TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

BEETON W. I.

DID YOU KNOW...

in 1897, the year of Robert Simpson's death in Toronto, a vital organization began in the village of Stoney Creek, Ontario. A Stoney Creek fruit farmer, Erland Lee, secretary of the Saltfleet Farmers' Institute, invited Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, a proponent of domestic science, to address his group's "Ladies' Night." In her address, Mrs. Hoodless suggested that the women form an organization similar to the Farmers' Institute. 101 women and one man — Mr. Lee — came to a meeting on February 19, 1897, when Mrs. Hoodless addressed them. Mrs. E. D. Smith of Winona was the first president, and Mrs. Hoodless honorary president. The result was the Women's Institute, first in the world. It now has membership of 6,500,000 in 64 countries. The photograph shows the Lee homestead at Stoney Creek.

These tools were on display at the York District Beekeepers Association's second annual Honey Fair held at Eagles Nest Apiary at Hockley Valley. The tools once belonged to D.A. Jones, a resident of Boston in the late 1800's, who is considered the forerunner of the bee keeping industry in North America.

Founder's Homestead Officially Opened

Women's Institute history was made when recently more than 400 people gathered at the Erland Lee Home in Stoney Creek, for the official opening.

The occasion was to celebrate the acquisition of the property by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario in June, 1972 and to honor Erland Lee and his wife Janet.

With Adelaide Hoodless providing the idea, Erland Lee and his wife Janet helped found the first WI in 1897.

The first constitution was written by Janet Lee on the beautiful dining room table in the home.

The last Lee to reside in the house was Frank, son of Erland and his wife Katie.

Among the special guests were Frank's sister, Miss Marjorie Lee and Mrs. H.C. Freal, both of Stoney Creek; daughters, Mrs. R.L. Davis, Mrs. Frank Ryan and Miss Allison Lee of Hamilton and Mrs. Leslie Tulk of Newfoundland.

The crowd gathered under the shade of the whispering pines in front of the house for a brief ceremony.

The Hon. William Stewart, minister of agriculture and food, brought greetings and commended the institute for the great contribution it had made to the growth of the individual member, in the communities of Ontario, and now, in acquiring the home for members all over the world.

Greetings were brought from the Associated Country Women of the World, by their deputy president, Dr. Irene Spry of Ottawa.

Congratulations were read by Mrs. Austin Zoeller of New Hamburg from Mrs. John McLean of Nova Scotia, president of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada; Mrs. H. L. Nothitt of Ottawa, president of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, chairman for the event, gave a short history of the Lee family. James was a staunch United Empire Loyalist, coming to Canada from the United States in 1792.

She paid respect to the progressive, public spirited family who have played such a prominent part in the development of their communities, especially to Erland and his wife, for their part in the formation of the WI.

Credit was also given to Wentworth County for the enthusiasm in accepting the idea put forth by Mrs. Hoodless. Within 15 years the membership in Ontario was 26,000 and has since encompassed the world.

The ribbon was cut by Mrs. Hussel Wise of Puslinch and Mrs. Allan Dickenson of Mount Hope, who were members of the committee when negotiations were initiated, and also Mrs. Lyla Lymburner of Port Colborne, president of FWIO at the time.

South Wentworth District had a memorial plaque erected on a boulder in front of the home in May, 1961. The historic sites board erected a plaque in October, 1967 at the instigation of the FWIO.

Eight bus loads came from as far away as 350 miles. Guests toured the house and drive shed and enjoyed refreshments under a large marque erected at the back of the property.

Mary Stewart Collect.

Mary Stewart author of the Collect was born in 1876 in the State of Ohio and moved with her parents to Georgetown, Colorado when quite young. After graduating from the University of Colorado, she became principal of the high school at Longmont. In Longmont there was a woman's club which met every two weeks and they called this club the "Fortnightly Women's Club". They made Mary a member. At that time she spelt her name "Stuart." As she attended the meetings of the club she thought that this club of women w as something new in the world, that it was a wonderful thing and could accomplish a great deal of good among humanity: but she also noted its many errors which would have to be righted. She noted the lack of co-operation, the fault fineing, criticism and back biting. Those who wanted chief positions yet were not capable of filling them; and again those who attended the meetings yet never opened their mouths to express their opinions, still could afterwards lay down the "dos" and "don'ts". Mary was grieved over so much dissension and wondered what she could do to better the meetings. She pondered over it sometime and finally composed the collect or as we might call it the Prayer. She showed it to her president Mrs. Ive Herron who was so pleased with it she begun using it as a regular prayer, believing women working together with so many wide interests had need of special meditation of their own.

The collect was first printed in 1904 in the "Delineator" a women's magazine nationally populer at that time and in 1909 the Paul Elder Co. of San Francisco printed it as a wall card. By 1910 the collect was the official prayer on thousands of programs of women's organizations.

Mary now spelt her name Stewart. Miss Stewart helped to organize the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. At their second convention at St. Pauls in 1920 her collect was officially adopted. In 1921 she became assistant director general of the U.S. Employment service and in 1923 she was appointed assistant director of education

in the Bureau of Indian affairs. In 1922 the University of Colorado conferred on her an honorary degree in recognition of her distinguished work in education social and civic service.

While visiting in England, she spent sometime with Mrs. Alfred Watt, president of the Associated Country Women of the World. During the years errors had crept into the various printings of the prayer. These errors marred the beauty of expression and the clarity of thought. This Miss Stewart deplored. In the studio of Robin Watt the artist, son of Mrs. Watt, she personally supervised his work of copying out the prayer even to the placing of commas and periods. Miss Stewart died in 1943.

Now what is there about this prayer which makes it so universally popular? You notice in the first place it does not begin as the usual prayer: in that it does not address God as Father in Heaven or God Almighty. Nor does it ask for pardon for errors or sins, nor yet thank him for blessings or mercies yet it may be safely used by any race or religion. It cannot offend any people, be they Jew or Gentile, Roman Catholic or Protestant.

Mary's first petition is "Keep us O Lord from pettiness." Now we steer clear of pettish people: those who always must be praised or fussed over, who want to keep on our shoulders over many imaginary slights, who seem to carry a chip on their shoulders all the time, daring one to knock it off and when it is off they pout and are stubborn and offended picking it up and putting it on to be pushed off again. Asking us to be large in thought, word and deed is rather a large order. Most of us will remember the verse.

Kind hearts are the garden
Kind thoughts are the roots
Kind words are the blossoms
Kind deeds are the fruits.

This seems to me to be the solution of that plea. Let us be done with fault finding. Fault finding has a constant companion called selfishness. Where you find one you may be sure the other is present. We may not be selfish for our loved ones and friends. We want them to have the best of

everything. As in fault finding, we are a nation of fault finders. Why? We find fault with the government, our doctors, our teachers, our ministers and our neighbors and the way they train their children. Everyone's wrong but we are fine.

The next phrase calls for being ourselves, standing for truth and honor able to meet each other without fear, knowing we have given no cause for offence, not courting undeserved praise nor broadcasting mean underhand motives or suspicions.

In the next phrase we ask to put our best impulses forward. How many of us know we should write a letter of cheer to a friend, Send a card or pay a call on a sick one. Again we may feel we should donate to some cause, yet fear our motives might be misunderstood so we don't do anything about it. Fear is predominant. Why not put forth your best impulses and act.

Are we in hasty judgement? Yes!. We are sometimes. We hit the nail on the head and more often we are sadly wrong, as we have often found out to our sorrow and shame. I think for the most part we are a generous community. In several instances in the past we have opened our purses and our hearts to those who were in need through fire, loss of a loved one or trouble of any kind.

Now Mary says "take time for all things ? How can we ? Remember she composed this over fifty years ago. The sands of time are running much faster now than they were then. Housewives of to-day have to cope with a hundred tasks to accomplish anything in a few hours.

Most of us just skim off the clear. We dare not stir up the bucket or we would be training for a race! and I think Mary meant us to be calm, serene and gentle. It takes so little to stir up a discussion. She wants us to be unruffled, to use tact, and being serene means peace a feature we all pray for and for which we plead.

Then we will know that "It's the little things that make differences".

We all want to do the important things but we have to remember the wall is not built of big stones. The little ones are needed to fill in the crevices with the big ones to make the foundation.

Then there is the natural human heart which we all possess- do to others as you would they should do to you. That old golden rule is still basic in Christian living.

Now the last clause of Mary's prayer is the real prayer to God. She says, "O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind." This clause sums up the whole total for if we are kind we will keep all the rest of the Collect for kindness is a virtue. Kindness is to do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way.

Kindness has a twin sister called courtesy. Together they have come down good in deed through the ages. We find them in the school room where the teacher tries to instill in her pupils the rudiments of right living and playing the fair game of life. We see them again leaning over the depressed and discouraged, bidding them be of good cheer and leaving them with that grand uplift of soul to say "I can and I will."

We find them mingling with tears with those who have suffered the loss of near ones. Then we see them with skillful hands of doctors and nurses as they soothe the ailing and bind up their wounds or again they are aiding the feeble steps or assisting the failing eyesight of old age and always wiping the tears from the eyes of little children. You know there is nothing so kindly as kindness and nothing so royal as truth.

As we repeat this collect may we strive to remember this is a prayer, not a chant, and may each phrase be uttered with reverence and sincerity.

1962

By Mrs. Cecil Reynolds
Jan. 8, 1972.

Reynolds Home
South Half lot 14, Con. 10, Tec. Township.

The Original Deed shows that Mr. Joseph Reynolds was granted the 100 acres of land from the Crown in 1885 on January 9th. The purchase price was $ 572.25. The Deed is signed by Hon. John Beverley Robinson, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at that time.

Mrs. Reynolds maiden name was Mary Ann Millsap, born in Ireland 1830 and came to Nottawasaga as a child. Joseph Reynolds also came from Ireland and they were married in 1859. They had 5 sons and 3 daughters.

They must have rented the land first because Edward, born 1865, was only about 8 years old when they came to the farm. He remembered being wakened at night to keep the large piles of cedar trees burning. These were cut during the clearing of the land. He was the son who took over the farm in 1895 when he married Margaret Ingram who lived near Brampton. She was born in 1875. They had 4 children.

Verner Edward --Chartered Accountant in Detroit. -Nov. 19/73
Walter Cecil --who passed away Nov. 13, 1968.
Elsie Margaret, Mrs. Don. Chapman, who lives in Mississauga.
Violet Amelia--who passed away in 1931. She had her A.T.C.M. and was a Music Teacher and played in United Church Orchestra and Sunday School.

In 1937 Cecil Reynolds took over the farm when he married Muriel Ritchie also of Beeton. They had 2 children.

Margaret Jane Carolyn-- Mrs. Dick. Corner who was a teacher and lives in Elmira, Ont.

Walter Edgar Sutherland Reynolds, a graduate of O.A.C. Guelph, University of Michigan where he obtained Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Harvard where he obtained Master of Landscape Architecture. He is doing Urban Design and Development with B.T.K.L. in Baltimore. He is married to Linda Wolfrum M.B. of Boston.

There was a first house part way down the back lane but no sign of it is there now. A rough cast house was built long before 1895 and a frame milk house just east of it. The present 10 room brick house was built 1921. Mr. S. Speck did a great deal of the work and Mr. Harling and Mr. T. McNaught both of Cookstown doing plastering and painting and graining of the interior. It is on almost same site as first house so when they were building, which took all summer, the kitchen of old house was moved to the lane and they lived there and did cooking for all the gangs of men. The men of the family slept in the granary.

It was only possible to obtain Hydro in 1948 when enough farmers per mile signed for it. Running water and two bathrooms were installed in 1949. Before that water was obtained for house and barn from a flowing well part way between the house and barn. Milk, butter etc. used to be lowered into the box, where the water flowed through, to be kept cool in old time honey or syrup pails. This flowing well ran well for 46 years but failed when a company from U.S. set up machinery and drilled for oil more than a mile west of the farm , on the Nichol Farm.

This ruined the flow but two sand points were successful, in basement floor and at the barn so there has always been a wonderful supply of water. Much gas was in the original well, and could be lit with a match and burn for a long time. The pig pen and chicken house was built of cement and cedar blocks with loft overhead in 1902. About that time the driving shed was built.

Sheep were not kept on the farm until Cecil took over. He built the sheep pen and double garage in 1957 from material from a very old barn bought near Schomberg.

There was always a large garden after Cecil was old enough to look after it. Fruit was sold every year. Walter planned the Landscaping between the house and the road and he and his fatherscarried out the plans. Most of the trees and three very fine, small spod lots were planted by Cecil. In 1899 there was an orchard of 50 trees. One is left now. The farm was used for general farming until 1963 when part was rented for potatoes and now seed corn is very successfully grown.

After Edward Reynolds took over the farm Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reynolds retired to Beeton and lived where Mrs. Doris Coleman lives now. Mrs. Reynolds lived to be 96 years old. Mr. Reynolds would walk 4 miles to the farm, help with farm work and walk home almost every day. He had bought 50 acres behind the homestead. There is a river flowing through theland and Mr. Reynolds would go for the cows before supper and take the fishing rod and line and bring back a fine pike for supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds retired to Beeton and lived in home where Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wright live. He helped for about 6 years with seeding and harvest but always stayed over night. He died in 1945. Mrs. Reynolds died in 1965.

First car, a Ford, was bought in 1919. First Tractor, a Ford, was purchased in 1944.

Carolyn and Walter were both interested in riding horses and raised Thoroughbreds whien were shown at local Fairs, Toronto and Ottawa Exhibitions.

Beeton History By Mrs. Cecil Reynolds
Jan. 1972.

Jones' Block

Approximately 78 years ago Robert Taylor who lived on Centre St. had the contract for the brick work to be done on the new Jones Block, west part of north side of Main Street , Beeton.

The architect was a Toronto man. An advertisement was placed in the Toronto Globe and several men applied for the job of brick laying at $1.00 per day. Two very small workmen , Walter and Harry , I think they were Frenchmen, were hired at $1.25 per day because they could lay more brick in a 8ep hour day than any of the other applicants.

The men who mixed mortar and carried loads were paid 75¢ per day. Robert Taylor's son, Walter, 8 years old at the time carried water for the men and watered it all grow. He now is 86 years old and lives in Alliston and told me these facts and the following ones about Beeton.

Mr. D.A. Jones was Post Master at that time, as well as running a world famous Bee Business. The Post Office was on the south part of Mr. Fred. Parson's lot. This small frame building was later a Shoe Repair Shop and then torn down.

Beeton then had the Everall Knitting Mill and a Cheese Factory. Mr. Christie was the Shoemaker at Mr. Sam. Hayes Shoe Store which was in building just east of the Factory. Mr. Threadgold was the Sewing Machine agent. Mr. Joe. Villeep had a Tailor shop in north end of the Corner Hotel. Mr. Lemmon was the Magistrate. The Grist Mill was owned by Mr Beatty. Mr. Bemrose operated the Brick yard on north part of Art. Hagerman's place. Mill and Elevator were owned by Wilson and Pierson. Mr. Fred. McArthur had Buggy shop where Don. King's Shop is now. There were two Blacksmith Shops , one run by Mr. Hamsell. Suggette owned a wagon shop. -5 of that family died of diptheria within 10 days as well as 3 other people in the village. There was a Photographer in town. The Registry Office was where Mr. Emerson Cole lives now. Mr. Devn. Appleton made pumps. Town Doctors were Dr. Cheffey and Dr. Law. Music Teacher was Miss Gavillor who lived just north of the then Methodist Church. She had a pipe organ in her home. Beeton had a Band. There were four Hotels. Beetonia was Coulter's Hotel. The Hotel across from Old C.N.R. was run by Mr. Noah Grose. Corner Hotel was operated by Tomlinson Family. Baxter's Hotel was near Peheleys Garage. The C.N.R. Agent was Mr. Chapin. The Bank was at corner of Centre and Queen Streets. Mr. Allison was the Butcher and lived where Gough Family live on Patterson Street. Mr. W.J. Bell had Hardware Store second from Main and Centre Corner.

One family -- Dave Philip and family moved 13 times in one year, always in Beeton.

Other names in Beeton 75 years ago were Nichol, Cramlin, Ford, Lindsay, Strangways, Moores, Carr, Washburn, Seeberry, Miller, who was the Butcher. Lilly, Gray, Brock, Kearns, Sheldon, and McPherson who was a Teacher.

Farm 1951

History of Lisk Farm and Family by Mrs. Herb Lisk
Jan. 1972.

Mr. Jim. Smart once owned a farm on Concession 7, Lot 27, East of Beeton. He and his wife and 3 sons Carmen, Bill and Jim lived in a small frame house beside a small barn. He built up the small barn and built a large barn beside it. Then in approximately 1912 he built a fine large red brick house. It had 4 large bedrooms with clothes closets, a bathroom, a living room, a dining room, a large kitchen, a pantry and dum waiter , also a wash up room, a large summer kitchen, all built in plumbing, a very modern house at that time, a fine looking farm indeed.

In 1920 Mr. Smart sold his farm to Charles W. Lisk from Kempel in Grey County. In March 1920 Charles and Cecelia (nee Noble) Lisk moved their belongings and 8 of their 10 children into their new home near Beeton, namely Evelyn, Della, George, Gerald, Ethel, Herb., Jean, and Frank. Marie and Helen were born within the next couple of years in their new home.

Evelyn Lisk married Dick Humphreys who died in 1928. Later she married Jim Aiken and had 5 children, namely Phyllis, Marie , Jim Jr. Sheila and Carol.

Della married Andy Voisin and had twin boys, Harold and Harry.

George Lisk married Ruth Stewart and had 3 children, Ronald, Norma (deceased in 1935) and Kenneth.

Gerald Lisk married Jean Cable and had 2 girls, Karen and Donna.
D-1975

Ethel Lisk married Ted. Johnson and had 2 children , Bradley and Wendy.

Herb. Lisk married Freda Watson and had 4 children, Robert Watson Lisk (deceased in 1960), Barbara, Sharon and Cathy.

Jean Lisk married Ab. Stump. No children.

Frank Lisk married Helen Sanderson and had 4 children, Beverley, Sylvia, Charles and Raymond.

Marie Lisk married Vic Hogg and had no children.

Helen Lisk married Bill Wylie and had 4 sons, twins David and Paul, Scott and Robbie.

In 1937 Charles and Cecelia Lisk retired from the farm to live in Beeton when Herb. got married. Cecelia died in 1952 and Charles W. Lisk died in 1958. Herb. and Freda carried on farming there and raised their 4 children, Robert W., Barbara, Sharon and Cathy. Robert Watson Lisk was accidently killed on 400 Highway in Dec. 1960, age 22 years.

In 1953 Herb. bought out a John Deere Business in Beeton and continued farming also till 1965 when Elwood and Hazel McCaghe bought the farm.

Lisk Family continued.

Elwood McCague lives on the ninth line at the time. They bought the farm in February but Hazel died in June before they took over.

On July 20th. 1965 Elwood and his son Paul and Elwood's Mother Zelda (Mrs. W.J. McCague) moved in and Herb., Freda and their 3 girls moved into Beeton to their new home they had built on Maple Ave. Herb. carried on his John Deere Business till he sold out in 1970.

In 1970 The Hydro Company bought the farm from Elwood McCague and within a few years those fine buildings are to be torn down to make room for more Hydro Towers. Progress sure changes things.

The McAdam Home and Street — By Mrs. H. McAdam, Jan. 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McAdam live at 20 Prospect St. Beeton. The house they live in was built by John Wallace for his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace, about 1901 or 1902. A woollen mills was erected to the west of the house and woollen socks were manufactured, known as the Arctic Socks. The workers getting $1.00 a week for working ten hours each day.

Later Mr. Hunkelinger bought the mill and turned it into a tanning mill factory.

Mr. and Mrs. K.P. McDonald bought the house about 1921 and sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay in 1952 or 1953. Then the McAdams bought the house from Mr. Ramsay in 1960.

Prospect St. runs from Centre St. to Bayfoot St. It is not paved so the dust blows hither and yon. There have been three large elm trees cut down this past year and one willow. A red maple has died and the basswood and maple trees have dead wood in them.

Our street has several beautiful gardens which are a feast for the eyes all summer. Our street runs along by the parkfair grounds and bowling green. The green looks like velvet, the swings and slides are busy in the summer. The ball park is also here.

The Appledell Orchard fronts on our street and in blossom time is worth walking by to see. Now winter is here and the snowmobiles are busy making tracks in the snow.

The old Public and Continuation School which is across from the orchard now has Kindergarten classes there.

The Former J. E. Reynolds Home — By Mrs. J. Gamplin, Jan. 1972

This house on Centre Street was built around 1888 by the Late Henry Mitchell (an uncle of Lena, Mrs. Ira Palmer). He occupied the front part until 1895 when he sold it to Mr. G.F. Somers, a Banker. He added the back part because as a good liberal he couldn't bear the knowing of having W.J. Bell, a staunch Conservative, own a larger house than he did.

In 1905 he sold it to J.E. Reynolds and it was the Reynolds home until 1945. Since then many have occupied it and at present it is an apartment building.

Mrs. Eleanor Reynolds sold house to Cecil F. Lindsay in August 1945.
Mr. Lindsay sold to Rev. A.E. Coombs in September 1947.
Rev. A.E. Coombs sold to Cecil and Mary Fermier in January 1950
Mr. and Mrs. Fermier sold to Peter Urbanski in August 1964.

McDermott---- Watson---- Ausman Families.

By Edith McDermott
1972

Conrad Ausman of Markham came to Tecumseth Township, Simcoe County, Province of Ontario in 1822. He bought 200 acres of land Lot 19 Concession 5, from Wm. Knott for £50.

In 1844 Conrad Ausman donated a lot (probably an acre of land) at the South East side of his farm to be used for building a school- later called Penville School. The Board paid £1 for the lot.

Several small lots were sold to different people for building lots. Jacob Ausman bought 49 acres on the West side of the farm and he donated a public road to the Township along the west side from the 6th. Concession to the 5th. Concession. Conrad sold the north half of Lot 19 to his son Daniel in 1863. Daniel had earlier bought 25 acres from Jacob Ausman.

Daniel Ausman married Nancy Watson, a neice of Gerhard Stewart of Lot 14 Con. 2, Tecumseth. Their family of 4 sons and 3 daughters as follows.

1 Conrad Ausman — Died early in life and were buried on the farm in a beautifully treed plot.

2 Daniel Ausman

3 John Ausman — Who inherited the south half of his father's farm married Mary Glemingar of Avering. Their family of 5 daughters and 2 sons.

