otterville; Principal, Donald Neale of Otterville; Mrs. R. (Flora) Thompson of Tillsonburg; back row, left to right: Mrs. R. (June) Wallace of Tillsonburg; Mrs. W. (Cheryl) Coward of Tillsonburg; and Mrs. G. (Carol) Ramsey of Tillsonburg.

(Photo by Ellen H. Eff)

Norwich Couple Wed 25 Years

NORWICH (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, Dufferin St., Norwich, were honored on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday evening October 12, when relatives and close friends gathered at the Anglican church hall in Otterville for a social evening.

Mrs. Thompson was the former Helen Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graves, of Holbrook and Mr. Thompson's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thompson of Kelvin. They were married at Holbrook by Rev. McLennan, with Miss Catherine McMullen of Otterville as flower girl the only attendant. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have two children, Gary, who

is employed on the office staff of Livingston's at Tillsonburg, and Karen, who is attending Alma College, St. Thomas, where she is majoring in secretarial work.

The evening was spent in progressive euchre. Clare Hoffman, a close friend, was master of ceremonies.

Luncheon was served by Mrs. Bruce Pettit of Sarnia, sister of the bride, assisted by her two sons, and Miss Ann McMullen of Hamilton.



Stanley Gehring, Reeve of South Norwich Township, relaxing on his R.R. 2, Otterville farm.

(News-Record Photo)

CELEBRATE 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday evening, October 12, relatives and close friends gathered at the Anglican Church Hall, Otterville, to honour Helen and Fred Thompson on the occasion of the 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Helen and Fred were married at Holbrook, Ont., Oct. 11th, 1943 by Rev. McLennan. Their only attendant was Miss Catherine McMullen, of Otterville.

Helen and Fred were blessed with fine children, Gary, who is employed at Livingston's office at Tillsonburg and Karen who attend Alma College, St. Thomas, where she is majoring in secretarial work.

The evening was spent playing progressive euchre.

At the close of an enjoyable evening of cards, Clare Huffman, close friend of the bride and groom acted as master of ceremonies. He recalled many humorous incidents which took place during an agricultural short course given at Teeterville where Helen and Fred first met. This short course turned out to be a long course for "The Thompsons." Clare called upon the bride and groom to open their gifts.

Both Helen and Fred made a very suitable and gracious reply, thanking those present for the gifts. They also expressed their appreciation to those responsible for the pleasant evening.

Mrs. Bruce Pettit of Sarnia, sister of the bride was assisted by her sons and Miss Ann McMullen of Hamilton in serving a delicious luncheon.

During the luncheon Helen and Fred with their attendant Catherine and their children Gary and Karen were seated at a table centred with the wedding cake. The table was enhanced by flowers and candles. A beautiful floral design formed the background for the table. This was a gift from

Catherine, their flower girl of 25 years.

The happy occasion was brought to a close with many good wishes for the future.

Otterville Anglican

OTTERVILLE (C)- The national Thanksgiving service on Sunday was observed conducted by lay reader, Mr. Jack Riste, in the absence of the Rector, Rev. S. V. Uptigrove.

The speaker based his thoughts on our national Thanksgiving Day "Praise the Lord for all His Benefits and Forget not all His mercies and Goodness Toward us."

Mr. Riste intimated that the people of Canada, as a nation, should get down on their knees and thank God for all His benefits, the privilege to live in a country such as Canada, free from wars, famine, disease and above all the freedom of worship. Tom Jones receive the offering.

The choir and congregation sang "O Canada" Mrs. Jack Freeland was organist, in the absence of Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Mr. Riste also conducted the Thanksgiving worship service at St. Charles Dereham at 2:30 p.m. when evensong was observed.

15 Years Threshing Wheat In Oxford

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By DAVE ELLIS

OTTERVILLE — When the land steamers slowly furrowed the soil in the early part of this century, life on the farm was different, slower and more leisurely.

'Viv' Rachar, of Otterville, threshed wheat for 15 years early in the century; "the best years in my life." He threshed with one of the old steam threshers, top speed 5 m.p.h. in high gear.

