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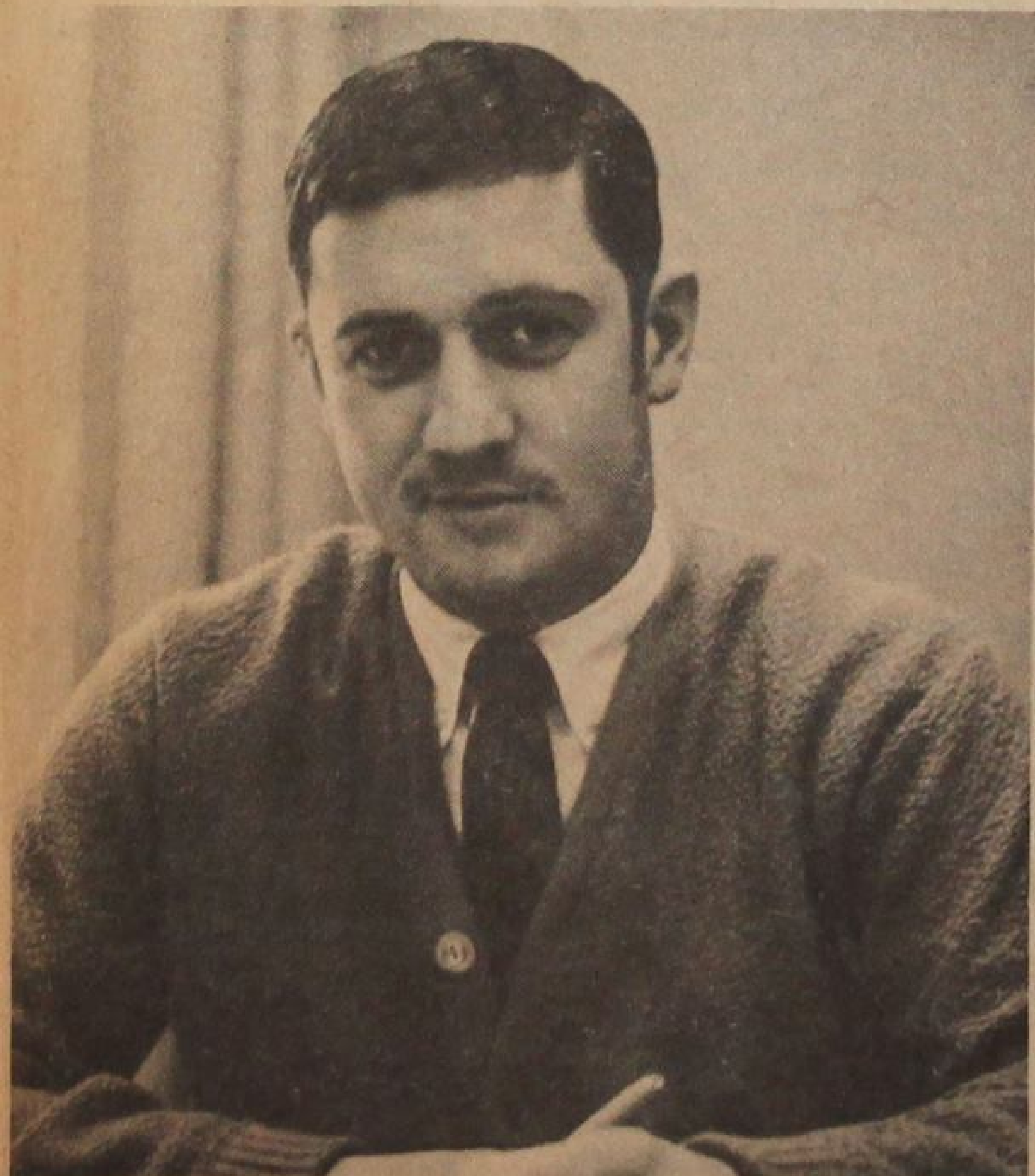


In any season, the bridgeway leading into the Lion's Community Park at Otterville is among the most beautiful of Ontario's scenic locations. The park features a pavilion, concession booth, barbecue, reservoir, swimming pool with a changing house, comfort stations, and a water

filtering shed. A large, vintage cannon is mounted near the entrance to the park. Members of the park board are Stanley Gehring ^{chairman}, Bill McMullen Sr., Adam Oliver, George Davis, Lorne ¹⁹⁵⁷ ~~Allen~~, Rachar, and Carmen Scott.



The South Norwich township council is entering upon the business of governing South Norwich township in 1969 with a very low debenture debt. Members of the council are shown in the front row, William Martin, deputy-reeve; Stanley Gehring, reeve, and Merlin Howse, clerk-treasurer. Standing are Joseph Murphy, councillor, Elmer Almost, road superintendent, and councillors, Roger Monsere and George Davis.



Effective January 1, 1969, Merlin Howse of Otterville, South Norwich's clerk-treasurer, became the township's building inspector. The post was formerly held by the township assessor. South Norwich's building by-laws are independent from those of Oxford County. Mrs. Jean Dow of Otterville has recently assumed the position of assistant at the township offices.



With the change-over to the county assessment system, Delbert Wrigglesworth of R.R. 2, Otterville, formerly South Norwich's assessor, became an employee of Oxford County. Mr. Wrigglesworth is now assessor for both North and South Norwich under the new system. South Norwich's taxable assessment for 1968 has been estimated at \$5,319,023.



The South Norwich fire department showed an outstanding attendance at fires during 1968. An average of 89 percent of the department's 17 volunteers answered 28 calls. Shown in the photograph above are, from left to right, Frank Finch, deputy chief, Jim McMurchy, fireman, Bill McMullen Jr., chief, Lorne Treffrey, fireman, and Bill McMullen Sr., captain.

Norwich Firemen Have 89 Percent Turnout at Fires

Listed in almost every volunteer fire department is, 'The Fireman's Code of Ethics.' Foremost among these is regular turn out for every fire call.

The 17 volunteers at the South Norwich Volunteer fire department have shown that they take this ethic quite seriously.

In 1968, the brigade answered 28 fire calls with an average of 89 percent turn out at each fire.

The South Norwich department is equipped with a 1965 International truck with 350 gallon water capacity and four-wheel drive, a 1967 Chevrolet tanker with a 1,300 gallon capacity, and a 1946 Dodge pumper. The brigade also is equipped with a rescue boat, two-way radios, and a number of other pieces of firefighting equipment.

Among the department's regular duties is the inspection of all schools and public buildings in the township. Two members of the brigade took St. John Ambulance courses during the past year, as well.

Beyond their regular departmental duties, members of South Norwich's firefighting unit assist with the field day week-end held at Otterville each year. The field day offers the opportunity for competition among the young people in the township in such categories as athletics, bicycling, etc.

The members of the South Norwich fire department are William McMullen Jr., chief, Frank Finch, deputy chief, William McMullen, Sr., captain, and firemen, Lorne Treffrey, Ross Dow, George Davis, Don Broad, Murray Treffrey, Don McMullen, Lee Richardson, Don Barnim, Ted Church, Jim McMurchy, Lyle Davis, Fred Zaharachuck, Percy Walters and Ted McElhone.

South Norwich's Area Schools Have 506 Pupils

South Norwich has 506 pupils registered at its two area schools at Springford and Otterville.

At Springford, 197 young people receive instruction from grades one to eight from six teachers. Don Neale is principal of Springford Central School.

Three hundred and nine students attend Otterville Central School. Ten teachers instruct classes from Kindergarten to Grade Eight. Boyd Little of Otterville, who came into the area from Guelph, has been principal of the Otterville school for the past 21 years.

Otterville Central School became an area school in 1947. Previously, it had been a continuation school.

Springford Central School was built in 1959. Members of the board at that time were Harold Pearce, chairman, Irvin Gehring, Grant Mountain, and Allan Rice.

Mrs. Muriel Bishop of Norwich is the area's county school board representative.

1968 Building Total \$255,500

If anyone in South Norwich is feeling the effects of the recent change over to the county system of assessment, it is the personnel at the township offices.

Merlin Howse of Otterville, the township clerk, became the township building inspector effective January 1 in addition to his other duties.

Delbert Wrigglesworth of R.R. 2, Otterville, the township assessor, is now working under the county system of assessment.

Though the figures have not been finalized as yet, South Norwich will have an approximate assessment of \$5,538,518 in 1968. The township has an exemptive of \$219,495 leaving a probably taxable assessment of \$5,319,023.

The 1967 assessment was \$5,300,104.

A total of 32 building permits were issued last year with a value of \$255,500.

With 85.6 miles of road to maintain, the roads department operates on a budget of \$94,000.

The township hopes to

resurface the Cornell Road in the near future.

A new equipment shed tendered at \$36,000 has been added to the township's lists of properties. The building was completed at the latter part of last year.

South Norwich's deputy-reeve, William Martin, told The News that subject to the approval of the department of highways, the township may rebuild the culvert at Railroad Street at Hawtrey.

South Norwich's debenture debt is very low. Mr. Howse indicated, "We are hoping that each township will be able to retain their own debt under the county system rather than pooling them throughout the county."

The township's educational assessment is divided amongst the area schools at Otterville and Springford, the high schools at Norwich, Delhi, and Tillsonburg, and the separate schools at Courtland, Delhi, La Salette and Tillsonburg.

Volunteers with the South Norwich fire department spent a total of 3131/2

hours at a total of 28 fires. Grass and bush fires took the most man hours at 83 hours and barn fires were second requiring 64 hours. The average attendance at fires by the 17 volunteers was 89 percent.

William McMullen Jr. is the department's chief.

South Norwich has a population of 3,249 people according to the 1968 census.

Members of the South Norwich council are elected every two years. They are Stanley Gehring, reeve, William Martin, deputy reeve, and councilors Stanley Palmer, Joseph Murphy, and George Davis.

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BAGULEY'S GARAGE

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St. John's Ladies' Guild Officers Named

OTTERVILLE (C)- Miss Edna Furlong presented the slate of officers for the St. John's Church Guild at the first meeting of the year which was held at the home of the newly-elected president, Mrs. Harold Durkee, with a good attendance.

Other officers for the year' will be: vice-president, Mrs. Charles Mann; secretary, Miss Edna Furlong; treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; purchasing committee, Mrs.

Nate McMullen and Mrs. Harold Durkee; sewing, Mrs. Percy Slaght and Miss Edna Furlong; fancy work, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong and Mrs. Edna Pearce; knitting, Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter, Miss Catherine McMullen; social, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. Lena Young and Mrs. Charles Mann; auditors, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Miss Edna Furlong.

Mrs. Lottie Armstrong presided for the meeting and Scripture lesson was

read by Mrs. Nate McMullen. Cards were signed for shut-ins. Mrs. Edna Pearce invited the mem-

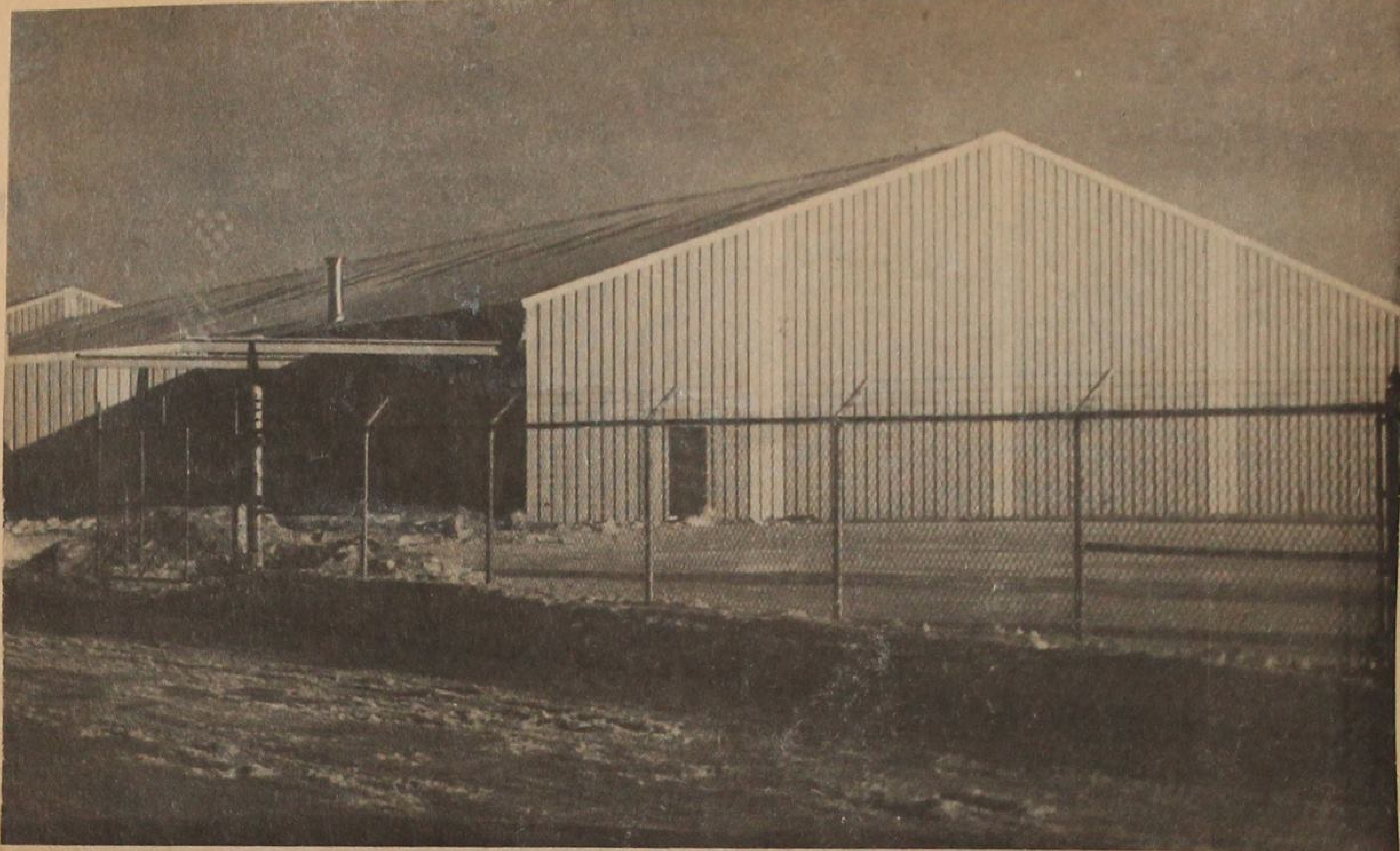
bers to her home for the next meeting. A social time concluded the afternoon.

GARNETT'S GARAGE

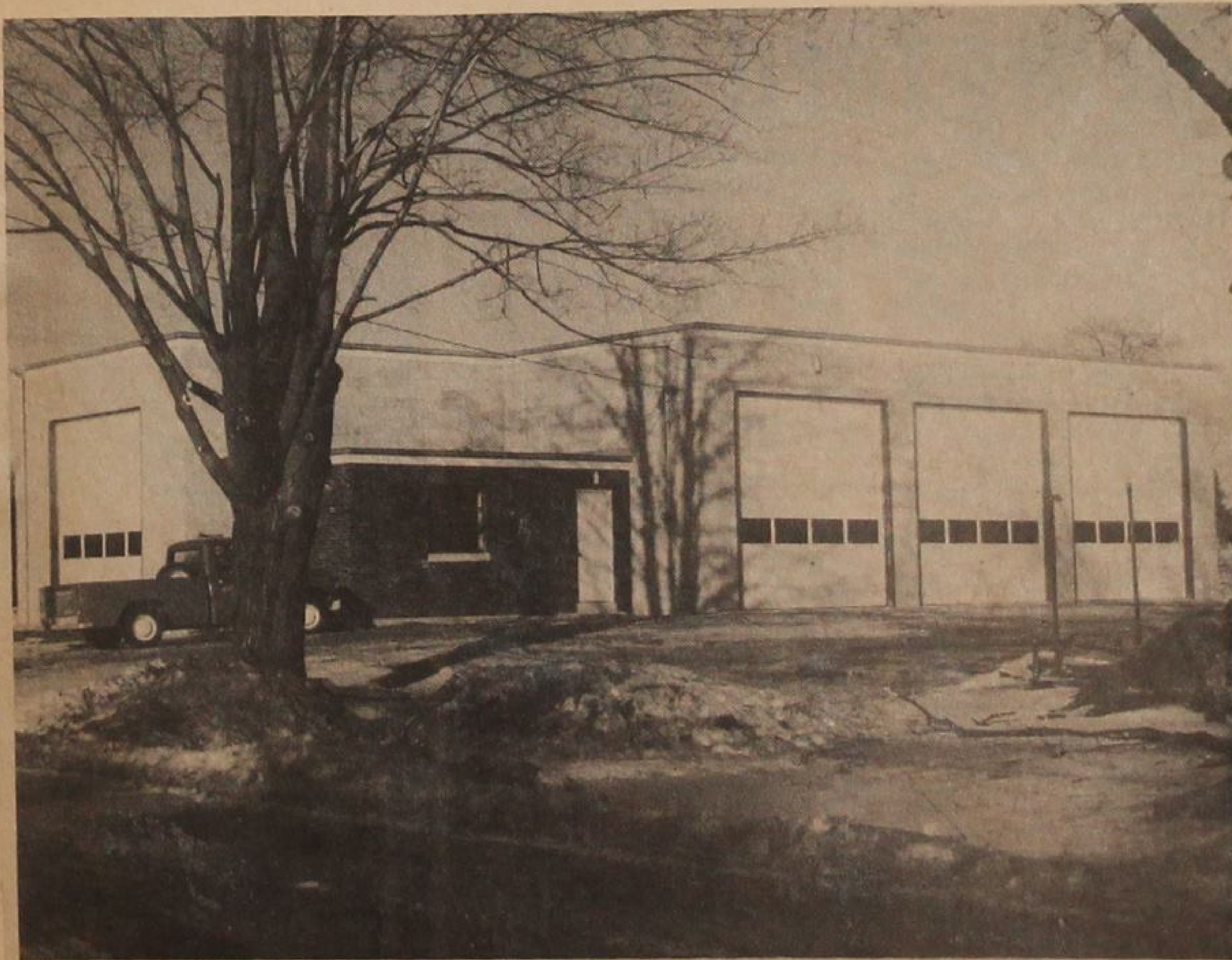
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Among the major additions to the economy of South Norwich in the past year was Powell Agri-Systems. The Powell company bought the assets of Pettigrew Sav-Oil early last year and constructed an additional 21,000 square feet of plant space. The company manufactures bulk curing units, oil humidifiers, kiln vents, etc. Powell Agri-Systems is a subsidiary of Powell Manufacturing Company of Bennettsville, South Carolina.



The roads department at South Norwich has a new township shed. The structure was tendered at \$36,000 and was completed at the latter part of last year. The shed is located at Otterville.



For over sixty years, the old town bell that now rests silently on its stone foundation near the South Norwich fire hall, rang out daily in the community life of the residents of Otterville. It was retired from use in 1941. The bell was cast in Troy, New York.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Drs. Dalby and Quintyn and the nurses on the second floor and the ministers who called on me. Also St. John's Church, Violet Rebekah Lodge, Sunshine Club, Bluebirds of Otterville and St. John's Church Chancel Guild of Tillsonburg and my relatives, friends and neighbours for their flowers, gifts and visits during my stay in Tillsonburg hospital. — Mrs. Lena Young.

Jan. 22/69

Mrs. Josephine Mountain

OTTERVILLE (C) - A former resident of the village, Mrs. Josephine Mountain, a resident of Fergus for the past two years, passed away on Monday, Jan. 6, 1969, in the General Hospital in Fergus where she had been a patient for the past ten days. Death was due to a heart condition.

Mrs. Mountain was born at Milton 70 years ago and had spent most of her life in and around Otterville, where she took part in many activities. She was a member of the Otterville United Church and for many years a member of the church choir; a past president of the Otterville Women's Institute; a Past Noble Grand of Violet Rebekah Lodge Number 330; and a member of the United Church Women.

Her husband predeceased her 6 years ago, and she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rev. Laverne (Ruth) Morgan of Lansing, Mich; one son, Grant Mountain of Otterville; twin sister, Mrs. Georgina Vernon and sister, Mrs. Nora Waind both of Fergus; one brother, Homer McMullen of Toronto; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Friday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Douglas Ramsay. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist.

There were memorial donations to the Gideon Bible, Heart Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society.

The casket bearers were Donald Vernon, Bruce Mountain, Jim Mountain, Fred Howse, John E. Davis and Edward Arthur.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge Number 330 held a memorial service at the Funeral Home, Thursday evening.

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Lions Club 'Adopts' Two Foreign Students

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club was held in St. John's

Parish Hall, Otterville, with a good attendance, including six guests.

This was the official

visit of Zone Chairman Dave McClaren of the Long Point Lions Club. The guest speaker was introduced by Past president Dr. Russell Hall and spoke briefly on topics of Lionism that pertains to our local club and community. He was thanked by Past President Oscar Gare, and received a gift from the club.

There was a visiting nelegation from the Brantford Lions Club who invited a group of Lions to attend their meeting, Jan. 28. About six members plan to attend. Lion Jim Whitton was inducted into the club with past Deputy Lion Keith

Jack of the Brantford Club officiating.

Lion John Leitch reported that this club officially adopted two young foreign students, one a nine year old from India and a thirteen year old African boy for a one - year period.

This club will finance the education of these two students in their respective countries.

Lion Eric Bornheimer is at present making plans for the annual ladies' night to be held at a later date. It was reported that the club had agreed to make a financial donation in support of minor hockey in the Norwich district.

United Church Women Meet At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - January meeting of the United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the church with a good attendance of members.

The president, Mrs. Stanley Arthur, presided.

During the business decisions were made that the group sponsor a bake sale and discontinue the pre - Christmas bazaar, also that the same cash donations be made to the parsonage fund committee, and the same amount to the parsonage fund as in previous years.

The members also decided that unless there were fresh flowers there would not be any floral arrangement in the church for services.

A memorial offering was taken at the meeting.

Mrs. Earnest Treffry reported for the visitation, cards, and flowers, and Mrs. Laura Hooker reported for the treasurer's department.

Mrs. Irvin Gehring, convener of the program, presided for worship service.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Percy Murray, followed by thoughts from famous men. Mrs. Gertrude Walther led in prayer.

Study book on China was presented by the convener,

who with the aid of a map gave many interesting facts and her talk was followed with a time for discussion.

The offering was taken by Mrs. Gertrude Walther and Miss Ivy Pennington was the pianist.

Following the meeting the members enjoyed a social hour.

February meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Sam McSpadden and committee.

ST. JOHN'S EUCHRE

OTTERVILLE (C) - The progressive euchre at St. John's Anglican Parish hall with six tables in play was held Thursday evening Mrs. Harry Lee was high prize winner for the ladies and high scorer for the gentlemen was Merlin Howse. The draw prize was won by Stanley Arthur.

Following the euchre refreshments were served by the ladies.

Next euchre will be Thursday evening, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.

South Norwich has become well known for its attractive and well - kept community park at Otterville. The park was completed by the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club several years ago.

The Lions Club is among the most active service groups in the township.

LIONS CLUB PROJECT

The park, separated from the main part of the village by Otter Creek, is the site of a great deal of activity throughout the summer months.

The service club operates the pool during the summer months and bus service is provided to bring in youngsters from Norwich. The club installed a new bottom in the pool last year.

Eyesight conservation is also among the main projects of the Norwich - Otterville Lions. They provide glasses for those in the community in need of them and transportation to specialists when it is required.

Their main money - making project is their carnival held during the

month of September.

The Lions also assist in such programs as minor baseball, hockey, and scouting.

This year's slate of officers are Bob Scott, past president; Howard Fleming, president; John E. Davis, secretary; Murray Wardell, treasurer; Don Swanton, first vice-president; A. Vandenberghe, second vice - president, and R. Crittenden, third vice-president.

One year directors are Rene DeCooman and Bill Butler, Directors for two years are Jack Walther and Jim Bickell.

Tailtwister is John Sandham; Lion tamer, Simon Erkelens, and bulletin editor is Nelson Gleason.

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by DAVE ELLIS

OTTERVILLE - At the beginning of 1969 South Norwich Township is still not clear of its financial status with regard to the new Oxford County Board of Education.

The Township, with an outstanding debenture debt principal of only \$25,000, owes considerably less than other townships in the county.

One reason for South Norwich's healthy financial position is that it began a township education system in the late 1940's and because of this early start it has been able to away a large part of its debt. The township owns school buses rather than leasing them, and has a very high separate school assessment of approximately \$1,000,000. The county Board of Education, which replaced all

township public school boards, on January 1, also assumed all the assets and liabilities of these boards on the same date.

The machinery has been set up to avoid any school area paying more than its share of debt, contracted under the old board system.

An arbitrator will be appointed who will assess the assets and liabilities of the former boards and then assign each school area a specific mill rate dependant upon its indebtedness.

It is hoped that the townships, through this special rate structure would reach a financial equilibrium by the end of 1970.

But assets and liabilities can not be calculated mechanically, it is more complex than simply pluses and minuses.

It includes such items, as liquid assests, inventory, current and long term liabilities and depreciation to name only a few.

And all of these are open to interpretation. In a News-Record interview late last year, South Norwich Reeve Stan Gehring, said "if we have to pay for all the townships who didn't see fit to start into township education systems until forced to by the provincial government, our ratepayer will be in double jeopardy."

He expressed fears that the township mill rate, at 13.5 will be forced to rise if proper consideration was not given to the position of South Norwich.

"Personally I don't feel there are very many benefits to a county board of education other than standardization of education across the county.

"I can't help but feel that the government has been a little hasty; we weren't quite ready for this drastic change. . . no municipal council knows exactly where it stands."

And until the official decision of the arbitrator is reached, South Norwich will remain in the dark.

The Township road budget for 1968 was \$108,000.

The largest single expenditure on the budget was the \$36,000 new equipment building which houses township road vehicles.

New surfaced roads were put through Cornell and Hawtrey.

The old Township equipment building was sold to Powell Agri-Systems for \$2,500. They are presently using it for storage.

The Scott-Stover drain was built during the year at a cost of \$16,655, and according to reports received by Township Clerk, Merling Howse, the ratepayers are satisfied with its performance.

A second drain, the Quinton Drain which is planned for the seventh concession in lots 15, 16, and 17, was held up due to an unexpected provincial grant cutback.

The province cut its share from two-thirds to one-third of the cost.

This adds an additional \$10,000 to the cost to the ratepayers.

The establishment of Powell Agri-Systems in Otterville was a bright point in 1968.

Besides its assessment which is valued at over \$100,000 the company has also provided jobs for many who formerly had to leave the township for employment.

Growmor Chemicals Limited was another firm which moved into Otterville early in the year.

During the year, building permits were issued for construction worth an estimated \$255,000.

Members of South Norwich Township Council are; Reeve Stanley Gehring; Deputy Reeve William Martin; Councillors, Joe Murphy, George Davis and Roger Monsers.

Representing South Norwich, North Norwich, Norwich and East Oxford on the Oxford County School board are Mrs. Muriel Bishop and Mr. Murray Armstrong.

Charles Mahu and Ray Paddon represent South Norwich on the Oxford County Separate School Board.

Honored For Service

OTTERVILLE (C)- The annual congregational meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held in the Parish Hall with a good attendance.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove was chairman for the meeting and Carl Howse presided for selection of officers.

Rector's warden, Jack Freeland; people's warden, Reginald Wavell; board of management (chosen by the minister) Mrs. Lena Yong, Miss Edna Fur-long, Mrs. Derwood Spicer, Harry Pickersgill, August DeWachter; board of management (elected by the people) Arthur Picknell, Richard Saunders, Nate McMullen, Merlin Howse, and Keith Howse.

Delegate to Synod, Jack Riste; alternate, Reginald Wavell; lay readers, Jack Riste; secretary, Carl Howse; auditors, Mrs. Arthur Picknell and Reginald Wavell; superintendent, Carl Howse; church treasurer, Mrs. Carl Howse; organist, Mrs. Nate Mullen; assistant, Mrs. Jack Freeland.

The minister expressed appreciation to the organist of the church, the assistant, lay reader, wardens, Sunday school superintendent and all those who had given assistance in the

church. Rev. Uptigrove closed with prayer.

Following the business Carl Howse, who has been superintendent of St. John's Church School for 30 years, secretary-treasurer for 33 years and a teacher in the Sunday School for 20 years, with the help of his wife, Josephine, was given a pleasant surprise.

An address was read by Mrs. Jack Freeland: "For thirty years of noble service as superintendent of St. John's Sunday School, apart from your several other activities, places us under a very heavy debt of gratitude. You have served the church with distinction and devotion.

"We have tried to study a little of what these thirty years with their many problems, the scenes always shifting, the ceaseless onward march in the change of things, with ever yourself at the helm of the school have meant to you in tireless work and sacrifice.

"The good Sundays, the bad Sundays, the days when things have been going well, and the days when interest and attendance have lagged, in sun and rain, when days are cold and warm, with very rare exception you were in your place.

"Your matchless devotion, kindness and patience link with thirty years as Superintendent of the Sunday School may be qualled but not excelled."

Reginald Wavell and Jack Freeland presented a chair to Carl and Mrs. Derwood Spicer presented Josephine with a sheaf of roses.

The evening closed with a social hour.

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Springford Mounted Scouts Returning To Horses



Until a few years ago, the Scout Troop at Springford was the only mounted troop in Canada. Plans are now going into effect to remount the South Norwich troop. Ten of the members now have horses. Members of the troop shown in the photograph above are, from left to right (front row) Jim Boughner of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg; Bill Simmons, Springford; assistant leader Norm Slattery of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg; Barry Collens, Springford, and Ben Crooker of Springford. In the back row are Len Rice and Charles Crooker, Springford; Scoutmaster Larry Hicks of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg; Jeff Monk of R.R. 1, Springford; Garry Crooker, Springford, and Tom Langrell of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg. There are 17 members in the troop.



South Norwich's only Wolf Cub Pack is located at Springford. The 12 member pack meets every Monday night, at the Springford Women's Institute Hall. Shown in the photograph above, from left to right, are Teddy Noels, Cornell; Brian Fallowfield, Springford; Calvin Sutherland, Springford; Mark McKenney, Ostrander; Bruce Pettigrew, Springford; Brian Van Opstal, R.R. 3, Tillsonburg; Bob Martin, R.R. 3, Tillsonburg; Don Fallowfield, Stephen Collens, and Fred Smith, all of Springford. Not shown are Cubs Jeff Oatman of Springford and Kenny Roberts of Ostrander. Lloyd Smith of Springford is the pack's Akela, Doug Babbey is Balloo, and Barry Sutherland is Bageera.

Until a few years ago, the Boy Scout troop at Springford was Canada's only mounted troop. Plans are now underway to re-mount the South Norwich troop.

Ten of the troop members now have horses and exercising will come with the warm weather.

The Springford troop is led by Scoutmaster Larry Hicks of R.R. 3, Springford, with assistants George Hall and Norm Slattery.

The 17-member 1st Springford's meet every Monday night at the Women's Institute Hall.

There is also a 12-member wolf cub pack at the South Norwich community. They are led by Lloyd Smith, Akela, Doug Babbey, Balloo, and Barry Sutherland, Bageera.

Their projects include

an annual apple day, selling Christmas tree tags, and selling Scout calendars. The Christmas tree tags are sold at 50 cents apiece and are redeemable from Christmas tree dealers. Wolf cub Fred Smith of Springford received a badge recently for selling the most Scout calendars. He sold 18 calendars out of the 90 on sale. Both Cubs and Scouts take part in the fund-raising drive.

Members of Springford's Scout group committee are Ed Monk, chairman, Ross Adlington, secretary, Don Oatman, treasurer, Bob Turnbull and Bob Hewitt.

Recreation Area Springford Project

The Springford Area Recreational Committee is planning an oyster and turkey smorgasbord for February 12. Funds raised are to go towards the creation of a new community recreational area. The area is to be equipped with a lighted baseball diamond, football and soccer field, etc.

Doug Babbey, of Springford, the committee's secretary-treasurer, told The News, "We are also planning to begin canvassing the area again around February 1." He indicated that the last canvass held at the latter part of 1968 was fairly successful.

The committee has not set any date as yet for a walkathon to begin at Springford, and to move along the 25 mile course including Otterville, Norwich, Burgessville, and finishing at Woodstock.

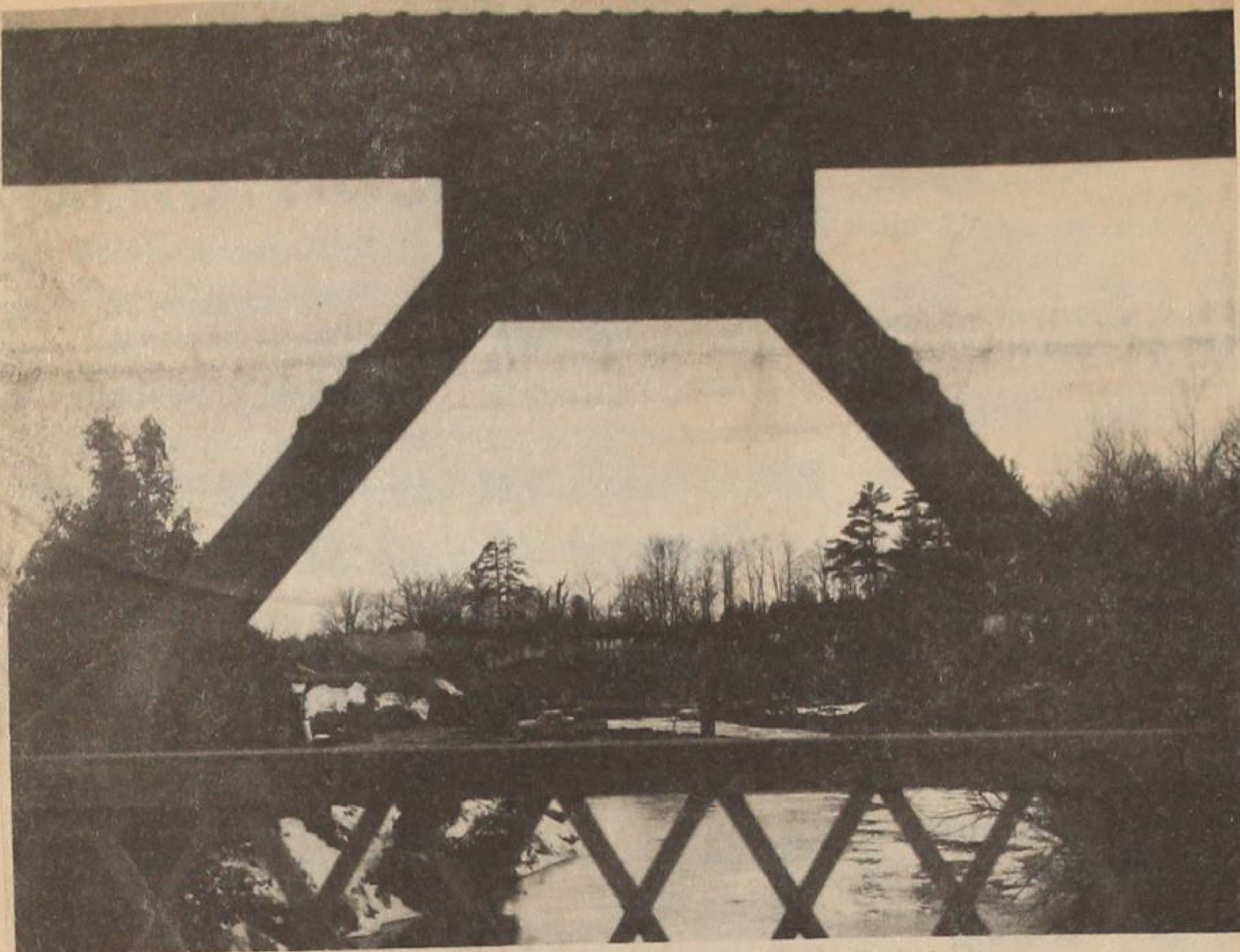
Mr. Babbey indicated that the teen town dances being held at Springford are going quite well. An average of 40 to 45 young people have been turning out to each dance.

The committee is also operating an outdoor ice rink when the weather is suitable.

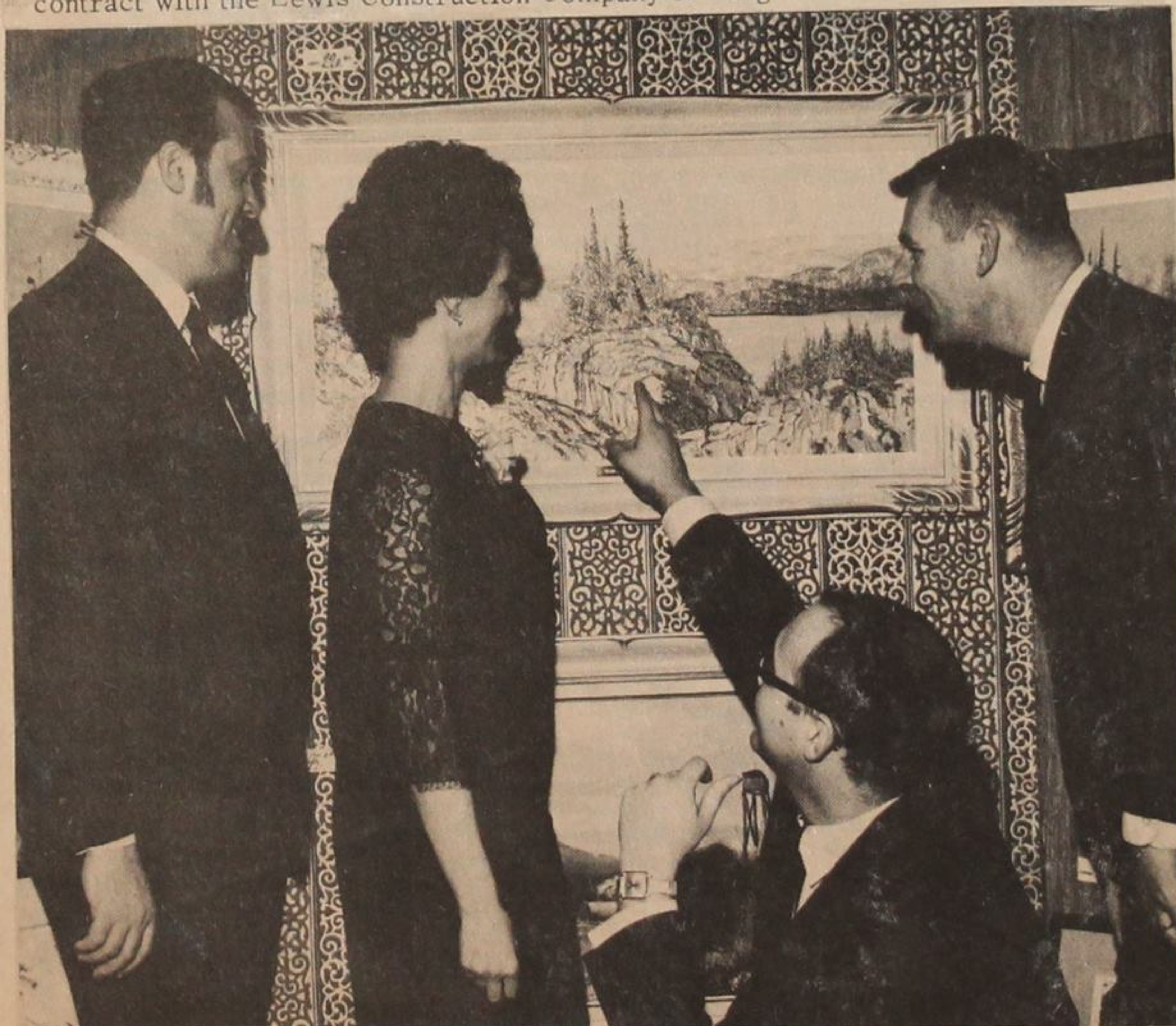
Members of the committee are Lloyd Smith, chairman, Mr. Babbey, secretary, Hap Smith, Alvin Rachar and Ross Adlington.



The John Rock and Sons mill at Rock's Mills provides feed grinding services to the farmers in the area. Tobacco supplies and fertilizers are also distributed by the company. Bulk bins with a storage capacity of 40 tons were added to the mill this year. The mill is owned by Warren Rock of Rock's Mills. Fred Kniffen is the company's secretary-treasurer and general manager.



Construction on the new bridge at Rock's Mills is shown through the steelwork of the old bridge. The new bridge is being completed by the Lenford Construction Company of London as part of the new road development on County Road 20 from Springford south to Highway 59 at the Norfolk line. Road construction is under contract with the Lewis Construction Company of Langton.



Guests were given a preview of the opening of "The Art Court", a new department at Neale's Jewellery, Wednesday evening. The gallery features paintings by Canadian artists. On hand were artists Michael Roth and Peter Snyder, of Kitchener, whose canvases were prominent in the display. From left, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Leonard Neale, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Neale.

FEB



The cover

The photo featured on the front cover of this issue of *The Canadian Tobacco Grower* was taken in the Delhi exchange of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board late in January. Left to right, are Homer Pollet, Fred Sherman, Marvin Malcolm, Albert Vandebere and Lucian Vanden Berghé. (Photo by Kyle)

Canadian Tobacco Grower, February, 1969



Winners of the Pauls Cleaners trophy in the mixed bonspiel at the curling club were Barbara and John Davis, Mary and Bob Morrison, shown receiving the trophy from Mort Cooper.

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Mr. and Mrs. William McMullen

Northern Ontario honeymoon follows Woodstock wedding

Pink gladioli, white 'mums and ferns decorated All Saints Anglican Church for the marriage of Joan Elizabeth Le-Grice and William Howard McMullen.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMullen of Woodstock.

Rev. W. J. Millman officiated for the double-ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by Robert A. Douglas of Woodstock, the bride wore a floor length wedding gown of Swiss needlerun lace and organza. The lace neckline and lily point sleeves and the bouffant organza skirt, draped at the front was enhanced with a lace trimmed cathedral train caught at the back shoulder-line. A petal headdress of organza held her shoulder-length veil of silk illusion and she carried a cascade of deep red roses.

Miss Donna Reed was maid of honor with Miss Patricia McMullen as bridesmaid. The attendants were identically gowned in street length creations of burgundy velvet trimmed with white Persian lamb. They wore matching accessories and carried Persian lamb muffs.

Lawrence MacKay was best man and guests were ushered by Richard Wagner.

For a reception at the parish hall Mrs. R. A. Douglas received guests wearing a blue velvet ensemble. The bridegroom's mother chose a blue brocade dress.

For a Northern Ontario honeymoon, the bride travelled in a pink lace and linen ensemble made on A-lines with complementing accessories. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen will live in Woodstock. (Photo by Gasparato)

FEB



LARRY BAGULEY

Lovers Purchase Store Building

March/69

Robert and Dale Lover, partners in the firm of Lover Ltd., owners of the News and Camera Centre on Broadway, announced this week that they have purchased the premises presently occupied by Chainway Stores.

They will take possession of the property, purchased from the Tillson Estate, on Oct. 1, and plan to be open for business there in early November.

Speaking for the firm, Dale Lover said that generally the same lines as are carried in the

present store will be carried, but that they will be expanded.

Since purchase of the present store five years ago, the father and son team have modernized and expanded it, adding an extensive camera and photography department. Prior to that time, Robert Lover operated a general store in Culloden.

Plans are to continue to operate a business in the present store building, with a different line of merchandise. What lines will be carried was not stated.



The third annual Otter Creek boat race at Tillsonburg provided plenty of excitement and more than a few minor mishaps for the adventurers who braved the tricky 10-mile course in canoes and al-

most every sort of make-shift craft. ^{Surely that's} Wayne Grey dropped his paddle in attempts to help manoeuvre this contraption of oil drums — and fell off while trying to retrieve it.

GARY THOMPSON, KEITH HOWSE JR. MERLIN HOWSE

Boy, what a boat race! MAR

Forty Attend Prayer Service

OTTERVILLE (C) — Over 40 women from the churches of the village attended the Annual World Day of Prayer which was held in the St. John's Parish Hall. The text was prepared by a group of African Women.

Speaker was Rev. Clare English, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Otterville.

Rev. and Mrs. English were missionaries in Africa for five years prior to coming to Otterville.

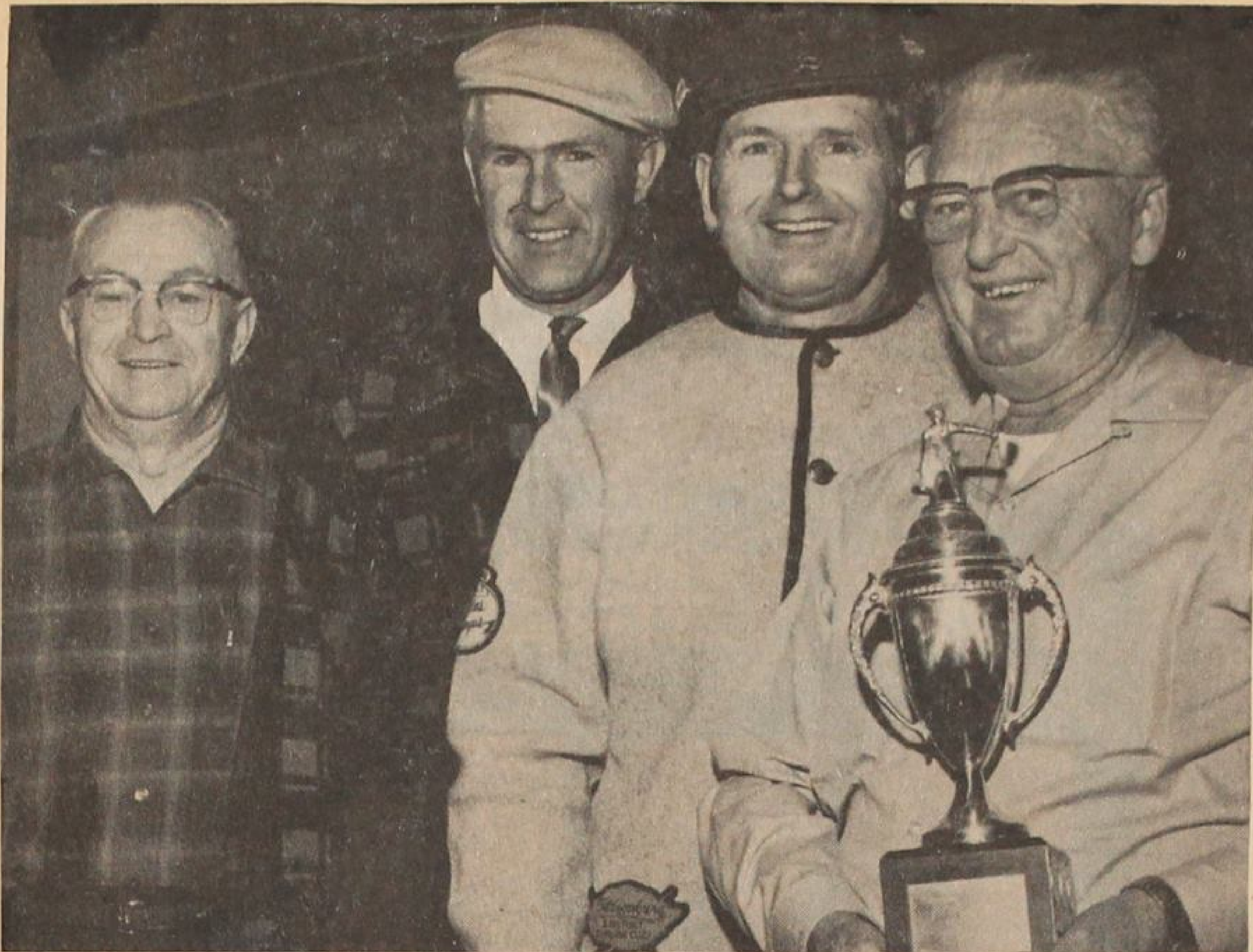
Mrs. Harold Durkee, president of St. John's Guild, opened the service and was assisted by Mrs. Clare English and Mrs. Murray Treffry of the Baptist Church, Mrs. Stanley Arthur, president of the United Church Women, and Mrs. Lorne Treffry of the United Church.

Mrs. Ruth Collver sang "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," accompanied by the organist of the church, Mrs. Nate McMullen.

The offering amounting to \$17 was presented by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Miss Edna Furlong and was forwarded to the International Council of Churches.

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For the first time, the four trophy winners in men's club curling met Saturday in a round-robin to decide the men's championship. Winners were Fred Cole, Doug Kamps, Max Prouse and Nelson Gleason. The George Moore rink was the runner-up. The champs are shown with the Shieck trophy, won in the regular draw.

MARCH

BEFORE



AFTER



The Proven Results With Aluminum Siding

1969



A successful spring fashion show was staged by the Kinette Club at Annandale High School Tuesday evening. Modelling some of the styles to be worn by the younger set are Julie Johnston, Cathy Horton, Lorie Hilliker, Diane Hart and Michelle Demeyere.



WALKER'S
Mrs. Fran Willits - Doreen Howse

South Norwich Opposes Sharing School Debts

OTTERVILLE (C)—South Norwich doesn't want to shoulder school debenture debts for other municipalities.

At the March meeting of council, the clerk was instructed to write to the county board of education informing that the township has cleared much of the debenture debt, and stating that it is unwilling to accept the debt for other municipalities.

Allan Jardine was appointed dog tax collector.

Plumber Drowned In Well

A Teeterville plumber, 32-year-old Jon Craig Ellington, was drowned Monday morning when he fell while descending into a farm well to repair a pump.

Mr. Ellington apparently fainted after climbing some 20 feet down into the 42-foot well and fell into three feet of water. A fellow employee, Jack Childs of Otterville, attempted to rescue him, but also became dizzy *APRIL*

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TEETERVILLE — A 32-year-old plumber drowned Monday morning when he fainted and fell while descending into a farm well to repair a pump.

Jon Craig Ellington of Teeterville, father of three children and an employee of Davis Bros. Plumbing, Otterville, plunged 25 feet into three feet of water.

Coroner Dr. Keith McIntosh of Simcoe said Mr. Ellington had climbed down about 20 feet when he encountered a lack of oxygen, fainted and fell to the bottom of the 42-foot well.

The well is on the farm of Keith Lloyd in Windham Township just north of Teeterville.

A fellow employee, Jack Childs of Otterville attempted to rescue Mr. Ellington but he too became dizzy when he descended and was forced to come up.

Teeterville firefighters recovered the body with grap-

pling hooks less than an hour later.

Dr. McIntosh said he expects to call an inquest but wants to consult with the Crown attorney first.

He said an autopsy showed Mr. Ellington died of drowning. He said it was established that no swamp or sewer gas was in the well. However, further tests will be conducted today to determine oxygen content in the well.

Dr. McIntosh said he had never before heard of oxygen deficiencies in wells, holes or caves other than in safety warning manuals.

Mr. Ellington is survived by his wife, the former Carolyn Davis, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellington of Teeterville, a son, Jon Craig Jr., daughters, Roberta and Kelly, all at home, and a brother Keith of Teeterville.

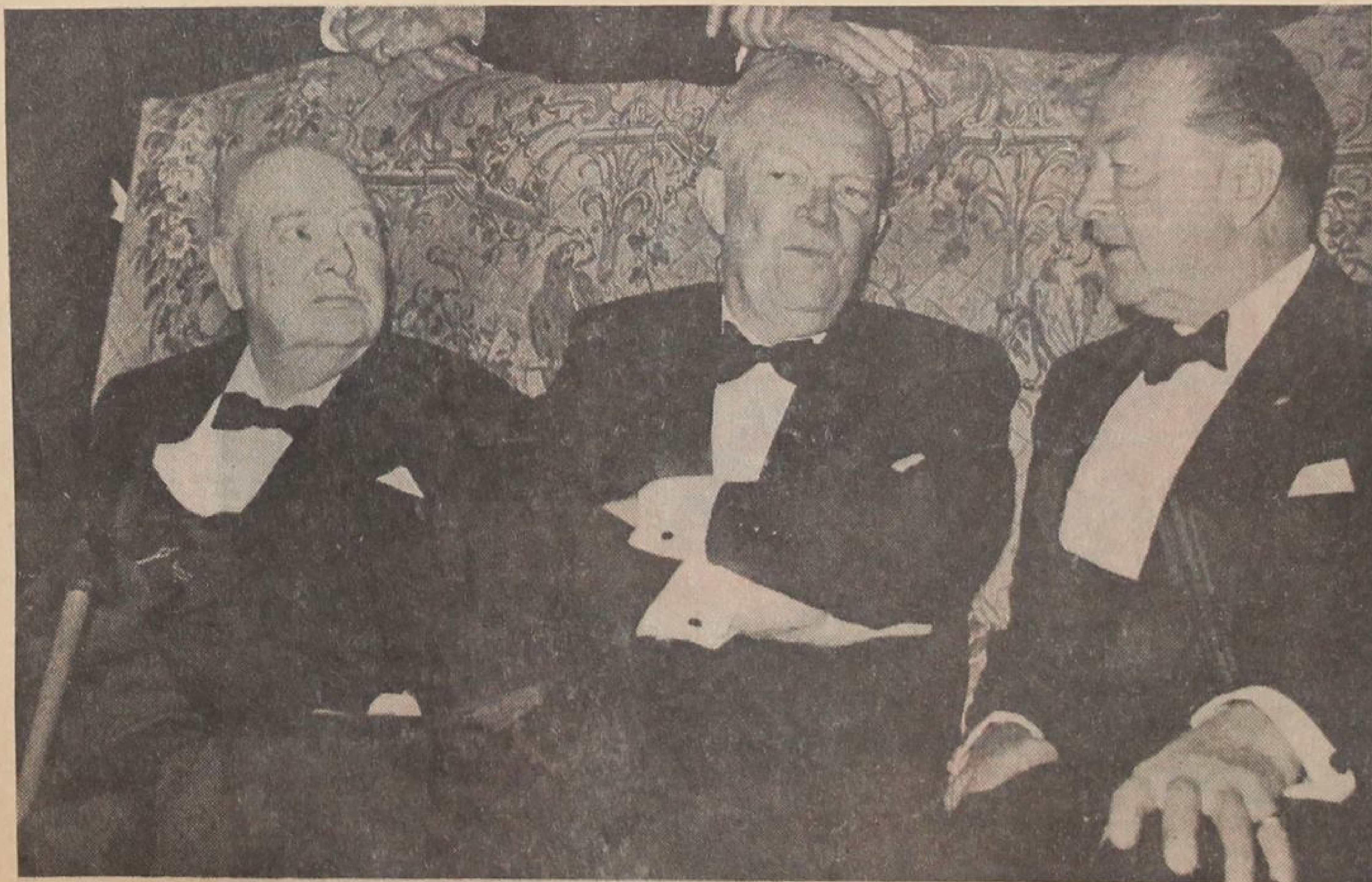
Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville. Burial will be in Teeterville Cemetery.

The Eisenhower Years

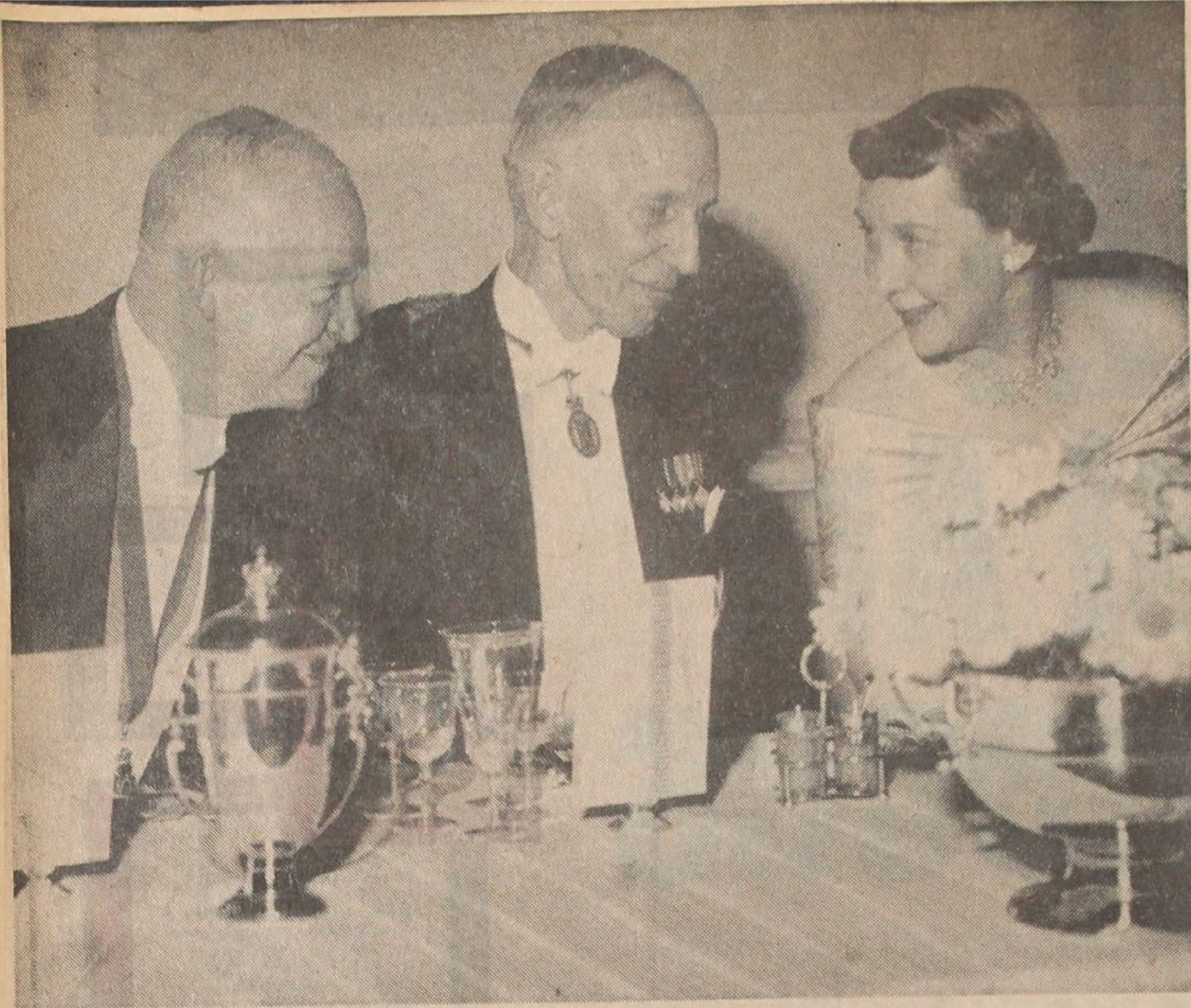
LONDON FREE PRESS, Saturday, March 29, 1969.



The Eisenhowers were guests of Queen Elizabeth at a state dinner at the British embassy in 1957



A meeting of old wartime comrades took place at London in 1959 when Eisenhower met with Sir Winston Churchill and Viscount Alexander of Tunis.



Relaxing at a dinner during his official visit to Ottawa in November, 1953, he leans over to talk with wife Mamie. In centre is governor-general Vincent Massey, the President's host.



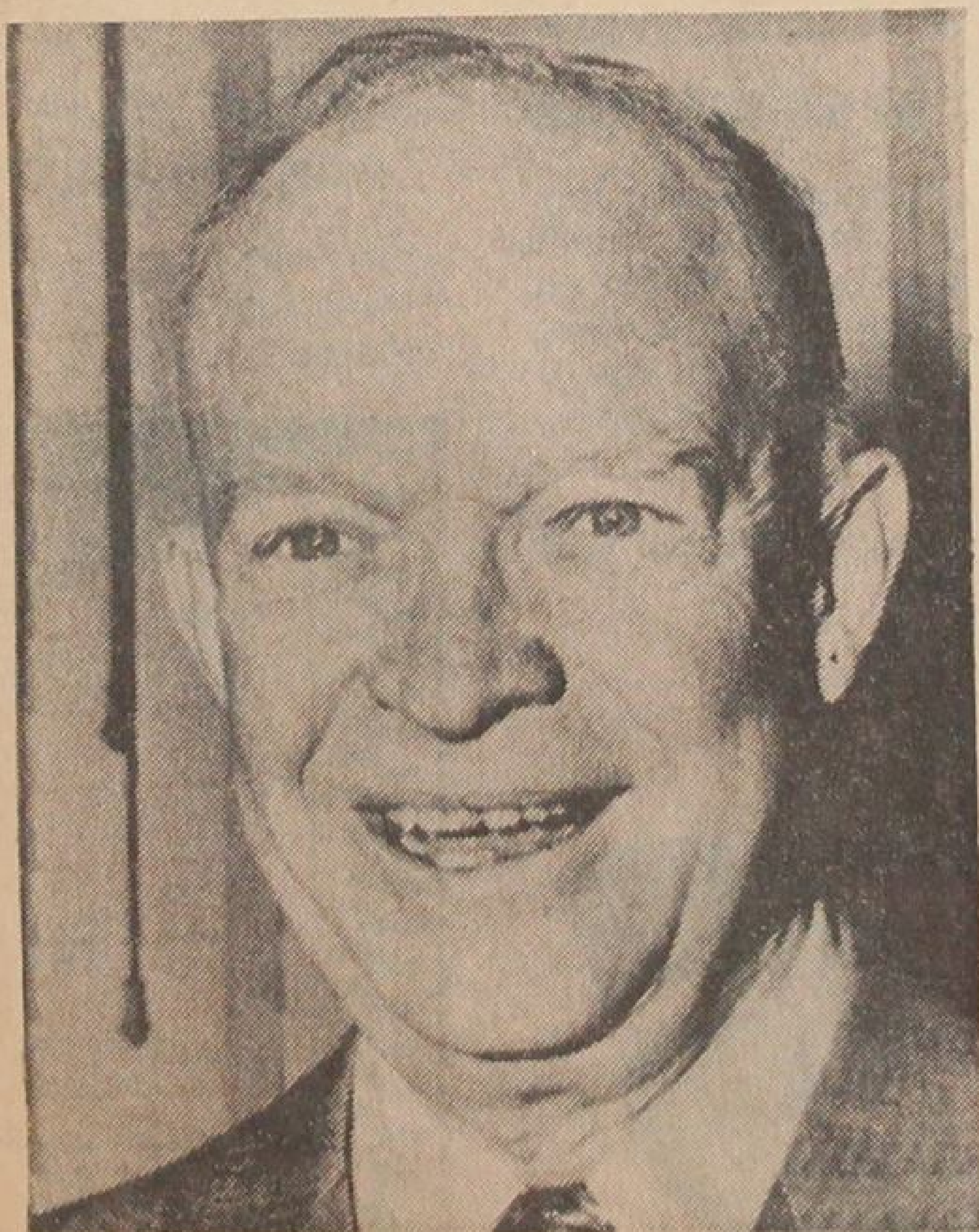
Earlier this year President Johnson sought Eisenhower's advice on Viet Nam policy at a White House press conference.



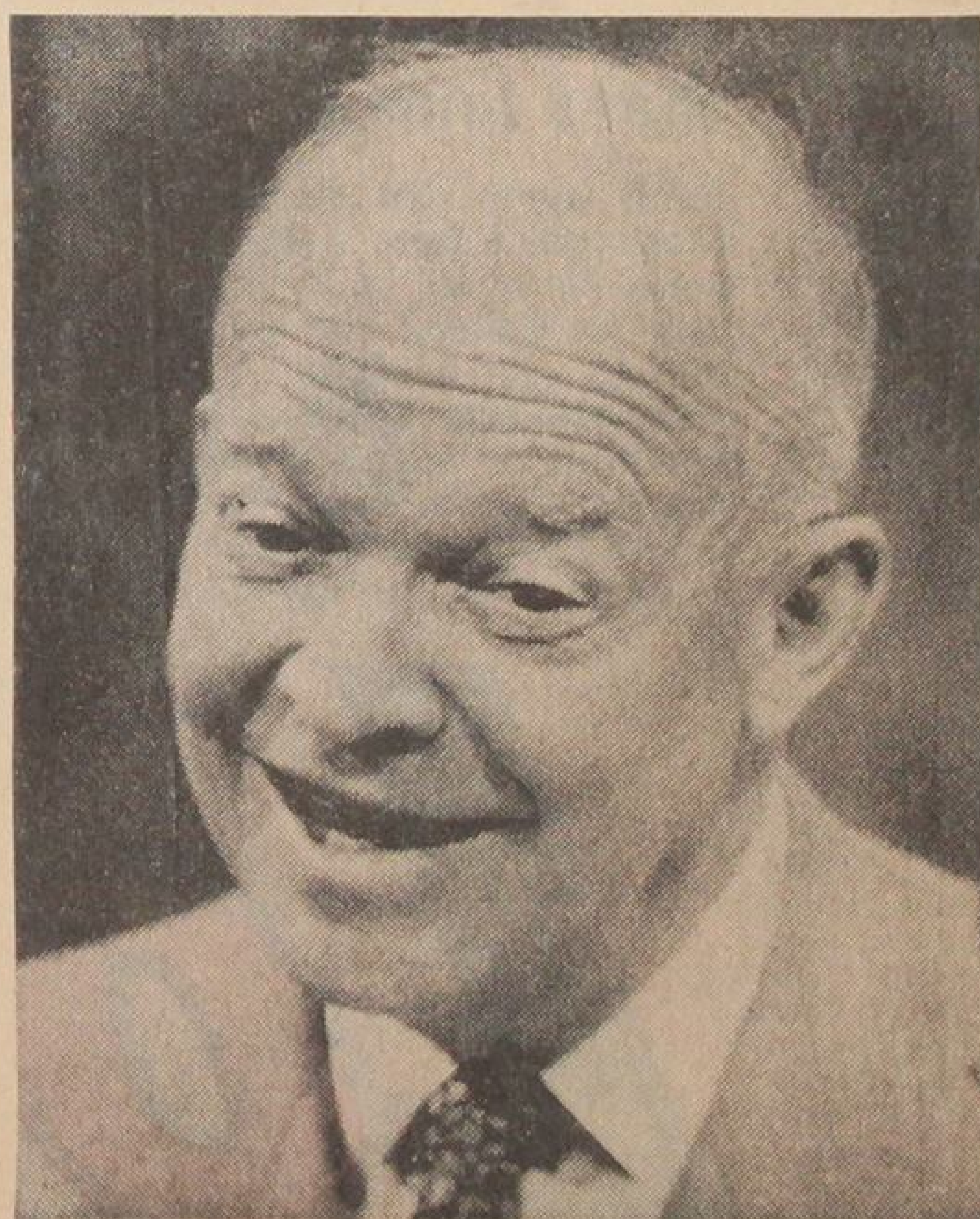
Deep in thought



D-Day, 1944, and the general, deep in thought, gazed at the armada soon to storm the Normandy beaches



A most infectious smile



"Well waddya know!"