I Annie Ausman married Newton Bowen
- A Gerald Bowen married ---------- no issue.
- B Glemingar Bowen married Muriel Brown
  - Laurie Bowen married--------- 2 sons
- C Earl Bowen married ---------- 1 son
  - James Bowen married----
- D Edith Bowen married Fred. Hughes — no issue.

II Lily Ausman married Walter Ferguson — no issue.

III Effie Lorne Ausman married Frank Waters — no issue.

IV Harry Ausman married M Lowery — no issue.

V John Wesley Ausman married Effie Blair — 1 daughter
- Marjorie Ausman married R. Dutrizac — 1 daughter
  - Marie Dutrizac

VI Maud Ausman married George Gunn — 2 daughters
- A-- Velma Gunn married Art. Bryan — 1 daughter
- B-- Sophia Gunn married------

VII Lulu Ausman married Wm. Brasfors — no issue.

McDermott------Auman-------Watson Families continued.

4 Margaret Auman married Dr. James Watson 2 sons
A Richard Andrew Watson married Ella Fenton I son
I Herbert Watson married------- 1 son
Walter Watson died.

3 Daniel Webster Watson married (1) Minerva Irwin
I Richard James Watson married May Appleton no issue.

(1894-1962) 2 Daniel Ross Watson married Marion Johnston

--1970 A William Watson married Shirley Stanley
1 Margaret Watson
2 Nancy Watson
3 William Watson
4 Mark Watson
5 Grant Watson
6 Graham Watson

B Daniel Watson married Joyce Stewart
1 Larry Daniel Watson
2 James Bradley Watson
3 David Stewart Watson

C Marlene Watson married Don. Bergin
1 Anne Louise Bergin
2 Margaret Janet Bergin
3 James Brian Bergin

3 Margaret Watson married Oliver English

A Joyce English married Richard Klein
1 Jennifer Klein
2 Janna Klein

B James English married Marylin Lee
1 Tanya English
2 Cynthia English
3 Stephen James English

B Daniel Webster Watson married (2) Margaret Kearns
(1914-1977)
4 Susan Watson married Lee Irwin (1911- 1951).
A Hollie Irwin married J. Bruining
1 Terry Bruining
2

B Margaret Alice Irwin married William Edward Burrows

McDermott----Watson ---- Ausman Families continued.

5 Kitchener Watson married Margaret Abrams no issue.

6 Georgina Watson married Don. Barr
I Gwendolin Barr
2 James Daniel Barr
3 Robbie Lee Barr.

(6)
5 Elizabeth Anne Ausman married Alexander Stewart
I Matilda Alexandria Stewart married Sam. McMinn
A Stewart McMinn married Ena Gardiner
I Donald McMinn married Diane Irwin
A Cheryl McMINN
B Debbie McMinn

2 William McMinn married Lila May Forester
A Stephen Wayne McMinn
B Peter McMinn

3 Barbara McMinn married Art. Ouwendyk
A Michelene Ouwendyk
B Eric Ouwendyk

B Edmund Albert McMinn married Keith Gould 2 sons

After the death of Alexander Stewart Elizabeth Anne Stewart married (2) William McDermott. He had 4 children, namely

I Minnie McDermott (Mrs. Joe. Williams). - 1961
2 Andrew McDermott 1870- 1967
3 Theresa Jane McDermott (Mrs. Abe. M. Cross). 1871-1955
4 Ida McDermott (Mrs. Isaac McMinn).

(2)
5 Elizabeth Anne Ausman Stewart married William McDermott

I Anne Elizabeth McDermott unmarried nurse. --1969

II Margaret Lucinda Mabel McDermott married James T. Milligan
(1881--(1957).
A William Joseph Milligan married Ruth Noble
I James Noble Milligan
2 William Robert (Bob) Milligan

III William McDermott married Edith Bowers

A William Walter McDermott married Gladys Morris no issue.

B Elizabeth McDermott married A. Peterson 2 daughters
Patricia Peterson married M. Morris
I Shelly Morris
2 Carol Morris
3 Raymond Morris
Penelope Peterson married Thos. Isbister
I Shari II Jeanne III Kelley Isbister

McDermott----Watson-----Ausman Families continued.

C Hazel McDermott married A. Lindskog
I Gail Lindskog married
II Gerry Lindskog married
III Wendy Lindskog

D Marion McDermott married Wm. Marks

I Douglas Marks married
II Gregory Marks

E Dorothy McDermott married M. Kirkham
I Ronald Kirkham
II Reginald Kirkham
III Roderick Kirkham

F Jean McDermott married G. McAfee
I Judy McAfee married
II Jennifer McAfee

G Patricia McDermott married P. Patterson no issue.

IV Belinda Mary Ethel McDermott Spinster

V Edith May McDermott Spinster School Teacher.

6 Belinda Jane Ausman married Joseph McDermott
A James McDermott--- School teacher, died in early twenties.

B Anne Gertrude McDermott married Charles Hammell
(1882-1959) (1885- 1969)

I Earl Hammell married Gladys Hutchison
Velda Hammell married William Lewis
A Lynne Anne Lewis

Jack Hammell

II William Hammell married (1) Nettie Culpin (2) Eleanor Lakrid (Mary) Hammell.

Susan Hammell married Carl Doan

Lynne Hammell

C Joseph McDermott married Myrtle McCaw
(1885- 1965) (1888-1958).

McDermott -------Watson-------Ausman Families continued.

Janet McDermott married Rev. J. Allan Logan
a Douglas Logan - D. [illegible] 1970

b Jennifer Logan

D Walter McDermott married Frances Filsey
(1888- 1955)?

I Herbert Harold McDermott married Shirley Lilly
a Frances McDermott married B. Vanderivitz
Bernie Vanderivitz

Nicholas Vanderivitz

b Jean McDermott married R. Filsey
Michele Filsey

c Carol McDermott married Sebastian Sweep

d Neil McDermott

II Helen Eleise McDermott married (1) Harry Bayeroft
(2) Douglas Boyd D. 1974

a Joan Bayeroft nurse
b Helen Bayeroft married Paul Coburn
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2
3

c Heather Bayeroft married
- D. Jan. 24, 1973 Ed. 1922

E Margaret Minetta (Minnie) McDermott married Jos. A. Wright no issue

7 James Ausman married Elizabeth Stewart
I Herbert Ausman married Nellie
Leland Ausman married
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II Daniel Ausman died early in life
III Minto Ausman married Marguerite
Murray Ausman married
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James Ausman inherited north half of Lot 19 Con. 5 and sold the farm June 29th, 1898 to Mr. John Grethet whose grandson still owns and resides on the farm.

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario 75th Anniversary Luncheon 1897-1972

Saturday, February 12, 1972, was the day Dr. Jeffrey of Simcoe West District ventured out at 9.45 a.m. to a brisk west wind and dull skies to meet a Kathway Hydon bus, driven by Mr. Abernethy, heading for the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. On the way we gathered up 18 other ladies at Stayner, Alliston and Bond Head. The trip down was uneventful only for the counting of the many cottages for the year ago down.

We arrived at the Royal York at 11:15 amid a throng of well-dressed women with the odd "see—struck" man. Once inside, some faces seemed more bewildered than before. While there were signs, placards and arrows pointing to the "F.W.I.O. Luncheon", many were off in want to go up the elevators because it was voiced around that it was on the third floor. However, we, my money counting friend and I, not the whole bus load (for by this time all were well scattered), we followed the arrows to the escalator and arrived on the second floor friends where there were just as many people, as the floor we left, and were checking coats and belongings for 50c.

I say we again, wended our way to a foyer off the Canadian Room and while passing the Ontario room, the crowd was so dense I could not see how the tables were set nor know if they would be the same as the Canadian Room women we were designated to go. A photographer with his equipment also ed his way through past us and I could see Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Campbell, Area President, as we ambled on toward her to give our congratulations for their T.V. performance on February 1, (which was part of our February branch meeting programme). Just inside meeting programme). Just inside a nearby door, I could see Carrie Erskine, to see (make perhaps) my camera being "at home". I could wind for a picture for our Travelmart book and our local papers — but to the big hose. The Thompson Syndicate were arranged for. I should have been authorized by one of our West Simcoe paper editors. They were taking pictures of Area and District but Simcoe West papers are privately owned.

The two doors opened once 12 noon and I thought we'd be near the head table but the crowd surged in. However we saw and heard quite well where we were, but too far away for pictures.

At almost 12:30 noon the head table guests came in to some very stirring music. Our menu was of celery hearts and queen olives, assorted of tomato. Ontario mixed grill of chicken legs, bacon, sausage mushrooms and grilled tomato, boiled parisienne potatoes and green garden peas with dessert of cream puff chantilly, tea and coffee which was much enjoyed. The tables were centred with a square silver dish which held 10 blue and gold tiny pieces of cake. On each of the 10 place set tables had a large 8 page gold covered menu with blue, printing of greetings from A.C.W.W. constituents earlier on. This was held over our table service while standing outside the entry in front of our place setting and beside the glass of ice water was a folder, enhanced on the front by the white trillium on dark back ground. Inside was the menu and afternoon programme.

After dinner, about 1:00 the new F.W.I.O. president Mrs. Nobbs, after a few remarks, was aided by Mrs. Ferguson, OBE, Fulton, and Rogers to cut the cake (delicious). The head table which was slightly elevated above the floor and in front of a higher place form and counting us 8 in front of a podium was a large cake on a pedestal slowly revolving.

This cake was a replica of the Lee homestead and stood about 2 feet high. On the wall behind the speakers was a large W. I. Crest, some 10'x12' on a white background and flanked on each side by a large cluster of the flags of many nations. She then reminded us to take our piece of cake on our tables if we had not already done so.

The head table was introduced and another table of honored guests sat at a table near by. These included Miss Dumin, Chapman, Fulcher and others.

Hon. Mr. Wm. Stewart, M.P.P., brought greetings from Ontario's premier, Hon. Wm. Davis, who was unable to attend, on behalf of the Ontario government, also the Dept. of Food and Agriculture. He reminded us how great and historic the Women's Institute is and how the weatherman had co-operated but jokingly thought he dared not do otherwise. He spoke of the work done by W. I. on Farm Safety, dedicated 4-H leaders, the part women play in farm business, estate planning. Their dedicated interest and support in worth while community affairs. He pledged the Department's interest and support for the years ahead.

Mrs. Graham Spry, Deputy Vice President of the Associate Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.), Mrs. Philip Mathews, area (Carleton) Vice President and Mrs. E. T. Fulton, F.W.I.C., brought greetings from their respective offices.

Mrs. Leslie Kaiser, past F.W.I.O., introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Farquharson, O.B.E., newly elected A. C. W. W. president. She has been an institute member since 1938 and a contributing member of A. C. W. W. since 1946 attending all A. C. W. W. meetings or conferences held. She has been on trade missions. She is a widow with no children, lives in a small country village in Essex, England and comes from a family background of farming. She is a school manager and honorary treasurer of local Educational Foundation — is a partner in a book publishing house. In 1969 was on the Queen's honor list and made Freeman of the city of London in 1961. She wore a plain fawn red dress and large plain hat of the same shade that appeared like the same material. She said "she was grateful for the honors and welcome bestowed on her and too for her ticket, which would help the funds" — She likened the beginning of W. I. work as to a candle how the longer it glows it seems to send the rays further and further. Now the little rays have spread to Africa (and many countries). She has been listed in Africa and the work done there. Then we took a peep of the Turkish girl, her machinery there. But she remarked so, as individual or launches, that the source we are the more organized we become. She urged us to more skills than would broaden — don't take as you sit out of ease — consider the fun working together — at the close she spoke of Ontario W. I. saying the Erland Lee homestead and pen. noted a book "Everyone, as a branch", as a reminder of her visit — I understood this was the Lee home where all could see and read it.

Mrs. Travers, Past F.W.I.O. — 1962-1965, spoke on behalf of all past officers and told that 1000 people were present. She said we have a pride in our origin, the founders and the concerted efforts of those early institute members. Pride in our long life. In youth, we have a purpose in middle, jokingly, we're sort of under ground but in our old age we brag, but she did not want that from carrying on the lighted candles. Let us be reminded of the accomplishments, the pleasures, old friends and new and each one is a part of it. Part of something like new authentic "the whole is greater than its parts". Yet we are the witnesses. She thanked the extension branch, Miss McKerrier, the birthday committee, for a job well done and asked our continued support and to add the past officers such as Miss Chapman, Early Fulton and others.

Then Mrs. Kenneth Cheatle and Mrs. Chester Jackson, in Brant County, delighted the audience in monologue and song with very strong and clear voices, a parody to the life of the W. I. since its inception, beginning with song The—Put your hand in the hand — the darkness shall turn to dawning — Wentworth Farm — Put on your old grey bonnet — Lee Homestead — establishment of F.W.I.O. in 1919 — Dreams — help without compass — Mrs. Watt — did a Nutcracker dance — ending with a storied birthday cake like hat — she danced, all costumed, especially hats for each item they sang or recited.

God Save The Queen brought another historic day for Women's Institute to a close. We had a safe enjoyable trip home. — Contributed

Ladies who have been members of the Simcoe County Women's Institutes for over 30 years at the Simcoe County Area Convention 1967. Left to right standing — Mrs. Marshall Kinnear, Collingwood; Mrs. Robert Kell, Churchill; Mrs. W. C. Wise, Tottenham; Mrs. James Bell, Eady. Seated — Mrs. N. Faddoul, Vale (Jones); Mrs. Alex Shand, Singhampton; Mrs. Mildred Willoughby, Stayner; Mrs. E. Lees, Dufferin.

WI SING-SONG

The annual meeting of the Simcoe East Women's Institute opened with a sing-song as Wednesday United Church Choir, Orillia, getting a little winding up behind were Mrs. Howard Campbell, RR 1, Sunny Ridge, area president of Simcoe WI and a member of Oakwood WI, playing the piano, with vocal accompaniment from Mrs. Ed Bonnell, organ, of Wellington Crescent WI, Orillia, past president of Simcoe East and Mrs. Norman Tuck of RR 1, Barrie, a member of Flake Hill WI. Mrs. Tuck is secretary — president of Simcoe East WI, Orillia, by Rosemary Anderson.

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A Kate Aitken cook book treasured by collector

By EDITH CAMERON
Star Bureau Writer

THESSALON — One of the prized possessions of Mrs. Frank Clement is a handsewn silk quilt, over 100 years old.

The quilt is made of tiny pieces of material in an unusual sunburst design. Surrounding the sunburst are groups of blocks in three-dimensional effect. The total effect is colorful, even though the beautifully harmonizing triangles and rectangles are pieced together with a great deal of black silk.

The quilting is finely done, too so that those who see the finished product realize that thousands and thousands of tiny hand stitches were used in the making.

"The quilt was given to my mother and father when they left the farm near Beeton. It was made by Misses Rebecca and Sara Doane of Barrie, aunts of my late husband," the owner revealed.

Mrs. Clement, formerly Josephine Wright, has many fond memories of the little town of Beeton, five miles from Alliston and 15 from Barrie.

"Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, parents of the late Kate Aitken, owned the general store in Beeton. Kate and her parents were among our best friends," she said.

Many people have in their possession, as Mrs. Clement has, a copy of the Kate Aitken Cook book, published in 1953. The book, shown to me by the former, contains recipes for Mrs. Aitken's famed jams and jellies as well as all sorts of recipes for breads, cakes and pastries. Food budgets, adequate diets and interesting information on vitamins is also featured, a real treasure trove.

Kate and her husband Henry owned an apple orchard. She did her own canning. Henry owned a mill. The Scotts were a fine family who made a wonderful contribution to their country." Beeton was named for B. E. Jones who had a bee-hive farm. This led to Bee Township and then to Beeton.

Another famous name from that famous village of 500 souls was that of Fred Banting. "I knew him well," remembers the longtime Thessalon resident.

Mrs. Clement, who has lived here since 1913, and who makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Esther and Roy Hardick is interested in family trees as well as antique items. The Hardicks are interested too and therefore the histories are a family project.

Among the treasured family items are a grandfather's clock dating back to 1702. A lovely cruet set, (around 150 years old, and various other articles and items of furniture.

Mr. Clement, a lawyer, who practised here for many years, died in 1965.

CHERISHED — Mrs. Frank Clement of Thessalon has many antique items, among them this handmade quilt over her knees made over 100 years ago. The cruet set is at least 150 years old.

Star Bureau Photo by Cameron

Kate Scott Aitken Memorial Day June 3, 1973

Old friends flock to see plaque unveiled in Beeton

KATE SCOTT AITKEN, APRIL 4, 1881 DECEMBER 11, 1971

AITKEN PLAQUE

The Jessica Aitken Women's Institute unveiling Kate Scott Aitken memorial in Beeton Park and a similar plaque in honour of David Aitken, father of late singing bard.

(Alliston Herald Photo)

COUNTY FEDERATION DIRECTORS

This year's Directors of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture are, left to right: FRONT ROW — Sunnidale Representative Bill Arnold, Simcoe County Beef Improvement Association Rep. Jack Dyer, Secretary-Fieldman Bob Cowan, President Gordon Atkinson, First Vice-President Mrs. Earl Parnell, Past President Ron Coutts, Simcoe County Council Rep. Orville Hughes, Simcoe County Cream Producers Rep. Borden Jennett; SECOND ROW — Adjala Rep. Elton Hall, Women's Institute Rep. Mrs. E. Johnson, Office Secretary Mrs. Betty Watson, W. I. Rep. Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, W. I. Rep. Mrs. Harvey Oades, Tay Township Rep. David Jones, Orillia Twp. Rep. William Black; THIRD ROW — North Simcoe Pork Producers Rep. Calder Hunter, Tiny Twp. Rep. George Stott, Tecumseth Rep. Benford Long; FOURTH ROW — Flos Twp. Rep. Don McLean, Oro Twp. Rep. Tyson Langman, Wheat Producers Rep. Clifford Davis, Essa Rep. Leo Kambeitz, South Simcoe Pork Producers Rep. Tom Smith, Vespra Rep. Don Cameron.

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Active W.I. no 'has-been'

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF SOUTH SIMCOE DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR 1971-72

by Mrs. Muriel Reynolds

A magazine article stated, five years ago, that the Women's Institutes are becoming a "has been" in Ontario. A review of South Simcoe Women's Institute for the year 1971-72 easily proves this to be far from the truth.

The President is Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, Bond Head, and Mrs. Keith Kinnshaw, Tottenham, is Secretary - Treasurer. Projects that all thirteen Branches take part in are sponsorship of 4H Homemakers' Clubs and regular planned visits to Simcoe Manor to entertain and distribute treats to the elderly citizens.

To raise money Euchres are held and a great deal of catering is done for banquets, weddings and on a regular basis for a Service Club. Lucky Luncheons, Pot Luck Dinners and Hobo Teas are sponsored and lunches served at Farm Sales. A unique moneymaking scheme is making a quilt of squares on which a person pays $2.00 to have their names embroidered. When completed, a draw for the quilt is held among those having their names included.

Women's Institutes have always been interested in education — so many awards and trophies are presented at Elementary and Secondary Schools. Three groups sponsor children in other Countries at a cost of $84.00 per year. Some have done this for ten years and find it rewarding work as the children send pictures, letters and small hand made gifts. All contribute to "Pennies for Friendship" which is used to help Institutes in all parts of the world.

One group helps with a Baby Clinic. Assistance is given to local Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, Senior Citizen groups, Sunnybrook Hospital and the Mentally Retarded children. Gifts are given to members for their 40th and 50th wedding anniversaries. Visiting is carried out in Nursing Homes and gifts given to those who are ill. Some groups give Life Memberships after 25 years membership. The main interest of one group is renovating the Community Hall, another looks after the upkeep of the kitchen in the Community Hall. Still another owns a Hall for all their meetings and rents it to other organizations. Displays are arranged at local Fairs.

All is not work as a member of a Woman's Institute. Meetings are pepped up with skits, demonstrations and fine speakers. Bus trips have been taken to the County Museum, when each person was given a list of items to see and remember. Simcoe parks and placed of interest were visited as well as Ontario Place, Haliburton, Food Manufacturing Plants and the Ploughing Match. One group goes bowling once a month.

This is the 75th Anniversary of Ontario Women's Institute and the 30th Anniversary of the District, so every Institute is planning something special in the way of a celebration. In one case, two groups are combining efforts and having a banquet and program, with their husbands as guests. The same type of activities interest the members of all Districts in the Area Institute, which covers all of Simcoe County. Area Presidents are Mrs. H. Campbell, Stayner Bay, and Mrs. N. Tank of Secretary-Treasurer.

BARRIE BANNER, Barrie, Ontario, Feb. 22, 1973

Two Centre-Simcoe women represent area at Oslo conference

CENTRE SIMCOE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT.

Greetings from the central part of the County! This was the year of the 13th Triennial World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World. Two of our ladies were able to be present at this great convention held in Oslo, Norway.

In their report Mrs. Harry Feyston of Minesing, District President, and Mrs. Nellie McElwain, Barrie, Past President, were held spellbound with the many addresses and reports from women of many different cultures around the world. The King of Norway and other dignitaries were present when the A.C.W.W. President gave her address. There is one paragraph I would like to quote.

"In most areas of the world, malnutrition in early life is directly or indirectly responsible for more deaths among children than all other causes combined. In some countries as many as one third of the children die before reaching school age, and recent evidence has indicated that deficiencies in nutrition not only affect physical growth, but also produce irreversible mental and emotional changes. The high percentage of blindness among children is due to malnutrition."

It is estimated that 14,000 children in Central Asia are going blind every year due to a lack of vitamin A.

If mothers could only be taught to give their children a cupful of vegetables every day, this tragedy might be averted.

At this conference the delegates representing 8½ million women planned to do something about this dreadful situation. They decided to make the helping of the blind their project for the next three years.

This is only one phase of the W.I. work. In Turkey, a girl is being educated in midwifery, while in Zambia a pipeline has been laid to bring water down a mountain slope to the source of need. Previously the women walked up the mountain to fetch the water. These are two more examples of "many" of some of the work we do.

Centre Simcoe has 14 organizations with a total membership of 298 ladies. It has been a privilege to represent this District at the Federation of Agriculture.

Awards, conferences part of home economics year

by Barbara Vanden Bosch
Home Economist
South Simcoe

The Home Economics Branch Program for 1971-1972 was again quite eventful and successful.