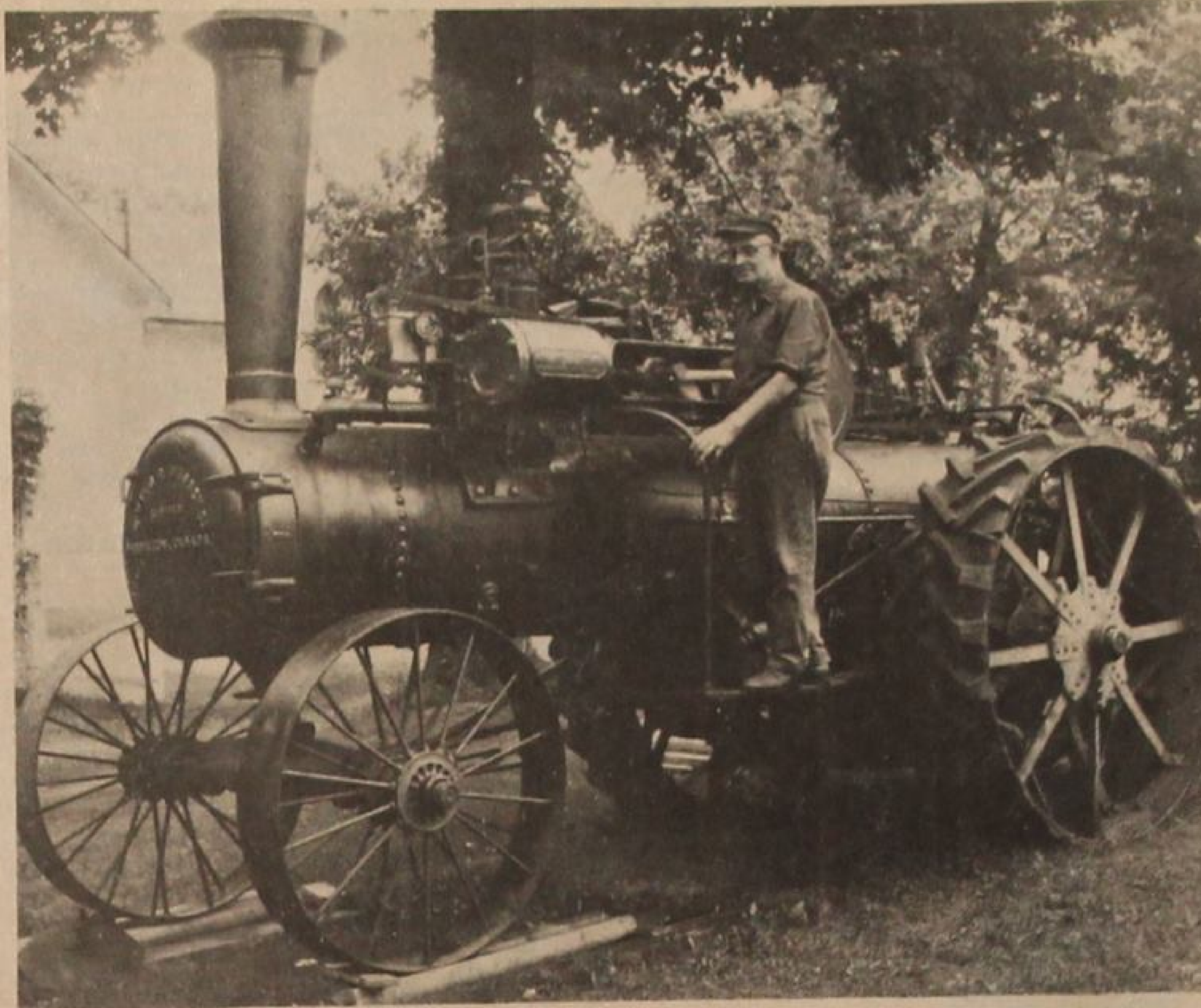
Today skeletons of threshers are still seen, stripped to the boiler in kiln yards, where the boiler is used to steam greenhouses.

'Viv', still spry at 75, bought an old Sawyer and Massey, steam traction engine last fall. When he bought it, the engine was seized, and he had to take it apart, clean it, and reassemble it. It took the spring of this year and the greater part of the summer, but when he had finished, it worked.

The 20 h.p. coal or wood fired steamer runs without a 'click'.

Mr. Rachar remembers threshing 1,500 bushels of oats in five hours in 1916 on the farm of Ed. Waring, north of Norwich.

Out in the west, on the prairies, huge 60 h.p. western steamers pulled 22 plows at a time.



Vivian Rachar, Otterville, and the 1906 steam traction engine that he restored to working condition last summer. (News-Record Photo)

The steamer that Mr. Rachar rebuilt can be seen at his son's Otterville garage. The engine weighs over 300 pounds, and turns so slowly, that you can count the spokes, said Mr. Rachar.

"Tractors don't have the same heft", said Mr. Rachar. "When I had to move it to my nephews, 1 1/2 miles, it took 4 tractors to move it." He estimated the weight of the steamer at 12 tons.

The fly wheel of the engine weighs over 300

With the increasing popularity of the faster, easier to operate tractor, steam engines went out of production almost overnight. In the space of a year, one company cut its production back from 80 units to two.

Mr. Rachar was in the garage business in Otterville for

32 years. He sold the business to his sons in 1952.

Awarded Doctoral Fellowship

OTTERVILLE (C)- Mr. Felix J. Douma, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Douma of Otterville, has been awarded a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship to do advanced comparative studies at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

Mr. Douma was informed of the award in Santo Domingo, where he had been serving as Third Secretary and vice-Consul in the Canadian Embassy to the Dominican Republic. Tenure of the fellowship will mark Mr. Douma's, at least temporary, departure from the Canadian Diplomatic Service, which he joined in September 1966.