This Pulitzer Prize-winning picture of President Kennedy and Eisenhower titled 'Serious Steps', was taken in 1961 by Associated Press photographer Paul Yathis.



Former president Eisenhower and former premier Khrushchev stood for a solemn moment at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington when U.S. and Russian national anthems were played on the arrival of the Soviet leader for a tour of the U.S.



For Ike, golf was fun.

Otter Cemetery Co. plot holders meeting, South Norwich Municipal Office, Otterville, Tuesday, April 22, 8 p.m. John E. Davis, Sec.-Treas. 1969

Cemetery Board Members Quit

OTTERVILLE (C) - A plotholders meeting of the Otter Cemetery was held Tuesday evening in South Norwich municipal offices with a very poor attendance.

At the opening of the meeting, Secretary - Treasurer John Davis tendered his resignation. After a lengthy discussion, the other board members also resigned their positions, so, as of now, Otter Cemetery has no cemetery board.

Mrs. George Harrison

OTTERVILLE (C) - The death occurred in Brantford General Hospital on Monday, April 21, of Mrs. George Harrison, the former Helen Wrigglesworth, of Brantford. 1969

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Glenda and Synthia, at home; her father, Delbert Wrigglesworth of R.R. 1, Otterville; a sister, Miss Hazel Wrigglesworth, in the Philippines; two brothers, Ronald of Sarnia and Donald of Ottawa; three stepsisters, Mrs. Cecil (Marion) Pidgeon of Niagara Falls, Mrs. Stanley (Beverly) Learn of Fort Erie, and Mrs. Robert (Joyce) Gilleland of Barrie.

The late Mrs. Harrison was born in South Norwich and received her education at Milldale public school and Norwich District High School.

Brayley - Kent

St. Luke's Chapel, London, was decorated with spring flowers April 12, 1969 at 3 o'clock for the wedding of Joan Mary Kent, daughter of Mrs. Mary Kent, 319 Brock St., London and the late Leonard Kent, and Ronald Innis Brayley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brayley of R.R.2, Otterville. Rev. R.A. Joselyn officiated. Organist was Mrs. Dickenson of Hyde Park. Several nieces sang traditional wedding music.

Given in marriage by her mother the bride was lovely in a street length cream colored dress suit with matching hat. She carried a bouquet of orange roses and orange carnations.

Maid of honor was Miss Carolyn Clark of R.R. 5, Goderich, friend of the bride. She wore a street-length mint green dress, length mint green dress and a white headpiece. She carried yellow roses and carnations.

Best man was Harold Brayley of R.R.2, Otterville, brother of the groom. Usher was Mark Innis of McMaster University, Hamilton, cousin of the groom.

Reception for 30 guests was held at the Glen Allan was held at the Glen Allen Restaurant. The restaurant was decorated with spring flowers. Bride's table was decorated with a wedding cake and spring flowers. Guests' tables

were decorated with yellow spring flowers.

The bride's mother received guests in a blue, street length dress with white accessories and a corsage of white gardenia. She was assisted by the mother of the groom who wore a turquoise street length dress with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Brayley will reside at R.R.3, Tillsonburg.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD INNIS BRAYLEY



Prize winners for displays at the tobacco trade fair, named at a board - sponsored exhibitors luncheon last week were these men. From left are Ivan Hayhurst, of David Brown Co., third in equipment; Jack Lanthier, Agro-Spray, third in supplies; Jack Hensdon, Morton Chemicals, second in supplies; Jim Patton, Eagle Machine, second in equipment; John Steiner, Del-Bac Sales, first in supplies; Howard Avey, Powell Agri-Systems, first in equipment.

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Diefenbaker to speak at Norwich

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

NORWICH — Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker will visit the school south of Norwich Monday afternoon where his father, William Thomas Diefenbaker taught.

At the school, which has been converted into a home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McSpadden, RR 1, Otterville, Mr. Diefenbaker will meet a former pupil of his father, Mrs. Ernest Jull of Otterville. Mrs. Jull will be 90 in May.

Donald McIntosh, a Woodstock Progressive Conservative Association executive member and Thomas Naylor, Woodstock, vice-president of both the Oxford and Western Ontario PC associations, will drive Mr. Diefenbaker to the village from Toronto.

Mr. Diefenbaker is scheduled to speak to 750 persons following a dinner at Norwich District High School.

Mr. Naylor said more than 600 tickets have been sold for the dinner.



Monday afternoon, former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker visited the school south of Norwich where his father, William Thomas Diefenbaker, once taught. There he met Mrs. Ernest Jull of Otterville, a former student of his father's. She will be 90 in May. The old school, since converted into a house, is the home of the Samuel McSpadden family at R.R. 1, Otterville.

Diefenbaker tickets sold out

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Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — More than 600 tickets have been sold by Oxford County Progressive Conservative Association for its April 28 visit of former prime minister John Diefenbaker to Norwich.

Thomas Naylor of Woodstock, vice-president of the Oxford association, said 400 tickets have been sold for a dinner at Norwich District High School and 200 for Otterville United Church. Norwich Royal Canadian Legion hall has been rented for a pre-dinner reception.

Mr. Diefenbaker may visit the school where his father once taught, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McSpadden of RR 1, Otterville. Mr. McSpadden is a Norwich high school teacher.

Mrs. Ernest Jull of Otterville, to be 90 in May, is a former student of Mr. Diefenbaker's father. She is hoping to meet Mr. Diefenbaker.

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Marlene McSpadden, left, asked John Diefenbaker for his autograph when the former prime minister visited her parents' home near Norwich Monday. It



was once a school in which Mr. Diefenbaker's father taught. At right, he jokes with Mrs. Ernest Jull, 89, of Otterville, a pupil of his father.

1969

Dief demands 'one nation'

Former PC chief blasts Trudeau at Norwich rally

By **GEORGE HUTCHISON**
of The Free Press

NORWICH — John Diefenbaker said Monday night he had not intended to seek the Progressive Conservative party leadership in the historic 1967 convention in Toronto until the "two nations" concept was introduced as an issue.

He said as a boy he cherished the belief it was "My Canada, one Canada, one nation." The new prospect, adopted by party thinkers at a Quebec conference a month before the convention, pulled him into the race, he said.

"When there was produced that monstrosity of 'two nations' I spoke against it," he told the Oxford County PC annual meeting. "Then I was in it."

The former prime minister's entrance into the race caused a shock wave to sweep the convention hall. His silent withdrawal had been expected in the face of criticism by then-party-president Dalton Camp, which triggered the convention that chose Robert Stanfield on the fifth ballot.

Dief the Chief ended his reign on the third ballot, unable to rally more than 271 votes from 2,233 delegates.

Mr. Diefenbaker hammered away at his argument before the Norwich audience of 600 party supporters by advising that the party make "an unequivocal and absolute" declaration that Canada is 'one nation, one Canada.'

Prime Minister Trudeau's

language bill, he said, "will tear asunder this nation as never before" if it passes. He also struck out at the commission on bilingualism and biculturalism.

"The longer they sit the more divided they become," he said.

Mr. Diefenbaker said that after his convention defeat, he had intended to end his political career, but was talked into running in the federal election last June by constituents who voiced their support in person and by wire.

He said he was glad he ran and vowed he would remain in the Commons. "As long as I have the health I have I'll be there to do my part."

In fine Diefenbaker fashion, the old political warhorse, be-

lying his 73 years, slashed away at the Trudeau government's position on NATO and what he called the government's "innate capacity for spreind."

He said it is clear Prime Minister Trudeau plans to pull Canada out of NATO. In a press conference preceding his speech, he said the evidence was supported by statements by Gen. Jean V. Allard, chief of the Canadian forces defence staff.

Mr. Diefenbaker said Gen. Allard's recent interview in which he attacked NATO opponents, "indicates he is afraid our forces are to be withdrawn and brought back to North America . . ."

He said Canadian forces would be ineffective in Canada because if attack comes it will be by missiles. Withdrawal of Canada from NATO, he said, would weaken the cement among the 14 member nations.

He made a passing shot at Paul Hellyer, who resigned the housing ministry last week, by claiming that "after he made a Hellyer of a mess in the unification of the forces he went into housing. Then Trudeau said 'you're out.' In effect he said that."

The Hellyer task force on housing is just another in a long line of commissions, he said. He predicted the Trudeau government would "nibble away" at a few recommendations "and then it will be forgotten."

During the day, Mr. Diefenbaker visited the converted Milldale School, two miles south of Norwich, where his father, William, taught in 1890-91. He met Mrs. Ernest Jull, who celebrates her 90th birthday Sunday, a pupil of his teaching father.

The school is now a modern home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McSpadden.

In a morning address to school children at Woodstock, Mr. Diefenbaker said greater development of the north is needed and forecast plastic-domed cities by the time the students reach his age.

"I wish I could see the Canada you are going to see," he said.



HOW ABOUT THAT? The Tillsonburg News' farm columnist, Clarence Abbott of Frogmore went all the way to complete the 25-mile Frogmore Walkathon Saturday. Mr. Abbott walked with Harry Ostrander Sr., 76, of Tillsonburg, who also completed the walk. Mr. Ostrander, a longtime member of the Tillsonburg Lions Club, wore his service club colors in the walk. They are shown with two young friends.

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Diefenbaker Still Big Drawing Card

The Diefenbaker name still has crowd appeal.

The 73-year-old former prime minister and Progressive Conservative party leader packed them in at Norwich Monday night at the meeting of the Oxford PC Association.

The dinner meeting was actually oversubscribed, with sittings in both Norwich and Otterville to accommodate the audience. Mr. Diefenbaker spoke later at a gathering in the Norwich District High School auditorium.

Elected president of the Oxford association was Wilbert Leaman of Dereham, who succeeds C. J. Steinman of Tavistock.

Elected vice-presidents were Gordon Pittock of Ingersoll, Percy Bowman of Drumbo, Harold Arthur of South Norwich and Alvin Patience of North Oxford; treasurer, Jack Donmoyer of Woodstock; and secretary, Mrs. Claire Foster of Woodstock.



MR. AND MRS. GORDON ROHRER

Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rohrer of 47 Rolph Street, Tillsonburg, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday with open house.

Mrs. Rohrer was the former Amy Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cole, of Rocks Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer

lived for a time in Norwich, then the rest of the time around Tillsonburg. They have lived in town for the last 21 years.

They have three children, Mrs. Walter (Bessie) Davis of Tillsonburg; Harry of Ostrander, Mrs. William (Ruby) Ward of Brandon, Florida, and nine grandchildren.

Pouring tea at hour intervals were Mrs. Edmond Waddle of Pt. Dover; Mrs. Ruth Somers of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Frank Winn of Hamilton, sister of Mrs. Rohrer; Mrs. Mae Long of Tillsonburg, sister of Mr. Rohrer, and at night, Mrs. Leo Mabee, Mrs. Clare Mills, Mrs. J. M. Climie and Mrs. R. B. French.

Armstrong - McMullen

OTTERVILLE (C) - A quiet wedding took place on Saturday, May 24, at 1 p.m. when Ann McMullen, daughter of Mrs. N. McMullen and the late Mr. McMullen of Otterville, became the bride of James Armstrong, son of Mrs. Jean Peolvarde of White Rock, B.C. and Mr. James Armstrong of Hamilton. Baskets of white mums and snapdragons decorated Otterville United Church for the pretty ceremony conducted by Dr. Norman McKenzie of Toronto. Mrs. William McMullen was organist.

The bride wore a street-length aqua dress and coat ensemble. Her headpiece was a white organza bow and she wore a white orchid corsage.

Maid of honor was Miss Barbara Doyle, who wore a multi-colored voile dress with a white organza bow headdress. She wore a sweet-heart rose corsage.

Best man was Mr. Roger Coles of Hamilton, a friend of the groom. Mr. John Turner, of Orangeville, a close friend of the groom was usher.

A buffet luncheon for 25 guests was held at the bride's home in Otterville. An evening reception was held for 100 guests. Mrs. Fred Thompson, a cousin of the bride, Mrs. George Simmons, aunt of the bride, assisted by Mrs. Nelson

Gleason and Mrs. Ivan Leitch, were waitresses for the reception.

The bride's mother wore a turquoise, street-length dress and coat ensemble and a corsage of carnations and roses. The groom's mother assisted her in a pale blue coat dress. She also wore a corsage of carnations and roses.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Washington, D.C., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bertrand.

Out-of-town guests were present from Sarnia, London, Toronto, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Pt. Colborne, Norwich, Otterville, Tillsonburg, Hamilton and Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will live at 81 Charlton St. E., Hamilton, Ontario.

ARMSTRONG - MCMULLEN

OTTERVILLE (C) - Elizabeth Ann McMullen and James Lawrence Armstrong were married May 24 at Otterville United Church by Dr. Norman McKenzie, of Toronto.

Both bride and groom live in Hamilton. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Laura McMullen, of Otterville, and the late Nean McMullen, and the groom is the son of James Armstrong, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Jean Poelvarde, of White Rock, B.C.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. William A. McMullen, of Otterville.

The bride wore a street length aqua blue shantung coat ensemble, with a headdress featuring a white organza bow. She carried an orchid corsage. The maid of honor was Miss Barbara Oayle, of Hamilton.

A wedding reception at the bride's home in Otterville was held for 100 guests and featured a three-tiered wedding cake.

The honeymoon trip was to Washington D.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are now living at 81 Charlton Street, Hamilton.

The bride's mother wore a turquoise street length coat ensemble of crimpelene and her corsage was a carnation and roses.

The groom's mother wore a pale blue coat dress and her bouquet was also a carnation and roses.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Laura McMullen wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter Elizabeth Ann to Mr. Jim Armstrong of Hamilton. The marriage to take place quietly in the Otterville United Church on May 24th at 1.00 p.m. 1969 m8p

ARMSTRONG — McMULLEN

Elizabeth Ann McMullen and James Lawrence Armstrong were married in Otterville United Church.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Norman McKenzie of Toronto. Organist, Mrs. William A. McMullen of Otterville played traditional wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Nean McMullen of Otterville and the late Mr. McMullen and the bridegroom is the son of James Armstrong of Hamilton and Mrs. Jean Poelvarde of White Rock, B. C.

For her wedding the bride wore a street length gown of aqua blue shantung with matching coat. She wore a white bow headdress and a white orchid corsage.

Miss Barbara Oayle of Hamilton was maid of honor wearing a gown of multi-colored voile with a white organza bow headdress and a corsage of sweetheart roses.

Roger Coles of Ingersoll performed the duties of best man and John Turner of Orangeville was usher.

One hundred guests attended the buffet luncheon and evening reception at the bride's home where the bride's mother received guests wearing a turquoise crimplene dress and coat ensemble with a corsage of roses and carnations.

The bridegroom's mother chose a pale blue coat dress with complimenting accessories and a corsage of roses and carnations.

Following a wedding trip to Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will live in Hamilton.

Guests attended the wedding from Sarnia, London, Toronto, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Colborne, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Hamilton, Brantford and Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison attended the wedding of their grandson Richard Douglas Addison and Marian Doreen Leach at St. John's Anglican Church at Mississauga, and the reception at the Newport Hotel at Port Credit Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Broad and their two children, who were ringbearer and flower girl were also guests, as well as other relatives and friends in this area from Springford, Tillsonburg and Delhi.

Leo Mabee

Leo Mabee of 27 Park Avenue in Tillsonburg died on Saturday, May 24, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. He was in his 72nd year.

He was born in Glen Meyer, May 18, 1898, son of the late Aquilla Mabee and Blanche Reagh.

Mr. Mabee was the owner of one of Tillsonburg's longest established billiard parlor-barber shop and tobacco centres. In 1936 Leo Mabee, in partnership with Harold Weeks, took over the business from the W.J. Taylor estate. Mr. Mabee later obtained sole proprietorship of the shop. He retired and sold the business at the beginning of this year.

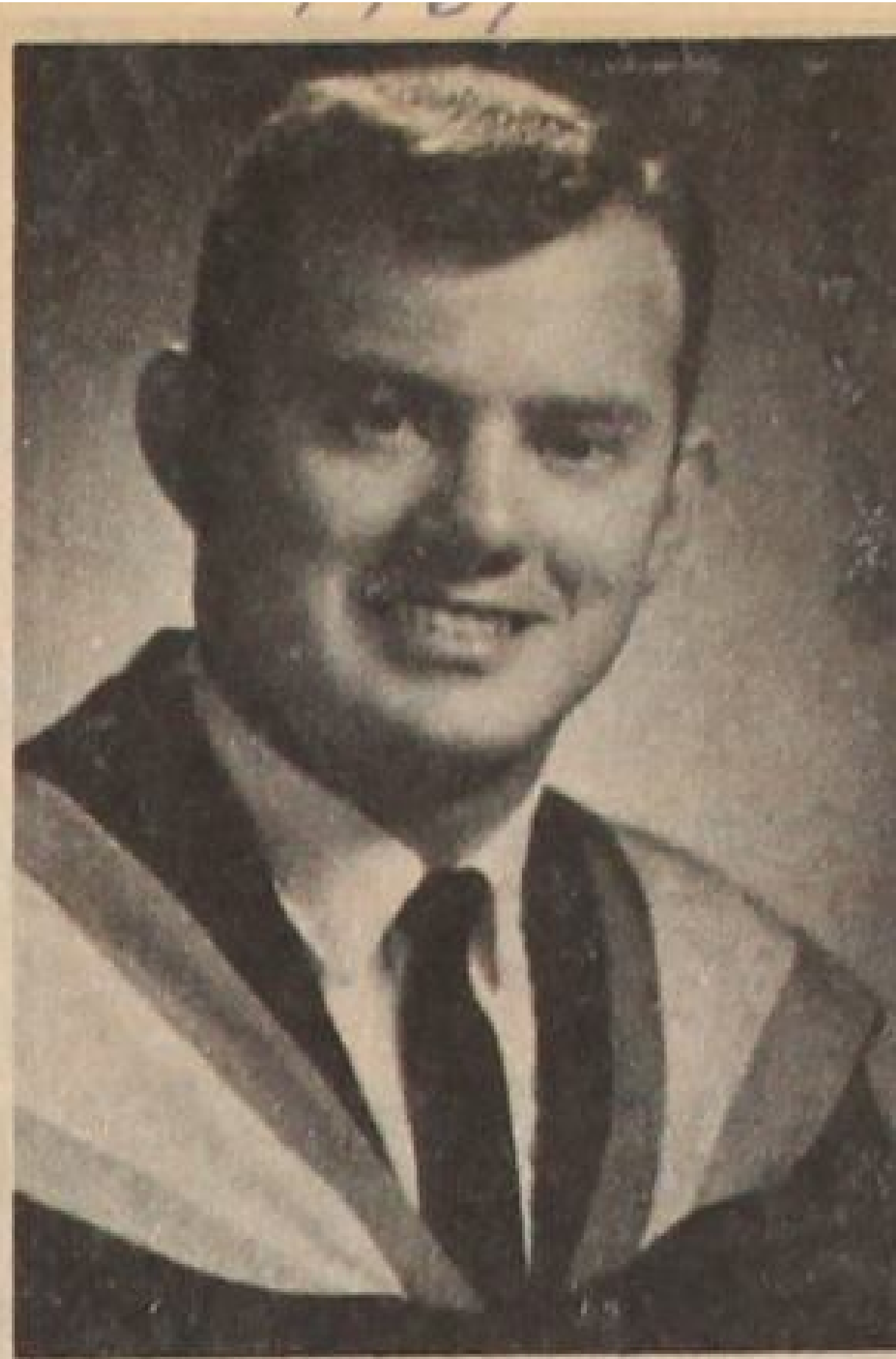
He was a member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, A.F. and A.M., the Tillsonburg Shrine Club, Otter Lodge No. 50 I.O.O.F. and the Royal Arch Masons. He attended the First Baptist Church in Tillsonburg.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mabel Tiller; one sister, Mrs. Eugene (Clara) Hobgood of Langton; one brother, Wallace R. Mabee of Tillsonburg and several nieces and nephews.

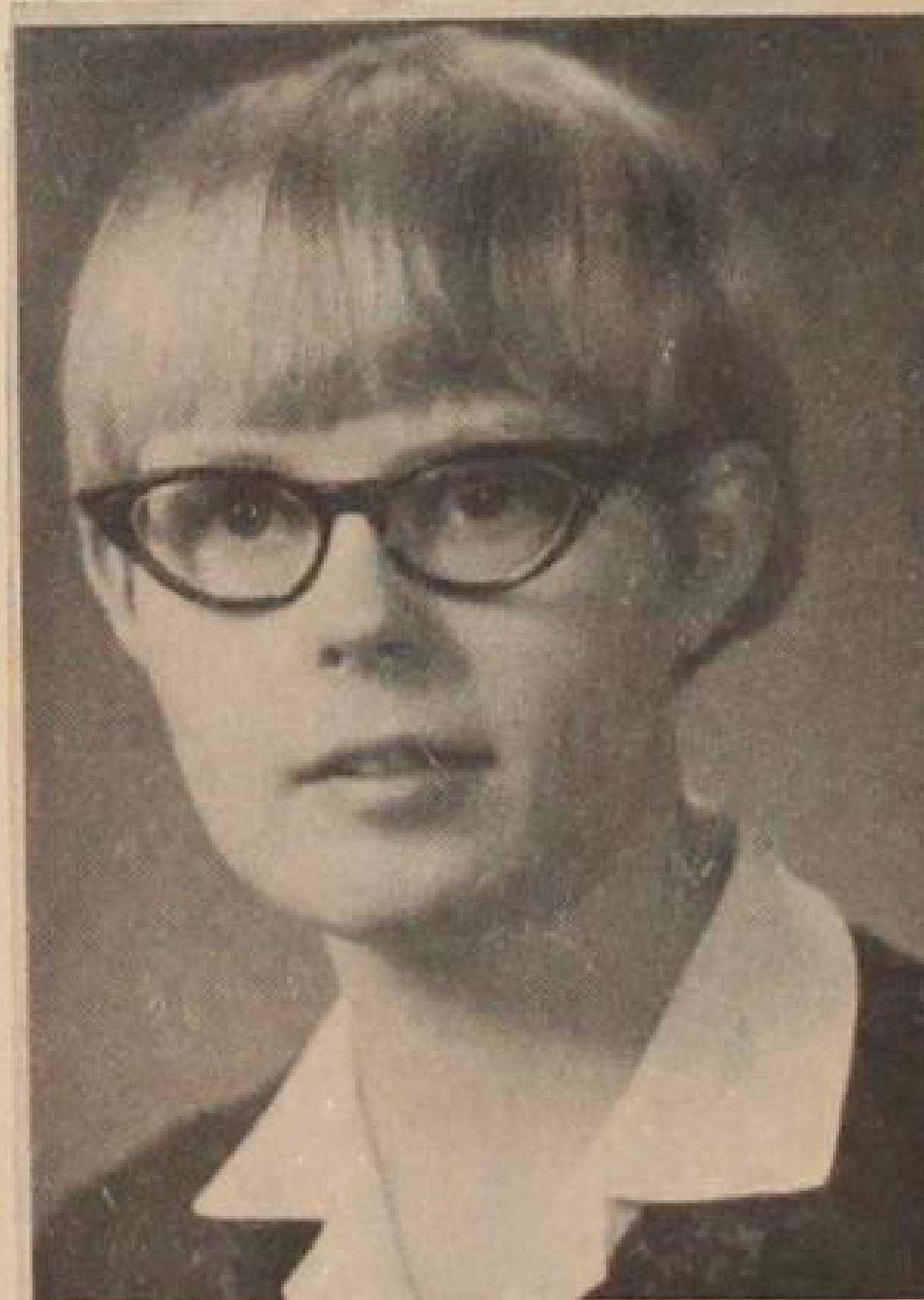
Rested at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held on Monday, May 26, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. L.E. Mason of Toronto.

Pallbearers were Clarence Ronson, Stuart Williams, Ronald McMillan, Roger Neyens, Jack Pow and Arthur VanDerhoeven.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.



Mark Innis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Innis, 1 Dufferin St., Norwich, will graduate from McMaster University on May 30, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in History. He will be attending Althouse College of Education, London. A reception and dinner will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCague, Tally Ho Road, Dundas, following the ceremony.



Stephanie Burn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Burn, a member of the first graduating class of the Centralia College of Agricultural Technology, Huron Park, received her diploma in home economics at the graduation exercises Wednesday, May 7, 1969.

Mrs. E. Jull Marks 90th Birthday 1969

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Earnest Jull of Otterville was honored by her family and friends at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mr. Freeland on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

During the afternoon over 40 relatives and friends called to extend congratulations.

The guests were received at the door by Mrs. Freeland, who was assisted by Mrs. Robert English of Oshawa, Mrs. Jack Heatley of Sarnia, Mrs. Archie Jull and daughter, Joyce, of Newark and Miss Glenna Jull of Mount Elgin.

In the evening a smorgasbord dinner was enjoyed by the immediate family and several friends.

Following the dinner, musical numbers were enjoyed by members of the family, and Miss Marlene McSpadden entertained the family with her tape recorder, which presented the entire visit of the Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker and Mrs. Diefenbaker, who visited their home.

Out-of-town guests for the day were from Beamsville, Sarnia, St. Thomas, Oshawa, Delhi, Windham Centre, London, Norwich and Simcoe.

Earlier in the week, Mrs. Jull was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McSpadden, which was converted into a home from the Milldale School, where Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker's father taught in 1890. Mrs. Jull, who is the only living pupil, attended school there at that time.

OTTERVILLE - Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Scott, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Scott of Brantford, attended the funeral service for Mrs. Edna Martingale, the former Edna Scott, in Toronto last week.

June 1969



David Murray Downing 20, Otterville, was trapped inside this car west of Delhi for an hour and half early Sunday morning. Mr. Downing the driver of the car received a fractured leg, arm, pelvis and extensive cuts and bruises. Anthony Ilic, 21, of St. Thomas the passenger, received facial cuts, and bruises. The car was eastbound on Highway 3 when it crossed the highway went into the north ditch and struck a rock pillar and rolled on its roof. Delhi Police and Fire Department and Simcoe OPP were at the scene of the accident. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1800. (News-Record Photo). *MAY*

Norwich Man Ordered to Pay Realtor's Fee

Appearing in county court at Woodstock Thursday, a Norwich man, Oscar Gare, was ordered to pay a \$3,080 real estate commission by County Judge K. Y. Dick.

A suit had been entered against Mr. Gare by the Woodstock real estate firm Coles Brothers Ltd., after he sold his garage to Eric Bornheimer, formerly of Cooksville. They had an exclusive listing on the property.

Judge Dick ruled that the sale was completed Feb. 10, 1967.

Woodstock lawyer, John Burrige, acting for the real estate firm, said the date of the sale was within the time period of the listing contract, entitling the company to a seven per cent commission.

Mr. Burrige showed the court a sales agreement showing that the garage, Gare Motors Ltd. was sold for about \$44,000. The agreement was dated Feb. 10, 1967.

Lawyer Claude Pensa, London, counsel for Mr. Gare, told the court that later agreements nullified the original sales agreement and that the property was transferred through a sale of company shares, rather than a sale of the property itself.

John L. Coles, president of Coles Brothers Ltd., and Joseph Hughes, a salesman, both told the court that Mr. Gare, in the spring of 1967 had told the realtors they would get their commission.

Otterville Youth Hurt

DELHI - David Murray Downing, 20, of Otterville suffered a fractured leg, arm and pelvis and extensive cuts and bruises in an auto accident west of Delhi on Highway 3 early Sunday morning.

He was trapped inside the car for an hour and a half after the car left the road, struck a rock pillar and rolled on its roof.

A passenger, Anthony Ilic, 21, of St. Thomas received facial cuts and bruises.

Delhi Police and Fire Department and Simcoe OPP attended at the scene. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,800.

Lodge Members Recieve Jewels

A large number of members and visitors were present at a meeting of Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., Otterville, Wednesday evening. Stanley Arthur, noble grand, presided and welcomed the gathering.

Past Grand Masters Byron Dundas and Charles Hutchinson of London were present and presented 25-year jewels to Carl Howse and Reg Kerr and 25-year pins were presented to Stanley Arthur, Melville Beecroft, Clayton Arthur, John Cattell, Hary Hanson, Andy McGregor and Nate McMullen.

Following the meeting members of Violet Rebekah lodge served lunch. *JUNE*

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OTTERVILLE

Mr. Charles Furlong of Windsor, Mr. Frank Foran and grand daughter Mrs. Harvey Martin of Detroit were weekend guests of Miss Edna Furlong.

At a recent meeting of the St. John's Anglican Guild, plans were completed for a Poppy and Iris Tea to be held at the home of Miss Edna Furlong, on Saturday afternoon, June 14th from 3 to 5 p.m. The proceeds to be used by the Guild.

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Mrs. Oscar Palmer

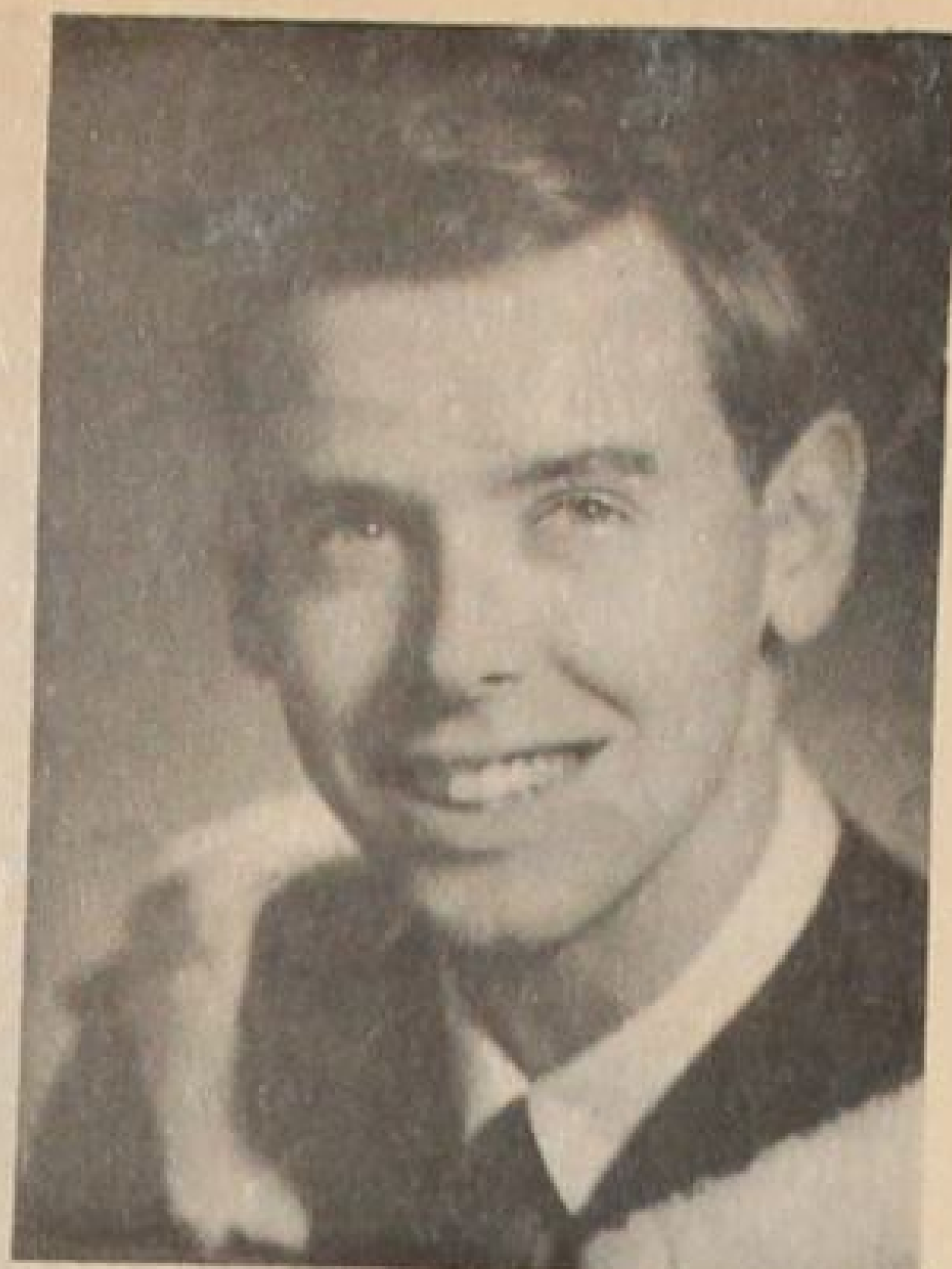
Mrs. Oscar Palmer, 60, of R.R.2, Mount Elgin, died Friday at her home.

Born in North Norwich Township, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sherman. Her first husband, Bruce Nicholls died in 1944. They had farmed in North Norwich Township. She then married Oscar Palmer and moved to Dereham Township where she had resided since.

She was a member of Zenda United Church and a member and past governing grand of Vigilant Rebekah Lodge No. 158.

Survivors are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Stanley (Dorothy) Thompson, of Beachville, Mrs. Gary (Marie) Kechnie of London; a son, Gordon Nicholls; a step-son, Alec Palmer of Brownsville; two sisters, Mrs. James (Muriel) Mills of Toronto, Mrs. G.A. (Marie) McMillan of Norwich; two brothers, Fred of South Norwich Township, Howard of Otterville.

Funeral service was held Monday from Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich, with Rev. W. G. Mitchell of Zenda United Church officiating. A memorial service was held by the Vigilant Rebekah Lodge No. 158 Sunday evening. Burial in Burgessville Cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. Ross Adlington, R.R. 3, Tillsonburg are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brenda Lynn, to Mr. John Leslie Armstrong, son of Mrs. Margaret Armstrong of Toronto and the late Leslie Ervine Armstrong. The wedding will take place at 3:30 p.m. May 10, 1969, at Ridley Chapel, St. Catharines, Ontario.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN LESLIE ARMSTRONG

Ridley College Chapel, St. Catharines, was the setting on Saturday, May 10, 1969, at 3:30 p.m. for the wedding of Brenda Lynn Adlington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Adlington of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, and John Leslie Armstrong of Dundas, son of Mrs. Margaret Armstrong of Toronto and the late Leslie Ervine Armstrong. Rev. Hunt, rector of Ridley Chapel, officiated, assisted by Father Peter LeBlanc, friend of the bride. Miss Ann Purdy of Wardsville, friend of the bride, was organist and accompanied the soloist Miss Paula Blaser of Toronto, friend of the bride, who sang "Wedding Prayer" during the service. For the occasion, the chapel was decorated with yellow roses and daisies.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a floor-length, Givenchi original of nylon over underdress of antique satin. The attached train was appliqued with lace matching the lace under the bodice, the collar, and cuffs. The gown featured bouffant sleeves. A nylon bow held her floor-length veil trimmed with daisies in place, and she carried a bouquet of daisies and yellow roses.



Seldon Studio, Tillsonburg

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edward Jay Durkee

TILLSONBURG, Ont. — A lovely "home wedding" took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin D. Burn, Tillsonburg, on May 31, 1969, when their daughter, Stephanie Margaret, and Harold Edward Jay Durkee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee, of Otterville, were united in marriage. Reverend Arthur Hencher, of Avondale United Church, Tillsonburg, officiated, assisted by Reverend Stanley Uptigrove, of Otterville.

Mr. George Veltman provided piano music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length sheath gown of white lagoda crepe. The coat of Chantilly lace was fashioned with a softly ruffled Victorian neckline, long sleeves ruffled at the wrists and a full skirt sweeping into a chapel train. A floral headdress held her triple-tiered veil of silk illusion and she carried a white Bible crested with a colonial nosegay of pink roses and white carnations. The Bible was a gift from her Godparents, Judge and Mrs. Robert G. Groom.

Miss Linda Devine was maid of honor. She chose a floor-length chiffon gown in California fuchsia with long sleeves, high neckline and empire waistline accented with rows of narrow white lace. She carried a matching nosegay.

Mr. Ronald Oatman was groomsman.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, 28 Tillson Avenue, Tillsonburg, with the bride's mother receiving guests in a lace dress of dusty rose with matching accessories in peau de soie and corsage of white carnations.

The groom's mother assisted, wearing a mink brown chantilly lace ensemble with

beige accessories and corsage of yellow roses.

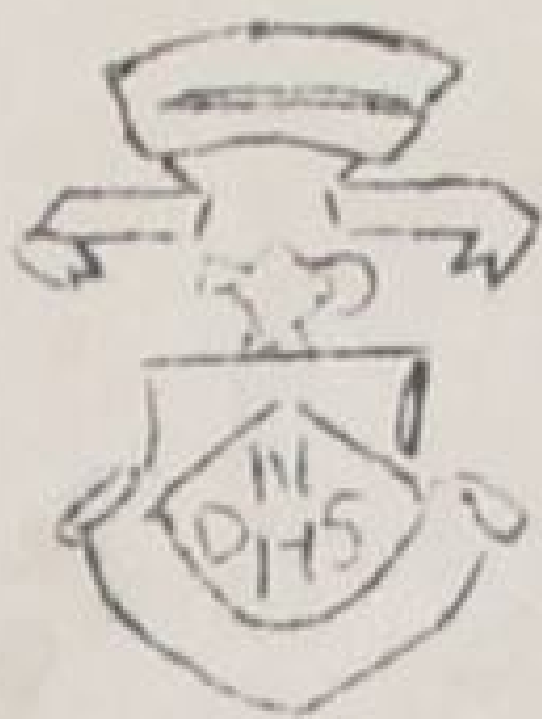
The bride's aunt, Mrs. Gladys Langer, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, who came for the wedding, was gowned in turquoise and silver and wore a corsage of pink roses.

Judge Robert G. Groom

was master of ceremonies.

The bride changed to a going-away outfit of primrose yellow French soufflé with matching full-length coat worn with apple green accessories and white gardenia and stephanotis corsage.

The couple will reside in Otterville, Ont.



SATURDAY

7th JUNE 1969

to

HONOUR MR. MELVILLE BEECROFT, B.A.

UPON HIS RETIREMENT

for

35 YEARS of DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

in the

TEACHING PROFESSION

NORWICH DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM ON NEXT PAGE

June 8, 1939

The Otterville Bowlers held a mixed jitney on the local greens, with prizes for the highest aggregate scores. Three eight-end games of trebles were played.

PROGRAM and PRESENTATION

2.30 pm.		Signing of Guest Book
2.30 - 2.45 pm.		Gathering in the Auditorium
2.45 pm.		" The Peaceful Villagers "
	" To Sir, With Love "	" Jamaican Farewell "
		" Obeladi "
Welcome	Chairman	Mr. Sam McSpadden A colleague of 29 years
Greetings		Miss Mary Bishop Vice-Pres. Students' Council
Duet		Mrs. Marion Avey, Mr. Dan Klassen " The Happy Wanderer " - " The 23rd Psalm " (by request)
Salutations		Mr. Clarence O'Gorman, M.A. Principal of Norwich District High School
Accordianists		Messrs. Richard and Robert Redling Selected Numbers -
Greetings		Mrs. Muriel Bishop Representative of School Boards - Past and Present
Presentation to Mr. Beecroft		Mr. J.C. St. John, B.S.A. Former Principal
Reception		

MR. MELVILLE BEECROFT B.A. RETIRES FROM N. D. H. S STAFF

June 7/69

A reception for Mr. Melville Beecroft, B.A., was held on Saturday, 7th June, 1969, at the Norwich District High School. Mr. Beecroft will be retiring on June 27th after having given more than 35 years of distinguished service to the teaching profession. Invitations were sent out to former students, teachers and friends, and there was a good response by letter and in person. A short formal program preceded the reception, chaired by Mr. Sam McSpadden, teacher at N. D. H. S. and a colleague of Mr. Beecroft's for 29 years. Entertaining prior to, and as an opening to the program, was the musical group "The Peaceful Villagers," consisting of Michael and Gerald Buckrell, Murray and Robert Poole and Andrew Strukowski. For the program they played "To Sir, With Love," "Jamaican Farewell" and "Obeladi." Their music was very much enjoyed.

Mr. McSpadden's words of welcome were humorous and well-appointed and these were followed by greetings from the present Students' Council, capably presented by the Vice-President Miss Mary Bishop. Mr. Dan Klassen and Mrs. Marion Avey, staff members, and the latter a former pupil of Mr. Beecroft's sang beautifully two duets, The Happy Wanderer and The Twenty-Third Psalm, by Smart. Mrs. Elsie Klassen was accompanist. Mr. Clarence O'Gorman, principal, spoke his salutations of Mr. Beecroft as a gentleman and scholar and commended him for his service to the many students whom he has taught.

Representing the Oxford County Board of Education as a present member, as well as a member of the former Norwich District High School Board, Mrs. Muriel Bishop wished Mr. Beecroft well, not only in his years of retirement as a teacher, but in the active interest he will continue in his love of nature, photography and travel.

Petite and charming, Carmen Klessen presented Mrs. Beecroft with a lovely corsage of yellow roses.

The address, prior to the presentation of a beautiful oil painting, was given so sincerely and well, by Mr. Cameron St. John, former principal of Norwich District High School, under whom Mr. Beecroft taught for many years. He spoke of the devotage, time and energy that had been put into his years of teaching and wished him well for his days of leisure and pleasure.

The beautifully decorated stage and tables in the cafeteria were the work of Mrs. Dorothy Haight. Ferns, lilacs, snowballs and pink hydrangea garlanded the auditorium and bouquets of yellow roses and spirea graced the tables. The buffet of sandwiches, fancy cakes and coffee were also works of art into which many hours of labour were poured. Miss Dorothy Royle, Home Economics teacher and Mrs. Myrtle Miller former Home Economics teacher, were responsible for the buffet lunch, assisted by Mrs. Stanley Royle and many others, including some students who worked diligently and long to provide such a beautiful display.

Appreciation of the efforts to address and send about 1800 letters is due Mrs. John Stewart, Mrs. Orris Beecroft and Mrs. Hazel Bucholtz, as well as others, who worked tirelessly so that as many as possible might be informed. The oil painting by Pannabaker was selected by Mr. O'Gorman and Mr. St. John and the program was arranged for by Mrs. Douglas Avey and Mr. Don Irvine. Miss Veronica Magyar and Mr. Sam McSpadden were the committee for decorations.

Mr. Beecroft expressed his gratitude, from the platform, for each one who had contributed in making this day a memorable one, and he was anticipating speaking to so many former students, teaching associates, and friends, many of whom he had not seen for many years. There were also messages of regret from those unable to attend. The presence of all his family climaxed the eventful day.

School administrators reduced in Oxford

May 23/69

Free Press Woodstock Bureau
WOODSTOCK — A revised academic administrative chart, including five associate superintendents rather than nine, was approved Wednesday by Oxford County board of education.

The five, who will be under director of education George A. Simmons, include an associate superintendent of curriculum and planning, proposed for January, 1970.

Dr. H. W. Hedley will be in charge of instruction for elementary schools; John Young, instruction for secondary schools; D. C. D. Sifton, supervision and personnel, and R. W. Pilgrim, special services.

Two associate superintendents of instruction for secondary schools had been proposed rather than one, and four associate superintendents of instruction for elementary schools rather than one.

"We suspect Woodstock council is more top heavy in administration than the board of education," W. Bernard Calder, chairman of the county board said.

Mr. Calder was answering Woodstock Ald. William B. Dutton, a former city mayor, who charged the board of education is top heavy with administration.

The board chairman said Ald. Dutton made the comment when he presented the

board of education budget to council two weeks ago.

Mr. Calder said he had tried unsuccessfully to obtain information from Woodstock Mayor James F. Hutchinson on salaries paid Woodstock municipal officials. The city, he said, has a policy of not announcing salaries.

The board of education, he said, should consider at its June 2 meeting, a resolution requesting information on city of Woodstock salaries.

The Oxford board has announced salaries of the director of education will be \$24,250 and associate superintendents \$22,000 and \$23,000.

J. F. Doyle of Woodstock, separate school representative on the board, suggested the school board should not announce salaries of board employees, but he was strongly opposed.

By JENNIFER LEWINGTON
of The Free Press

OTTERVILLE — The first steps are being taken to prepare part of an Oxford County farm as a study centre for the works of one of Canada's eminent economists, the late Prof. Harold Innis.

Prof. Innis, who was born on the farm, called "Inisfree," was dean of the school of graduate studies at the University of Toronto. He also served on several provincial royal commissions on economics, education and transportation. He died in 1952.

In February, the Harold Innis Foundation, composed of 85 U of T staff members, former students of Prof. Innis and business and professional people, was set up. In April, the foundation bought the 100-acre farm, a mile east of Otterville, from Prof. Innis' brother.

The purpose of the foundation is to encourage people interested in pursuing the studies initiated by Prof. Innis in economics.

Students at Innis College at the U. of T. and any scholars interested in the work and aims of Prof. Innis will be able to conduct research and have seminars at the farm.

Four men involved with the project were at the farm Wednesday, discussing plans for renovation of the buildings.

Prof. Robin Harris, principal of Innis College, described Prof. Innis as "the only outstanding social scientist we've had in Canada."

"We haven't done a thing to anything on the farm," said Prof. Harris. "We still can't get into the silo, the door is barred on the inside," he added with a laugh.

Eighty acres of the farm have been leased to Harold Brayley, a nephew of Prof. Innis. The remaining land is composed of a 10-acre woodlot and some land surrounding the buildings which will be used by the foundation.

The farm buildings will be open throughout the year for research, conferences and seminars.

It is hoped that scholars from universities other than



An Oxford County farm is being turned into a study centre for university students. Among those involved with getting the project under way are,

from left, Jack Dimond, Prof. Melvin Watkins, Prof. Robin Harris, and John Parson, all from the University of Toronto.

Innisfree

Oxford farm to be economics study centre

Toronto will also come to the centre.

Dr. Harris said when renovations are made, the house could accommodate 15 to 20 persons. However, he estimated 60 to 70 could come if the barn were also used.

Prof. Harris and his three colleagues, Jack Dimond, assistant to the principal at Innis College, John Parsons, former assistant and Prof. Mel-

ville Watkins, economist at the U of T and president of the foundation, argued briefly where the library should go, then moved on from room to room to assign each a function.

A library of Prof. Innis' papers and published works is being prepared.

Prof. Watkins, who in 1968 headed a government report on foreign ownership and con-

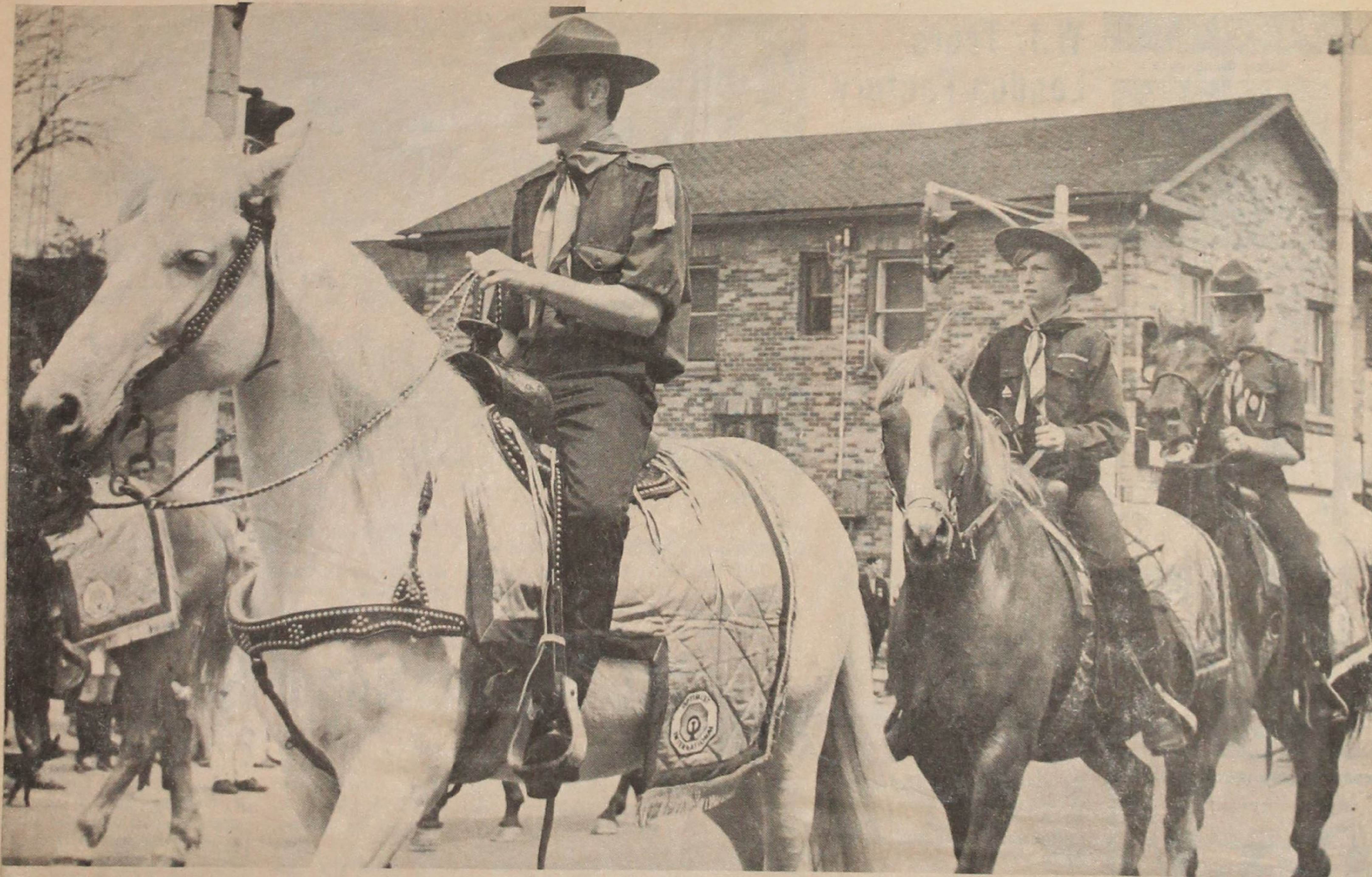
trol of Canadian industry, explained that "there has been a revival of interest in Innis' work."

No one was sure when the farm would be ready for its new purpose. Prof. Harris said, "we'll be lucky if we get things operating for the students by September."

Perhaps by that time, they will have even found a way to open the silo.

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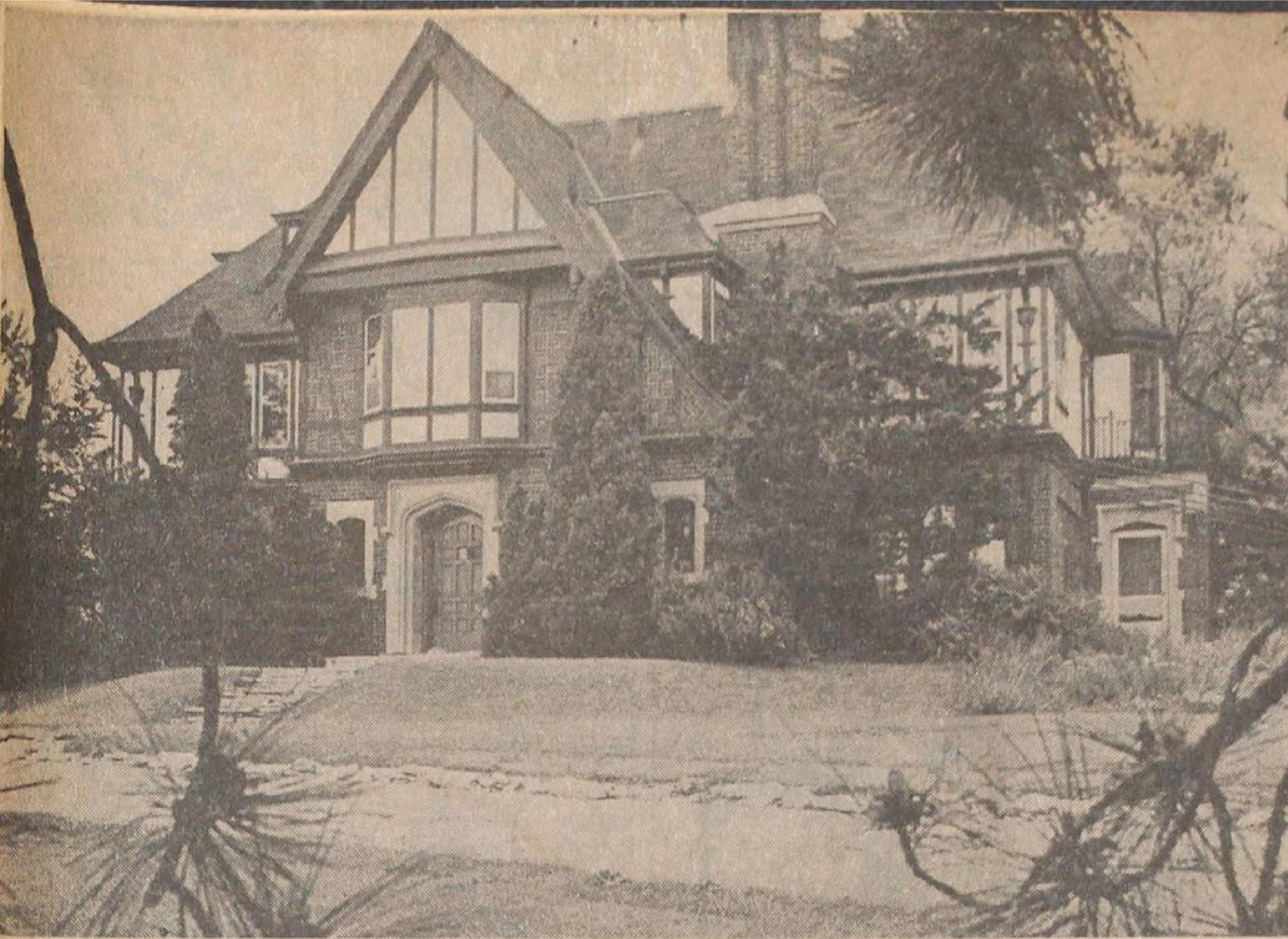
The Tillsonburg News June 11, 1969



First Springford Scout Troop, Canada's only mounted scout troop was among the major attractions at the annual Big Creek District parade at Delhi on Sunday. An estimated 1,000 scouts, guides,

cubs, brownies and leaders took part in the march through downtown Delhi attraction more than 3,500 spectators.

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New owner G. V. Livingston, chairman of the board of Livingston Industries, is a Roman Catholic and was, for a short time, a ball player with the Cleveland Indians.

Control of Livingston Industries Ltd., was sold for \$7,100,000 in 1968 to Allpak Products Ltd. of Toronto. President of Allpak is R. M. Ivey of London.

Mr. Livingston is probably most widely-known as the backer of the now defunct, Tillsonburg Livingstons, who represented Canada in basketball in the 1952 Olympics.

His company now has plants in Toronto, Hagersville, and Tillsonburg. He began his business career building boxes to hold flower pots.

Later, he bought a greenhouse in Tillsonburg and branched out into crating cars for overseas delivery and packaging farm implements.

Mr. Livingston, now on a business trip to England, was unavailable for comment.

Bishopstowe, the official residence of Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, Anglican Bishop of Huron, has been sold to G. V. Livingston of Tillsonburg. The 10-room, three-storey home is at 1548 Richmond St. N.

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Anglican bishop's residence sold to millionaire from Tillsonburg

A Tillsonburg millionaire, who started on his way to a fortune building flower pot boxes, is moving into the mansion of the Anglican bishop of Huron.

Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, bishop of Huron, Wednesday said his official residence, "Bishopstowe," has been sold for an

undisclosed price to G. V. Livingston.

The city registry office reported that when the 35-year-old home was bought 17 years ago from London businessman J. J. McHale Sr., the price was \$48,500.

The 10-room, three-storey home is at 1548 Richmond St.

N. Owned by the diocese, it is on a hill north of the Broughdale bridge on a four-acre site.

No reason was given for the sale, but Bishop Luxton said four years ago he felt uncomfortable with the diocese paying an annual city tax of \$1,400.

The city tax office reported taxes on the home and grounds assessed at \$21,140, were \$1,951 for 1969.

Bishop Luxton said he will vacate the home at the end of September. Arrangements are being made, he said, to find another official residence.

South Norwich Junior Sports Day

OTTERVILLE (C) — The weatherman smiled on South Norwich Sports Day activities held here in the South Norwich Community Park Saturday.

The "Wheels" parade formed on John Street and then led down Main Street to Addison's Furniture Store and across to the park.

Winners of the best decorated wheels contest were: Girls bicycle, Christine McMullen; Boys bicycle, Kevin Church; Girls, tricycle, Aletha Shearer; Boys' tricycle, Martin Jardine; Boys' bicycle and rider, Fred Ostrander; Girls' tricycle and rider Wilma McMullen; buggy Jennifer White; wagon, Janet Butler; tractor, David Pearce; go-cart Jeffery Pickersgill.

Slow bicycle race; Girls 10-14, Kim Smart, Debbie Shearer, Cathy Davis; Girls 9 and under, Becky Kendricks, Shelly Mudge, Patty Davis.

Tricycle race, Girls and boys, 6-8, Wilma McMullen, Cameron Pettigrew, Joan Barnim.

Slow bicycle race, Boys 10-14, Eddie VanBommill, Michael Jacko, Brent

VanParys.

Boys tricycle, 9 and under, Lynn Gehring, Teddy Noels, Brian VanOpstal. Trikes, 5 and under, Dwayne Barnim, Lee Pettigrew, and Rhonda Treffry.

Bicycle rodeo winners: Boys 7-8, Brian VanOpstal, Bentley White, Wesley White; Girl 7-8, Shelley Mudge, Gail Gehring, Kelly Davis; Boys 9-10, Michael Furlong, Danny Barnium, Jan Goossens; Girls 9-10, Patty Davis, Debby Shearer, Cheryl Smith; Boys 11-13, Fred Ostrander, Scott Taylor, David Barnim; Girls 11-13, Julia White, Cathy Davis, Lynn Furlong.

Footsie competition: Girls 7 and under, Larie Lynch, Jane Furlong, Cheryl Furlong; 8 and over, Christine Lynch, Debbie Haydu, Julia White.

Julia White and Fred Ostrander won bicycles donated by Master Feeds and Powell Agri-systems.

Vern Fleming of the Tillsonburg O.P.P. detachment conducted the bicycle rodeo.

In the Junior tug-of-war

contest, the team captained by Edward Van Bommill was the winner, and the team lead by Michael Webb won second place. Bruce Pettigrew's team placed third.

Members of the winning team were Ed VanBommill, Billy Richardson, Robbie Davis, Eugene Jones, Brent VanParys, and Rod Sage.

At 1 p.m. the Softball tournament started and the results were: Springford Squirts 10, Otterville 6; Springford PeeWees 13, Otterville 2; Springford Bantams 20, Otterville 12; Otterville Ladies Softball team 13, Springford 4; Otterville Midgets 14, Springford 8.

The Otterville Belles Ladies Softball team received a cash prize for having the greatest number of parents at the ball games during the day. After the midget game, members of the Otterville-Springford teams participated in a tug-of-war which was won by the Otterville team who won a cash prize.

Swimming races were also held.

Front crawl results: Boys 6-8, Troy Miller, Paul Finch, Wesley White; Boys 9-11, Kolby Miller, Francis Kozuch, Jan Goossens; Boys 12-14, Gary Crooker, Clare Barnim, Tony Marques; Girls 6-8, Darlene Smith, Gail Gehring, Mary Agnes Webb; Girls 9-11, Shirley Oliver, Debbie Smith, Christine McMullen; Girls 12-14, Brenda Oliver, Lou Ann Krohe, Debby Barnim.

Newspaper race: Boys 6-8, Paul Finch, Teddy Briggs, Brian Mudge; Boys 9-11, Frankie Kozuch, Dwayne Clifford, Jan Goossens; Boys 12-14, Gary Crooker, Clare Barnim, Brian Goossens; Girls 6-8, Darlene Smith, Gail Gerhing, Mary Agnes Webb; Girls 9-11, Cathy Lynch, Shelly Oliver, Christine McMullen; Girls 12-14, Lou Ann Krohe, Debby Barnim, Dianne Goossens.

Cracker race: Boys 6-8, Troy Miller, Wesley White, Paul Finch; Boys 9-11, Kolby Miller, Frank Kozuch, Jan Goossens; Boys 12-14, Clare Barnim, Tony Marques, Brad Craimer; Girls 6-8, Gail Gehring, Darlene Smith, Wilma McMullen; Girls 9-11,

Christine McMullen, Shelly Oliver, Debby Smith; Girls 12-14, Lou Ann Krohe, Sandra Saker, Kim Craimer.

Treasure Hunt; Boys 6-8, Troy Miller, Wesley White, Paul Finch; Boys 9-11, Jan Goossens, Michael Furlong; Girls 6-8, Darlene Smith, Gail Gehring, Eileen French; Girls 9-11, Christine McMullen, Shelly Oliver, Debby Haydu.

Butterfly, Boys 12-14, Gary Crooker, Clare Barnim, Pat Vanaker, Girls 12-14, Brenda Oliver, Joan Gehring, Lou Ann Krohe.

Swim-a-thon August 9

OTTERVILLE (C) — A swim-a-thon sponsored by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club will take place at the Lion's swimming pool, August 9.

Money raised will be used towards renovations and improvements of the present swimming pool.

A club release said support for children taking part in this event will be appreciated.

NORWICH



Otterville Decoration Day Service Held

OTTERVILLE (C) - Otterville Cemetery Annual Decoration Day Service Reeve of South Norwich Township, Stanley Gehring presiding.

Mr. Gehring opened the service with a word of welcome to those present and thanked those who had decorated the graves of their loved ones and friends.

Mr. Jack Riste of St. John's Anglican Church offered prayer and read Scripture. A short period of silence was observed in memory of those laid to rest in the cemetery.

Containers were placed at the entrance of the cemetery for those who wished to make a donation which would be spent on the upkeep of the cemetery.

Reeve Gehring introduced Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of Otterville, Springford and New Road United Churches. Guest speaker for the service, Rev. Leach chose St. John 14:2, "In My Father's House Are Many Mansions," as the text for his

address. The speaker paid tribute to Christians who had passed on and stated that it was the responsibility of Christians of the present day to carry on, and that if we are Christians when our time comes for us to pass away we will immediately be transferred to a mansion that the Lord spoke of in the 14th chapter of St. John.

It was announced that the Decoration Day in 1970 would be held on the third Sunday in August. Mr. Riste closed the service with a benediction. The public address system was provided by James Prouse Radio Service Centre, Tillsonburg. Recorded hymns were played during the service.

On behalf of the Cemetery Board, thanks were voiced to Rev. Leach and Mr. Riste, for their part taken in the service. Thanks are also extended to Mr. Prouse and DeWachter Auto Electric who installed hydro for the PA system.

Late Mrs. Charles Mannell

Mrs. Charles Mannell, 78 years of age of Otterville, passed away in the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, August 13th.

Born in Wellington County she was the daughter of the late John Sanderson and Clara Boys.

Mrs. Mannell had been a resident of the village for the past 42 years and was a member of the Otterville United Church, the United Church Women and the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330.

Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters Mrs. Harold (Laura) Wenn and Mrs. Lorne (Irene) Parker, both of Norwich; one son Dr. Arnold Mannell of Ottawa; one sister Mrs. John Scagel, Vancouver; one brother, John Sanderson of Port Arthur; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville on Saturday at 2 p.m. and was largely attended by neighbours and friends who came to express their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of the Otterville United Church conducted the service and paid tribute to Mrs. Mannell as a faithful church member, to her household, to the village and her interests in the community. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist and played favourite hymns before and after the service. Among the floral tributes was an arrangement from "The Neighbours," a donation to the Canadian Cancer, Gideon Bible and Heart Foundation.

The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Paul Wenn, David Wenn, Jack Parker, Richard Mannell, Robert Mannell and Harold Burrill, who were all grandsons of Mrs. Mannell.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Our deepest appreciation to all friends, neighbours and relatives for flowers, cards, "In Memoriam" donations and all other acts of kindness extended to us in our bereavement.

Chas. Mannell
and family.
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OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Kerene Kelly of 8 Arbor Lane, Tillsonburg, and Mrs. Laura McMullen of Otterville have returned to their homes from a three-week vacation in the West Indies. While there they visited the Islands of Antigua, Grenada, Trinidad, Tobago and the Barbados. Mrs. McMullen had the exciting experience of catching a 2 1/2 ft. shark. Each girl caught a barracuda. Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo of Otterville met Mrs. McMullen at the Hilton Hotel, Trinidad, and they spent the day sight-seeing in the Island. Later in the day they went to Mrs. Namsoo's parents' home where Mrs. McMullen reports having a delightful time as a guest of the family. AUC

Church Guild Plans Bazaar

OTTERVILLE (C) - First regular meeting after the summer recess of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Lottie Armstrong with the president, Mrs. Harold Durkee, presiding.

Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Armstrong. The secretarial duties were in charge of Miss Edna Furlong and the treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen, presented the financial report.

The members decided that the annual bazaar would be held at an early date in November in the Parish Hall. Further plans will be made at the next meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Mann.

The members signed cards for shut-in friends.

Carman Fish

OTTERVILLE (C) - Word was received here this week of the death of a former native, Carman Fish, 73, of Arkansas, U.S.A.

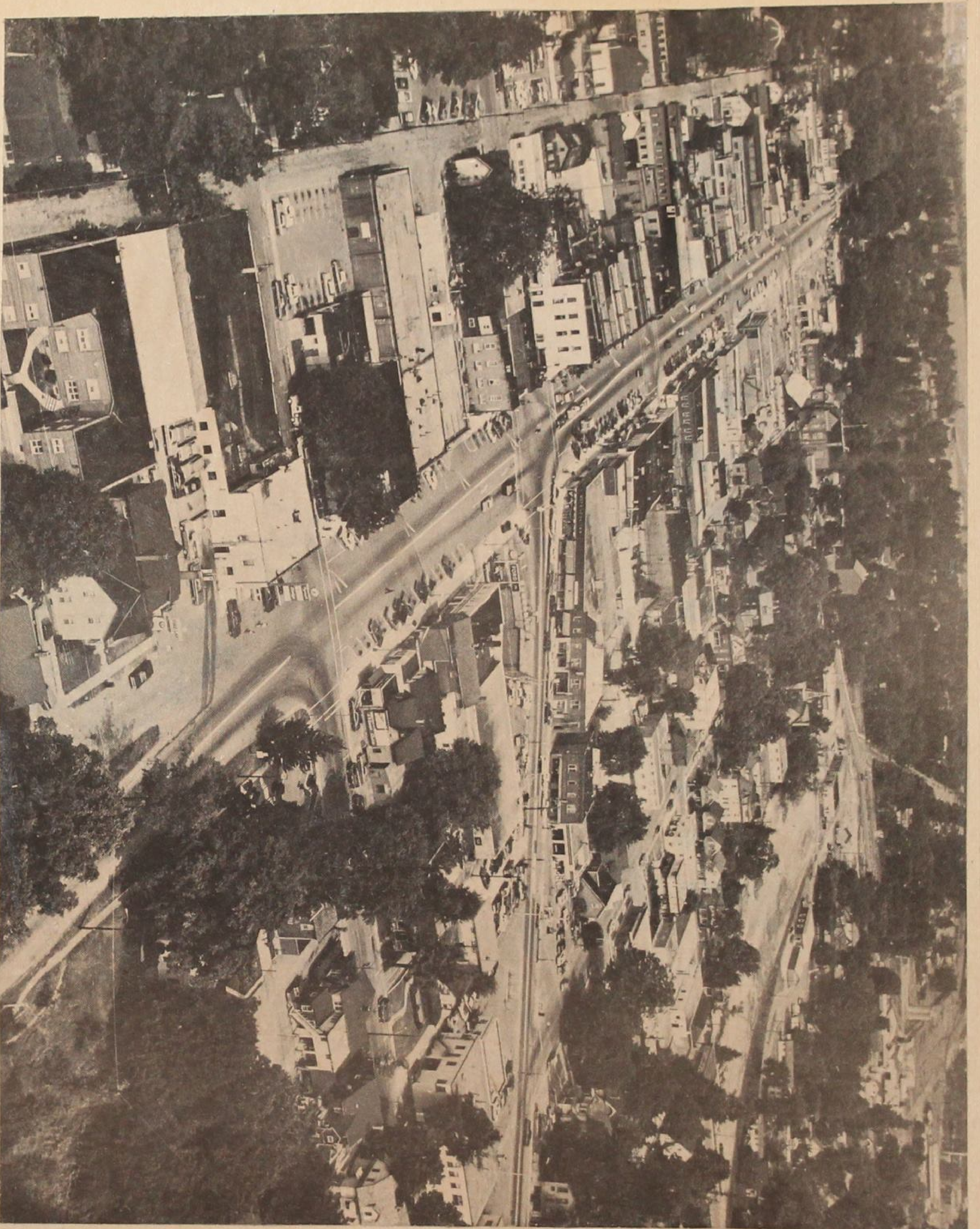
Mr. Fish was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fish and spent his boyhood days in Otterville.

He served with the Can-

adian Forces in 1914-18 and after moving to Chicago he was on the editing staff of the "News Magazine" and edited many articles in this paper.

Upon his retirement he moved to Arkansas where he has lived for the past several years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Doris of Park Ridge, Ill., two brothers, Allan of Oakville and Fredric of Brampton; three sisters, Mrs. Norman (Marjorie) Swift of Park Ridge, Mrs. Leonard (Marion) Lee of Oakville; and Mrs. William (Pauline) McDowell of Brampton, also two grandchildren.



Looking up Broadway... on
a quiet day...

By JUDY CREIGHTON
of The Free Press

LYNEDOCH — Family heirlooms, antique furniture and farm implements were auctioned off in the United Church yard here Saturday-all for the sake of saving an Anglican church in this tiny Norfolk County village.

Reason for the sale, put on by the Lynedoch Women's Institute, was to raise funds to pay for the 97 year-old Christ Church which officially closed its doors in 1967.

"We knew the church and the property it stands on were up for sale," explained the sale convener, Mrs. James Packard, "so our group decided to put a bid on it."

Last week, the WI had final word that the church was theirs for \$551, so they set about to raise money to pay for it.

"Several of our members were really distressed to think the old church might be torn down. We hate to see these lovely old buildings levelled," said Mrs. Packard.

The little white church sits in a grove of tall trees on Church Street. There is no running water or toilet inside

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which could pose a problem when the women finally decide what they will use the building for.

"We might turn it into a museum," said Mrs. Packard, "or just a meeting hall."

She added that there is so much in the way of Canadiana in family farms in the area, it could well be made into a museum.

Although there are hand carved pews still inside the church, these have been promised to other Anglican churches in the county.

"When the building is empty, we'll have lots of space to turn it into a museum or hall," said Mrs. Packard.

One unusual item to fall under Tillsonburg auctioneer Jerry E. Brooks' gavel, was an all-wooden vise.

"That vise is over 100 years old," said 82-year-old Arthur W. McGee, a resident of Lynedoch for over 30 years. The vise came from the Anson Quance farm outside Lynedoch.

Another item to draw much interest from the crowd of over 150 people was a hand carved white metal butter dish set on a ice water holder. Patent date was 1867.



Christ Church is the 97-year-old Anglican church in Lynedoch, the village Women's Institute has bought to restore.

Bradford - Mc Clintock

Otterville United Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on June 14, when Peg McClintock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McClintock of Mill St., Otterville, became the bride of Joseph Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bradford of R.R. 1, Norwich. Baskets of white, yellow and lilac mums on both sides of the altar and yellow and lilac mums on the choir rail and in the windows decorated the church for the ceremony conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson. Mary Charlton, of Springford, a cousin of the bride, was organist. Mrs. Jack Walther of Otterville sang "Wedding Prayer," before the ceremony, and "One Hand, One Heart" during the signing of the register.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a floor-length white crystallette peau de soie gown, with Swiss imported lace at the neck and on the three quarter sleeves. Her head-dress was a four-inch pill-box holding a shoulder-length silk illusion veil trimmed with Swiss lace. She carried a bouquet of lilac mums and cream colored roses.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Barry Smith, Burgessville, sister of the bride. She wore a full-length gown of georgette chiffon over taffeta in iced lilac, with embroidery on the yoke and back. The full, long sleeves were trimmed with embroidery at the wrists. She wore a small pill-box hat in iced lilac chiffon with a bow at the back. She carried lilac mums with yellow roses.

Bridesmaids were Judy Hornby of Hamilton, a friend of the bride and Linda McClintock, Culloden, a cousin of the bride. They were dressed the same as the matron of honor.

Bestman was Donald Doan of R. R. 1, Norwich, a friend of the groom.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH BRADFORD
(Photo by Toth)

Ushers were Barry Smith of Burgessville, brother-in-law of the bride and Martin Hill of Unionville, a cousin of the groom.

Baskets of white, yellow and lilac mums decorated the United Church parlour for the reception for 125 guests. The bride's and attendants bouquets, white, yellow and lilac candles and a three-tiered wedding cake topped with white bells, decorated the bride's table. The U. C. W. of Otterville United Church served at the reception.

The bride's mother received guests in a three-piece iced blue silk brocade dress with blue fox fur trim and matching hat and white accessories. She wore a corsage of deep pink roses. The groom's mother assisted her in a

two-piece blue dress with white accessories and a corsage of white roses.

Gifts, given by the bride, were gold lockets. The groom gave key cases to the bestman and ushers.

For a wedding trip to Callendar, Ontario, the bride changed into a mint green coat and dress ensemble with navy accessories and a corsage of yellow roses and stephanotis.

Out-of-town guests were from Toronto, Unionville, St. Catharines, London, Dorchester, Woodstock, Norwich, Waterford, Springfield, Ostrander, Springford, Tillsonburg, Hamilton, Burgessville, Tehran, Iran and Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bradford will live at 14 Main Street W., Norwich.



J. Bryan Taylor has joined the Canada Manpower Centre, Tillsonburg, to assist in the recruiting and referral of tobacco job seekers to local growers. This is Bryan's fourth season with the CMC here. Mr. Taylor recently received his B. A. degree in French from the University of Western Ontario. Tony Murphy, manager, Canada Manpower Centre, Tillsonburg, advised that CMC's are now accepting vacancies for the harvest and registering local workers and students seeking harvest jobs. Growers are encouraged to consider Canadian University students when workers from out of the area are required. A letter was forwarded to all growers in the Tillsonburg area a few days ago and the response to date has been the listing of just over 100 vacancies for Canadian University students.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman McClintock, Mill St., Otterville, are pleased to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Margaret Anne, to Mr. Joseph John Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bradford, RR 1, Norwich. The wedding will take place Saturday, June 14, 1969, at 2.30 p.m. in Otterville United Church. 1969



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Mr. and Mrs. Cameron McCabe prepare to roar away on their motorcycle after their wedding cere-

mony Saturday in Norwich. The groom is from Norwich and the bride from Burgessville.

Norwich motorcyclist weds Hellions, Hangmen, Centurions attract crowd

By CHRIS DENNETT
of The Free Press

NORWICH — The best man blundered bravely into the minister's living room and told the bride, who was puffing calmly on a cigarette, that he'd fallen off his motorcycle and ripped his pants.

Everyone nodded in sympathy and the best man proudly showed the hole in his pants and the bloody scrape on his elbow.

"Well," said Rev. E. R. Rintoul, "we'll just have to get you a new pair of pants, won't we? What size waist are you, 34, 36, something like that?" The two went off upstairs to rummage through the minister's wardrobe.

Outside the Norwich United Church, the Hellions, the Centurions and a lot of Hangmen stalked up and down, swear-

ing loudly and attracting a large crowd of local folk.

"Like young bulls in a field," chuckled one local tobacco farmer.

The wedding was billed as a repeat of a London wedding last year.

This time, Norwich, a tiny town in the heart of the Oxford County tobacco belt, was the chosen site.

It was rumored that 500 motorcyclists and about that many police were expected to do battle and that Norwich would be burned to the ground.

About 25 Hellions, Hangmen and Centurions made it through the cold rain. Two of Norwich's three-man police force plus a couple provincial policemen controlled the group without any trouble.

The bridegroom was Camer-

on McCabe, 19, of Norwich, a Hellion and proud of it. His bride was petite and happy Barbara Ann Casler, 21, of Burgessville.

"We wanted a church wedding," the bride explained while patiently waiting for her groom to arrive.

"Rev. Rintoul said last Monday he would marry us, and it didn't matter about us being motorcyclists."

Cam McCabe, in full motorcycle regalia, came hurrying through the door tugging at his jeans. He stood in the doorway, smiled happily, and doffed his green-painted construction helmet.

He walked around the room shaking hands with everyone, including his parents, and said he hadn't brought any clothes.

Mr. Rintoul got busy again in his wardrobe.

Outside, the Hellions and Hangmen were "necking" with each other and joyfully reliving past battles.

No one seemed eager to give his name to photographers.

One insisted his name was Crusader, and got quite annoyed when the photographer inquired if that was his first or his second name.

The president of the Hangmen turned up on a battered '58 Harley Davidson and said there wouldn't be any trouble.

"Call me Pop," he said when asked for his name.

The front door to the church was locked tight because, said the minister, "they could do a few thousand dollars damage in a very few minutes."

Hasty negotiations between best man Tim Wettlufer, and the minister got a selected 10 or so into the church for the ceremony.

They kept a polite silence. After signing the register, there were a few war whoops and the bride and groom dashed back to the manse to don their motorcycle togs.

Then they dashed into a kissing welcome out front.

It was all kind of Hollywood imitation, and the Hellions and Hangmen seemed to be new at the game of being motorcyclists.

Still, they tried hard to act the scene out.

Mr. Rintoul seemed very happy that so few had turned out and decided that the church chimes should be turned on in honor of the bride and groom.

By this time, however, the bikes were roaring and the guys were adjusting their beer-packs.

It was all over in less than an hour.

Durkee - Burn 1969

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin D. Burn, 28 Tillson Avenue, Tillsonburg, was the scene of a very pretty wedding when their daughter, Stephanie Margaret, became the bride of Harold Edward Durkee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee of Otterville. The wedding took place on May 31 at 3.30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church, assisted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of Otterville. Music was played by George Veltman.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a floor-length sheath gown of white lagoda crepe. The coat of Chantilly lace was fashioned with a softly ruffled, Victorian neckline, long sleeves, ruffled at the wrists, and a full skirt sweeping into a chapel train. A floral headdress held a three-tiered veil of silk illusion and she carried a white Bible crested with a colonial nosegay of pink roses and white carnations.

The maid of honor, Linda Devine, wore a floor-

length gown of chiffon in California fuchsia. The gown had long sleeves, a high neckline and an Empire waistline and was trimmed with rows of narrow white lace. She carried a matching nosegay.

The bride's mother wore a dress of dusty rose lace with matching accessories of peau de soie. She had a corsage of white carnations. The groom's mother wore a dress of mink-brown Chantilly lace with beige accessories and a corsage of pink roses. The bride's aunt, Mrs. Gladys Langer of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, who came for the wedding, was in turquoise with a corsage of pink roses.

A reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Burn.

For a wedding trip the bride changed into a dress of primrose yellow, French souffle with matching coat and apple green shoes. She wore a corsage of white gardenia and stephanotis.

Mr. and Mrs. Durkee will live in Otterville.



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD EDWARD DURKEE

Celebrates 89th Birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) - J. Frank Duffy of Otterville was honored by his family and friends on the occasion of his 89th birthday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ernest Nolds and Mr. Nolds at LaSalette.

The event was planned by his daughters, Mrs. Carman Scott, Otterville, Mrs. Joseph Marisson, Brantford, and Mrs. Nolds, LaSalette. The tables were set outside for the enjoyable dinner. The tables were centred with a birthday cake decorated by his daughter - in - law, Mrs. Evelyn Duffy, with whom Mr. Duffy makes his home.

Following the dinner, on behalf of those present, a lovely reclining chair was

presented to grandpa by two grandsons, Dr. Ellis Scott of St. Marys and Paul Nolds of LaSalette.

Including the immediate family there were 40 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren attending the happy birthday party.



THE ANCIENT GUARDIAN AT OTTERVILLE PARK

(Don MacTavish Photo)

Otterville United Church

Sunday morning at the Otterville United Church, the minister, the Rev. Douglas Ramsay recounted some of the good things during the five years he has served on this charge. He mentioned especially the choir, a modern manse, the Oxford Presbytery which has been most warm and gracious, and he extended his thanks and appreciation for the attendance and talents of those who support the church, and the minister, and are in a great measure responsible for the success of the Church.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. Lorne Treffry sang the anthem "He is Only a Whisper Away." Mrs. William A. McMullen was the organist. The offering was presented by Michael Oliver and Gordon Arthur.

Mr. Ramsay announced that the U. C. W. would hold their June meeting Thursday evening, June 19th and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper would be observed next Sunday morning, June 22nd and at that time he would outline what the church should expect of its minister.

Honour Minister And Family

NEW ROAD (C) - On Sunday evening members and their families met at the church for a farewell gathering for Rev. and Mrs. Ramsay, David and Janice. They are leaving the end of June for their new appointment at Wyoming.

Mr. Clarence Swance welcomed all and Rev.

Ramsay opened the program with prayer.

The Junior choir sang several numbers. Mr. Swance sang two solos, "I Ask the Lord" and "I Found the Answer." Mrs. C. Swance was pianist.

Mrs. Swance showed slides of several recent events.

Mrs. Ida Cattell thanked all who had helped in making the evening so pleasant. She also wished them, on behalf of the congregation, the best of everything in their new charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Swance presented them with gifts from their New Road friends.

Rev. Ramsay thanked all for their loyal support and help in the past five years, and wished for us the best of everything in the years ahead.

Otterville United

OTTERVILLE (C) - Sunday morning at the Otterville United Church Rev. Douglas Ramsay spoke on the sins of the saints and emphasized that while even the most righteous may stumble and fall there is forgiveness for both saints and sinners.

The anthem, "Wonderful Words of Life," was sung by the choir with a special part taken by George W. Davis, Joe Bradford and Melville Beecroft. The offering was presented by Gordon Arthur and Michael Oliver.

Mr. Ramsay announced that Sunday was his last formal sermon. Next Sunday he will speak on "Some of the Good Things." The following Sunday he will speak on "Why I am going to Wyoming" and his last Sunday in June will be "Take a look at the Church as I see it today."

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered on June 22.

He also announced that a social evening would be held in the Springford United Church on Tuesday evening, June 17, to which the congregations of the three charges are invited.

New Minister At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. Cyril Leach B.A. B.D. moved to the Wyoming United Church which is a formerly of Tupperville United Church Kent Presbytery, a graduate of Immanuel College, was inducted Thursday evening as new minister of the Otterville Pastoral charge.

The induction service held in the Otterville United Church was conducted by Rev. Elgin Rintoul minister of Norwich United Church.

The choir sang for the anthem, "We Are Marching in The Christian Way", Mrs. Jack Walthers was the organist. Wesley Mitchell of Salford gave the message on "How the congregations should support their minister".

Other Oxford Presbytery ministers taking part were Rev. Wells Robinson Ph. M.B. 3.A. B.D., of Thamesford, and Rev. Harley Moore of Beachville.

A reception followed the service which was held in the church hall where a social time was held.

Warm words of welcome were given to Rev. and Mrs. Leach by Robert Lee of Springford, Clarence Swance of New Road and Adam Oliver Otterville.

Rev. Leach succeeds Rev. Douglas Ramsay who has ministered on the Otterville Pastoral charge for the past five years, and who has

moved to the Wyoming United Church which is a three-point charge.

Prior to leaving a social evening and farewell was held in the Springford United Church by the members of the pastoral charge.

Sam McSpadden was the chairman for the program which included a vocal solo by Mrs. Ruth Collver accompanied by Mrs. William A. McMullen; Folksongs by the young people of Springford accompanied by Mr. Babbey on the Guitar. Several numbers in song given by the young folk at New Road accompanied by their leader Mrs. Clarence Swance.

Mrs. Clarence Swance was the pianist for the hymns.

Rev. and Mrs. Ramsay and children David and Janice were invited to the front and Mr. Clarence Stover gave the message of "Farewell". On behalf of the congregations a purse was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Ramsay by Mr. Melville Beecroft and Mrs. Aletha Stover presented gifts to David and Janice.

The day marked the 6th birthday for Janice and a lovely decorated birthday cake was presented to her.

This being the custom of the Sunday School at New Road.

Rev. Mr. Ramsay thanked all the members for their many kindnesses shown to them during their stay here.

The ladies served refreshments and a social time was enjoyed.

Otterville Native Earns Doctorate

OTTERVILLE (C) - Robert Baguley, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baguley, recently received a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He received an Honors B.A. degree from the University of Western Ontario winning the S.F. Glass Gold Medal award, an M.A. from Harvard University, and he is a graduate of Norwich District High School.

Dr. Baguley is now a professor of Economics at the University of Western Ontario and is married to the former Nancy Ratz, of Woodstock.

Mrs. Lena Young is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste.

Mr. Earnest Treffry is a patient in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg following a stroke. His condition is somewhat improved.

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Mrs. Clarence Singer

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Mrs. Clarence Singer, who passed away in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Friday, July 18, 1969, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Monday at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Donald B. Cram of Dutton, assisted by Rev. Clare English of Otterville Baptist Church.

Rev. Cram was a former minister of Norwich Knox Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Singer was a former member.

Mrs. William A. McMullen played hymns before and after the service.

Donations were made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Gideon Bibles and the Heart Fund.

Pallbearers were Stacey Hinks, Harry Hanson, Charter Davis, David Hill, Paul Hanson and Edward Arthur.

Interment was made in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Mrs. Clarence Singer

Mrs. Clarence Singer, 74, of Otterville died on Friday, July 18, in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

The former Alice Matilda Hanson she was born in South Norwich Township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hanson.

She had lived in Otterville for the past 10 years and was a member of Otterville United Church, the United Church Women and the Otterville Women's Institute.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Margaret) Beecraft of Toronto and Mrs. Ernest (Mamie) Wingrove of Otterville and a brother, Alec Hanson of R.R. 2, Otterville.

She rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held on Monday, July 21, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Clare English.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

in the chapel of the Barrie-Armstrong Funeral Home on Monday, July 21, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. O. Glen Taylor.

Pallbearers were Dick Burn, Alfred Burn, Jack Burn, Tommy Rule, Cyril Wilkinson and Frank Nicholson.

Interment was in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Mrs. George Shattuck

OTTERVILLE (C) - Hettie Beatrice Shattuck, of Springford, beloved wife of the late George Shattuck passed away in the Tillson-

burg District Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient for the past four weeks.

Born in South Norwich Township, she had been a resident of Springford for the past 50 years.

Surviving are one brother, Ryall Garrett, of Vancouver and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 23, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Clare English of Otterville.

Interment was in Springford Cemetery.

Mrs. Edith McKibbon

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Edith Annie McKibbon, widow of the late Henry McKibbon, passed away at her home in Otterville on Monday following a brief illness.

Mrs. McKibbon was born in England and came to Canada at the age of five years and has been a resident of the village since that time.

Her husband predeceased her years ago.

The late Mrs. McKibbon was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Otterville.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Alex (Ethel) Burns, and Mrs. Keith (Rosemarie) Stoneburg, of London; Mrs. John (Myrtle) Innis and Mrs. Alfred (Margaret) Venner of Otterville and Mrs. Vincent (Francis) Scott of Thorndale; one step-daughter, Mrs. Floyd Lounsbury, Tillsonburg; one step-son, Stanley McKibbon of Windsor; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, with Pastor Clare English in charge.

Interment in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville. JULY

William Gillispie 196

William Gillispie of R.R. 1, LaSalette, died on Tuesday, July 8, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. He was in his 63rd year.

He was born in Virginia and came to this district in 1928. His wife, the former Neta Beatrice Jones, predeceased him in 1950.

Surviving are three sons, Ronald of R.R. 1, LaSalette, Donald of R.R. 1, Port Hope, and Robert of R.R. 1, Mount Hope; mother, Mrs. William Gillispie of Chase City, Virginia; two sisters, Mrs. James

Parham of Chase City, Virginia, and Mrs. Roachel Johnson of Skipwith, Virginia, and 12 grandchildren.

Resting at the Dalton Shine Funeral Home, Delhi, for service on Friday, July 11, at 2.30 p.m., conducted by Rev. G. Arnold Creaser of Teeterville United Church.

Interment in Vanessa Cemetery.

John F. Pritchard

A former clerk of North Norwich Township for 37 years, John F. Pritchard, 79, of Norwich, died at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, July 27, 1969.

Mr. Pritchard retired from his position as clerk last August due to ill health.

He was born in North Norwich Township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchard. He was a member of Norwich United Church and sang in the church choir for a number of years.

Mr. Pritchard was a worthy patron of the Norwich Chapter of the Eastern Star 175 and a past master of St. John's Masonic Lodge 104, A.F. and A.M.

Surviving are his wife, the former Annie Blanche Jull; a stepson, Melborne Smith of Otterville; a step-daughter, Mrs. Donald (Marion) McKee of Simcoe and a number of nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

Two baskets of white mums, pink carnations and fern decorated St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville on Wednesday, July 2, 1969, at 1:30 p.m. when Patricia Shiela Exelby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Exelby of R. R. 2, Tillsonburg, became the bride of Richard Wayne Spicer son of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Spicer of Otterville. Rev. Stanley Uptigrove officiated at the pretty double-ring ceremony. Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Nate McMullen, organist and Mrs. Jack Walther, soloist, who sang, "The Wedding Prayer," and "Ave Maria."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked elegant in her floor-length wedding gown of white pure silk organza over French peau de faille, enhanced with appliques of hand clipped chantilly lace. The empire bodice was highlighted by a wedding ring neckline and accented with dainty pearls and crystals while the chantilly lace formed an overlay on her elbow length sleeves. Elegance was portrayed in her gently controlled A-line skirt with extra fullness extending from the empire bodice to form an aisle wide cathedral length train edged in chantilly lace. To complete her ensemble the bride chose a bouffant shoulder-length veil of French, pure silk, illusion, held in place by a crown of organza petals edged with tiny seed pearls and crystals. She carried a cascade arrangement of white gardenias, American beauty roses, stephanotis and green ivy.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Ken (Helen) Paridaen of LaSalette, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Wenda Spicer of Otterville, sister of the groom, Denise Vermeulen of Langton, and Carol Putoczki of Courtland, both friends of the bride. The girls looked lovely in their floor-length gowns of aqua billowing chiffon giving a gathered A-line effect. They had tiny stand up collars covered with guipure lace and matching lace down the front of the bodice and around the empire waist.

The bodice was also accented by tiny self-covered buttons. The flower girls' dress was styled to that of the bridesmaids but was in white trimmed with aqua guipure lace. The girls carried nosegays of greenery, white carnations, American beauty roses and trailing aqua ribbon. The flower girl carried a basket of pink roses, white carnations with aqua ribbon.

Bestman was Gary Thompson of Norwich, friend of the groom.

Ushers were Gary Walther of Otterville, Merlin Howse of Otterville and Henry Ash of Windsor, all friends of the groom. Ring-bearer was Terry D'Hulster of Delhi, friend of the bride and groom.

Reception for 450 guests was held in the Belgian Hall, Delhi. The bride's table featured a four-tiered wedding cake enhanced with lily of the valley, white doves, and aqua roses topped with a bride and groom.

Guests' tables were decorated with aqua table cloths and vases of pink and white carnations with fern. Master of ceremonies was Edwin Story, friend of the bride and groom.

Bride's mother received guests in an A-line dress of pink pure silk crushed ice with a stand up beaded collar worn with matching coat, pink accessories, a hat of American beauty and a corsage of American beauty roses. She was assisted by the mother of the groom who chose an A-line dress of soft yellow lace worn with matching coat and hat, yellow accessories and a corsage of orange delight roses.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were white gloves and Blue Mountain pottery and to the flower girl, a ring. The bride's gift to the groom was an engraved gold watch. Groom's gifts were engraved lighters and to the ring bearer an initial ring. The groom's gift to the bride was a diamond wrist watch.

For travelling to Northern Ontario and Niagara Falls, the bride chose an aqua and white silk brocade coat and dress ensemble, aqua hat and purse, white shoes with aqua rosettes and a corsage of white gardenias and aqua tinted carnations.



MR. AND MRS. WAYNE SPICER

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spicer will live in Port Credit, where the groom will finish his last year of civil technology at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. The bride is on staff at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

The bride was a guest of honor at several showers. A miscellaneous shower was given by Mrs. Fred Zaharchuk, aunt of the bride; a miscellaneous shower by Mrs. Ken Paridaen; a personal shower by the girls of the C.I.B.C. and a miscellaneous shower for the bride and groom by the church parish. The rehearsal party was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Spicer.



BRYAN TAYLOR
Manpower Counsellor

Beecroft - Menzies

The marriage took place on July 5 in Melville United Church, Fergus, of Heather Muir Menzies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alexander Percy Menzies of Fergus, to Wayne Arthur Beecroft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft of Otterville.

Officiating clergymen were Rev. Harry Herlihey of Fergus and Rev. A.E. Menzies of London, great-uncle of the bride. The organist was Robert A. Stevens of London and the soloist was Mrs. Douglas Avey, Norwich, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Ave Maria."

The maid-of-honor was Nan Horsey, Toronto. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Ingo Schmiedchen, Toronto; Barbara Pattison,

Fergus; Mrs. A. A. Menzies, Kitchener; and the flower girl was Ann Black of Toronto. They were gowned alike in yellow voile and carried baskets of shasta daisies.

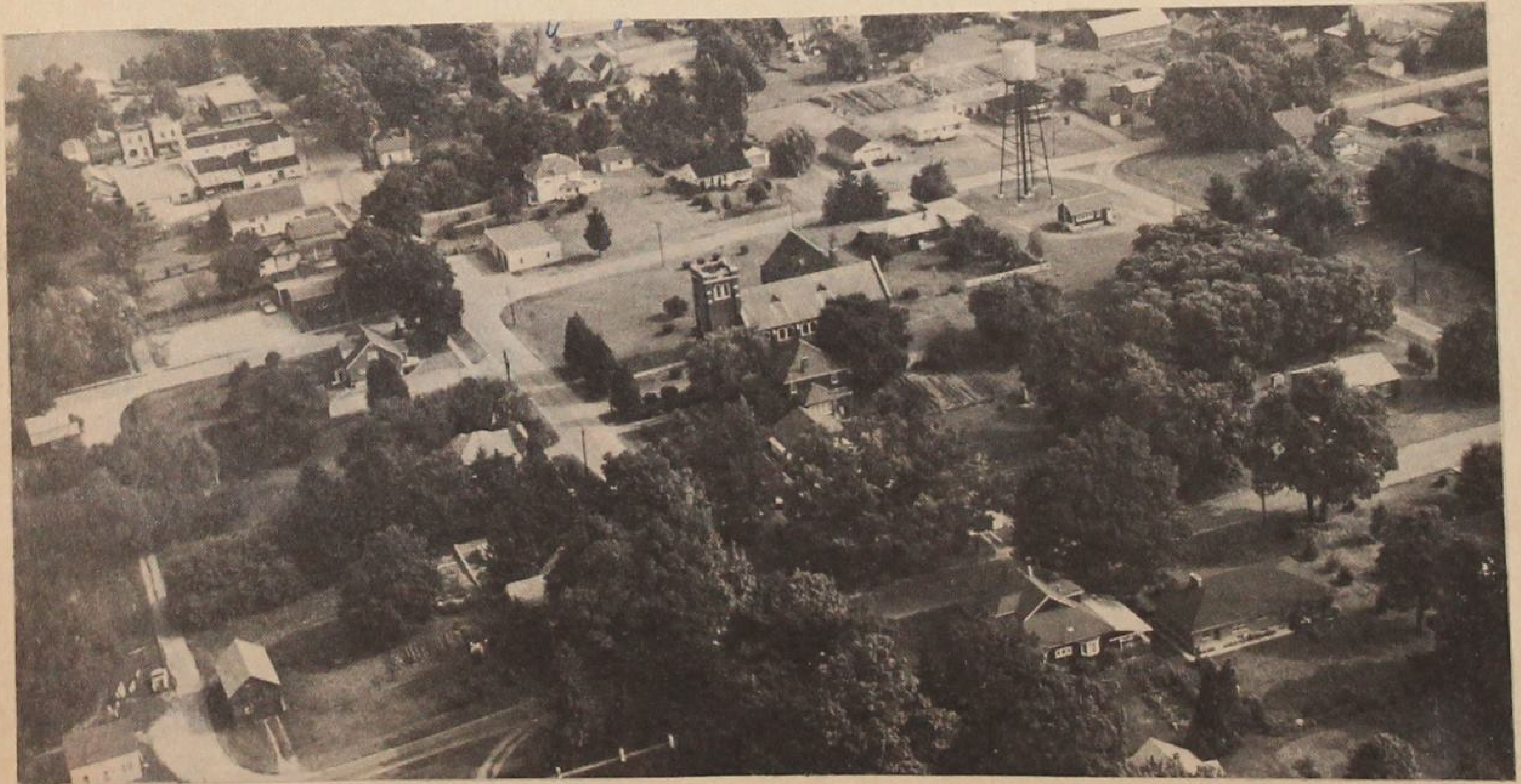
John Beecroft of London was groomsman for his brother and the ushers were Dan Thornton, Elora, Bill Szego, Toronto; Sandy Menzies, Kitchener; and Ingo Schmiedchen, Toronto.

A reception was held for 200 guests at the Cutten Club, Guelph.

The bride is a member of the teaching staff of the Toronto Board of Education. The groom will enter his final year at the Ontario College of Dentistry. They will reside at 330 Avenue Rd., Toronto.



MR. AND MRS. WAYNE BEECROFT



Otterville, capital of South Norwich,

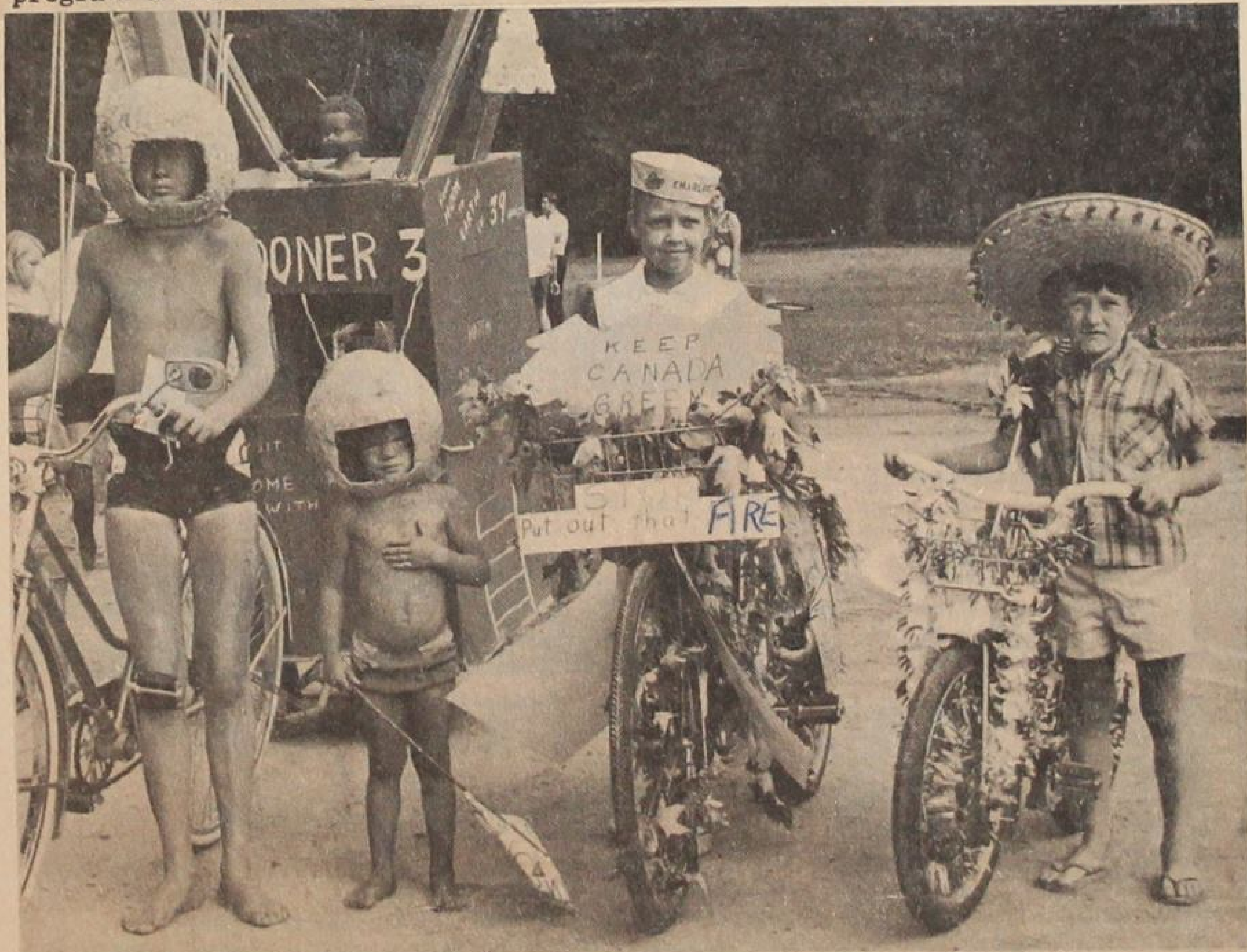
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Otterville wheels parade, staged for the fourth year, was the biggest ever, with about 150 entries, many showing a lot of originality. The parade formed up at the Baptist Church, travelled down Main St., then to the park, where a day-long program of contests and games was held.

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Three winners in the wheels parade held at Otterville Saturday as part of the South Norwich Junior Sports Day were left, Fred Ostrander, 13, who as a bright green "Moon Man" took first prize for best decorated bike and wagon. His two small sisters were passengers. Centre, Christine McMullen, 10, with girls' best decorated bike, and right, Kevin Church, 7, with boys' best decorated bike. Fred was also winner of a new bicycle as top scorer in the bike rodeo.

150 youngsters take part in S. Norwich sports day

OTTERVILLE — Even the "moon kids" showed up for the fourth annual South Norwich sports day Saturday.

Three little green creatures with antenna-sprouting space helmets paraded along Main Street with 150 local youngsters before some sharp-eyed bystander identified Tammy, Debbie and Fred Ostrander of Otterville, under that green body dye.

Fred, 13, whose bicycle sign declared the village the landing site of the first moonship, won a prize for his decorating efforts.

Fred also won a new bicycle for amassing the most points scored by a boy in the bicycle rodeo, part of the sports program in South Norwich Community Park.

Julia White, also of Otterville, won the girl's bicycle in the rodeo.

Other major parade and sports winners:

Decorated bicycles and other vehicles — Christine McMullen, Kevin Church, Althea Shearer, Martin Jardine, Wilma McMullen, Jennifer White, Janet Butler, David Pearce, Jeffery Pickersgill;

Bicycle and tricycle races — Kim Smart, Becky Hendricks, Eddie VanBommel, Dwayne Barnim;

Footsie contest — Lorie and Christine Lynch;

Softball — Springford squirts, Springford peewees, Otterville ladies, Springford bantams, Otterville midgets;

Bicycle rodeo — Brian Van Opstal, Shelly Mudge, Michael Furlong, Patty Davis;

Swimming — Troy Miller,

Darlene Smith, Cathy Miller, Shelly Oliver, Gary Croker, Brenda Oliver;

Other events — Frankie

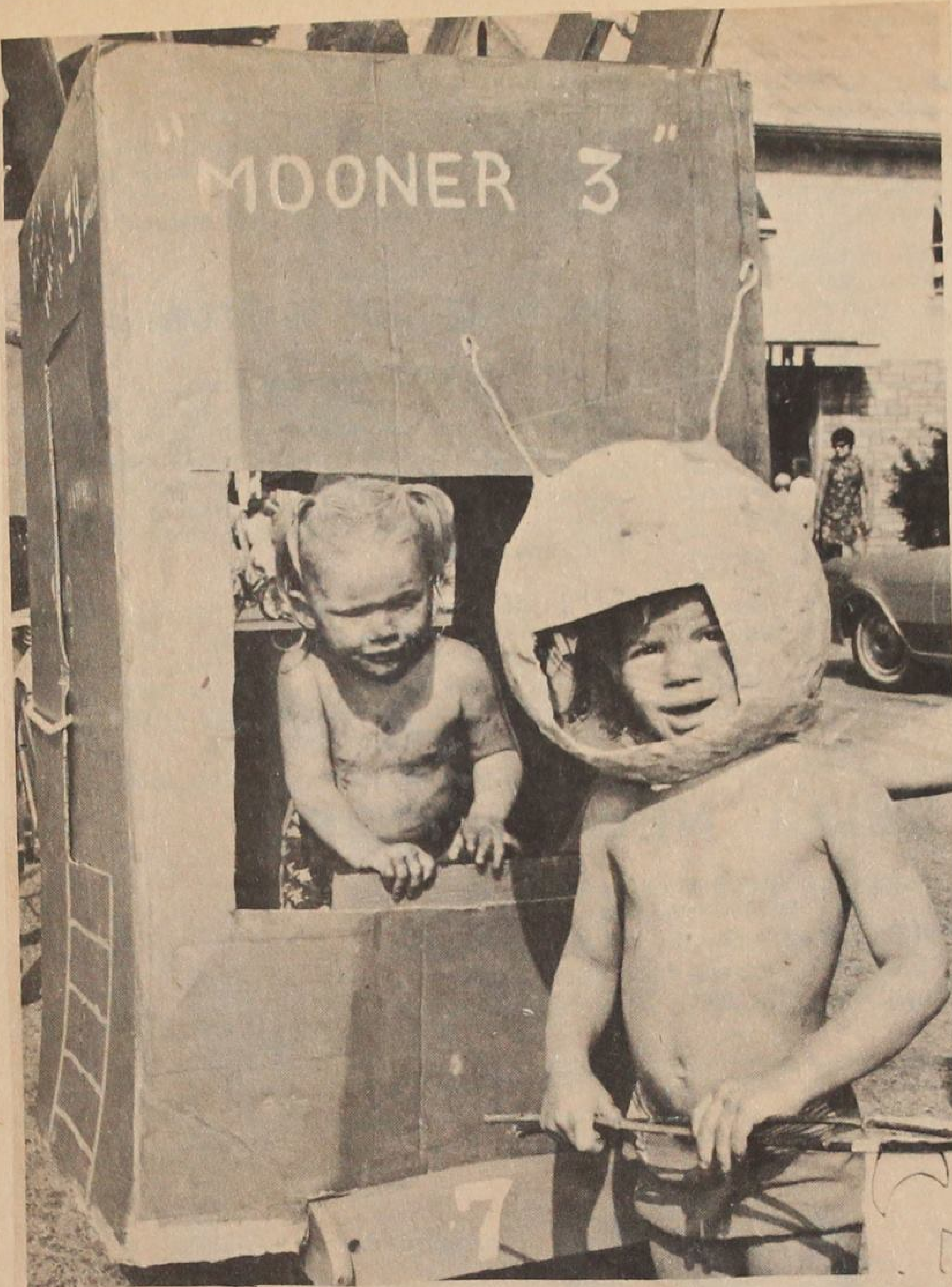
Kozuch, Lou Ann Krohe, Gail Gehring, Kobie Miller, Clare Barnim, Sandra Saker, Jan

Goossens.



Parade winners at the South Norwich sports day included, from left: Fred Ostrander, 13; Christine McMullen, 10, Kevin Church, 7, Marty Jardine, 6; Wilma McMullen, 7; and Althea Shearer, 4. Others won prizes in the bicycle rodeo and sports events at the community park in Otterville.

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"Mooner 3" won one of the top prizes in the junior parade at Otterville on Saturday. It was the project of the Donald Ostrander family at Otterville. Two of the Ostrander children, with their bodies painted green, are shown in the parade. The float was pulled by a bicycle. (News-Record Photo)



Randy Pettigrew and his basset hound set the Saturday in the fourth annual South Norwich Sp Day parade at Otterville. About 150 youngsters decorated bikes paraded through the village. (Photos by Williams)

Otterville W.I. History September Meet Topic

1969

OTTERVILLE (C)-Mrs. Fred Shelton of Woodstock, district president of the South Oxford Women's Institute, was guest speaker at the Sept. meeting held at the home of Mrs. G.M. Downing.

Mrs. Shelton gave a very informative talk on resolutions which was the theme of the meeting. The speaker also dealt with the "Change of Time" speaking on the old and new methods that have come in to being through the past years, and closed with a brief talk on Woodingford Lodge, the new county home for senior citizens in Woodstock. Mrs. Shelton concluded her talk with a fitting poem "Friendship."

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Ivan Leitch, convener for the program, and on behalf of the members Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew presented the speaker with a gift. Mrs. Shelton expressed appreciation at being invited and the gift, an embroidered pair of pillow cases, would be a pleasant memory of the afternoon.

President, Mrs. M. L. Avey, presided. Two minutes silence was observed for the late Mrs. Alice Singer.

Members responded to roll call by telling who the president was when they joined the W.I.

Letters of correspondence included the fall board meeting to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Norwich, Oct. 1. A letter of appreciation from the War Memorial Childrens Hospital, London for the parcel of 32 bed jackets and 20 pinafores was read.

Mrs. W. L. Addison reported on the Tweedsmuir Scrap Books stating that they had returned from Toronto and were at her place and were available for anyone to look at any time.

The president thanked Mrs. Lorne Treffry and others for interest taken in the flower bed at the entrance to the park. This has won the admiration of many visitors during the summer.

Birthday greetings were sung to several members who contributed pennies to the birthday jar.

Convener Mrs. Leitch spoke briefly in regard to the Institute and said that in going through some history of the organization had found that the Institute was 50 years young and introduced Mrs. W. L. Addison, curator of the Tweedsmuir Scrap Books, to give the history which was most interesting.

During World War One, a group of women in and around Otterville did a lot of Red Cross work and called themselves the "Kitchener Club" (no doubt a tribute to Lord Kitchener, a famous war hero). After the war was over this group was reluctant to disband, so they decided to organize a Women's Institute branch.

District president Miss Irene Wallace of Burgessville and Miss Lena Anstice of Springford, who was then district vice-president, met with the group in the Summerville Church on Thursday, April 3, 1919, and it was at that meeting that the present W.I. branch came into being. There were 20 charter members at the meeting Mrs. Austin Addison, Mrs. Ernest Addison, Mrs. Thomas Arthur, Mrs. D. A. Colver, Mrs. Charles Daiken, Mrs. George Hansel, Mrs. William Hanson, Miss Edna Hartley, Mrs. Sylvester Honsberger, Mrs. James Huntley, Mrs. Raymond Hussey, Mrs. William Innis, Mrs. I. Kennedy, Mrs. Albert Lawrence, Mrs. R. McDougall, Mrs. A. G. McMullen, Mrs. E. Pennington, Mrs. John Ryder, Mrs. Albert Snyder and Mrs. Hiram Treffry.

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

The newly-formed Institute got right down to business. They had papers on flower culture, hatching chickens, consolidated schools, women in pioneer life, salads, women trustees in schools, and hot lunches in the schools. A little later they had a sewing class, a cooking class and a nursery class.

Debates contributed to a lively program, two of them being "Resolved that environment is a greater factor in human life than is heredity" and "Because of modern conveniences in the home, we are less ambitious than our grandmothers."

For many years there were large crowds and keen competition in the South Norwich Township school fairs held in Otterville park where the W.I. raised most of its money at that time.

Much of this money was returned in the form of prizes, especially in singing, and also paid a third of the price of the school piano.

In 1938 it was the Otterville W.I. that started the ball rolling to have the community hall remodelled when they contributed \$50 which was the incentive to get the park board started, then contributed chairs, dishes and completely furnished the ladies' rest room. Later they bought a piano for the downstairs room and when this was sold they bought a bond which is still in the Bank bringing in interest each year.

Presidents who have served from 1919-1969 were Mrs. William Innis, Mrs. H.G. Downing, Mrs. G. L. Williams, Mrs. W. L. Addison, Mrs. H.G. Downing (second term) Mrs. Dee Scott, Mrs. R.H. Kent, Mrs. John McFee, Mrs. Andrew Clinton, Mrs. Walther Mash, Dr. Lois Batson, Mrs. Fred Walther, Mrs. Claude Morrison, Mrs. Alex Slaght, Mrs. Everett Mountain, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Stanley Riches, Mrs. Will Kennedy, Mrs. G. Murray Downing, Mrs. H. W. MacDougall, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. Bert Hill, Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. Ivan Leitch, and now Mrs. Max Avey serving her second term.

Secretary - treasurers, 1919 to 1969, have been Mrs. A. G. McMullen, Mrs. Ernest Addison, Mrs. Wilfred Addison, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Paul Fish, Mrs. Alex Slaght, Mrs. Stanley Riches, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison (second term) Mrs. Stanley Davis, Mrs. Ivan Leitch, Mrs. Irvin Gehring and Mrs. William A. McMullen.

From the branch there have been two district presidents, Mrs. H. G. Downing and Mrs. W. L. Addison, who also served as district secretary-treasurer for six years.

The second Friday in the month was chosen at the first meeting 50 years ago and that date has been kept. For the good of our homes, our country, and ourselves may it long continue to bring us together to share our talents, discuss our problems, learn something of interest, and enjoy companionship of the women of our community over a friendly cup of tea.

Mrs. Avey thanked the convener Mrs. Leitch, the guest speaker, the hostess and committee for the enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Jack Walther was pianist.

The hostess was assisted in serving cake and ice cream by the committee in charge, Mrs. Ivan Leitch, Mrs. William A. McMullen, Mrs. Nelson Gleason and Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew.

Otterville Anglican

OTTERVILLE (C)- Rev. R. J. Berryman of St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, was guest speaker at the Harvest Home service on Sunday afternoon. Rector Stanley Uptigrove was in charge of the service and was assisted by Lay Reader Jack Riste.

The choir was assisted by members of Holy Trinity Church choir, Norwich. Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist and accompanied Mr. Jack Riste who sang "How Great Thou Art."

The church was decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables and was in charge of Mr. Riste.

Members of the congregations from Norwich and St. Charles, Dereham, attended the service which was followed with a social time in the parish hall.

Saunders - Moyer

Candelabra and standards of white gladioli and white and blue tinted mums, decorated Wesley Memorial United Church, Dereham Centre, on Saturday, Sept. 20, 1969, at 2 p.m. for the wedding of Betty Viola Jean Moyer daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moyer of R.R. 1, Mount Elgin, and Reginald Edwin Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Saunders of Otterville. Rev. H.E. Wright officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Glen Nicholson of R. R. 1, Brownsville, pianist, played "The Wedding March" and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Wilfred Albright of Tillsonburg, friend of the bride, who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer" during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white peau de soie with three-quarter length sleeves styled on empire lines with a neckline trimmed in Swiss imported lace and featuring a full flowing train. Her silk illusion veil was offset by a crown of crystals and pearls and she carried a cascade of white carnations, pink roses, ivy and streamers.

Mrs. Aubrey Babcock of Otterville, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Fred Starkey of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, friend of the bride and Miss Mary Ingham of London cousin of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of georgette chiffon, in a lovely shade of peacock blue, featuring a neckline and inset belt of peau de soie. Matching, tiered, silk illusion veils and cascades of pink carnations and pink roses completed their ensembles.

Best man was Allan Scott of Brantford, friend of the groom. Ushers were Roy Miners of Aylmer, cousin of the bride, and Aubrey Babcock of Otterville, brother-in-law of the groom.

Reception for 80 guests was held in the church parlour decorated for the occasion with white bells, pink and white streamers. Bride's table featured a three-tiered wedding cake, white and blue carnations

and the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables were decorated with white and blue carnations. Waitresses were members of the U.C.W. Toast to the bride was given by Dr. N.D. McLeod of Tillsonburg.

Bride's mother received guests in a mauve and emerald crimplene sheath, with three-quarter length sleeves and Chelsea neckline, worn with black accessories and a cream cymbidium orchid corsage. She was assisted by the groom's stepmother, who chose a pink sheath with matching duster, worn with pink and black accessories and a cream cymbidium orchid corsage.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were pearl drop necklaces; to the pianist a cup and saucer, and to the soloist a china tray. Groom's gifts were tie bars and cufflink sets.

For a wedding trip to northern Ontario the bride chose a chocolate and ecru figured sheath with butterfly sleeves, high neckline, brown accessories, ecru satin and velvet clip hat, and a corsage of yellow carnations.

Guests were present from Toledo, Ohio, Toronto, Brantford, London, Woodstock, Aylmer, Stouffville, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Otterville and the surrounding district.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will reside at R.R. 1, Mount Elgin.

Ivy Pennington was a guest at a family get-together, when members of the Fish family met in the Community Park recently.

Members attending were Allan Fish, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lee of Oakville, Mr. and Mrs. William McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. Fredric Fish and family of Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Swift of Perk Ridge, Ill., Mrs. Donald Turner and daughter of Calgary and Dr. and

Mrs. Clare Arthur and family of Preston. The day brought many memories of the past, as Otterville was the birthplace of the members of the Fish family. *Aug 1969*



MR. AND MRS. REGINALD EDWIN SAUNDERS
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

Mrs. Edith Siple

OTTERVILLE (C) - The death occurred at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington on September 27, 1969, of Mrs. Edith Siple, 85, a former resident of Milldale, beloved wife of the late Harry Siple.

Mrs. Siple was the former Edith Stover, daughter of the late Ephriam and Annie Stover of Milldale. Surviving are three

daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Annie) Moir, 521 Lorne Ave., Burlington, with whom Mrs. Siple made her home; Mrs. Stanley (Edith) Hamilton of Burlington, and Mrs. J. C. (Elizabeth) Johnson of Huttonville.

Miss Eva Snell and Mrs. Clyde Bull of Beamsville, former residents of Norwich, are cousins of Mrs. Siple. Their grandfather Michael Stover, and the late Mrs. Siple's father, Harry Siple, were brothers.

Funeral service was held from the Smith Funeral Home, Burlington. Interment in Milldale Cemetery.

Otterville Youth Dies in Crash

1969

OTTERVILLE - Twenty-year-old Douglas Nelson Gleason of Otterville was killed Wednesday morning in a car accident on the Middle Townline, two and a half miles north of Otterville.

The youth had worked the night shift at a Woodstock plant and was returning home when the accident occurred. The car he was driving struck a bridge abutment. He was alone in the car.

Police said the car was a total wreck.

OPP Constable R. A. Parsons investigated, assisted by Cpl. E. J. Wild.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson F. Gleason of Otterville, and was born in London. He later lived at Brantford and Dundas before moving to Otterville five and a half years ago.

He attended Norwich District High School until 1967; was a member of Otterville United Church, and had been employed at

Standard Tube Canada Ltd. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Dianne) Butler of Otterville and Mary Ellen at home, and his grandfather, Joseph Gleason of London.

Funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, with Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church officiating.

Douglas Nelson Gleason

OTTERVILLE (C)- Funeral service for the late Douglas Nelson Gleason, who passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 30, as the result of a car accident, was held on Saturday at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home.

The service was largely attended by relatives, friends, neighbors and former schoolmates.

Rev. Cyriel Leach of the Otterville United Church conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. There were many floral tributes and memorial donations.

Casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Pierry Pinnoy, Michael Mountain, Ross McMullen, Wayne Addison, Lloyd Sherman and Richard Krohe.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich, in charge of arrangements.

BERTRAND-BYERS

NORWICH (C) - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tillsonburg, was the setting on Saturday, September 27, 1969 at 3 p.m. when wedding vows were exchanged by Marilyn Elaine Byers and John Ernest Bertrand with Rev. R.D. MacDonald officiating.

The church was decorated with large baskets of gladoli and autumn mums, and traditional wedding music was played by Miss Gladys Luke at the console of the organ.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Fred Sherman of R.R. 1, Otterville, and Elmer Byers of R. R. 1, Otterville. Mr. and Mrs. Wray Bertrand of R.R. 2, Norwich are the parents of the groom.

Given in marriage by her step - father, Mr. Fred Sherman, the bride wore a street-length dress of pale blue crepe, featuring an empire wasitline, scoop neckline, long sleeves and enhanced with organza bow at back of the neck with streamers falling softly to the bottom of the dress, matching headdress and shoes and carried a cascade bouquet of white mums and red rosebuds.

Miss Linda Hill was bridesmaid, attired in a street-length dress of pale yellow floating chiffon over taffeta, matching headdress and shoes, and carried a nosegay of yellow mums, white carnations and pink rosebuds.

Robin Walpole, niece of the groom, was flower girl wearing a pink Swiss dot dacron dress with lace, flower headdress and nosegay of yellow mums, with carnations and pink rosebuds.

Tom Bertrand, was groomsman for his brother, and the guests were ushered by Douglas Byers, brother of the bride, and Clifford Bertrand, brother of the groom.

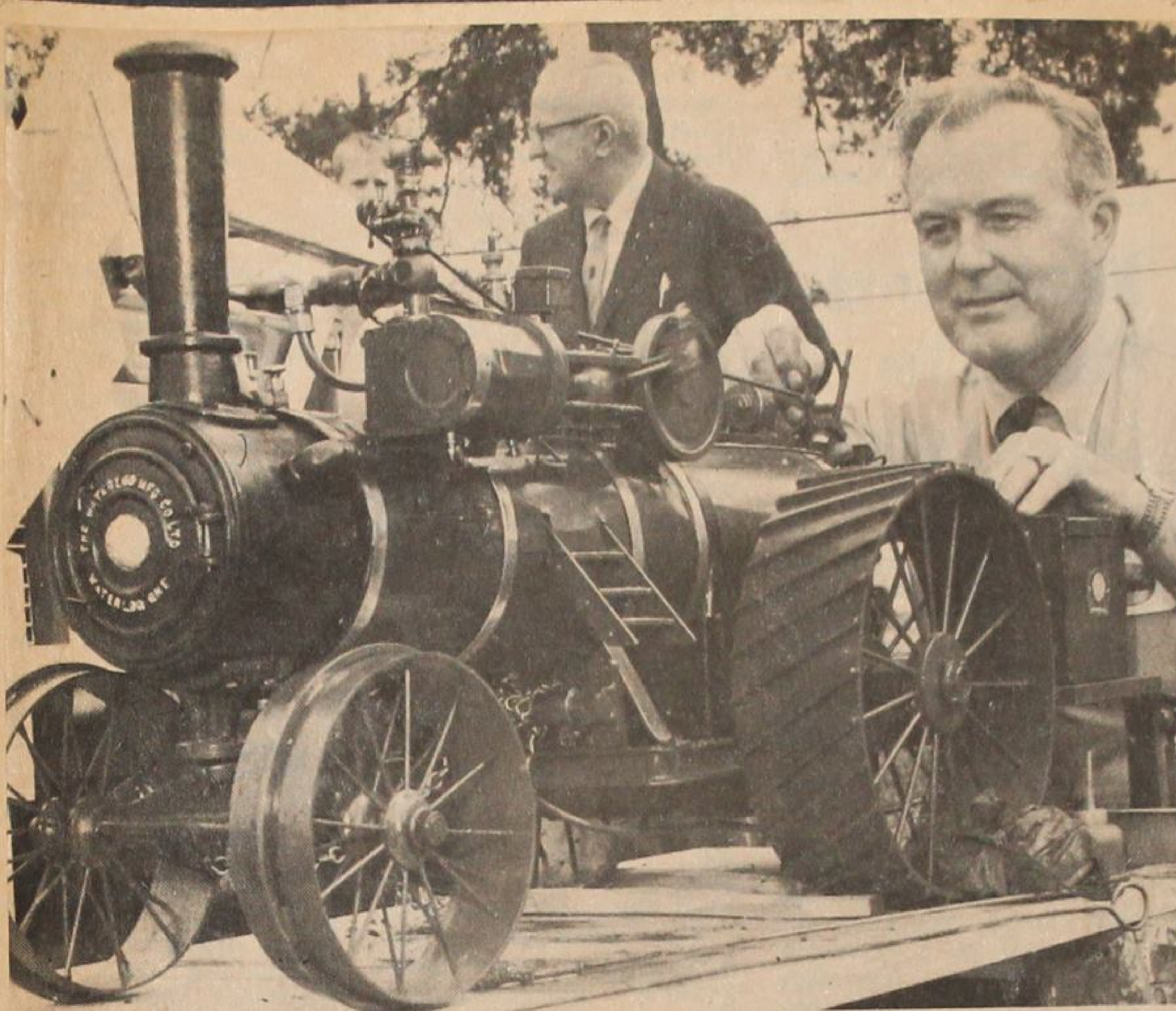
Reception was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McKay, 29 Palmer St., Norwich. The bride's mother received guests wearing a silver metallic crimp-knit dress with A-line skirt, royal blue accessories and corsage of deep pink carnations. The groom's mother assisted wearing a cerise fortrel dress, matching accessories and white carnation corsage.

The house was decorated with white and pink streamers, wedding bells, and autumn flowers. The bride's table was covered with a white linen damask cloth centered with a pink and white streamer arrangement, three-tiered wedding cake, white candles in silver holders, and the wedding bouquets. The guest table was also covered with white damask cloth, enhanced with pale pink carnations and white candles in silver holders.

Serving were Miss Sandra Redman, friend of the bride, and Miss Barbara McKay of Kingston, cousin of the bride, assisted by Mrs. Jean Pellow of Woodstock, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Leora Ficht, a friend.

Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand are residing at Kitchener.

Guests were present from Kingston, Woodstock, Norwich, Toronto, Kitchener and Otterville.



On display at a commercial exhibit at North Walsingham Fair, this finely executed scale model of a Waterloo traction engine attracted much attention. It is the work of Tom White, of Simcoe, seen at the controls. Fired by coal, the one-sixth scale model has a 12 tube boiler, and is a perfect reproduction in miniature of a Waterloo 25-65, one of the largest steamers made by this firm. All work on the model, including carving of wooden patterns for the castings, was done by Mr. White. "It was a nice change," said Mr. White, whose usual hobby is violin making.

Visits Homeland

OTTERVILLE (C) ¹⁹⁶⁹
 Mr. Jack Freeland of Otterville and his father, Mr. William Freeland of Mount Elgin, have returned home after spending three weeks with relatives and friends in England. It was Mr. William Freeland's first trip back to his homeland in 57 years. They flew by B.O.A.C.

They were guests of Mr. Freeland's brothers, Bert Freeland in London, and Clarence Freeland at Chatham, a niece, Mrs. Maggie Storkey at Clacton-on-Sea and a cousin, Miss Olive Billeness of Eastbourne, and also visited friends, Mr. Thomas Beekon, formerly of Norwich, Ontario and Mr. Gilbert Allard, a former neighbor of Mr. Freeland at Mount Elgin.

They both report a nice holiday and the weather was perfect. *Oct/69*

Also charged with careless driving was John L. Walther of R.R.1, Otterville.

Walther fell asleep while driving through Otterville about 3.10 a.m. August 2 and went off the road, striking a pole. Damage to his car totalled \$300. He was found guilty and fined \$75 and costs or 10 days. *Oct 17/69*

Dereham Anglican

St. Charles Anglican Church, Dereham, will hold harvest thanksgiving service and annual decoration day on Sunday, October 5, at 3 p.m. Rev. R. T. F. Brain will be the guest speaker.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison spent the week-end with their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Max Addison at Leamington and also visited Mrs. Cora Daiken at Leamington. *Oct*

Thompson - Esseltine

DELMER (C) - Baskets of white and gold mums, ferns and candelabras decorated Brownsville United Church on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1969, at 2:30 p.m. when Margaret Ann Esseltine, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Esseltine of Brownsville became the bride of Robert Gary Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Norwich. Rev. G. Cardy, minister of the church officiated at the pretty, double-ring ceremony.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville. Mrs. Jack Walther, also of Otterville, sang, "Because" and "Walk Hand in Hand."

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. John Esseltine, the bride looked charming in a floor length gown of white peau de soie. The empire bodice was highlighted with a round neckline and panel of lace inserts and lily point sleeves. Her shoulder-length veil of French illusion was held with a rhinestone tiara. The chapel train at the back of the dress accented the lace panels on the back of the dress and she carried a bouquet of white mums and red roses with green velvet, floor-length streamers.

Maid of honour was Miss Joanne Kerr of Toronto, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Karen Thompson of Toronto, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Pat Spicer of Port Credit, friend of the bride. The bridal attendants wore identical, floor-length gowns of dark green velvet, styled with empire waists, round necklines, elbow-length sleeves, with a chapel train. They carried bouquets of shasta daisies in shades of white and gold with floor-length, gold ribbons.

Miss Kathryn Riddell of Brownsville, friend of the bride, was flower girl. She looked lovely in a floor-length gown styled in minia-

ture of the bride's dress, complete with chapel train, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and red roses.

Bill Petit of Port Edward, cousin of the groom, was ring-bearer. Roy Esbaugh of St. Thomas was best man and the guests were ushered by Bob Alexander of Norwich and Wayne Spicer of Port Credit, all friends of the groom.

Reception for 100 guests was held in the Norwich Legion Hall. Bride's table was decorated with a four-tier wedding cake in design of a church, candelabras, gold and bronze mums, and the bridal bouquets. Gold and bronze mums with shasta daisies and gold candles enhanced the guests' tables. Master of ceremonies was Balre Huffman of Vanessa, friend of the bride and groom.

The bride's aunt, Mrs. Jean Waters of Parkhill, received the guests wearing an A-line creation of purple velvet. She was assisted by the groom's mother, who wore an A-line dress and jacket in gold.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were white gloves and pearl earrings, and the groom's gifts to his attendants were engraved money clips. Both the flower girl and ring bearer received gold rings.

For travelling to Kentucky the bride chose a street-length coat and dress ensemble of blue and green, with gold and black accessories and a corsage of gold baby sweetheart roses.

Following their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are residing in Brownsville.

Prior to her wedding the bride was honoured with three miscellaneous showers given by Miss Joanne Kerr in Brownsville, Mrs. Jean Waters of Parkhill, and Mrs. Gary Walther of Otterville.