Last June, Miss Fern Wagner, Dunlevon, was given notice that she had been chosen to receive the Mr. Alfred Watt Memorial Scholarship for South Simcoe. This scholarship is sponsored by the Simcoe Area Women's Institute and is awarded to a Senior 4-H Homemaking Club Member who is furthering their education beyond High School. Fern is presently attending the Barrie School of Nursing.

July proved to be an eventful month with the Provincial Girl's Conference at Guelph, the Inter-provincial Exchange and Mrs. Joan Rix, South Simcoe's Home Economist leaving staff.

Four girls: Miss Rosemary Thorpe, Beeton; Miss Sharon Richardson, Stayner; Miss Pat Metcalfe, Cookstown; and Miss Judy Langford, Bradford attended the four-day conference held at the University of Guelph. About 200 girls representing every county and district in the province spent the time considering topics of interest to rural girls everywhere and hearing some interesting speakers.

Each year the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs sponsors the Inter-provincial Exchange open to all 4-H members. The Royal Bank of Canada provides sponsorship for this program. Miss Gail Spicher, a senior 4-H Homemaking club member from Stayner was chosen as one of the Ontario representatives. Gail visited British Columbia from July 5-19. Also in South Simcoe we had the privilege of paying host to Miss Debbie Wilson from Stewiacke, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Joan Rix, South Simcoe's Home Economist for the past four years left the staff of the Home Economics Branch, replacing Mrs. Rix is Miss Barbara Vanden Bosch, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario.

August started off the 4-H Homemaking Program for Fall, 1971 and also saw eleven 4-H Homemaking Club girls participate in the C.N.E. trip. The girls were: Deborah Knisley, Stayner; Lois Hennessey, Dunlevon; Margo Aldercorn, Badjerose; Sandra Middlebrooks, Creemore; Jo-anne Ivits, New Lowell; Donna Orr, Bond Head; Jane Elder, Lisle; Janice Robertson, Stroud; Brenda Schandlen, Thornton; Anne Sturgess, Stayner; and Donna Richardson, Stayner. As well as spending time at the Exhibition they participated in tours and groups discussions.

The fall project for the 4-H Homemaking Program was Featuring Fruit. About 300 girls completed the project which centred on the study of fruit, its nutritional value, how to select and prepare it and also time was spent researching some of the more unusual fruits. At the end of this project twenty-five girls received County Honours (6 projects); sixteen Provincial Honours (12 projects) and one Advanced Honours (18 projects). Miss Gail Spicher who had participated in the Inter-Provincial Exchange was the girl who received the Advanced Honour. The Achievement Days were held in late November and early December.

The spring project 1972 is Sportswear from Knits. The project is now in progress and it appears that there is a fairly large increase in the number of girls participating. By making sportswear from knit fabrics, club members will have an opportunity to try new sewing methods for the knit fabrics. Achievement Days will be held in April.

The program presented by the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food provides Ontario's women and girls with an opportunity to obtain a better quality of life and learn more about this ever changing business of homemaking. The support gives to the program by the residents of South Simcoe is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

South Simcoe youth active

by Bill Cooper
Associate Agricultural
Representative,
South Simcoe

4-H ENTRIES AT BARRIE FAIR

A number of South Simcoe 4-H'ers exhibited their projects at Barrie Fair last summer. Excellent representation came from the Cookstown 4-H Beef Club with members of this club winning first, second and third in the heifer class and first in the steer class. These top entries were all Charolais calves shown by September, Hazel and Terra Gaudette of Barrie No. 3 and Barry Jebb of Cookstown No. 4. Barry Jebb was also Champion Beef Showman, with Brenda Wilson Stroud No 1, another Cookstown 4-H member in the reserve position.

In the 4-H Educational Display Section the first and second placed entries were designed by the Cookstown 4-H Beef and Cookstown 4-H Dairy Clubs respectively.

4-H AWARDS NIGHTS

4-H Awards Nights were held in South Simcoe as follows: Beeton Area, Friday, November 26, 1971; Nottawasaga Area, Wednesday, December 8, 1971; Cookstown Area, Friday, December 10, 1971.

These programmes marked the completion of the 1971 4-H projects in South Simcoe.

HORSE JUDGING

Several 4-H'ers from South Simcoe participated in the 1971 Robert Graham Memorial Horse Judging Competition held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. The competition involved the judging of two classes of heavy horses and two classes of light horses.

The Sough Simcoe contestants are members of the Cookstown 4-H Horse and Pony Club which has had an excellent judging programme this past year. The Cookstown club, which is under the leadership of Mrs. Gail Schulfield, Thornton No. 1, is one of the larger 4-H Agricultural Clubs in South Simcoe, and has the distinction of having pioneered the 4-H Horse Club movement in Ontario.

QUEEN'S GUINEAS

South Simcoe was well represented at the Queen's Guineas this winter, both in terms of numbers and quality. Twelve 4-H'ers from the Beeton and Cookstown 4-H Beef Clubs exhibited their steer calves at this colourful event, achieving the following placings:

Cross-bred Class — 1st prize group — Barry Jebb, Cookstown No. 4 and Martha Cowan, Lorette.

2nd Prize Group — Peter Harvey, Cookstown No. 4 and 3rd prize group — Earle Mayes, Stroud

Shorthorn Class — 1st prize group — Brenda Wilson, Stroud No. 1 and 2nd prize group — Brian Wilson, Stroud No. 2

Hereford Class — 1st prize group — James Hayes, Cookstown No. 1, Louis Mason, Barrie No. 4, Kevin Cunningham, Thornton, Ron Cochrane, Thronton No. 3, and Rev Chipchase, Thornton No. 3.

3rd prize group — Glenn Williams, Beeton No. 1.

4-H AWARD WINNERS FOR 1971

Some of the major awards earned by 4-H members and clubs in 1971 are as follows: (the list below does not include judging competitions and achievement show awards) — Simcoe County Yorkshire Breeder's Trophy — for high scoring swine club member in South Simcoe — Allan Faris, Bradford No. 1 — Simcoe County Holstein Breeder's Club Award — for high scoring member with a Holstein calf — Pat Orr, Bradford No. 1 — Wm. McKay Memorial Trophy — for an outstanding member in the Beeton area — Mary Ellen Devins, Tottenham No. 2 — Beeton Rotary Trophy — for the top club in the Beeton area — Beeton 4-H Beef Club — Schomberg Co-op Special — for high scoring first year member in the Beeton area — John Devins, Tottenham No. 2 — Rotary Club of Alliston Trophy — for high scoring member in South Simcoe — Robert Keffer, Bradford No. 1 — Royal Bank (Cookstown) Special — for an outstanding member in the Cookstown area — Susan Sturgess, Thornton No. 1 — C.D. Sproule Memorial Trophy — for high scoring member in the Cookstown 4-H Beef Club — Peter Harvey, Cookstown No. 4 — Cookstown and District Lion's Club Trophy — for the top club in the Cookstown area — Cookstown 4-H Horse and Pony Club — Elwood Madill Trophy — for the best educational display by a South Simcoe 4-H Club — Cookstown 4-H Beef Club — Kiwanis Club of Collingwood Trophy — for the top club in the Nottawasaga area — Nottawasaga 4-H Beef Club — Sandell's Meat Market Specials — for proficiency in 4-H projects — Debbie Arnold, Glen Huron No. 1, Isobel McQueen, Nottawa No. 1 and George McQueen, Nottawa No. 1.

LIST OF 1972 JUNIOR FARMER OFFICERS FOR SOUTH SIMCOE COUNTY

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Secretary — Bonnie Webb, Thornton No. 1
News Reporter — Kathy Butler, Churchill

Nottawasaga
President — Colin McDermid, Stayner No. 4
Secretary — Merle Coutts, Stayner No. 4
News Reporter — Merle Coutts, Stayner No. 4

NURSERY FOR CALVES

With the increase in Ontario's dairy population over the years, dairymen now have many more calves to deal with than previously. This has created problems with housing and with diseases transmitted to the young calves from the main herd. One solution to this has been a calf nursery, where the calves are in a separate building from the main herd.

Calves are born with very little immunity to disease. Until two or three months of age, they can fall victim to ailments such as scours or virus pneumonia. The problem is more critical when the calves are not separated from the cows or other livestock.

A livestock specialist with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food estimates that upwards of $6 million worth of calves die each year. He determines this by taking a 15% mortality rate and multiplying it times Ontario's dairy population of over 900,000 times an average value of $50 per calf. Therefore, a building arrangement for the calves soon pays for itself with calves saved. (Photo by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food).

Many attractions to be featured at Beeton Honey Festival

The Beeton Honey Festival which was only an idea a year ago is now taking shape and promises to be something well worth attending. It will be a festival within a fair because it will be overshadowed with the July Beeton Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25 and 26.

This first and only, it is believed, honey festival is sponsored by the Beeton Chamber of Commerce and under the dynamic leadership of Ed McDonald the original idea has been developed with the whole hearted co-operation and support of every organization in Beeton and the surrounding area.

Why was the pioneer in this field and did an enormous amount of research and development. He became the Bee King of North America. Beeton got its name because of its bees.

Another marquee is expected to be between the Bentinck Hotel and the Twentieth Twp. offices, providing the L.C.B.O. is co-operative, where beer will be sold. To go with liquid refreshments there will be hearty, digital chicken on sale at booths and home-made bread with honey will be sold by the slice. And, of course, honey products will be on sale.

Fine chairs about been and honey will be shown continuously at the Legion Hall the whole time. The exhibit plans should appeal to every collector.

There are the highlights of the Festival. It is something worth seeing and enjoying!

The festival will be in full swing from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 a.m. to Fair closing on Wednesday, September 25 and 26.

"I cannot speak too highly of the wonderful co-operation still being given by the Fair Board, the village authorities, all the local organizations and many individuals," said Mr. McDermott. "They have all done everything they can to make this first Beeton Honey Festival a success."

Dianne Harding (centre) is Beeton Fair Honey Queen

Fair, festival succeed in Beeton

by Gloria Schimmel

BEETON – Visitors to Beeton last Tuesday and Wednesday had plenty to see and do as the village held its first Honey Festival in conjunction with the annual Fall Fair.

Tuesday evening saw the crowning of Dianne Harding as the Beeton Fair Honey Queen. Of the 8 contestants remaining, Penny Archibald was chosen as first runner-up and Bonnie Brown was second runner-up. All three girls are from Beeton.

While the younger set enjoyed the dance following the beauty competition, parents danced in the streets, led by the Alliston Square Dance Club.

On Wednesday morning, the livestock and horse shows were underway. Exhibits and handicrafts were viewed in the community arena. For the hungry crowds there was bar-b-qued honey-glazed chicken and home-baked bread. For the thirsty, a beer garden was set up on the main street.

Provincial Apiarist Professor P. Burke of the University of Guelph demonstrated honey processing and products.

Bee keeping antiques, a large display from the Simcoe County Museum and contributions from area residents filled the antique museum.

Highlight of the day was the mammoth parade, led by the Orillia School Boys Band. The parade theme was beekeeping, carried out in masses of flowers and friendly bees of every size and shape.

Beeton's two Queen Bees (an honorary position awarded to two senior ladies in the village), Mrs. Bye and Mrs. P. Kettle, were chauffered by Ken Wood of Bradford in his classic Pierce-Arrow.

Letter of Thanks To the Beeton Agricultural Society

DIANNE HARDING

I would like to thank the Beeton Agricultural Society for giving me the opportunity of being Beeton's Fair Queen this year.

I attended a few social events and met a lot of new friends from the other fairs in Ontario.

In February, I was able to attend the Ontario Agricultural Convention at the Royal York Hotel, where I attended some lectures and met the other fair queens of Ontario; I went to a convention in Collingwood; but I think the greatest opportunity of all was the Miss C.N.E. contest, which, I participated in last week. I didn't place but it was a great experience and a lot of fun.

I have heard that the contest might be discontinued this year and I hope this letter will help to change such an outcome because it was a once-in-a lifetime chance that I will never forget. Thank you again.

Sincerely
Diane Harding

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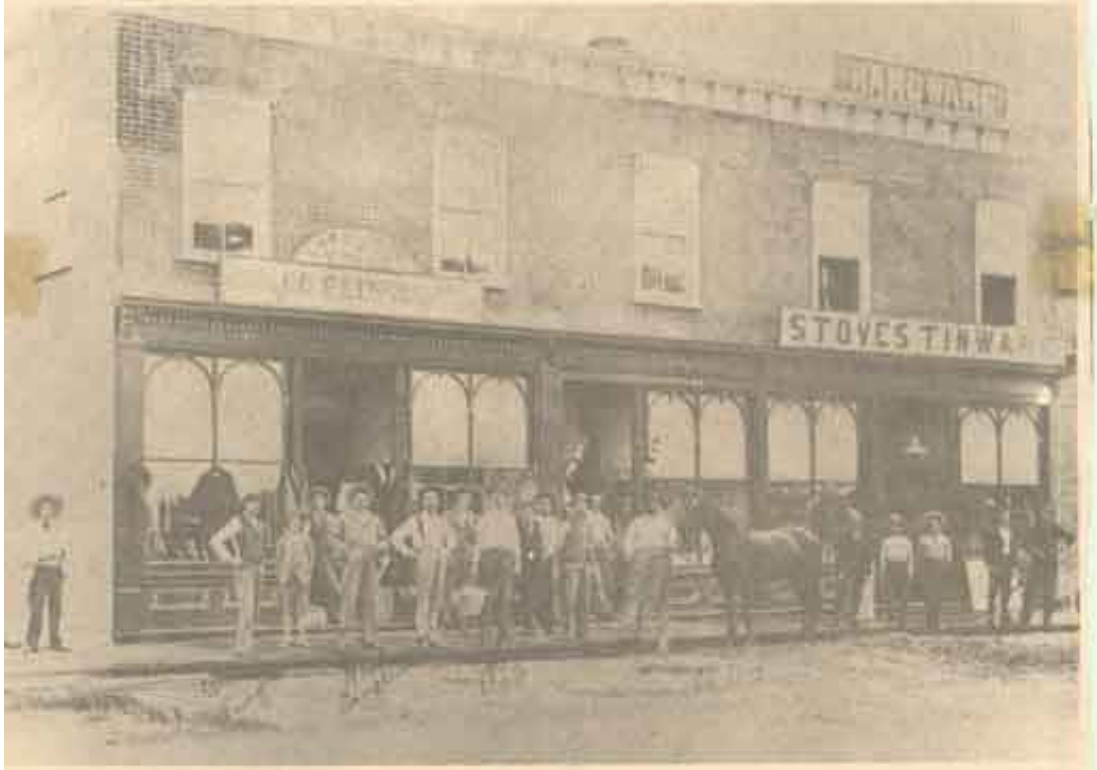
CENTENNIAL EDITION

In the history of Beeton, one of the most prominent families in the village business section was Bell. For decades, the "Beeton World" carried the advertisements of this particular establishment with captions like "The Bell Still Rings in Beeton". The motivating force behind this was W.J. Bell who arrived in the village in 1888 and opened a small hardware shop on the south side of Main Street. To the west of his shop was the J. Stewart bakery while G. Pringle's dry goods store was operating on the east side.



South Main Street - 1890

In the latter part of 1889, the Stewart bakery was destroyed by fire and the remains were taken away. This created a vacant lot between W.J. Bell's store and the remainder of the shops running westward along south Main Street. Ironically, this vacant lot saved W.J. Bell's store from being engulfed in the flames of the large fire of 1892 which destroyed most of the business section. This lot became a fire break which stopped the flames after they had burned everything on south Main Street. W.J. Bell and G. Pringle survived the destruction.

Mr. Bell's endeavours in the hardware business rewarded him profitably. His position in the community improved and his business prospered. In his store one could purchase every conceivable commodity. Besides handling a complete hardware line, he was involved with sheet metal, lanterns, bells and stoves. He was responsible for obtaining the large bell (1400 lbs) which topped off the new Town Hall in 1894. He was the territorial dealer for the popular Franklin and McClary stoves. He built a large warehouse on the railway siding to handle his larger shipments.

"A CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF BEETON"

This page is an example of the material you will find in "A Centennial History of Beeton." It was written by the author of the book [Bert Platt] and is an excellent representation of the knowledge he has of Beeton's history and of the interest he creates in it. To read the full story, make sure you get a copy of this limited edition for only $5.00. Books are available at Barb's Variety, and at the Arena all weekend.

Interior of Bell's Hardware Store - South Main Street

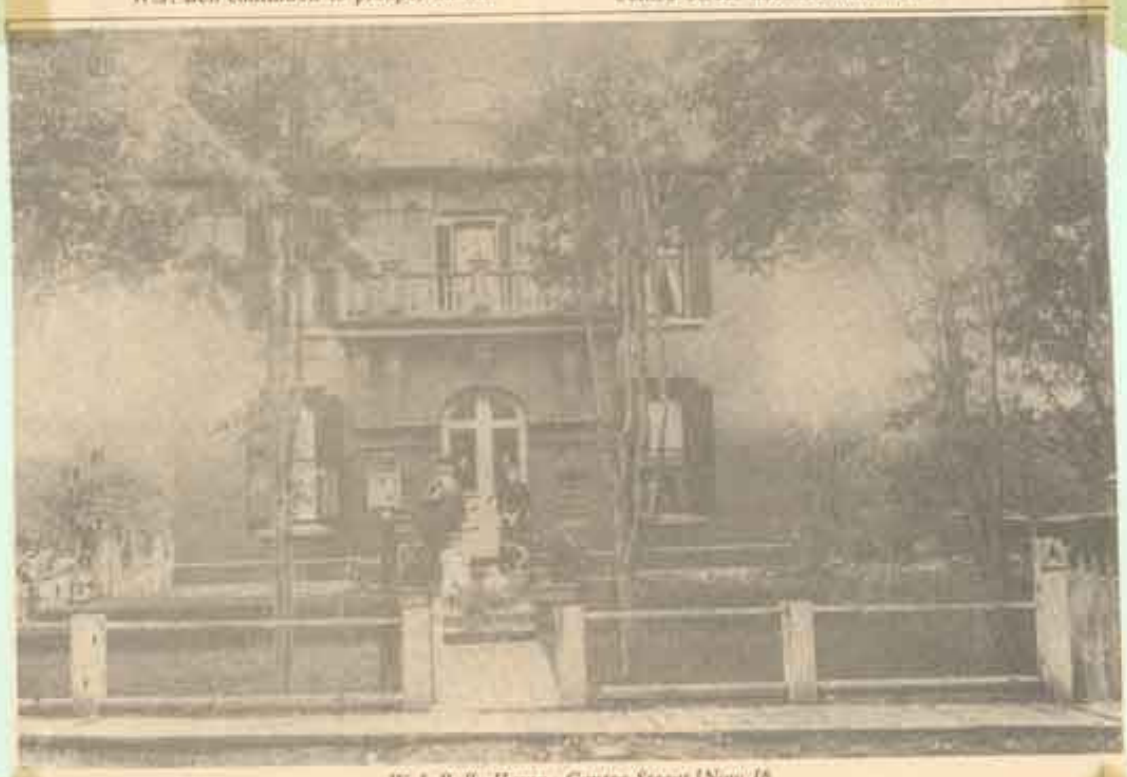
It soon became obvious that his expanding business was cramped in the small shop. At this time, the north side of the street was being re-built after the fire destruction by the efforts of D.A. Jones. A row of five brick buildings was completed in 1895 and W.J. Bell decided to relocate in one of these new stores. In 1895-96 he sold his store on the south side to S.J. Sheridan and moved across the street. S.J. Sheridan commenced to operate a dry goods store specializing in men's tailoring. Over the next few years Mr. Sheridan continued to completely renovate his place of business. G. Pringle next door, also in the dry goods business, meanwhile was also limited due to his small shop. He too decided to get a larger store, only his solution was simply a rebuilding programe. He arranged to have his old store moved completely out of the way and a new larger shop built on the old site. The old shop was moved down to the east beside the store of R. Scott (today now a roadway between Strachan's Garage and Catania's Store). While this was done and during the construction period the Pringle store continued in business. In the August 3rd 1905 "Beeton World", it is noted that "progress on the new Pringle building is going ahead rapidly. Business has undergone no interruption however, as a temporary walk has been built to the old building..."

Two days later, fire struck the S.J. Sheridan building and completely destroyed the structure.

Fire destroys Sheridan's Store August 1905 (The former Bell Hardware Store)

The remains of Sheridan's store were taken down and this became a vacant lot (is to this day). G. Pringle rebuilt a new store on his lot and today L. Catania operates from here.

W.J. Bell continued to prosper on the north side of Main Street. He became a well known merchant in the vicinity always well attired and well groomed. His position and prosperity was reflected in the grand home he had contracted on Centre Street adorned with bells.



W.J. Bell - Home - Centre Street (Now 16 Centre Street)

In 1919, his son Walter entered the firm and eventually took over the business after the death of W.J. Bell in 1937. He continued to offer the same efficient service to the community which had become a family tradition. Spence McCullough worked for Walter for numerous years.

In 1959, Walter Bell sold the store ending a total of six decades of family business. Today, this location now houses a newly opened Becker's Milk Store.

Interior of Bell's Hardware Store - North Main Street

BEETON'S FAIR QUEEN

Fair Queen Ann Mason, RR 4 Barrie, poses with her princesses at the opening of the Beeton Fair. At left is Shirley McCormack, Alliston, and at right is Janice Hewson, Thornton. Back row: "Doc" McKelvey, reeve of Beeton, Robt. Eaton, MP, Middlesex East who opened the fair; Art. Evans, MPP; Bruce McQuarrie, president of the Beeton Fair Board; Earl Elliott, warden of Simcoe County. (Alliston Herald photo)

VILLAGE OF BEETON CENTENNIAL 1874 - 1974

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Beeton Centennial Committee we are informing you and your relatives of the Centennial Celebration to be held in Beeton on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 14, 15 and 16th.

We feel sure you will want to visit Beeton on this special occasion and renew acquaintances with your former friends from our Village.

Three full days of celebration have been arranged and we are enclosing a Brochure outlining all the activities which have been planned. A History of the Village has been prepared as well and a limited number of copies will be available, along with other souvenirs of this occasion.

We hope you will be able to join us on at least one of the above days, and look forward to seeing you again then.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. S. R. McKelvey,
Honorary Chairman.

Earl Hammell,
Chairman.