The fellowship, which is renewable yearly and carries a generous stipend to defray tuition and living

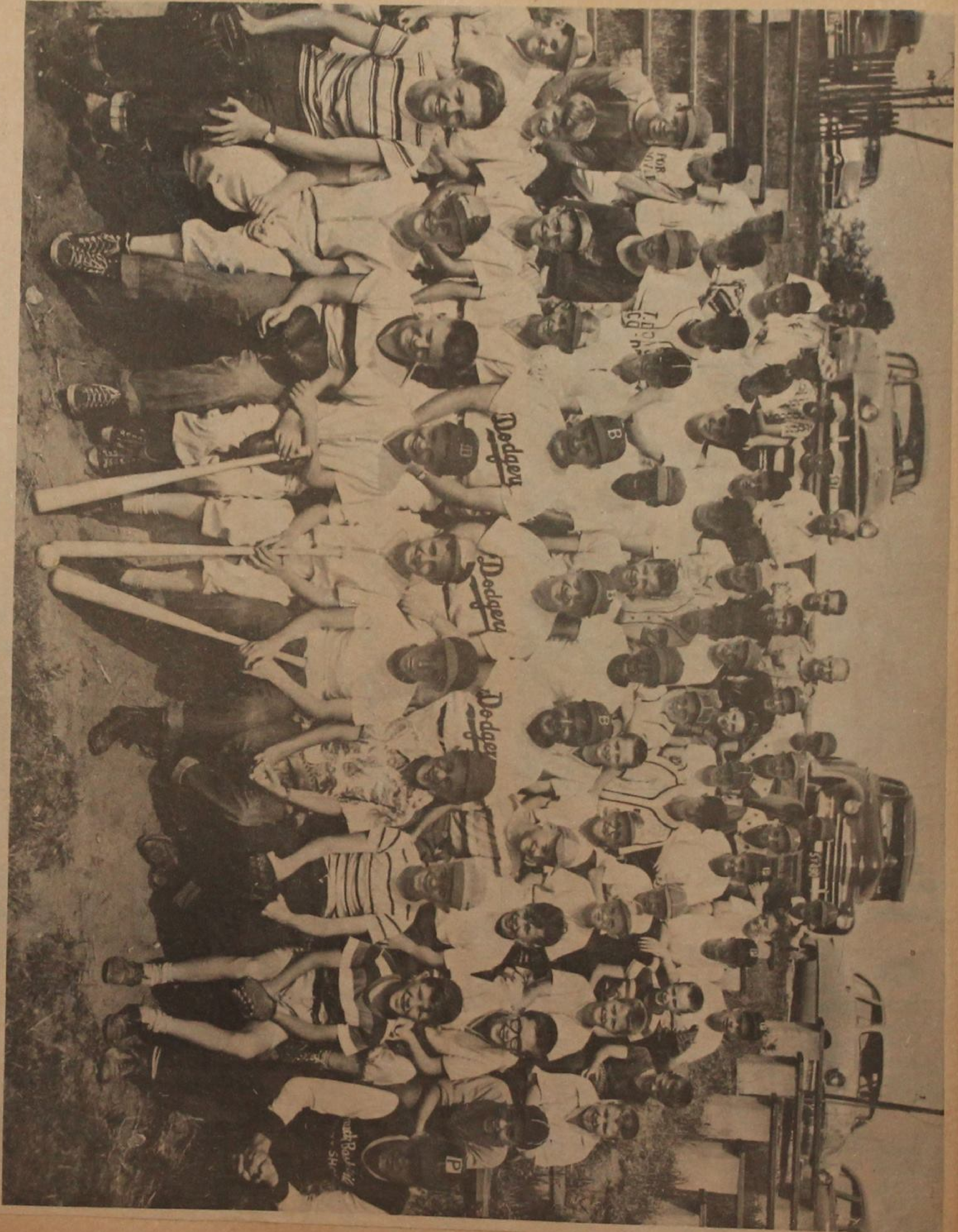
expenses as well as travel costs, will enable Mr. Douma to carry out research in Dutch and English comparative language and literature with emphasis on material at present only available in the Dutch language.

Mr. Douma, who is 27 years old, emigrated to Canada from the Netherlands with his parents in 1953 and attended Otterville Public School as well as Norwich District High School where he was chosen valedictorian of his graduation class. He was the gold medalist in the Honours Bachelor of Arts program in English and Philosophy at the University of Western Ontario in 1964, and did graduate studies in Philosophy at the University of Toronto. Mr. Douma has been



spending the time with his parents in Otterville since his arrival from the Dominican Republic on September 30. He left for Rotterdam on the vessel "Transmichigan" which sailed from Montreal, October 12, 1968.

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Delhi Optimist Club sponsored a baseball clinic here 18 or 20 years ago. About 200 young players took part in the event, including many from Otterville. All of the uniforms worn by the Otterville boys were made by Mrs. Murray Downing. Material and caps were donated by Otterville Lions Club. Although some of the names of those in the photo are available, many are not. Do you know them all? (Oct 68) (Photo supplied by Bill Pennington)

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Otterville Otters won the North Oxford Softball Championship. This photo was taken beside the pool at Otterville Park, Saturday afternoon. Bottom row, left to right, are Bob Furlong, Dave Arthur, Scott Taylor, bat boy, Bryan Taylor, Gary Rachar, Pierre Pinnoy; top row, left to right, Keith Howse, Bill McMullen, Keith Jull, Bob Smith, Stuart Godby, scorekeeper, Chuck Alward. Missing when the photo was taken were Garner Scott, Neil Davies, Bob Rachar and Manager Roy Rachar. (News-Record Photo)

Otters Came Close To Another Title

OTTERVILLE - The Otterville Otters Softball team failed to repeat their provincial title triumph of last year, but they did come close.

They came second, losing in the final round to Rockwood, the team that they defeated to win the title in 1967.

On the way to their second place finish, they won the North Oxford League Trophy and the South Oxford Softball Trophy.