MR. AND MRS. GARY THOMPSON
(Wilson Studio, Delhi)

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Friends sure Jackie English must have been forced into car

By HELEN WALLACE
of The Free Press

In the month she worked at the Treasure Island Metropolitan store cafeteria, 15-year-old Jackie English was known to accept only two rides home with strangers and both times she was accompanied by a friend.

If she accepted a third and possibly fatal ride alone Saturday night, the last time she was seen alive, her neighbors and friends insist she must have been "forced".

"Jackie was not a habitual hitch-hiker. She was never known to get into a car alone with a stranger," a neighbor, Mrs. Agnes Murray, said Friday morning.

"I'll swear that the car that picked her up Saturday night took her against her will. When people read that someone is a steady hitch-hiker they say, 'well she deserved this.' But Jackie had too much sense to do anything like that."

"Her mother ran herself into the ground picking her up from work or taking her there," a second neighbor, Mrs. Eva McIntyre, said. Both women said Jackie also had a habit of taking a taxi to work if rides weren't available.

The two women, along with Jackie's girlfriend, Marilyn Hird, a Grade 11 student at H. B. Beal Secondary School, and Jackie's boyfriend, David Papple, of 134 Maple St., sat in the English home at 129 Kent St. Friday morning in stunned silence after learning late Thursday night that Jackie's nude body had been found floating in the shallow water of Big Otter Creek near Otterville. The teenager was last seen alive at 10:15 p.m. Saturday night, walking toward Wellington Road, after her cafeteria shift.

Jackie, according to Marilyn, didn't want to go to work Saturday night because she would be alone. The two girls became

friends after they started working at the Metropolitan store cafeteria in September.

In that month, Marilyn said, they usually took the 10:15 bus home or accepted rides with fellow employees.

They missed the bus Thursday night and as they were walking away from the stop were offered a ride by an elderly couple.

"We figured we were safe since there were two of us and it was a man and a woman in the car", Marilyn said.

On Friday evening, after missing the bus a second time they accepted a ride with two men who had just returned from a hockey game at Treasure Island Gardens. The girls noticed after they got in the car that the men had been drinking but Marilyn said they seemed "nice" and dropped them off on Wellington Street near Eaton's.

Saturday night Marilyn wasn't scheduled to work and Jackie told her she didn't want to go in alone "in case those guys came back."

"She told me she would never take a ride without the two of us."

Earlier in the week, Jackie's mother, who went into hospital for an operation on Wednesday, said she thought something had been bothering her daughter.

Jackie's friends said Friday she was probably worried about telling her mother she hadn't yet enrolled in Grade 10 classes at H. B. Beal Secondary School. Mrs. Murray said Jackie had pretended to register a few weeks ago and told her mother classes wouldn't begin until two weeks after registration.

She was planning to return to school Monday, Marilyn said, and asked her employers to reduce her Tuesday - to - Saturday night part-time job at the cafeteria to three nights a week, from Thursday to Saturday.

Both Marilyn and Mrs. Murray guessed she wanted to work a little longer in order to save money for clothes since she had often remarked about the "clothes competition" at Beal.

tently trying to understand the rationale of death from Rev. John Fox, who delivered the eulogy, their father, Walter, was lying seriously ill in a Hamilton hospital recovering from a major operation.

Their mother was discharged from St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday. A family friend said she was still too weak to attend the funeral.

Most of the 80 persons there were young friends of Jackie's. Many sobbed unabashedly.

Flowers surrounded the closed white casket, which bore a small black-framed portrait of a smiling Jackie, her hair dipping mischievously down one side of her face and curling around an eye.

Later, at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, as the mourners huddled around the canopied grave site, unobtrusive Ontario Provincial Police officers in plainclothes scanned faces in the crowd. They were still seeking Jackie's slayer.

Police hunt clues in slaying of girl with plane, dog

Provincial police continued their hunt Friday night for clues in the slaying of Jacqueline Louise English, 15, of 129 Kent St., London, but police spokesmen reported "no new developments" since the girl's nude body was found Thursday afternoon in Big Otter Creek near Otterville.

Police used an aircraft and the OPP's tracking dog "Arab" Friday in an effort to locate Jacqueline's clothing or the murder weapon.

While there was no apparent evidence the killing was committed where the body was found, said Inspector James McBride of the OPP's criminal investigation branch, Toronto, a thorough search of the area was continuing.

Many police officers, including Inspector McBride and Det.-Sgt. Dennis Alsop of the London OPP detachment, had gone without sleep for almost 24 hours. (Related story is on Page 8.)

Jacqueline was last seen alive about 10:25 p.m. last Saturday after leaving work at the Treasure Island Metropolitan Store on London's southern outskirts.

An autopsy has been performed, but the exact cause of death has not been released.

Inspector McBride said "Jacqueline was the victim of a vicious beating."

"We are looking for a weapon but at the moment we don't know just what," said Insp. McBride.

Investigators have not determined where the girl was killed. Some officers at the scene speculated the girl's body had been thrown over a bridge and into the shallow waters almost 30 feet below.

Jacqueline's body was found by two duck hunters from Woodstock about 5 p.m. Thursday. Police have refused to divulge their names.

About 20 provincial police officers and London detectives spent most of Friday at the scene, on Concession 10 of South Norwich Township. They conducted a farm-to-farm search for clues.

police check mourners

By BILL ELUCHOK
of The Free Press

A teen-aged brother and sister buried Jackie English Tuesday.

And her friends and former school mates came to say goodbye.

Jackie, the 15-year-old victim of an unknown killer, was found floating in a shallow creek about 10 miles northeast of Tillsonburg Oct. 9.

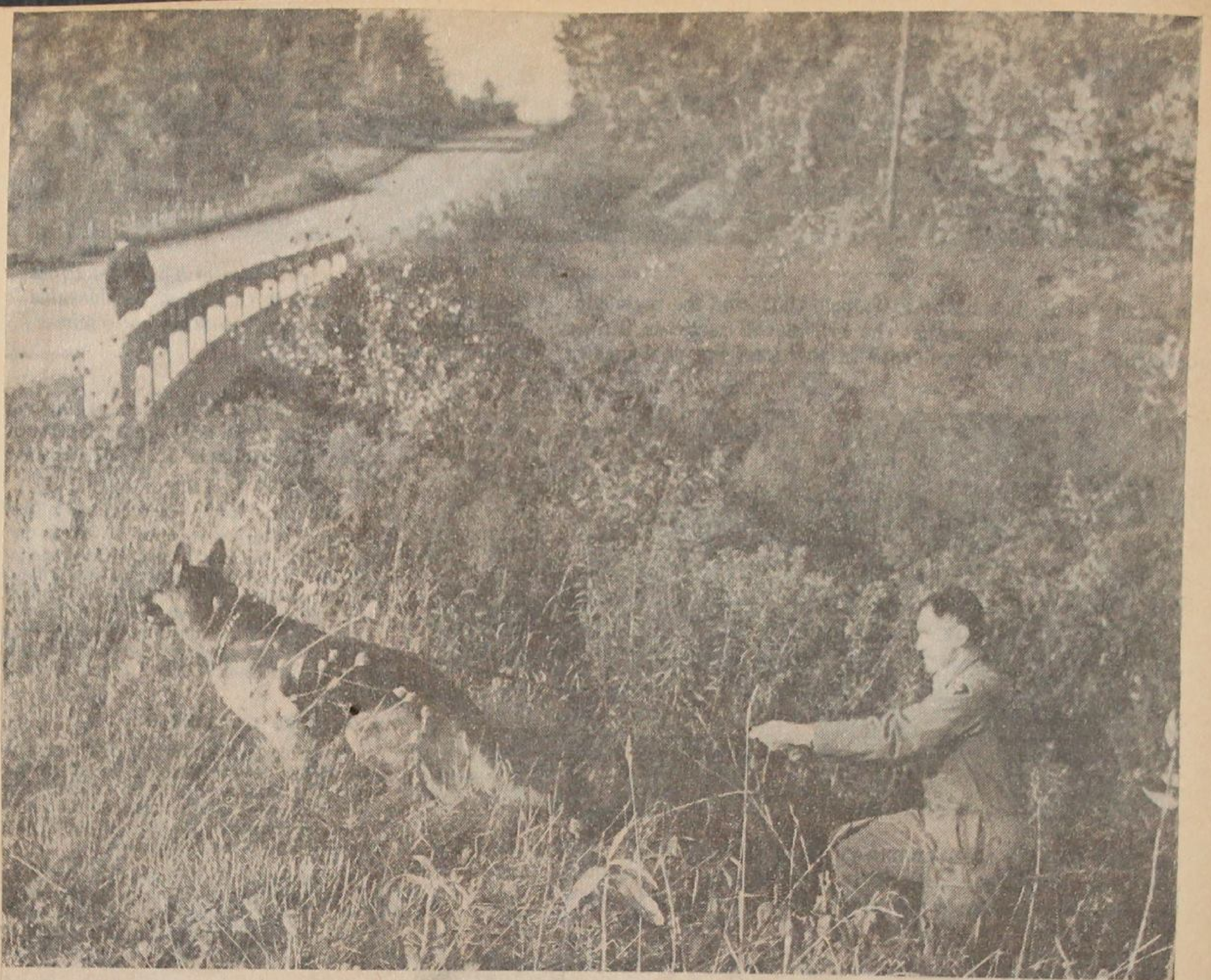
Police said the pretty brunette, who lived with her mother, brother Freddy, 14, and sister, Anne Marie, 16, at their 129 Kent St. home, was the victim of a vicious blow.

She was last seen alive shortly after 10 p.m. Oct. 4, as she walked alone toward Wellington Road from the Treasure Island Metropolitan Store where she worked.

Freddy and Anne Marie took charge of the funeral Tuesday because their mom and dad were unable to be there.

As the pair sat stoically in Needham Memorial Chapel before the coffin Tuesday, in-

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Constable Vince Jones of London detachment, OPP and tracking dog, Arab, joined more than 20 OPP officers Friday in an intensive search of the area where the body of 15-year-old Jackie English was found Thursday. Police

By Ken Chute of The Free Press speculated the girl's body had been thrown over the bridge, upper left, and into the shallow waters of Big Otter Creek at the 10th Concession of South Norwich Township.

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Members of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge have been busy installing the officers of lodges around the district. With three more to do, this brings them up to 10 lodges they have completed. Members of the team are, back row, Mrs. Iva Walker, Mrs. Clara Mills; middle row, Mrs. Ruby McDowell, Mrs. Ella Abbott, Mrs. Gladys Maloney, Mrs. Jean Davis, Mrs. Marie Climie, Mrs. Betty Howes, Mrs. Irene Jackson, Mrs. Vera Ronson, Mrs. Irene Pace, Mrs. Tressa Ryan, Mrs. Hazel Hughes, Mrs. Hilda Hicks; front row, Mrs. Betty Garnham, Mrs. Ann MacLennan, Mrs. Bessie Davis, Mrs. Irene McDonough, Mrs. Mabel Mabee.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN GRAVES

November 2, 1922

The first show to be held in the Otterville Community Hall since it has been remodelled was a Hallowe'en party, and was largely attended. It is expected various shows will continue throughout the winter months.

Hallowe'en passed off quietly at Otterville. The customary nocturnal visitors made their rounds, but no damage of any extent was reported.

Wed Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. John Graves entertained their family and close relatives at dinner at the Broadview Restaurant on Saturday evening, Oct. 18th, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Open house was held later when over 100 relatives and friends called.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves were married in London by the Rev. H. B. Ashby of St. Michael's (Church of England) on Oct. 15, 1919. It was a beautiful day too.

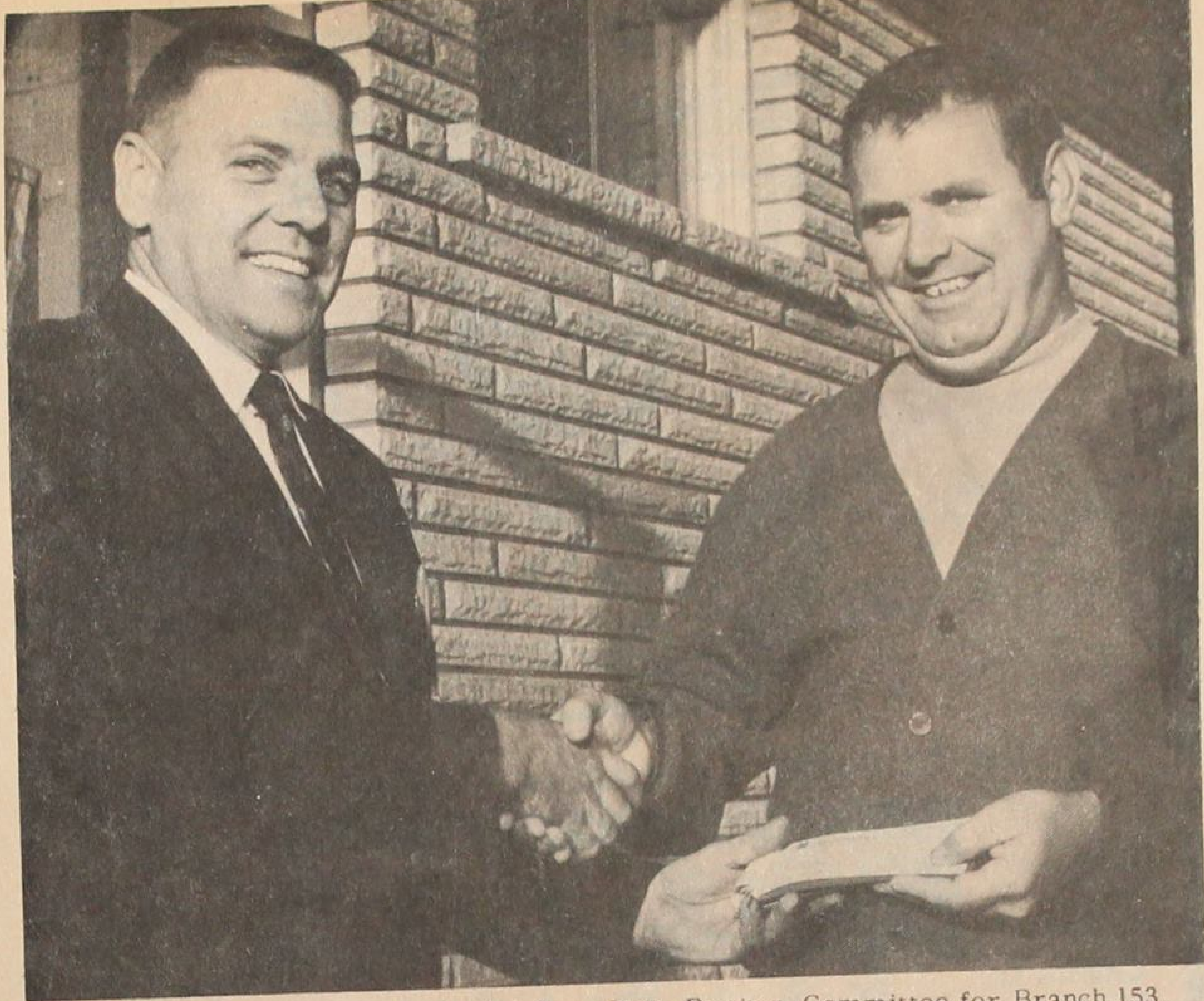
They have lived most of their married life in the Tillsonburg district, and spent several years farming. Mr. Graves recently retired as manager of the Reward Shoe store.

The couple have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Nowell of Tillsonburg, and a son, Jack Graves of R.R. 6, Tillsonburg. There are also five grandchildren.

Many beautiful cards, flowers and gifts were received.

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George Carle, chairman of the Car Club Project Committee for Branch 153, Royal Canadian Legion, Tillsonburg, presents a cheque in the amount of \$2,300 to John Pounder of Tillsonburg, winner of the Car Club elimination draw held Friday night at the Legion's new hall. Mr. Pounder accepted the cash in lieu of a new car.



A local rink won the trophy in the annual tournament sponsored by Judy's at the Tillsonburg and District Curling Club Wednesday. Alene Trottier is shown presenting the award to the rink of Helen McLennan, Darlene Verscheure, Tina Kamps and Glenna Smith. *NOV*

Otterville Minister Bound for Africa

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Rev. Clare English and his family are moving from Otterville, where he has ministered the Baptist Church pastorate for the past two and one-half years.

For the present, they will reside in Niagara Falls, where Mr. English will be interim pastor of the church there. But that is

not the end of their intended journey.

Hopefully by next spring, if church support can be arranged by that time, they will be off to Africa, where they will take up a mission post in Nigeria.

They will pack enough clothing and bedding, linens etc., to last them for their four-year stay. Other than those necessities they will travel light, and secure what they need over there. They will be accompanied by their three children, Ruth Ann, 5; Stephen Donald, who was two last August, and Philip Alan, who will be a year old in January.

Actually it is far from a strange land the Englishs will be going to. They have been there before, and in fact, were married there. Rev. English served in Nigeria for over two years, 1962-1965. His wife, Audrey, spent eight years there, going over in 1956.

Though they had met in Canada during days at the Three Hills Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, they became better acquainted after going into the mission field.

Their oldest child, Ruth Ann, was born in Nigeria.

Mr. English said they will probably live in a house made from clay bricks, whitewashed on the inside, and their furniture will be of the simple kind available there.

On his last stay, they were able to operate a small car, but costs are high, with gasoline at about \$1 per gallon, and an annual licence fee for a medium size car about \$150 per year.

Asked if education is a problem, Rev. English said schools are available in that part of Africa, many of them run by church organizations, but many parish schools are now being taken over and operated by the government. Classes up to the Grade 12 level are held.

Asked if any plans had been made past the four-year mission tour, Mr. English showed no concern. "We'll go where we are called," he said.



Rev. and Mrs. Clare English



Port Burwell has a new fire chief and deputy fire chief. Robert Hannigan of Port Burwell, right, was appointed fire chief by the Lake Erie village's council recently. Monday night, volunteer firemen elected Ted Shelly of Port Burwell, left, as deputy chief. Former Fire Chief Morley Wolfe and former Assistant Fire Chief Stuart McKibbon, resigned recently for health reasons. — NOV 1969

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A Downing family rink won the Corby host-guest mixed curling event at the local club on Saturday. Shown are Aija Downing, lead; Dr. Murray Downing, skip; Lorraine Downing, vice-skip, and Wynn Downing, second.



Jack P. Heatley ^{Dec 23} 1969

OTTERVILLE (C) - The death occurred at the Victoria Hospital, London, of Jack Pratt Heatley of 1215 Marcin Rd., Sarnia, in his 55th year.

Born in Edmonton, Alberta, he was the son of Mrs. J. R. Heatley, Brantford, and the late Mr. Heatley.

He had been a resident of Sarnia for the past 29 years where he was employed as instrument engineer with Imperial Oil Enterprises Ltd. Prior to this he had spent two and a half years in the Persian Gulf in the interests of the oil industry. He was a member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario and Instrument Society of America of which he was past president. He was member of Patterson Memorial Presbyterian Church where he served on the Board of Managers.

Besides his wife, the former Marion Jull, he is survived by one daughter, Barbara, interne nurse at the Public General Hospital in Chatham; his mother, Mrs. J. R. Heatley, Brantford, and a sister, Mrs. L. N. Chandler of Brantford. He was predeceased by a son, John Douglas.

The funeral service was held from the Stewart Funeral Home, Sarnia, on Saturday, December 27, with Rev. George Young of Patterson Memorial Church officiating.

There were many lovely floral tributes as well as donations to the Heart Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society.

The casket bearers were David Burwell, Richard Rule, Ronald Fewster, James Callfus, Peter Low and Ted Stover.

Temporary entombment was in Lakeview Mausoleum. Burial will be in Farrington Burial Ground, Brantford.

BRIGGS - At Westminster Hospital, London, on Sunday, Dec. 28, 1969. George Briggs of Otterville, age 69.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

George Briggs

OTTERVILLE (C) - George Briggs of Otterville, a retired day labourer, passed away at

Westminster Hospital, London, on Sunday, Dec. 28, 1969.

He had been a patient in hospital for the past several weeks and had been in failing health for the past several years. Born in England 69 years ago, he came to Canada where he lived in Shedden, coming to Otterville 31 years ago. He was a veteran of World War I, and for many years was employed by Tip Top Cannery of Otterville.

His wife, the former Bertha Fallowfield, predeceased him 20 years ago. Surviving are one son, William Briggs of Otterville; three daughters, Mrs. E. S. (Marie) Moore of Otterville, Mrs. Kenneth (Vera) Bouck of R.R. 1, Walsingham, and Mrs. David (Barbara) Jones of Niagara Falls; one brother, William Briggs of Rondeau Park; 10 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

George Briggs

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late George Briggs of Otterville, who died in Westminster Hospital, London, on Sunday, December 28, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, Wednesday, December 31, at 2 p.m.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, officiated. Mrs. William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns before and after the service. Donations were made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Bearers were Kenneth Mann, Russell Gee, Robert Coventry, Murray Fallowfield, Robert Sage, Larry Smith.

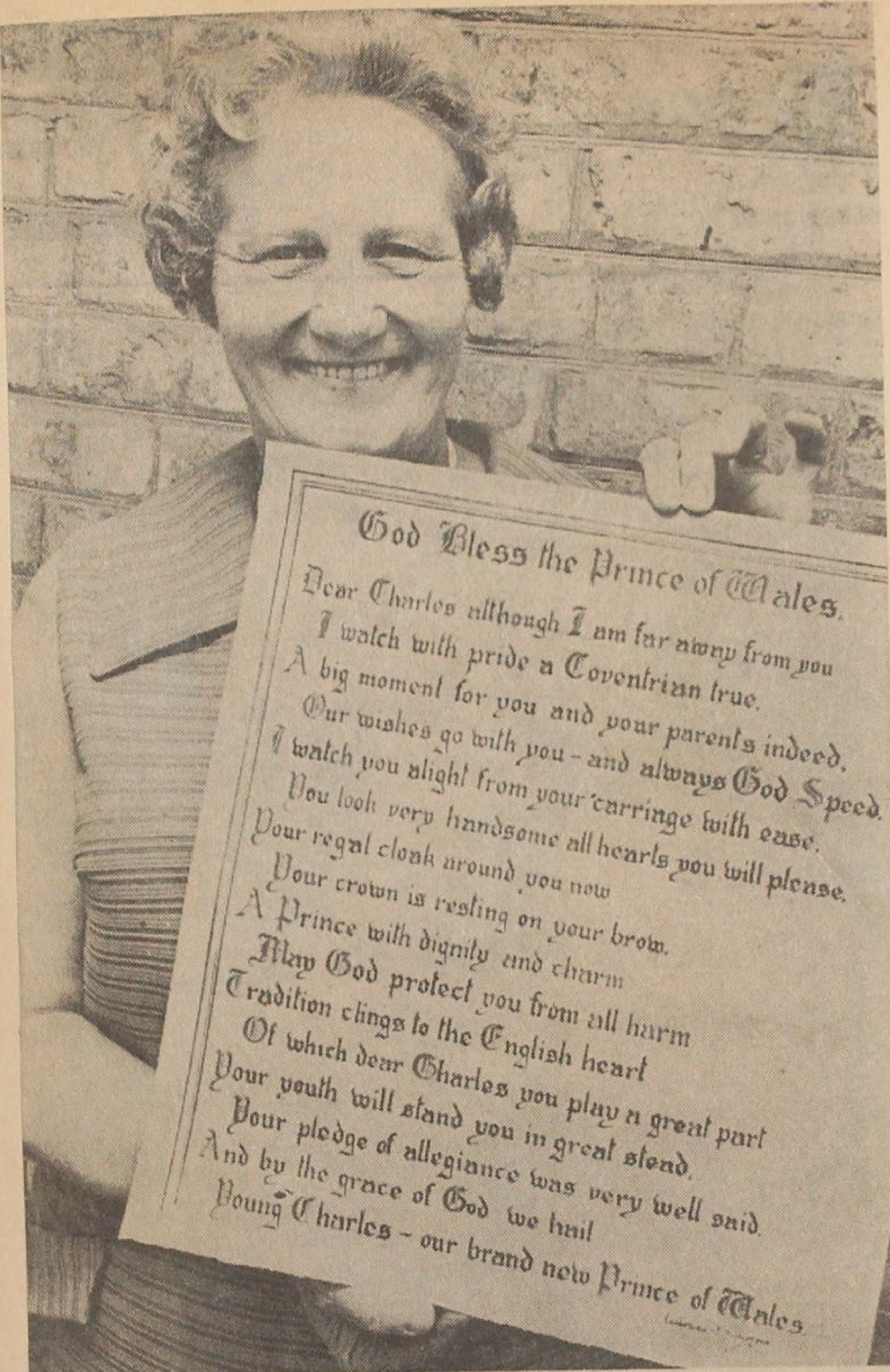
Interment was made in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Frank LeRoy Avey ^{Dec. 12/69}

OTTERVILLE (C) - Frank LeRoy Avey died Friday in Elgin View Nursing Home, Norwich, where he had been a resident for the past five years. He was in his 94th year.

Mr. Avey was a successful farmer for many years, first on a farm three miles east of Otterville and later moving to the Sixth Concession of North Norwich. He was a member of Springfield Baptist Church. His wife, the former Edith Brough, died in 1957.

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God Bless the Prince of Wales.
Dear Charles although I am far away from you
I watch with pride a Coventrian true.
A big moment for you and your parents indeed,
Our wishes go with you - and always God Speed.
I watch you alight from your carriage with ease,
You look very handsome all hearts you will please.
Your regal cloak around you now
Your crown is resting on your brow.
A Prince with dignity and charm
May God protect you from all harm
Tradition clings to the English heart
Of which dear Charles you play a great part
Your youth will stand you in great stead,
Your pledge of allegiance was very well said.
And by the grace of God we hail
Young Charles - our brand new Prince of Wales

—By Ernie Lee of The Free Press
Mrs. John Gascoigne, RR 3, Komoka, was so deeply moved by the investiture of Prince Charles, she wrote a poem about him.

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This photo was taken as an event got under way at the snowmobile races at Little Park Lake on Sunday. (News-Record Photo)

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About 1,000 Attend Snowmobile Races

A crowd estimated at more than 1,000 witnessed and participated in, the first Snowmobile Races sponsored by the Delhi Racing Team at Little Lake Park on Sunday.

Following are the results of the races: Boys and Girls, 6-12 years, 0-300 C.C. Irving Sonnenberg and Randy Dearden; Boys and Girls, 13-16 years, 0-400 C.C. Diane Rangols and Terry Henderson; Western Pick-Up Race, open class, Joe Csubak Jr. and Randy Deardon; Girls Powder Puff, 10-16 years, 0-400 C.C., Diane Langhor and Sandra Coates; 401-700 C.C. Stock, Brian Graydon and Fred Cebulak; Novelty Race, open, Steve Cebulak and Gary Mussel; 16 years and over, 0-300 C.C., Wilf Wittet and Frans Dorsman; Ladies Powder Puff, 0-400 C.C. Diane Langhor and Nancy Walthers; 16 years and older, 0-400 C.C., Gary Neville and Phil Engell; 16 years and up, 300-500 C.C., Brian Graydon and Gary Neville; Family Race, open, Don Neville and Morris Mertens.

The next meet will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, at Little Lake Park.

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Mervin Spicer

Mervin Spicer, 58, of Aylmer, died January 1, 1970, at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital after a short illness.

Born at Mount Forest and a former resident of the Otterville district, he was a baker in Aylmer for the past 20 years. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer, he is survived by his wife, Helen (Harp) Spicer; three sons, Allan, David and Robert, all at home; one step-daughter, Mrs. Lee (Sharon) Chute of London; four brothers, Lawson of Paris, William of Delhi, Darwood of Otterville and Ellwin of Aylmer; and Mrs. Norman (Vera) Evans of Allenford and two step-grandchildren.

Mr. Spicer's first wife, Muriel (Harrington) Spicer passed away in 1962.

Rested at H. A. Kebbel Funeral Home, Aylmer, for service Monday, January 5, at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Gordon Woodcock of Aylmer Baptist Church, with Rev. Allen Logan of St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, assisting. Interment in Aylmer Cemetery.

Mrs. Pearl L. Lamour

Mrs. Pearl L. Lamour of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg, passed away on Friday, Jan. 2, 1970, in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital in her 78th year.

Born in South Norwich Township, October 6, 1892, she was a daughter of the late James Chrysler and Josephine Cudnen. Her husband, Walter Lamour, predeceased her October 10, 1957.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Cecil (Helen) Dillen of Niagara Falls, Mrs. Grant (Marguerite) Scott of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg, and Mrs. Leslie (Marie) Jones of R.R. 5, St. Thomas; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Maude Wardle of Springford.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Monday, Jan. 5, 1970, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Mrs. Pearl L. Lamour

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Pearl L. Lamour of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg, who passed away on Jan. 1, 1970, was held at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on Monday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Pat Scott, Lynn Scott, Ron Scott, John Hamilton, Walter Dillen and Robert Wilson.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

LAMOUR

Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Friday, Jan. 2, 1970, Mrs. Walter Lamour of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg, in her 78th year.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Monday, Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church. Interment in Springford Cemetery. 1970

Frederick Carlton Church

Frederick Carlton Church of Otterville, passed away at his home on Friday, Jan. 2, 1970, in his 65th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Florence Marchand; two sons, Frederick A. Church of Otterville and John R. Church of Hornepayne; one sister, Miss Bertha Church of Otterville; and four grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held on Monday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Frederick C. Church

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Frederick Carlton Church who died at his home on Main Street in Otterville on Jan. 2, 1970, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church. Mrs. William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns before and after the service. Donations were made to the Canadian Cancer Society and Heart Foundation.

Bearers were Lyle Davis, Kenneth Maloney, Clifford Rachar, Nate McMullen, James H. Smoke, and Arthur Moore.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

The family of the late Fred C. Church, wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to our neighbours and friends for the many acts of kindness shown our loved one during his illness, all of which he so greatly appreciated. We also thank you for the beautiful floral tributes, donations to the Heart and Cancer Funds, the C.N.I.B. memorial cards and all the kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement.

Charles Naisbitt Howse

Charles Naisbitt Howse of R.R. 3, Woodstock, passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1970, in his 49th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jane Edna K. Furlong; three brothers, Fred Howse, Carl Howse and Paul Howse, all of Otterville.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held on Wed. Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Charles N. Howse

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Charles Naisbitt Howse of R. R. 3, Woodstock, who died in Woodstock General Hospital on Saturday January 3, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, conducted the service. Mrs.

William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns before and after the service. Donations were received for the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart Foundation and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Pallbearers were Stewart Campbell, John Elliott, James Routley, Gordon Breckenridge, Grant Mountain and Edward Moore.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Card Of Thanks

Sincere and heart felt thanks are extended to all relatives, friends and the many neighbours for cards, floral tributes, donations and all their help in the loss of a dear husband and brother Charles Howse. Special thanks to Rev. Stanley Uptigrove and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gleason, Jane Howse and the Howse families.

Earnest Ellwood Treffry

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OTTERVILLE (C) - A life-long resident of South Norwich Township, Earnest Ellwood Treffry passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1970, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past two and a half months.

Born in South Norwich Township 84 years ago, he farmed in the Otterville area, coming to Otterville 27 years ago from the 10th Division. He purchased a small mill which

operated for nine years when he turned it over to his son Lorne, who still owns it. Living a semi-retired life, he was employed as a stone mason until ill health forced him to retire.

He was a member of Otterville United Church and an honorary Elder at the time of his death.

Twice married, his first wife, the former Eva Hicks, predeceased him in 1941.

Surviving are his wife, the former Edith Cornell; two sons, Lorne Treffry of Otterville and Donald Treffry of Searchmont, Ont.; three sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Eliza) Silverthorne of Kelvin, Mrs. Sylvester (Edna) Honsberger of Ayr and Mrs. Fred (Nettie) Hyndman of Mt. Pleasant; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Friday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

The family of the late Earnest Treffry wish to express their sincere thanks to friends, neighbors and relatives for their kindness and sympathy in their bereavement. For flowers, donations to the different funds and cards. Special thanks to Dr. Murray Downing, the nurses on first floor north for their kindness, Rev. C. Leach for his words of comfort. Gleason Funeral Home for the pallbearers and the U.C.W. ladies of the United Church who served a nice lunch in the church basement.

E. E. Treffry

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Earnest Ellwood Treffry of Otterville, who died in Tillsonburg district Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, January 7, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Friday at 2 p.m.

Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns. Donations were received for Gideon Bibles, Cancer Society and Heart Foundation.

Pallbearers were Nate McMullen, William Stapleton, Jack Riste, Edward Arthur, Donald Pettigrew and William G. McMullen.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Clarence A. Zimmer

Clarence A. Zimmer of Norwich passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1970, at Woodstock General Hospital, in his 76th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ola E. McVicar; two sons, Leonard Zimmer of Woodstock and William Zimmer of North Norwich; one daughter, Mrs. Bert (Jane) Andrews of Woodstock; four sisters, Mrs. Fred (Gertrude) Walther of Otterville, Miss Mary Zimmer of Delhi, Mrs. Leroy (Grace) Wilson of Norwich and Mrs. Charles (Gladys) Lumsden of North Norwich; and 8 grandchildren. A brother, George Zimmer, predeceased him in 1962.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich, where service will be held Friday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. R. D. Duncanson of Knox Presbyterian Church, Norwich.

Interment in Norwich Cemetery.

OTTERVILLE

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Residents of the village were shocked on Saturday to learn of the sudden passing of Donald Burnett of Courtland, who was the efficient disposal collector calling at many homes in the village Tuesday of each week. Mr. Burnett had many friends in the village, a kind and congenial workman who practiced care and courtesy.

Donald Bruce Burnett

Donald Bruce Burnett of Courtland, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 24, 1970, in his 67th year.

Born in Courtland August 7, 1903, he was a son of the late William N. Burnett and Ethel McQueen.

He was an elder at Courtland United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sapphire Chatterton; three daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Betty) Chapman of Courtland, Mrs. Gerald (Olive) Dreyer and Mrs. Cecil (Yvonne) Wilson, both of London; four sons, Donald Burnett of Guelph, Richard Burnett and Roy Burnett, both of Courtland, and James Burnett of London; 15 grandchildren; three sisters Mrs. Sylvia Riddler of Scotland, Ont., Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Jamieson of Chatham, and Mrs. Annie Moss of London; and one brother, George Burnett of Courtland. Two brothers, Earl Burnett and Stan Burnett, predeceased him in 1918 and 1961, respectively.

Rested at the H. A. Ostlander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Monday at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Peter McKellar of the Courtland United Church.

Pallbearers were Leslie Emerick, James Townsend, O. T. Simmons, Dominick Fazakas, Hugh Shepherd and Kenneth Beselaeere.

A solo "There is a Land that is Fairer than Day," was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Buchner, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. May Moon.

Interment in Courtland United Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Eva Lawrence

OTTERVILLE (C) - Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Eva Lawrence, widow of the late John Lawrence, who died at her residence, 10 Spruce St., in Guelph.

Mrs. Lawrence was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Hussey and was well-known in Otterville and area.

Surviving is one daughter Mrs. Edward (Beth) Harding and one son, Norman, both of Guelph; several grandchildren; one sister, Miss Maude Hussey of 10 Spruce St. Guelph, and one brother, Cecil Hussey of Tillsonburg.

Funeral service was held in Guelph on Saturday.

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Card Of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all my friends in Otterville for the flowers and cards sent to me during my recent bereavement in the loss of my sister - Maude Hussey.

Arnold Clayton Nobbs

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Arnold Clayton Nobbs, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Monday and was attended by relatives, neighbours and friends.

Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

There were memorial donations to the Heart Foundation Fund and the Canadian Cancer Society, as well as floral arrangements.

Casket bearers were Wilfrid Ryder, Wendall Nobbs, George Davis, Fred Hill, John McNally, and Murray Clinton.

Interment in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Pat Nixon and little son of Cobourg are holidaying at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Avey.

Many from the village attended the reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cooper of Otterville, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cooper of R. R. 1, Norwich.

Mrs. Cyril Leach entertained members of the parsonage board of the Otterville Pastoral charge at the United Church parsonage on Monday afternoon. Guests were favourably impressed with the improvements which had been done as well as the new furnishings in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Durkee, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee, Jim and Kathleen had dinner Sunday with Mrs. Jay Durkee's mother, Mrs. B. D. Burn, to celebrate Mrs. Burn's, Mrs. Durkee's and Jim Durkee's birthdays.



It goes without saying that a cat has nine lives. But every now and again, there's the odd pussy that pushes the situation. E. T. Pinch of Rolph Street, Tillsonburg, has a cat that, so far, has managed to run up 24 years of successful living.

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MR. AND MRS. L. COOPER

Mr. And Mrs. L. Cooper Wed Twenty-Five Years

^{1970 -} OTTERTVILLE (C) - On Sunday, Jan. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cooper of Otterville were pleasantly surprised on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. They were honored in the form of an open house in the afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cooper of R.R. 1, Norwich.

About 80 relatives, neighbours and friends joined in wishing the Coopers a happy anniversary. They received many lovely gifts and flowers.

A corsage and boutonniere were presented to them by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper of Welland.

Waitresses for the afternoon were members of the Otterville Belles Girl's softball team, of which Mr. Cooper is manager.

Neighbours, friends and relatives assisted the hostess in the afternoon and evening.

At the supper hour a delicious buffet meal was served to the honoured couple their family and close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were married on January 13, 1945, at the home of the bride's parents on Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg, by the late Rev. Albert Carr of First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg. The bride is the former Evelyn Clifford, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Clifford. The groom's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cooper.

Their attendants were Miss Mary Lou McQueen of Tillsonburg and Mr. Burryel Boughner of Tillsonburg.

The couple have three children Robert of Welland and David and Deborah at home. They also have two grandsons, Chris and Greg,

sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper, of Welland.

Lung cancer
Hal March dead

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actor Hal March, dapper dark-haired master of ceremonies of television's \$64,000 Question quiz show of the 1950s, died Monday. He was 49.

March, whose amiable ad lib style made him a favorite with TV audiences, died at 4:15 a.m. at the University of California Medical Centre.

A seasoned actor who drew only small parts, March hit it big with the \$64,000 Question, most successful of the give-away shows which abounded in the late 1950s.

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South Norwich Reeve New Oxford Warden, Caverley for Elgin

Wardens

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Port Burwell should go well with the Ford plant at Talbotville. "But let us not forget the smaller industries and farms which have been the backbone of our society," he commented.

Thoughts should be made known on whether the county should be kept as a unit or region, and council should work in close co-operation with the municipalities, he said. He cited bridge projects to be completed this year, and possible start on a new home for the aged in East Elgin.

Named as a striking committee was the warden, Rodney Reeve Victor DeGraw, Southwold Reeve Lawrence McIntyre, South Dorchester Reeve J. B. Wilson and Aylmer Reeve F. F. Moore. They were to bring in council committees at today's session.

Nomination of the new warden was made by Bayham Reeve H. B. Johnson and seconded by Dutton Reeve M. A. Kahnt.

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Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board committee and a past IOOF district deputy-governor of Otter District No. 17. He is the ninth warden

to represent South Norwich.

Malahide Reeve William R. Caverley of R.R. 5, Aylmer, was elected warden of Elgin County by acclamation Tuesday.

He succeeds Warden John Wise of Yarmouth, who presented him with the gavel and the gold pocket watch given to county council in 1952 by the late Lord Elgin.

The new warden said that Elgin has one of the greatest potentials for development anywhere along the Lake Erie north shore. He said council must govern themselves for change to build a better county for generations to come.

He pointed out that Elgin has agriculture and recreation, and the proposed Dofasco development near

South Norwich Reeve Stanley Gehring was elected warden of Oxford County Tuesday on the sixth ballot, defeating Reeve John Hofstetter of Blenheim Township 19-8.

Reeve Albert Cornwall, of North Norwich Township, the third candidate, withdrew after the fifth ballot.

Serving on South Norwich council for many years, he was its first deputy-reeve when the position was first created in 1963.

In his inaugural address, Warden Gehring proposed that the county take steps to preserve its boundaries before the coming of regional government.

He said any county able to carry out capital construction without the need to issue debentures, such as Oxford, is a viable working unit.

Noting that studies on the regional concept undertaken by Norfolk, Brant and Perth counties have all included parts of Oxford in their plans, Warden Gehring stressed it was time for the county to take steps to make sure its boundaries will not be altered.

Warden Gehring was chairman of the roads committee in 1969. He is a member of the Otter Creek Conservation Authority, past member of the Ontario



Winners of the Kate Tillson Memorial Trophy at the Tillsonburg and District Curling Club were the foursome skipped by Lorraine Downing. Left to right are Ella Szorenyi, lead; Enid Allen, vice-skip; Victor Tillson, who presented the trophy; Lorraine Downing, skip, and Edna Couse, second.

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ELECT OFFICERS AT HOLY TRINITY

NORWICH (C) - Mrs. N. Romanick assumed the position of vestry clerk of Holy Trinity Anglican Church at the annual meeting and potluck supper, Monday evening. Mr. Romanick succeeds Bob Barham, clerk for the past ten years.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove presided for the election of the following slate of officers for 1970. -Appointed by the minister, Warden

Bev. Avey; board of management, Ralph Pitz, Mrs. James Mott, Bob Barham, Gordon Day, John Thompson and Jack Cundy; elected by the people, Warden, Eric Bornheimer; board of management, A. J. Byers, Mrs. Ken Clark, Mrs. Stacey Hinks, Percy Tapley, Jr., Robert Harris and Mrs. Christina Vigar.

Other officers are Lay delegate to the Synod, Sam Croker; sub delegate, Sidney Bowyer; treas., Ken Clark; envelope secretary Mrs. Ken Clark; chairman of sidesman, Douglas Avey; auditors, Gladys Cole and Mrs. Ken Avey; property Ralph Pitz and A. J. Byers; floral committee, Mrs. Christina Vigar and Mrs. K. Thompson.

Charles Samuel Lee

Charles Samuel Lee of Otterville, passed away at Tillsonburg and District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 15, 1970, in his 71st year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ida Mav Lockyer; seven sons, LaVerne Lee of Otterville, William Lee of R.R. 1, Norwich, Donald Lee of Harrow, Kenneth Lee of Otterville, Harold Lee of Delhi and Gerald Lee of R.R. 1, Norwich; three daughters, Mrs. Russell (Dorothy) Lajoie of McGregor, Mrs. James (Madeline) Cowan of Otterville, and Mrs. Ralph (Ida) Cowan of R.R. 1, Burgessville; one brother, Edward Lee of R.R. 1, Norwich; one sister, Mrs. Harry (Pearl) Treffrey, of R.R. 3, Scotland; 28 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son, Clare Lee, in 1943.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Elgin Rintoul.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery. Donations may be made to the CNIB, Brantford, at the Funeral Home.

Simcoe man killed in crash

SIMCOE — A 34-year-old Simcoe man was killed Saturday about 8 p.m. in a car-truck collision on the Hillcrest Sideroad, about one mile west of here.

Dead is Ronald Francis, of 2460 West St., Simcoe.

He was a passenger in a car driven by Gene Bezzo, 31, of RR 7, Simcoe. Bezzo was treated for scalp cuts at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, and released.

Driver of the truck, Jack Brezinski, 26, of London, was not injured.

John King has

R.H. Holmes

Feb 11 1970

OTTERVILLE (C) - A life-long, highly respected resident of Otterville, Robert Murray Holmes, 86, passed away early Wednesday morning at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for several days.

Mr. Holmes farmed for ten years on the homestead farm west of the village, now owned by Charter Davis. In 1920 he purchased the hardware store which he operated successfully until his retirement in 1967, at which time his son-in-law, Rod Taylor, became manager. He maintained an interest in the hardware business where he made daily visits and enjoyed visiting with friends as long as his health permitted.

Mr. Holmes was a member of Otterville United Church and was an honorary member of the session. He was interested in every organization pertaining to the welfare of the village and community. He was a past member of the IOOF Otterville Tecumseh Lodge No. 182; past member of St. John's Lodge No. 104 AF & AM; past director and past president of the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co.; past president of the Oxford County Liberal Association; and former member of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Velma Johnson; two daughters, Mrs. Grenville (Ella) Johnson of Toronto, and Mrs. Rod (Marion) Taylor of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Morrison of Norwich; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Friday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of the Otterville United Church. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Robert Murray Holmes

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Robert Murray Holmes of Otterville who passed away

on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1970, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Feb. 13 at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns before and after the service. Donations were made to Canadian Cancer Society, Heart Foundation, Gideon Bibles, Diabetic association and Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Bearers were Nate McMullen, Edward Arthur, Adam Oliver, Max Avey, B. W. Wilks and William Sutherland.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

HOLMES - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1970, Robert Murray Holmes of Otterville. Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Friday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of the Otterville United Church. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Baby Shower

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Robert Butler entertained friends and relatives of baby Donald Darren McMullen at a surprise shower in his honour.

The evening was spent socially, following which little Donna and Janette Butler presented baby Darren with his gifts which were opened by his mother, who thanked everyone.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Butler, assisted by her sister, Miss Mary Ellen Gleason.

South Norwich May Have Subdivision Control

By Chris Thomas

OTTERVILLE — South Norwich Township will very likely have subdivision control by-laws on the books in 1970.

Township Clerk, Merlin Howse, told The News-Record that the by-laws are being reviewed by the Department of Municipal Affairs and will be implemented as soon as that department grants its approval.

Subdivision control measures have become commonplace throughout this area because of the industrial growth along the lake and the expected increase in population.

According to Mr. Howse, the provincial authorities have recommended that municipalities should implement subdivision control and that South Norwich, in response to this recommendation, "drew up something we would like, so that we would not have something forced on us."

Mr. Howse added that South Norwich's by-law proposals are "the most minimum thing you can get."

There were 29 building permits issued in South Norwich during 1969. The total value of the permits was \$371,000 as compared to \$255,000 in 1968. The completion of the \$34,000 township shed was the major building expenditure.

The roads department purchased a \$11,000 front end loader and set up two and a quarter miles of road between the 10th and 14th concessions during 1969.

The Scott-Stover drain, costing \$16,000 was completed during the past year as well as the \$6,200 Mill's drain. Work has just began on the Quinton drain.

A recreation complex was started at Springford in 1969. The \$13,000 project will include a baseball field, soccer field and an outdoor skating rink.

The committee in charge of this project is made up of Lloyd Smith, Doug Babbey, A. W. Smith, Robert Turnbull, Ross Addlington and township councillors George Davis and Bill Martin.

Assessment in the township is up from \$5,003,000 in the previous year to \$5,295,448. Oxford County took over the assessment as of June 1st, 1969, and Mr. Howse said that there have been very few problems with the new system to date.

South Norwich Township collected taxes twice a year for the first time in 1969 and this measure saved the municipality \$5-7,000 in interest charges.

Prior to last year, the

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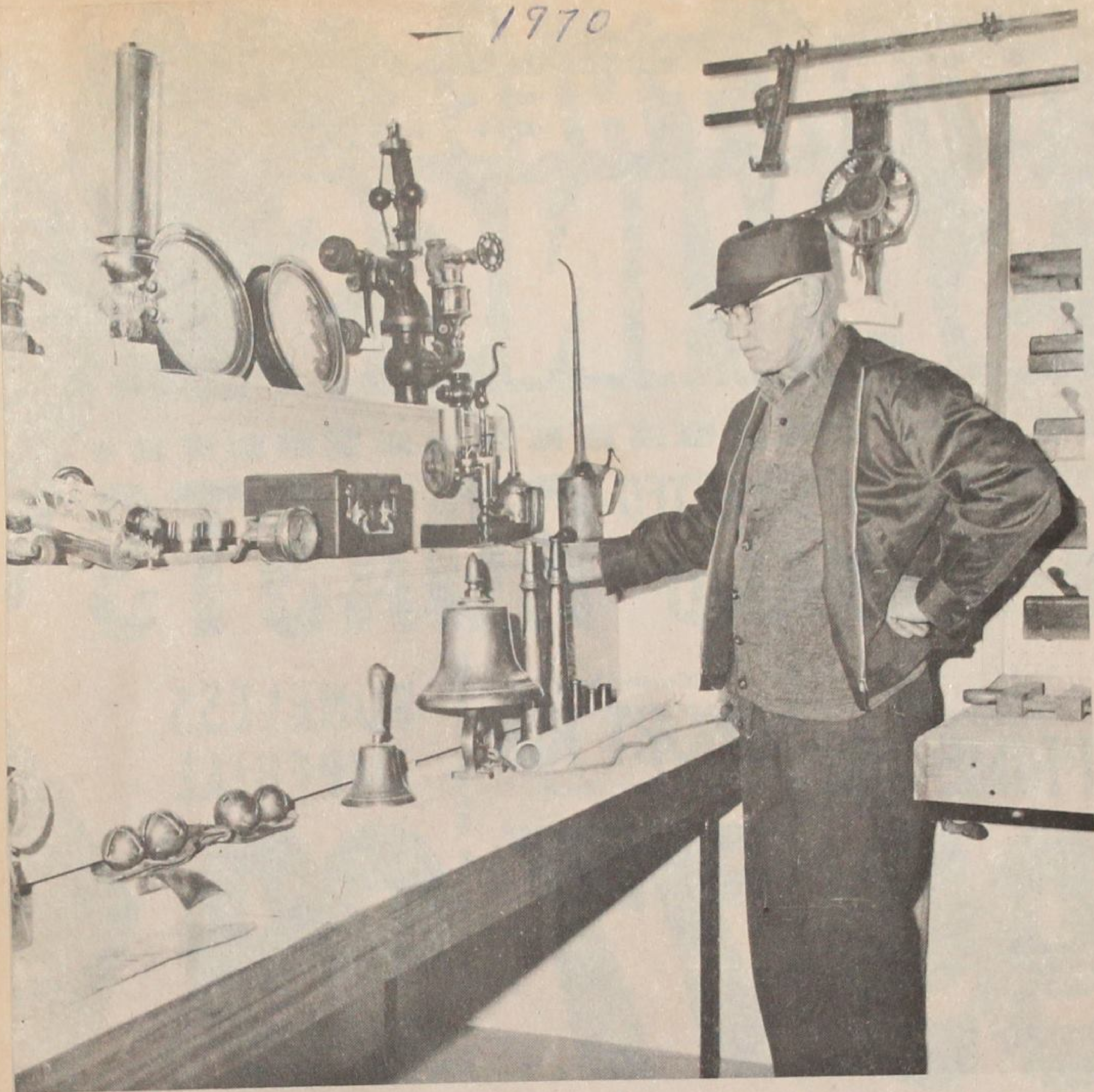
township was forced to borrow money in order to meet school board request's for money twice yearly. Mr. Howse pointed out that three years ago the township had to borrow \$35,000 and two years ago the figure had risen to \$70,000. This year the township did not have to borrow a cent.

Total expenditures of the township was \$420,000 for 1969.



South Norwich clerk, Merlin Howse, confers with Road Superintendent Elmer Almost, who has worked for the township for 23 years. (News-Record Photo)

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One of Mr. McMullen's favorites is the whistle from the now defunct Otterville Manufacturing Co. which closed its doors in 1932. The firm made carpet sweepers, corn planters and other agricultural aids.

Word of Mr. McMullen's museum has got around and he says he has received many items of great historical worth from outside sources. He restores the old articles himself and has gone to a great deal of expense in maintaining the museum.

Last year the township provided Mr. McMullen with a grant and he used the money to buy display cases.

Mr. McMullen and his committee are hoping to find a building to house some of the larger articles in the museum.

In addition to looking for larger quarters, the museum committee intends to catalogue and make display signs for the items. They also have their eye on an old water wheel which they hope they can recover and restore.

Thanks to Mr. McMullen's sense of history, South Norwich Township is in possession of a fine record of this area's past. It would be well worth anyone's trouble to visit the museum and take a leisurely look at his invaluable contribution to the township and the area.

William McMullen Sr., of Otterville, is shown with some of the historical items he has acquired over the years. The collection is on display in the basement of the South Norwich Township office and is an excellent record of this area's past. (News-Record Photo)

Museum Going Strong

OTTERVILLE — Bill the museum in the basement McMullen Sr.'s pet project, of the South Norwich

Township Office in Otterville, township council and elicited their support.

being made to expand this historical endeavour.

At a January meeting of the South Norwich Township Council, a committee made up of Mr. McMullen, his son, Bill Jr., Lorne Treffrey and Perc Walters, was appointed to look after the museum and plan its development.

The museum was originally Mr. McMullen Sr.'s idea. He has long collected various items that he found to be interesting and soon found himself with quite a large collection of antiques.

Realizing the historical value of his collection, Mr. McMullen approached the

When the new township office was opened in 1967, the basement of the building was set aside for Mr. McMullen's museum.

Presently the museum contains many varied items from the past. On display is a carpet sweeper made in Otterville, aged farm utensils, a clock with wooden gears, parts of steam engines, a parlor organ, records of old cattle brands and many old photographs of the area dating from the late eighteen hundreds.



Varnavair, on Lisgar Avenue, has been the Legion's home since 1946. It will be replaced by the modern building a block away at the foot of Lisgar.

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Official opening of the Legion's new quarters will take place this week-end. FEB/70

Has Modernized His Farm

By Dave MacLaren

South Norwich Township tobacco farmer Ross Adlington has spent about \$45,000 in the last three years modernizing his tobacco operation.

He has built four bulk kilns, a metal clad 96 by 40-foot barn, purchased a harvester and heating and humidifying equipment to serve the whole area in the new barn.

"I wouldn't have spent this money if I hadn't intended to stay in business," he said.

Although the tobacco enterprise has been profitable for Mr. Adlington, he finds it has bitter-sweet overtones now the government has launched anti-smoking campaigns. Caustically he remarked that a young person might find more opportunity working for government than growing tobacco.

Nevertheless Mr. Adlington doesn't think the tobacco industry is going to fade away all of a sudden and he believes that since tobacco farmers are a fairly tough breed, they'll be able to handle diversification problems.

For the time being however, Mr. Adlington, who would like to switch his operation completely to bulk, has put off this move until the tobacco situation resolves itself.

What with the four bulk units and 10 conventional

kilns he is amply equipped to handle the 55 acres of B.M.A. allotted to his 225 acre farm. As he expressed it, "I really don't need that many, but are they ever handy."

The new metal clad barn Mr. Adlington constructed last year also incorporates some new ideas. It will be fully insulated and the whole area is heated and humidified during the stripping period.

At one end of the barn, a 20-foot bay is separated from the rest of the area by a plastic curtain and used as a humidifying area to bring tobacco placed on mobile racks into case.

Mr. Adlington said he could put as many as 20 racks (or two or three kilns) in the humidifying area at one time if he wished to. "It really goes over the grading belt in a hurry when you have good quality tobacco and it's all in case," he said.

As the tobacco is required, a mobile rack is simply rolled to the end of the grading belt, sorted and baled and piled nearby to await shipment. Although the walls of the building will not be insulated until spring (when foam spray will be applied), Mr. Adlington used this system in preparing his 1969 crop, "and it was really handy," he said.

To date Mr. Adlington has stripped most of his bulk cured tobacco in the fall as the tying machine crew seem to like to have the days off when a bulk kiln was being

filled. However, in the future he plans to sort it right at the bulk unit as it is being emptied (or in a nearby shed,

in inclement weather).

Then the bales will be transported on pallets, on a front-end tractor loader to the barn for storage. When the humidifier is used later in the barn to condition the conventionally cured tobacco, both the stems of the baled tobacco and the stems on the conventionally piled tobacco in the barn are kept soft, Mr. Adlington observed.

The heating equipment in the barn also gives him lots of room to repair machinery in comfort during the late winter months. "Another large factor is that the building is fireproof and I have not insured it," he said. The tobacco in storage is still covered, "however, I didn't over-insure it," he added.

Mr. Adlington served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War and purchased the home farm from his mother-in-law in 1954. He and his wife, Betty, have seven children.

Together with his oldest son, Tim, who is 15, he owns a harness racehorse named "Hardsome George" which is now racing at London. In addition they have two standard breed mares and are raising colts.

Looking at the future of tobacco, Mr. Adlington said he would eventually like to see the market open earlier to reduce both the risks involved

in storing tobacco on the farm and the cost of interest on borrowed money.

He also feels that a national marketing board for tobacco may eventually have to be considered so that producers across the country will be regulated by the same controls.

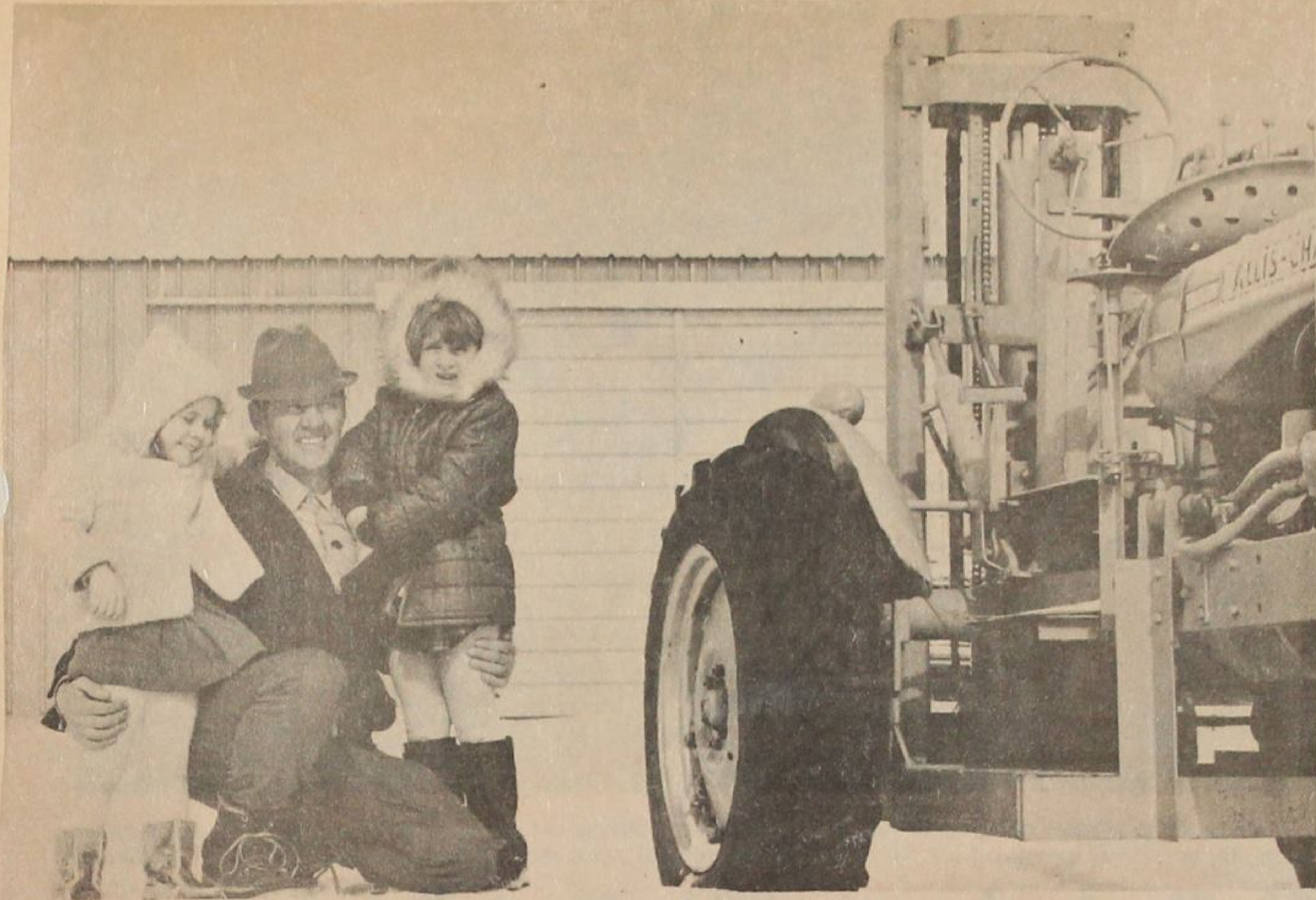
For relaxation Ross enjoys fishing and hunting. The family usually go north to a cottage about July 1, when the crop is cleaned-up and return in mid-month. "Then the first job that faces us is irrigation," he said.

However, with yields that average around a ton to the acre and an above average price, he doesn't complain about the hard work that goes into a crop.

Last year his 43-acre crop was harvested by a teenage group of boys and girls, including one of his sons and a daughter, and they did a real good job operating the double-tiered harvester, he said.

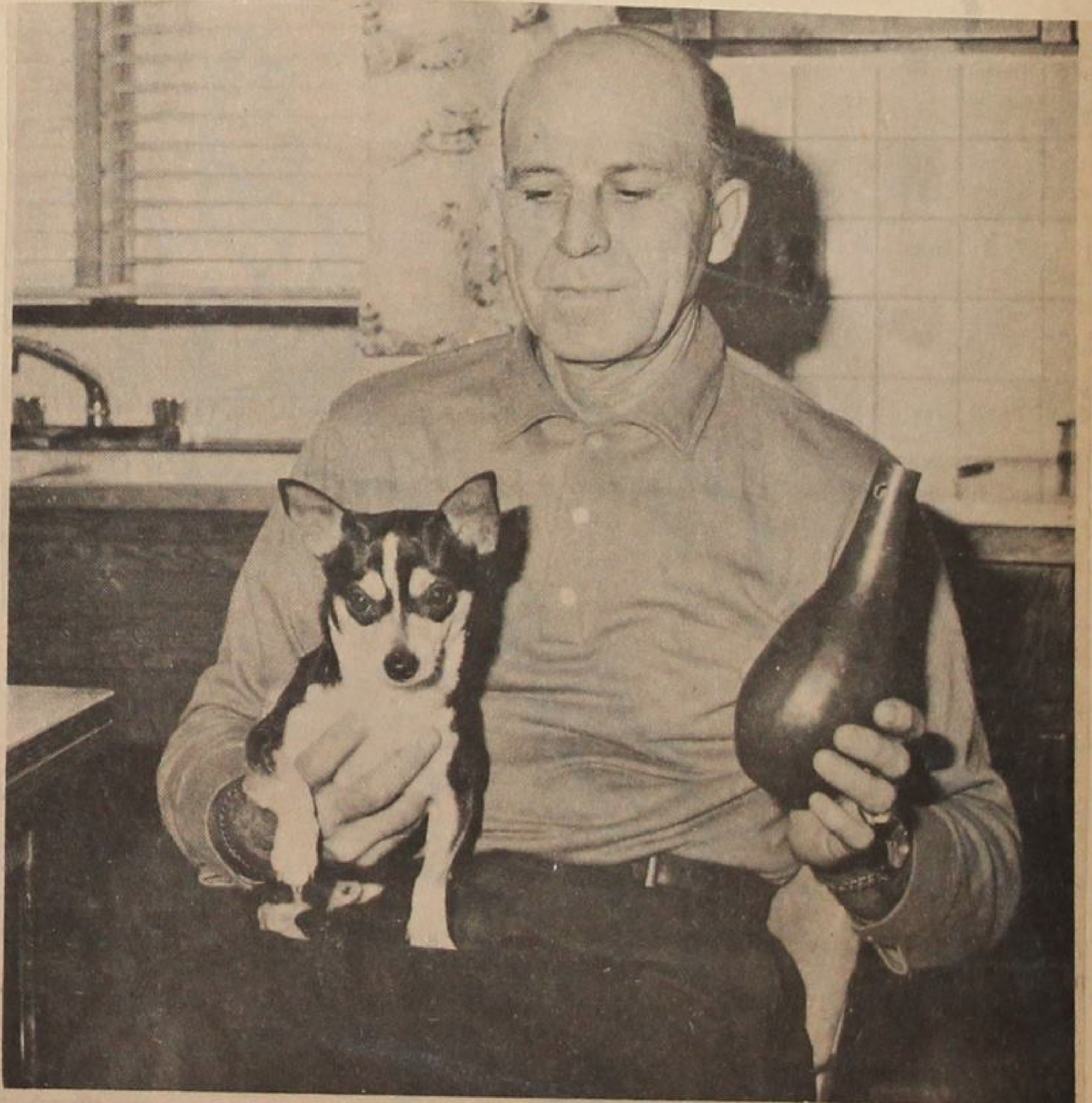
The variety was Delhi 34. It produced 2,200 pounds per acre and Mr. Adlington considered it "terrific" as far as quality goes. The only thing was, it's a lot more work getting it off with those bottom suckers, he commented.