SATURDAY
JUNE 15, 1974

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Beer Garden
In the arena

1:00 p.m. Centennial Parade
(See map for route)

1:00 p.m. Lawn Bowling
Tournament
Community Park

2:00 p.m. Tug of War Contest
Fairgrounds

2:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Track
Meet in the park

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Saturday – Sunday afternoons
Rodeo and Art Display
in the Community Park

Dance Show

Special Activities in the
4-H Hall

8:00 p.m. Dance to the Music
of the Carlton Town Band
Beeton Arena. Admission:
$10.00 per couple.
Refreshments

REMEMBER to purchase your Bicentennial Memory Book

SUNDAY
JUNE 16, 1974

11:00 a.m. Ecumenical Church Service
at St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
Special Guest Speaker:
Reverends Cross, Ross,
Martin, and a representative from the R.C. Church

11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bar Limited
can be purchased at the
hotel's in the Community
Park. Cost: $1.00 – $4.25

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Horseshoe
Pitching Contest at the
Fairgrounds

2:00 p.m. Baseball Tournament
Finals, Fairgrounds

HONEY FEST
1974
will not
hold on
the Community Park

WELCOME HOME OLD BOYS & GIRLS

1874 1974

1974
VILLAGE OF BEETON
CENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE

THANK YOU FOR BEING
A PART OF OUR CELEBRATIONS

MEMBERS

CHAIRMAN	Earl Hammond
VICE-CHAIRMAN	John Rutherford
SECRETARY	Dave Saffery
ASS'T SECRETARIES	Delphine Archibald Elsie Mayberry Earl Moore
DIRECTORS	
ASS'T TREASURER	Paul Scott
DECORATING	Gerald Mayberry
HISTORY	Bert Platt
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Andrew Mayer
SPORTS	Gary Cardone
PARADE	Gloria Lamond
SPECIAL EVENTS	Bill Lewis
OUTDOORS	Dave Sealy
PROGRAM	Marion Burnham
PUBLICITY	Allison Francis Judy Mooney
CHURCH SERVICE	Ed. Boxtom

PROGRAMME

BEETOWN — BEETON

CENTENNIAL

1874 1974

Friday — Sunday
June 14 — 15 —16— 1974

The home of

Kate Scott Aitken

R.A. Stone

FRIDAY
JUNE 14, 1974

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE
Tecumseth Beeton Central
Display of Art and Writings, Pioneer Crafts and Skills.

7:00 p.m. Free Movies for the children at Tecumseth Beeton Central Public School

8:00 p.m. Come to the Rodeo at the Arena (optional) Admission $1.00, includes lunch and prizes.

9:00 p.m. Fiddle-Fest and Beer Garden
in Beeton Arena.
Beard judging will take place during Fiddle-Fest.

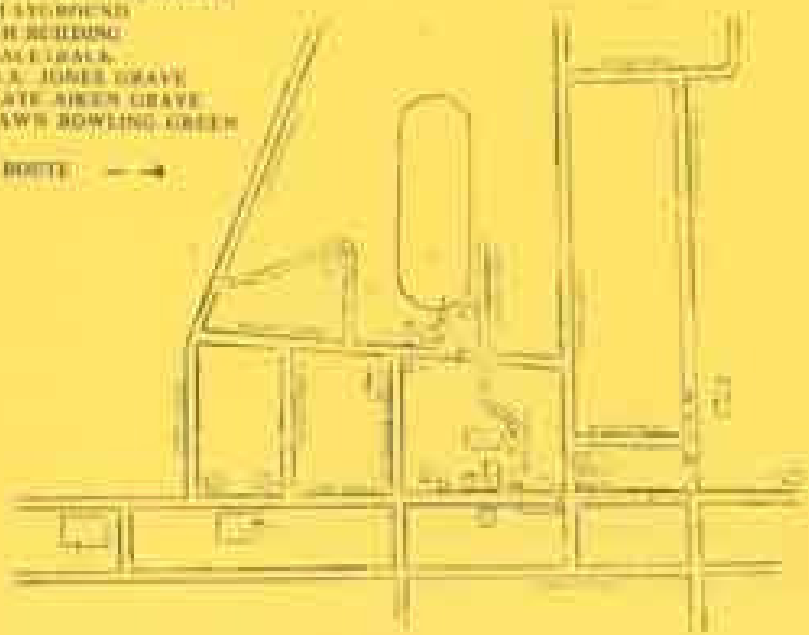
SOUVENIRS

PLATES	$2.50
1974 CALENDARS	$2.00

1. CEMETERY
2. CEMETERY
3. ANGLICAN CHURCH
4. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5. TOWNSHIP OFFICES
6. VILLAGE OFFICES
7. FIRE HALL
8. LIBRARY
9. OLD TOWN HALL
10. ARENA
11. BUSINESS SECTION
12. OLD QUEEN'S HOTEL
13. UNITED CHURCH
14. ORANGE LODGE
15. TECUMSETH CENTRAL P.S.
16. SIMCOE MANOR
17. LEGION HALL
18. OLD PUBLIC SCHOOL
19. KATE AIKEN FORMER HOME
20. PARK
21. KATE AIKEN MEMORIAL
22. D.A. JONES MEMORIAL
23. PLAYGROUND
24. 4-H BUILDING
25. BALL DIAMOND
26. D.A. JONES GRAVE
27. KATE AIKEN GRAVE
28. LAWN BOWLING GREEN

PARADE ROUTE →

CENTENNIAL MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF BEETON



SATURDAY
JUNE 15, 1974

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration for the Centennial Horseshoe Pitching Contest at Beeton Pitz Hardware. Contest to take place at the Fair grounds, Sunday, June 16, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. For the children

Mr. Dressup at Tecumseth Beeton Central Public School. Repeat show at 11:00a.m. Admission 25¢

MIDWAY IN COMMUNITY PARK

10:00 a.m. Baseball Tournament Fairgrounds. Admission $1.00

11:00 a.m. Repeat show Mr Dressup at Tecumseth Beeton Central Public School Admission 25¢

Books on Fairgrounds (operated by Tecumseth)
HOT TENCHES available
SPECIAL PRIZES
throughout weekend

Centennial Committee chairman Earl Hammell (l) and Reeve McKelvey are driven by John Rutherford, vice-chairman.

Message from the Chairman

I would like to express my personal appreciation of the efforts of the many who contributed to the success of Beeton's Centennial celebrations of this past weekend.

Unfortunately, a number of planned activities were rained out, but these will be rescheduled and dates announced.

Despite the dampness, the parade was a success, and all those who planned and gave much time to the many floats are to be congratulated.

All indoor activities were well attended and, therefore, repaid those who planned and carried them through.

A special word of thanks to the merchants and home owners who added to the festival air by decorating their premises. Messrs. John Parsons and John Brown have the thanks of the many of the older residents for their decision to retain one of the Village's landmarks. The restoration of the Queen's Hotel will help to give continuation of our past to the present and future.

It is my hope that the Centennial History, souvenirs and the Centennial edition of the Beeton Record will be preserved so that those of the future may have knowledge of the past and our grand celebration of 100 years of development, contributed to by all, for no service, however lowly, can be dispensed with.

Earl Hammell, Chairman.

BEETOWN – BEETON CENTENNIAL

1874 - 1974

Friday to Sunday, June 14, 15, 16

Friday, June 14

10:00 a.m., 11:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., OPEN HOUSE, Tecumseth-Beeton Central Display of Art and Writings, Pioneer Crafts and Skills. 7:00 p.m., Free Movies for the children of Tecumseth-Beeton Central Public School. 8:00 p.m., Come to the Euchre at the Arena (upstairs). Admission $1.00, includes lunch and prizes. 9:00 p.m. Fiddle-Fest and Beer Garden, in Beeton Arena. Beard judging to take place during Fiddle-Fest.

Saturday, June 15

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration for the Centennial Horseshoe Pitching Contest at Beeton Pro Hardware. Contest to take place at the Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 16, 1:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. 9:30 a.m., For the children: Mr. Dressup at Tecumseth-Beeton Central Public School. Repeat show at 11:00 a.m. Admission: 25 cents. 10:00 a.m., Baseball Tournament, Fairgrounds. Admission $1.00. 11:00 a.m. Repeat show: Mr. Dressup at Tecumseth Beeton Central Publi cSchool. Admission 25 cents. 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., Beer Garden in the arena. 1:00 p.m. Centennial Parade. 1:30 p.m. Lawn Bowling Tournament, Community Park. 2:00 p.m. Tug of War Contest, Fairgrounds. 2:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Track Meet in the park. 8:00 p.m. Dance to the Music of the Carlton Show Band, Beeton Arena. Admission $10.00 per couple. Refreshments.

Sunday, June 16

11:00 a.m. Ecumencial Church Service at St. Andrew's Church. Special Guest Speakers, Reverends Cross, Doas, Martin, and a representative from the R. C. Church. 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Box Lunches can be purchased at the booths in the Community Park. Cost: $1.00 to $1.25. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Contest at the Fairgrounds. 2:00 p.m. Baseball Tournament Finals, Fairgrounds.

Come One, Come All — Everyone Welcome!

Beeton man named chairman

Earl Hammell has been appointed general chairman of the Beeton Centennial Committee and Mrs. Doris Stafford secretary. Both will have assistants to be appointed in the near future.

Committee chairmen already appointed are Parade, Mrs. Gloria Linstead, Sports Gary Carleton, Special events Bill Lewis, Program, Mrs. Ed Boynton, Publicity, Mrs. Afrose Franks and Anne Livesay, Decorating, Rev. W. Davis, History, Bert Platt; School Activities, Andy Mayer. Earl Mayer of the Royal Bank is treasurer with Paul Seeley assistant.

The major activities of the Centennial program will be held June 14, 15 and 16.

CENTENNIAL DESIGN WINNERS

Chairman of the Beeton Centennial Committee, Earl Hammell presents Tecumseth-Beeton Central grade 8 student, Peter Garland, with a plaque for his winning Centennial symbol of a bee last Friday afternoon. Cathy McCullough, Grade 8 pupil at St. James, Colgan, holds a Centennial pine bearing her winning design. Seated is Dr. McKelvey, Honorary Chairman, who presented Cathy with her prize: books on underground.

(Alliston Herald photo)

History of Beeton ready for printing

At last Thursday's Centennial meeting, Bert Platt, author of the book he has been researching on the history of Beeton, announced that the manuscript is completed and has been sent to the publisher.

The committee has completed an application for a Canada Council grant to cover expenses of the book. As soon as a more definite estimation of these expenses can be derived at the application will be submitted.

Bert is choosing the style of the book and favours a stitched soft covered 6" by 9" book that would probably be about 170 pages long. In it will be lots of old pictures of the early days of Beeton.

Only 1000 books will be ordered (with possibly an additional order later on if the response is good) and they'll sell for about $5.00 a copy.

Centennial award winners for their designs in a contest to choose Centennial symbols, Cathy McCullough of St. James School won an award when her design was chosen for Colgan on a plate and Peter Garland (right) won for his design of the Centennial bee. Mr. Earl Hammell (centre), Chairman of the Centennial Committee, presented the award to Peter and Dr. S.R. McKelvey presented to Cathy.

Centennial Committee Presentation

Dr. S.R. McKelvey, Honorary Chairman of the Centennial Committee, was the guest speaker at Tecumseth-Beeton Central School last week when an assembly was held in honor of those students who were prizes for their entries in the Centennial design contest.

Dr. McKelvey recalled the history of Beeton, mentioning the contributions of R.A. Jones and Kate Aiken to the town.

He also told the students that "there will be a time when you will be leading citizens of Beeton," and that "the opportunities that you have today are far greater than those of the previous generation."

He also complimented his guide, "a true village" and explained to the students his ideas about the changes within Beeton. "It is the convention we don't grow too fast. I hope you are thinking to see this will not, you provide the facilities for these additions."

The students were told that "this is your village, we trust and hope that you will take pride in it. It is good to have a place to come home to and I don't think you have a better one than the village of Beeton."

The most important event of the afternoon was the honoring of the award winners who submitted designs for the Centennial contest. The first presentation was made by Dr. McKelvey to Cathy McCullough of St. James School Colgan. Her design was chosen for the Centennial plate and she was awarded a plate and $10.

The second presentation was for the design chosen as the Centennial symbol. Mr. Earl Hammell, Chairman of the Centennial Committee made the presentation to Peter Garland of Tecumseth-Beeton Central School. "Peter was chosen because of thought, determination, pride and interest", Mr. Hammell said, but he thanked all those attempting to be allowed their in some fashion good Peter's design was. He also told them that they were demonstrating and contributing to a "unique event". Peter Garland's award was an inscribed plaque and a $10 coin.

Other honorary winners were Fannie Boggs of St. James Colgan, Joanne Yeebock of Tecumseth South Public School and John Hastings of Tecumseth-Beeton Central School. The members of the selection committee were Marie Bowman, Rose Stafford, Dr. McKelvey and Anne Mayer.

Fine entertainment was provided by a combined [illegible] for junior choir and [illegible] group.

Pioneer Day features traditional classroom

A wide variety of activities from taffee pulling to a traditionally run class were among many features as Tecumseth Beeton Central School started the Centennial celebration.

Mr. Monkman's grade 4-5 class had many students in traditional dress along with Mr. Monkman, who wore the outfit of a turn-of-the-century dandy.

The students started with the traditional "Good morning", and then had a unison reading session of the Bible. Other events were a spelling bee, a math drill with unison times tables, a dance corner, a geography quiz, and reports on different aspects of pioneer life.

The traditional hickory stick was constantly in sight, and Mr. Monkman's desk was even raised above the class to suggest the teacher's superiority, a technique imported by Egerton Ryerson.

The students also baked Johnny cake to a Kate Aitken recipe, with first place being called a tie.

This day was part of a unit of study for the students which included a visit to the Simcoe museum and to St. Marie among the Hurons.

Of course, the open house had many other displays by students and local men and women. These included baking, candy making, antique displays, pioneer weaving, butter making and honey making, to name a few.

The staff and students gave the Centennial a fine send-off.

Tecumseth Beeton Central students (l) Karen Johansson, Wanda Lake, Ricky Hawton, Beth Sealy and Stephen Sauve were named gold winners of the Canada Fitness, last Monday morning at the school, during the 1974 Junior Annual Awards Day Presentations.

Stephen Sauve (r) received the *Athlete of the Year Award*.

Student Awards

The Athlete of the Year Award was presented to Stephen Sauve at the 1974 Junior Annual Awards Day Presentations, held last Monday morning at Tecumseth Beeton Central School.

Master of Ceremonies, teacher Ted Monkman, who presented all the awards, donated to the school a series of plaques which will be open to annual competitions in the junior grades. The plaques will remain in the school and cover the following: overall girls' track and field champions; overall boys' track and field champions; junior boys paddleball champions; junior girls' single badminton champions; junior boys' single badminton champions, and the athlete of the year award.

Students of the five and six class presented a flag to the school at the start of the program.

The Sows Club and the Jogging Club with 22 members were honoured.

Top scorer of the floor hockey, house league champions, Stephen Sauve, and top grader, Gordon Robinson, received awards.

Other house league champions included: soccer, bowdoball, baseball, flag football, scrogball, volleyball, and softball for boys only and girls of.

Individual champions in the wrestling division were: bantamweight Stephen Sauve, middleweight Peter Dakin and lightweight Kevin Lens.

Winners of the gold Canada Fitness awards were: Stephen Sauve, Ricky Hawton, Wanda Lake, Beth Sealy and Karen Johansson.

Senior track and field overall champions were Wanda Lake, Jennifer Sealy and Stephen Sauve.

"This is the way you quilt." Mrs. H. McCague demonstrates at the Beeton - Tecumseth School's "Pioneer Days".

Candy was a specialty in pioneer days, and Mrs. Frank Link and Mrs. Herb Link demonstrate their talent at maple cream candy and toffee for Mrs. Drury.

(Marjorie)

THIS PAIR OF OXEN were the subject of much debate at Centennial meetings but they finally appeared and paid no attention to the rain which fortunately held off for most of the parade. Anne Livesey and Maisie Boynton dressed in old time costumes got a free ride from the Black Creek imports.

The float in the Beeton Centennial Parade carrying a replica of a giant-sized birthday cake told its own story and got much favorable comment from those viewing the parade.

Minor sports to include boys and girls were depicted by the float in the parade at Beeton sponsored by the Beeton Athletic Association. More Beeton events are on pages 4 and 5.

WE HAD A SPECIAL REQUEST to take a photo of the "float with the pretty girls on it." The Legion built this float of a model bee but it lacked wings. The Canadian Geese have always been noted for their ability to improvise and it was appreciated by the crowd.

Residents of Simcoe Manor joined in the festivities last week end of the Beeton Centennial and entered a float in parade.

THE BEETON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION float carried some of its most esteemed graduates in the Centennial Parade. From left to right: John Gould (Vancouver Canucks), Larry Gould (Seattle Totems), Jim Rutherford (Detroit Red Wings), and Wayne Carleton (Toronto Toros).

BARBARA PUSCH of Beeton sells roses at the dance Saturday night. Orant Dekne of Variety Farm and Gardens supplied the roses of which 1000 dozen were sold. Barbara said that if the roses had been available, many more would have been sold.

A FINE CENTENNIAL BEARD

At the Beard Judging Contest, at the Beeton Arena on Friday night, Bill Lewis (Bieber) placed 1st in overall competition. Winner Lother Pusch, Cookstown.

Lother Pusch triumphs in battle of shaggy faces

A summer of hilarity and seriousness existed at the same time as judges felt and measured the hairy faces of 10 earnest men.

The event was the Centennial beard-growing contest and the growths were indeed substantial. However, it was Beeton's weekend, and Lother Pusch of Beeton proved to have the thickest and biggest growth.

Brian Hagerman and Bruce Woodcraft were second and third respectively. The competitors were: Don Smith of Beeton, John Meyers of Thornton, Nick Meyer of R.R. 4, Bradford, John Houghton of Cookstown, Bill Lewis of Beeton and Bob Partridge.

Centennial Room being built in Library

The fact that Beeton is celebrating its Centennial this year has provided a great impetus to this community. The energies of many people are being provided to carry out projects that will have both short term and long term benefits.

One project that is to have both types of benefits is a new room in the Library called the Centennial Room which will be used for a Kate Aitken display and for an museum set display.

Anyone who is interested in having some of their work on display should contact Sylvia Hooper at 729-2596.

The Library Board has been busy directing the remodelling of an extra room in the Library building which was one of the original cities whose electricity were generated in Beeton.

After the Centennial the room will become a reading and reference room. There are also several other additions being made to the Library equipment to remodel and up-date the building. These include new shelving, tables and carrels.

The room is starting completion with Gordon Ring doing most of the work. The Library is still open while the renovations are being carried out.

FULL HOUSE AT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The highlight of Centennial weekend for many people was the Ecumenical service held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. About 3 hundred and seventy five people, many of them, from out of town, came to enjoy a very interesting service highlighted by Rev. Canon Hill's address.

Rev. Hill spoke of the pioneers as creators of institutions which they wished to foster and that these people celebrated what they did and worshipped the God of our fathers. He told the present generation that they must also decide who they must worship.

Reeve, Dr. S.R. McKelvey, thanked those who participated in the Centennial, both in organizing and in attending it. He paid special thanks to Chairman Earl Hammill and to Mr. Bert Platt for their contributions. Rev. Dass thanked Mr. Ed Bennion for organizing the service and also the Guides and Scouts who parked cars, ushered and took up the collection.

Rev. J. Cross, Rev. T. Martin and Mr. Robinson from Colgan also took part in the ecumenical service. Among the visiting dignitaries were M.P. Art Evans and Mr. George McCagen of Alliston.

An enjoyable social hour was spent after the service as tea and coffee was served, with soft drinks available for the children.

It has been a long time since a church service has drawn as much comment and praise in Beeton, which is the true test for this fine and unanimously appreciated service.

Kate Aitken Exhibit gone

The last of the Kate Aiken exhibit which was set-up for Centennial weekend in the Centennial room of the Library was removed from Beeton on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hortop of Mississauga visited with friends on the weekend including Dr. and Mrs. S.R. McKelvey. Mrs. Mary Hortop is the daughter of Kate Scott Aitken and she picked up those pictures and items she had loaned to Beeton for Centennial.

The Centennial Room in the Library will now be changed to a reading and reference room.

On behalf of the Village of Beeton and all those who enjoyed the Kate Aitken exhibit, we would like to thank Mrs. Hortop for the loan of her mother's items.

A.F.D. JOINS BEETON CENTENNIAL, TOWING BIG POTATO

A large contingent of Alliston firemen took the brigade's 1929 International truck to join the Beeton Centennial parade. Some rode; some walked. All were happy. At left is Brian Gibson and John Heyden. Riding on the fender is Ron Beattie and walking ahead of the truck are Jim Ladlow and Wayne Bishop. Fireman's clothing was just the right that moist day!

(Alliston Herald photo)

At ease on a park bench under an old street lamp is D. K. Harvey on the Beeton Rotary Club float.

Seems the costumed ladies had better hunting in their attics than the male members of the Senior Citizens' Club. The Rev. James Cross standing.

100 Year Old Auction Sale

Few issues of this paper appear in which there are no public sales advertised and articles listed reflect our present mode of living and working.

These changing times are aptly reflected in comparison of the present day sale offering and what was offered 100 years ago.

We produced a sale bill published in the Cynthia (Kansas) Log Cabin of February 1, 1895, which was furnished us through the courtesy of G.C. Glenning of Duffield, a former resident of Anoning.

Note the auction included six negro slaves.

Having sold my farm and I am leaving the Oregon Territory by ox-team, will offer on March 1st, 1895, all my personal property to wit...All of the ox teams except two mules Buck and Ben and Tom Jerry two milk cows one gray mare and colt, one pair of oxen and yoke, one baby yoke, two ox carts, plow with wood mold board, 800 to 1000 5 ft clapboard 1500 10 ft. fence rails, one 60 gal. soap kettle, 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber, 10 gal. maplesyrup, two spinning wheels, 30 lb. mutton tallow, one large loom made by Jerry Wilson, 300 poles 100 slip hoops, 100 empty barrels, one 32 gal. barrel of Johnson Miller whiskey 7 years old, 20 gallons of apple brandy, one forty gallon copper still, one dozen reel hooks, two handle hooks, three scythes and cradles, one dozen wooden pitch forks, one-half interest in tan yard, one 32 cal. rifle, bullet mould and powder horn, 50 gal. soft soap, hams, bacon and lard, 40 gallons sorgum molasses six head of fox hounds all sound mouth except one.