Catching the Otters was Bill McMullen and Stewart Godby was the Club statistician.

One reason for the good showing of the ball club was the earned run average of pitcher Bob Smith, an exceptional 0.63. He was also the leading Otter hitter with a .343 batting average.

Dave Arthur hit seven home runs to lead the Otters in that category, and Keith Howse led the team in stolen bases.



Merlin Howse, clerk-treasurer of South Norwich Township replaced Ted McElhone last June. An Otterville native, Mr. Howse is a graduate of Norwich District High School and Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto. (News-Record Photo)

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Scott - McNamara

OTTERVILLE (C) - Potted mums sprayed blue and two ferns placed at the sides of the altar, decorated Our Lady of LaSalette R. C. Church, LaSalette, on Saturday, September 28, 1968, at 2:30 p.m. for the wedding of Ann Marie McNamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell McNamara of R. R. 1, Norwich, and Joseph Garner Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Scott of Otterville. Rev. Fr. G. F. Childs officiated. Mrs. William McMullen of Otterville, organist, played "Ave Maria" "On This Day" "Oh Beautiful Mother" and "The Lord's Prayer" and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Ellis Scott of St. Marys, sister-in-law of the groom, during the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in floor-length gown of white silk organza over peau de faille styled on A lines. The bodice featured a large portrait collar, empire waist and long sheath sleeves, belled at the wrist and touched with a bow. The entire bodice was strewn with delicate French alencon lace, and the back was highlighted with a full flowing chapel length cage train cascading from the neckline. Her cathedral length, pure silk, illusion veil was caught up by an orchid headpiece touched with shimmering crystals, and she carried a cascade of white pom pom mums and white and pink sweetheart roses.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Ted Young of Cooksville, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Mary Ann McMahon of London and Miss Madeleine Rebry of Glen Meyer, both friends of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length gowns, designed and made by the mother of the bride. The A-line gowns of royal blue crystal peau de soie, featured loose backs with inverted pleats, bell shaped, elbow-length sleeves trimmed with tiny pearls, and a margingale belt. Their

headdresses were white baby carnations sprayed a light blue placed separately in the hair, and they carried cascades of pom pom mums sprayed blue, with white sweetheart roses. They each wore a cultured pearl necklace.

Miss Terri Scott of St. Marys, niece of the groom, was flower girl. Her floor-length gown was identical to the matron of honor. An arch headpiece of white baby carnations and mums sprayed blue, and a cascade of pom pom mums sprayed blue with white sweetheart roses, completed her ensemble.

Best man was Mr. Allan Scott of Otterville, brother of the groom. Ushers were James McNamara of R.R. 1, Norwich, brother of the bride, and Mr. Ted McElhone of Otterville, brother-in-law of the groom. Master Bill Scott of St. Marys, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

Reception for 400 guests was held at the Hungarian Hall, Delhi. Bride's table featured a wedding cake decorated with blue flowers and three candles with white and blue floral decorations around the base. Guests' tables were decorated with vases of blue sprayed carnations. Master of ceremonies was Dr. Ellis Scott of St. Marys, brother of the groom.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a street-length dress of white brocade, topped with a silver mink stole, worn with matching hat, off white accessories and a mauve orchid wrist corsage. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a street-length, water blue, stantung, sheath dress and coat ensemble, worn with matching accessories and a yellow orchid wrist corsage.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were Italian leather compacts; to the flower girl, a cultured pearl necklace. Groom's gifts were cigarette lighters.

For a wedding trip to the northern New England States, the bride chose a rich yellow, Swiss brocade, sheath dress and matching coat with long sleeves and tapered lapels, worn with beige accessories and a corsage of burnt orange roses.

Guests were present from Ottawa, Toronto, Aurora, Kitchener, London, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Lambeth, Brantford and Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside at Apt. 605, 850 Kipps Lane, London.

Prior to her wedding the bride was honored at miscellaneous showers given by Miss Mary Ann McMahon, Miss Madeleine Rebry and Annie Fisher at London. Employees of the Test Centre at Bell Telephone, London, presented the bride with a gift. Mrs. Ted McElhone of Otterville also was hostess for a surprise shower for Miss McNamara.

The bridegroom was presented with a gift from the staff of Ernst and Ernst of London. He was also entertained at a stag party given by Ted McElhone and Allan Scott of Otterville.

The wedding party were entertained following rehearsal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Scott.

Install Officers At Violet Lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Earl Grawburg, district deputy president of East St., St. Thomas District 17, and her team of Monya Rebekah Lodge Number 239, Belmont.

Installed officers of Violet Rebekah Lodge Number 330, Otterville, at their installation meeting held in the I.O.O.F. hall, Monday night.