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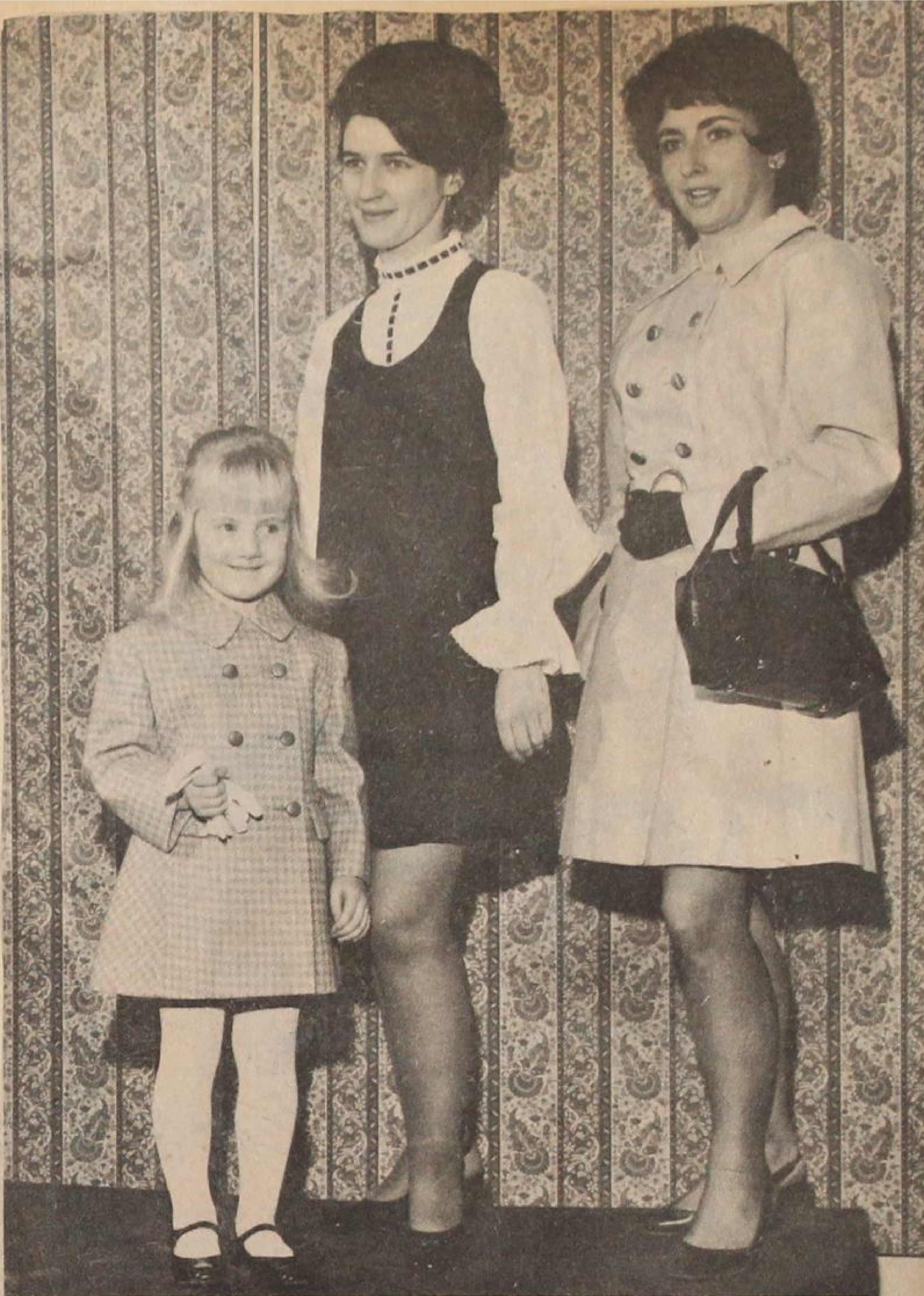
Ross Adlington of R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, and his two youngest daughters, Patti, left, and Shelly, are seen by the front-end loader used to transport pallets of baled tobacco. In the background is the new fully humidified and heated barn. (News-Record Photo)

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J. F. (Jesse) Gray is seen holding his Chihuahua, "Tippy", and a powder horn made from a gourd with the date 1632 inscribed on it. The powder horn was used by one of Mr. Gray's ancestors who migrated from England to Virginia in the late 1500's. (News-Record Photo)

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...FROM WALKER'S Feb/70

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GORDON SINCLAIR, 70. Feb. 1970 -

The past: The biggest thrill of the century was my first visit to Expo. I felt my country, Canada, had a great achievement on its hands. . . . My main regret is that I haven't written one good book. My first book, *Footloose In India*, was slapdash. If I'd worked on it four extra months, it could have been really good. . . . There's much less selfishness today. I'll never forget how my father, a furniture-maker, was blacklisted because he tried to form a trade union. He was forced to leave his trade and move to Ohio where he worked in a flour mill. Trade unions have since created concern for the average working guy.

The future: Radio in 2000 will consist of two-way miniature sets worn like wristwatches that will allow the listener to talk back to the announcer. TV situation comedies will be a memory and people will be viewing more realistic, on-the-spot documentaries. I won't be around to see them. Insurance actuaries figure I'll die in my 82nd year, and I'm willing to accept that bet.

There was formal opening of the South Norwich Community Hall, Otterville, which was recently renovated and rebuilt. The opening was attended by more than 200 persons and a delightful evening was arranged by the Park Board. Feb/40

FEBRUARY 22, 1940

At the time of writing the best sleighing so far this season prevails and a number of farmers are taking advantage of same to do heavy hauling. It is a long time

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March 1970 - THE SAND HILLS

by Mrs. Annie Chamberlain

The Sand hill Park farm was settled in 1855 by John Alton. He passed away in 1909 at the age of 80.

The farm was then formed by George Walker Alton. He died in 1926 at the age of 68.

Mr. Stanley Bruce Alton took over the farm. He died in 1966 at the age of 76.

James E. Alton now owns and operates the farm. The Sand Hills are one of the scenic wonders of Ontario. They are said to have been used by the Indian as a look-out point for other war parties.

They were used as an observatory of the United States Lake Survey back in 1877. There was 70 foot high structure of heavy timbers. Using a heliograph they flashed the sun light from a mirror at definite intervals over the lake to another station on Long Point and one across the lake to Pennsylvania.

The Sand Hills opened as a park in the early 1900's. Horse and buggies were charged 10¢ admission. Later when cars started coming, the admission rose to 25¢. In 1945 the fee

was raised to 50¢ per car. This is what it is to-day.

Stanley Alton started tobacco farming in 1936. James Alton lives on the old Homestead and grows tobacco as well as operating the Sand Hill park.

This farm is one of the few Centennial farms in Houghton township.

Other known Century farms in Houghton are Leslie Alton, Francis, Lee Garnham, Mabel Marshall, George Meharg, Harold Kneller and the Mitchell Bros.

Party Honors Bank Manager

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. H. H. Pauli, who is retiring as manager of the Otterville Branch of The Royal Bank of Canada, was honoured by members of his staff at a dessert and coffee hour.

Mrs. W. E. Butler, accountant, presented him with a china floral centrepiece on behalf of the staff, Mrs. A. M. Furlong, Mrs. G. I. McEwen, Miss H. I. Colver and Mrs. D. E. Stanford.

Mr. Pauli was also presented with a specially decorated horseshoe cake which was served with ice cream.

Mr. Pauli was transferred to the Otterville Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in May, 1963 from the Cookstown Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Pauli will reside in London.

Mr. Pauli will be succeeded on Monday by Mr. A. E. Montag of Fort Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Montag have a family of two daughters and a son. Feb 27/70

John William Innis 1970

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late John William Innis, who passed away on Sunday, March 1, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Tuesday. Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

There were memorial donations to the Heart Foundation Fund and Gideon Bible Society.

Casket bearers were Ernie Beemer, Herbert Wardle, Jim Cowell, Alfred Vansickle, Jack Walter and Murray Wardell. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Shower Honors Area Bride

OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Joan Gehring entertained 12 friends in honor of Mrs. W. Wayne Lenhardt, the former Janet McKewen, whose wedding took place on March 7 in the Otterville United Church. 1970

During the evening a bride's book was completed by the guests, after which the guest of honor was presented with a miscellaneous shower.

Mrs. Lenhardt thanked everyone for the lovely gifts and Joan for the evening.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 5 1970 BIRTHDAY - Mrs. Ira Fox, Springford.

MARCH 7 BIRTHDAY - Fred Broad, Springford.

MARCH 8 BIRTHDAY - Adam Malcolm, Springford, 94.

Club Holds February Meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Happy Bluebird Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Elmer Almost for the February meeting.

President, Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency, graciously welcomed the members and thanked the 1st vice-president, Mrs. Harold Pearce, who had presided for the previous meeting in her absence while on a holiday in Florida.

Roll call was responded to by 21 members. There were six visitors present.

During business it was decided that a special collection be taken each month in aid of the flower and card fund.

Members were reminded of the March meeting which will be held at Cornell when Secret Pals will be revealed with gifts to be \$1 value.

Mrs. Almost gave a reading "Hand and Mouth Disease," and was also auctioneer for the sale of donated articles

Meeting closed and members of the 6th Concession and Otterville groups, who were the joint hosts, assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Mrs. Harold Pearce of Cornell gave courtesy remarks and invited members to come to Cornell for the March meeting.

FIFTY YEARS AGO March, 18, 1920

The price of sugar has advanced to 20¢ per pound in Port Rowan, five pounds for \$1.00. The price of milk has advanced to 12¢ per quart. In 1913 milk producers sold 20 quart milk tickets for \$1. At the same time a dollar would buy 15 pounds of sugar. Milk has not gone so high in its upward flight as sugar. Honesty is the profession of the milk producer, manipulation is the game of the sugar king, says the Port Rowan News.

Arthur W. Allen

Arthur W. Allen, formerly of Culloden, passed away on Monday, March 2, 1970, in Faith Haven Nursing Home, Ingersoll, in his 84th year.

Born in Culloden, October 3, 1886, he was a son of the late Amos Allen and Martha Nunn.

A retired farmer, he was a member of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Culloden.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Jessie Agur, in 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Ross Allen of Tillsonburg, and Bert Allen of Toronto; and two grandchildren, Miss Bonita Allen of Tillsonburg, and Miss Barbara Allen of Toronto.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home for private family service on Wednesday, March 4, at 10:30 a.m., thence to St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Culloden, for funeral service at 11 a.m. conducted by Rev. Richard Berryman of St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

Interment in Delmer Cemetery.

Harry Agur's relative

Lodge Holds Salad Euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) - A well attended salad euchre was held in the I.O.O.F. hall, Otterville, sponsored by members of Violet Rebekah Lodge. There were fifteen tables in play.

Winners were, ladies high, Mrs. William Stapleton and Mrs. Bessie Bagnall; low, Mrs. John McSkimming, Mrs. George Lafevre, nearest birthday Mrs. John McSkimming; nearest anniversary, Mrs. Sharalee Sitts; most lone hands, Mrs. Annie Edmonds.

Winner of the raggedy Ann and Andy dolls was Mrs. Arthur Hanson.

This proved to be a most successful afternoon and will probably be an annual event. Every person attending won a door prize.

Mrs. Howard D. Morison

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Mrs. Howard D. Morison of Norwich, who died at her home, 49 Stover Street North, Norwich on Thursday, March 12, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist and played hymns before and after the service.

Among the many floral memorial tributes there were donations to the Heart Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were David Morison, Wynn Downing, Rod Taylor and David Downing.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Lodge Observes 24th Birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) - Violet Rebekah Lodge number 330 celebrated their 24th birthday in the I.O.O.F. hall with a potluck supper before the meeting. Thirty members sat down to a sumptuous banquet. Meeting was conducted by Noble Grand, Miss Eva Deveney, assisted by the vice-grand Esther Smith.

There will be a C.P.T. euchre in the O.O.O.F. hall Otterville, this week.

Following Lodge, 24 candles were lit on the birthday cake by Warden Stanley Gehring, who is also a charter member of the Lodge.

Norwich Couple Wed 45 Years

NORWICH (C) - In honor of the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Mitchell, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis of R.R. 2, Norwich, entertained 50 relatives to a surprise party on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were married in Norwich, March 7, 1925, by the Rev. H. D. Moore. Mrs. Mitchell was the former Jane (Jennie) Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bruce of South Norwich Township, and Mr. Mitchell's parents were Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, also of South Norwich.

They were attended by Charlotte Mitchell, (now Mrs. Archie Munroe of Ingersoll), sister of Mr. Mitchell, and Ernest Bruce, brother of Mrs. Mitchell. Both were present on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have one daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Helen) Davis and two granddaughters.

The bride and groom of 45 years were the recip-

ient of many messages of congratulations, cards and gifts.

Guests were present from Brantford, Delhi, Ingersoll, London, Otterville, Tillsonburg, Norwich and district. *Mar - 1970*

St. John's Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Anglican Church Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Edna Furlong. President, Mrs. Harold Durkee, presided. Mrs. Harry Pickersgill read Scripture and cards were signed for shut-in members. Material was given to members to complete articles for theazaar in the fall.

TOWNSHIP

ASSESSMENT UP \$102,654 IN

South Norwich will base its 1970 taxes on an assessment of \$5,398,102.

The township's assessment has increased by some \$102,654 in the past year. In 1968 the taxable assessment was \$5,295,448.

Total tax expenditures last year came to \$421,658,19. Of that, education costs amounted to \$222,022. During the previous year, education cost \$123,000 under the old school board system. The switch over to county school boards across Ontario has been given as primary reason for the \$59,000 jump in school costs in the township.

During 1969, elementary

school cost South Norwich ratepayers \$75,589. Secondary school costs came to \$124,585. Separate school ratepayers spent \$21,848 educating their children.

Township share of county operating expenses came to \$95,193.86.

Roads and general vouchers in the township last year totalled \$92,345.

Costs of the South Norwich Parks Board's operations were \$5,295.45. The police village of Otterville cost \$3,427 and streetlighting in the village used up another \$3,284.88.

As of April 1, 1969, welfare accounts in the townships were taken over by

Oxford County. South Norwich's share of welfare expenses under the new system came to \$18,788.26. Welfare costs in 1968 compared at \$15,473.98.

The township introduced twice annual tax collections last year and so far has been very pleased with the results. Taxes are now collected July 15 and December 15.

Already, South Norwich has found advantages to the new system. In 1967, it was necessary to borrow \$35,000 and the following year \$80,000 was borrowed in order to maintain sufficient operating funds until taxes were collected. Interest costs ran from

\$5,000 to \$7,000. Under the new system, no monies were borrowed and interest costs, of course, were nil.

As well, tax arrears have dropped off significantly. Clerk-Treasurer Merlin Howse of Otterville feels that, on the average, people have less problems paying taxes when spread out over two payments and the effect has been a reduction in the amount of arrears.

Effective January 1, 1969, assessment was taken over by the county. The new system lasted only one year with the province taking over January 1 this year.

PAST YEAR

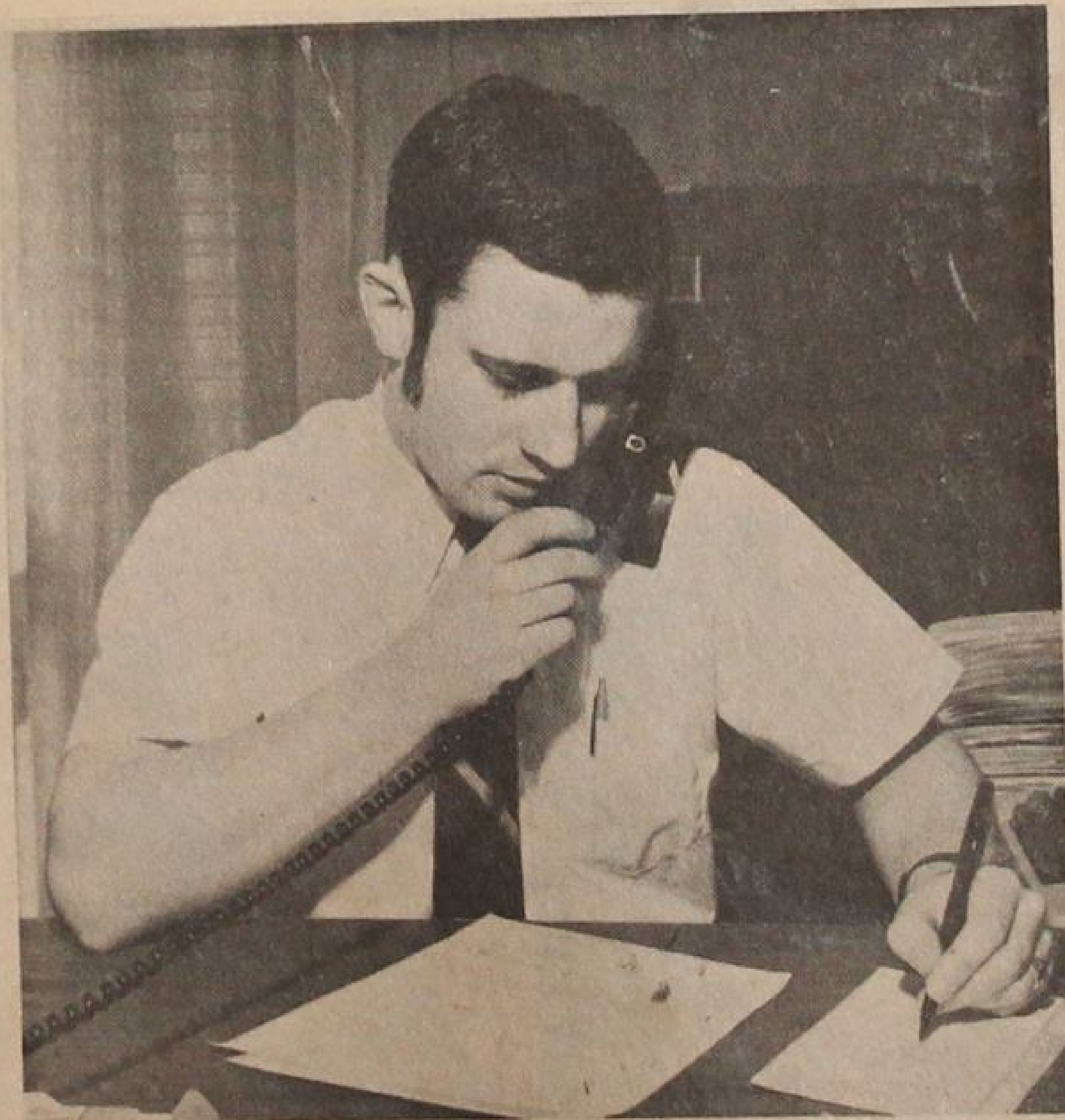
A regional tax office was established at London servicing this area. Mr. Howse indicated general discontentment with the move by the province.

Already, London has requested a second court of revision where one annual was all that was required previously. As well, he felt distance and slowness in processing under the new approach were disadvantages to ratepayers in the township.

Last year saw a slight decline in population in South Norwich. The 1969 census showed 3,202 people

living in the township. The figured reported a decrease of 43 persons. The 1968 population reading was 3,245.

It is also noted that Ontario contributed 72 cents for every dollar of realty and business taxes imposed in the township.



.....Merlin Howse of Otterville, South Norwich's Clerk - Treasurer.....

Further Improvements Planned In Community Park Project

About a year and a half ago, Springford undertook a fairly large project for a community of its size. A seven-member committee, the Springford Area Recreation Committee, was formed to establish a community park in the village.

The cost of establishing the 5 1/2 acre park last year was \$13,000. Committee secretary-treasurer Doug Babbey reports that this has almost all been paid off.

This has been accomplished through grants from municipal and provincial governments, as well as community projects. Approximately \$8,000 was collected through a walkathon, suppers and raffles.

Presently, the park consists of a baseball diamond, and a concession booth. There are also bleachers for spectators.

The area serviced by the park includes a seven mile radius from Springford, ex-

cluding Tillsonburg. There are members on the committee from Springford, as well as Cornell and Otterville.

There are plans for improvement to the facilities, and functions of the park in the coming year. These include the addition of more ball teams to the schedule. Last year there were six teams, including teams ranging from squirt to men, along with a girls' team. They hope to have nine teams this year.

There are also plans for improvement to the diamond, and to the uniforms.

Last year the expenditures were high, owing to the fact that the park was just getting underway. The land cost \$7,500, the lights \$3,000, as well as the costs of the equipment. The grand total was around \$13,000. This year Mr. Babbey estimates that the cost will be considerably less--around \$1,000.

The park will be in existence for at least 20

years. This is a provision in the grant received from the provincial government. The committee hopes for many improvements in future years. These include the planting of trees, construction of an outdoor rink, and the building of a pavilion for picnics.

It looks like Springford residents are in the process of building a park that they will be proud of for years to come.

Subdivision Control Introduced In 1969

By-laws restricting random building in South Norwich were introduced by council last year.

Working on a suggestion from the department of municipal affairs, the township has designed their building regulations given them insight into any proposed severances of agricultural lands.

Clerk-Treasurer Merlin Howse said that the provincial department was taking into account recent industrial development along the north shore of Lake Erie.

Mr. Howse remarked, "We were told by the province that if we didn't bring subdivision control in, they would. We decided to go ahead with it, making the controls suit our own needs."

Under the new regulations, all severances of agriculture lands must be approved by council and

subsequently the department of municipal affairs.

Mounted Scouts Perfecting Ride

The reactivated First Springford Scout Troop, sponsored by the Tillsonburg Optimist Club, has been practising regularly, perfecting their version of a musical ride.

Some 20 boys now have mounts and all winter have been working out their routine, which will probably be a popular event at many public functions this year.

Larry Hicks of R.R.3, Tillsonburg, is Scoutmaster.

The group earned considerable praise in other years, after first being organized in 1956 by Al Rice and Scott Carroll.

TWENTY-TWO NEW HOMES BUILT

Out of 29 building permits issued in South Norwich in the past year, 22 licenced the construction of new residential dwellings.

Six new homes were built in the village of Otterville. Springford was expanded by five. Another was built at Rock's Mills with the remainder of the new dwellings scattered throughout the township. As well, construction of an addition

to an already existing home was permitted.

The remaining six permits were issued to allow construction of four new garages, a kennel and a barn.

The 29 constructions are estimated to increase the township's real value by some \$371,000. During

the previous year, about \$255,000 worth of building was completed.

Unlike most surrounding municipalities, South Norwich does not require issuance of building permits for agricultural buildings if construction is located 250 feet or more back from the road.



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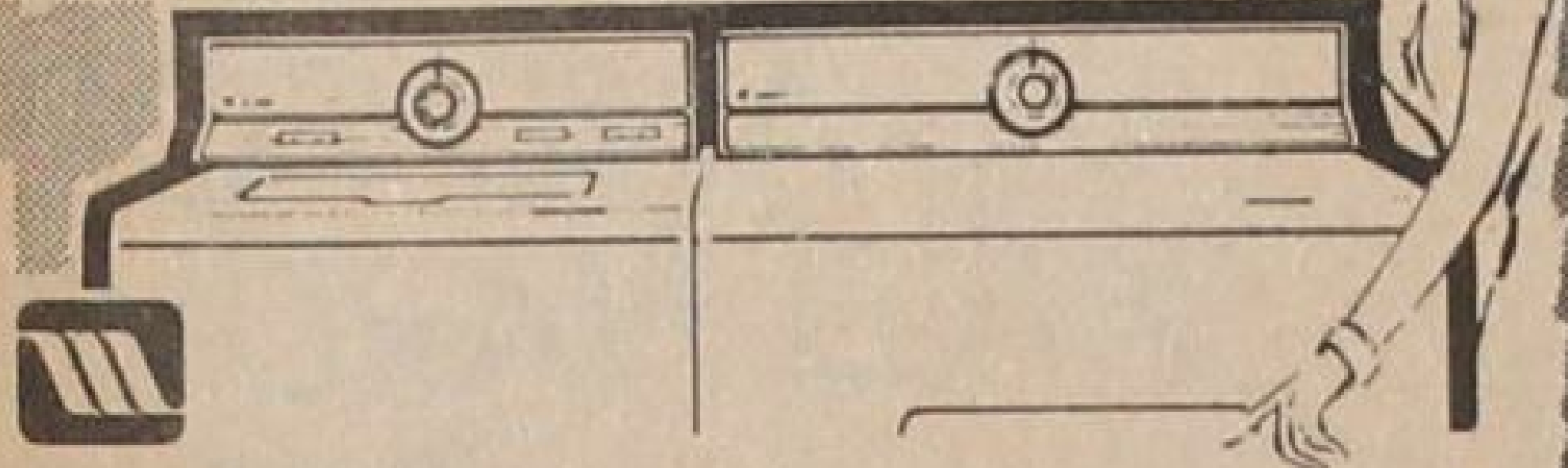


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South Norwich Roads

Budget \$94,000 In '69

South Norwich's roads department budget was set at \$94,000 in 1969. For the second consecutive year, costs of operating the department and maintaining the township's 85.6 miles of road remained the same.

Early in 1969, finishing touches were added to the department's new shed. Tenders for construction were let in the latter part of 1968 and building was begun. Cost of the shed was approximately \$35,000. The department's new home is located in Otterville.

Some \$11,500 was spent purchasing a new four-wheel drive front-end loader for the department's use.

As well, the department set up a two and one quarter mile section of township roads in 1969. Section is located between Lots 10 and 14 on the 10th Concession of South Norwich. The road runs along south of Otterville.

Day Of Prayer Services Held

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Cyril Leach of the Otterville United Church was guest speaker at the World's Day Of Prayer service held in the Baptist Church. Mrs. Leach's address was entitled "Take Courage."

Mrs. Charter Davis of the host church presided over other leaders from the United and Anglican churches were Mrs. Edward White, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Mrs. Bert Hill, and Mrs. Earl Petch.

Mrs. J. F. Walther was soloist for the service.

Readers were Miss Edna Furlong and Mrs. Delmer Clinton.

Mrs. Paul Hill and Mrs. Murray Treffry were the ushers. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

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Cornell Once Busy Centre

By LUCILLE DEBUS

CORNELL (C) - In the year 1807, amid the great forests of pine and hardwood, the first settlement was made.

Between 1850 and 1860 in and around Cornell there were no less than 20 steam and 14 water mills sawing out the fine lumber.

About 1855 John and Samuel Cornell settled here - John on the Arthur Pearce and Samuel on the Ira Pearce farms. These were later marked out into village lots under the name of Cornell.

These two brothers built a large store, a warehouse and a pork factory on the south east corner of the Arthur Pearce farm.

For many years Cornell was the centre for the grain and egg and pork market for miles around. Wagons were sent by the Cornell's to gather eggs as far as St. Thomas and as far east as Port Dover. Wagon trains to Woodstock and Brantford were a common sight.

The population of Cornell grew and a blacksmith shop and a carriage shop were set up. Cornell rail-

road station stood for many years on the farm now owned by Jesse Gray.

Cornell was a bustling place which stretched for 2 1/2 miles along the Canada Southern Railroad, including two hotels, a school and two churches.

Misfortune overtook the busy village, the store which was the bank was robbed, the warehouse and pork factory were destroyed by fire and as most of the timber had been cut, the saw mills moved on. Cornell gradually turned back to agriculture.

In about 1949 the old school house was bought as a Community Hall. It is used for the many social activities of our small community. This district is now composed of dairy and tobacco farms.

At the present time Cornell has approximately 20 farms and 10 residential homes. Time has a way of changing everything. History is being made every day.

OTTERVILLE FEED MILL

LORNE TREFFRY

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South Norwich Township Council members: Front, William Martin, deputy-reeve; Stanley Gehring, reeve; Merling Howse, clerk-treasurer; back, Joseph Murphy, councillor; Elmer Almost, road superintendent; Roger Monsere and George Davis, councillors.

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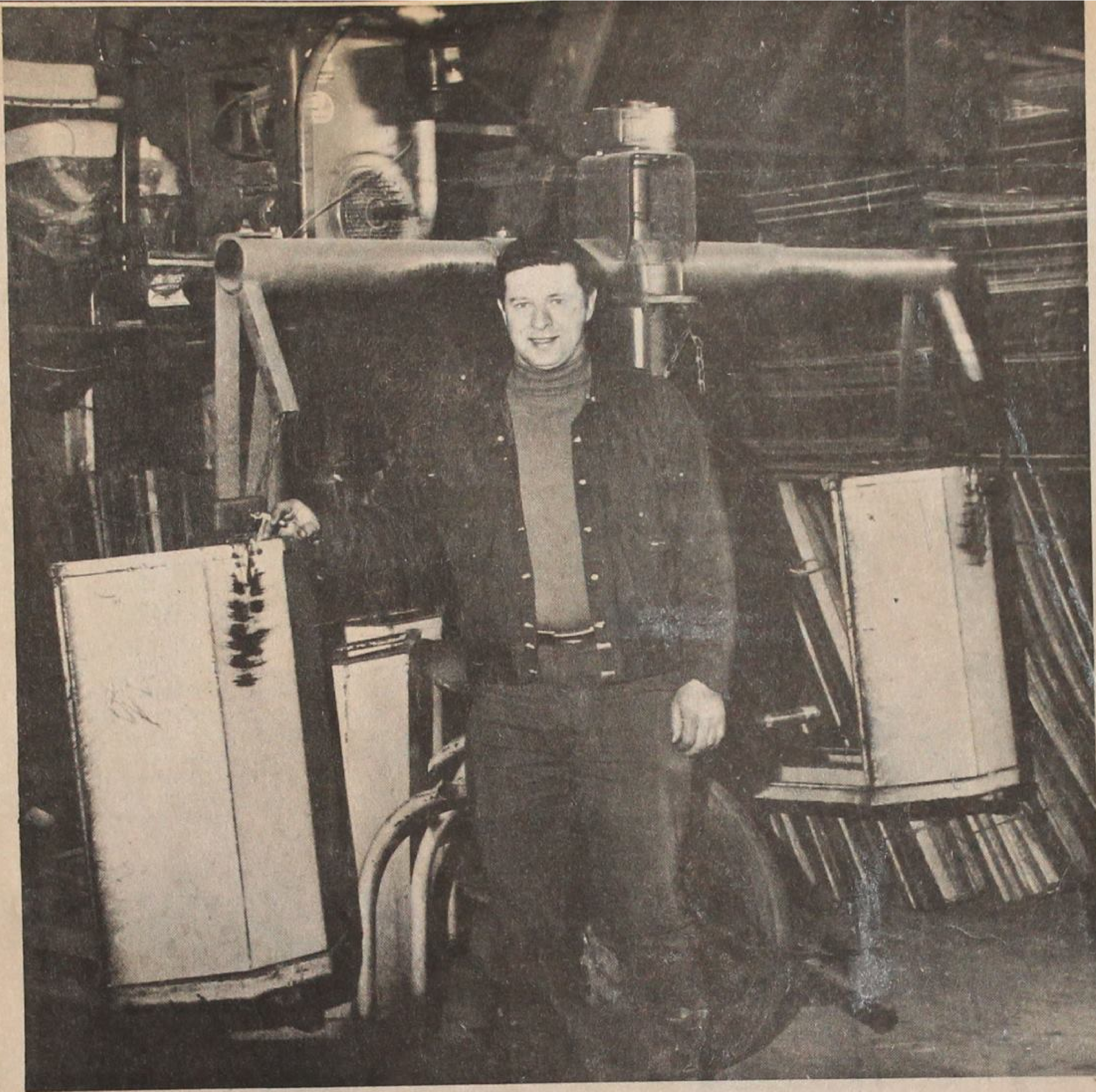
The high school students presented the operetta "The Saucy Hollandise," and the performances were well attended. The costuming was very colorful and there were several folk dances which played no small part in the entertainment.

The Mayo rink was in operation for several nights, with good ice for skating, and it is quite possible that ice may be available for this pastime during Easter vacation period. This has been an exceptionally good season for open air rinks.

Spring was ushered in with one

of the worst blizzards of the winter season.

The Otterville Community Hall was filled and all enjoyed a very successful show, the feature being "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man," with Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy.



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South Norwich Reeve Stan Gehring

By Frank Rubie

Stanley R. Gehring, 1970 warden of Oxford County, is not a politician who owns a farm.

Nor would it be quite correct to say he is a farmer turned politician. More accurate would be the statement that he is a successful farmer who is deeply interested in public affairs at the municipal and county level, and actively engaged in council work for the past 14 years.

Asked about his council career, Mr. Gehring said, "I guess, in the beginning,

you might say I sort of got sucked into it." Urged to run by Henry Ash, he finally agreed to being nominated, then found himself unopposed and a councillor by acclamation.

That was in 1956, and he has never lost an election since.

When the township attained enough population to have a deputy-reeve in 1963, Stan was first man elected to the post, and served for three years. In 1966 he was elected reeve and has held the reeve's chair continuously since that time.

Born in Norfolk County, near Lynedoch, Stan spent the first seven years of his life there, when the family moved to South Norwich. The farm where he grew up is about a mile south of his present holdings, and is now owned by his brother, Irvin.

Stan and his wife, Muriel, have a son, Gordon, who is married and has five children, and a daughter, Marilyn Drew, of Grimsby.

Gordon will take over the 105-acre home farm this spring, together with

a leased farm across the road, as Stan plans to retire from active farming. Tobacco is the predominant crop, with 74 acres of rights on the two farms.

As well as his council duties, Stan has been an active representative on the Otter Creek Conservation Authority since its inception and still represents the township.

Speaking of the proposed amalgamation of Big Creek and Otter Creek Authorities, he declared himself generally in favor of the move, "but I would want



WARDEN STAN GEHRING AIRS HIS VIEWS

Is Oxfords 1970 Warden

to see the mechanics of it clearly laid out before we commit ourselves."

Administration costs and benefit costs in conservation work should be supported by separate levies, he said, to obtain a true picture of efficiency.

Much-discussed project of the Otter Creek Authority, the lower Tillsonburg dam, he dismissed with, "It is going to be so costly that we will never be able to afford it."

Commenting on the four payments per year demanded by county school boards on their education levies, the warden said the result of this is transference of interest cost on bank borrowing from the board to the municipalities.

"The result is, that the true cost of education is not shown," he said, "They know that they have gone overboard on education costs, and they want to make the picture look as good as they can."

Asked about the study on amalgamation of Tillsonburg and Dereham, Mr. Gehring could see little benefit for either municipality.

"I have no doubt that when regional government comes, you will find that Tillsonburg can be a viable unit on its own," he said. "The minister has indicated that the matter of representation can be very flexible."

"The town should and must acquire more property, and this can likely be done by an amicable agreement. But Dereham has nothing to gain by assuming urban problems, and in the same light, Tillsonburg will find its position not bettered by taking on a lot of rural headaches."

"I think both would make a great mistake if they enter into this amalgamation without both parties holding a vote of the people."

During the talk with Stan, the phone rang a couple of times, both calls asking him to attend meetings. He noted the dates on his well-filled calendar which hung in a handy spot above the phone. March and April were pretty well taken up, with as many as four meetings for some days.

"I figure that in this year as warden I'll average over a meeting a day," he remarked.

Quizzed about future plans, Stan was indefinite. "Maybe I'll run for school board," he winked, "but really I hope not. Anyway, I don't think they would like some of the conditions I would demand."

Whatever the next step, his associates are going to find a hard worker, a tough opponent and a considerable debater.

And they'll find he doesn't pull any punches.



Do all great artists have to work this hard? Perhaps not, but this little kindergarten pupil at Otterville public school has to stretch a long way to create her masterpiece.

Science Centre Trip For Otterville

Pupils

Most Southern Ontario schools do not have a course in snow-shoeing. But some of the Otterville public school pupils learned the basics of the art one afternoon this winter.

This was all part of a one-day course in outdoor education. The instructor was Bessel Vandenhazel, the head of outdoor education in the county. The studies included taking elevations, measuring the temperatures of ice and snow, finding animal tracks and studying lichens. The group also had a cook-out, and, of course, snowshoed.

The principal of Otter-

ville school, Boyd Little, likes the outdoor education plan. He feels that it breaks the monotony for pupils. He also thinks that, if they have proper guidance, pupils will discover much about the outdoors that they miss on their own.

Leslie Ferris, the teacher who was most involved with the outdoor education, said that the program was good. It forced the child to go and find something by himself and he was not spoon-fed, as sometimes happens in the classroom.

Mr. Ferris listed some other positive factors for the outdoor plan. He said

that there are some pupils who have never been in the woods before, and the trip was one of discovery for them.

He also said that the pupils worked in teams of six, and the day induced cooperation among them.

Otterville school has 322 pupils presently enrolled. There are ten classrooms and ten teachers, along with a part-time principal supply, and music teacher. Along with the outdoor education, which the school hopes to continue, there have been other field trips made this year. The kindergarten class has trav-

elled the most of anyone.

They have gone to the local fire hall, to an orchard, and to a private home to see a collection of Christmas plants.

The grade six class visited the South Norwich museum. And in June there are plans to take the 65 grade seven and eight pupils to the Science Centre in Toronto.

One very imaginative treatment of a subject occurred in the grade five class. They were studying China, and to make the subject a little more real, the class had a Chinese dinner, complete with chopsticks.

Whether the Otterville pupils are snowshoeing, or eating Egg Foo Yung, they are enjoying their education.

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Drama is becoming more and more important in schools all the time. These pupils at Otterville are acting out a story that they had taken in reading earlier that day. This approach to learning not only teaches facts, but helps to conquer the social problem of shyness, too.



Now, let's see. Do I want an orange sky, or a pink one? This Otterville kindergarten pupil is faced with yet another of life's great decisions.

Outdoor Activities Too For Springford Pupils

Going to school at Springford public school does not necessarily mean staying in a classroom all day. The school carries on several outside activities.

During the cold months, all the pupils from grade three up go skating. This is a regular part of their program, and is carried on every Monday morning. The school uses Tillsonburg arena for this feature of their program.

Soon this part of the curriculum will be replaced by swimming classes. These classes involve the pupils in grades four and five. On Tuesday afternoons the pupils will go to the Woodstock YMCA for instructions in swimming.

The principal of the school, Don Neale, feels that the school has an excellent program for its size. There are only 191 pupils in the school, along with six full-time teachers.

Along with the skating and swimming trips, many of the pupils have made field trips during the year. In one of these, about 100 pupils, along with several parents and teachers, visited the Bethel School. The "school" is really a science centre, and the pupils studied various topics during their visit.

There are plans for a trip to a conservation area some time in April, also.

A choir has just been formed in the school. This is an annual event for open house at the school. The choir is being directed by Mrs. June Wallace, and Miss Ruby Fishback. About 40 pupils are taking part.

The school makes complete use of all of its facilities. The halls are often converted into an impromptu theatre for the showing of educational films. The basement is used for athletics.

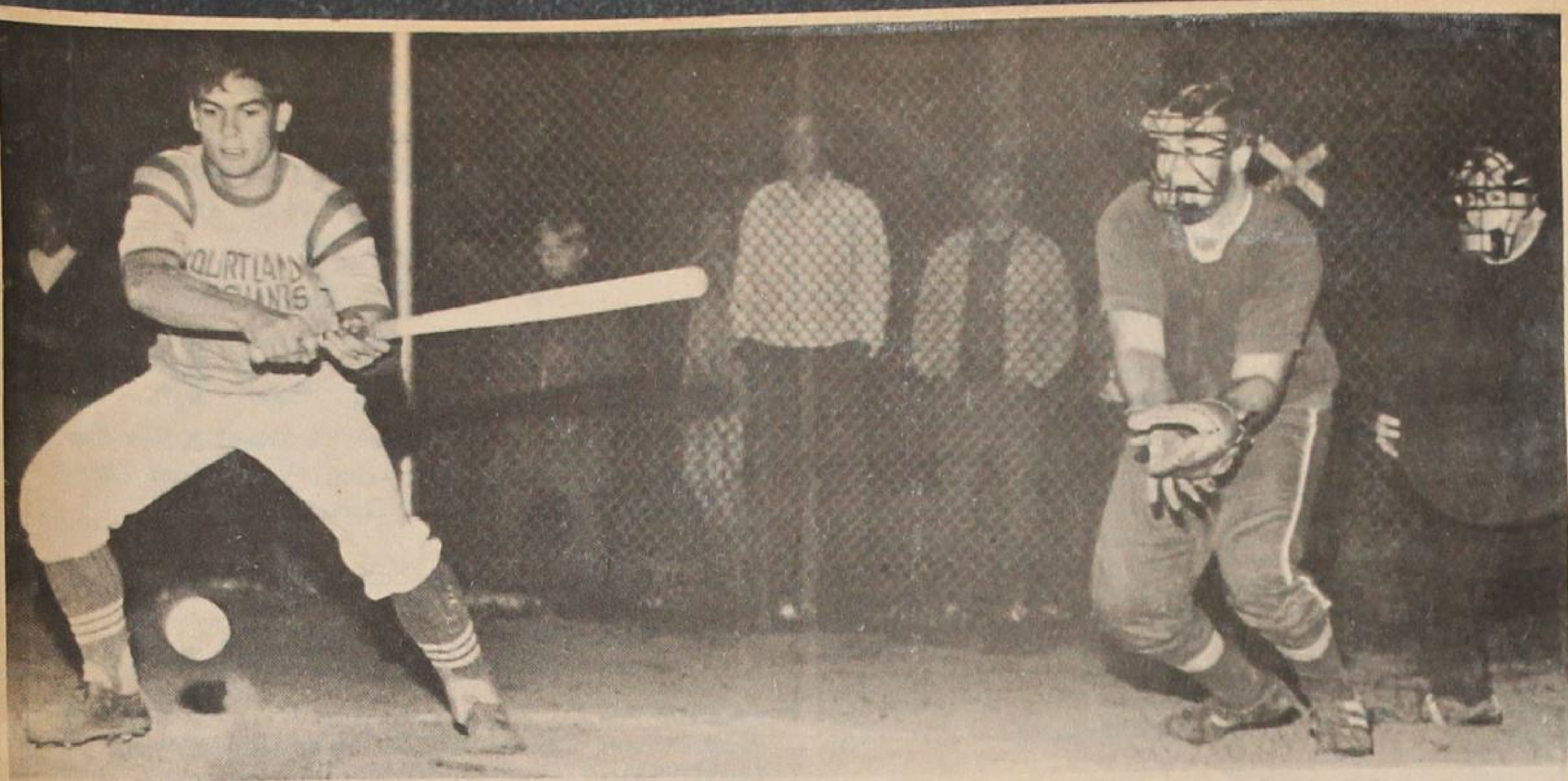
A well organized athletic program is carried on in the school. Pushball, floor hockey, and the whole spectrum of outdoor sports are in existence at the school. Merit in sports is recognized, for the champions are presented with athletic bars.

Mr. Neale is doing his best to insure that the education in Springford does not become boring, but he does realize the serious-

ness of his job. This is reflected in his attitudes towards group work. He feels that it does have merits, but that many pupils are not ready for it. Some become very carried away, he said, and they accomplish nothing. After all, he added, is not the basic function of education to teach pupils to accept responsibility?



Miss Ruby Fishback's grade one class at Springford is usually very interested in the stories that she reads to them. However, when there is a photographer in the room, the attention of even the best of them sometimes strays to the camera.



The new Springford recreation area was put to good use last season, among the teams fielded by the community was a strong contender in the Bi-County Softball League.



Rock's Mill dam, a favorite fishing spot for boys for many generations.

MARCH 25, 1970

Otterville bank robbed police seek two men

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — Two armed men robbed the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank of Canada just before noon Wednesday.

OPP Inspector L. G. Lyle of the criminal investigation branch, Toronto, said no violence was used on the three bank employees.

The amount of the money taken is expected to be determined this morning, Inspector Lyle said.

He said the robbers were carrying "short arms (handguns)." They wore no masks.

Bank manager, A. E. Montag said the three employees were told to lie down and they wouldn't get hurt.

The money, he said was one teller's cash, which is usually a little more than \$1,000.

The bank accountant, Mrs. W. E. Butler, in the bank with a teller and a machine operator, Mrs. Grace McEwen and Miss Helen Collver, sounded the alarm.

The manager, a Hanover native who moved to the branch Feb. 16 from Fort Erie, was away on business at the time. Another employee, Mrs. A. M. Furlong, was on her lunch hour.

Roadblocks set up by police in the area were still being manned during the evening.

Earl King, who lives across from the bank, said his wife, Florence, saw a white car with a black roof facing east

on the wrong side of the road in front of the bank. He said his wife saw the car pull away as the bank alarm sounded.

Several children also reported seeing a white car with a black roof.

Frank Finch, operator of the C. L. Finch and Son appliance and hardware store, said he called provincial police when the bank alarm rang in his store, across William Street.

He said he was talking to a salesman at the time and hadn't noticed anything unusual.

The same bank was robbed on Sept. 18, 1964, of \$5,942 by a man who held six persons at pistol-point. The man gave himself up to police 45 hours after the robbery.



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An undetermined amount of money, believed to be more than \$1,000, was taken in a robbery Wednesday at the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank by two gunmen. Officers of Tillsonburg detachment of the provincial police were assisted by officers from London and Toronto in the investigation.

ARMED MEN ROB OTTERTVILLE BANK

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OTTERTVILLE BANK ROBBED AGAIN



TWO ARMED men held up the Otterville branch of the bank made off with an undetermined amount of money shortly before noon yesterday. The robbery is being investigated

by the Tillsonburg detachment of the OPP and officers from London and Toronto. Roadblocks were set up by police in the area and were in operation through the evening.

Police reported that no violence was used on the three employees in the bank at the time of the hold-up. The men wore no masks.

OTTERTVILLE — Two or three men armed with revolvers robbed the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank at approximately 11:30 a.m. today.

The robbery is being investigated by the Tillsonburg detachment of the OPP. Const. Henry Harley and Corporal E. F. Martin are investigating the incident.

Police at the scene reported it had been undetermined if the men were masked. The amount of money taken if any has not been established.

Five people are employed at the bank, the bank manager and four women. Manager Alan Montag, who has been employed at the bank for approximately one month, was not in the bank at the time of the hold-up.

One senior employee, Mrs. William Butler, has been through four hold-ups in the last 24 years. She has been a bank employee for 27 years.

Mrs. Butler recalled the first robbery back in 1946 when three men entered the bank and another stayed in a car outside. At that time, the manager rushed from the office with his gun and the would-be robbers fled without money.

Mrs. Butler said the second robbery occurred in 1955 or 1956. She said she was not sure of the date or of how much money was taken at the time.

The third hold-up took place Sept. 18, 1964 when an armed man made off with an undetermined amount of money. The man was later sentenced to 12 years in penitentiary.

Armed Bandits Hit Otterville Bank

by Don MacTavish

Details surrounding the daring, daylight robbery of the Royal Bank of Canada branch at Otterville Wednesday still remain sketchy.

Police and bank officials were unwilling to release any information on the amount stolen this morning.

The armed bandits are believed to have enriched their personal fortunes by some \$5,400, however.

Until shortly before lunch, Otterville had been enjoying a quiet, spring-like morning. Only a few shoppers and children off from school for winter vacation were on the Main Street. The quiet was short-lived.

Two of the children, Perry Miller, 12, and Rick Brown, 10, both of Otterville, decided they were a little short of pocket money. That morning, they had gone "out hunting pop bottles." Around 11:30 a.m., they headed home for lunch.

Meanwhile, another pair, so far unidentified, also decided they wanted to pick up a little money, but their approach was far less orthodox.

About 11:40 a.m., they walked quietly into the Royal Bank of Canada at the intersection of Main Street and Clover Street. Each pulled a pistol.

Mrs. Grace McEwen, the only teller on duty at the time of the hold-up, reported, "one jumped over the counter, told me to open my till and then told all of us to lie on the floor."

Mrs. McEwen, machine operator Miss Helen Colver and accountant Mrs. Wilma Butler each obeyed the bandits' instructions. All three women are from Otterville and were the only persons in the bank during the robbery. A second teller, Mrs. A.M. Furlong, was out to lunch.

The two bank robbers were said to be very "business-like about it all," scooping up the money from one teller's cash. There is usually little more than \$1,000 under a teller's care at one time.

Two two used no violence while completing their business with the bank.

Though the bandits were unmasked, none of the bank employees felt they "saw them very well. It's pretty hard when your lying on the floor at a time like that," Mrs. McEwen said. Nor did any of them see the two leave.

As the two young bottle hunters made their way up past the Otterville Butcher Shop down the street from the bank, the two bandits emerged. Perry Miller claimed he saw the two, both dressed in dark clothing, leaving the bank. He said they got into a white car with a black top parked facing the wrong way immediately in front of the two-storey bank building. The boy reported a third person behind the wheel. The car headed east out of Otterville shortly after the two men emerged from the bank.

Another boy, Roy King who lives across the street from the bank said he saw the same, "white car with a black top and the motor was running." Both young Roy and his mother, Mrs. Earl King, said a man was sitting in the driver's seat. They had noticed the vehicle moments before the robbery and said the car drove off slowly, heading toward Highway 59 about one mile east of the village. Mrs. King said she did not see anyone leaving the bank.

Within moments of their getaway, Mrs. Butler sounded the bank's burglar alarm. The warning system is connected to the C.L. Finch and Son's General Store across the street. Proprietor Frank Finch called the Tillsonburg detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. He had seen nothing of the robbery, however.

Within minutes, OPP officers had set up road blocks on all main roads leading out of the South Norwich township village. Shortly after, officers were stopping traffic in much of the surrounding area. One road block was set up as far away as Dorchester. They were still being manned Wednesday night.

Shortly after 12 o'clock, Bank Manager Alphonse Montag returned home. He had spent his morning visiting clients. His wife greeted him as he got out of his car with, "Honey, the bank has been robbed!" He immediately rushed inside the bank building.

A native of Hanover, Mr. Montag was recently transferred from Fort Erie to take over as manager of the Otterville branch. He came to the village February 16 of this year.

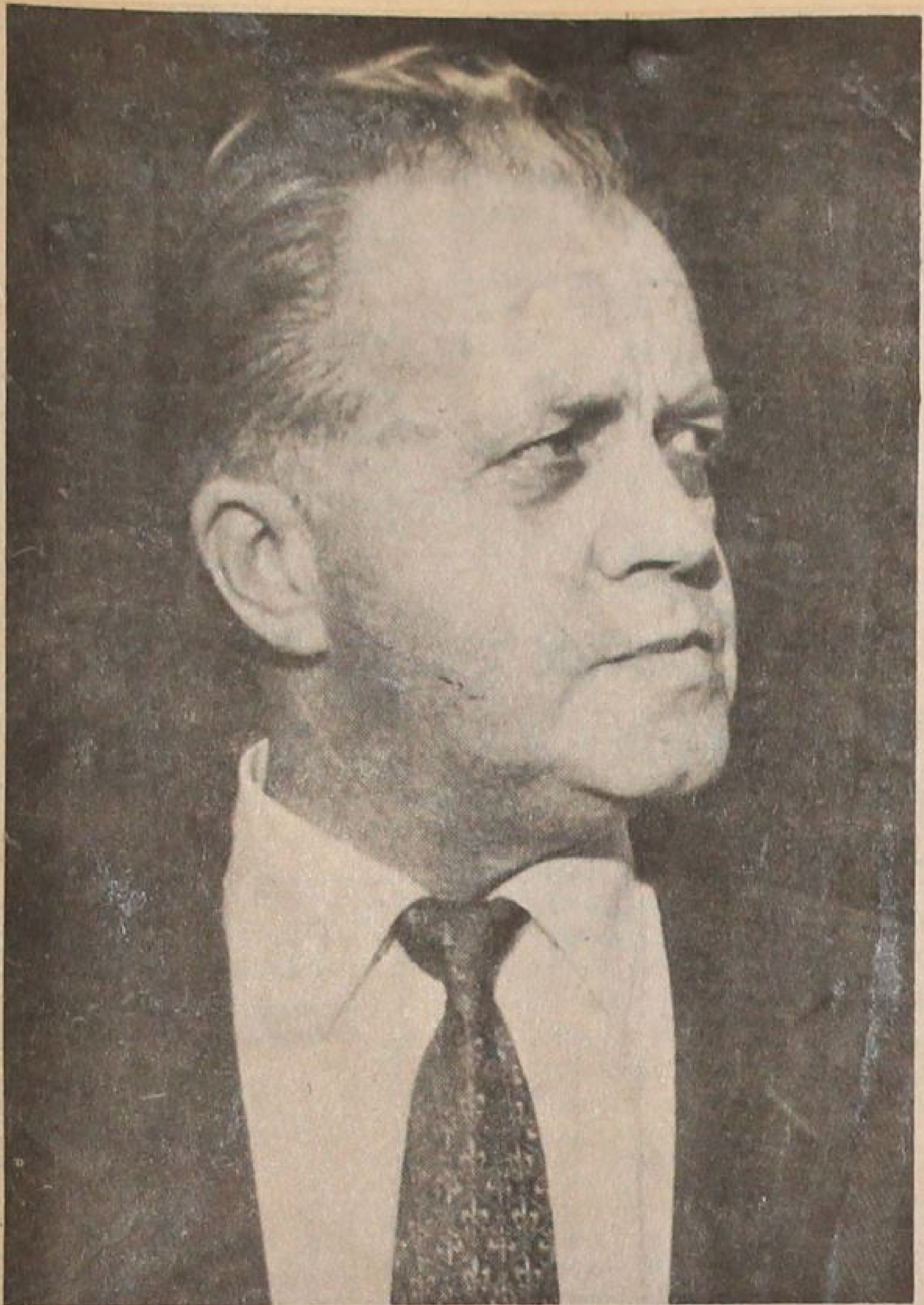
OPP Inspector L.G. Lyle of the criminal investigation branch based in Toronto arrived at the scene about an hour later. He is heading up the investigation. He was later joined by Detective Sergeant Dennis Alsop of London OPP. Together with Tillsonburg OPP and identification squad officers, they spent the afternoon interviewing the manager and bank personnel in the building at the time of the robbery. Witnesses outside were also taken into the bank and questioned.

Meanwhile, newsmen waited near the front steps of the bank for as much as six hours awaiting word from the officers inside. Periodically, customers unaware that anything had happened would appear only to be told, "the bank is closed for the day. There's been a robbery."

Finally, around 5:30 p.m., Inspector Lyle came outside and said only that an undetermined amount of money had been stolen by two armed men shortly before lunch.

"That's basically all I can tell you," he said.

He added that, at the moment, they were waiting for an auditors' report to be completed before they would actually know how much had been taken.



For the sixth time in the last 30 years, the Royal Bank of Canada branch at Otterville was robbed shortly before noon Wednesday. About 11:40 a.m., two armed bandits entered the bank and moments later fled with what was believed to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000. There were three employees in the bank at the time and OPP Inspector L. G. Lyle of Toronto, left, who is heading up the investigation, said "no violence" had been involved. Throughout the afternoon, police questioned the employees and Bank Manager Alphonse Montag inside the bank building on Otterville's Main Street. Several persons, including children, who were in the vicinity at the time of the hold-up were also taken into the bank and questioned.



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The Otterville branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, robbed Wednesday by two unmasked gunmen, has been robbed six times during the past 30 years. The last attempt was in 1964 when a lone gunman made off with \$5,942. He surrendered to police two days later. (News-Record Photo)



Manager of the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, A. E. Montag, center, tells Nick and Elizabeth Tark, of R.R. 3, Delhi, that the bank is not open for business because of a large withdrawal by two gunmen. The robbery occurred last Wednesday morning. (News-Record Photo) MARCH 25-1970.

MARCH 25/70

Unmasked Gunmen Escape With \$5,000 At Otterville Bank

OTTERVILLE (Staff) — Two unmasked men robbed a branch of The Royal Bank of Canada here Wednesday escaping with slightly more than \$5,000. Bank manager Alphonse Montag said today an exact amount of the theft was not known as yet.

Carrying "short arms" (hand guns), the two men entered the bank at 11.40 a.m. and reportedly told the employees to lie down.

Three women employees, Mrs. W. E. Butler accountant, Mrs. Grace McEwen and Miss Helen Collver were in the bank at the time.

Mr. Montag, taking over the manager's position only recently, on Feb. 16 was away on business. Mr. Montag, a native of Hanover, moved to the Otterville branch from Fort Erie.

The alarm was sounded in the nearby C. L. Finch and Son Appliance Store and Mr. Finch called provincial police. Roadblocks set up immediately by police, had failed to turn up any suspects by this morning.

Spot Car

At least one resident and several children told police they saw a white car with a black roof

parked on the street facing east. It apparently pulled away as the bank alarm system went off.

Det-Sgt. Denis Alsop, on the scene soon after the police were notified, was still working with several other officers and the identification squad late yesterday afternoon at the bank branch. Inspector L. G. Lyle arrived later from the criminal investigation branch of the OPP in Toronto.

Police said there was no violence reported at any time during the holdup. Most of the money

was taken from a teller's drawer in the bank.

Six Robberies

The Otterville branch has been the scene of six robberies during the past 30 years. The most recent was in 1964 when a single gunman held six people at pistol-point and relieved the bank of \$5,942. The escape was short-lived. He gave himself up to police less than two days later.

The search for the bank-robbers continues today with the cooperation of the Tillsonburg and Simcoe OPP detachments as well as Delhi, Norwich and Tillsonburg town police departments. Roadblocks were disbanded early this morning as the police put on extra patrols in search of the suspects and getaway car.



Police officers and plainclothes detectives swarmed over the Otterville area in search of two bank robbers who escaped with about \$5,000 from a branch of the Royal Bank there yesterday. Two officers above leave the bank during the afternoon investigation. (Staff

Bank Robbers Still at Large

OTTERVILLE — Police today are still searching for two armed men who walked into the Royal Bank of Canada branch here Wednesday, obtained an undetermined amount of money from three tellers, and disappeared.

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"That's basically all I can tell you now," said OPP Inspector L. G. Lyle, Toronto, who is conducting the investigation. Inspector Lyle arrived at the bank about an hour after the hold-up, which occurred at about 11:40 a.m., and spent the entire afternoon interviewing the three tellers and bank manager Alphonse Montag.

The inspector said the tellers, all women, were the only persons in the bank during the robbery. The manager was away on business and returned shortly after.

Inspector Lyle said there was "no violence" involved.

He said reports that the bandits' car was seen parked in front of the bank are being investigated. "There was a car observed, but I really don't know if it was connected with the robbery," he said.

Mrs. Grace McEwen, the only teller on duty at the time, said the two men walked quietly into the building, each pulled a pistol, "then one jumped

over the counter, told me to open my till and told us all to lie on the floor."

Mrs. McEwen, machine operator Miss Helen Coulver and accountant Mrs. Wilma Butler, all of Otterville, were the only persons in the bank when it was robbed. Bank Manager Alphonse Montag was out calling on a client and another teller, Mrs. A. M. Furlong was out to lunch.

Mrs. McEwen said money was taken from her till only. Mr. Montag said the money in one teller's cash is usually a little more than \$1,000.

Mrs. McEwen said the robbers were very "business-like about it all." No violence was used, she said.

"None of us saw them very well. It's pretty hard when you're lying on the floor at a time like that," she said.

None of the three employees saw the men leave.

The bank is in an old, two-storey, red brick building on the village's Main Street.

Earl King, who lives across from the bank, said his wife saw a white car with a black top parked in front of the bank shortly before the robbery. The car's motor was running and a man was sitting in the driver's seat. Mrs. King later saw the car drive away slowly, towards Highway 59,

one mile to the east. Mrs. King didn't see anyone come out of the bank.

The bank's burglar alarm is wired so that it rings in a store across the street. Store owner Frank Finch called provincial police when the alarm sounded. He saw nothing of the robbery.

The Simcoe OPP detachment recovered a white car with a black top in LaSalette Wednesday night. The car was stolen from Simcoe Tuesday. However, the car has not been linked with the robbery, a constable said.

Mr. Montag said bank auditors from Toronto were still trying today to determine how much money was taken.

The bank has been robbed six times within the last 30 years, he said, the last time was in 1964.

Mrs. Butler was also present during that robbery.

It was Mrs. Butler who set off the bank's alarm Wednesday after the two men left. The alarm is wired so that it rings in a store across the street. Store owner Frank Finch called provincial police when the alarm sounded.

Police maintained roadblocks around the Otterville area throughout Wednesday. Some, with shotguns, could be seen flagging down cars coming from Otterville down Highways 59 and 3.

Charged With Robbery

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By Chris Thomas
OTTERVILLE - A former Delhi resident has been arrested in connection with the March 25th hold-up of the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, of Hamilton, was taken in custody and charged with armed robbery last Thursday, in Hamilton.

According to Inspector L. G. Lyle of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Ontario Provincial Police, authorities are "still endeavoring to ascertain the identity of the second man involved in the robbery."

An amount of money has been recovered, but police and bank officials refuse to divulge either the amount of money recovered or the amount taken by the robbers.

The hold-up occurred at approximately 11:40 a.m. last Wednesday, when two men, armed with hand guns, entered the bank and made off with an undisclosed amount of money.

Three women employees, Mrs. W. E. Butler, Mrs. Grace McEwen and Miss Helen Collver, were in the bank at the time. They were not harmed.

The alarm was sounded in the nearby C. L. Finch and Son Appliance Store and Mr. Finch alerted police. Roadblocks were immediately set up in the area, but failed to net the gunmen.

Bank manager A. E. Montag was not in the bank at the time of the robbery. Mr. Montag had just recently assumed his post in Otterville.

Several village children were questioned by police when it was learned that they may have spotted the vehicle used by robbers.

Mrs. Florence King who lives across the street from the bank, apparently also saw the robbers' car. She identified it as being a white car with a black roof. The car was facing east and apparently pulled away as the bank alarm went off.

The Otterville branch has been the target of six robberies during the past 30 years. The most recent was in 1964 when a single gunman held six people at pistol-point and escaped with \$5,942. The man surrendered to police two days later.

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Hamilton man charged with Otterville holdup

March 28/70

TILLSONBURG — The Ontario Provincial Police Tuesday announced the arrest five days ago of a Hamilton man who has been charged with armed robbery in connection with an Otterville bank robbery March 25.

"That's my end of the job. Everything has been taken care of."

Under law, a person charged must be brought before a judge or a justice of the peace "within a reasonable time", usually 24 hours.

Kociuk is being held in Hamilton's Wentworth County Jail.

Hamilton police said they have recovered some of the money taken from the bank during the holdup. The amount was not released.

Inspector L. G. Lyle of the OPP's Criminal Investigation Branch, Toronto, in a press conference statement here Tuesday, said Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, of Hamilton, was arrested in Hamilton and charged the day after the bank holdup.

Second suspect arraigned in Otterville bank holdup

April 2/70

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Robert James McKnight, 33, of Hamilton, a second man charged in the March 25 bank robbery in Otterville, Thursday was

remanded in custody until April 9.

McKnight said in provincial judge's court he is making arrangements to obtain a lawyer. Judge R. G. Groom said his lawyer could make an approach about obtaining bail.

McKnight was arrested Wednesday in the bathroom of a Hamilton apartment.

Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, also of no fixed address, appeared in Hamilton court Wednesday in connection with the same incident following his arrest by Hamilton police last week.

Kociuk, facing two separate counts of armed robbery in the Hamilton area, was ordered to await disposal of these charges before being taken to Woodstock court

where he is to appear on the Otterville bank robbery charge.

Kociuk is charged with robbing the Mount Hope branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce just outside Hamilton, Dec. 16, and robbing a Brewers' Retail Store in Hamilton, Jan. 22.

The Otterville charges came after two heavily-disguised persons, one wearing a woman's fur hat, entered the bank waving pistols. The thugs scooped up the cash and fled in a car reported stolen the day before the holdup.

Police said some of the \$5,359 taken in the robbery has been recovered.

Three women tellers alone in the bank were unharmed in the incident.

Insp. Lyle gave no reason for withholding information regarding the suspect's arrest. He said he didn't want to go into details. He said they were still seeking a second suspect in the holdup.

When asked if the man charged had appeared before a judge or a justice of the peace the inspector replied:

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Second Suspect Charged with Bank Robbery

A second suspect has been picked up in connection with the hold-up of an Otterville bank branch last week.

Ontario Provincial Police at Tillsonburg said yesterday that a 33-year old man was arrested in Hamilton late Wednesday afternoon. Shortly after his 6 p.m. arrest, Robert James McKnight of Hamilton was charged with armed robbery of Otterville's Royal Bank of Canada a week before. He is presently incarcerated in Oxford County gaol at

Woodstock. He was expected to be arraigned in court at the county seat yesterday.

OPP Officer Hank Harley said police have held a warrant for McKnight's arrest since March 26, the day following the robbery. He was located in Hamilton following extensive investigation.

Police made their first arrest in connection with the robbery last Thursday. Robert Joseph Kociuk, also of Hamilton, was subsequently charged with armed robbery. He remains incarcerated in Wentworth County gaol.

The 28-year-old suspect is facing another set of charges in Hamilton. He will later be brought to Woodstock, appearing in court there to face arraignment on the armed robbery charge.

Shortly before lunch March 25, two armed men entered the two-storey bank building on Otterville's Main Street. Though police and bank officials are still withholding the actual amount taken the two are believed to have escaped with something in the neighbourhood of \$5,400.

A white 1966 Acadian with a black vinyl top, believed by police to have been used as get-away car was later found near La Salette by officers of the Simcoe detachment of the OPP. The car had been reported stolen around 7 p.m. the night before the bank robbery.

Inspector Lloyd G. Lyle of the criminal investigation branch in Toronto has been heading up the investigation.

Bank holdup suspect remanded

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Robert James McKnight, 34, charged in the March 25 Otterville bank robbery, was remanded in custody until June 11 by Judge R. G. Groom Thursday.

A total of \$5,359 was taken by a man who held up three female employees.

Judge Groom instructed Crown Attorney A. C. Whaley to arrange with McKnight's lawyer, Emil Lenko of Hamilton, to set a date for trial.

McKnight said he would like to have his trial held as soon as possible.

Crown Attorney Whaley said he was prepared for trial against McKnight, even though a co-accused has not been found.

Police have a warrant for the arrest of Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, of Hamilton, also charged in the robbery.

13 Crown witnesses testify about Otterville bank robbery

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Thirteen of the Crown's 26 witnesses testified Thursday during the trial of Robert James McKnight, 34, of Hamilton, charged with the March 25 armed robbery of \$5,359 from the Royal Bank of Canada at Otterville.

McKnight earlier pleaded not guilty to the charge and elected trial by provincial judge. A warrant remains outstanding for a second Hamilton man, Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, who is similarly charged.

Bank teller Mrs. Alma Furlong, questioned Thursday by McKnight's lawyer, said the serial numbers of 50 \$5 bills had been recorded by the bank before the robbery. She said she later identified 46 or 47 of the bills shown her with the same serial numbers by police.

The teller agreed with Hamilton lawyer Emil Lenko that such money is used as a form of trap for persons who rob banks. Tellers, she said, can keep the recorded money in different places.