At the same time I will offer my six negro slaves – two men 35 and 30 years old, two boys 12 and 18 years old. Two mulatto wenches, 40 and 20 years old. Will sell altogether, to same party as will not separate them.

Terms of sale cash in hand or note to draw four percent interest with Bob McClanard as surety.

My home is two miles south of Versailles, Ky. on the McClurne Ferry Pike. Sale begins at 10 o'clock a.m. Plenty to eat and drink. J.T. Moss.

THE ANTIQUE DISPLAY at the Beeton fairgrounds had many interesting remnants of Beeton's past including the old desk out of the Beeton World office. The chair that is with it was borrowed from Ken Carlston as the desk and chair were reunited for the first time since 1968.

Friday' night's Fiddlefest was great to listen to and great to dance to. Many did.

The Agricultural Society's train was a delight. The flat car carries a fanning-mill made in Boston in 1913.

Ronnie Sage collects lamps, need it be said? In fact, the camera could not catch his whole exhibit.

When steam buffs get together a great time is had by all. And the youngsters are fascinated.

The pause that refreshes: these old steam engines can lap up the water, especially if you are the boy on the pump.

THE GREAT BIRTHDAY IS OVER

by David P. Fraser

Saturday in Beeton was a sunny day despite inclement weather.

Few stayed home as enthusiastic Beetonians crowded the sidewalks with their children, their cameras and their dogs to watch the Centennial parade make its way down the main street to the fair grounds.

Clowns amused the youngsters, as they pranced along smiling and blowing bubbles to hand out to the little ones who stared wide-eyed with excitement. Elegant ladies in old fashion costume threw red roses to romantic mattrons and maidens along the way. Steam powered farm machinery and a magnificent oxen drawn cart reminded us all of yesterday, of Beetons' beginning and many older folks relived their past and remeniscend with their contemporaries. Beeton's growth and prosperity.

Everywhere Beetown buzzed with enthusiasm. Everyone was smiling, talking, exchanging greetings with acquaintances, friends and strangers. Community involvement co-operation and support had produced a bright bright sunny day in the minds of all. Beeton welcomed its own and others from miles around, those who journeyed from Bradford, Toronto and even St. Catherines to share the festive occasion with friends and relatives here.

I, myself was caught up in the festive enthusiasm and found myself in a constant state of exuberance exchanging smiles and greetings. Bumping into my old grade 13 English Teacher, Miss Bell who now lives in Bradford made me realize what a small world we do live in and made the day even more rewarding as I mingled through the crowded muddy fair ground being dragged along by the editor's dog, Clancy whom I had volunteered to take off his hands so that he could get some decent pictures of the activity.

Clancy led me through the art and antique show stopping to let a little boy lower in height than his pals to finally pet him, and then move on past objects and pictures displaying Beeton's past. Even Clancy adopted the spirit of the Centennial and introduced himself to a cute little white poodle with pink bows in her ears. I didn't mind that because her owner looked pretty good too. He excitedly weaved his way around the legs of those who came to curiously look over the antiques, sat on one man's foot for a brief rest and then moved on.

The pictures of the past created the most excitement. One red headed man shouted across the room so that everyone could hear, "Mom, I found you!", after picking out his mother in one of the pictures, much to her embarrassment.

Little five or six year old princesses in long old fashioned dress added a cute touch to the atmosphere as they lifted their dresses up to their waist in order to cross over the muddy area. Sounds of the little ones on the amusement rides filled the air as they mixed terror, excitement, gasps and smiles together while spinning around on the airplane ride and the roller coaster.

There was something for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday night the Carlton Showband, dressed in white shirts and vivid emerald green pants, shared in our Centennial festivities in the Beeton Arena. The place was packed with an assortment of revellers dressed in fine style, from colourful evening dresses, to old fashion dress to casual clothing. Top hats and tails, bushy beards (remnants from the beard growing contest) were sported to colour the atmosphere.

Young and old alike, side by side, danced to an incredible variety of good old and young foot stomping music, performed by true showmen, who raised the roof with their songs and personalities.

Everyone danced and kicked their heels up whether or not they knew how, to modern variations, waltzes, gay ga-dons and polkas. Smiles and happy faces were everywhere in true spirit of the occasion. If not dancing, people were singing and clapping, enjoyin themselves and each other.

Community co-operation and volunteers again played a very large part in making the dance a success. Volunteers worked extremely hard upstairs with food and behind the bar.

Our better-halves decided it was time to make their way to the food line while we were helping out for a brief period at the bar. After waiting in line for 32 minutes and arriving at the front where the dinner tickets were collected, they discovered to their dismay that they did not have theirs with them. The understanding of the woman was greatly appreciated when she replied, "Just have your men bring them up later".

The fellas behind the bar jovially ignored their sore arms from pouring shot after shot after shot. With a smile, and a laugh, they greeted those who knew them and those who didn't (but compliminted them on what a fine job they were doing).

The evening concluded with everyone singing "O Canada" in full patriotic and L.C.B.O. spirit, resounding our national anthem up to the rafters, giving us all a sense of pride and warmth to be a Canadian and to be a part of Beeton's Centennial Celebration.

Rain fails to quell spirits for Beeton Centennial celebrations last weekend

Despite inclement weather and the constant threat of more rain, Beeton's Centennial Committee managed to present almost all of the program planned. Wet weather apparently is a tradition when it comes to Beeton celebrating special occasions.

Approximately 20 floats participated in the parade with about 30 originally entered. The organizations responsible for the floats will receive Centennial mementoes.

Pioneer Day held at the school was a success with a large number of former residents of Beeton attending the festivities. The Mr. Dress-Up event drew more than 800 and the euchre had a packed house.

Some of the outdoor activities such as the baseball tournament, lawn bowling and tug-o-war were cancelled because of wet grounds but the horse shoe pitching contest went on as scheduled.

The steam show and the antiques and art display were very well attended and a highlight was the reproduction of the old Beeton World newspaper office.

The Carlton Show Band attraction was completely sold out and the beer garden and fiddle fest also drew large crowds.

For many, the highlight of the weekend was the special church service held Sunday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church as it proved to be a time for the renewing of old friendships.

Souvenir plates and linen calendars marking the historic occasion were available with many being purchased by visitors.

St. John's Church, Tecumseth

St. John's Church, three miles west of Highway 27 and on the 6th Line of Tecumseth, is of historic interest in the area stretching from Thornhill to Penetanguishene, from Toronto's Gore Township to Barrie and Shanty-Bay.

This vast area had been served by two travelling missionaries, the Reverends A. Elliott and H. O'Neil, prior to the arrival of a resident rector, the Reverend Feather-stone Lake Osler. It was on Sunday, June 25, 1837, that Osler conducted his first service in St. John's Church, an unfinished building on the present site. That frame church was removed in 1880 to the globe here immediately east of the churchyard where it was later destroyed by fire.

The present building of red brick trimmed with white was opened for worship on Sunday, September 25, 1881. It is a building of fine proportions, especially the tower, steeple and timber beams which support the steep roof. Earlier this spring the church was redecorated. Restoration of the exterior fabric was begun in May. Sandblasting, replacement of bricks, tuck-pointing, waterproofing, repaired windows and painting were completed last year.

This major project was undertaken by the congregation as a practical memorial to the late Canon C.R.P. Hearn (1884-1972), in charge of the Parish of Tecumseth and Bond Head for 42 years.

The afternoon of Osler's first service at St. John's in 1837, he conducted worship in West Gwillimbury in a log tavern. As a later date the second parish church, Christ Church, Middletown, was erected on a site marked by a cairn in the cemetery on Highway 88 just east of Highway 400.

In 1858 the sum of $368 was raised and parsonage built on an acre of land given by James Armstrong. It stood on the 7th Line of Tecumseth, due west and within sight of "The Corners", now known as Bond Head. It was in St. John's Parsonage that Osler's family were born. The site is marked by a cairn erected by the Club to recognize the birth-place of the man who was to become the internationally famous doctor, Sir William Osler.

From St. John's parsonage Osler worked in his licensed parish from Friday to Tuesday mornings, and from there he rode horseback as far afield as Caledonia and Penetanguishene, in Barrie and into the Townships of Medonte, Mono, Caledon, Chinguacousy, Toronto Gore and Georgina.

With episcopal approval a theological college was started adjacent to St. John's parsonage to train young men as pastors for the large area to be served. Then a chapel and lecture hall were added, built in cruciform shape. This building was dismantled in 1885, reassembled and bricked in Bond Head to become Trinity parish church.

When Bishop Strachan consented to a transfer to Ascension-Dunlop, Osler left behind in his two-township parish a legacy of six churches, two parsonages and two glebes, and in the surrounding township a large number of congregations in whose beginning he had had a part.

It is for this reason that St. John's has been affectionately known as the Mother Church. Now it stands in the midst of an area where many farms have been subdivided into 10 and 25 acre lots and where new homes preserved something of the past and assured facilities to meet the spiritual need of the present and the future. The Annual Memorial Service will be held this year on Sunday, June 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

This year the congregation proposes to begin to straighten and re-lay historic gravestones which date back as far as the 1830's and for whom no one remains to care for them.

Families who have large stones which need levelling are requested to make arrangements for work to be done.

The Rev. Herbert F. Bull is the priest-in-charge; Messrs. Borden Best and Donald Coffey churchwardens.

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John Hanna in front of St. John's

THERE IS A STEEPLE

There is a steeple, a tall slim one with a cross on top, on St. John's Anglican Church, Tecumseth. This 90- year old church is now being renovated outside and the collection at Sunday's Memorial service will go toward this big project.

1973 (Alliston Herald photo)

St. John's church honors former pastor

BOND HEAD - On Sunday, October 29, the congregation of the late Canon Charles R.P. Hearn remembered the service he gave them.

Rev. Hearn arrived in the early 1920's from England and was assigned to St. John's Anglican Church in Tecumseth, where he remained for the rest of his clerical life. Rev. Hearn died in February, 1972 and was buried in St. John's Cemetery.

"Last year, a group of us were standing in front of the church, wondering what type of memorial to get for Canon Hearn," explained church warden Borden Best. "We noticed the crumbling condition of the church and decided to dedicate the restoration of the church to him."

"Since June, some of the brickwork has been replaced, and the church sandblasted; repairs were made to the roof and windows and the interior refinished," continued Mr. Best. In June, estimates of the costs of the repairs totalled $8,000.

The historic parish, which dates to 1837, was first served by Featherstone Lake Osler. Osler ordered the building of the first church, a wooden structure, which burned in 1880. The present building was completed in 1881.

The dedication service was performed by Bishop F.H. Wilkinson, former archbishop of the diocese of Toronto, assisted by Rev. H.F. Bull of St. John's and Rev. W. Davis of Beeton. The evensong service was sung by a guest choir from various Toronto churches.

In his remembrances of Canon Hearn, Bishop Wilkinson remarked "Canon Hearn's conception of a dedicated priest was a lifetime dedication of a minister to his congregation..... I never quarrelled with his decision to serve this parish and community."

Despite raw, windy weather, the church was filled with approximately 300 people. "It isn't often St. John's is too small," commented Mrs. H. F. Bull.

A reception followed the service at the Bond Head Community Hall.

MANOR RESIDENTS VISIT "SAINTE MARIE"

Senior citizens from Simcoe Manor in Beeton explored Sainte-Marie among the Hurons near Midland on August 30th. The group was the first of what the Sainte-Marie staff hopes will become regular visits from County senior citizen organizations. Sainte-Marie is a reconstruction of a Jesuit mission built more than 300 years ago. On the historic site are young hostesses and costumed craftsmen who help visitors understand the lifestyle of the original inhabitants. From left to right: John Evans, Richard Ronsesy (not a resident of the Manor), Percy Cohoen, Stanley McMahon; David Whitehead (Sainte-Marie Interpreter), Fred Purritt, Dick Courtney, Frank Fischer and Mrs. Audrey Davington, Craft supervisor at the Shop. (Min. of Natural Resources photo)

Manor Demolished

Demolition of the old Simcoe Manor is now almost complete. Just a pile of rubble remains as the old section was demolished to make way for the new wing. Old beds are piled on the lawn as more residents move to a more basic structure.

SIMCOE MANOR NEWS

March was a busy and profitable month. The demolition of the old building began and has progressed very rapidly. The modern machinery of today makes short work of tearing down and cleaning up of old buildings. It was rather sad to see the old Manor go down, and many pictures have been taken for posterity.

We have had several groups of singers this month to entertain us. The first week some people just dropped in and provided a little music. The middle of the month the Sr. Citizens from Alliston provided a sing song and treats. The end of the month we had two groups on one evening. The church singers from the Pentecostal church in Alliston came over and also Mike Robertson and his group of young men and women from Tottenham area. They joined voices and gave us some good hymn singing with guitars and piano.

On the 14th of March a number of our Residents attended the Beaver Show in Toronto and reported a wonderful show, as usual. During the third week a group of square dancers put on a lively display and provided their own music.

A delayed St. Patrick's Party was put on by our busy Auxiliary ladies. Everyone wore a shamrock and the lively music of accordion and guitar was provided. This was an afternoon party with cookies and soft drinks and got many of our Residents on to their feet dancing and forming a conga line among the tables, we had a grand time! To all these good people who brightened up dreary old March, we say Thank You for your generosity.

New Arrivals: Mr. W. Wright, Mr. A. Standen, Mr. R. Scott, Mr. W. Scott, Mrs. Lily Stunner, and Mrs. J. Davis.

Departures: Mr. J. Pickett, Mr. Wm. Woodsworth, and Mr. J. Hudson.

Mr. Wallace Hoover, who retired last June at the age of 80 from his garage, which he started operating in 1931, stands in front of the building which his son John is dismantling to be reconstructed somewhere else. This is to be the site of Beeton's new municipal offices, but John Hoover wants to keep the building for sentimental purposes.

The fire of 1892 which destroyed most of the town started on this site. This building, which was originally a church, was moved here and has served as a service station for over 30 years. The dismantling of the building has uncovered several old receipt books dating back to 1928. Mr. Hoover recalls that when he first bought the business in 1931, there were five gasoline pumps in front of the building belonging to two different companies. The disappearance of this building is just one of many changes taking place along Main Street in Beeton.

Soon, Beeton will have a new Municipal Building. This is on the site of the old Hoover garage. Completion of this building will hopefully be late summer or early fall.

PROGRESS IN BEETON is clearly evident with the erection of the village's new municipal offices shown above. The new building was built by Willard Hunt of Schomberg Construction for $41,000 and is 40'x42' in size. The interior with its modern furniture and attractive color decor is a definite asset to the village, of which all residents ought to be proud. At left is the former municipal building which served their purposes for a number of years. 1977

SNIP GOES THE RIBBON as Wally Downer cuts through assisted by Beeton's Reeve McKelvey on the right and village clerk Earl Brown. On lookers are Wilfred Hunt, the builder, and United Church minister Rev. Dickson.

PHOTO BY C. ARNEY, ENTERPRISE

Downer opens Beeton's new bldg.

On Friday evening the Village of Beeton's brand new Municipal offices at 42 Main St. West were officially opened in the presence of residents and area dignitories.

Guests were arriving at the offices shortly after 7:30 pm, and were greeted by staff members Marilyn Coulter and Dorothy Bulmer, who presented a guest book for all to sign.

Reeve D. S. H. McKelvey, councillor and clerk Earl Brown invited all those present to take a tour of the premises before the ceremonies began.

On the arrival of M.P.P. W. A. (Wally) Downer, Reeve McKelvey instructed all present to return to the front of the building outside for the formalities.

He then welcomed everyone attending "to the finest municipality in Simcoe County" and after introducing council and staff members he invited the Reeves of the surrounding areas to say a few words. Municipalities represented included Tottenham Tecumseth Adjala, Alliston, West Gwillimbury, Bradford and Cerl Dunn of Vespra Township near Barrie.

United Church Minister Rev. Dickson was introduced and in a short sermon he said it was fitting that the new building should be built during Beeton's centenial year and proceeded to dedicate the building dedicated for the prosperity of the entire community.

Reeve McKelvey thanked Rev. Dickson and introduced W. A. Downer who for the

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Horst Beder Wins Award

HORST BEDER, Head Gardener at Manufacturers Life in Toronto, along with Les Franklin, admire the Award of Merit received from the Beautify Toronto Campaign. In just two years Horst has made the Manulife gardens the best in the city. Our congratulations to him and his assistants for their fine work.

Manufacturers Life won the 1973 Award of Merit given by the Young Men's Canadian Club of Toronto for the best kept gardens in Metro Toronto and most of the credit goes to Horst Beder of Beeton who made it possible to happen.

The awards are presented for outstanding contributions to the Beautify Toronto Campaign. Awards are presented for the best kept homes, industrial sites, parks, etc.

Horst has only been with Manufacturers Life since August of 1971 and was confident that it would take him three years to get the gardens in award-winning shape. It is a credit to him and his three assistants to have made it to the top in two year's time.

Horst and his staff have now been busy for over a month fertilizing the grass, pruning trees, preparing flower beds for spring plantings and working in the greenhouse which is jam-packed with growing annuals which were started from seed.

Manufacturers Life's famous pansies are planted the moment the frost has left the ground. Formal planting will start around June 15 when all danger of frost is gone.

The job which Horst and his men have, make it possible for them to take time off in the winter but quite impossible in the summer. The Best grass has to be cut every two days, flowers have to be watered every day, and so on. Horst said that they "chose the gardening profession and have to live with it. If we wanted to have Friday, Saturday, and Sunday off, then we should have become bookkeepers."

It is more than just a profession; it's a labour of love for Horst and his gardening staff who take personal pride and extraordinary care of Manulife gardens.

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past 27 years has represented this area of Ontario in the Provincial legislature at Queen's Park.

Rev. Downer expressed his congratulations to council and Beeton residents. He recalled how the total area has grown and hit a few highlights of Simcoe history during his term of office to which many present were familiar.

At Rev. Downer's conclusion, Reeve McKelvey introduced the contractor Wilfred Hunt of Schomberg Construction (they also built Tottenham's fire hall) who said a few words before the entire audience returned inside for refreshments to bring the ceremonies to an end.

OLD LANDMARK TO BE DEMOLISHED

Boston landmark slated for demolition. The Queen's Hotel located at the corner of Main and Centre Streets in Boston will be demolished sometime in the next few weeks by contractor Ted Kozakowski. (Alliston Herald photo)

The Queen's Hotel takes on a new face as a sandblaster operates to a cloud of dust. The brick cleaning is one of the first stages in the remodelling of the hotel which was built in 1862.

THE OLD QUEEN'S HOTEL which has stood empty and rotting for a number of years has received a new lease on life. This once proud landmark of the Boston business section will be restored. It was originally built about 1861 for the reported sum of $5,000 and has served many functions in its colourful history which you will be able to read about in Bert Plier's Centennial History of Boston now being published.

The highlight of the Council Meeting on Monday night was to hear from the owners of the old Queen's Hotel, John Parsons, and John Brown, as to their plans for the future of the building. Do they restore it, or do they tear it down?

Since the last Council meeting on April 15th, the Queen's has been in the process of being gutted to determine whether the wall and basement structures were sound enough for restoration.

Mr. Parsons and Mr. Brown presented a report from John Stephenson and Associates Engineers to council indicating that the building was indeed in good shape with a number of corrections made. Apparently, rot owner to the basement has deteriorated, but is still liable. Steel beams are also needed to support the ceiling. The roof is also in need of repair in one corner, due to a fire sometime in the past. But hence, this can all be safely repaired.

The village council has been working for the demolition of the Queen's for the past 3 years. Therefore, they did not take warmly to this idea of renovation. The councillors are very concerned about its shabby appearance for the Centennial Celebrations in the middle of June. The building could be demolished by them, whereas it would not be removed.

Mr. Parson's bluntly said that by June 15 the building would outwardly be about the same as now. Since they plan to restore the building to its original design, windows would have to be custom made. As a result windows would will be shown from the Queen's by Centennial Week end. However, other changes and alterations are to be made.

By Centennial Weekend, Mr. Parsons has promised that the unsightly cement steps will be removed. The grass will be cut and the old car removed from the premises. Sod would be laid along the boulevards on Centre Street and Main Street and a large, attractive sign would be erected on the corner. This sign would display the designers concept of the building on completion and help cover up the eyesore as well as create interest for visitors.

Council, in spite of their opposition to the hotel, had to agree that these men were sincere in their plans and gave their approval for the restoration on the condition that progress was immediate, constant, and rapid.

Already about 80 truck loads of rubble has been removed from the old hotel. In about another week the gutting should by completed and the designer's plans can go into action. By June 1st, they hope to have new cedar shingles on & replacing the present old ones.

On completion, there will be 4 floors. The top 2 floors will be a good million of apartments (limited to 4 units on each floor). The ground and basement levels would be for commercial purposes.

Mr. Parsons and Mr. Brown plan to return to council in a month (sooner if possible) with complete plans from the designer and engineer.

The Queen's Hotel, Beeton, Ontario.

In October 1892 a fire which destroyed many business properties on the Main Street started in a large dry goods store, situated where Mr. Wallace Hoover had the garage together with the Baxter House which was a hotel next to it on the east, were completely destroyed as were other buildings onboth sides of the street.

A couple of years later in 1898 D.A.Jones persuaded Mr. Charles Baxter to build the Queen's Hotel at the corner of Main and Centre Streets at a cost of $5,000.00. The money used for this building was received from Mrs. Baxter, the former Mary Nicol in town, and widow of John Schoolcraft who was related to Jack and Harry Samplin's mother.

Shortly after Mr. Baxter went broke and in March 1895 Charles Baxter, owner of the Queen's Hotel made an assignment of his estate to Thomas Atkins. The propertywas advertised to be sold by auction and is described as "Village Lot no 1 on the east side of Centre Street in the Village of Beeton, formerly Clarksville, size 126 ft. to the north by 165 ft. along the Main Street, with a right of way 12 ft. wide over the northerly part to Queen Street. On the premises are said to be a three-story brick hotel and store, stables and sheds, also a frame dwelling and kitchen and woodshed".

The people who lived in Beeton and the travellers who stayed here must have been very proud of this fine three-story brick building with approximately 40 rooms, its fine architectural woodwork and awnings over the windows.

Mr. John O'brien may have been the person responsible for building the stone work of this hotel.