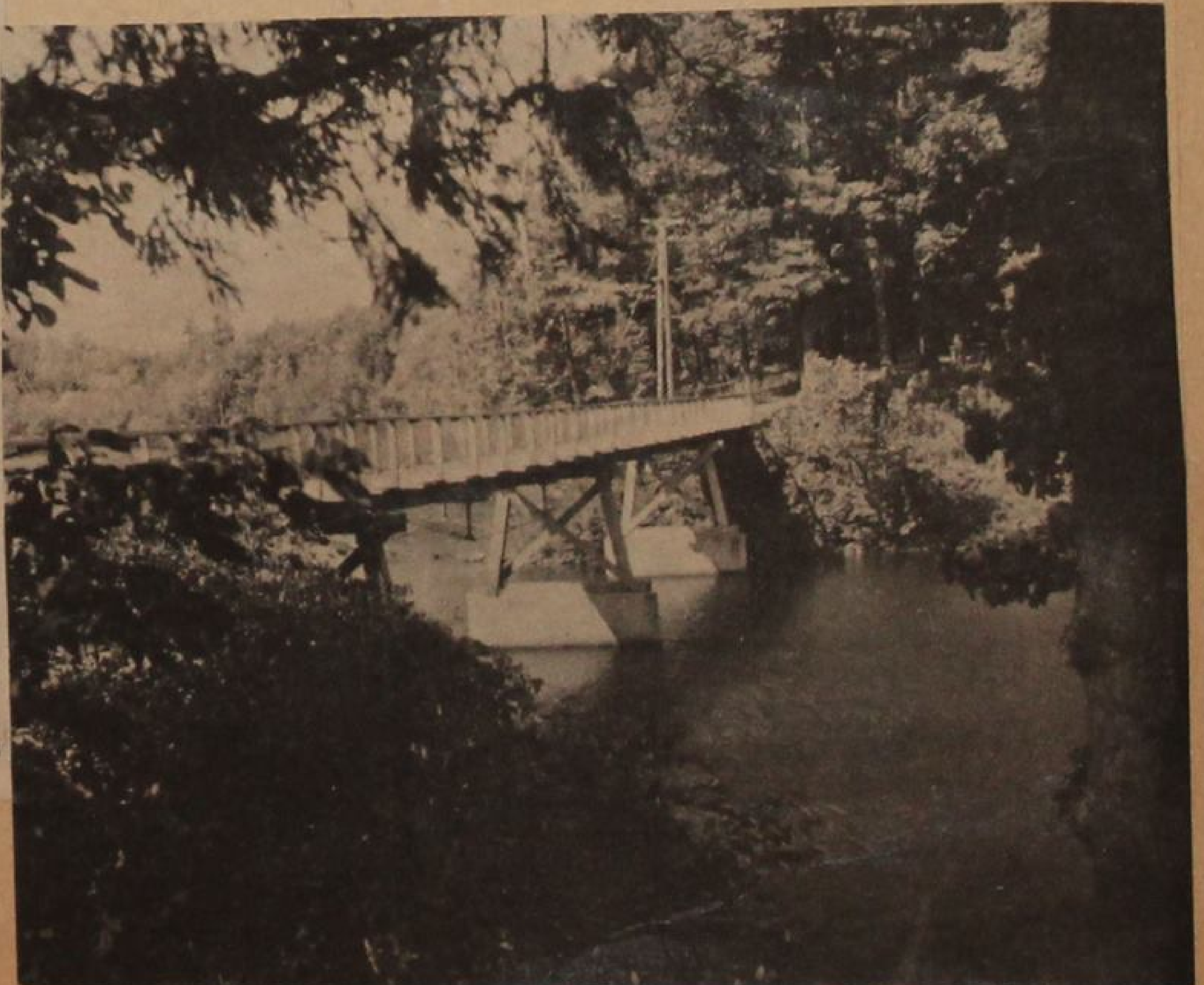
Mrs. *Jim* Kitchen was installed as Noble Grand.

Other executive officers installed are: Past Grand, Mrs. Elmer Smith; Vice - Grand, Miss Eva Devency; Recording secretary, Mrs. Ben Strudwick; financial secretary, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Arthur.

Visitors included district deputy president, Mrs. Jack Henry.

Mrs. Elmer Smith, past noble grand, received her jewel from the lodge and also a gift. She also presented the officers with a gift.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Fred Thompson and her committee served refreshments.



OTTERVILLE BRIDGE



MR. AND MRS. ERNIE ROBERT GYORI

Marriage vows were exchanged in a pretty candlelight service at the Courtland Baptist Church on Friday, October 4, 1968, at 6 p.m. between Shirley Joy Chipps and Ernie Robert Gyori. Rev. James Twinem performed the ceremony before a setting of bronze candleabra and arrangements of yellow and white mums. Mrs. James Twinem, organist, played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Richard Lucas friend of the bride, who sang, "O Perfect Love" and "The Wedding Prayer" during the service. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chipps of R.R. 3, Delhi, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gyori of R.R. 2, Courtland.

TEN YEARS AGO
November 6, 1958

A weekly religious feature "What do You Think?" will appear regularly in The News beginning with this issue. Local ministers will take turns in writing the column.

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Otterville is included in a winter work program announced by Federal Works Minister Green which will see building of a new post office.

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We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our neighbours, friends, relatives and our children for the wonderful "surprise at home" they had for us on Sunday, Nov. 10. To all those who called, sent cards and the gifts. Special thank you to Mrs. A. Babcock, Mrs. Fred Pearce and Miss Stephanie Burn for serving the lunch. Thank you one and all.—Harold and Dorothy Durkee. 1968.

Church Guild Holds Bazaar ^{Nov} '68

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Anglican Church Guild held their annual fall bazaar in the Parish Hall and was well attended with members of the St. Charles Church, Dereham, and Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Norwich, as well as the women of the village.

The president, Mrs. Wellington Armstrong, welcomed the ladies and officially opened the afternoon.