The bank's accountant, Mrs. Wilma Butler told how two men entered the bank and one pointed a gun. She said she lay on the floor at the bandit's request and didn't see the money being taken although she heard the rattling of a paper bag.

One of the robbers, she said, was about five feet nine to 10 inches tall, about 160 pounds,

dark hair, high forehead and cheek bones with face scars and wearing dark clothing. The other, she said, wore dark glasses and what appeared to be a woman's fur hat covering the face.

After confronting Mrs. Butler, the armed man ordered part-time teller Mrs. Grace McEwan to unlock her cash drawer. Mrs. McEwan complied.

Other witnesses included two teen-agers who live opposite the Otterville bank — who testified they saw a white car with a black top parked in front of the bank the day of the robbery — and John Peter D'Hondt of Simcoe who testified his car, matching the teen-agers' description, was stolen in Simcoe the day before the robbery.

The trial continues today.

Robbery suspect identified by Otterville bank clerk

June 26/70

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Mrs. Grace McEwen, an Otterville Royal Bank clerk, pointed to Robert James McKnight, 34, of Hamilton, Friday, as one of two persons who robbed the bank branch March 25.

Testifying in provincial judge's court, the teller said she had picked him out of a police lineup and had selected a picture of a man whom she felt resembled one of the robbers.

Her testimony was given during the second day of a trial in which McKnight is charged with armed robbery.

Crown Attorney A. C. Whaley completed his case in questioning 27 witnesses before the trial was adjourned until July 3.

Witnesses said \$5,359 was taken by two men armed with handguns about 11:35 a.m. March 25.

Robert Kociuk, 28, of Burlington, also charged with the armed robbery, was apprehended Friday in a motel near Paris.

OPP Inspector L. G. Lyle of the criminal investigation branch, Toronto, said Kociuk was one of three to escape from jail in Hamilton by cutting cell bars the night of May 17-18.

OPP Det.-Sgt. Dennis Alsop of London, said two bank employees picked other men in lineups whom they thought took part in the robbery.

Mrs. McEwen said she was told by one of the robbers to open the cash drawer and to lay on the floor.

She said she didn't get down quick enough and was shoved. "I tried to turn my head once to get a better look at them, but the first man told us to keep our heads down and we wouldn't get hurt," she said.

One man referred to the other as George, she said. Mrs. McEwen said the sto-

len cash included 50 \$5 bills with their serial numbers registered in the bank; a 1937 series \$20 bill with the picture of King George VI; new \$1 and \$2 bills; and, she thought new \$10 bills.

Sgt. Ronald Bond of the Hamilton police department said no money was found in the Hamilton Forest Avenue apartment where McKnight was arrested April 1.

OPP Constable Henry Harley of Tillsonburg, investigating officer, said he found a German luger pistol under a chesterfield cushion in the apartment of George Street of Concession Street, Hamilton, where McKnight had slept.

He said, the gun was not registered in McKnight's name.

Mr. Street said he had received \$198 on March 26 which had been left on a table with a note signed "Bob." He said McKnight had stayed with him for two to three weeks without paying rent.

Mrs. Elizabeth Szczer of Delhi, 81, grandmother of Robert Kociuk, identified McKnight in the courtroom and in a police lineup as being the person with her grandson at her home March 24 and 25.

Lieut. James Campbell of the Hamilton police department criminal investigation bureau said he took \$1,319 from a canvas bag found in a station wagon, leased by Kociuk, and located outside a Hamilton car rental firm. While he was recovering the money, other officers arrested Kociuk inside the building.

He said the money included 44 \$5 bills, with serial numbers matching those taken from the Otterville bank.

Norwich robbery suspect convicted

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Robert James McKnight, 34, of Hamilton, was found guilty Thursday of the March 25 armed robbery of the Otterville Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Judge R. G. Groom reserved sentence until July 13.

Judge Groom said he had "no doubt whatsoever," that McKnight was one of two persons with handguns who walked into the bank shortly before noon and stole \$5,359.

Police said Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, of Burlington, also charged in the robbery, is in jail in Hamilton.

Judge Groom said Mrs. Grace McEwen, a bank teller, who picked McKnight out of a lineup, was in a good position to observe during the robbery and is an intelligent woman.

He said McKnight was with Kociuk in nearby Delhi at Kociuk's grandmother's within an hour after the robbery, where they changed their clothes and shaved.

A number of \$5 bills, of which the Otterville bank had recorded serial numbers, he said, was found in Kociuk's rented car when he was arrested in Hamilton.

Judge Groom said money left for McKnight's landlord in Hamilton included \$2 bills in sequence with the \$2 bills found in the rented car.

Twenty-seven witnesses were called by Crown Attorney A. C. Whaley.

No defence witnesses were called.

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Bank robbery judgment reserved to Thursday

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Judgment on an armed bank robbery charge against Robert James McKnight, 34, of Hamilton, was reserved Friday by Judge R. G. Groom until next Thursday.

McKnight pleaded not guilty to the March 25 armed robbery of the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Two men with handguns walked into the bank about 11:40 a.m. held up three women tellers and made off with \$5,359.

Defence lawyer Emil Lenko objected to use of evidence associating McKnight with Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, of Burlington, also named in the charge.

Mrs. Grace McEwen a teller at the bank, pointed out McKnight in the courtroom as one of two persons who robbed the bank.

Crown Attorney A. C. Whaley said 45 \$5 bills taken in the robbery were found in the back of a vehicle rented by Kociuk.

He said \$2 bills left for rent for McKnight's landlord had consecutive serial numbers to those found in Kociuk's possession.

Crown Attorney Whaley described as "significant" the

finding of a German Luger pistol under a chesterfield cushion in the apartment where McKnight was staying.

Delay sentencing in bank robbery

WOODSTOCK — Sentence of Robert James McKnight, 34, of Hamilton, found guilty July 9 of the March 25 robbery at the Royal Bank at Otterville, was reserved Monday by Judge R. G. Groom until July 21.

Judge Groom said, in finding the man guilty, he had "no doubt whatsoever" that he was one of two persons who walked into the bank shortly before noon and stole \$5,359.

McKnight was identified in a police lineup by a bank teller Mrs. Grace McEwen.

July 15/70

Found Guilty Of Otterville Bank Robbery

July 9 1970

Robert James McKnight, 34, of Hamilton was found guilty yesterday of the March 25 robbery of the Royal Bank of Canada branch at Otterville.

Sentence was reserved until July 13 by Judge R. G. Groom.

McKnight was one of two men charged with the robbery. Robert Joseph Kociuk, 28, of Burlington is in jail at Hamilton.

Two men with handguns robbed the bank branch of \$5,359.

Bank robber gets another 3 years

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — A 30-year-old Hamilton man, already serving 15 years in penitentiary for two earlier convictions of bank robbery and one of escaping custody, was sentenced to another three years consecutive Monday after pleading guilty to a March, 1970 bank robbery at Otterville.

Robert Joseph Kociuk, formerly of Delhi, elected to change his trial from judge and jury to judge only when a grand jury returned a "true bill" after finding there was sufficient evidence to have him stand trial.

It was one of four true bills returned on four criminal charges, the largest number before a general sessions of the peace in Oxford County in more than 70 years, according to Assistant crown Attorney Fred Porter.

Robert James McKnight, 33, of Hamilton, convicted in July

of last year of the Otterville robbery, had already been sentenced to seven years.

The court was told \$5,359 was taken in the robbery shortly before noon March 25. The money included bills whose serial numbers had been recorded.

Nov 15, 1971

SPRAY SEED IN GREENHOUSE

Every spring the ritual of sowing the greenhouse for another crop is repeated by each tobacco farmer. It is a routine that must be carried out with exacting patience because of the minute size of the seed.

Each farmer has his own idea of how to approach this task. Some begin by presoaking the seeds to various stages of germination. Others prefer to sow the seed dry. The latter way requires a longer wait until the tiny dots of green reassure the grower that he indeed has a new crop on the way.

Sprouted or dry, the tiny seeds must be mixed with an agent to permit the even distribution of about an ounce of seed over about 2400 square feet of bed. Here again individuals have different ideas. Many use water as an agent, but many others use corn meal. Some use fertilizer, wood ashes, or sand.

Miller Wood and his son, Richard, of R. R. 1, Stratfordville, have developed a system of seeding that uses water, an electric pump, and a modified greenhouse watering nozzle. They have sowed some 15 greenhouses in the district other than their own this spring.

They mix seed in the proportion of half an ounce in 40 gallons of water for a bed about 100 feet long. The amounts are varied to meet the size of the greenhouse and the grower's notion of how much seed to use per bed. The Woods figure that an ounce of seed on 2400 square feet

will be about right for 20 acres of tobacco.

While Miller Wood agitates the seed in the barrel, a necessary part of the procedure because the seed rapidly settles in water, Richard sprays the mixture over the beds. He covers each bed four times to ensure even dis-

tribution. The whole operation is carried out from the walkway. Other methods of drilling or broadcasting the seed require the sower to walk in the sterilized beds.

Another advantage of this method over the use of cornmeal is that water does not affect the bed, while

cornmeal will mould with the possibility of starting root rot.



On Saturday afternoon, April 4, Roy Stewart, R. R. 1, Eden, sowed his 2400 square foot greenhouse to begin the 1970 tobacco crop. He used an ounce of seed blended with about eight pounds of cornmeal. The mixture was prepared in two lots and applied to the beds by means of a small seed drill. The six-inch strip next to the walk is broadcast by hand. Following the drilling Mr. Stewart watered the beds for four minutes with the sprinkling system. The seeds were presoaked before sowing.

Mark 50th Anniversary Re-Enacting First Meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - With a glance at the past, through the re-enaction of the original meeting in 1919, to a dedication to the future, the Otterville Women's Institute celebrated their 50th anniversary on Friday, April 3, at Mil-Mar Manor, Tillsonburg. 1970

Former members and neighbouring Institute members were welcomed by the president, Mrs. M. L. Avey, and prior to the luncheon they reminisced over the activities and progress they have enjoyed through the years.

Mrs. John Ryder of Norwich, a charter member, was a source of information about the many services in the community.

Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Oxford County conference representative, spoke of the friendliness of north and south organizations.

Mrs. William A. McMullen read the greetings and regrets received from members unable to attend.

Mrs. George Shelton, Woodstock district president, brought congratulations from the district while Mr. S. Gehring, Reeve and Warden of Oxford, spoke of the appreciation of local government of the participation of Institutes in getting things done and being a voice to listen to in the community.

Mrs. W.L. Addison, an enthusiastic member, led a memorial service for former members and gave a much appreciative message on "Time." Mrs. Addison said "Time takes its tolls but it brings us rewards and we recall some of the fantastic achievements during the past fifty years. Let us take time to ponder over our gaining and giving-our losing and winning.

Giving service through the years, losing some of our nervousness through participation; and winning friends, many who are here today.

Some of the things which the Institute has done for us in the time that we have been members: It has made friends; it has provided us with a sociable time together with a lot

of fun at times; it has assisted in our adult education: it has given us an opportunity to do for others in a collective way and given aid which we could not have possibly done individually.

Then "Let us take time for all things, make us grow calm, serene and gentle."

So the hope is that each one of us can take time to work, think, play, read, worship, help and enjoy friends, time to love, dream, laugh and plan for a better tomorrow.

Thanks was expressed by Mrs. Irvin Gehring.

The original meeting was presided over by Mrs. Richard Brayley presenting her mother, Mrs. William Innis who was the first president.

Mrs. William G. McMullen read minutes from the original minute book, representing Mrs. Arthur McMullen, the first secretary.

The program followed that of the first meeting with a paper on chickens, and flowers by members taking their part of the original. All the ladies were appropriately dressed in old fashioned gowns and were entertained with a solo by Mrs. Jack Walther, representing Miss Alice Snyder.

Re-acting the first meeting were: Mrs. Richard Bayley; Mrs. William Innis; Mrs. William G. McMullen; Mrs. Arthur McMullen; Mrs. William A. McMullen, Mrs. Douglas Collver; Mrs. Ivan Leitch, Mrs. William Hanson; Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. Pennington; Mrs. M. L. Avey, Mrs. Ernest Addison; Mrs. Jack Walther, Miss Alice Snyder; Miss Vera Welsh, Mrs. I. Kennedy; Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Mrs. S. Honsberger; Mrs. Murray Treffry, Mrs. R. McDougall; and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. J. H. Huntley.

During World War One a group of women in and around Otterville did a lot of Red Cross work and called themselves the "Kitchener Club" (no doubt a tribute to Lord Kitchener, a famous war hero). After

the war was over this group was reluctant to disband, so they decided they would organize a Women's Institute branch.

District president, Miss Irene Wallace of Burgessville, and Miss Lena Anstice of Springford, who was then the district vice-president, met with the group in the Summerville Church on Thursday, April 3, 1919, and it was at that meeting that the present W.I. branch came into being.

There were 20 charter members at that meeting. Mrs. Austin Addison, Mrs. Ernest Addison, Mrs. Thomas Arthur, Miss Edna Hartley, Mrs. Sylvester Honsberger, Mrs. James Huntley, Mrs. Raymond Hussey, Mrs. William Innis, Mrs. I. Kennedy, Mrs. Albert Lawrence, Mrs. R. MacDougall, Mrs. A.G. McMullen, Mrs. E. Pennington, Mrs. John Ryder, Mrs. Albert Snyder, Mrs. Hirman Treffry, Mrs. D. A. Collver, Mrs. Charles Daiken, Mrs. George Hansel and Mrs. William Hanson.

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

The newly formed Institute got right down to business and they had papers on flower culture, hatching chickens, consolidated schools, women in pioneer life, salads, women trustees in the schools, and hot lunches in the schools. A little later, they had a sewing class, cooking class, and a nursery class. Debates contributed to a lively program, two of them being "Resolved that environment is a greater factor in human life than is heredity", and "Because of modern convenience in the home are we less ambitious than our grandmothers."

For many years there were large crowds and keen competition on the South Norwich Township school fairs held in Otterville park where the Women's Institute raised most of its money at that time.

Much of this money was returned in the form of prizes, especially in singing. The group also paid one third of the price of the school piano. In 1938 it was the Otterville Women's Institute that started the ball rolling to have the community hall remodelled and contributed \$50 which was the incentive to get the park board started. They also contributed chairs, dishes, and completely furnished the ladies' rest room.

Later they bought a piano for the downstairs room and when this was sold they bought a bond for \$100 which they still have in the bank bringing in interest each year.

Presidents who have served from 1919 to 1969 were: Mrs. William Innis, Mrs. H.G. Downing, Mrs. G.L. Williams, Mrs. W.L. Addison, Mrs. H.G. Downing (second term) Mrs. Dee Scott, Mrs. R. H. Kent, Mrs. John Fee, Mrs. Andrew Clinton, Mrs. Walther Nash, Dr. Lois Batson, Mrs. Fred Walther, Mrs. Claude Morrison, Mrs. Alex Slaght, Mrs. Everett Mountain, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Stanley Riches, Mrs. Will Kennedy, Mrs. G. M. Downing, Mrs. H. W. MacDougall, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. Bert Hill, Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. Ivan Leitch and Mrs. Avey serving her second term.

Secretary - treasurers, 1919 to 1969 have been - Mrs. A.G. McMullen, Mrs. Ernest Addison, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Paul Fish, Mrs. Alex Slaght, Mrs. Stanley Riches, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison (second term) Mrs. Stanley Davis, Mrs. Ivan Leitch, Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. William A. McMullen.

From the branch there have been two district presidents, Mrs. H. G. Downing and Mrs. W. L. Addison, who also served as district secretary-treasurer for six years.

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Second Friday in the month was chosen at the first meeting 50 years ago and that date has been kept and for the good of our home, our country, and ourselves, may it long continue to bring us together to share our talents, discuss our problems, learn something of interest, and enjoy companionship of the women of our community over a friendly cup of tea.

Following this the dedication to the future was made by six members each lighting a candle with a message pertaining to "The Spirit of Man is the Candle of the Lord. We light these candles to the hopes of the future."

Messages given were: Mrs. Jack Walther, To the restless searching youth, the hope of the country; Mrs. G. M. Downing, To the parents, teachers and preachers who will continue to teach responsibility, honesty and goodness; Mrs. William A. McMullen, To the leaders of our land; Mrs. Lorne Treffry, To the small neighbourly Institute-centred communities which dot our country; Mrs. Ivan Leitch, To the bustling cities, the hubs of commerce through which pass the wealth of our nation; Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Finally this candle is lighted to our country, your land and my land; Leader, Mrs. Avey, In Canada we have much to be thankful for in the past and much to look forward to in the future as we press into our next

half century of Institute work, working towards our motto for "Home and Country."

Greetings were brought from the Norwich Institute by Mrs. David Chambers; from Summerville by Mrs. Alex Hanson and from Springford by Mrs. Robert Lee.

It is of worthy note that "The Maple Leaf" "God Save the King", from the past meeting and "O Canada" were all sung with more feeling and better voice than usual.

The future years of the Institute will see a continued enthusiasm of members for steady progress, work in the community, and a dedication to the Motto "For Home and Country."



April 1970

Otterville Women's Institute celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding at a Friday noon dinner meeting held at Mil-Mar Manor. During a program that followed, this group, in old-time costume, re-enacted the first meeting. Seated are Mrs. Lorne Treffrey, Mrs. John Ryder, who is a charter member; Mrs. Richard Brayley, Mrs. Murray Treffrey, Mrs. William McMullen Jr. Standing, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. Max Avey, Miss Vera Welsh, Mrs. Iva Leitch, Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. W. McMullen Sr., and Mrs. Jack Walker.

TRIPP-VOGT ASSOCIATES EXPANDING



A local businessman and investor has been elected a director on the board of Tripp - Vogt Associates. George Trottier of Tillsonburg, centre, recently purchased one-third of the company's outstanding common stock. He is now a full partner with firm founders, Bill Tripp and Ken Vogt. The company plans to begin their expansion program in the near future.



Tripp-Vogt Associates are completing negotiations for the purchase of a Chatham firm manufacturing self-propelled liquid and dry fertilizer spreaders. The recently-formed local company plans to move the manufacturing operations of No-Track Equipment 1970 Ltd. to Tillsonburg. The spreader has been designed to eliminate compaction of fertilizers under all spreading conditions. The unit shown above was recently shipped to Prince Edward Island.

A third partner, acquisitions, new lines, expanding markets...Just what's going on out there at Tripp-Vogt Associates? They're off at full steam on a program of expansion, that's what!

The firm announced Saturday that a local businessman and investor has been elected to its board of directors. George Trottier of Tillsonburg recently purchased one-third of the company's outstanding common stock. He is now a full partner in the firm.

The two original partners in the company, Bill Tripp and Ken Vogt, organized it only a year or so ago.

Tripp-Vogt are presently completing negotiations for purchasing a Chatham firm manufacturing self-propelled liquid and dry fertilizer spreaders. The firm intends moving manufacturing operations of No-Track Equipment 1970 Ltd. to Tillsonburg once the deal has been finalized.

Seeing the young company's potential, Mr. Trottier said he wanted, "to be a part of a full-speed ahead program of expansion. We want to see this company grow."

Mr. Vogt said the new spreader "ties into the field of high analysis fertilizers that are now becoming popular on the market."

Tripp-Vogt plan distributing the unit in the United States as well as Canada.

Mr. Trottier said that the acquisition will probably result, "in building a new plant locally in the near future."

The new director is also president of Trottier I.G.A. Foodliner Co. Ltd. and Trottier Investments Ltd.

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Tobacco Equipment Show Scheduled For Otterville

Helping fill the void left by cancellation of the Tobacco Trade Fair this year, a group of manufacturers have co-operatively planned a tobacco equipment show at Otterville for May 1 and 2.

Most tobacco equipment manufacturers, many of them displaying directly competitive lines of equipment, will take part in the show, to be held at the Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. plant in Otterville.

The show will be limited to equipment directly related to the tobacco industry. Displays will be set up both inside and outside.

Giving the reason for the show, one company spokesman said: "We and other manufacturers have had a number of farmers comment on the absence of a trade fair this year, and the fact that they would not have the chance to see equipment displayed in a central spot for comparison. We simply got together to give them the opportunity to see what equipment is available, and to compare it. In this way

they have a better chance to find the right equipment for their own particular farm operation."

The show will open on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Among the many pieces of equipment on display will be a mechanical combine for tobacco, which is still not in the production stage. Intests this machine has harvested up to eight acres in a day. There will also be anti-pollution devices to be shown on harvesters, plus curing systems which have never been displayed at shows before, as well as new sprayers.

Several hundred pieces of equipment will be shown on over 22,000 square feet of display area indoors, plus several thousand square feet outdoors.

Manufacturers that have shown an interest in presenting the 1970 tobacco show are: Agro Spray Chemicals Ltd., Balthes Farm Equipment, Bari Crop Dusters, Bright Leaf Industries, Cadman Power Equipment, Cebulak & Sons,

Dathos Ltd., Del-Bac Sales Ltd., Delhi Foundry, W. C. Kelsey Boilers, Lambert Ride - A - Prime Ltd., Lounsbury Bros., Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., Turnco E-M Harvester.

There will be three door prizes consisting of: 1st prize, \$150.; 2nd prize, \$100., and 3rd prize, \$50.

Food and refreshments will be available as well as live entertainment.

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A goodly number gathered in the Edison Hall to see the popular picture the Texas Rangers, starring Fred MacMurray and Jack Oakie. This picture, said to be a different type of western, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Water threatened damage to the newly remodelled Otterville community hall when it commenced to run in the banquet hall in the basement. The fire truck was used to pump the water from the low area.

The Easter Contata, "Thomas and the Risen Lord," was presented by the choir in the United Church. The many solos, choruses and choir numbers were well rendered. The interpretation as well as the many readings showed careful study and training.

Our grocery list in 1940:
Celery hearts 10c; Shortening, 1 lb. pkg., 13c; Carrots, 1 bunch 5c; Work Clothes - Overalls - \$1.65 - \$1.75 - \$2.15 - \$2.25; Work Socks - 35c and 45c.

Satellite corn growers

Fanshawe students start second field project

Free Press Woodstock Bureau
WOODSTOCK — Eighteen first-year students of the agriculture division of Fanshawe College, Woodstock, have embarked on a 158-acre corn crop project, guided by the success of a pilot project carried out last year by 11 graduates.

The Satellite Corn Growers Group as the students call themselves, have started plowing operations.

They have rented 74 acres

from Dr. Gordon Hall, equal to the total acreage last year and another 84 acres have been acquired by the college.

David Dance of RR 1, Kingsmill, has been elected president of the group; Philip Zavitz, RR 3, Belmont, secretary, and Ross McMullen, Otterville, treasurer.

James Butt of Embro, treasurer of the first-year group, said the shareholders paid in \$2.75 each in addition to the \$25 cost of a share to cover any loss.

Expenses last year were slightly higher than income and the students were not paid for their work.

Terry Cowley, program coordinator, said the project was "a tremendous success."

The basic aim, he said, is educational, to prove what has been taught in the classroom.

The program stresses management, financing and organization. Figuring out the break-even point in the books.

Mr. Cowley said the corn

yielded an average of 65.6 bushels to the acre, with one field well above 100 bushels. With more moisture this year, good yields are expected on three of the same four fields.

Two truckloads of corn were sold for \$1.18 per bushel out of the field and the remainder at \$1.28 from storage.

Mr. Cowley said the group missed out one day by failing to check the market price in London when the price was up 2½ cents a bushel.

A total of 174 work hours

were recorded by the students in addition to custom time.

Mr. Cowley said the larger acreage to be worked by the new student group is more realistic and more viable. Machinery rentals can be better averaged over a larger acreage, he said.

Six varieties of corn have been selected by the students, who will experiment with no till planting in one plot.

Comparisons will be made between fall and spring plowing.



Lorne Jamieson of Langton has been making models for the past two winters. But these are not the models you find half assembled in a hobby store. He constructs wagons, and sleds from pieces of scrap wood. Here he is shown with three of his numerous masterpieces.

HUSSEY—Cecil Lefler, at Tillsonburg and District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, April 28, 1970, Cecil Lefler Hussey, beloved husband of the late Lillian Heywood, in his 81st year. Survived by one daughter, Mrs. Macklin Hussey, (Frances) of RR 4, Walton, Ontario, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends may call at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove on Thursday, April 30, at 2 p.m. Interment in St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery, Otterville.

Cecil Lefler Hussey

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Cecil Lefler Hussey 80, who died in the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg, on Tuesday, April 28, 1970, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Rector Stanley Uptigrove, minister of St. John's Anglican Church, of which the late Mr. Hussey was a member, conducted the service.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist and played favourite hymns before and after the service.

The service was attended by relatives and friends and there were memorial donations to the Heart Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society.

The bearers were Clifford Rachar, Lorne Treffry, Jack Furlong, Nate McMullen, Frank Finch and Arthur Moore.

Interment was in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

The late Mr. Hussey was born at Summerville and at an early age moved on a farm one mile south of the village.

Later he moved into the village where he purchased a barber shop business, a trade which he practiced for fifty years. Due to ill health he retired about fifteen years ago.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Lillian Heywood, in 1956.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Macklin (Frances) Hussey of R. R. 4, Walton, one brother, William F. Hussey of Huntsville; one sister, Miss Maude Hussey of Guelph; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Cecil Lefler Hussey

Cecil Lefler Hussey, formerly of Otterville, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, April 28, 1970, in his 81st year.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Lillian Heywood.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Macklin (Frances) Hussey of R. R. 4, Walton; one brother, William F. Hussey of Huntsville; one sister, Maude, of Guelph; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be conducted on Thursday, April 30, at 2 p.m. by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of St. John's Anglican Church.

Interment in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.



May 1970

A spring freshet has given Otterville its own little Niagara Falls at the dam fronting village streets.

Recent heavy rain raised the water level of Otter Creek creating the falls. (Photo by Williams).

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McSpadden, Otterville, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlene Elsie, to Mr. Richard Hookway Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harper, London. The wedding will take place Friday, May 15, 1970, at 7:00 o'clock in Otterville United Church.

Stanley Mc Clelland

NORWICH (C) - Stanley McClelland, of 97 Main St. W., Norwich, passed away suddenly on Monday, May 4, in North Norwich Township, aged 68 years.

Mr. McClelland was born in Haldimand County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James McClelland. He farmed in North Norwich Township for many years, prior to moving to Norwich in 1963, where he has since resided. He was a member of Norwich United Church and secretary of the Newark United Church Sunday School.

Surviving is his wife, the former Vera A. Lewis, and one brother, Charles, of Toronto.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence where the funeral will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Elgin Rintoul, minister of Norwich United Church, officiating. *May 4/70*

Interment will be in Norwich cemetery.

Tobacco
Cut 42.3 Per Cent
May 1970

Will Accept Posts

Directors of the 1970-71 Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board take office on June 1 at the inaugural meeting at the Tillsonburg head office which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

at a sharegrowers' meeting held in Tillsonburg on May 8, as their representative.

Both the incumbent chairman and vice-chairman of the board, respectively George Demeyere and Remie Miggins, told The News-Record that if

Gerard DeCoene of R.R. 3, Langton, will be appointed the 15th member by the other directors as a matter of routine as he was acclaimed

nominated, they will stand for office again.

Mr. Demeyere is completing his eighth term as chairman



Growers have begun transplanting the 1970 tobacco crop from the greenhouse to the field. Some in the Cultus area were reported to have started as early as Friday. Yesterday afternoon, the Jack Vranckx family began planting their crop on their farm at R.R. 1, Langton. *May 19/70*

Norwich Wins Ontario Title

Norwich Merchants are Ontario Junior 'D' champions.

Climaxing a tremendous comeback effort, the Merchants won the seventh and deciding game of the best-of-seven final series 5-3 at Haliburton Saturday night.

Haliburton had won the first three games of the series, putting Merchants in the almost impossible position of having to win four in a row, but win them they did and Norwich went wild.

For Merchants, a second-year hockey club, it was a Cinderella year. They had to fight for the fourth and last playoff spot in the Southern Junior 'D' group, but then went on to oust Port Dover in four straight, and decimated Caledonia Corvairs, last year's Ontario champs, in a thrilling seven-game series for the group championship. They had a comparatively easy time against Exeter in the OHA semi-finals, and took a long time to regain their zip against Haliburton.

Saturday's game ran true to course for the Merchants as they found themselves trailing early in the game, but came flying back in the third to win the title.

Cam Botting gave Huskies a 1-0 lead at 13:34 of the first period with Norwich two players short, Woodcock and McElwain had assists. Jim Cowan made it 2-0 for the home team at 3:27 of the second, with Walter assisting. Huskies dominated the early play, with Ken Cook kicking out a number of labelled drives.

Walt Homick finally got the Merchants going with a power-play goal at 7:00 of the second period, on a play with Wayne Longthorne and

Rick Buck. In the third period the Merchants really began to move, firing in three straight goals to take over. Martin Wylie tied it up at 2:38 from Rick Buck and Greg Prouse. Wayne Longthorne put them ahead for the first time from Prouse at 7:50, and Frank Menich, from Prouse again, got the clincher at 13:26. Roger Chaffee got Huskies briefly back within striking distance from Stamp at 14:11, but Gary Swanton salted it away at 15:51 with the final Norwich goal from Avey and Lee.

Norwich fans gave their team tremendous support, with over half the 1,300 fans at the game being Norwich supporters.

Sunday was the official celebration day at Norwich, as team members were paraded through the village on a fire truck and presented with watches as the village, plus North and South Norwich townships threw support behind the team.

It was a fitting climax to a great season.

Wayne Peeters Buried In Delhi Tuesday *May/70*

Francis Wayne Peeters, 20, of R.R. 1, LaSalette, was killed early Saturday morning following a car-truck collision on Highway 3 about a half mile west of Delhi.

A passenger in the Peeter's vehicle, Floyd Herman, 19, of R.R. 3, Delhi, was taken to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital with multiple cuts and bruises. He was released from hospital on Sunday.

Driver of the truck, Rodger Martin, of R.R. 2, Otterville, was not injured and his truck was only slightly damaged.

Police did not release details of the incident.

Simcoe OPP Constable Robert MacDonald investigated the accident that was reported at 1:45 a.m. Saturday.

The funeral of Francis Wayne Peeters, 20, of R.R. 1, LaSalette, was held Tuesday from the United Church, Delhi. Rev. William Hudson officiated.

Born in Tillsonburg, he was a graduate of Delhi District Secondary School



WAYNE PEETERS

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peeters, (nee Jacqueline Eaker) and a brother, Brian Lee. Also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peeters, of R.R. 1, LaSalette, and Mr. and Mrs. Yates Eaker of R.R. 3, Vanessa.

Pallbearers were Dave Corner, Leo Dertinger, Rick Burgess, Mike Burrell, Larry Adam and Wayne Swindall.

Interment was in the Delhi and attended Laurentian Cemetery. The Dalton Shine University in Sudbury for the past two years. The Dalton Shine Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Howse - Vermeulen

Four large containers of pink and white mums on each side of the altar decorated Sacred Heart R. C. Church, Langton, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 1970, for the wedding of Denise Gabrielle Vermeulen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Remi Vermeulen of R. R. 1, Langton, and Merlin Melrose Howse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howse of Otterville. Rev. Fr. Pettit officiated with Mrs. Marcel Loncke as soloist and Mrs. Lloyd O'Grady as organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked charming in her floor-length gown of white heavy silk. The bodice was highlighted with a high waist and a round stand-up collar, with pink and white daisies lining the front of the dress and at the tips of her fitted, wrist-length sleeves. To set her dress off she wore a chapel train attached from the high waist, which was silhouetted with arrangements of pink and white daisies centered with pearls. To complete her bridal outfit, the bride wore a French tiara of pearls and rhinestones which held her shoulder-length veil in place and carried a bouquet of pink and white orchids with stephanotis and green ivy.

Matron of honour for her sister was Mrs. Marianne Kilian. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Linda Hill, cousin of the bride, Miss Dorreen Howse, sister of the groom, and Miss Glenda Buyse, friend of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length, pink gowns with white daisies featured over the top of their dresses, pink shoes, and white short, lace gloves. Their headpieces were pink hats of silk woven with a flowing pink velvet ribbon, and they carried baskets of pink and white roses with lily of the valley and green ivy.

Best man was Mr. Keith Howse, Jr., cousin of the groom. Ushers were Mr. Gary Walthers, friend of the groom, Mr. Wayne Spicer, friend of the groom, and Mr. Fred Vermeulen, brother of the bride.

Reception for 450 guests was held at the German Hall, Delhi. Mr. Ernie Kilian was master of ceremonies.

Guests were present from Toronto, Ingersoll, Aylmer, Niagara Falls, Burlington, London, Delhi, Tillsonburg, Simcoe, Otterville and Langton.

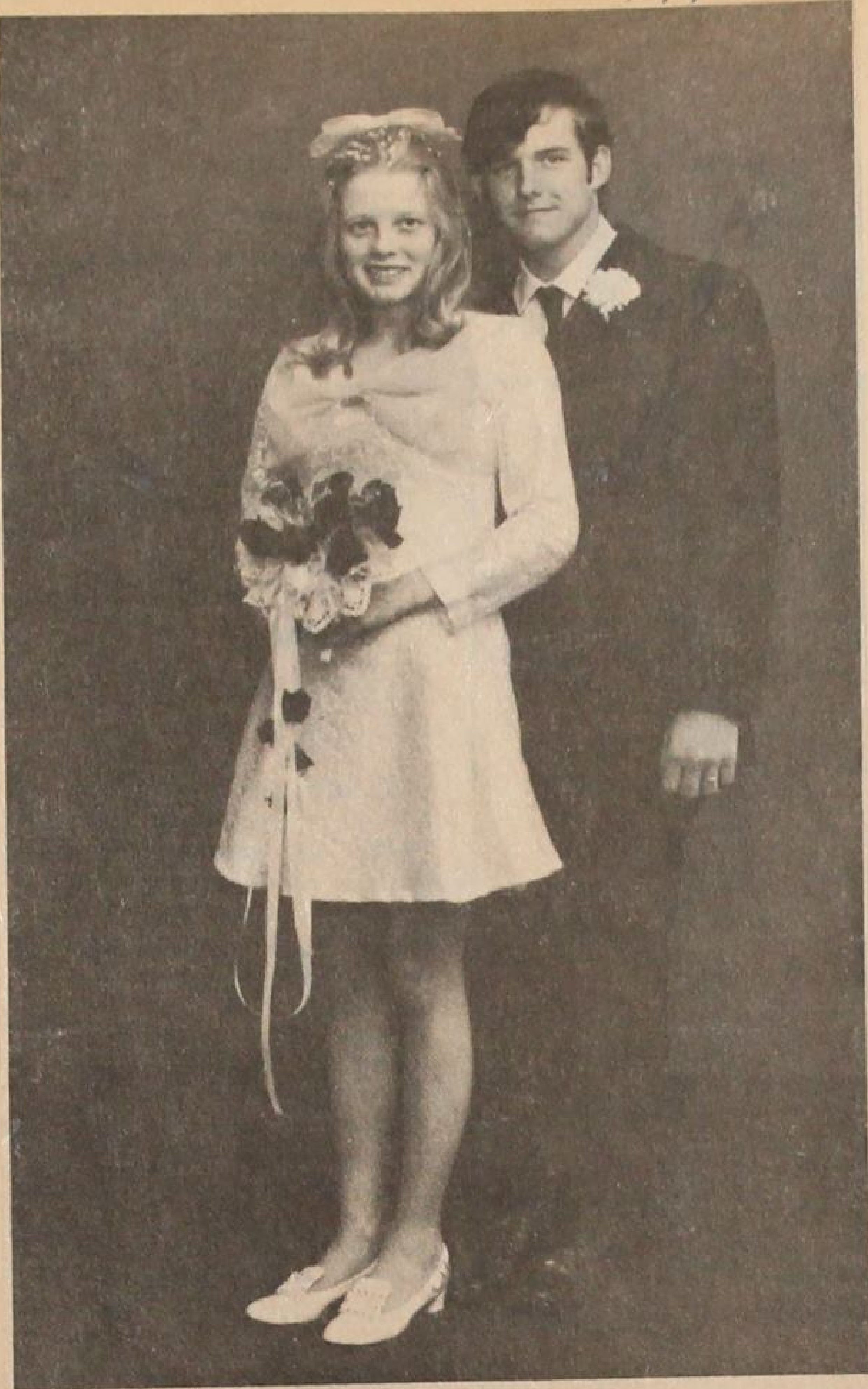
Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Howse are residing at R. R. 1, Langton.

Bride's mother received guests in a street-length dress and coat ensemble in blue silk shantung, worn with a deeper shade of blue accessories and a corsage of pink and white orchids. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a dress and coat ensemble in pastel shades of crimplene, worn with silver shoes and a hat of blue and yellow flowers, worn with a corsage of yellow roses.

For a wedding trip to the Pocono Mts., Pennsylvania, the bride chose a dress and jacket ensemble of pink and white, worn with a deeper pink hat, black shoes and purse, and a corsage of deep pink orchids.



Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Melrose Howse
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)



MR. AND MRS. GARY FRANCIS CLIFFORD
(Harold Ryder, R. R. 1, Norwich)

Clifford - Sherman

OTTERVILLE (C) - The marriage of Julia Anne Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sherman of Otterville, to Gary Francis Clifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clifford of Norwich, was solemnized on May 9, 1970, in Otterville United Church by Rev. Cyril Leach.

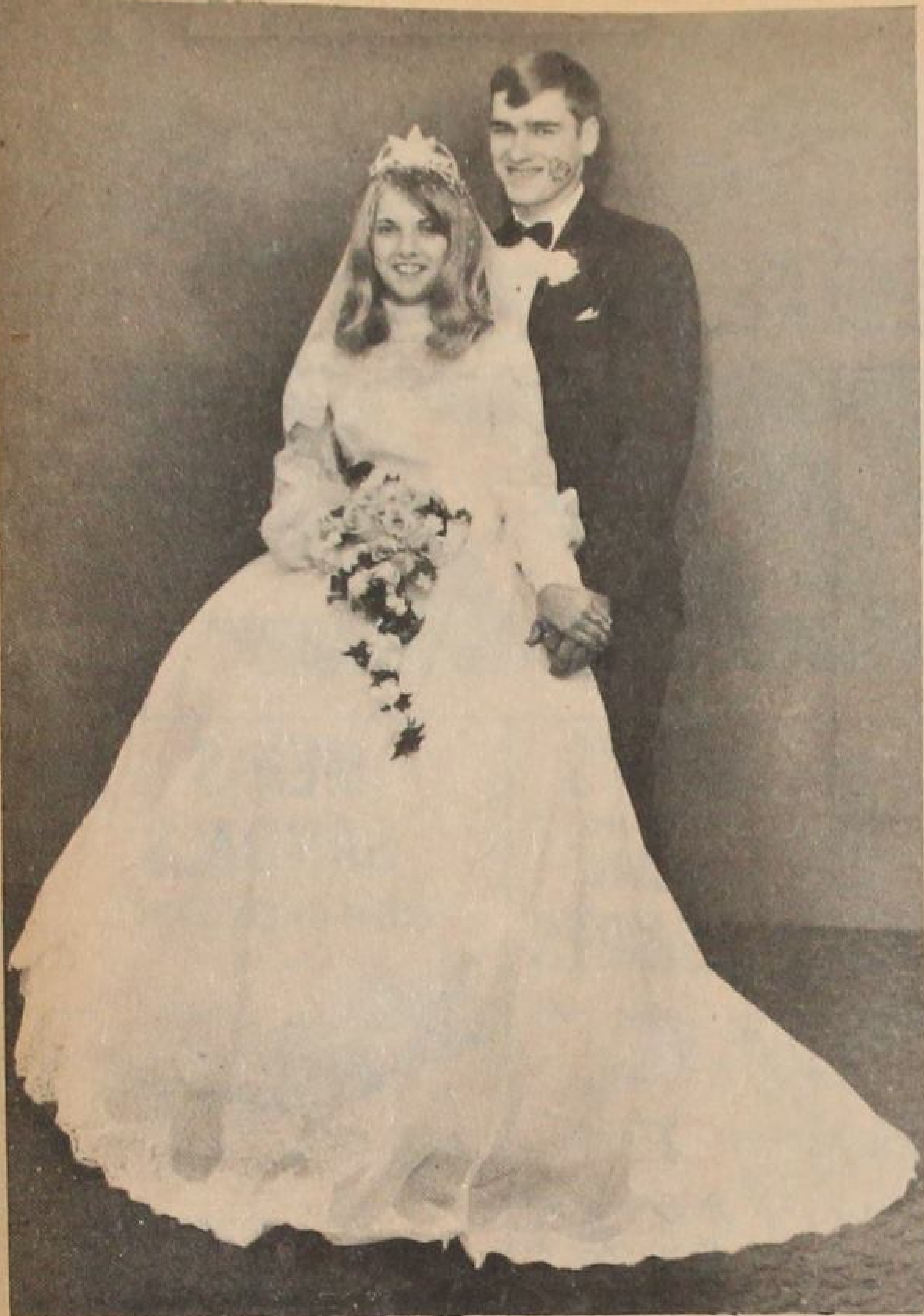
The attendants were Miss Carol Anne Clifford sister of the groom and Neil Thornton of R. R. 3, Scotland, friend of the groom.

A reception followed at the Legion hall in Delhi.

Prior to the wedding the bride was honoured with

two showers by her classmates. Miss Judy Wells and Miss Brenda Pickersgill were hostesses for one and Miss Carol Anne Clifford, Miss Lois Aickens, Misses Nancy and Mary Anne Wist were hostesses for the other.

The young couple were also honoured after the wedding with a community shower in Teeterville hall and Mrs. Nelson Gleason and daughters were hostesses for one at the former's home in Otterville.



MR. AND MRS. GARY DOUGLAS WALTERS

Walters - Miller

A large basket of mixed mums decorated the altar of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, May 2, 1970, at 2:30 o'clock, for the wedding of Deborah Irene Miller and Gary Douglas Walters. Rev. R. D. MacDonald of Toronto, former minister at St. Andrew's, officiated, and Mrs. William McMullen, organist, played traditional wedding music during the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller of Otterville, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters of Otterville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a floor-length, ballerian style gown of white peau de soie with long, lily point sleeves and a three-tier lace front. A tiara of pearls with a circular veil of mesh bordered with roses formed her headdress, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink roses with English ivy.

Miss Pamela Miller of Otterville, was maid of honor for her sister. She chose a gown of pale lilac with high waistline and stand up collar in crocheted lace, with a row of satin buttons to the high waistline. Her headdress was a tiara of white roses and she wore white satin shoes to match and carried a bouquet of yellow and white poms and purple flowers with ivy.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Agnes Walters of Otterville, cousin of the groom, Marlene Walters of Otterville, sister of the groom, Ellen Mitchell of Tillsonburg, and Donna Seres of Port Burwell. They wore identical gowns of pale Nile green, with high waistlines and stand up collars in crocheted lace with a row of satin buttons to the high waistline, a tiara of white roses, satin shoes to match and bouquets of yellow and white poms and purple flowers with ivy.

Lisa Enwright of Glencoe, second cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a lilac gown of Swiss

polka dot with organza overdress, lilac rose buds fixed in the curls of her hair, and carried a white basket with dark mauve flowers.

Best man was David Walters of Otterville, first cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Harry Roswell, Wayne Rosewell, Gordon Bowerman, Stan Brown, Barry Buck and Bob Duffy. Ring bearer was Troy Miller of Otterville, brother of the bride.

Reception was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Norwich. Dinner tables were decorated in red rose buds with the bouquets of the bridal party, yellow candles and wedding cake.

Waitresses were Lorraine Krohe, Cathy Rachar, Gay Franklin and Lou Ann Krohe.

Bride's mother received guests in a soft blue, sleeveless dress worn with matching cape, white flowered hat, white accessories and a corsage of miniature rosebuds and pink carnations. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a yellow lace, long sleeved ensemble, worn with white accessories and a corsage of miniature pink carnations.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were crystal ring holders; groom's gifts were calfskin key cases.

For her wedding trip the bride chose a lime green, long sleeved dress with matching green and yellow pastel jacket, worn with white accessories and a corsage of miniature yellow roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters are residing on Main St., Courtland.

Lights on 'all over the world,' mass hangover after VE Day

By **GEORGE HUTCHISON**
and **BILL McGUIRE**
of The Free Press

The Reuters dispatch from the gutted Nazi capital drew just passing consideration in the Allied nations where hung-over Brits and French and Canucks and Yanks had already been on a two-day binge.

It was anti-climactic, like a bromo-seltzer.

The real news hit the world at 2:41 a.m. May 7, when Col.-Gen. Gustav Jodl, the new chief of staff of the disintegrating German army, etched his name to papers at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's schoolhouse headquarters in Rheima, France.

That was formal enough for a world hooked on killing for five years, eight months and six days.

The headlines screamed "Germany Surrenders," "War Ends in Europe," but the story was less one of triumph than of peace. The war was over. Finally we could get back to normalcy.

But, first, a drink or two.

In Halifax, the party was a lulu. They had what was later to be called a "peace riot." Battling servicemen and civilians, drunk on a mixture of alcohol and freedom, caused the greatest amount of damage the coastal city had experienced since the harbor explosion of the First Great War.

Acting Prime Minister J. L. Ilsley ordered an immediate investigation. But from the start, everyone knew it was caused by the release of pent up emotions.

Everywhere, in cities large and small, across Canada, the United States, in Britain and from the wreckage of homes in Western Europe, people ran into the streets and drank and danced.

In downtown London, a man bolted from a Dundas Street barbershop to join the celebrating mass, his head half shorn. The Free Press carried a story. "Carnival Reigns in City." "On a tide of pure noise excitement mounted through downtown sections."

There was more kissin' and huggin' and screamin' and drinkin' than at an Ottawa Valley hoedown. Downtown streets were closed to traffic and mobs of normally staid citizens mingled, raucous, blowing horns and banging pot lids.

The New St. James Presbyterian Church yielded to the excitement and postponed an earlier scheduled presbytery meeting and ordination ceremony, but the Liberals maintained they would carry through with a planned nomination meeting for East Middlesex.

For the first time in 25 years, the London Street Railway ground to a halt as drivers were given a holiday.

Dick Dillon, back from 4½ years in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, was on field manoeuvres near Catarauqui Creek when a courier brought the news from Royal Military College.

"I remember it was a beautiful sunny morning and we were out around the little creek that flows into Kingston harbor," recalls the one-time captain, now engineering dean at the University of Western Ontario.

"Someone drove out and told us the war was over. We just packed up and went on a couple of days leave. What was it like? It was fun."

Max Gauss was 16. The courier in his case was a gun-toting GI who greeted the cringing youth as he crawled from the cellar of a Sudetenland farmhouse, 150 miles south of Prague.

"Hitler kaput," another Yank told the kid.

"And then I knew I wouldn't have to be afraid at night."

"It was a nice day, like a Canadian June day," says Gauss, now a successful London contractor with a home on a 50-acre parcel of land near Mossley. "The Americans took me with them and we found about 45 dead young Germans and three American soldiers just a short distance away from the house."

"I was working for a farmer at the time and living in the upstairs section of a house in the hamlet with my mother, a 17-year-old sister and two young brothers, 13 and 11 years old."

BERLIN, May 9 — (Reuters) — The final act of military surrender of all Germany's armed forces to the Allied and Red Army high command took place in the Berlin suburb of Karlsborst this morning at 12:16 a.m. Central European Time.

"A battle was going on outside and we were in the basement two days when the Americans banged on the door. It was either the fifth, sixth or seventh of May.

"They were nice to us. One of them, I think he was a cook, about 23 or 24 years old, gave me a piece of chocolate and wanted to trade for an old German lighter I had found which didn't work because I had no fuel.

"I took the chocolate and when I went to give my little brother a small piece the

American took it back and made me understand I had to give him half of the chocolate.

"Then he said 'Hitler kaput'. I was glad, but I didn't really know why or what for. All I knew then was that I wouldn't have to keep silent at night and my mother wouldn't have to worry about lights.

"It was a year later when we found our father, who had been in the war."

As Vera Lynn had promised in song, the lights were coming on, all over the world.

Funny thing, those lights. They glowed more brilliant, glamorous, glaring, giving warmth and renewed hope.

To the crowd of kids and adults who rode the haywagon down King Street in downtown Chatham, even the glittering glass over the Roxy Restaurant's front door was a thing of beauty and encouragement.

Bill McKee, a young liberated flyer, 22, felt the same security on his return to England after a year in PoW camps in East Prussia, Poland and Germany. The night of VE Day was spent in an unusually bright Bournemouth, on the channel coast.

"It was a far cry from what I had seen three years earlier," he remembers over the quarter-century. "People were beginning to show their lights. They were coming out on the streets. There were no blackout curtains.

"It was something that hadn't been seen in probably six years. People were drinking and dancing in the streets. Coming from the situation I had been in on the continent, it was a tremendous occasion. It didn't take much to get drunk that night, I'll tell you."

McKee, now an engineering associate with Bell Telephone in London, bailed out of a stricken Lancaster over the southern Rhine river in March, 1944, and was shuttled from stalag to stalag ahead of the advancing Allied and Red forces.

He celebrated his liberation and peace in Bournemouth. The bender lasted "as long as I was conscious."

Fred Mueller, a husky London club steward, was 18 and a svelte 170 pounds in May of 1945, a member of Germany's 10th Div., 3rd Reserve Air Force Paratrooper outfit, assigned to the Eastern Front against the Russians.

Spurred by ghastly tales of what happened to Germans unfortunate enough to be caught by the invading Russians from the east, hordes fled across Deutschland toward the Allied lines.

"I remember crossing the Danube River from Austria and looking back at the masses of Russian tanks on the south shore," Mueller recalls of the frantic flight.

News of the war's end came from civilians, around May 8, but still the objective was to race into the arms of the Allies.

"I heard it first officially from my staff sergeant. The first thing he did was take my bazooka and fire it at a tree. Then two others fired it at the tree and we kept going."

Within two days the Americans were reached. About 30,000 soldiers, all fully armed, surrendered. Then the blow came.

"Because of the Potsdam agreement, the Yanks broke us into groups of 500, each group with a German officer, and we were turned over to the Russians."

Mueller escaped and set out, on foot, for his home town of Bad Nauheim, dodging Russian patrols, travelling at night through fields and ditches. Thoughts running through German minds were common. What of my family? What of my wife? What of my home? Were they in the hands of the Russians?

"No one wanted to go to Siberia. We just wanted to find out about our families and go home. We kept thinking, 'How do I get away from the Russians? How do I get home?'"

Mueller arrived safely at his home. The war had been over six weeks.

Fifteen-year-old telegraph messenger Isaac Turner, now a Free Press reporter, grumbled as he peddled his bike the five miles to Blackhill, a suburb of Glasgow.

Everyone was celebrating, yet here he was working late, carrying one of those dreaded cables, labelled in purple, "Government, special priority." The news it contained had to be either very, very good or very, very bad. Messenger boys hated the bad ones.

He had difficulty attracting attention to his pounding at the door. Inside, a family was revelling in the safe return of a soldier son. Finally his rapping was answered and the telegram read. Another son, earlier reported missing in action, was safe in a Japanese PoW camp in the Pacific.

"They passed the hat. From that one trip I made more than I would have made in a week."

To Sam Lerner, who was later to make his name in London legal circles, VE Day was not a particularly festive occasion. A veteran of battles in France, he was now tied to an Ottawa desk job, processing applications for men to head for the Pacific against Japan.

"On that day I received word a young officer in our company had been killed. Sims. Fred Sims. He was a captain. I think he was the last officer in the regiment (RCR) killed in Europe."

WO 2 Pinky Dean was on duty in Witley, Eng., in a Canadian detention barracks, which was home for about 50 boys being corrected for going AWOL or desertion.

"They weren't bad guys. Just wanted a little straightening out, that's all," says Pinky, now a 72-year-old London pensioner. "We weren't allowed to call them prisoners. They were 'soldiers under sentence'."

He remembers news of the German surrender arrived about 10 a.m.

"The boys went crazy, hollering and shouting and breaking things up. Beds and things like that. Three or four broke out. They went over the fence. We got 'em in London."

Pinky, a First World War veteran of Vimy Ridge, was anxious to join the boys in London, about 25 miles away.

"As soon as we were off duty, we changed into our best clothes and away we beat it. We went in our own Jeep. We found it pretty hard to get the Jeep into London on account of the celebrations. The streets were loaded with people. We hiked to the nearest pub and did some pub crawling."

The expression is trite but true. VE Day was many things to many people. Like the war itself, history has added a perspective, but the perspective depends upon the viewer.

"I don't know what we learned," Dean Dillon says, for instance. "I think we've been thoroughly frightened, but it is really hard to say what we have learned. I think we probably gained a reprieve. Everyone now says we can't have another world war and, of course, this is a good thing.

"Brushfire wars appear to be undiminished, but at least we've been persuaded to limit this kind of thing and I think this is progress, although when you see what happened the other day (at Kent State University) it makes you wonder if we've progressed."

He grapples with society's definitions of violence and sees the tumult of 1939-45 in a different setting from the drama being played out in our modern world.

"In the whole war, while things happened on both sides that we can't be too proud of, I didn't know what violence was because we were fighting by a set of rules.

"We had respect for the German soldier. He was a good man. We were fighting something else. We were fighting Hitler, who was at the centre of it all."

It's an almost unanswerable question, really: What did we learn?

"I don't know whether I can put it into words," says the liberated flyer, McKee, who returned home to a young wife to raise a couple of good looking teen-agers. "It's very, very difficult.

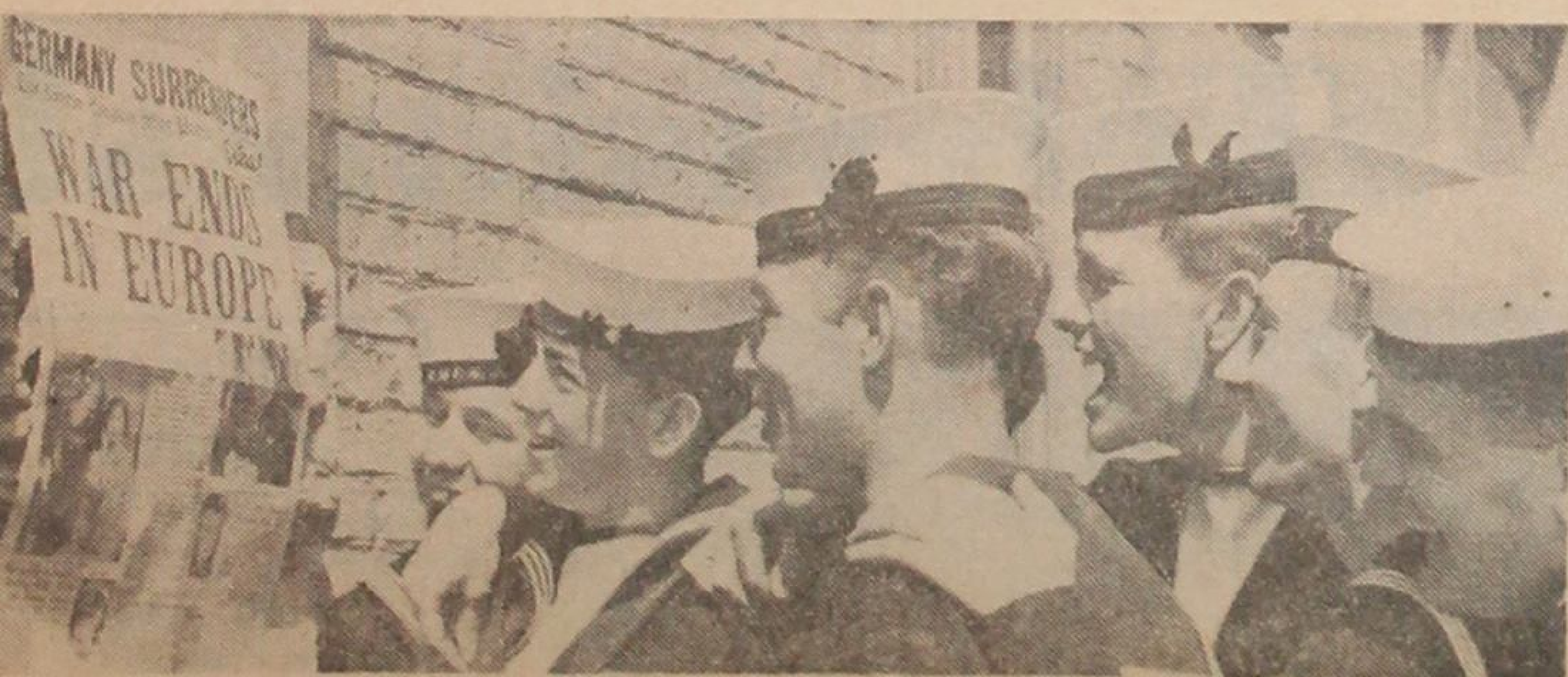
"I can understand the young people protesting the war in Vietnam. I wouldn't want my boy to fight in it. But I'm not in favor of protesting the way it's being done. Protest is fine, but without violence and property damage.

"I don't know whether we gained anything from our victory in Europe. The first war either. It's hard to look back and try to determine what was right and what was wrong.

"It looked right at the time. I don't think there were any alternatives for us at the time. Today's conflict, well, it's not quite as black and white."



Carnival reigned throughout the world, as this scene in London, Ont., shows.



Sailors at HMCS Prevost when it was on Richmond Street, London, read the good news.

1970

Looking Over Western Ontario

1870 directory gives interesting

By L. N. Bronson

Old directories supply an interesting picture at times of the communities as they existed in the "olden days" as well as the names of those who were their principal citizens.

The Lovell's Dominion Directory of 1870-71 was among the more extensive of these and when a crew of men arrived in London in midsummer 1870 to begin compiling information, this was heralded as an important development, and the project considered worthwhile.

Interesting, though, are the descriptions given of the smaller communities—details arrived at with the co-operation of the local residents. Some of the canvassers stuck to conventional terms in their paragraphs, with a strict interpretation of "village," "hamlet," or "place." Others were more liberal in their terms and would use the adjectives picturesque or pretty.

In this, the season of vacations and Sunday trips to the lakeside, the notations concerning communities along Huron and Erie are particularly interesting.

Of the port towns, those in Elgin seemed to have attracted attention of the compilers. For instance:

Port Bruce—"A romantic village."

Port Burwell—"An extensive and picturesque village."

Port Stanley—"A beautiful and very flourishing village."

Port Dover was accorded the description "a village and port of entry. . .an extensive business is carried on in the export of lumber and country produce."

The others gained these notations:

Port Elgin — "A flourishing village." (neighboring Kincardine was a flourishing village also and Southampton was merely an incorporated village).

Port Frank — "A small village"; (Port Glasgow in Elgin was the same.)

Port Rowan — "An important village"; Port Royal (on Big Creek) was a village; Port Ryerse was a village and port of entry; Port Talbot was a "small village."

Some other lake front communities, whose names didn't include the word port, were described thusly:-

Rondeau Harbor: — A small village on

look at 'olden days'

Lake Erie. This is one of the finest harbors on the lake but owing to the shallowness of the water is not much used.

Owen Sound — The largest town in the north part of the province. . .The Sydenham River affords good water privileges. A number of manufactories are located on it."

Sarnia — Chief town of the county of Lambton.

Goderich — The chief town of the county of Huron. . .the surrounding country is very picturesque and fertile and the town is much frequented during the summer by visitors from all parts, to take advantage of the cool breezes which are continually blowing from the lake.

All the little ports, particularly those on Lake Erie's north shore, did an export business with U.S. centres. Small sailing craft, as well as steamers, made regular calls. From ports in West Elgin, there were heavy shipments of staves to the U.S. markets. Port Burwell, for example, had a constant steamer connection with Cleveland. Port Dover did "an extensive business in the export of lumber and produce. In the year 1867-68 \$245,811 worth of goods were exported and \$25,823 entered."

Port Elgin was a daily stop during the navigation season for a steamboat, running from Goderich to Southampton.

Some others, chosen at random, merited these descriptions:

Ailsa Craig—A thriving village.

Alma (In Wellington county). A growing village.

Amberley—One of the best fishing stations on the lake shore.

Beachville — A flourishing village.

Berlin—A populous incorporated village . . . it must become an important inland town. (It did; the name was changed to Kitchener during the First World War. This was one of the few occasions the compilers made a prediction).

Bothwell—A flourishing place. . .Fifteen years ago it had no existence.

Galt—Pleasantly situated.

Hanover—A rising village.

Ingersoll—This place is increasing very rapidly in population and importance.

Katesville—A small place on a picturesque branch of the Sydenham, township of Metcalfe, county of Middlesex.

Mandaumin—A village in Plympton township. At present a small place but has every prospect of increasing rapidly.

Park Hill (the spelling form then was two words)—Bids fair, in a few years, to become one of the most important towns west of Toronto.

Seaforth—This is a great business centre.

St. Marys—Rapidly growing in wealth and size.

1970

One Girl Killed, 28 Hurt School Bus, Truck Crash

Tues - May 26/70

A 13-year-old girl was killed and 28 others were injured, some critically, in an early morning school bus - transport collision near Otterville yesterday.

Around 8:20 a.m., an Overland Express Transport was southbound along Highway 59. Meanwhile, a bus picking up separate school children was approaching from the west along the 11th Concession of South Norwich Township and entered the intersection.

The spectacular crash that followed has ended as one of the worst traffic mishaps to hit the area in years.

The bus apparently struck the side of the truck cab, and spun around, again smashing into the rear-end

Within a matter of seconds, a third truck, travelling northward along the highway swerved to avoid hitting the other two vehicles head-on and ended up striking the ditch on the east side.

Dead is Margaret Mary Jane Vriends, a Grade 8 pupil at Our Lady of Fatima School at Courtland. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Vriends of R. R. 3, Delhi.

The dead girl was sitting in the rear seat at the right hand side of the bus, the point of the rear-end collision with the transport.

Ambulance and police assistance was despatched to the scene from Langton, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Wood-

stock and Simcoe to remove the injured and control traffic tie-ups caused by curious onlookers.

The driver of the bus and 27 other pupils enroute to morning classes at Our Lady of Fatima School were rushed to Tillsonburg and Simcoe hospitals.

Transport driver Robert Moyer, 51 years old, of 754 Parkinson Road, Woodstock, was not reported injured. He crawled from his vehicle to lend what assistance he could at the scene.

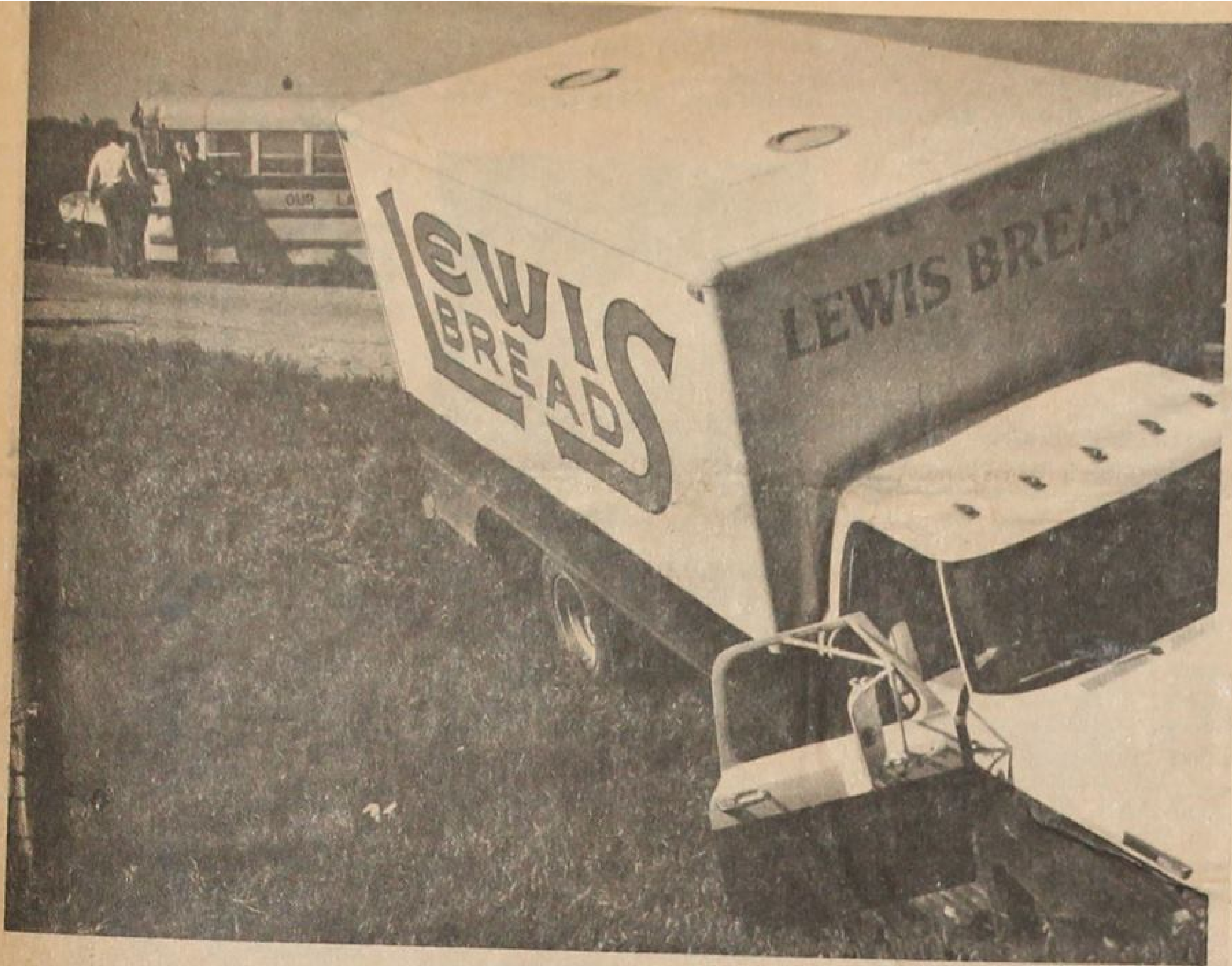
Driver of the second truck, Murray Waun 23, of 970 Cheapside Street, London, complained of chest injuries.