The bricks were made from local clay in the Tommy Bearcose Sr. Brick-yards where the Art. Heppenman family now live. The bricks used in its construction were dipped in a solution which gave them the appearance of having been painted. This industry was lost to the village when the supply of clay swindled and the Bearcoses retired because of age. Mr. Bearcose also made the bricks for the stores on Main Street in the D.A.Jones Block, for the town hall which was built by Art. Goldsmith inI901 under contract for $4,000.00 but had to ask for more money, and also for Simcoe Manor which was built in 1898. At that time lumber cost $9.00 per M (1000) and bricks $5.00 per 1000 bricks.

In the hotel was a large sample room where coats, hats, boots, shoes, and dry goods by the yard were displayed. Merchants came about March to pick out their fall orders and in the fall again to pick out their spring orders.

In those days several horses were kept in the sheds or stables behind the hotel. Travellers would come and stay three or four days and go by horse and buggy to the nearby villages to sell groceries and other items needed.

Later Wm. (Bill) Ellis came from Bradford and took over the hotel. He has three sons and a daughter Mabel Ellis who married Walter Pringle, one of the Beeton Band Members. During this time Nettie Haines, (later Mrs. Edward Ellison) and Hannah Nesbitt, a relative to the Ellis' and others assisted in the dining -room.

Local option came in 1910 and the village took over. Mr. Ellis ran the business as a boarding house and Gordon Nichol boarded for $6.00 a week.

An incident which occurred in these years was that of the Nichol family being quarantined with measles while Gordon was employed for the C.P.R. If he entered his home Mr Nichol would have had to share this fate so he took up residence in the Queen's Hotel. A shared room with board was obtained for the princely sum of $3.50 per week.

Silas Wray and Alfred Hoover bought the hotel from Ellis' and rented it to the School Board. After the Old School burned in 1917 school was held in this building until the new one was built in 1922.

Joe Millsap and Sam Reynolds, relatives, carried on a tailor shop in this building and I believe the Reynolds sign is still over the side door on Centre Street.

John Appleton advertised himself as "The Tonsorial Artist," Ladies Hair-cut, Queen's Hotel block, Centre Street. Louis Coburn (Bill's Father) barbered in the basement, later moving upstairs to the store part that projects out. Bob. McCullough also barbered here. Later when Mr. Coburn moved up to the Main Street, Mr. Cornell, having left the railroad, carried on a grocery store. Joe Wilson at one time carried on a bake shop and M.P.McDonald had his hydro office in the same building.

The building was later bought by Milton Simpson who made it into apartments. During this time Joe Mitchman and Bill Stinkles barbered in the front on Main Street.

Later Mrs. Simpson sold the building and it has been vacant for several years. The building was condemned by the Village of Beeton and on inspection this summer by the Simcoe Board of Health, demolition was recommended. The present owner is Ferdinand Kruezler of Toronto. If this takes place this stately building will be another memory in years to come

Mrs. Gordon Drury
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for Beeton Women's Institute Meeting
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The Restoring of the Queen's

The Queen's Hotel has had a fascinating history which can be read in a "The Centennial History of Beeton". However, recently it came very close to being torn down.

Not many people realize there is going to be a mall in Beeton. That is what John Parsons and John Brown have in mind when they restore part of Beeton's history in renewing the Queen's Hotel.

At this point in time, they hope that the lower level and the main floor can be made into a mall with outside and inside entrances to the stores. Mr. Parsons tells us that there will be offices and shops on these two floors with "a mall theme through the original hallway".

The third and fourth floors will be turned into apartments which will accomodate about 5 good size two bedroom apartments each. Some of these will have balconies as the original balconies are being restored.

When the building was purchased, Mr. Parsons said that they had just planned to "tear it down", however, in "realizing the soundness of the existing structure" they decided that it was more profitable to save the shell of the building.

Plans are still being drawn up for the remodelling, but some steps have already been taken. The insides of the building have been stripped and last weekend the building was being sand-blasted.

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Furniture Refinishing Course

From left to right (and up to bottom) are Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. McAlister, Wilfred and Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Kellington, Ada Brack, Bi Stewart, Delia Vicente, Judy Smith, Mrs. King, Rev. Harvey, Rev. Cross, Hazel Johnston, Doris Stafford, Joan Scaly, Grace Sampogna, Bert Vanderdonk, Bob Stewart, and Carol Stewart. These people took the furniture refinishing course. Absent are: Helen Dall, Kathy Drake, Roxanne Cross, and Linda Stewart.

Extending Circle Series

Citizens of Beeton along with a number of other citizens successfully finished a course on furniture refinishing on Monday evening. Mr. Bert Vanderdonk of Stafford was the instructor and the class were most enthusiastic. Mr. Vanderdonk distributed pictures of unique furniture and taught them how to recognize it.

The class was very well organized by Rev. J. Cross. In appreciation of Mr. Vanderdonk's great help the members of the course presented him with a copy of the book "Antiques... How to Identify and Collect Them".

On behalf of the class Rev. J. Cross presents the course instructor, Mr. Bert Vanderdonk, with a copy of a book on antiques.

96th Anniversary observed at Trinity

Sunday November 3rd was a RED LETTER DAY for Trinity United Church, Beeton as the congregation observed the 96th Anniversary of the founding of the church. The guest speaker for both morning and evening was Capt. R.A. Taylor of Toronto who is the Director of the CHURCH ARMY of the Anglican Church. The guest soloist for both services was Mr. Bruce Owen, B.A., of Barrie.

Capt. Taylor's sermon in the morning was "The Pilgrim's Progress" and in the night he spoke on "Absurdites". In the morning, the Beeton choir with their Organist, Mrs. Bernice Jerry rendered the anthem, "Day by Day". Mr. Owen sang in the morning "Just a closer walk" and "How Great Thou Art". In the evening he sang the beautiful numbers "He touched me" and "It is no secret".

The new Minister of the Church, the Rev. Warren G. Dickson presided and welcomed the large congregations. In the night, there was a bus load of worshippers from Atwood, Ontario including 21 members of the choir who were heard with appreciation in five favorite anthems. Atwood is the charge that Mr. Dickson served for the past four years. They were accompanied by their Organist, Mrs. John Irvine. In their lovely choir gowns and their enthusiastic singing, they made a deep impression. The choir, one of the best rural choirs in Huron-Perth presbytery, is made up almost entirely of young married couples.

Taking part in the night service were the following Ministers of Beeton and District: The Prayer of Approach was offered by Rev. Father Paul Switalski of the Colgan Roman Catholic Church. The pastoral prayer was offered by Capt. Noseworthy of Toronto Church Army. The New Testament Lesson was read by Rev. Thomas Martin of the Anglican Church and the Old Testament Scripture by Rev. Basil Daos of the Presbyterian Church. The benediction was pronounced by Pastor David Hine of the Atwood United Church. The Rev. Paul Lee of Tottenham United Church was unable to be present because of illness.

Trinity United Church has been extensively renovated in the basement, new floor, new panelling, new kitchen, new washrooms, new Minister's study, new choir room etc. at a cost of $24,000. over $18,000 has been paid. It is one of the most attractive rural churches in the Simcoe presbytery who will be meeting in Trinity on November 19th.

The ladies served delicious refreshments at the close to all the congregation and a delightful social hour was enjoyed. After the lunch the Atwood Choir delighted the large audience with a number of lovely anthems. When the treasurer Mr. Albert Bultman presented them with a cheque, they asked that it be used for the Beeton congregation. Attending the service were a number of people from Shelburne United Church, including Rev. and Mrs. Hugh MacTaggart. (Mr. Dickson was the Minister at Shelburne for seven years from 1963-1970 prior to going to Atwood.) It was a very happy and a very successful Anniversary.

THE RECEPTION TO FULL COMMUNION ON THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Shelley Burton, Sharon Burton, Penny Burton, Nora Nodwell, Marilyn Rutherford, Kathy Somers and Marcia Williams. United Church April 7/74

Storm Damage Runs High

This gully behind the Bennett's house at 35 Maple St. was not here 3 months ago. It has taken 2 storms to erode this. Imagine the quantity of water necessary to do such work!

Mrs. Czapla, at 87 Maple St., is seen here standing in her backyard. It looks more like a Chinese rice field.

Notice how the garden and lawn is buried in a heavy muck. It will cost both a lot of time and money to restore this yard at 33 Maple Ave. In the centre is a dog house. A dog, tied to the house, was almost drowned as 3 feet of water dangerously swelled.

Almost 4 inches of rainfall fell on Beeton early Wednesday morning and kept many local residents up most of the night fighting water problems in their homes. Many residents reported the storm as the worst they could remember since hurricane Hazel.

Although most of Southern Ontario felt the effects of the storm, Beeton was one of the worst hit places with lightning causing many of the problems.

Basements all over Beeton were flooded, drainage ditches were overflowing, but the most serious hit was the new south subdivision along Maple Street.

A walk along that street last Wednesday morning, displeased and angry residents outdoor comparing damage, scraping silt out of their homes and off the streets. At 33 Maple Street, a doghouse was seen stranded in the backyard. About a foot of silt surrounded it. No grass was visible - just a mass of mud. Apparently, the dog was in his house during the storm. It's owners were aware that the storm was in progress but did not realize its intensity. Suddenly, they were aroused by frantic yelps and cries from their pet. Rushing outside they wondered if the dog had been hit by lightning, *but soon they discovered* that the animal was near drowning in the 3 feet of water that was raging in the backyard.

Two doors up the street, another 35 Maple at Alan and Jayne Bennett's place, the water, just a few inches under their kitchen window sill, was seeping into the kitchen from the patio doors (which are at ground level). Their once beautiful backyard with shrubs and a rock garden were left covered to a foot of gumbo muck. Just south of their property line the rushing rainwaters eroded a "gorge" at least 4 feet deep by 3 feet wide.

The Bennett's driveway was washed away - with most of the gravel out in the street. Corn stalks from the field above Maple Street covered everyone's yards, doorsteps, sidewalks, and filled the gutters in the streets.

Progressing to the other end of Maple Street at 87 and 89 Maple, the vegetable gardens are ruined, and Mrs. Czapla is seen standing knee deep in muck and water. Mr. Czapla of 89 Maple turned "How can we get rid of that muck in the yards. When it dries its just like cement! This is the third time in 2 years that this has happened. I'm telling you, there's going to be a revolution here!"

The Heinkey, next door at 91 Maple, where so much damage was done in the last storm 3 months ago, marvelled that his basement floor did not explode this time. His basement did receive, though, about 10 inches of water, and what a sad sight it was to see the remains of recreation room furniture, a beautiful bar, electrical equipment and finished walls - all ruined from the last storm - and not a cent to be paid by insurance!

The driveway at 87 Maple was in even worse condition than the Bennett's at 35 Maple. Branches and debris decorated the foot deep gullies eroded by the run-off waters.

Across the street at the Livesey's damage was minimal. Their basement leaked a bit but their most notable consequence was the cement floor of their garage - it sank 4 inches!

At 83 Maple, the Bateson's basement window was forced out by the pressure of the water, and it rushed the flood waters.

In the countryside many ponds were almost wiped out, if not entirely flattened. Earthen dams were easily eroded in the downpour.

The exit ramp from the entrance to Earl Rowe Park and Hwy. 89 west of Alliston was covered in water all of Wednesday. Cattle in adjacent fields had to crowd together in the low wet corners. Fence posts just had a few inches showing above the water.

The electrical part of the storm also had sad results. Clay Bing's barn, on the 9th line, was struck by lightning, and burned to the ground killing 5 horses and one pony inside.

Mrs. Clarence Bultman, of Beeton, was surprised the next morning to find her television half exploded. The cover landed almost clear across the room. Her television was only one of many claims that insurance agents received as lightning destroyed record numbers.

Dead stock was hauled away in unusually high numbers after the storm as lightning kills in several cases put rather large dents in local herds. Oscar Berry reports that his trucks were going constantly and not just picking up one animal at a time but four, five and six in many cases.

That night is one that many people in both town and country are going to remember for a long time.

Jayne Bennett is showing how high the water was the night of the storm. Notice the bricks are a deeper shade due to their wetness. It would take some house sat to soak under that amount of water.

This wasn't much of a barrier - to the 3 feet of water in the Bennett's back yard. You can imagine what their kitchen was like.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

Then and Now

In the April 2nd issue, 1885 of the Beeton World, there is a picture and a small write up, proudly announcing the arrival of the World's new Steam Printing Press. Below is this write up and a picture of the press and following them is a comparison of the press used today, to print the Beeton Record.

BEETON, ONT., APRIL 2ND, 1885

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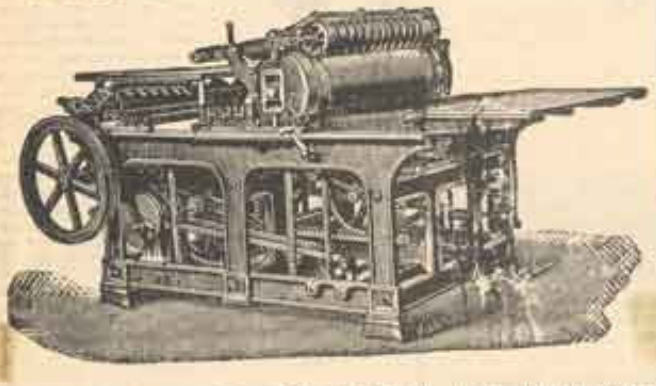

The above is an exact likeness of our new 'Wharfdale' power press, on which the World and "The Canadian Bee Journal" are printed. It is the largest of the kind made and weighs 7,000 pounds. It will print at the rate of 1,400 sheets per hour, and does splendid work too. On it we can print a sheet 00 x 00 inches, the printing surface of the cylinder being that size. We are not saying too much when we say that for completeness of outfit and newness of plant, lateness in styles of type, etc., we stand at the head of the printing profession in this part of the country.

During the past week our office has been visited by hundreds of our patrons and friends, and all have expressed themselves as pleased with the 'enterprise' which has prompted the increase in our facilities. Our "Gordon" job press is running almost constantly, and the "Wharfdale" will be running three and four days every week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays - when we will be pleased to see other friends.

web offset press

Today, almost 90 years later, many changes in the field of printing have occurred. The greatest change has been the conversion from old "hot type" to "cold type" - or rather "offset". With this new method type is produced on a piece of paper rather than on metal. From here pages are made up, photographed, and thin plates are made from these photographs which go onto the press.

On the old system it would take usually several hours to print the paper. One large sheet (containing four pages) would be fed by hand through the press then the pages would be turned over and fed through by hand again to print the other four pages on the other side. After this, the pages would have to be fed (by hand) through a machine to fold and trim the paper. The whole process would probably take at least a full day - depending on the size of circulation.

Today, the new high speed offset press are so efficient that the Beeton Record can be printed, folded and trimmed in 10 minutes!

This brings about another difference from the good old days. On the old system it was economical for every newspaper - no matter how small - to have its own presses. But, today, with offset, the high speed quality which produces a paper at the rate of 16,000 an hour means that if a small weekly newspaper had its own presses, they would be in operation for only about half and hour each week. Not only that, but the new offset presses are drastically expensive - about $80,000. So one small weekly could hardly afford presses just for himself.

As a result, the trend today, is establishing Press Companies that print anywhere from 6 or 10 newspapers a week to two dozen papers in one week.

The size of a press today is also a different story. This one in the picture below stretches about 50 feet. The press in 1885 might have been 20 feet long. The old press was hand fed, the new press is all automatic.

But, one thing in common, between then and now is that printers were proud about the old presses as modern day printers are proud of their new presses of today.

Today - The age of offset

Rural women are given chance to express views

Rural women are the subject of an extensive study being conducted all across Canada. Who are they? What are their views on health and welfare, education, religion and recreation? Does rural living contribute to emotional illness in women? If so, how and to what degree? How do they differ from urban women? In effect, what are their practical and personal needs?

In South Simcoe, which is considered unique because of its large proportion of recent inhabitants and its proximity to Toronto, the study is being conducted by Mrs. Betty Stanley of Beeton.

Mrs. Stanley, who is a member of the Canadian Public Relations Society, has lived in the area for the last four years. Until a year ago she was heavily involved in community work, particularly recreational. When illness forced her to give up work, Mrs. Stanley was approached again and again by women seeking assistance with their problems, under the false impression that she was a social worker. These ranged from very serious emotional and family problems to mere questions pertaining to the availability of social services.

This phenomenon, which was by no means limited to a few isolated incidents, alerted Mrs. Stanley to the fact that women's needs were not being satisfied.

Last fall she applied for and was granted a LIP grant of $12,800. Her proposed project fits in very well with a nationwide Needs of Rural Women project being done by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration under the Secretary of State. At a conference in Saskatoon, the federal government suggested five topics to be made use of; health and welfare, education, religion, recreation and personal needs, and requested that questions be included on the Status of Women Report. Other than that she was to have a free hand.

For starters, rural women are defined for the purposes of this study as those who do not live in an urban area, despite background or length of residence in a rural area. They are divided into farm area (those who work a farm), rural home (those who live in the country but don't farm), village, and subdivision (generally new residents).

The basic premise is that the woman affects the community through the family. A happy woman makes a well-adjusted family which contributes to a well-adjusted community.

In making up a suitable questionnaire Mrs. Stanley and her staff of five had the help of community groups, volunteers and professionals. Doctors, teachers, ministers, social workers, housewives, and working women all contributed questions that they personally would like to see answered. These people not only helped enormously in posing specific questions but they also have a particular interest in the results.

The final questionnaire is long and detailed. Although all possible options are offered in the answers there is plenty of space for comment. In addition, anyone wanting to discuss any point further will gladly be given a personal interview.

The project co-ordinators want strongly expressed opinion. They do not want the women to be afraid to answer honestly. For this reason they are first approaching established groups where the questionnaire may generate a discussion, all of which throws more light on the subject. From the organizations they will ask members to invite groups of friends for the purpose of being surveyed. Finally they will seek out those who are not joiners or community-minded or are perhaps just alone; those who stand to benefit most from the project and have not otherwise been solicited. Thus they feel that a valid cross section will have been reached. If 800 (20%) of the 3000 women living in the area bounded by Hwys. 89, 27, 9 and 50 are surveyed, the results should be 95% accurate.

To encourage frank answers, the staff have all signed contracts guaranteeing the confidentiality of the questionnaires. If one researcher meets with a group and administers the questionnaire, it will be tabulated by someone else. Not even the unanswered questions are being discussed out of context.

After all the questionnaires have been tabulated and the requirements of the LIP met by having it all tied up by July 15, the project goes into phase II. This is perhaps the most interesting part. Will the data and written analysis on the Needs of Rural Women merely be filed away in Ottawa as another set of statistics? Mrs. Stanley hopes not, and indeed, believes not.

To be sure, the report will go to the Federal Government's Women's Bureau, the national YWCA and any other national agency that wants it. Copies will also be sent to the University of Saskatchewan, which is the headquarters for the Needs of Rural Women, York University, the University of Waterloo, Seneca College, Humber College, and some parts, or all of it, will undoubtedly appear in academic journals.

Most important, however, is that copies are available to any local agency, organization or person who want them. A hospital will know, for example, what is required of its ambulance service, teachers will know how people feel about their method of grading, social agencies will know what services are required, or if it is just a matter of educating the public to what already exists. Action can and should be taken on this basis.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

Lorne Shannon with horse and buggy and dog took part in the Cookstown Santa Claus parade, showing how folks got around in the "good old days". The milk can is another relic, which is not often seen now but was standard not so many years ago. (Alliston Herald photo)

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An interesting family to look at is the William McDermott's. The late William McDermott is immediately survived by two daughters, Edith and Ethel who were born in the 1880's. Why is this family so interesting? For many reasons. The two daughters are still living in the large farmhouse (just south-east of town) in which they were born. Their front parlor is the same as the family had it almost 100 years ago, and Mr. William McDermott still lives vividly in the minds of most native senior citizens for he was a great man.

In an interview with Edith McDermott, she was most modest about her own life. But it became obvious the tremendous impact her father had had on her. Such goodness is a treat to find.

Born in 1840, William McDermott spent many years in public service as Reeve and Warden for the township of Tecumseth in the 1880's. Perhaps the most dramatic period of his political years was saving the township a sum of $90,000. That is a lot of money today. Imagine what it was in those days!

The railroad was coming through Tecumseth and the farmers of the area felt that this would be a great advancement for the area. It would allow the farmers to create larger markets for their livestock and produce with such accessibility to Toronto.

However, the Railroad Company wanted $90,000 just for the privilege of putting their tracks across the soil of Tecumseth. Mr. McDermott, who was Warden at the time, flatly refused. Such a payment would mean such an increase in taxes that the already struggling farmers would be ruined. No one else felt this way, and his decision was violently criticized. Farmers felt for sure their markets would be destroyed.

However, Mr. McDermott must have realized the Railroad Company's bluff, because the new tracks were laid on Tecumseth soil and not a penny of local cash was used.

As for Edith, she used to be a school teacher in the area, and a good one. For those of us who do not remember the old system of grades, Edith explained it. Grade 1 was Junior First, Grade 2 was Senior First, Grade 3 was Junior Second, Grade 4 was Senior Second, Grade 5 was Junior Third, Grade 6 was Senior Third, Grade 7 was Junior Fourth, and Grade 8 was Senior Fourth. At this point a student had to pass

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This is a photo of a huge portrait of William McDermott. Recently it was sent away to be repainted. The picture has an ornate, oval, golden frame - a beautiful piece of work. The firm that repainted the portrait asked Miss Edith McDermott if she would like a "more modern" frame. Fortunately, she did not fall for that trick.

This parlour, with the exception of electric lights, is much the same as 100 years ago. The settee is over 100 years old and is in perfect condition.

This chair is 150 years old and looks like new. It is built with hinges and springs in the legs to provide a luxurious "rock".

Reflections of the Past

"Entrance" examinations to get into High School. Then the grades were First, Second Form etc. up to the equivalent of Grade 12, in order to graduate from High School one had to have his First and Second Class Certificate.

Edith began her education in "Cross's" School near her farm. She recollects that in the winter months they would toughen a lot and each family had a toboggan. The big boys would stay home to work on the farms from April to November and go to school only for the winter. A favourite school game in those days was "prisoner's base". Here, two sides were chosen and each side had a prison. One man would be sent out from one team to reconnoitre while the other team would send out a man to catch him. If they caught him they would put him in prison. In order to release him another team mate had to be sent out to "touch" him loose.

Other favourite games, as today, were baseball, blindman's bluff, etc.

Instead of completing her secondary school education in Barrie, she finished her last two years at the Owen Sound Collegiate. That was quite a distance to go to in those days. However, Harvard Collegiate in Toronto and Owen Sound Collegiate were considered the two best high schools in Ontario - if not in Canada. Therefore, the distance was negligible since Simcoe County had limited secondary school facilities most of her tuition was paid for by the county.