Serving the customers at the different tables were: fancy work, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong, and Mrs. Edna Pearce; cards and novelties, Mrs. Nate McMullen, bake table, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Reginald Wavell, Mrs. Joe Ash and tea tables, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Mrs. Al Jardine, Mrs. Walter Cotton and Mrs. Annie Milmine. Mrs. Edna Furlong was in charge of a table featuring copper art.

Tickets were sold on an embroidered cushion, made and donated by the president, Mrs. Armstrong. The draw was made by Mrs. Lena Young and

Steven Armstrong of Alms was the winner.

"Touch and Take" table was in charge of Mrs. Ben Strudwick.

A floral arrangement was donated to the Guild from the Almost Flower and Gift Shop.

Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Percy Slaght and Mrs. Charles Mann.

The decorated tea tables were well patronized and gave the shopper a time to chat with their neighbour and enjoy a social time.

European Trip Pictures Shown

OTTERVILLE (C) - Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Groat of London enjoyed a full evening of entertainment when colored home movies were shown by Mr. Groat of the tour he and Mrs. Groat had taken this past summer to Europe.

Mr. Groat who is on the teaching staff of the Beck Collegiate, London, was the commentator and they were thanked by the folk who appreciated their kindness in sharing the news and views of other countries.

After the pictures the ladies served refreshments ^{Nov} 1968

Reginald E. Lossing

Reginald E. Lossing of 765 Parkinson Road, Woodstock, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 1968, at his home in his 65th year.

Born in Otterville, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Lossing. He had lived in Otterville and Burgessville before going to Woodstock in 1940. He had been employed at Standard Tube and TI Ltd. before retiring in July. He was a member of College Avenue United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Olive M. Losee; one son, Gilbert (Bert) Lossing of Thamesford; one sister, Mrs. Harold (Jean) Nobbs of Norwich; and five grandchildren.

Rested at the M. D. (Mac) Smith Funeral Home Woodstock, where service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. A. C. McAlister.

Interment in Oxford Memorial Park Cemetery.



Sidewalk Days 1968

Museum Organizer At W.I. Meeting

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OTTERVILLE (C) - William G. McMullen of Otterville, who operates a machine shop in the village and who was responsible for starting Otterville's museum in the downstairs of the South Norwich township hall, was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Women's Institute. Mr. McMullen has long collected articles and made his desires known to have a place where the public could view them.

The display tables which hold many antique articles were all shown by the speaker who answered many questions from the interested members. On behalf of the Institute, Mrs. Fred Walther presented him with a gift and in his appreciation he suggested to the members that if they had any antiques which they would like to present or loan to the museum these would be appreciated among the collection. Mr. McMullen also said that the room was always open at the same time as the office upstairs and any organized group interested to see the displays would be welcome.

Cost 5 Cents For Mailing Greeting Card

Dec 1968
With the big Christmas mail rush at hand, senders of greeting cards are reminded by the postal department that unsealed cards need a five cent stamp this year, for either local or out-of-town delivery. Sealed letters, whether local or for any point in Canada or the U.S. will require six cents postage.

And, says the post office, if you write a greeting of more than five words, even in an unsealed card, first class postage is the rule

Dec 1968
Mr. Nate McMullen, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste, attended the funeral service of their aunt, the late Mrs. Bruce Carswell, the former Nellie Young, which was held at the Williams Funeral Home, St. Thomas, on Friday. Interment was in Fingal Cemetery. The late Mrs. Carswell was a resident of Detroit, Mich., and died in the Allan Bee Nursing Home there. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Mabel Hillier and Floyd and Michael Jr. of Washington D.C. were holiday guests with the former's brother, Mr. Nate McMullen, Mrs. McMullen and Catherine, and also visited other relatives in the area. *Dec. 23-28/68*

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Mrs. William Walter

OTTERVILLE (C) - A native of Devonshire, England, and an esteemed resident of Otterville for the past 40 years, Mrs. Bessie Walter, 85, passed away at Stonecrest Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, where she had been a patient for the past several weeks, on Friday, December 6, 1968.

She attended the Baptist Church as long as health permitted.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Dorothy) Durkee; three sons, Jack Walter and Reginald Walter, all of Otterville, and Edward Walter of Toronto; one brother, Charles Harris of Harriston; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mrs. Richard Saunders, predeceased her.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, December 9 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. Donations were made to the Heart and Cancer Fund.