School bus driver, Leslie Otto, 41, of R. R. 2, Courtland, is in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and is described as being in serious condition, suffering from lacerations and a severe state of shock.

Children reported admitted to Norfolk General



One girl was killed and 28 injured when this school bus collided with a transport truck yesterday morning at Highway 59 and the 11th concession of South Norwich.



A bread truck swerved to miss the accident and ended in the ditch. The driver scrambled free to give aid.



Delhi Friendship Club is hosting the Zone Three Spring Rally of the United Senior Citizens of Ontario today (Wednesday) at the Belgian Hall. Pictured above is the executive of the local club. Front row, from left, Alta Tomlinson, treasurer, Daisy Ash, first vice-president, Elizabeth Wheaton, past president, and Flossie Lindsay, program convenor. Back row, Pearl Curran, secretary, Bert Sullivan, president, Nora Lloyd, honorary president, and Nora Robinson, social convenor. (News-Record Photo) *May 1970*

Gulp of fresh air led to 'Flanders Fields'

Fifty-five years ago this month John McCrae sat on the steps of an ambulance in battle torn Flanders and composed one of the First World War's immortal works "In Flanders Fields." Written May 3, 1915, the poem was first published in *Punch*, December 15 of that year. Lt.-Col. McCrae, a Canadian army medical officer, native of Guelph, died Jan. 28, 1918. In this story, a Richmond, Va., writer, recalls the

birth of the poem under slightly varied circumstances.

By Mel Parrish

A young medical officer crawled from the dugout of his dressing station during a lull in the battle. He gulped fresh air, but there was little fresh air in this wretched war. The casualty list was staggering. Blood was all around him. For days he had been treating the wounded.

Now there was a new weapon created by the enemy. Gas. Deadly chlorine gas. This was new to the medical officer. Gasping, choking, clawing at their throats, the Canadian soldiers stumbled into his

dressing station, some to die in his arms. For once in his life he faced defeat. The young officer did not know how to treat it. Sickness and germs were a challenge. He could fight it. But this was different.

These were dark days in the spring of 1915. The Second Battle of Ypres was raging in Belgium. Major John McCrae, a Canadian medical officer, was now a part of the war.

McCrae breathed heavily as he looked out on Flanders Field. Breathing had been difficult for him many times during his life due to asthma. But for a moment he forgot his illness. He gazed at the beauty of scarlet poppies swaying in



John MacRae

the soft breeze. The earth was untouched from the savage beating where the poppies grew. Maybe, he thought, God had willed it that way.

McCrae unbuttoned a pocket and took a sheet from a notebook and began to scribble with his pencil. For a moment he was deep in thought. Soon several stretcher bearers approached the area carrying the dead. They placed the bodies carefully on the ground and began to spade the earth. After the burial they placed a simple wooden cross at the head. The scene was the inspiration for McCrae to write a poem. His thoughts were rudely shaken as a shell screamed overhead.

"Duck, duck, you crazy bloke," came a cry from a British soldier nearby.

McCrae dived for the nearest hole. He just did make it as a shell tore the earth apart about him. He quickly realized this was no place for him. He crawled out and hurried to his post. Bouncing into the dugout, a young lieutenant caked with mud sipping coffee greeted him.

"I saw you out there. I guess it just wasn't your time," he smiled. "I hope your luck holds out."

McCrae returned the smile. A smile he wore often during the four years he served on the Western Front. Maybe he remembered what his mother had told him as a small boy.

"John, to get ahead you must always carry a smile. A smile will go a long way. It eases pain and makes friends," she had told him.

McCrae unfolded the piece of paper clutched in his hand when he plunged into the shell hole. He read his scribbling:

*"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below."*

As he reached for coffee the sound of battle began again. The enemy shells rained on the Allied positions. At one time McCrae thought his post would be blown apart. Then the wounded came again.

A young Canadian private slid down the embankment to the dressing station holding tightly to his wrist. Blood covered his uniform. He managed a smile despite his wound.

"Major," he said. "Hate to bother you, but I think I need some patching up."

McCrae examined the wound on his arm. He cleaned it, applied some medication and wrapped it with a bandage.

"Wasn't bad was it, sir?" asked the private.

"I think you need a few days rest," suggested McCrae.

"I might just do that," the soldier returned as he left. But John McCrae knew he wouldn't.

McCrae was not a full time poet. He was only an amateur. He probably never realized his poem *In Flanders Fields* would achieve such fame and be read by millions of school children in later years. McCrae was a doctor and this was what he had devoted all his life, but at times when his asthma was giving him trouble he wrote short pieces of poetry to take his mind off his illness and the troubled times.

Often he would wander to the firing line observation station and watch the artillery. A fondness for the guns he never lost. Ever since he had been in the artillery in the Boer War.

"Here comes the Major again," remarked a British soldier. "Can't understand it. If he loves the big guns why didn't he join the artillery instead of the medics."

"Why did you join up?" came the quick question. "He's no different than the rest of us. He feels he can do a better job as a doctor. Why, you once said this war was better than sweeping the streets of London."

The conflict at Ypres lasted more than a month. It ended without a victory for either side. McCrae was soon transferred to a hospital near Paris.

However, the long hours, sleepless nights and repeated attacks of asthma began to sap his strength. Suddenly in January, 1918, McCrae was taken ill with pneumonia and died within forty-eight hours. He was dead at the age of forty-five.

It was all too soon. Possibly McCrae had written his own obituary in these words he passed on to a fellow student years before:

"If what I spent, I had; then what I have saved, I have lost; I gave what I have."



Back in 1936 Dr. Roy McLeod, former London newspaper reporter, and at that time medical officer at Muncney, made a pilgrimage to France, and snapped these photographs during a visit to the cemetery where Lt. Col. John McCrae is buried. On the left is Dr. McLeod's daughter; on the right is a view of the McCrae gravestone.





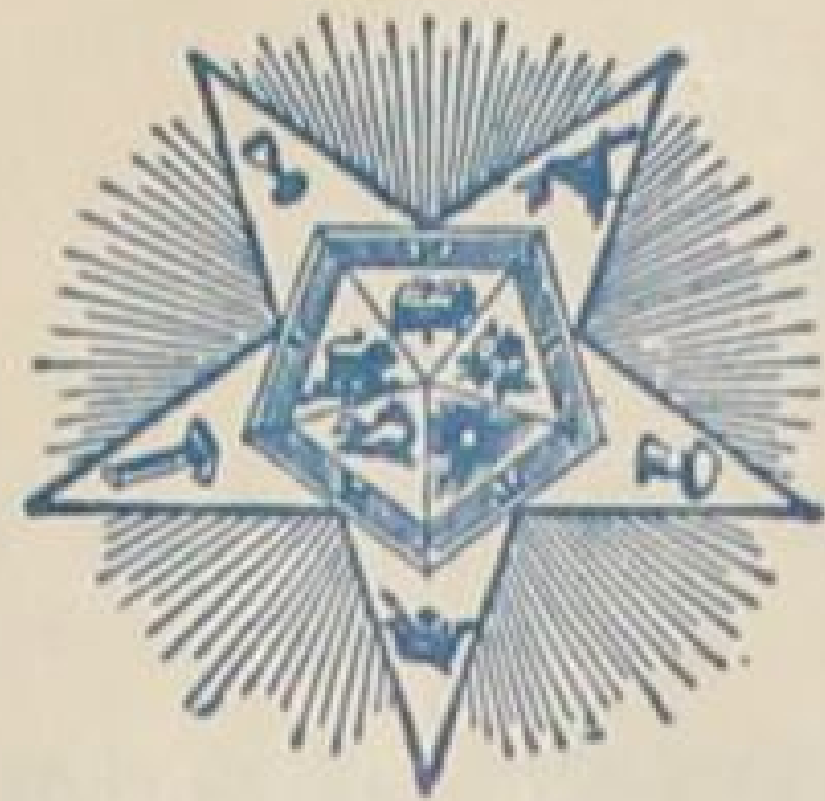
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Last week, the Tillsonburg Branch of the Canadian Bible Society presented special large print Bibles to two local nursing homes. Editions were also made available to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. In ^{OPPOSITE} upper photo, A.J. Beattie, centre, president of the local branch, is shown presenting the Scriptures to residents of Maple Manor Nursing Home. Shown with him are Mrs. C. White, Mrs. B. Albertson, administrator, and Mrs. J. Maitland. In lower photo Society district secretary, Rev. Jack Thompson of London, is shown making a similar presentation to Miss Ida McFarlane and Mrs. Betty Pollock, administrator of Stonecrest Lodge Nursing Home. Starting on Sunday, Mother's Day, nursing homes are joining in observance of Nursing Home Week, with open house and other special events.

GRANDMA'S OFF HER ROCKER!

*The old rocking chair is vacant today
 For grandma is no longer in it;
 She's off in the car to the office or shop
 Just buzzing around every minute.
 No one shoves grandma back on the shelf
 She's versatile, forceful, dynamic;
 That isn't pie in the oven, my dear—
 Her baking today is ceramic.
 You won't see her trundle off early to bed;
 Or seek out a warm comfy nook
 Her typewriter clackety-clacks through the night
 For grandma is writing a book.
 Without ever taking a look at her yarn
 To slow down her steady advancing
 She won't tend the babies for you any more
 For grandma is taking up dancing.
 She isn't content with crumbs as of old
 With meagre or second-hand knowledge.
 Don't bring out the mending for grandma to do
 For grandma has gone back to college.*

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Sunday, June 28th, 1970

8.00 P.M.

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Worthy Matron, MRS. FLORENCE SAUNDERS

Worthy Patron, MR. NORMAN McINTYRE



Dick Loek, Telegram

'Did you forget to load your film?' asks Philip

During a pause in an informal stroll around the lawn of Windsor Castle yesterday, Princess Anne and Prince Charles discuss birds-nests (the Prince had been searching for them) while the Queen and Prince Philip chat in the background (above). Later, during the stroll, the Princess holds her hair in place (below) as a breeze springs up. Telegram photo chief Dick Loek was one of four Canadian newsmen flown to Britain over the weekend to photograph the Royal Family prior to the Canadian Royal tour next month.

The Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Princess Anne will visit the Northwest Territories and Manitoba during centennial celebrations there, July 5 to 15. Next Saturday, a serialized version of the controversial new book, *Reality of Monarchy*, begins in *The Telegram*. Author Andrew Duncan spoke to 11 members of the Royal Family and followed the Queen to public and semi-public engagements during research for his book. More pictures, report. Page 43.

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Last trooping of the colors

Governor General Michener salutes as the Canadian Guards, their red tunics flashing under a dull gray sky, troop the colors on Parliament Hill Saturday for the last time. After the parade Mr. Michener read a message from the Queen, colonel-in-chief of the

regiment, expressing pride and satisfaction over the service the regiment has performed for Canada throughout its "short but glorious history." The regiment, formed in 1953, is one of 3 being reduced to nil strength under military cuts announced last year.

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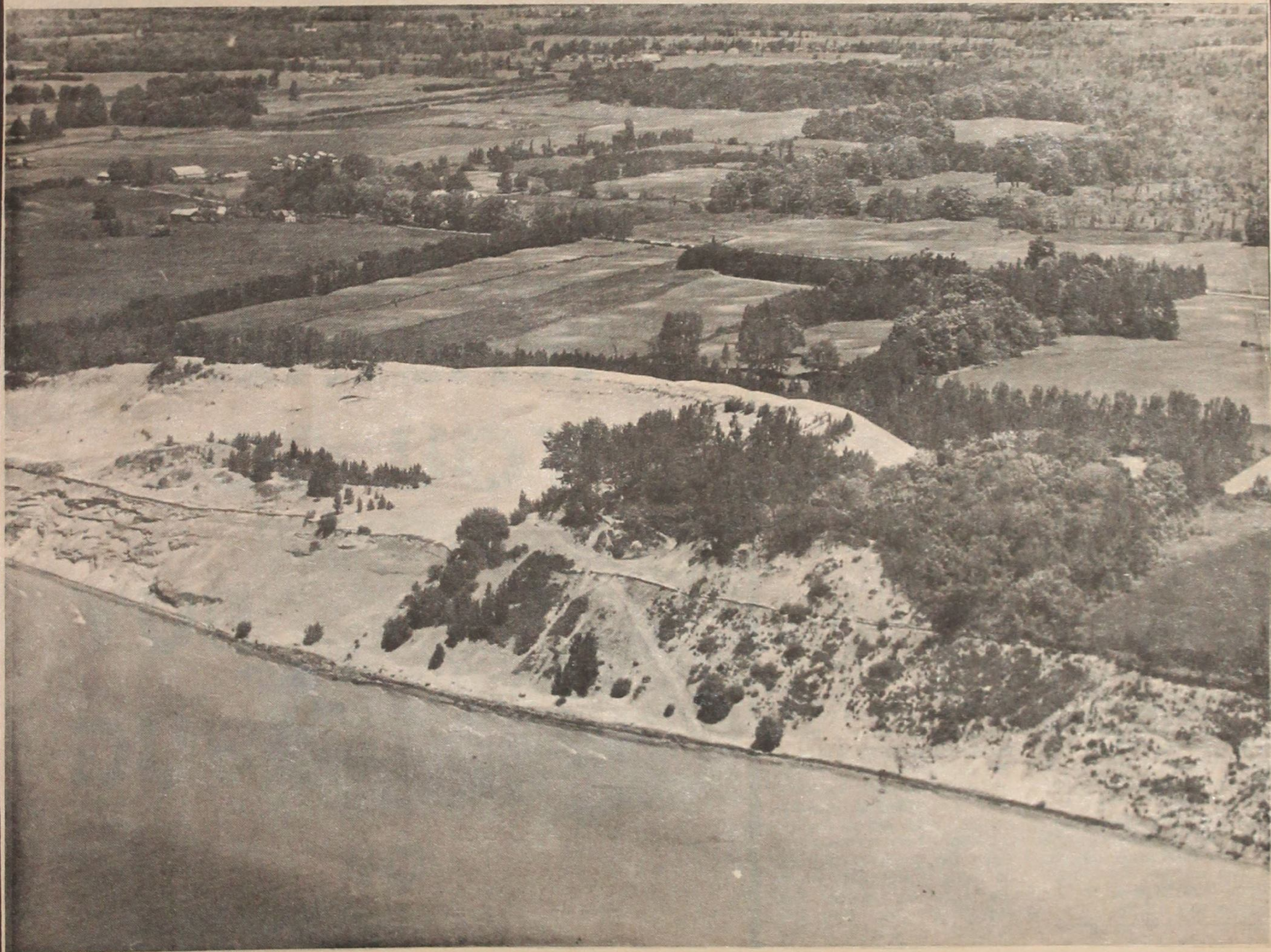
The Otterville lady bowlers held their first tournament of the season with visitors from Tillsonburg, Simcoe Paris and Norwich.

A mixed rink jitney was held on Otterville greens when three eight-end games were played.

The floodlights in community park Otterville have drawn large crowds to the evening ball games.

JUNE 1970

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Area OES Holds Church Services *June 1970*

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual divine service of the Norwich Chapter Number 175, O. E. S., District 18, was held in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on Sunday evening.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, rector of the church, gave the message in the absence of Rev. David Houghland, minister of Springford Baptist Church, who had been invited to give the message.

Rev. Uptigrove chose for his sermon "To Live is to Choose" and urged the congregation to make their decision for Jesus Christ who would say to them "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Rev. Uptigrove was assisted by lay reader Jack Riste who read Scripture.

Guest soloist was Mrs. Charles Shultz who sang "Have you been in the Garden with Jesus?" accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen, organist.

Members of the Lodge entered the church behind the choir with flags being carried by Mrs. John Storey and Mrs. Norman McIntyre.

Offering was presented by Jack Riste and Carl Howse.

Following the service, members served refreshments to the visitors in the parish hall and a social

time was enjoyed.

The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. Richard Saunders, Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron,

Norman McIntyre.

Guest soloist, Mrs. Shultz is a daughter of Mrs. Saunders, Worthy Matron.



June - 1970
Among recent graduates of the Fanshawe College Oxford agricultural school were these young men from the area. Left to right are: Richard E. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bell of

R. R. 2, Mount Elgin, who is now assisting his father in managing the home farm. Dwight A. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charter Davis of R. R. 1, Otterville, who returned to the home farm

prior to developing a career in agribusiness. Leslie I. Gehring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gehring of R. R. 2, Otterville, who is assisting in operation of the family cash crop and tobacco farm.

WI Members Guild Entertain

OTTERVILLE (C) - A very successful bake sale and sale of aprons, accompanied with an afternoon tea, was sponsored by members of St. John's Anglican Guild on Friday afternoon, in the parish hall.

The Guild, though small in number as an organization, are a busy group of women throughout the year completing much sewing, knitting and various other pieces of work. A fine display of their work of aprons in different styles was on display about the room.

Mrs. Harold Durkee, president of the Guild, welcomed the visitors which included members of the Women's Institute who had attended their meeting across the street at the home of Mrs. Gertude Walther.

Members of the social committee for the Institute were responsible for this opportunity of the ladies attending their meeting and joining with the Guild for their social hour where Guild members served a dainty lunch.

E. D. Palmer

E. D. Palmer of 2668 Wallace St., Regina, Sask., passed away in hospital in Regina, on Monday, June 8, 1970, in his 72nd year.

Surviving are his wife; one brother, Malcolm (Mac) Palmer of Springford; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Foreman of Brownsville, Mrs. Grace Mabee of Ingersoll, Mrs. Della Klick of Kendall, N. Y., and Mrs. Marie Goslin of Windsor.

Service was conducted from Carmichael United Church on Wednesday, June 10, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Donald Lawrence officiating.

Interment in Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Regina.

TWENTY YEARS AGO June 22, 1950

Aided by bloodhounds, aircraft, and two or three posses of district citizens, Ontario Provincial Police are still conducting a wide-scale manhunt in the Kinglake area for a cool, trigger-happy gunman who yesterday afternoon killed two district citizens on a sandy road about a half-mile east of Kinglake. The double murder occurred shortly after the lone armed bandit had held up the Langton branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada and escaped with approximately \$23,000. Dead are Arthur F. Lierman and William Goddyn.

Otterville bridge to be rebuilt

OTTERVILLE - Reconstruction of a 65-foot Otterville bridge over Big Otter Creek will begin July 6, Oxford County road superintendent Donald Pratt said Monday.

Mr. Pratt said the bridge deck of reinforced, prestressed concrete will be placed on existing abutments. Cost has been estimated at \$40,000.

A detour of about four miles to the north or south has been planned during construction.

June/1970

Three Hurt In Dune Buggy Crash

Two dune buggies, running without lights, collided almost head-on Thursday night near Otterville. Both drivers and one passenger were brought to hospital here for treatment.

Drivers Jay Durkee, 23, and Ronald Smith, 21, both of Otterville, had multiple cuts and abrasions.

Ronald Oatman, 20, of R. R. 3, Tillsonburg, who was a passenger in the Smith vehicle, had an injured left ankle and abrasions to the face.

The accident occurred at about 11:10 p.m. on the

9th concession of South Norwich.

The men were released from hospital the next day.

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A car driven by James R. Gracey, of Springfield, received about \$125 damage Saturday when it was in collision with a tractor-trailer unit in Brownsville.

Driver of the truck was Alan Minielly, of Wyoming. The truck was not damaged.

A single car accident on Potters Road Thursday night resulted in \$900 damage to a 1968 Chevelle driven by Ronald James

Hart, of 120 Bee St., Woodstock.

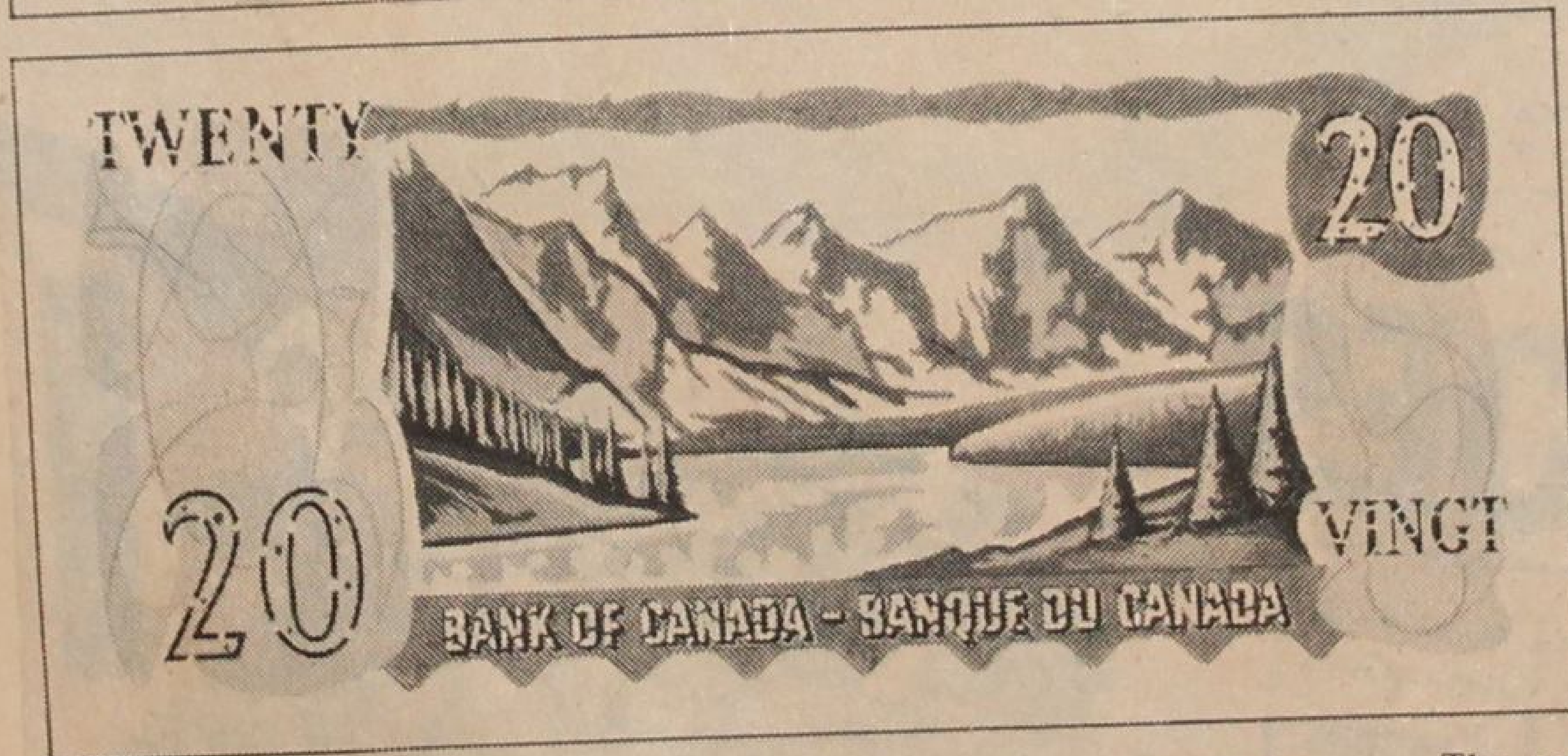
The accident was investigated Friday by provincial police, who have charged the driver with failure to report.

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David Jones, of R. R. 2, Aylmer, received multiple abrasions Friday evening when his motorcycle struck a large dog.

He was riding on County Road 40 at Mount Salem when the dog bounded out of the ditch into his path.

Jones was admitted to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital for treatment and released Saturday.



The new Canadian \$20 bank notes are making their appearance in the area. The new note presents a contemporary portrait of the queen and makes use of a greater range of color on both front and back than does the old notes. The steel engraved portions also stand up more prominently to the touch. Technical refinements were used to improve the security of the note and create maximum difficulty to the would-be counterfeiter. Other new notes will follow. The \$5 note will use an engraving of Sir Wilfred Laurier; the \$10 note a portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald; \$50 note a portrait of William Lyon Mackenzie King, and the \$100 that of Sir Robert Borden.



JULY Sidewalk Days 1970

MRS CARL HOWSE



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This mansion, known as Coniston Place, was built at Tillson Avenue and Hyman Street in Tillsonburg in the 1880s or 1890s by Edwin D. Tillson, son of

Tillsonburg's founder. From 1929 until 1954 it was occupied by Charles VanDyke Corless, noted mining engineer. (Sinden Photo Studio)

A great old Victorian mansion

By W. E. ELLIOTT

A great old Victorian house, set in spacious grounds at Tillson Avenue and Hyman Street, Tillsonburg, was in turn the home for many years of two outstanding men. Edwin D. Tillson, for whom it was built, was youngest son of the town's founder, George Tillson, and the civic and industrial development of Tillsonburg became his lifework.

Bells tolled and flags were lowered to half-staff when he died on January 3, 1902. "He loved the town," it was written at the time; "it was his joy and delight, and everything pertaining to its improvement interested him." Now with 7,000 population, the Tillson town is growing steadily, though its industrial pattern has greatly altered.

Charles VanDyke Corless, a native of Oxford county, won distinction in a different field. He became recognized throughout the continent and abroad as the foremost Canadian mining engineer of his day and an accepted authority on mining and metallurgy. Coniston Mine in the Nickel Belt is in a way a memorial to him, and the great house he bought from the Tillson Estate in 1929 and occupied until his death in 1954, at the age of 84, bears the name, "Coniston Place." It is occupied now by Dr. Corless' younger daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Burn. Mrs. Corless died in 1950.

"Coniston Place" is not the original Tillson homestead, which is a frame house still in existence, on Oxford street.

The brick house at Tillson and Hyman is a Victorian villa built in the 1880s or 1890s. Arthur W. Wallace, noted Hamilton architect, surmises (accurately) that "it probably replaced an earlier home of more modest size and, incidentally, more architectural approbation today."

"The basic influence of the style of the house," he states, "is Gothic rather than Renaissance. Steeply pitched gables, pointed arched window heads, ornate porches, towers and dormers reflect the design, fashionable in the 1880s, and which persisted all during the 1890s in this country."

"The character of this style is the result of the lectures, writings and romantic trend of the time produced by Viollet-le-duc in France and Burges in England, both ardent Gothic revivalists, and more architecturally concerned than the thoughts of Ruskin and his followers, who had only superficial ideas of the substance of architecture.

"However, the result of the revivalists, whether Gothic or Classic, produced nothing better than sham copies of castles on the Rhine or Loire cha-

teaux, and now this type of house has the appearance of a Canadian or American mansion of the late 19th century, and is familiar to us as such, rather than something with a European derivation."

Dr. Corless, who retired at 60, had many years in which to seek out the art treasures in which he delighted, and the beautiful furniture now in "Coniston Place." The hall floor is a fine example of parquetry, and the wide hall opens on the right to the large living room, on the left to Dr. Corless' vast library. Over the desk here is a painting attributed to Rembrandt, and elsewhere are works by Morland, Corregio and Crenault. The hallway continues past a magnificent grandfather's clock, next to which a beautiful stair rises.

Next a cross-hall opens on the large dining-room, with its fine china and silver. In the living room are fine Italian and Dresden vases, walnut chairs with beautiful needle-point, and a large fireplace. The lighting throughout is generous. The second-floor rooms contain some fine old bedroom furniture. The third floor is also complete. Even the basement is plastered, and all partitions are of solid brick.

The house is not far from the hollow where the Courtland and Vienna roads intersect, and where Tillsonburg began as a hamlet on the Otter, in Dereham township. Earliest recorded land transaction in the area took place in 1800, when the Crown granted to Peter Russell (for some years administrator of the province) the territory included later in the VanNorman and Tillson holdings. When George Tillson, with Benjamin VanNorman and a nephew, Harvey Tillson, purchased lots 3, 4 and 5 in the 12th of Dereham, the vendor was Dr. Baldwin, father of Hon. Robert Baldwin (joint premier of United Canada in the 1840s.)

George Tillson bequeathed to Joseph S. Tillson, his wife, Nancy, and others 13 acres, being parts of lots 3 and 11, south of Simcoe street and east of Vienna street, reserving part of the Benjamin VanNorman burial ground.

"Part of lot 3" passed in 1946 from J. D. Tillson and the Tillson Co., Limited, to Thomas and Elizabeth Ronson. The Ronson name has been associated with the area from earliest years. Courtland was first known as Ronson's Corners.

Edwin D. Tillson, son of the town's founder, was born in Massachusetts and, according to the account in *Hamlet On the Otter*, by Ellen H. Eff, had attended school there for a year when his father brought his wife and family of six to Canada in 1831. George Tillson

had ended a connection with the Normandale Forge and built a log house on the hill in what was to be Tillsonburg, near the intersection of the present Vienna and Courtland roads.

He built a sawmill and a forge, manufactured lumber, laid out roads, and for many years was county roads commissioner. In 1835, he laid out Tillsonburg and, with oxen, graded the main street to a width admirably adapted to the motor age but criticized by many at the time.

Edwin, George's youngest son, had grown to manhood by 1847, and started in business with two partners and capital of \$36, earned by teaching school in Bayham. His new enterprise was a small sawmill, on the site where 20 years later he built a large oatmeal mill. In 1851 he bought his father's mill and water "privileges" on the Otter, pulled down the old mill and built a double one on the site.

He bought a flour mill, erected many buildings (four in 1865) and was first mayor when Tillsonburg was incorporated in 1872. When the waterworks system was inaugurated in 1874, he contributed \$7,000 toward its capital cost. Erection in 1873 of the oatmeal mill led to a carriage and stave factory.

With other citizens, he raised \$41,000 in 1885 for Bell Telephone construction. In 1890 he added a planing mill, sash and door factory, flour barley, pea and oatmeal mills, also a large brickyard.

Tillson Pan-Dried Oats were famous in their time, and the company built up an export

trade in flour. The old Tillson Company Limited, which manufactured oatmeal, flour, peas, etc., sold out around 1908 or 1909 to the Canadian Cereal Company Limited. That company bought many other mills in Ontario, but eventually went out of business.

Mr. Tillson was magistrate for Tillsonburg during about 20 years. He married on July 4, 1850, Mary Ann Van Norman, and they had six children. He was survived by his wife, two sons, George W. and E. V.; two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Sinclair and Mrs. H. Harrison. The son, E. V., was the father of Victor H. Tillson, Q.C., Tillsonburg whose law partner is his son, Edwin V. Tillson.

Charles VanDyke Corless was born on North Norwich township in 1868, son of Moses Corless, who came to Canada from Liverpool as a boy in 1846. He attended New Durham public school, model school in Stratford, and Toronto Normal, where he won the Prince of Wales gold medal in a class of 130. He taught school at Cathcart and spent a year at Brantford collegiate preparing for his first-class certificate. Upon graduation from Normal School he was appointed principal of Norwich public school. He taught there for seven and a half years, teaching every subject in the curriculum, and prepared large classes for the universities.

He married Lillie Stephenson of Cathcart, whom he met while teaching. Their eldest daughter, who later became Mrs. Langer, of Tunbridge Wells, England, was born in Norwich. The other daughter is Mrs. B. D. Burn, Tillsonburg.

Mr. Corless' career might well have continued successfully in the field of education. Even he could not have foreseen the long climb to eminence in metallurgy. In her excellent biographical article on Dr. Corless, Miss Stella Mott of Norwich relates that while he was at public school and, later at Norwich, he received inspiration from Inspector William Carlyle, of Woodstock, a nephew of the famous literary philosopher and who was father of two eminent engineers, W. R. and E. J. Carlyle.

Corless at this time was considering studying natural science, particularly biology, intending either to enter a course in medicine or preparing for a professorship in a university. There were practical difficulties in either case, and, in the autumn of 1898, he entered McGill University for a course in mining and metallurgy.

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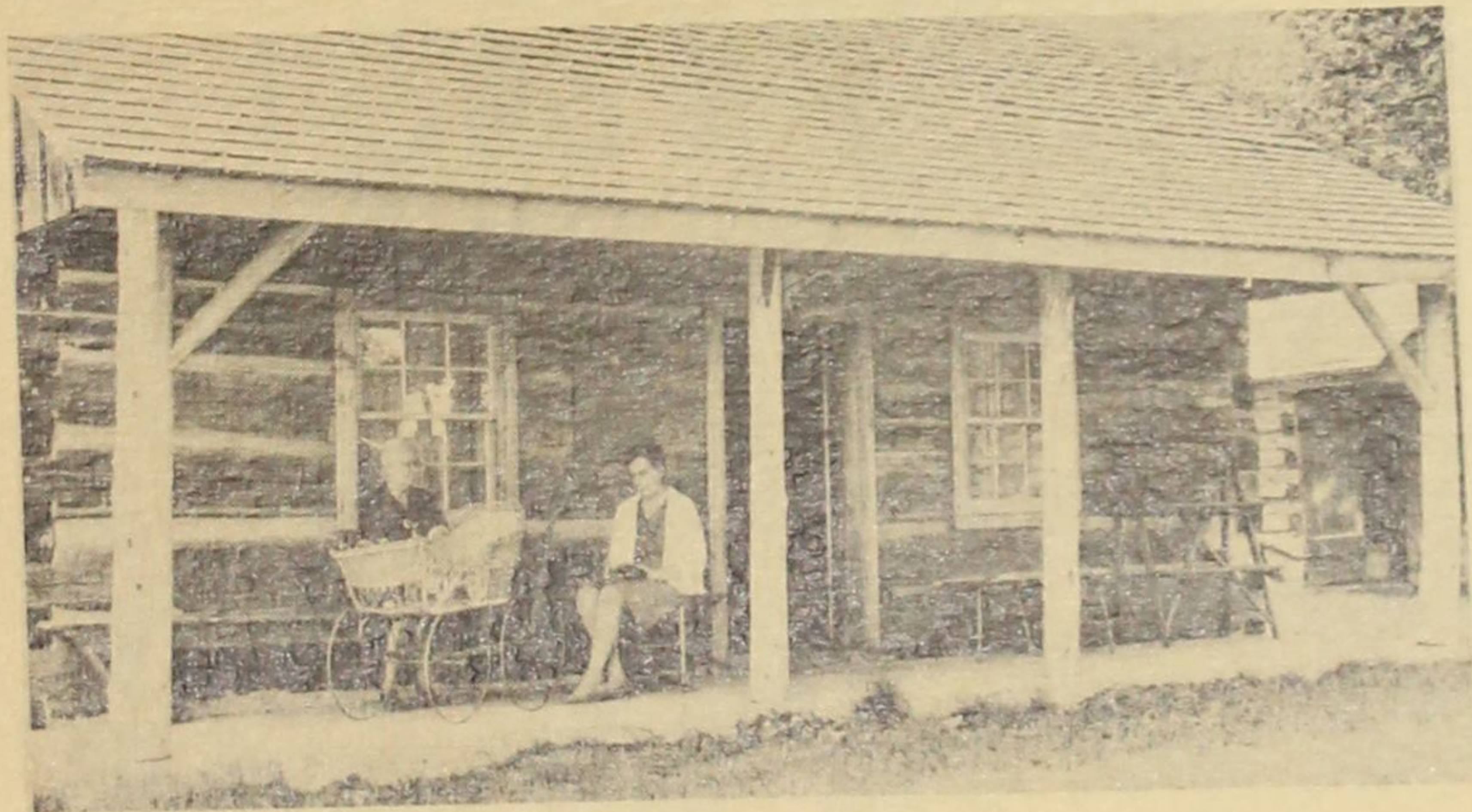
EDWIN TILLSON

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Windham Township Pioneer - Museum

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Teeterville, Ontario

An historical museum is located on the rear of the Women's Institute grounds, Teeterville, Ontario.

A pioneer log home was moved from the former Edgeworth Park and restored in the present location as a township centennial project, officially opened July, 1967.

Museum is open from May to October, Wednesday, Saturday, Sundays and holidays 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LETTER FROM PEARL EASTON
RE LION AT PARK ENTRANCE

The lion+ unicorn were on the
back of the train that carried
Prince of Wales now
Duke of Windsor } July 20th/70

Dear Winnie Mae + Catherine
Rec your letter glad to hear
from you. I wondered what
was wrong when I seen the
letter.

Well my dad gave the
Iron Lion to the Park
to be put up on the
entrance to the Park.

They are not the original
ones. He had The Lion +
Unicorn lent to him + he
~~to~~ had Beatty Bros.
make them for him. We
got first prize for putting
them in our window when
we had the store. George
had nothing to do with them
that is as far as I know
I do not know where the
over

unicorn bent. It was not
~~also~~ around when he died.
hope you are well as I
am fine eating eggs
which I seen in the paper
are good for Diabetes & I
think they are helping me
where is Lena now I know
she is not-very good.
I am going to Toronto for
Thanksgiving for 2 weeks
& on ^{16th} to my brother
& his wife's Golden W. I
dont-want-to miss that.
Well Winnie that is all
I can give you about the
Lion. so will close
Love to all.

I was rather shaky ^{Pearl} for fear
of someone's death until I got into
the letter excuse writing as
I am writing on my knee

Springford Pair Wed 25 Years

Mr. and Mrs. LeVerne Haley of Springford celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a buffet supper for 30 friends and relatives at their home, given by their daughters.

Open House was held during the evening and Mrs. Maurice Haley of Springford and Mrs. Valeria Brough of Woodstock poured tea for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Haley were married in Belfast, Northern Ireland, seven days after V.J. Day, while LeVerne was serving with the R.C.A.F. Mrs. Haley came to Canada on the war bride's ship S. S. Mauretania in March 1946 to join her husband.

They have three daughters, Mrs. David (Carol) Tribe of R.R. 1, Springford, Miss Maureen Haley, who is commencing her final year at McMaster University in the B. Sc. N. course, and Miss Pam Haley, who will enter St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in September.

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Local Canada Manpower offices have taken on additional staff to handle job placements during this year's tobacco harvest. They are Brian Clark of Tillsonburg, a University of Western Ontario student spending his first summer with Manpower, Rita Devine of Tillsonburg, a graduate of Glendale High School planning to study social work at the University of Windsor beginning this fall, and fully-bilingual Bryan Taylor of Otterville who plans on returning to U.W.O. this fall. Beginning Monday morning, Manpower will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. week-days and from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays until harvest is completed.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finch of Otterville wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marlene to Mr. Larry Cecil Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hopkins of R.R. 2, Norwich, Ontario. The wedding to take place Saturday, August 22, 1970 at three o'clock in Otterville United Church, Otterville, Ontario.

Decoration Day

OTTERVILLE (C) - Many memorial floral tributes were placed on plots of loved ones in the Otter Cemetery on Sunday.

Circumstances beyond the control of the committee made it impossible to secure a speaker to conduct the annual service.

Many relatives and friends from the area came to place their flowers in remembrance.

TWENTY YEARS AGO August 31, 1950

The Southern Ontario Telephone Company, Limited, has been sold to The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada. Telephone subscribers in the Glen Meyer and Delhi districts will be affected by the change of ownership.

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Langton - Clayton Collings opened his new general store on Saturday.

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Rev. J. N. Doidge, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, and St. Stephen's Culloden, for the past three years, delivered his farewell message to a large congregation on Sunday morning.
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St. John's Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) -

Members of St. John's Anglican Church Guild enjoyed a picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste on Wednesday afternoon. Owing to the busy season there was a small attendance. During the afternoon a gift was presented to Mr. George Uptigrove, father of Rev. Stanley Uptigrove. They are moving to their new home in London. *Aug/70*

Next regular Guild meeting will be held September 17, the place to be announced later.

Members were reminded that the church service would be withdrawn at Otterville parish on Sunday morning, but morning worship will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, at 11:15 a.m.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Riste who were hosts to the group for July and August, when they held a picnic party in place of their regular meeting.

Congregation Honors Rector

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NORWICH (C) - Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church for the past six and one half years, was honored by his congregation on Sunday morning following his final series at the church prior to moving to London.

A potluck dinner preceded a social get-together presided over by Robert Barham. Bev. Avey, minister's warden, presented Mr. Uptigrove with a ring, pen holder and matching bookends. A gift was also presented to his father who is over 90 years of age and has resided with Mr. Uptigrove during his ministry in Norwich.

Rev. Uptigrove suitably thanked the congregation and stated he had enjoyed being in Norwich.

The new rector, Rev. Herbert Douglas Herring, will assume his duties Sunday, September 20.

FAMILY REUNIONS

McMullen Family

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OTTERVILLE (C) - The 7th reunion of the McMullen families was held in Southside Park, Woodstock, on Sunday with more than 30 relatives attending.

With perfect picnic weather relatives came from Sarnia, Toronto, Norwich, Otterville and Woodstock. The president, Howard McMullen of Woodstock, welcomed the relatives and invited them to the well-laden tables.

Following dinner a brief business was conducted when plans were made for the 1971 reunion to be held in the community park, Otterville, the second Sunday in August from 3-8 p.m.

Fred Thompson of Norwich was named convener for the sports program for 1971.

Of particular interest was the McMullen family tree for which Gary O'Bright gathered and prepared the history from early files.

Fred Thompson of Norwich conducted the sports program and winners were: youngest child, Karen Dow, Otterville; guessing contest, Matt Mayer, Woodstock; youngest mar-

ried couple, Mr. and Mrs. William A. McMullen Otterville; oldest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville.

Swimming was enjoyed by the younger folk through the balance of the day while the older folk enjoyed visiting.

Clergyman Retiring To Home Country

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An Otterville native, Rev. W. Ridley Parson is retiring to Woodstock after serving for many years as rector of Anglican parishes in Chicago and Detroit.

Mr. Parson was born and raised in Otterville, graduating from Woodstock Collegiate Institute. When he was first ordained in 1924, he served five years as rector of Christ Church, Huntingford, and Trinity Church, East Zorra.

In his retirement years he expects to follow his interests in conservation and forestry through his 100-acre tree farm at Otterville. It has been part of the Parson ancestral prop-

erty since great-grandfather Mark Parson first came to Canada in 1834. Mr. Parson's father and grandparents lived in South Norwich during their lifetimes.

Mr. Parson has been managing his tree farm in association with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. He has planted thousands of trees on the farm which is believed to contain the last stand of white fir in that area.

Mrs. Parson was the former Marjorie White of London, and the couple has three sons living in Peterborough, Stratford and Detroit.

Former Resident Tours Village

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harford of Florida, accompanied by Miss Pauline Mundy of Harriston, were week-end guests with relatives and friends in the village.

On Sunday a noon day meal was enjoyed in the community hall and attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harford, Miss Pauline Mundy, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse, Mr. Charles Fur-

long, Miss Edna Furlong, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring.

Following the dinner the visitors were taken on a tour through the local township office where they visited the museum. This was of particular interest to Mr. Harford, as he had many happy memories of his boyhood days in Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harford and Miss Mundy returned to Harriston on Monday.

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Auction Ends Simmons Saga

An auction, labelled "the biggest of its kind," will be held near Tillsonburg this week-end. On the auction block will be everything owned by the late Ernie Simmons.

Visitors from all over Canada and the United States will be bidding on the merchandise.

Rex Parker, who has been working for the last few weeks at the farm, reported that interest has been shown by the Canadian Aeronautical Museum, as well as the Smithsonian Institute.

It is likely that the place will be as full of V.I.P.'s as it is of antiques.

The auctioneer, Dan Murray of Ingersoll, has said that everything will be sold...from the Fairy Swordfish biplanes to all of the miscellaneous household effects.

The auction runs from Thursday through Saturday, September 3-5. On Thursday the household effects, 128 cars from 1940-1960, 15 army trucks and Ernie Simmons collection of 57 guns will be sold.

On Friday, 107 motor-

cycles lead off the auction. Also on sale will be steam engines, tractors, gas engines, and 15 Bren gun carriers.

Saturday will be the biggest day of the auction. On

the block will be the World War II airplane collection. There are 43 aircraft, and 30 engines for sale.

Also on Saturday, 41 antique trucks and cars will be sold. Miscellaneous

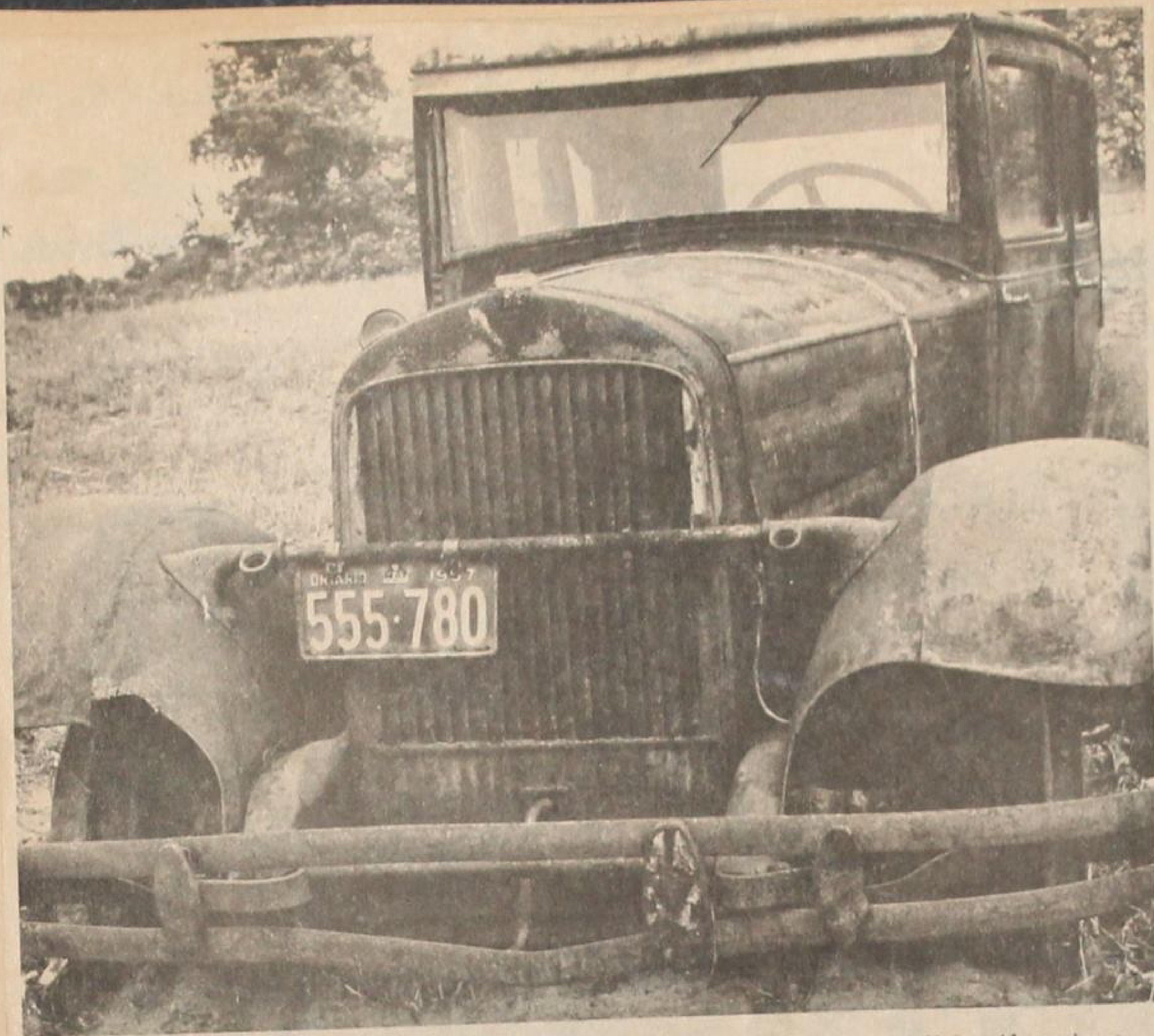
parts for both the vehicles and the planes are up on Saturday.

A total of 518 items, plus miscellaneous objects, bring the final total of things on sale to well over 600.



Over 600 items, ranging from Swordfish biplanes to kitchen chairs, will be on the auction block and sold by auctioneer Dan Murray on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They are all part of the Ernie Simmons estate, being sold under the Public Trustee. Here are a few of the planes, cars, motorcycles, tractors, and parts, all ready to go.

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Up for auction from the Ernie Simmons estate on Saturday will be 41 antique cars and trucks. This 1928 Hudson Super Six is one of them. It is expected that the farm will be crowded with bidders, and interested spectators. *Aug 17*



Ernie Simmons collected around him a lot of what most people termed "junk." That "junk" was up for sale last week, and brought a lot of money. He is shown here a few years ago before his death with one of his over 100 motorcycles. (Photo by Art Goodwin).

Fanshawe College farm site called 'living laboratory' *Sept 1/70*

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — The 150-acre farm site of the Oxford School, Fanshawe College agriculture division was described as a "living laboratory," Tuesday by W. J. Pillsworth of London, director of administration staff.

Mr. Pillsworth, speaking at an open house where the corn crop of the first year students was displayed, said the college has taken a keen interest in the schools at Woodstock and Simcoe.

The students, he said, are relating what they have learned in the classroom to practical experience.

The community, he said, has been assisting through its resource people, including bankers and other business officials.

Ross McMullen, Otterville, treasurer of the "Satellite Corn Growers Association" (for first-year students) said a

90-bushel-an-acre yield could provide a net income of \$28 to the acre.

The student expenses, he said, have totalled \$7,800, or slightly above their anticipated budget. He said they are paying themselves \$1.75 an hour for their work.

A decision has yet to be made, he said, whether the corn will be sold from the field or stored.

Prof. George Jones, crops department, University of Guelph, said the student corn crop contains a good average minimum tillage area, although containing some yellow leaf blight and eye spot.

Minimum or zero tillage, he said, is proving useful on light soils, where roots can easily grow. The yields on the minimum tillage area, he said, may be down 10 per cent from other areas, however, a lot of time is saved.

Zero tillage is also assisting where there are problems with erosion.

Terry Cowley, Oxford school supervisor, said 22 students have enrolled for the new first year course at Woodstock, to open Oct. 26.

Harry Barrett, Norfolk school supervisor, said 12 have registered out of an anticipated 18 to 20 first-year students at Simcoe, where the farm management course includes tobacco, fruit and vegetable crop studies.

Agricultural representative Donald A. Taylor said the number of farm people with agriculture diploma courses has increase to approximately 10 per cent of the total number farming in Oxford County.

It's becoming the accepted thing, he said, to obtain the diplomas before getting started in farming.

Otterville

The Addison Furniture store is having a clearance sale. After 35 years in the furniture business, due to ill health, Mr. Addison has decided to sell out his stock and close the store this fall.

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Mark 48th Anniversary *Sept 70*

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe entertained the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, on the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary on Sunday at a surprise dinner party. Their attendants, Vern Addison of Simcoe and Mrs. Russell Cooper of Tillsonburg, were among the guests. Also present were Mrs. Vern Addison and Russell Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Addison of Guelph and Mrs. Doris Ker of Ingersoll.

Word was received here on Monday of the death of a former resident, Mrs. Wally Trotter at Espanola. Mrs. Trotter was the former Orla Thompson. She was the daughter of the late R. A. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, who were both teachers at the Otterville Public School.

100-year-old Aylmer resident dies

AYLMER — Mrs. Emma Rand of 8 Elgin St., Aylmer, who celebrated her 100th birthday last November, died Monday at St. Thomas Memorial Hospital. *Aug 31/70*

Born in Lynnville, just north of Simcoe, Mrs. Rand married the late John Russell Rand in San Francisco in 1892. The



MRS. EMMA RAND

... marked 100th birthday in November

couple moved to Aylmer following the 1906 California earthquake.

Mrs. Rand is survived by her daughter, Mrs. William Potts, of Aylmer, one granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

The body is at the H. A. Kebbel Funeral Home, Aylmer, for service at 2 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in the Aylmer Cemetery.

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Administrator Gets \$1,000 Pay Boost *Sept 1970*

Oxford County board of education's associate superintendent of elementary school instruction has been granted a \$1,000 salary increase.

Dr. Harold Hedley's salary has been set at \$23,000. Out of his total increase, \$500 will be paid retroactive to January 1, 1970. The second \$500 increase became effective August 1.

On July 11, trustees approved \$1,000 increases for its other administrators. Director of education George Simmons is now receiving \$28,400; John Young, associate superintendent of secondary school instruction is paid \$24,000; R. W. Pilgrims, associate superintendent of special services, \$23,000, and Douglas C. D. Sifton, associate superintendent of supervision and personnel, \$24,000.

FORTY YEARS AGO September 4, 1930

Cornell - A few from this place were at the early morning fire in Otterville on Monday, which completely destroyed the store of Mr. C. Mannell, also the bakery and ice-cream parlor of Mr. F. Bennett.

TWENTY YEARS AGO September 28 1950

Sunday was a day of eerie twilight. It was the day the sun turned blue. Cause was smoke. Forest fires in Northern Alberta, 340 miles northwest of Edmonton, had been belching it up for a week until it hung in a blanket, 10,000 feet thick, between two layers of clouds. The air mass that held the smoke moved eastward and then south. The smoke stream was more than 100 miles wide.



Adam Malcolm, of Springford is 94 years old, and still attends almost every ball game played in Springford. He played himself in his younger days, and is reputed to have been a pretty good pitcher, and hitter.

August 1970

Adam Malcolm, 94 Avid Ball Fan

He's not playing any more, but he's always in the stands to see the games.

Adam Malcolm of Springford is 94 years old, and still attends most of the ball games played in Springford.

The ball park is across the road from his home, and he crosses over for all of the men's home games and a few ladies' games.

Mr. Malcolm said that he thinks one of the best players in the Bi-County softball league is Bob Smith, the Springford pitcher. He

gave special mention to Smith's fastball.

He should know, for he pitched for Springford himself. He admits that it "was a long time ago that I played," but declined to mention exactly how many years.

He also played first base on the team, and said that he was a fairly good hitter.

Mr. Malcolm is a fan that any team would be proud to have, and you can be sure that he will be out their for the next Springford game, as the play-offs begin.

Mrs. Robert LaForge

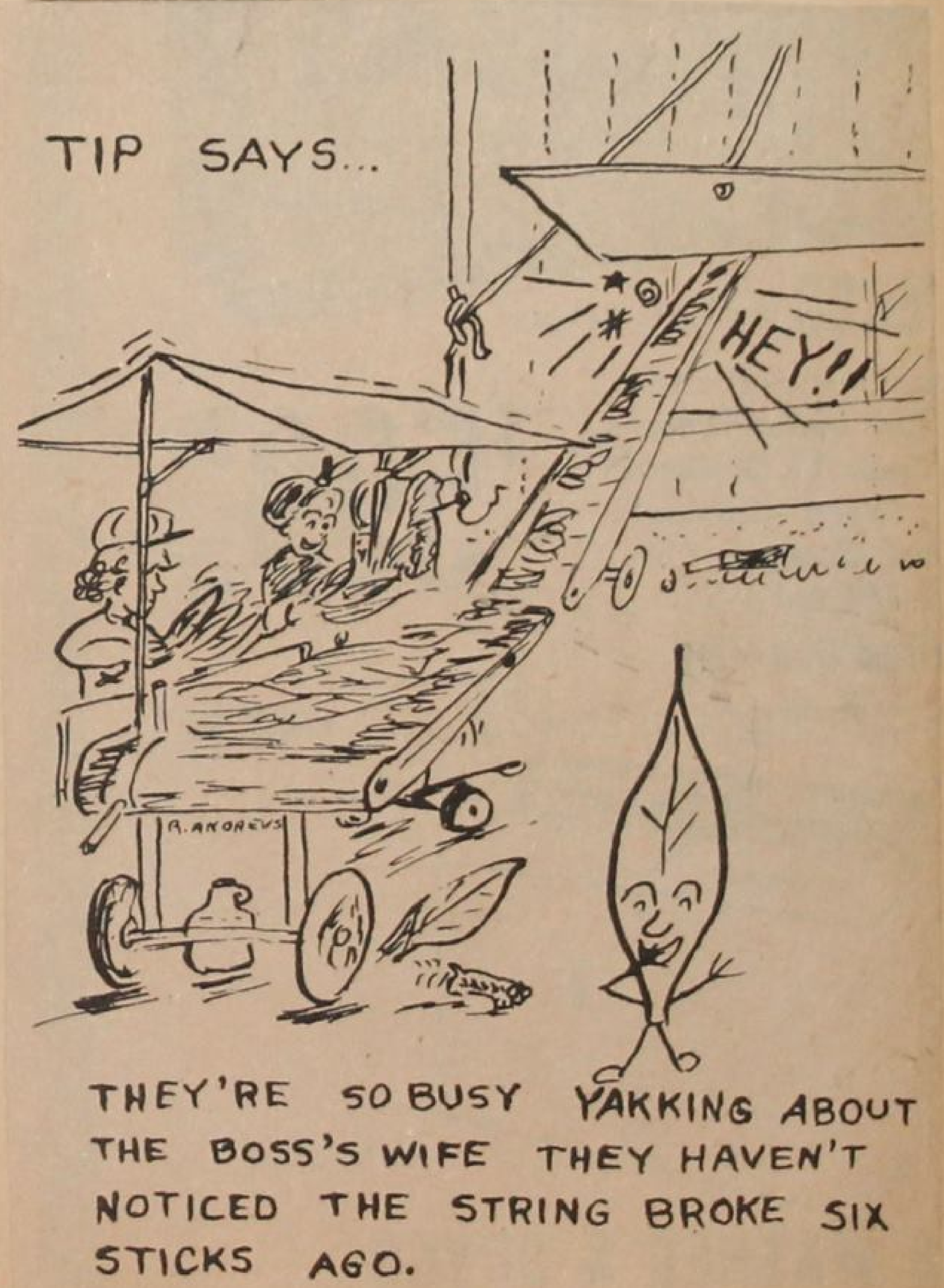
NORWICH (C) - The death occurred Monday, August 24, 1970, at Victoria Hospital, London, of Mrs. Robert LaForge of North Norwich Township, in her 53rd year.

The former Donna Irene Horley, she was born at Vienna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Horley.

Surviving, besides her husband, are six daughters, Mrs. Arlow (Gwen) Learn of Salmon Arm, B.C., Mrs. Paul (Iris) Owen of R.R. 4, Delhi, Mrs. Walter (Martha) Szach of R.R. 1, Simcoe, Mrs. Donald (Viola) Hilton of R.R. 1, Otterville, Mrs. Adrian (Sylvia) Deyl of R.R. 1, Norwich, and Mrs. Cornelius (Lela) Deyl of R.R. 2, Burgessville; four sons, Richard LaForge of Rodney, Robert LaForge of Simcoe, Clifford LaForge of R.R. 1, Norwich and Hugh LaForge of Otterville; her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horley of Port Rowan; three sisters, Mrs. Lawrence (Ruth) Vaughan of Vienna, Mrs. Frank (Dorothy) Butcher of Norwich, and Mrs. Ronald (Ethel) May of Waterford; two brothers, Wesley Horley of Port Rowan and John Horley of Clear Creek; and 32 grandchildren.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held Thursday, August 27, at 2 p.m.



THEY'RE SO BUSY YAKKING ABOUT THE BOSS'S WIFE THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED THE STRING BROKE SIX STICKS AGO.

EXTENSION OF INNIS PHILOSOPHY

Gathering place for thought

By LARRY EDGINGTON
Telegram Staff Reporter

Long after the awkward countryboy had become an internationally known economist, Harold Adams Innis gained pleasure and inspiration from his birthplace in the rolling Oxford countryside near Woodstock.

As a toddler on that 100-acre farm he had first encountered not only the mysteries of nature but the economics of farming and a way of life which instilled in him a profound curiosity.

Innis' biographer Donald Creighton wrote:

"The farm had given him his instinct for simplicity, his capacity for continuous hard work, his fund of rather cynical down-to-earth common sense, and his ability to communicate understandingly with people in a wide variety of walks of life.

"The strict sense of values and the feeling of devotion to a cause which became so characteristic of him in later life, were derived, in part at least, from the instruction imparted so zealously and unquestioningly inside the severe unadorned walls of the Baptist Church at Otterville."

During those rural years, Innis developed a great belief in his own worth and "a great impatience with organizations, hierarchies, dignities and rules.



Innis drew inspiration from his farm.

Place to learn

"This was, in fact, his basic moral and spiritual equipment. He would carry it through life."

Now, members of the Harold Adams Innis Foundation want to begin the transformation of the farm called Innisfree into a community gathering place of thought with the emphasis on "community."

Innisfree will never be a retreat or a haven for those fleeing from contemporary problems.

The ideal is for it to become a place where not only students and faculty can meet but also a place where members of the community can come and learn too.

Foundation members cherish the hope that Innisfree can evolve into an international conference centre or as Marshall McLuhan grandly envisions it "the Pugwash of the future."

The farm is self-supporting with 70 of its 100 acres now being run as a working farm by a University of Guelph student and his wife.

About 200 members of the Innis Foundation contribute enough through annual and life memberships and through personal donations to cover the mortgage payments.

What is needed now is money for a capital building fund. The Victorian farmhouse has already been renovated but has accommodation for only about a dozen people.

Top priority will be given to the construction of a prefabricated dwelling suitable for 25 to 30 people and the foundation hopes to have it built by next fall.

The massive barn will require considerable refurbishing to provide additional meeting and accommodation space but that will be next year's fund-raising project.

Most undergraduate students would have little trouble identifying with the man revealed in Donald Creighton's excellent biography.

Uncertainty about his future and parental and outside pressures compounded his dilemma through his teens and his undergraduate years. Would he become a Baptist minister as his parents hoped? Would he realize

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his vaguely defined ambitions to become a lawyer or a teacher?

When he came to realize that political economy, and particularly Canadian political economy, was the all-consuming interest in his life, his future was decided.

Throughout the years, he was to produce a truly prodigious amount of original material, including two books on the Canadian fur trade, a history of the Canadian Pacific Railway, books on cod fisheries (his lectures were said to be so vivid and detailed that one former student remembers he could almost smell the fish). In his last years, his lectures and writing outlined a theory of communications and economic development which many consider to be the basis of Marshall McLuhan's work.

Career at Toronto

A 1916 graduate of McMaster University, which was then in Toronto, Harold Innis served in the artillery in World War I and was wounded during the bloody, drawn out Vimy Ridge campaign.

After his medical discharge, he was to become a familiar heroic figure in the halls of the University of Chicago with his severe limp and his ever-present cane. It would be years before he would finally shake the results of that knee wound.

In 1920, he graduated with his doctorate from the University of Chicago and in the same year became a lecturer at the University of Toronto.

It was the beginning of a life-long academic partnership which only ended with his death from cancer in 1952.

In 1934 he was a member of a Royal Commission appointed to examine the economic life of Nova Scotia and later won the Royal Society of Canada's Tyrrell Medal for his work in history and economic science.

He was accorded many other honors, not the least of which was the offer to head the prestigious Depart-

ment of Economics at the University of Chicago.

But the year was 1943 and Harold Innis felt a deep sense of loyalty and compassion for those thousands of young men whose lives had been disrupted by war.

As Donald Creighton wrote:

"He could not possibly abandon those young men. He had preached loyalty to the Canadian scholars of the future. How could he, at this juncture of all others, desert the institution to which their largest numbers would return? It was unthinkable . . ."

Two years later, his international stature rose a few more points when he accepted an invitation to attend an international science conference in Moscow.

In 1948 he delivered the Beit lecture at Oxford University, then regarded as the highest honor which could be awarded a teacher of economic history.

He served on the Manitoba Royal Commission on adult education and in 1948 was the only Canadian among a group of 11 educationists who submitted their answer to the Atomic Age, a constitution for world government.