Edith grew up with the renowned Kate (Scott) Aiken. Kate also went to Owen Sound the same time as Edith - in fact they even shared a room together. Edith recalls how Kate was always "top" at everything.

After graduation, Edith went to a 16 weeks course at a "Model" School in Bradford. This qualified her to teach for three years. She taught at Keenesville for one year for a salary of $325.00; then taught at #8 Tecumseth School for 1½years. With this experience she went to Normal School (Teacher's College) in Hamilton for one year, after which she taught in Bond Head for two years. At this time she took a teacher's course in Household Science in Toronto for a year. It just happened that Kate Scott (Aiken) took the same course the same time as Edith at Normal School and for Household Science.

Shortly after this time Kate started to become known. First she started a radio programme where she advertised recipes and cooking and eventually she started to write her cookbooks that became famous.

After Edith returned from her Household Science course she returned to teach in the school in which she once was a pupil - Cross's School.

In those days teaching conditions were much different. Edith remembers her largest class in Bond Head to have 56 students. Imagine! With all 8 grades to teach she would spend many hours every night in preparing lessons.

Students had to buy all their own supplies - work books and pencils. But most of their work was always done on slates, since paper and pencils were too expensive to use for figuring. As a result students of those days had good memories and could calculate mathematics in their head.

Edith and her sister Ethel still live on the family farm. It's a gorgeous old home that has seven bedrooms and inside one finds a sample of this area's history.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

Boiling Down

For the next series of issues this column will be highlighting points of interest of the Memories of Tecumseth Township, by Cecil Talbage Hayes.

Most people are reminded of Maple Syrup this time of year. Most of us sadly consider how maple syrup is becoming scarce due to the short and unreliable season and immense labour requirements. Therefore, it is more nostalgic to sit back and reflect on maple syrup times in the days of yore.

Of all the tasks undertaken by the early settlers, none yielded more enjoyment and satisfaction than did "Boiling Down." At the turn of the century most farms in our neighbourhood contained ten acres or so of woodland and nearly always there would be a goodly number of maples. The average farmer would tap fifty trees and up. It was a family project, the maple syrup and sugar being for family use and not for commercial purposes, but almost always a little could be spared for a neighbour who was ill or in dire need.

In earlier times, "Boiling Down" did entail much preparation. Wooden troughs to hold the sap had to be gouged out by use of axe and chisel; wooden spoils had to be bored and shaped. But now the metal spoil has replaced the wooden; the tin and then the galvanized bucket came into vogue. The sugar kettle was still in use, the modern evaporator was as yet unheard of.

The sugar camp was generally situated on a level cut sheltered glade as near to the centre of the sap trees as possible. There was a shed that served to store the wood for "Boiling Down" and also for shelter from storm. This particular year Junior (myself) who was home for Easter holidays (late in March), came running homeward into the house announcing "sap's running". It was a bright, sunny morning following a nippy frost. Yes, sap would be a runnin'.

The buckets were gotten down, scalded and scoured, likewise the spoils. The bucket and spoils, brace and bit, and hammer all were loaded in the cutter. We (my brother and I) hitched Joe, the four year old gelding, and away to the Camp we went, the black and white collie running alongside. And now for the tapping - my brother bored the holes and drove the spoils carefully into place. I carried the bucket and held the spoils. Ere the bit was in the proper distance the sap was oozing through. There, the spoil was in place and the bucket hung; the sap was really running, drip-drip-drip-drip-drip. The next day as soon all 65 trees were tapped. Three large barrels, two large sugar kettles and one smaller one were loaded on the sleigh behind Dan and Lucy and taken to the camp site. A huge back log was rolled into place. Two saplings were cut down and sawed off just above a crotch. These were firmly embedded into the earth, the crotches hung about 4½ feet above the ground. A suitable pole was cut and placed across the uprights in the crotches and all was in readiness for "Boiling Down".

Two days later the barrels were filled with sap and it was yet running. Mother and I with collie would Boil Down; pee wees, those early harbingers of Spring, were piping merrily, crows were cawing, winter grass all red with berries was showing up on little mounds already bare of snow - Spring was really in the air, but we must "Boil Down".

We carried sap from nearby trees, filling all three kettles. We smeared some fat pork around the inside rim of the kettles and also suspended a portion over each (this to prevent the sap from boiling over). A skimmer to take off pockets of scum and bits of charcoal that may have popped in, a quart ladle, a long stick for poker, a shovel and we made up our equipment.

But now the steam was rising, sparks were snapping and ascending; a nice warmth from the fire had dispelled the early morning chill. Mother was comfortable sitting on a log covered over by a robe, a sapling served as a back rest, reading Tennyson's "Morte d'Arthur". Collie was having a grand time rolling over and over upon a snowy patch or chasing and parking at squirrels up a tree. It was indeed an almost cloudless sky. Yes, one could say with Browning "God is in his Heaven, All's well with the world".

Already the sap was simmering in the kettles, so more was emptied from barrels to kettles by use of a pail. The sap was ladled from kettle to kettle and from left to right. The contents of the small kettle on the right was becoming sweeter and sweeter. Fresh or green sap was always put in the large kettle on the left.

Noon was around in what seemed no time at all.

Two huge potatoes had been covered with ashes and surrounded by live coals and now they're ready. Three minutes boiled the eggs (in the sap) in a turn, with salt and pepper, and, lots of humor added. We had quite a feast. Our keen appetites did add further relish. Green sap would taste delicious, but the resultant cramps were to be avoided.

"Let's taste the contents of the small kettle." How good it was! By 3 o'clock there was just one half barrel of sap left. I must carry from the farthest trees; mother would tend the fire. By 5 o'clock all available sap was used up: all was in the small kettle. The fire had been removed from the other two and we could now relax somewhat with but the one to tend - but not for long. The fire must needs be carefully watched and be gradually lessened, scorching must be avoided. From time to time we tested the syrup, for it was just that now. Another twenty minutes it was off.

There was all of a good five gallons. It would be simmered and clarified (with white of egg) upon the kitchen range on the morrow. The first run of sap always makes the best syrup and that proved delicious.

We were tired but it had been a grand day. At the wind up of that season, school children came for a "Toffe-pull", the left over sap was used. What fun they had that April night around the open camp fire. In latter years when cares and worries of the week-a-day world weigh heavy, the burden is somewhat lessened by memories of "Boiling Down".

During the '70's and '80's, maple sugar as well as syrup was made in large quantities. Cane sugar was a scarce commodity - maple syrup was the all purpose sweetener in Tecumseth. I recall my father telling of how, in the original log home on the old homestead, there was a stack of circular slabs of maple sugar 20" in diameter, extending from floor to ceiling.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

Since the last issue when "Reflections of the Past" delved into the newspaper as Keenansville several people have come forward with tidbits of information about this once thriving village in Adjala.

The basis of Keenansville's boom era was the water power which supported its many mills and factories. In fact, we are told that it had the first post office in the area. The town had once been called Cardwell Junction and the newspaper referred to last week was the Cardwell Sentinel.

An indication of Keenansville's prosperity can be seen in this poem taken from a book of poems written by John C. Colgan, after whom our neighbouring village is named after, and published in 1873. The book came to us by way of Therese Felchy its owner. The poem displays the town as having a wide diversity of businesses and activities.

COMPLIMENTARY TO KEENANSVILLE

Rise, happy Keenansville, hold up your head!
Bright consellation of commerce and trade.
Where masters, untrammelled, delight to impart
The grandest achievements of science and art;
And fair are thy daughters, all Queens in disguise
And fatal the darts that escape from their eyes.
Let strangers beware, there are dangers around
Where smiles without number and graces abound.
Though virtue triumphant assumes the command.
Some dangers are hidden they don't understand.
Fly, wretched bachelor, fly for your life.
Or wake up bewildered and blest with a wife.
Thy SENTINEL shines with a bright native flame,
Undismayed, unconvinced of the Hamilton scheme!
It floats like a buoy on the turbulent main,
Where rocks are concealed from all mariners' ken.
Thy sons are the pride of the alley, where all
Delight to encounter the quick bounding ball.
And strangers who venture to challenge thy boys
Will soon lose their honour (and maybe their eyes);
For far be it from me to say there is one
Would run from a rowdy or fire a lee gun.
Your boys are as game as the Cavan Black Reds,
No thought of defeat ever enters their heads.
But mild as a nun if you only play fair;
If not, you'll be sorry you ever played there.
Your handy mechanics are up to the dodge,
And earn their living by winding the sledge;
While others have faith in the compass and square,
And if you want land-rollers call on Declair.
The Browns will pay cash for your wool by the load,
But have little faith in the Hamilton Road.
They say our American cousins will sweep
Like wolves from the forest on sheepskins and sheep,
Perhaps you require a well-fitting pair
Of calfskin or kip that a monarch might wear;
Then call upon Curran, and show him your foot,
For Barney's the boy for a neat fitting boot.
If hungry or dry it must be your own fault
When Holland and Hart can supply you with malt,
And Hughes keeps a drop that would raise up your hair
And a line from McKenna is all you require
But if you drop in either hungry or not,
And say "Truly Rural," you're sure of a tot.
You'll find Mr. Towns on a par with the rest;
A true loyal Grit if he's put to the test.
His goods are all fresh, and he's willing to sell;
You might travel further and not do as well.
And who dare say beans to the man of all work,
That genius unequalled, the famed Arthur Burke?
When fiddles get faulty, you'll know where to call;
North Main Street, next door to the MEDICAL HALL.
Perhaps you're a farmer and have a large flock,
And wish to dispose of your overplus stock?
Just whisper to Burke all the terms of your sale
And, trust me, he'll sell every hair in their tail.
O, thrice happy Keenansville! long may you thrive
Where all are as busy as bees in a hive;
And long may your valleys, so fertile and green,
Resound with cheers for our country and Queen.

Reflections of the Past 2

Ma and Pa Kettle

Yes, Boston has its own Ma and Pa Kettle - maybe not as famous, but nonetheless have played a substantial part in the growth of Boston. They live at the Simcoe Manor and are both in their 90's. Mrs. Kettle is a spry 93 years old while Mr. Kettle is 95. They were not born in Boston - or Canada, but immigrated here early this century. How did they come to choose Boston??

Mr. Kettle's story begins in London, England, in 1906, where he was a policeman working the beat in Piccadilly. At that time one of the things the police force was strict to control was gambling - a dreaded vice. And dreaded vice it was. One day Mr. Kettle and several of his police colleagues were in the back of the police station playing - you guessed it - poker!! And + so [illegible] "the sack" as well as being fined a day's pay.

His sister heard about the unfortunate state of affairs and offered to pay his fare to Canada. He gratefully accepted and with his ticket worth 7 pounds, or about $35, boarded the boat to Canada. It was a good trip, he recalls. It took about 10 days to cross the Atlantic and his accomodations were excellent. He had no idea where he was headed in Canada - he would just play it by ear. When he arrived at the Union Station in Montreal, he took the train to Toronto. Here, he had only 25c left in his name. As he was walking along, a man of about 40 years, grabbed his arm and asked him if he wanted a job. Apparently, his brother had a farm in the country and needed some farmhands. With only 25c in his pocket, this sounded like good news and he eagerly accepted. That same day he boarded the train and arrived in Boston. He was greeted at the station by W.H. Hanmer (uncle to Early) and taken to spend the night in a hotel until the next day when he could be taken to the farm.

Mr. Kettle, when asked about what the Queen's Hotel used to be like, gives an unfavourable reply. The Queen's would have nothing to do with him on his first day in Boston because of his dire financial state. But, the Commercial Hotel (now the Bertonna) across the street took him in, fed him, and gave him a bed.

The next day Mr. Kettle arrived on the farm on which he was to work. It was situated near Boston on the 9th line. Here he stayed for a year for the grand wages of $135 for 12 months. Out of this he managed to save $90.00.

Mr. Kettle remembers his first spring in the Boston area.

He was driving a team of horses into town with a load of chop to take to the grainmill. The frost was coming out of the ground and all of a sudden the ground went spongy and soggy under the horses' weight. Mr. Kettle had never seen anything like this before. He became quite worried and was afraid the horses might disappear completely and leave him sitting there alone on top. At this time of the year with the poor roads, a team of horses could only manage 7 or 8 bags of chop or feed on the wagon at a time.

Next week, we will complete the article on the Kettle's and their life in Boston.

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Ma and Pa Kettle

This week we conclude the feature on Mr. and Mrs. Kettle of Boston. Last week Mr. Kettle was spending his first year in Canada (1906) on a farm on the 9th line near Boston.

He got after the year and continued to work as a farm labourer on many farms in the area. It was about this time (1907) that a young lady was living in London, England. She kept hearing about Canada, and how it was a great place for young people to go. However, it just wasn't a trip that a young girl made by herself. However, her neighbors had just sold their business and were leaving for Canada to live with relatives in Boston. The young girl taked a good chance to get to Canada. Offering to pay her own fare, she asked if she might accompany them for a holiday.

Thus, the young girl's dream came true - a trip across the great ocean to Canada. She came to Boston with her neighbours - just for a few months' vacation. The very next day after her arrival in Boston, Mr. Swan, the administrator of Simcoe Manor, came knocking at the door. He had heard a new girl had arrived in town and he wondered if she would work at the Manor - he desperately needed help at the Manor.

"But", she replied, "I'm just here on vacation. I don't want to work". But so desperate were his requests, that she agreed to help him out for a few days until he got someone else. Well, the days turned to weeks, the weeks to months, and the months to years - 3 of them. She recalls that she Boston just made her feel like one of the family.

During her stay at the Manor, who should be working on the Farm beside Mr. Kettle...You guessed it. In 1910 they got married.

For their honeymoon, they returned to London, England, and stayed with her parents. After 3 months, Mr. Kettle had had enough of England. He missed Canada. He felt the standard of living was much better back here, so they returned to Boston. They have never been back to England since.

On their return Mr. Kettle got a job with the Aitken Flour Mill in Boston. Here he worked for 17 years until the depression. It was Kate Aitken's husband that ran the mill, and Mr. and Mrs. Kettle recalled on what fine people they both were.

Mr. Kettle recalls the chickens Kate Aitken raised and how one day someone pulled a trick on her by pretending to steal her chickens.

Mr. Kettle himself was an avid chicken raiser. He used to do it for a hobby and raise his chickens to sell the local farm. One winter he won a championship for his chickens at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

He used to always go to Allaston fair because they used to offer good prices - better than Boston. He remembers having to rent a horse and drawcart to take all his chickens and stuff up to the fair in Allaston. One year he made a cross country of all the chicken prices at the Allaston Fair!

Mr. Kettle used to make $22 a week at the Flour Mill. When the depression came along, suddenly one day his wages were cut to $9 a week. He said you always thought twice before spending even a nickel. For his $9 a week he would have to work 10 to 12 hours a day.

He recalls that during the depression they would keep the flour mill going 24 hours a day in order to send shipments overseas to needy places such as India.

When asked if he thought there might be another depression, Mr. Kettle replied that he felt there very well might be. Prices just can't keep going the way they have been without something happening.

During the depression times even got rough at the flour mill and Mr. Kettle quit to become a farm hand once again. Sometimes things were pretty rough and he could only get wages in room board.

Mr. and Mrs. Kettle have lived in Boston all their years in Canada and they have lived in their own home until this winter when they moved to Simcoe Manor. They say they really enjoy it at the Manor - it's clean, has good food, and the people are nice.

Mr. and Mrs. Kettle have had 2 children, a son and daughter, who are both living in Toronto now. Mrs. Kettle claims they are the best children ever.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

MR. GORDON NICHOLS

Chief Gordon Nichols is the first Boston Senior Citizen to be interviewed for the "Reflections of the Past" column. He is 86 years old, is one of a family of ten children, was born in Boston, was a Fire Chief for 30 years, and worked as a butcher from 1923 until his retirement in recent years. His butcher shop was located where Mr. McFadden's butcher shop is now. He is a fascinating man to talk with and we hope you will enjoy his reflections on the past. His memories for this week are concentrated around the turn of the century, when he was just a young boy.

LONG AGO: "The turn of the century."

Chief Gordon Nichols, born May 26, 1887, reflects the days when D.A. Jones was postmaster in Boston. When Mr. Jones immigrated to this area from England Boston was called "Clarksburg". Mr. Jones was in the bee business back in the old country and brought some Queen Bees with him. As a result he starting a Bee farm and eventually Clarksburg was renamed Boston.

When the Chief was just a little "gaffer", around the turn of the century, he remembers Boston being much different than today. Then, it had three hotels (the Queen's, Commercial, and the Station), 3 or 4 barber shops, 3 or 4 pool rooms, 1 knitting factory, 4 blacksmith's shops, 4 general stores, 2 grocery stores, 2 grain elevators, 2 hardware stores, 1 bakeshop, and only about 600 citizens.

Imagine, 3 hotels! The Station Hotel, as the name suggests, was located at the train station, the Commercial Hotel where the Boston now is, and the Queen's Hotel where the large abandoned building that is probably to be demolished, is on the main street.

The Queen's was quite the place in its day. It was built by a Mr. Baxter in the 1890's for $5000.00. It used to have awnings over the windows, a pump and trough for the horses out front, and inside it had a bar, dining room, and of course, all sorts of splendid bedrooms. Hotel life in those days could get pretty rough. The Chief remembers some pretty rough fights stopping from the bars.

The bars, then, were quite what different from now. Everyone would just stand at the bar. There were no tables to sit at, and no entertainment to listen to, or to watch. They paid for their food and drink with money a little foreign to us now days. A nickel was just a nickel, a quarter was called a "shinplaster" which was a paper bill, and a dollar was a great, huge bill. Aside from a $2, $5, and $10 bill there was a $4 bill. They had $20 bills, but you didn't see too many.

One day Chief Nichols was going home. His mother met him at the door. Apparently someone in the family had taken ill, and the house was quarantined for a month. His mother flatly stated, "If you want to, you can have for a month, and if you can, you may use for a month". So he headed for the Queen's Hotel, had a hearty meal, 3 huge meals a day — all for $7 a week.

Every hotel was also equipped with 2 "sample" rooms. These were used by travellers who would carry product particularly with the pictures containing all their goods to sell. Then, they would display them in our 2 sample rooms and store managers would come to look, to choose, and to order their purchases.

Chief Nichols remembers from his conversation with James Jones, his brother, in 3 days hence. He remembers one year they imported the Wright Brothers' first airplane up from Blackburn. It took them two years to get it together and to see whether it would fly. Nevertheless, they took it to the backgrounds, so she went and attempt some of their wonderful tricks.

Another year, there was a circus "Barnum and Bailey". It took a lot of it to a city and another. It had to be dug out from just where it was down to get it loose. Chief remembers himself and all the kids sitting on the cellar to hold it down. Then, up the street Hamilton Coleman got out high, he can jump and hanged with a parachute. Down he came, and landed right on the shingles of one of the barns. The fellow continued on his merry way, spitting, cursing, and muttering about a wasted week of income.

We'll have more of Chief Nichols' reflections next week.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

MR. GORDON NICHOL

In these days of inflation, Chief Nichol reflects on the prices and wages of years gone. Who knows what prices will be like another 75 years from now!

As a boy, Chief recalls riding about town in his father's milk wagon to sell milk. In those days, they had no milk bottles. Instead, they carried the milk in tin pails, and would pour it into the customer's own containers. Since his father was a veterinarian, this money made on selling milk was just "cream" (so to speak). They were quite pleased with the 3c a pint and 5c a quart that they got!

He remembers well the first car he had. It was a 3 piece suit: long pants, vest and jacket, completely tailor-made — all for $15.00. The usual dress for church, or an evening out, was the 3-piece suit, patent leather shoes, white spats and the finishing touch of a chain and watch in the chest pocket of the vest.

Before Chief became a butcher himself, he remembers beef steak costing 25c for 2 pounds. When he became a butcher in 1923, the price had gone up to 25c for 1 pound. But, for that 25c a pound, you used to get your beef home delivered!

And a haircut! He remembers when he first went to a barber shop. It cost 15c for a haircut, and 15c for a shave!

But, of course, the wages matched the prices. In his younger years, Chief would pick potatoes for a whole day (no coffee breaks) and, with a free meal, would get one shinplaster (25c). By 1920, by manipulating 20c a day and a top experienced hand would get $1.00 a day.

He still recalls what life was like before a car. [illegible] There, they would sell it to be a lot of wild animals still about — especially bears. He remembers one 100 acre farm with a beautiful house and a good barn selling for $2,000.00 in about 1929. (These were the **good** years **before** the depression!)

In 1923, he became a butcher on the same premises where Mr. McFadden is now. It cost the grand sum of $20.00 to buy a whole beef. Now you're talking around $500 for such an animal!

Things were going well in the butcher business until the great depression. Chief gave everyone credit for the meat, and they were to repay him in the Fall — after harvest. By the end of the depression, he had over $20,000 owed on the books — none of which he ever got back. To this day, he still has some of these I.O.U.'s. It was during this time, he was given the not-so-sound advice that your money is just as safe in the hand as it is in the bank.

In the early century, everyone used to keep at least one pig and cow now. They'd fatten it, then slaughter it in the winter. If it got warm, they would have to salt their meat to preserve it. If you change the salt, the meat will last indefinitely.

Another means of preserving meat before refrigeration came in was to go to the creek north of town in late winter and cut the ice into 2-foot blocks. They would cut the ice with a saw — an invigorating job it was, because, if you stopped for even a minute the saw would freeze in the ice. Then you would have to chip the saw out.

After they would get their blocks of ice, they would haul them back to the farm or town and stack it in the ice house. Around the ice, they would pack straw and sawdust to insulate it. Stack an ice house would be built on top of the ground, would be the equivalent of 2 stories in height, and would hold from 500 to 1000 blocks. Only a few people in town would have an ice house — such as the butcher and the hotels. There, they would sell it out in other people. Usually, their supply of ice would last pretty well to fall. Why, we don't need refrigerators at all!

Or, perhaps, maybe we do need refrigerators. In serious our winters aren't like they used to be. Chief recalls that it used to be much colder, and the area would have much more snow. Rail fences used to border the fields alongside the road, and there would always drive the roads to drift in. The roads would end up with so much snow that they would have to travel in the fields.

Every winter a favorite treat would be to have a big sleigh ride. About 10 farmers would all bring their sleighs, and everyone would hop on and off they'd go to Allinton. There, they would warm up in the church and have a cup of tea before returning home.