Pallbearers were Reginald Saunders, Jay Durkee, Percy Walter

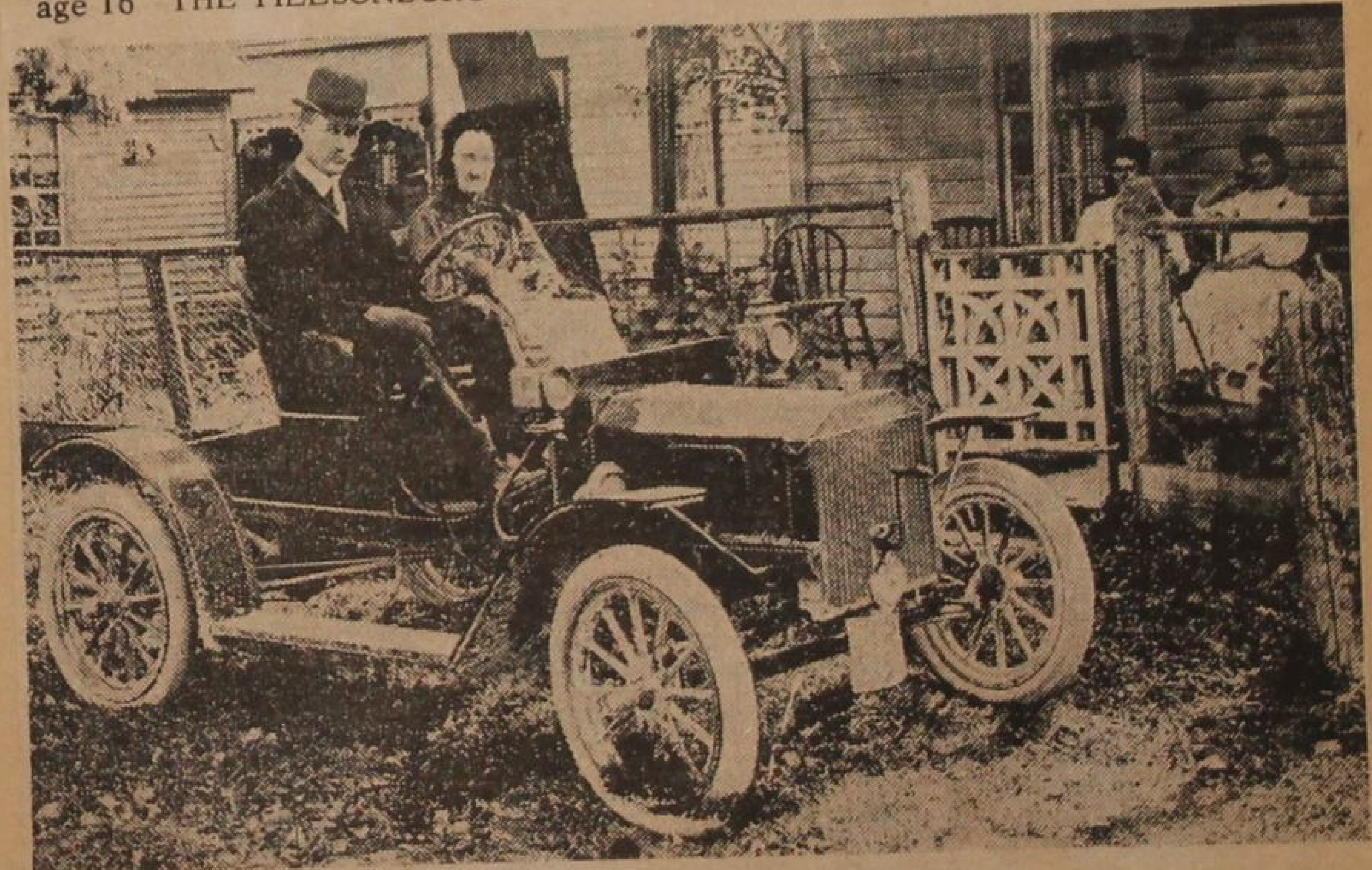
Gary Walter, Donald Barnim and Aubrey Babcock.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.



Pioneers of the Jacksonburg area of Houghton Township have been remembered by the citizens and the township council. The all but forgotten cemetery has been carefully improved. Stones have been assembled into a neat memorial to the founders of the settlement. (Art Goodwin Photo)

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A 1939 newspaper clipping with an item of local historic interest was recently brought to The News. In the photo taken at Delmer July 24, 1907, Mrs. Celina Mahoney is shown about to take her first automobile ride. The driver is Dr. H.E. Service. The ride was part of the birthday celebration of Mrs. Mahoney's 100th birthday. The house is the home of her son, Joe Mahoney who operated a blacksmith shop at Delmer, shown at the extreme left of the photo. On the verandah of the house are Mrs. Irvin Curtis and Mrs. Frank Mahoney. The car is believed to be a Ford Model S and one of the first in Tillsonburg. Mrs. Mahoney died in her 104th year. She was said to be the first white woman to be born in South Norwich and possibly Oxford County. She is the great-great-great grandmother of Mrs. Marie (Manning) Toth and great-great grandmother of Mrs. R.J. Manning of Tillsonburg and great-grandmother of Charles Smith of Ingersoll.

OF THIS and THAT . . 1968

Mrs. H. Y. Poehlman was the recipient of scores of congratulatory messages on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday on August 8, 1968. A former resident of Collingwood, she lives in Toronto, but spent a week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Poehlman at their summer cottage at Thornbury. During her stay she was visited by many old friends who renewed old ties and thoroughly enjoyed meeting with her on this happy occasion. Exceptionally alert, she is keenly interested in all that goes on and keeps abreast with affairs of the day.