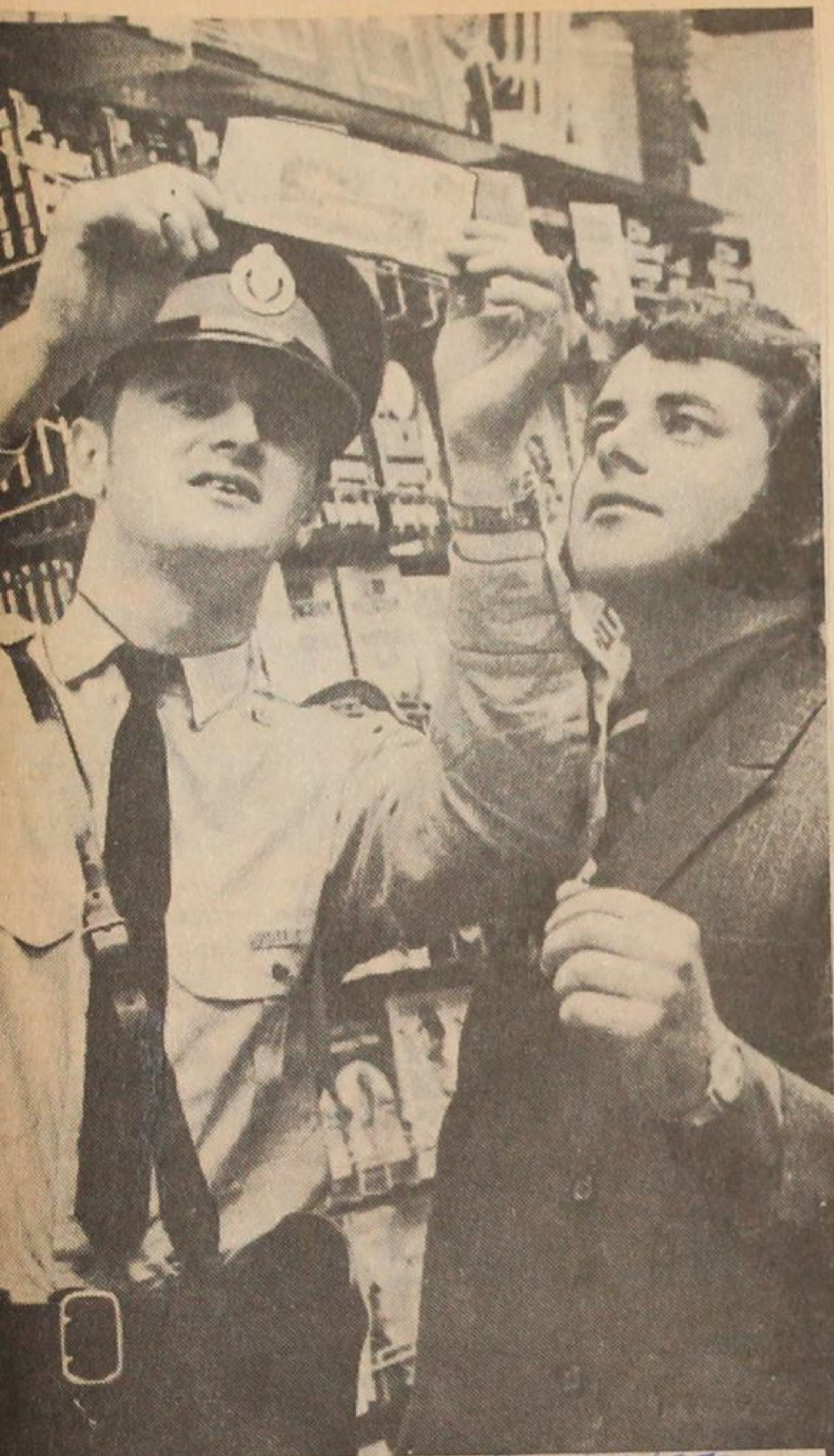
The year of his death, he had become the only non-resident of the United States to head the American Economics Association.

Innisfree dream

The influence of the teaching and writings of this man who headed U of T's department of political economy for 15 years and was also dean of the School of Graduate Studies has run deep over the years. And the cult of international admirers is acquiring yet another generation of scholars.

At Innisfree, perhaps through some form of intellectual osmosis, some of the qualities which allowed Harold Innis to rise to the top of his profession might be instilled anew.

INNIS CONTO



SNAZZY NEW TWENTY

A Toronto policeman and a store customer seem to be in doubt about the legality of a new Canadian \$20 bill which was released for circulation recently. Reaction to the new bill (below) has been mostly bewilderment. (TTS)



I, Franklin David Finch, after July 31, 1970 will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred in my name without my written consent. 42

Coal oil price

"I bought two gallons of coal oil at Anderson's Hardware in Norwich and was charged 75 cents a gallon. I paid only 35 cents a gallon last April. Can you find out why the price has gone up 40 cents in so short a time?"

William Allen, Otterville.

Anderson's got a fresh barrel from Imperial Oil recently and realized they had been retailing the stuff below cost for months. Imperial's wholesale price to stores is 35.5 cents. Anderson's decided to hike its price to 75 cents. "It's either that or quit handling it altogether," says the proprietor. So little coal oil is used these days it's become a nuisance item, he said. However, Sound Off made a few phone calls and discovered you can get coal oil closer to home — at Holmes & Taylor hardware in Otterville — for 38 cents a gallon.

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Area Guild Holds Picnic

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Jack Riste was hostess to members of St. John's Anglican Guild when they met in the form of a picnic in place of their regular meeting. There were 15 present.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove opened the short business meeting with prayer. The members graciously welcomed a former worker of the Guild, Mrs. Lena Young, who was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen. Mrs. Young is now a resident of Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock. On behalf of Violet Rebekah Lodge Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presented Mrs. Young with a gift and on behalf of the Guild a gift was presented to Mr. Uptigrove's father, Mr. George Uptigrove who observed his 96th birthday, July 26th. Each recipient extended thanks.

Mrs. Jack Furlong invited members to her home for the meeting and picnic in August.

The afternoon closed with a potluck supper which was enjoyed by each and everyone and appreciation was given to Mr. and Mrs. Riste for the lovely time.

Frank Duffy Honored On 90th Birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) - It was a very pleasant occasion on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Duffy, when she entertained for her father-in-law, Mr. Frank Duffy, on his 90th birthday, which took the form of open house.

Mr. Duffy and his daughter - in - law met relatives and friends, numbering more than 100, at the door.

Misses Sharon and Margaret Nold of LaSalette, granddaughters of Mr. Duffy, looked after the guest register.

Mr. Duffy wore pink carnations for his boutonniere and Mrs. Duffy wore a corsage of red carnations and red shasta daisies.

The honored celebrant, believed to be the eldest citizen of the Township, takes care of his good sized garden and takes his daily walks to the village, still maintaining a good spring in his step.

He was the recipient of many gifts, cards and good wishes and all that went along to make a "Happy Birthday" for a good friend and neighbour, Mr. Frank Duffy.

Guests were present from London, Mount Elgin, Delhi, St. Marys and the Otterville area.

Previous to this Mr. Duffy was honoured when his daughter, Mrs. Carman Scott, and Mr. Scott entertained members of the immediate family to a dinner at their home in Otterville.

Present were Mr. Frank Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Nold, of LaSalette, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marrison of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosehart of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Evelyn Duffy of Otterville.

Tomlinson - King



MR. AND MRS. THEODORE (Ted) CAMPBELL DOCHEFF

Noels - Chessell

OTTERVILLE (C) - Judith Arlene Chessell and Stanley Wayne Noels were married at Chalmers United Church, Woodstock, Saturday, July 18, 1970, at 2 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chessell of Woodstock and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Noels of Otterville.

Dr. C. H. Dickinson officiated for the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a chiffon wedding gown, trimmed with lace and featur-

ing a train. She wore a white lace veil and carried a bridal arrangement of red and white roses.

Miss Trudy Lynn Groves of Woodstock was maid of honor wearing a gown in a mauve shade with white trim. She carried a bridal arrangement of red and white roses.

Mr. Bruce Kennedy of Otterville attended the bridegroom.

For the reception at the Otterville home of the bridegroom's parents, the bride's mother wore a blue chiffon dress with matching accessories. The bridegroom's mother wore a mauve chiffon ensemble with mauve accessories.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Seasonal flowers decorated St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on Saturday, July 25, 1970, at 2:30 p.m. for the wedding of Ruth Anne King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. King of Otterville and Douglas Eugene Tomlinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tomlinson of Otterville. Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, rector of the church, officiated and organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville, played traditional wedding music during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length, A-line, white gown of rayon and nylon lace over rayontaffeta, styled on empire lines with scalloped lace overskirt extending to an oval-shaped train. A rhinestone tiara held her fingertip veil of tulle in place, and she carried a bouquet of white sweetheart roses trimmed with pink English ivy.

Sheila Gowdy of Burford, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a floor-length, empire gown of deep mauve crepe with V neck and silver trim around the neck and waistline. A multicolored rhinestone tiara and a bouquet of yellow pom poms completed her ensemble.

Kenneth Gowdy of Burford, cousin of the groom, was best man. Usher was Larry Duffy of Otterville, cousin of the groom.

Reception for 40 guests was held in the community

hall, Otterville, decorated for the occasion with seasonal flowers. Bride's table featured a three-tier wedding cake and candles. Guests' tables were decorated with orange and white wedding bells.

Bride's mother received guests in a pink, street-length dress of fibreglass, styled on A-lines, worn with white accessories and a corsage of white trimmed with pink sweetheart roses with velvet leaves.

She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a blue, street-length coat and dress ensemble of brocade, worn with white accessories and a corsage of pink sweetheart roses with velvet leaves.

Bride's gifts were sterling silver earrings; groom's gifts were cowhide wallets.

For a wedding trip to North Bay, Algonquin Park and Northern Ontario, the bride chose a yellow, long-sleeved dress, worn with matching green and yellow pastel jacket, white accessories and a corsage of three carnations tinted green.

Guests were present from the surrounding area.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson are residing on Stover St. S., Norwich.

The bride and groom received the toast glasses from Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Almost, Otterville florists. The glasses were decorated with white ribbon and lily of the valley.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. and Mrs. Clare English and family of Niagara Falls were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. Albert Lawrence and Michael Ash who are patients in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

For a wedding trip to the southern United States, the bride travelled in a white chiffon and lace dress.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Noels will reside in Ingersoll.

Guests attended the wedding from Woodstock, Kitchener, London, Tillsonburg, Sparta, Waterloo and Otterville.

Building Start Soon On Otterville Bridge

July 1970

A new, wider bridge over the Otter Creek at Otterville will be constructed by Oxford County.

The bridge will replace the existing narrow span in the village.

The new bridge will be 65 feet in length, with a 30-foot-wide roadway and a five-foot sidewalk on each side. Present roadway is approximately 18 feet wide over the bridge.

Construction will be done by county roads crews, with some outside help. Construction is scheduled to start July 6.

Oxford Road Superintendent Donald Pratt said that existing abutments will be used for the bridge. While constructed some years ago, they were built to enable future widening of the structure.

Cost is estimated at approximately \$40,000, including some work on approaches and drainage.

Work will be completed as rapidly as possible, but detours via the Cornell road to the south or the concession road north will be necessary while work is in progress.

The county earlier completed a new bridge and approaches over the Spitler Creek, between Springford and Otterville, as part of the improvements on County Road 19. Next year rebuilding is planned on the road from Tillsonburg to County Road 20, just south of Springford.

Work is expected to start shortly on new storm sewers as part of reconstruction of the Tillson Ave. approach to Road 19.

No Grant For Bridge To Park

July 1970

OTTERVILLE (C) - A new footbridge across the Otter to the South Norwich Community Park is probable despite no grant being available.

At the July meeting of township council, a letter was read from the Department of Agriculture and Food, informing council that no grant would be given toward the bridge.

It is expected that the new bridge will be constructed this year, however, and will be financed by taxpayers.

A letter was received from the Department of Public Records disclosing that a grant of exceeding \$300. would be given to the South Norwich Museum, which is located in the basement of the municipal building.

General accounts of \$1,757.30 and road voucher of \$10,804.72 were passed by council.



July 1970

Work began Monday for the new bridge over the Otter Creek in Otterville. The construction is being rushed to complete the project as soon as possible, but no target date has been set. The new bridge is being built at a cost of \$40,000. While the street is blocked, detours have been set up in the village to accommodate motorists. Oxford County road crews, with some outside help, are doing the work on the wider span.

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Otterville Bridge Nears Completion

The Otterville bridge will be open for traffic "the latter part of the week" announced Oxford County foreman Al Blackmore on Tuesday.

Mr. Blackmore is one of the foremen involved in the construction of the new bridge over the Otter River in the centre of Otterville. He said that most of the major work has been completed.

The only parts of the job as yet unfinished are the

north and west approaches, and the installation of sidewalks, gas lines, and telephone cables.

The bridge will not be paved immediately, and Mr. Blackmore was not sure of the schedule for paving it.

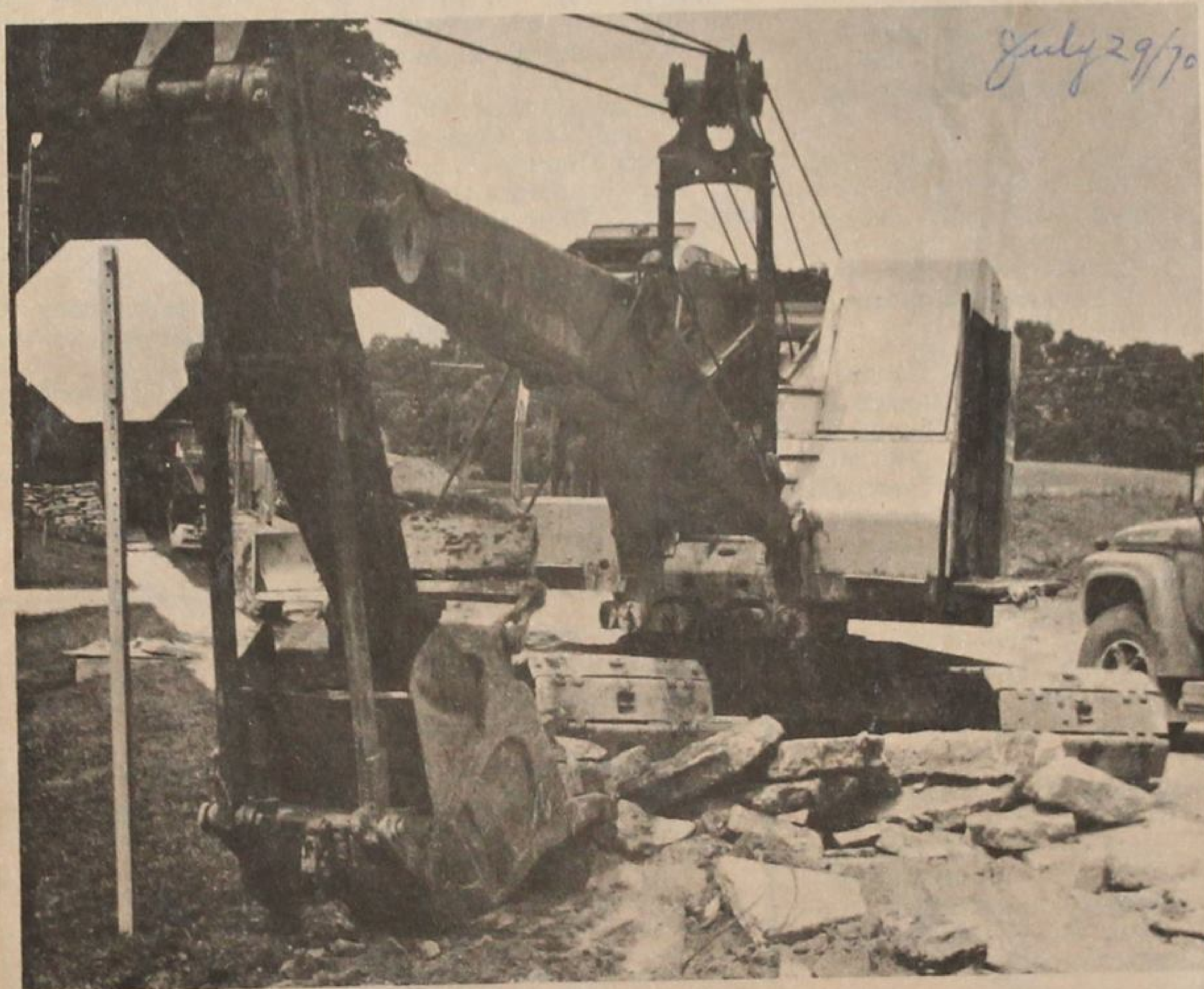
The work has taken about three and one half weeks. He said that it has been "really smooth." The only problem encountered was the removal of the old abutments, which took an extra day.

He said that the pond is

full again, and the mill is running, so the work has caused minimum interruption.

About 20 men have been employed in the construction.

He added that it would be appreciated if people "Would leave our signs and barricades alone." He said that they are often moved after work has been completed for the day, and that this causes confusion to visiting motorists.



The Otterville bridge is nearing completion. It is reported that it will be open to traffic by the week-end. The entire job has taken about three and one half weeks. Shown here is the bridge as it looked on Tuesday, nearing the final stages.

Rt. Rev. J. H. O'Neil Passes Served St. Mary's 46 Years

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Priest of St. Mary's R. C. Church, Tillsonburg, from 1926, until his retirement in 1968, Rt. Rev. Joseph H. O'Neil, passed away Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital, London.

Although ardent and devout to his chosen profession, his service to the community did not stop at the parish boundry. He was particularly active in educational fields, serving a quarter of a century on the Tillsonburg High School Board. Recreation was another field that gained his attention, and just three years ago he donated a tract of land, west of Rolph St., for park purposes.

Msgr. O'Neil studied at Assumption College, Windsor, and took his theological course at St. Peter's Seminary, London. On April 15, 1922, he was ordained a priest by the late Bishop M. F. Fellon, D. D.

He served as assistant priest for two years at St. Mary's R. C. Church, Woodstock, following his ordination, then was administrator of Woodslee parish, near Windsor, for two years.

On September 1, 1926, he was appointed priest at St. Mary's R. C. Church, Tillsonburg, and St. Peter's R. C. Church, Norwich.

He was instrumental in starting R. C. Churches in Langton and Port Burwell. In June, 1961, he was appointed Dean of Ingersoll



Rt. Rev. J. H. O'Neil

Deanery, and in 1962 was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate.

On April 15, 1962, he was honored at a reception in

St. Mary's Parish Hall marking his 40th anniversary of ordination and his 36th anniversary at one parish, at which he was recipient of a spiritual bouquet. Addressing him, Rev. Fr. S. J. McDonald of Simcoe, stated "So much has been accomplished for the Glory of God and the saving of souls here through your efforts. The fine church is a tribute to your work - and also the invisible part - that takes place in the hearts of men. We could not allow this opportunity to pass without some testimony of our esteem in having you as dean." Among gifts presented was a gift from priests in the deanery in the form of 40 silver dollars, all minted in 1962.

In April, 1967, Msgr. O'Neil planted two flowering crab trees in front of St. Mary's Church, celebrating his 45th anniversary as a priest and 41st anniversary as parish priest in Tillsonburg.

O'NEIL — At St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on Tuesday, July 28, 1970. Right Reverend Joseph H. O'Neil, of Tillsonburg. In his 77th year. Brother of Mrs. George (Adria) Dean, of Wallaceburg, Rev. Father M. Ignatius O'Neil, of RR 1, Harrow, Edward O'Neil, of Essex and Thomas O'Neil, of Wallaceburg. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Monsignor O'Neil is resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Thursday morning, July 30, thence to the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Tillsonburg, where he will rest in state. Concelebrated mass will be sung on Thursday evening, July 30, at 7:00 p.m. by the Most Rev. G. Emmett Carter, Bishop of London. Interment will be Friday morning, July 31, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Tillsonburg. Prayers will be said Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

THOMPSON, Archie Hiram, 73, of Norwich.

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Name Anglican Minister To Port Rowan Parish

Rev. Robert Theodore Francis Brain, M.C., L. Th., presently the incumbent of St. Barnabas' Church London, has been appointed to the Anglican Church parish of Port Rowan, in the Deanery of Norfolk.

Mr. Brain was ordained in the Diocese of Toronto in 1934. After service in that diocese, and six years of overseas service as a chaplain, and later as senior chaplain of the Canadian Army Overseas, during World War II, Mr. Brain accepted appointment in the Diocese of Huron, in the parish of Pelee Island, then subsequently in the Norwich parish in Oxford and since

1964 has been at St. Barnabas', London.

Mr. Brain will take up his new appointment on Sept. 15. The Port Rowan parish consists of St. John's Church, Port Rowan; St. William's Church, St. Williams; and Christ Church, Vittoria; together with the supervision of two of the summer chaplains on the lakeshore, St. Peter's at Long Point, and St. Andrew's at Turkey Point.

Pearce Motors Ltd. Announcement



BILL BUTLER

Mr. Don Davis, President of Pearce Motors Ltd. is happy to announce that Mr. Bill Butler has joined his sales staff.

Bill has over eight years automotive experience to offer his many friends and customers and would like to take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to one and all to call or drop in to discuss your automotive needs. *Sept/70*

Mrs. Leon DeMeester

OTTERVILLE (C) - The death occurred on Sunday, September 6, 1970, of Mrs. Leon DeMeester of Springford, in her 56th year.

Born in Otterville, she was the former Ida May Pickersgill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pickersgill. She has been a resident of the Springford area for the past several years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Leon DeMeester of London, and Tony DeMeester of Springford; three daughters, Mrs. Leonard (Marie) Burnham of Georgia, Mrs. Roger (Donna) Seyhers of Straffordville and Mrs. Ronald (Norma) Meyers of London; three sisters, Mrs. Harry (Eva) Jones of Springford, Mrs. Ben (Dorothy Vivian) Robbins of Delhi, and Mrs. Clarence (Fern) Douglas of Otterville; and five brothers, Cleve Pickersgill of St. Thomas, Harry Pickersgill and William Pickersgill, both of Otterville, Ray Pickersgill of London and Mack Pickersgill of Brantford.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Wednesday, September 9, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of Springford United Church.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Mrs. Leon De Meester

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Mrs. Leon DeMeester of Springford, who passed away on September 6, 1970, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Wednesday, at 2 p.m. and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The service was conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of the Otterville United Church. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Donations were made to the Heart Foundation, Gideon Bibles and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were William G. McMullen, Merton McClintock, Arthur Picknell, Harry Ryder, Albert Lewis and Gordon McMullen.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Cleric given new charges

Rev. Herbert Douglas Herring has been appointed rector of Trinity Anglican Church, Norwich, St. Charles', Dereham, and St. John's, Otterville.

He will succeed Rev. Stanley Uptigrove, who will be as-



**REV.
D. H.
HERRING**

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signed lighter duties in the London suburban area.

Mr. Herring's appointment is effective Sept. 15/1970

He was born in London, Eng., and was ordained in the Huron Diocese by Bishop G. N. Luxton in 1958. He served at Chatsworth, Desboro and Holland Centre, before being appointed in 1961 as rector of St. John's, Port Rowan, St. William's, St. Williams and Christ Church, Vittoria.

Friendship Night Held By Lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) - Friendship Night was observed in the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 on Monday night. Miss Eva Deveney, Noble Grand, presided for the meeting.

District Deputy President Sister Norma Lefevre of Delhi, accompanied by

her husband, was present along with visitors from Springfield, Norwich, Port Rowan and Tillsonburg.

Announcement was made of the installation for incoming officers which will be held October 19.

A draw on a rug was won by Mrs. Eva Gauthier, which

was donated by the Noble Grand.

Gifts were presented to each guest.



In a four-day hunting trip, this trio brought back two big bull moose. The successful hunt was made in the Manitowadge district, about 300 miles north of Sault St. Marie. From left are Lloyd Anderson, Upper Anderson and Dave MacNaught. The animals weighted between 1,100 and 1,200 pounds each.

OES chapter in Norwich installs new officer slate

NORWICH -- Mrs. John Pritchard was installed worthy matron of Norwich Chapter 175, OES Norwich, with William Waring, worthy patron.

Her executive includes: associate matron, Mrs. Gordon Statham; associate patron, Sam Crocker; secretary, Mrs. John Storey; treasurer, Mrs. Norman McIntyre.

Other officers are Mrs. Lillian Oatman, Mrs. W. A.

Stubbs, Norman McIntyre, Lloyd Peat, Mrs. Charles Mann, Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Carl Howse, Mrs. R. T. McPherson, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Carl Howse, Mrs. George Lowe, Mrs. Earl Peteh, Mrs. Wilfred Addison and Fred Evoy. Oct 14/70

Guild Members

Tour Rectory

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Douglas Herring of Norwich, wife of Rector Douglas Herring, entertained members of St. John's Guild at the rectory last week.

Mrs. Harold Durkee, president, opened the meeting and Scripture was read by Mrs. Nate McMullen, who also late gave the treasurer's report.

Minutes were read by secretary, Miss Edna Furlong. A card was designed for a shut-in member.

The date, time and place was set for the annual fall bazaar which will be Thursday, November 12, in the parish hall, Otterville, from 2:30 - 5.

Mrs. Nate McMullen invited the group to her home for the next regular meeting, October 29.

Rev. Herring closed with prayer.

Following the meeting, members were taken on a tour by the hosts to see the many fine improvements which had been made to the rectory.

Mrs. Herring was assisted in serving a dainty lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

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Mrs. John Pritchard who was installed Worthy Matron of Norwich Chapter No. 175, O.E.S. at ceremonies held recently in Norwich. Around 100 guests attended the service. William Waring was installed as Worthy Patron. (Photo by McCombs) 1970

Area Businesses Change Hands

OTTERVILLE (C) - A number of sales in real estate recently has changed the picture of Main Street again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Addison, who have served the public as merchants in the furniture business for the past 35 years, have sold their entire stock which was followed with the sale of the building to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller of Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller previously operated a successful business serving light lunches from a bus which was transformed with equipment. They have moved to the Addison property and Mr. and Mrs. Addison moved to the Miller residence, one door east of the South Norwich township office.

The good neighbour policy was further emphasized when these two couples moved to their places of abode, their relatives and

friends helped each other, making the work much easier.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Addison of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Addison and Nicole of Mississauga, and Mrs. Doris Ker of Ingersoll were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Addison and assisted them in moving to their new home east of the South Norwich municipal hall. Nate McMullen, Max Avey and Lawrence Brown also helped part of the day.

Further changes on Main St. came about when Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen of Acton moved to their apartment over the former Clover Farm Market which they purchased from Murray and Dorothy Wardell who have operated this store for the past 22 years.

Friends of the village and area wish for Mr. and Mrs. Addison many years

of happiness in their retirement, to Mr. and Mrs. Miller every success in whatever they plan to do, to Dorothy and Murray Wardell, who are not leaving the village, many expressions of appreciation for their helping hand while in business.

To the new owners of the store, Mr. and Mrs. Allen we welcome you and members of your family to Otterville.

The store which has been Clover Farm Market will be known as Tom Allen's Supermarket.

Mrs. Howard Sherman and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill will continue as clerks in the store.

Benjamin Strudwick

Benjamin Strudwick of South Norwich Township, passed away suddenly, on Saturday, October 10, 1970, at Simcoe, in his 75th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Emma M. Barnes; one daughter, Mrs. Alan (Phyllis) Rachar of South Norwich Township; one sister, Mrs. Leonard (Sara) Barnes of Toronto; and three grandchildren.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich, where service was held Tuesday, October 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Stanley Uptigrove.

Interment in Milldale Cemetery.

Party Marks Birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) ¹⁹⁷⁰ - A dinner party for 15 was held Sunday, October 4, at the Golden Leaf Restaurant, Delhi, to honor Mrs. Ruth Harrington of Clinton, as she and her family celebrated her 80th birthday. A beautifully decorated cake topped off the menu.

Those attending were three daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Bert (Edna) Stevenson of Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Derry (Georgina) Spicer of Otterville, Miss Lois Harrington of Clinton and five grandchildren. Mr. and

Mrs. Allan Spicer, Mr. Davis Spicer and Miss Pat Ward, Mr. Robert Spicer of Aylmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spicer, Miss Wenda Spicer and Mr. Ronald Smith of Otterville.

Mrs. Harrington enjoys an active life keeping in touch with friends by visits and correspondence. She enjoys cards, TV and also reading, keeping up on the news.

Mrs. Harrington wished to thank her many friends for gifts and beautiful cards and those who took time out to visit and make her day so enjoyable.

Surprise Party Marks 25th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) - A surprise party was held Sunday, October 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Spicer of Otterville in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. ¹⁹⁷⁰

About forty relatives, friends and neighbors gathered in the afternoon to give their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Spicer.

A delightful smorgasbord lunch was served by Mrs. Wayne (Pat) Spicer and Wenda Spicer.

A beautiful painting was received from the family and relatives, and many lovely gifts and cards were received from friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Spicer were married in St. John's Anglican Church, Elora, on October 27, 1945.

Relatives and friends were present from Delhi, London, Paris, Allenford, Woodstock, Waterford and Otterville.

LUXTON, GEORGE NASMITH, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of Huron, suddenly at his residence, on October 2, 1970. Survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy Catherine Martin, and three sons, Martin, David and D'Arcy, and six grandchildren. Bishop Luxton will rest IN STATE in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, from Monday, October 5, at 11 a.m., until the funeral service on Tuesday, October 6, at 2 p.m. Interment Hamilton Cemetery upon arrival of motor, approximately 4 p.m. Flowers gratefully declined at his request.

Burton - McSkimming

OTTERVILLE (C) - Standards of yellow and bronze mums accented with plaid ribbons decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, October 3, 1970, at 3 p.m. for the wedding of Violet Isabella McSkimming of 387 Mornington Ave., London, and Andrew (Andy) William Burton of 25 Stafford St., Woodstock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McSkimming of Dover Street, Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Wilfred A. McKibbon of Sunset Drive, St. Thomas and the late Mr. William Burton. The service was conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach. Organist, Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency of Norwich, played the Wedding March, **traditional wedding songs, and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Ruth Collver of Otterville, friend of the bride, who sang "The Wedding Prayer" before the ceremony and "Because" during the signing of the register.** A feature of the double-ring ceremony was accents of Burton and Ross plaid ribbons, and heather sent from Scotland.

For her wedding the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose a floor-length white gown, styled on empire lines. The sleeveless gown featured a round neckline, bodice covered with re-embroidered lace, and skirt of nylon chiffon over Ravena taffeta. A lace over coat with a short train and three-quarter-length sleeves, completed the ensemble. Her three-tiered veil of French tulle with scalloped edges held her headpiece of three chiffon stephanotis with seed pearls in place. The bride carried a white, satin covered Bible with three white cymbidium orchids with plaid streamers, and carried a silver good-luck horseshoe, sent from Scotland.



MR. AND MRS. A. (ANDY) W. BURTON

Maid of honor was Miss Joan McSkimming of Otterville, sister of the bride. She wore a floor-length gown of nutmeg bronze color, with yellow satin sash, made of French velvet. The gown was styled on princess lines with short puffed sleeves and was gathered at the empire waist. A yellow rose worn in the hair and a nosegay of yellow mums surrounded by a circle of bronze mums with plaid streamers, completed her attire.

Bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Finch of Otterville, friend of the bride, Miss Lucy Burton and Miss Lorraine Burton, both of St. Thomas, sisters of the groom. They were dressed similar to the maid of honor, only in emerald green.

Robert Sims of London friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Ron Lonsberry, Bob Elliott and Jim Elliott, all of Woodstock, friends of the groom.

Reception for 75 guests was held in the United Church hall, decorated for the occasion with two standards of bronze and yellow mums with plaid streamers. Bride's table featured a three-tiered wedding cake, accented with a top of heather and bride's blossom, and the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables were decorated with vases

of yellow rose buds and heather. Waitresses were Helen and Beth Collver, Lorraine Krohe, Catherine Doan, Wenda Spicer, Dianne Oliver, Marlene Hopkins and Jane Redman, all of Otterville, friends of the bride.

Telegrams of good wishes, sent from the bride's relatives in Britain were read by Mr. Glen Davis of Otterville, friend of the bride, and master of ceremonies at the reception.

For receiving, the bride's mother chose an autumn gold, street-length, crimpolene, sheath style dress, worn with dark brown accessories and gold rosebuds in her hair. A green orchid corsage with heather tied with plaid ribbon, completed her ensemble. The groom's mother chose a white metallic sheath, worn with blue, lace coat, black accessories, blue hat, and a corsage of heather and white orchid tied with a plaid ribbon.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were necklaces and headdresses; groom's gifts were an engraved lighter to the best man and cufflinks and tie tacks to the ushers.

For a wedding trip to the eastern seaboard of the U.S.A. and to Florida, the bride chose a red tunic suit, with white crepe blouse trimmed with lace, navy wet-look accessories, worn with two tiny red carnations in her hair, and a corsage of three white cymbidium orchids.

Out-of-town guests were

present from Toronto, Hamilton, Burlington, St. Thomas, Brantford, Paris, Woodstock, London, Delhi, Port Rowan, Kelvin, Burgessville, Tillsonburg and Norwich.

During the evening a dance was held at the Norwich Legion for 150 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton are residing at 387 Mornington Ave., London.

Prior to her wedding the bride was entertained at showers given by Mrs. Leonard Williams of Otterville, friend of the bride; Misses Barbara Finch and Joan McSkimming of Otterville, attendants; Mrs. Roy Edwards of London, friend of the bride; Mrs. Harloch and Mrs. Doreen Hilsdon, grandmother and aunt of the groom of Woodstock.

The groom was also entertained at a stag and a party given by his fellow workers.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. John McSkimming, Otterville, Ontario are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their eldest daughter, Violet Isabella to Mr. Andrew William Burton son of Mrs. Wilfred A. McKibbon, 370 Sunset Dr., St. Thomas and the late Mr. William Burton. The wedding will take place Saturday, October 3rd., 1970 at 3 o'clock in Otterville United Church.

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O'Neil - Heatley

OTTERVILLE (C) - Baskets of white mums decorated St. Joseph's Church, Chatham, on Saturday, October 10, 1970, at 12 noon, for the wedding of Barbara Marie Heatley, daughter of Mrs. J. P. Heatley of 1215 Marcin Rd., Sarnia, and the late Mr. Heatley, and Mr. Michael Edward O'Neil, son of Mrs. M.A. O'Neil of 233 Queen St., Chatham, and the late Mr. O'Neil. Rev. Zimney officiated and Mrs. M. S. Keffer of Beamsville, cousin of the bride, sang The Lord's Prayer and The Wedding Prayer during the service.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Jack Freeland of Otterville, the bride was lovely in a floor-length, Victorian styled dress of organza over taffeta with bodice of Venetian lace trimmed with hand sewn seed pearls, and styled with a high neckline and short puffed sleeves. A circular train with wide, Venetian lace, completed the gown. Her four-tiered veil of hand-tooled French illusion was held in place with a floral cluster of organza flowers, and she carried a cascade arrangement of miniature white carnations, yellow sweetheart rosebuds, English ivy and stephanotis.

Miss Sandra Norris of

London, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Alan Heaver and Miss Margaret Griffioen, friends of the bride, and Miss Mary Kay O'Neil, sister of the groom, all of Toronto. All the attendants were gowned alike in Kelly green chiffon over taffeta. The gowns were sleeveless with a neckline similar to that of the bride's gown, with imported lace collars with the same lace trim featured on the bodice of the gowns and around the empire waistlines, which were gathered at the back with a large bow and streamers. White baby mums were worn in the hair and the maid of honor carried a tailored cascade of white baby mums and yellow sweetheart roses, while the bridesmaids carried tailored cascades of white baby mums with gold ribbon.

John Kehoe of Chatham, friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Murray Jull of London, cousin of the bride, David Burwell of Sarnia and Guy Foster of Chatham, both friends of the groom.

Reception for 140 guests was held at the Holiday Inn, Chatham, decorated for the occasion with fall colored mums on the tables. Bride's table featured a wedding cake and candelabra.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Heatley chose a street-length ensemble of fortrel brocade in a shade of mink, worn with feather hat, beige accessories and a corsage of yellow sweetheart roses. Mrs. O'Neil chose a street-length dress in autumn red, worn with headdress to match, black accessories and a corsage of baby cymbidiums.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were evening bags. Groom's gifts were key cases.

For a wedding trip to Barbados, the bride wore a pink wool ensemble, black accessories and a white corsage of carnations and baby roses.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil will reside at 249 Queen St., Chatham.

Guests were present from Belleville, Oshawa, Toronto, Brantford, Otterville, Norwich, Detroit, Windsor, Birmingham, Mich., Sarnia and London.

Prior to her wedding the bride was feted at a number of miscellaneous showers, one given by Mrs. J. R. Fraser, Mrs. Robert Fewster, and Mrs. James Callfas of Sarnia at the home of Mrs. Fraser, one by Miss Sandra Norris, one by Mrs. B. O'Neil of Chatham, and one at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Jack Freeland in Otterville.

Area Couple Wed 25 Years

NORWICH (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Hinks of R.R.2, Norwich celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary when they were entertained to a surprise family dinner party at the home of the bride's sister, Miss Pauline Avey, 5 Carmen St., on Saturday evening, October 17.

Mrs. Hinks was the former Phyllis Avey, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Avey, and Mrs. Otto Hinks and the late Mr. Hinks were parents of the groom.

They were married October 17, 1945 in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, with

Rev. J. N. Doidge officiating. Their attendants were Miss Betty Vigar (now Mrs. Charles Gibbons) and Robert Hinks of Norwich, brother of Mr. Hinks.

Following their marriage, they moved to the Hinks homestead farm in North Norwich Township where they have since resided.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinks have two children, Sharon and Gary, both at home.

They received many cards, gifts and messages of congratulations. The family presented them with

a bronze hostess cart and during the evening they received a congratulatory phone call from Mrs. Hink's sister, Miss Marguerite Avey, of Los Angeles, California. 1970 Oct



The officers of the Rebekah Lodge were installed on Tuesday night. They are, front, left to right, Louise Weeks, L.S.N.G.; Luella Wallace, musician; Irene McDonough, vice grand; Marie Climie, Noble Grand; Emma Dawson, chaplain; Jessie McBride, junior past grand; Gladys Maloney, treasurer; back, Betty Howse, inside guardian; Bessie Davis, R.S.V.G.; Iva Walker, L.S.V.G.; Marie Tait, conductor; Jean Davis, outside guardian; Em Sundy, warden; Eva Daniel, color bearer; Clara Mills, R.S.N.G.; Mary Pryde, recording secretary, and Betty Garnham, financial secretary. *OCT*

Mrs. Bryce Smith Heads Otterville Rebekahs

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Norma Lefevre of Delhi, district deputy president and staff, installed the officers of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, at a ceremony held in the I.O.O.F. hall.

The following officers were installed for 1970-71: past noble grand, Miss Eva Deveney; noble grand, Mrs. Bryce Smith; vice-grand, Mrs. Wilfred Sitts; recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Strudwick; financial secre-

tary, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Arthur.

Appointed officers will be: warden, Mrs. Ross Adlington; conductor, Mrs. Oliver Hill; inside guard, Mrs. Fred Thompson; outside guard, Mrs. Lorne Nant; chaplain, Mrs. Wilfred McClung; right support of noble grand, Mrs. Jim Kitchen; left support of noble grand, Mrs. Eva Gauthier; right support of vice-grand, Mrs. Elmer Smith; left support of vice-grand, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill;

junior past noble grand, Miss Eva Deveney; musician, Mrs. Norman McClintock; color bearer, Mrs. Fred Howse.

Miss Deveney was presented with her past noble grand jewel and a gift from the officers and members of the lodge. Miss Deveney was proud to be wearing an orchid corsage, a gift to her from her aunt Mrs. John Ryder in Norwich.

At the close of the meeting Miss Deveney and her committee served dainty refreshments.

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Couples Honored At Social Event

HAWTREY (C) - Neighbours and friends gathered together in the I.O.O.F. hall, Otterville, and showered Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brayley who were recently married. They spent the evening playing cards and crokinole and enjoyed a social time.

Mrs. Ronald Brayley and Mark Innis assisted the bride and groom in unwrapping the gifts from a well laden table. The groom thanked everyone for their kindness which was deeply appreciated.

As a surprise, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brayley were called to the front of the hall and with Mr. William Hanson as chairman pre-

sented them with a recliner leather chair. The bride and groom of the past are moving to Otterville in the near future and appreciated the kindness of their friends and thanked them, especially Mrs. Alex Hanson and Mrs. Herbert Redman who were responsible for both events.



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These are the members of the Installing Team from Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, 314, Delhi, which installed the officers of the following Lodges in East St. Thomas District No. 17 in October: Tillsonburg, Aylmer, St. Thomas, Harrietsville, Belmont, Springfield and Otterville. Front Row, left to right, Mrs. Ann Lewis; Mrs. Anges Burnham; Mrs. Ethel Balogh; Mrs. Norma Lefevre, District Deputy President of East St. Thomas District No. 17; Mrs. Jean Cheney; Mrs. Lillian Guthrie; Mrs. Gladys Howick. Second Row, left to right, Mrs. Ruby Wilbur; Mrs. Alta Tomlinson; Mrs. Grace Morris; Mrs. Gertrude Lichtenberger; Mrs. Florence Dunn; Mrs. Lyla Haviland; Mrs. Louise Birdsall; Mrs. Dorothy Lindsay; Mrs. Viola Dell. Back Row, left to right, Cy Stapleton; George Lefevre; Donald Eecloo; William Balogh; Doug Morris; Wallace Haviland; Mrs. Sadie McGee. (News-Record Photo)

(Photo by Harold Ryder)

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South Norwich township council presented the Otterville Squirt baseball team with trophies last month for capturing the Ontario Rural Softball Association "B" title this summer. Reeve Stanley Gehring, left, and councillor George Davis are shown with the team following the presentation. Front row, left to right: Colby Miller, Randy Mudge, Fred White, Eugene Jones, Ken DeRoo. Middle row, left to right: Lynn Gehring, Doug Furlong, Robbie Davis, Ted Briggs, Jeffrey Broad. Third row, left to right: Dean Clifford, Rick VanBommel, Chuck Howse, Michael Furlong, and David Davis. Absent when the picture was taken were John Hulit the coach and manager Bob Furlong. (News-Record Photo)

Producing Sequel To Successful Movie

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They laughed at "The Great Jewel Robbery" and so the Norwich Cinema Club is at it again, now filming a sequence, "The Great Escape," with additional cast from the Norwich-Otterville area. Here's a scene from the new epic.

NORWICH (C) - "The Great Escape," an original silent movie, is now being filmed by The Norwich Cinema Club and will have its premiere showing late in the winter.

This is a sequel to the very successful "Great Jewel Robbery," produced last year and shown April 16-17 at the Norwich District High School, when over 1,000 persons attended during the two nights.

To date more than 200 man hours have gone into the movie and over 20 rolls of film. Filming director, Russell Smith, advises that it is only about half completed.

The setting is again in Norwich and the picture depicts the cunning skill used by the robbers, "Baby Face" (Walter Cayley) and "Spatts" (E. R. Munro, better known as the Jolly Jeweller) as they outsmart the police. Following their escape, they have a change of heart and decide to go straight, working as life guards at the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club Pool, at Otterville, street cleaners at Burgessville and romantic lovers. It is guaranteed to keep the audience in suspense from start to finish as well as stitches of laughter.

New interest has been added to this movie with many local citizens in the cast, including two new stars, Katie Cayley and Phyllis Munro, who play the part of two old ladies, and a cast of hundreds of extras.

If you enjoyed the "Great Jewel Robbery," which is enjoying a re-run on September 26 at the North Norwich Public School, Burgessville, sponsored by the junior Norwich farmers, be sure and watch for the opening date of "The Great Escape," which will be announced later.

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OTTERVILLE AND SOUTH NORWICH

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O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME,
OUR SHELTER FROM THE STORMY BLAST,
AND OUR ETERNAL HOME:

UNDER THE SHADOW OF THY THRONE,
THY SAINTS HAVE DWELT SECURE,
SUFFICIENT IS THINE ARM ALONE,
AND OUR DEFENCE IS SURE.

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME,
BE THOU OUR GUARD WHILE TROUBLES LAST,
AND OUR ETERNAL HOME.

SCRIPTURE READING ... ROMANS 8:31-39 REV R.D.DUNCANSON

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LAYING OF THE WREATHS

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

THE BENEDICTION

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearce Wed Twenty-Five Years

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearce celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, November 1, and had the original wedding day guests who came from California, London, Springford, Guelph, Galt, Preston, Toronto, Kitchener and Otterville. Twenty relatives and friends sat down to dinner which several members of the Town and Country Club catered.

The table was centred

Friends and relatives are invited to an Open House in honour of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearce, Otterville, at their home on Sunday, November 1, 1970 from 7 - 9 p.m. No gifts please.



Kathryn Mann, a former student of Annandale high school, has been awarded a bursary from the 'Provincial I.O.D.E. Educational Fund'. The bursary is for \$250. Only a few "deserving" scholars a year are presented with this award. Miss Mann's mother, Muriel Mann, is a former president of the I.O.D.E. in Tillsonburg. Miss Mann is currently attending MacMaster University in Hamilton. Nov 1970

with a three-tier wedding cake, decorated by Mrs. Pearce's mother, Mrs. E. Martin of Galt. Silver candles and pink roses also decorated the table.

Mrs. Pearce was the former Marjorie Martin, daughter of Mrs. E. Martin, and the late Mr. Martin. Mr. Pearce is a son of Mrs. Ira Pearce of Otterville, and the late Mr. Pearce. They were married at the home of the bride's parents in Galt on November 3, 1945, by Rev. William J. Walker. The attendants were Mrs. Shirley Graham, cousin of the bride, and Mr. Wilf Clifford Martin, brother of the bride. Following their marriage, they farmed on the Pearce homestead at Cornell, coming to Otterville in 1957. The couple have three sons, Donald, Douglas and David.

Open House was held in the evening and over 50 guests signed the guest book in charge of Douglas, while Donald welcomed guests at the door.

Waitresses were Mrs. Clifford Martin, Misses Sharon and Catherine Martin of Galt, and Miss Linda Oatman of Cornell, friend of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce received many lovely gifts carrying good wishes for a happy anniversary.

Violet Lodge Holds Meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 was held in the I.O.O.F. lodge rooms, Monday night. The newly appointed noble grand, Mrs. Bryce Smith, presided.

Mrs. Norma LeFevre of Delhi district deputy president, was present at the meeting and installed Mrs. Lorne Nant as the outside guard.

Following the meeting several games of euchre were enjoyed as well as the social hour.

Carman Queen New Bishop Of Huron

A former Tillsonburg minister is the new Anglican Bishop of Huron.

Rt. Rev. Carman J. Queen of Windsor, who has been serving as suffragan bishop of Huron and Bishop of St. Clair, was elected seventh bishop of the diocese on the third ballot by clergy and lay delegates at London on Monday.

He succeeds Rt. Rev. George N. Luxton, who died suddenly on October 2.

Bishop Queen was elected suffragan bishop of Huron and Bishop of St. Clair in 1966, and was consecrated on January 25, 1967 allowing him to administer the western portion of Huron diocese. His enthronement as bishop will probably take place in January.

The new bishop was born in Grey County on August 10, 1912. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario and Huron College in 1937 and was ordained in 1938.

Mrs. Jennie Wardle

OTTERVILLE - Funeral service for Mrs. Jennie Wardle, 90, of Springford, who died on Wednesday at District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg, was held Friday at 2 p.m. from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home in Otterville.

She was born in Middleton Township, the former Jennie New. She lived practically all her life in Springford, and was a member of the Springford Baptist Church. Her husband, James Wardle, predeceased her thirty years ago.

She is survived by one son, Garfield of Springford, one sister, Mrs. Hattie Easton of Highland Park in Michigan.

Service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Pinkerton of Paris and burial was in Springford Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. De Vooght Married Twenty-Five Years

NORWICH (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Maurice DeVooght of RR 1, Otterville celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 7, 1970, when they

held a family party at the Odd Fellows Hall, Delhi, for seventy relatives.

They were married at the Otterville United Church on November 10, 1945, with Rev. G. T. Shields officiating. The attendants were Miss Ella Mitchell (now Mrs. Maurice Eecloo) Miss Grace Mitchell (now Mrs. Douglas Morris), both sisters of Mrs. DeVooght. Stanley Mitchell was best man and Douglas Morris the usher. All were present at the anniversary on Saturday.

Mrs. DeVooght was the former Marion Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell of Otterville, and Mrs. Alphonse DeVooght and the late Mr. DeVooght were parents of the groom.

Following their marriage they resided at Normandale until 1949 when they moved to Otterville where they have since resided.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVooght have four daughters, Judy, Barbara, Sharon and Darlene, and one son, Philip, all at home.

For the anniversary dinner the bride's table was centered with a wedding cake and enhanced with tall white tapers in silver holders and arrangements of red carnations. Guest tables were also decorated with red carnations. The smorgasbord dinner was in charge of the daughters and their two girl friends.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVooght were recipients of many cards, messages of congratulations, best wishes and many lovely gifts, including a chest of silver.

Guests were present from Windsor, Detroit, Toronto, Waterford, Delhi, Guelph, Kitchener, Brantford, Norwich and surrounding district.

Ash - Keating

OTTERVILLE (C) - Baskets of peach and white gladioli decorated St. Gregory's R. C. Church, Windsor, on Saturday, October 3, 1970, at 4 p.m. for the wedding of Barbara Ann Keating and Henry James Ash. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Keating of 12722 Riverside Dr., Tecumseh, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Daisy Ash of RR 1, Otterville, and the late Henry Ash. Fr. Poisson officiated at the pretty fall ceremony. Mrs. E. Dunlop of Tecumseh played traditional wedding music and "O Perfect Love" and "The Lord's Prayer" during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length faille gown trimmed in French lace, with three quarter length sleeves, and full back. A pearl flower headdress held her four-tier illusion veil in place and she carried a bouquet of deep peach roses and colored wheat.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Karen Inglis of Tecumseh, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Mary Ann McNeill of Tecumseh, friend of the bride, Miss Diane Chambers of RR 1, Otterville, niece of the groom, Miss Nancy Keating,

sister of the bride, and Miss Sandra Wilson of Otterville, niece of the groom. They wore identical, mint green gowns of peau de soie with overlay of colored embossed velvet on nylon. Yellow velvet ribbons in the hair and bouquets of fall-colored star flowers, completed their ensembles.

Douglas Inglis of Tecumseh, friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were David Chambers of Otterville, nephew of the groom, and Leo Gregga of Tecumseh, friend of the groom.

Reception for 200 was held at the Lakewood Golf and Country Club. Pink roses decorated the guests' tables. Bride's mother received guests in a beige and gold brocade ensemble trimmed with white fox cuffs. The groom's mother chose a turquoise ensemble with beaded trim.

For a wedding trip to Cape Cod, the bride chose a beige and brown wool ensemble with beige patent accessories.

Guests were present from Detroit, Delhi, Otterville, Brantford, Burgessville, Tillsonburg, Harley, Roseville, Toronto, Woodstock, Langton and Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ash are residing in Brantford.

Davis - Lapier

In an early winter wedding, nuptial vows were exchanged by Rebecca Lorraine Lapier, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Lapier of R.R. 1, Norwich, and Brian Edwin Davis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charter Davis of Otterville. Rev. James Twinem performed the rites on Saturday, November 21, 1970, at 2 o'clock in the Fellowship Baptist Church parsonage.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in an ivory, floor-length, Victorian gown of satin. The picture neckline, bracelet-length sleeves, and hem of her gown, was enhanced with seed pearls and lace. She wore **a string of pearls and earrings to match, and ivory satin slippers.** Her shoul-

der-length veil of illusion net was held in place with a pearl - studded pillbox headdress, and a bouquet of white mums, centered with white and gold-hued roses, completed her ensemble.

Maid of honor was Miss Lorraine Rugienis of 39 Parkwood Drive, Tillsonburg, friend of the bride, who was attired in a gold, floor-length gown of chiffon, fashioned with a Chinese-cut neckline, and long sleeves. Gold braid-trim decorated the neckline, bodice and sleeve cuffs and served as a band around the waist. She wore white satin slippers, and carried a bouquet of gold - tinted mums and orange delight roses.

Best man was the brother of the groom, Dwight Davis of Otterville.

Reception was held at 4 o'clock at Mil-Mar Manor for the bridal party, members of the immediate family and friends. Bride's table was offset with a three-tier wedding cake topped with two doves carrying silver rings, and the bridal bouquets.

Bride's mother wore an ivory cocktail dress of crepe, styled with a V-neckline. The low-cut back was styled with a big bow. She wore black patent pumps and accessories to match, and a corsage of gold-tinted mums and gold-hued roses.

Groom's mother was attired in a charcoal cocktail dress of satin and sheer, styled with a high neckline and long sleeves. She wore rose - shade accessories, and a corsage of rose - hued mums and roses.

Bride's gift to the groom was a wrist watch and to the maid of honor, diamond-studded earrings. Groom's gift to the bride was a wrist watch and to the best man, a leather wallet.

For going away, the bride changed into a mini dress in tones of green, worn with brown accessories, and a corsage of yellow mums.

The couple left on a wedding trip north and on their return will reside at 59 Baldwin St., Tillsonburg.



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN E. DAVIS
(Ellen H. Eff Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones Married Fifty Years

SPRINGFORD (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones of Springford were recently honored at a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party given by their nieces and nephews. The party was held at the Ivanhoe in London on November 27, which was also the 70th birthday of Mrs. Jones. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jones set up residence in London and both worked at Murray Selby Shoe Co. for 41 years retiring in 1968.

During the buffet reception for 50 guests Mr. Ray Pickersgill, brother of Mrs. Jones, offered grace and the toast from the brothers and sisters to the bride and groom of 50 years. Mr. James Pickersgill, nephew of Mrs. Jones, offered toast on behalf of the nieces and nephews. The lovely wedding cake, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Len De Meester, made an impressive centerpiece for the head table.

Following the reception Mr. and Mrs. Jones were presented with a gold money tree from their brothers and sisters, which will be used on a pleasure trip to Arizona this winter.

Dancing with music played by "Marcel" was enjoyed by all.

Guests were present from London, Ingersoll, St. Thomas, Otterville, Straffordville, Springford, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Port Bruce, Brantford and Brownsville.

Telegrams were received from Sarnia, Georgia and Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Jones now

make their new home in Springford, Ontario.



MR. AND MRS. HARRY JONES

McMULLEN - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, November 17, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMullen of Main St., Otterville, a son, Dana.

Miss Jennie Sharp

Miss Jennie Sharp of Tillsonburg passed away at Stonecrest Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 29, 1970, in her 77th year.

Born February 8, 1894, she was a daughter of Alvin Sharp and Fannie Sharp.

She was predeceased by one brother, Wesley Sharp, on July 6, 1946.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Thursday, December 31, at 1 p.m. conducted by Rev. Lambert Baptist of North Broadway Baptist Church.

Interment in Delmer Cemetery.

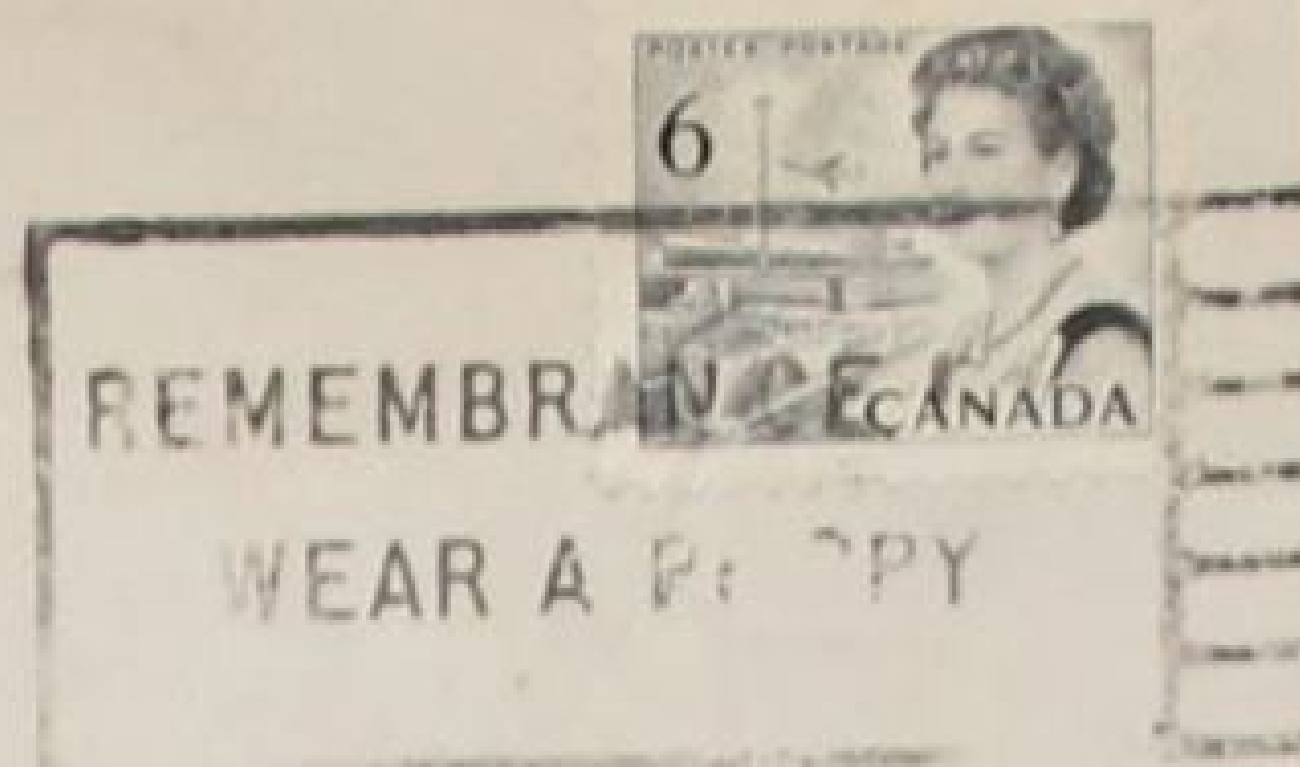
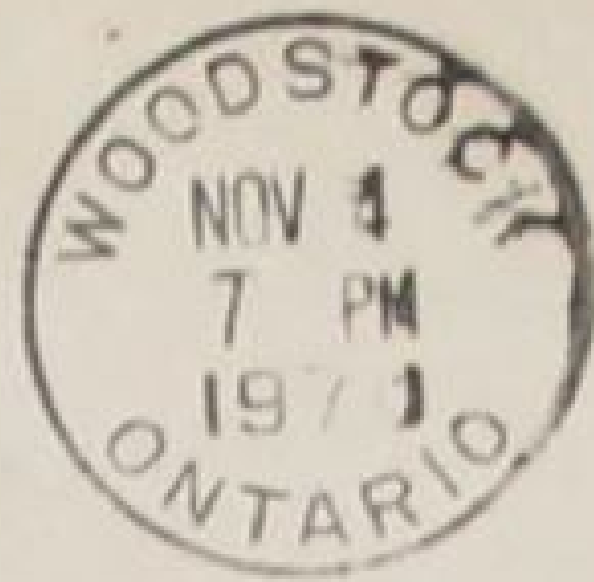
Felix Douma Receives Doctorandus Degree

OTTERVILLE (C) - Felix Douma, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Douma has obtained the degree of Doctorandus from the University of Amsterdam.

The degree of Doctorandus (not given at Canadian Universities) constitutes having passed the final examination at University level in the Dutch educational system. To obtain the Degree of Doctor in the Netherlands, a Doctoral Thesis must be defended in public. Dr. Douma has obtained a renewal of his Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship to enable him to submit and defend his Doctoral Thesis, which will be concerned with Translation Theory.

Dr. Douma graduated from Norwich District High School in 1960. He was Gold Medalist in English and Philosophy at the University of Western Ontario in 1964. He spent two years at Massey College, University of Toronto, where he obtained an M. A. in Philosophy. For the next two years he worked for the department of external affairs, serving as third secretary and vice-consul at the Canadian embassy in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, in 1968. The degree of Doctorandus marks the conclusion of two years study in comparative literature at the University of Amsterdam.

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*Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen,
Otterville, Ontario.*



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

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THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 26th, 1970

... at ...

THE RECREATION HALL
WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS

Woodstock, Ontario
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK

STANLEY R. GEHRING, Warden

Reception to follow

*If unable to attend, would you please
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Box 397, Court House, Woodstock, Ontario*



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THURSDAY EVENING
NOVEMBER 26th, 1970

Recreation Hall, Fairgrounds
Woodstock, Ontario

STANLEY GEHRING, Warden

Menu



Tomato Juice



Roast Beef - Gravy

Mashed Potatoes



Peas and Corn

Rolls



Salad

Relishes



Pie and Ice Cream



Tea or Coffee

Programme

Chairman — L. K. COLES



Grace

Rev. Cyril Leach

The Queen

Introduction of Head Table

The Warden

Members of Parliament

Wallace B. Nesbitt, M.P.
Gordon W. Innes, M.P.P.

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President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Western Ontario

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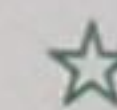
Mayor of Woodstock

William Allen

Mayor of Ingersoll

Gordon B. Henry

The Warden



Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind,
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
For days of auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For the days of auld lang syne.



Mrs. Evelyn Berlett at the Organ

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STANLEY GEHRING
Warden

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Road Superintendent

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Assistant Postmaster Gord Shearer begins to sort the mounds of mail that is inundating the Delhi Post Office during the Christmas season. The local post office expects to handle about 160,000 pieces of letter-type mail this month. (News-Record Photo) 1970

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WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 3, 4 & 5

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A cordial invitation is extended to the residents of this district to attend the Official Grand Opening of our RED & WHITE FOOD MARKET. . . . Red & White is one of Ontario's fastest growing market groups. Serviced by National Grocers Co. Ltd. (with over 30 branches in Ontario) these modern food stores have tremendous purchasing power, assuring the consumer a wide variety of fine foods at money-saving prices. . . . Red & White sell for less through modern methods of merchandising, streamlined store operation in bright, clean, modern markets. . . . Hundreds of thousands Ontario families find Red & White One-Stop operation the ideal way to shop. . . . Truly, Red & White sets the pace in the retail food field. . . . Come in this week and get acquainted — we'll make you welcome.

Otterville Social and Personals

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Mabel Hillier and son, Floyd, and Michael Hillier of Alexandria, Virginia, were Christmas week visitors at the home of the former's brother, Mr. Nate McMullen and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Mannell and sons of Ottawa were Christmas week guests with the former's father, Mr. Charles Mannell, and also with relatives in Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne

Spicer, who have been living in the house owned by Joseph Ladoz on Main St. West, have moved into their home on the 12th Concession of South Norwich Township.

Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo, who is a member of the teaching staff of the public school and who been a resident in the apartment of the Red and White store, has moved with her son, John, to an apartment in the home of James Pickersgill in Springford.

Mrs. Lena Young of

Woodstock and Mrs. Mable Avey of Tillsonburg were New Year's Day guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen attended funeral service for the late Miss Jenny Sharpe in Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woody and family of Baltimore, Maryland, were Christmas holiday guests with Mrs. Woody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sherman.

Mrs. Lena Young of Woodstock was a Christmas Day guest with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong of Guelph spent part of the day with them. Jan 5/71

Mrs. Lena Young, formerly of Otterville, who is now a resident of Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, was taken to Woodstock General Hospital early Tuesday morning as a result of a fall at the Lodge when she fell breaking her pelvis bone. Mrs. Young spent Christmas Day and New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste. It was also the occasion of her 84th birthday on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring were Christmas Day guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jeno Mics and family in Tillsonburg and were guests on Saturday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacPherson and sons at Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stover of Thorndale and Mrs. Mary Miller of Toronto were Christmas Day guests with Mrs. Alex White.

Mrs. Jack Heatley of Sarnia was a recent guest with her sister Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mr. Freeland.

Mrs. Fred Hillier and

daughter, Miss Margaret Ann Hillier, of London called on friends in the village recently.

Mr. Charles Mannell spent Christmas Day with his daughters and their families in Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wenn and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Parker.

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The Otterville Public School Christmas concert was held in the Community Hall and a very large crowd attended, all available chairs being used, and many obliged to stand.

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club erected a lovely Christmas tree at the main intersection in the village of Otterville, from which they had Santa distribute sacks of candies to the kiddies.

Origin of Boxing Day not too certain

By MARION C. GEORGE

How did Boxing Day originate?

No one knows for sure. It seems strange a day that is so familiar to us is nowhere mentioned in the legends and folklore of Christmas. Since the fourth century the 26th of December has been known as the feast day of St. Stephen, the

first Christian martyr. But how it became Boxing Day is a matter of conjecture.

One, not very plausible, explanation is that the church alms boxes were not opened until the day after Christmas when the money was distributed to the poor, so the day was known as Boxing Day.

If you search for the mean-

ing of Boxing Day you will find many references to Christmas boxes and these are possibly the clue to the origin of Boxing Day itself.

Christmas boxes of the 17th and 18th centuries have been described as "little boxes in which presents (of money) are collected at Christmas." These boxes were savings boxes of earthenware or wood with a slit in the top which had to be broken open to get at the contents. It is thought these were opened the day after Christmas, Boxing Day. A gay little couplet of the era goes like this,

"When time comes round a Christmas Box they bear
And one day makes them rich for all the year"

This suggests people went around with their Christmas Boxes and begged gifts of money either on Christmas day or the day after. This custom however, had nothing to do with the exchange of Christmas gifts among families and friends.

Who did the begging? In 17th century folk-lore there is reference to the Christmas Boxes of apprentices. Here is a ballad sung by a London lad,

"Oh Christmas time is drawing near
And then I shall have money
I'll save it up and, box and all,
I'll give it to my honey."

Apprentices and servants had these Christmas Boxes. Just as we give the postman, the newspaper boy and the garbage man a tip at Christmas time so, in the 17th and 18th centuries, anyone who had given regular service to another throughout the year expected a gift of money would be put in his saving box at Christmas time.

Old accounts books of the nobility and tradespeople record that these Christmas Boxes were actually given—and it is interesting to learn how the various people were rewarded. One account book shows these Christmas Box entries:

ten shillings for waifs
five shillings to the wig-maker's servant
five shillings to the foreign newsman

five shillings to the beadle
half-a-crown to the Drury Lane playbill men,
the three postmen and the watchman
one shilling only to the chimney sweep
a guinea each to the opera-box keeper, the Kings footman and the Yeoman of the Guard

Until recent years it was the custom for our stores to be closed the day after Christmas. Most of us thought this extra holiday was given because clerks worked so long and hard before Christmas. But this custom probably dates back to the time of the Christmas Boxes, too.

As usually happens there were some who spoiled a good thing. People who weren't entitled to receive a Christmas Box at all came begging to the tradespeople, making a real nuisance of themselves. To discourage these scroungers as much as possible the tradespeople stayed closed on Boxing Day.

Those who are still lucky enough to be given Boxing Day spend it in a variety of ways. Some use the time for travelling back home after being away for Christmas. Some rest up after the festivities of Christmas before they go back to work again. Some take their "Christmas Box" and spend it in the increasing number of stores that now stay open on Boxing Day.

And what of St. Stephen whose feast day is the 26th of December? He survives in Christmas lore solely because King Wenceslas looked out "on the Feast of Stephen."