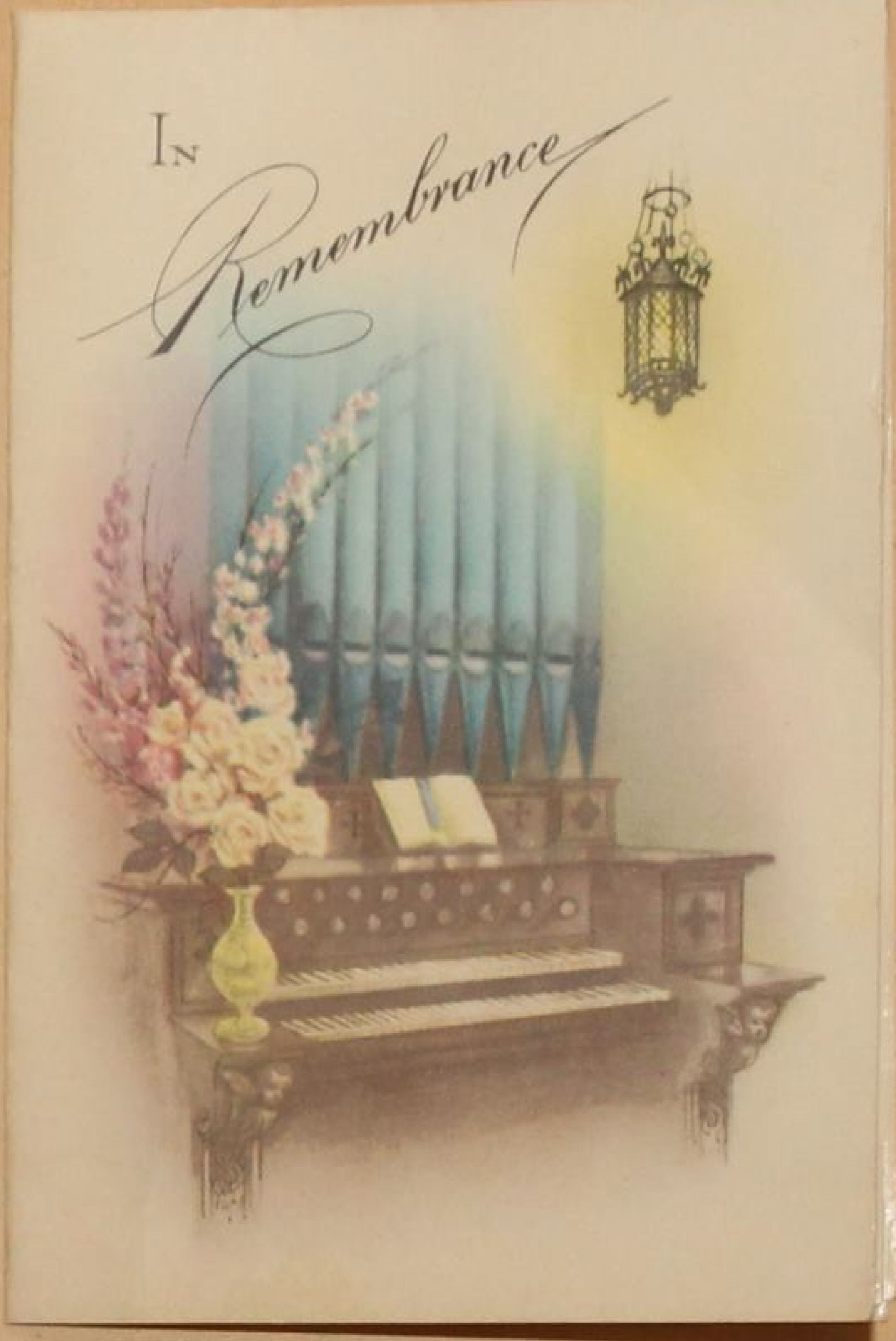
On Sunday morning, August 11th, she attended the service in First Baptist Church where, with family, she had been very active for many years. The choir presented her with a corsage of carnations. Afterwards a family dinner party was held at the Starlite Restaurant, west of Thornbury, and this function was attended by her entire family, Clare of Windsor; Wilhelmina (Mrs. Charles Bone) and Ross of Toronto, with their families. Included in the party were Thomas and Paula Dean, two great-grandchildren and children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean of Windsor.

Mrs. Poehlman is the former Nellie May Clare and was born near Norwich on August 8, 1868, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clare. Her only brother, George F. Clare, died on August 19, 1967, in his 101st year. The family lived in the Norwich and Otterville districts where she taught music previous to her marriage to Harry Y. Poehlman in 1896. They came to Collingwood in 1901 and remained here until 1939 when they moved to Toronto to reside with Mrs. Poehlman's brother. In Collingwood, Mr. Poehlman operated a grocery business. They resided on Ste. Marie Street, in the home now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Levi Long, and were active members of First Baptist Church and were particularly interested in choir work. Mr. Poehlman passed away in May, 1946.

Her friends here were very happy to be able to meet Mrs. Poehlman on this important and happy milestone. To her the very best wishes are extended for continued good health and happiness. She and her family, are most appreciative of the greetings and good wishes extended to her on this memorable occasion.—Photo by Lee Stephenson



MRS. H. Y. POEHLMAN



A Little Step Away

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

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

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

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

O. J. HANSON

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In Memory of
MRS. NELLIE CARSWELL

Born

MARCH 20th, 1880
FINGAL, ONTARIO

Died

DECEMBER 25th, 1968
Allan-Bee Nursing Home
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Service

WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME
St. Thomas, Ontario
FRIDAY, DEC. 27th, 1968
2:00 p.m.

Officiating

REV. E. C. WARD
Church of Christ (Anglican)
Port Stanley, Ontario

Interment

FINGAL CEMETERY

Williams Funeral Home