The main street of Boston would have been much older if it hadn't been for the great fire around 1903 or so. Pretty well the whole business section went except for the Queen's Hotel. The fire started at a store on the south side of the street. Apparently an old stove had blocked pipes, and the thing exploded. The entire block went on the south side, and the flames jumped the street and took the buildings on the south side. The Commercial Hotel was also burnt.

Mr. D.A. Jones (the one who gave Boston its name) rebuilt most of the business section and sold it privately. When the business section was being reconstructed, 2 buildings were built on either side of a piece of property. D.A. Jones had the feel, it was almost where the newspaper office is located. Mr. Jones discovered that, when he was ready to put up a building, these other two buildings were extending onto his property by 1 foot on each side. So, he gave them the ultimatum that either they move their buildings off his property or he him just put a roof across [illegible] the 2 buildings and just [illegible] the 2 ends. Naturally, they agreed to the latter proposal.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

MR. GORDON NICHOL

By now some of you who are newcomers to this area probably know Gordon Nichol is called "Chief". You've probably guessed it by now but he was the Fire Chief in Beeton for many years. In fact, for 50 years.

Chief began on the voluntary Fire Fighters force when he was 24 years old. Then, as you can well imagine, things were a lot different. They had a wagon with 2 sticks protruding around which they wrapped the hose. They used "man power" to pull the wagon until the first volunteer would arrive with a truck. For his services they would pay the grand sum of $2.00.

The fire department used to have a 60 foot water tower in town. On top there was a bell used as a fire signal. Since the water hose was hung on the tower after a fire, someone had to climb up top to help pull the hose back up. One day Chief was performing this duty and when the task was done he decided to tide down on the rope and pulley that was there. Well, the rope broke loose and down went Chief - all 60 feet. He hit 2 crossbeams on the way down - Chief feels that they probably saved his life - and landed on the ground unconscious. When asked if he were taken to the hospital Chief replied "There was no hospital to go to". His response to the question if he were hurt, was "Well, I've always felt quite tight here (pointing to his collar bone) ever since".

Most of us are all aware that the famous home maker, and cook book author, Kate Aiken, was raised in Beeton. Therefore, it is interesting to hear casual reflections about her background. Chief Nichol remembers her and her family well. Her maiden name was Scott, and her father, Bob, ran a general store in Beeton. Chief Nichol and another gentleman from town, George Link, were recollecting an amusing incident recently about Bob Scott. Back in the early days when Mr. Scott was struggling along in his general store, he would often trade some of his merchandise for farm goods. Farmers used to bring in tubs of butter and then Mr. Scott would sell it by the pound. One day a lady brought in a large tub of butter to exchange for an equal weight of sugar. When he was scooping out the butter he discovered a large stone in the bottom of the tub. He said nothing but went about his business dishing out the sugar for the lady. He casually included along with the sugar the stone he found in the butter. Off she went, and nothing was said.

By the sound of things Kate (Scott) Aiken was quite the energetic woman. It was she who started the large apple orchard in town down by the park. She also raised a lot of chickens when she lived here.

In view of the energy crisis that everyone is talking about these days, it is interesting to hear about Beeton in the early days of electricity. Chief recalls when the street lights were powered by coal oil. Every evening the lamps would be filled - just to the right point - so that the lights would burn out by 2 a.m. - the time when all decent folk should be tucked in bed.

Around 1903 or so hydro used to be generated where the library is now. They had a stone engine powered by soft coal to run the generator. This power supplied the whole town for a number of years.

Chief Nichol recalls what a lively town Beeton used to be. And elderly residents from nearby communities such as Shelburne and Creemore can substantiate this. Beeton used to be THE place to go. But Chief feels that the era of the cars spoiled things. When large supermarkets sprang up and everyone had a car, people no longer depended on Beeton to buy their goods. Why, Tottenham used to be the "suburbs" of Beeton. There was always a great rivalry between the two places. Then, it used to take about a half hour to get to Tottenham. How things have changed!

Transportation has changed things a great deal. A great event would be to take the long trip to carnivals in Bradford and Alliston. At least one trip a year would be made to Toronto - usually before Christmas to sell their fattened geese and fowl. They would hook up their team of horses and 3 days later arrive in Toronto.

Without large road graders or pavement, the roads would break up so badly in the spring that they would literally be impassable. In fact, they used to put planks all the way along the road from Bond Head to Bradford.

Beeton used to have a town bell that would ring every day at 7.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m., 6.00 p.m. and at 7.00 p.m. On good days you could hear it all the way to Bond Head. It was such a reliable venue that all the farmers in the area used to set their watches by it.

It is funny how little country hamlets which once were quite thriving are no longer in existence. The Beeton Fair has its history as one such hamlet. The Beeton Fair which was once called the Tecumseth Fair originated in a place called Keenleville nearby. It was named after the "Keenan" family and there even used to be factories there, but there's nothing now.

This is our concluding article of the reflections of Chief Gordon Nichol. We thank him very much for his warm and nostalgic memories.

If any one else in the area has reflections they would like to share with our readers, please contact the Beeton Record.

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Tottenham almost had a High School in 1897.

It's funny how things change. Up until a few years ago, when growth hit the small towns around here, Beeton was much larger than Tottenham, **especially 50 to 80 years.**

In accounts in newspapers and records years ago sarcastic remarks were always made about Tottenham in comparing it to Beeton. There was great competition between the two villages and Beeton usually came out ahead.

Now-a-days, the tables are reversed. Tottenham is much bigger has more businesses, etc. It is ironic, though, that back in 1897, when Tottenham was the smaller, that it almost got a high school. It is strange that the controversy wasn't over Beeton having the high-school instead.

Anyway, the following is an editorial written in a March issue of the Beeton World of 1897.

Call A Public Meeting.

Now that the Tecumseth council has postponed consideration of the High school question, we think a public meeting should be called at once in some central point of the township so that the matter may be thoroughly discussed and the people understand just what the scheme is going to cost them. Of course, as our learned friend of the Sentinel says, a public meeting cannot settle it, but it will give the promoters of the scheme and those opposed to it an opportunity of answering each other's statements, and the public will be able to judge who is lying. If it be ascertained that those who have signed the petition have done so through wilful misrepresentations, then they will have plenty of time to get up a petition asking to withdraw from the district before they are saddled with the debenture debt. On the other hand if the Tottenham friends can adduce proofs to substantiate their statement that the school can be built, equipped and run for an annual cost of 54 cents on every 100-acre farm in the district mapped out, there should be no objection to a High school in every village or hamlet in the country. So far all we have got from the agitators for this High School is general statements without one scrap of evidence to support them. Let them come forward and tell the people how much it will cost to build the school, and run it, and where the money is to come from. If they refuse to do this, then the opponents of the High school should take the platform and expose the misleading statements that have been made. This matter is too important to be allowed to pass without being thoroughly ventilated. There is no time to be lost. Who will move in the matter and get up a requisition asking Reeve Milligan to issue his proclamation calling a public meeting?

Adjala Township Almost Became a Part of Dufferin in 1897.

Dufferin County is today the smallest county in Ontario. As a result it is constantly having identity problems. With regional government coming in there is some talk about Dufferin being divided up amongst Simcoe, Peel, Wellington and Grey Counties. Well, back in 1897, things were different. Dufferin County was trying to become bigger by trying to secure townships from adjacent counties Adjala was one such place they were trying to procure. The following is a report written in the Beeton World of March 1897 about the struggle to save Adjala.

Annexation Defeated

On Tuesday the question of annexing the township of Adjala to the county of Dufferin was decided before the committee on private bills of the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Hewson, who appeared on behalf of Simcoe in opposition to the proposal, mentioned that their was an agitation to form a new county out of the townships of Orillia, Matchedash and a portion of Simcoe county. Mr. James Walsh spoke for Dufferin county. Reeve Patrick Small, protested vehemently and loudly against the amalgamation of this township with the people of Dufferin. Messrs. Gibson and St. John both opposed the bill, which was eventually thrown out, only Messrs. Craig, Dynes and Smith voting for annexation, and some forty or fifty members voted nay. The several councils interested in the proposal were represented by the following gentlemen: From the county of Simcoe- Warden W. A. Smith, County Councillors C. E. Hewson, James Ross, Jas. Martin, W. Kearns, G.T. Somers, reeve of Beeton. From the township of Adjala- Mr. Jas. Fraser, ex-reeve of Tottenham; Reeve Small, Councillors Ryan and Ross, and Mr. Hoey, of Adjala. From Dufferin in favor of the bill - P. Ronan, county councillor, Simcoe; W. L. Walsh, Orangeville; Mr. Hamilton, Adjala; ex-Councillor Wilson of Adjala.

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Wouldn't it be nice . . .

Wouldn't it be nice if prices today were in line with what the following old advertisements say. Of course we would still want our present salaries to go along with them!

All of these ads but the top one (the one from T. H. Speers and it is 1927) are from a Beeton World of 1897. These ads are exact reproductions from the old papers, that is why many of them have blotches. The dark spots represent yellow marks from age on the original copies.

But look at the prices! Imagine, a carved dresser at the Furniture Emporium for $5.00! 20 lbs of sugar at Watson's for $1.

Notice also, the different words such as: 'emporium', Ladies Felt "Gaiters", 'shorts' (in the Feed Store), etc.

SEE OUR SPECIALS

Bed, Spring and Mattress, at	$22.50
Simmons' Beds, in Walnut finish, at $8.00, $10.00, $12.00 and	$16.00
Mattresses from	$5.75 up
Marshall Mattresses	$25.00 and $29.50
Window Shades, at	70c. and $1.25
Cretonne for Curtains, per yard	25c
Wall Paper, per roll, from	10c. to $1.50
A special Diningroom Suite, to clear out at	$70.00
Kitchen Chairs, each	$1.00
Dressers, Walnut and Golden finish, each	$12.00

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Phone 75, SCHOMBERG

FEED STORE.

A few of the Bargains that are going at the Flour and Feed Store.

20 lbs. Granulated Sugar, the last, for	$1 00
16 lbs. Light Brown Sugar for	1 00
4 Cans of Corn for	25
4 Cans of Sardines for	25
2 Cans of Tomatoes for	15
3 Cans of Peas for	15
7 Plugs of Tobacco for	25
8 Bars of Marvel Soap and a Box of Dominoes for	25
12 lbs. Rolled Oats for	25
Flour, per barrel	4 00
Shorts, per hundred	70
Bran, per hundred	60
Potatoes, per bag	35
Apples, per pail	10

SEEDS.

Alsike, Red Clover, Timothy, and Canadian Beauty Peas for sale.

D. W. WATSON,

BEETON

THE WORLD

Will be sent to any address in Canada or the United States up to Jan. 1, 1898,

FOR 75 CTS.

SHOE BARGAINS

Winter Footwear at a Price to see the people of Beeton talking and buying.

Ladies' Plain Rubbers, Opera Toe	$0.50
Ladies' High Button Overshoes	1.15
Ladies' Felt Gaiters	75
Ladies' Felt Gaiters, Fitted With Leather	1.25
Misses Comfort Stockings, (Sizes 11 to 2)	30
Misses High Button Overshoes, (Sizes 11 to 2)	90
Child's High Button Overshoes, (Sizes 6 to 10)	90
Child's Comfort Stockings, (Sizes 6 to 10)	45

These prices for Thirty days only.

Call and inspect the Goods before buying elsewhere. Nothing but First Quality of Goods sold here.

GEO. McNAUGHTON,

THE SHOE MAN,

BEETON, - ONT.

N. B.—Highest Prices paid for Raw Furs.

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FURNITURE EMPORIUM.

OPPOSITE MEDICAL HALL.

You can buy first-class, Hardwood Bedroom Suites, full size, for $8, just what they cost at the wholesale houses.

Washstands, closed	$2 00	Bed Springs, steel	1 50
Dressers, beautifully carved	5 00	Beautiful high back Dining-Room Chairs, full set of 6 dinors and 1 rocker	5 00
Solid Oak Bedsteads	2 50	Fall-leaf Table	2 50
Large Hardwood Sideboards	5 00	Baking Cabinets, latest style	7 00
Extension Tables, Hardwood, six heavy turned legs, cap 42 x 84	4 50		

Those wanting Furniture, no matter how little, will save money by calling on us. A full stock to select from, and prices just as advertised. Terms easy.

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February 1931 BEETON Oyster Supper & Dance

The second annual oyster supper, held under the auspices of Beeton Agricultural Society in the Grange hall on Wednesday evening of last week, once more proved an unqualified success. The combined efforts of the ladies of town and surrounding country resulted in the production of a magnificent spread. Besides bivalves, raw and cooked to suit the king's taste, served in unstinted quantity, there were salads, cold meat ham, pickles, chili sauce, cakes, pies, and other viands, in great variety, with a quality of par excellence. Toward the conclusion of the feast—for a feast it was—Mr. Frank Wilcox (president) took occasion to mark, on behalf of the society, the ladies for the most sumptuous repast provided, making special mention of the ladies of town. When everyone had done ample justice, and then some, the tables were cleared for the dance which followed and continued until the conclusion of the proceedings of a big night's entertainment. Excellent music was furnished by McLean's popular orchestra. The dance was also pronounced the best of the season. The amount realized was very satisfactory to the Agricultural Society.

April 1968 Rotary Club Past Presidents' Night

The Rotary Club of Beeton held its 4th annual Past District Governors' Night on April 18th.

Twenty eight members of the local Club were present and guests were Past President Douglas Langmuir of the Dshawa Club and District 701 Governor Lloyd Simpson from the Sudbury Club Club, both accompanied by their Rotary Anns; Rotarians George Allan and Roy Dixon from Bradford and Harvey Winnesdie and Kenneth Bullman of Alliston.

Guests were two former Presidents of the Beeton Club with their wives, Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurr.

Past District 707 Governors attending with their Rotary Anns were: Maurice Rector of Leaside; David Kennedy of Guelph; Ed Storie of Dshawa; James Dods of Orangeville; Tibor Gregor of Eglinton Club and Ray Jessup of Sudbury.

District Governor Howard Wright, Leaside Club, and Governor Elect Kenneth Miller of the Scarborough C lub, and their Rotary Anns, were also numbered among the company.

Since the Beeton Club was chartered there has been a change in District areas. At that time, Sudbury and Beeton were in the same District and Past District Governor Jessup was in office. He was asked to speak following the weekly singsong led by Rotarian G.B. Mallion, and suggested that it would be a good idea of the Beeton Club bring one of his Charter Clubs, would visit his Club to make the occasion from the dinner. President Leo Catania reported as to the time and place of the Sudbury Club's meeting and said the local Club might act on Past District Governor Jessup's suggestion.

District Governor Wright and Governor Elect Miller also spoke briefly.

John Agnew of Schomberg, who entertained on February 22nd., the occasion of the Club's Ladies Night, again captivated his audience when he sang Ireland is Ireland; Donegal; Westerly Winds and Dandy Boy — Irish and Scottish Selections — and completed his turn with How Great Thou Art. Mrs. Donald McGee of Beeton played the piano accompaniment for Mr. Agnew.

Past District Governor Gregor gave the assembled Rotarians and Rotary Anns a preview of the setting for the Rotary International Convention of next month by showing slide pictures of Mexico which he has taken during the past few years.

As is customary, on occasions which many of those in attendance come from a distance, there were numerous compliments on the excellence of the food. This particular feed was best dinner was catered by a group of United Church Women of Trinity United Church at Beeton.

Each year, the members of the Beeton Club think the most recent Past District Governors' Night surpasses those which preceded it, and this year is no exception.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

What was World War 1 like on this side of the Ocean?

No one under 30 today has lived through a war, let alone a World War. And we hope they never will live to see one. Therefore, it is often hard for the younger generation to realize just what the war years were like (World War 1 & 2), how it effected everyday life right around Beeton, or how it left its mark in many small ways on the older generation. Perhaps these (war and depression-time) effects have created the two different sets of values: the meager, hard work-ing life and the affluent life - or in other words the generation gap.

It is interesting, then, for the younger generation to read about World War 1 as reported in the Tottenham Sentinel of July 11, 1918 and realize the sad dimensions of it. The older generation will also find it interesting to reminisce the wartime years of either or both World War 1 and 2. It is also interesting to note that the small town weekly newspapers carried international news reports on the events of the war. There was no television or radio to perform that function.

War's Insistent Call to the Women of Canada

Now is the time to use the fresh vegetables which the war gardeners have been so assiduously striving to cultivate. We must never forget that the use of these short-lived greens results in the liberation of the more concentrated and staple foods for overseas.

Usually there is great waste where garden truck is concerned. It seems so abundant that we do not value it enough. As a matter of fact, by the judicious use of vegetables many meatless meals can be prepared, and the housewife should regard them during the hot weather, when appetites are jaded.

The French people are now reduced to three meatless days a week of necessity. We in Canada might get down to that by choice, at least for as long as our war gardens flourish. It will mean all the more meat for the people of France, who need it so badly.

The use of canned goods at the present time is anything but patriotic. Most families have a garden of their own. For those who have not the stores are selling plenty of fresh vegetables and they are sout as cheap as anything we can buy.

Use Your Fresh Vegetables

The women can answer this call to arms in one of two ways. Either they can go out in the land themselves, or they can release a man for the period of the harvest.

The farmers had done their share. They are working like slaves and their wives are doing no less. They responned splendidly to appeal for increased production earlier in the year, with the result that it is estimated that there are now 2,600,000 acres planted.

In short - every woman and every teen-age girl can do Something during July and August towards assuring the country of the full benefit of those crops which Nature so bountifully yields, war or no war. It is one of the biggest things ever asked of a woman. It is for the sake of our Allies. But most of all - for our men "over there". They provide the irresistible argument why every woman should turn her hand to food conservation, to food production, or to both.

Uneasy Lies the Head The Army Bed Is a Serious Subject at First Acquaintance

A mere civilian does not know what a bed is. To him it is something soft and yielding, something the body can snuggle into and the soul can dream in.

What a delusion! I speak from experience when I say that a bed is no such thing. There is only one kind of bed nowadays - one kind, at least, three boards, a couple of low trestels, a mattress more or less stuffed with straw, and three blankets.

"No 'ot-water bottles this trip", says the red-checked sergeant.

You grin, to show your appreciation of the point. If the sergeant says so, it is so. And then you examine the structure which is going to turn you from a flabby,namby-pamby, puny molly-coddle (the sergeant's phraseology, this) into a real live man.

The boards, you discover, are really boards. There is nothing yielding or elastic about them. To look at them, you might take them for innocent deal boards in need of a scrubbing. But when you have spent one night on them you have a fairly vivid notion of how the ancient martyrs felt after a course on the rack.

And the mattress? It is a snare and a delusion! It has lumps in it. There are some big lumps and small lumps, and there are also spaces where the top and bottom meet through lack of straw.

Still, with luck, you occasionally fall asleep on the lumps, and dream that your car is on Mount Everest, and your shoulder in the Thames Valley, and your legs on an escalator.

But you need not worry. The dream won't last for ever. There are various ways of waking up. One is by suddenly striking the ground with your hands, for the trestels raise you only a few inches above it. Another is the collapse of the trestels themselves.

Well, never mind! You have three blankets.

The civilian idea of a blanket is something white and fluffy and soft and warm. The Army blanket was not designed to fulfil these requirements.

Whale Oil in Butter

The Norwegian Government has recently arranged to import about 16 tons of butter per week from Denmark at a price of $1 per pound. This is to be mixed with margarine made from whale oil and will be distributed by the Government.

The kerosene and gasoline situation is acute in Norway. There is no oil for lighting private houses, and the signal lights for railroads and ships are much curtailed; even some of the lighthouses are being discontinued. A large number of threshing machines and motor ploughs are expected to arrive from the United States this spring, but they can not be used unless some new supplies of petroleum and benzine can be obtained.

Fuel in Paris

In Paris fuel is so scarce the people are buying wood by the pound, there being no coal to be had.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

The News 69 Years Ago

Lilly Street, on the northern edge of Beeton is to receive a small subdivision in the near future on the Smythe property. It is interesting to note in a 1905 issue of the Beeton World that the Lilly's, after which this street was probably named, were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Alexander Lilly was born in the County of Derry in Ireland, March 18, 1825. He came to Canada with his parents in the year 1832, and settled in Little York, now Toronto. In the year 1839 he came with his brother Robert to settle on a farm in the area. Alexander would have been 14 years old at the time. Imagine, settling your own farm at 14 years of age!!

Mrs. Lilly, nee Mary Atkinson, was born May 31, 1834 in Tecumseth. So that would have made Mary 5 years old when Alexander came to Tecumseth, but they were not married until December 14, 1854, at Trinity Church, near Bond Head, by Rev. Canon Osler.

It is interesting to note that they both kept their respective religions. Mr. Lilly was confirmed by Bishop Strachan in 1837, and remained a member of the Church of England (Anglican) all his life. Mrs. Lilly, on the other hand, was a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

For their anniversary celebration they had all the 8 children and spouses, 26 grandchildren, two or three life-long friends and the clergymen and their wives present. To give the festivities a real air of nostalgia, Rev. Rural-Dean Dreyer performed a golden wedding. Mr. John Mitchell, of Alliston, who was Mr. Lilly's groomsman, was also present.

After the ceremony the Lilly's were presented with a well-filled purse of gold. I wonder what that would be worth today!

When the ceremony was completed all the guests retired to the dining room, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was prepared. Mr. and Mrs. Lilly and their oldest friends sat at the same table at which they sat on that memorable occasion in 1854.

If there are any descendants of the Alexander Lilly family still in the area, it would certainly be interesting to hear from them.

Reflections of the Past ....

Centennial History of Beeton Fair

Part 1

Reprint of Centennial History of Beeton Fair and the Pioneers, as Compiled by Jane Cole for Beeton Agricultural Society Executive.

Survival is the first consideration of newcomers to a new land, and it was therefore most natural that the pioneers in this part of the New World should focus their attention upon growing home supplies for themselves and any stock they may have brought with them. It was not easy, for land had first to be cleared and cultivated, and often only primitive appliances with which to work. It was muscle and brawn that counted in those days, and hard work and long hours, and a lively faith that always looked and saw ahead. Many interesting stories of those early days have come to light, and may be recorded at some future date.

Members of the early communities were bound together in a common cause, and held meetings to discuss their mutal problems pertaining to land culture, stock, and farming in general. Township societies were formed as early as 1845. Quoting from the Annual Report of The Agriculture and Arts Association 1870, we read: "The Directors of the Tecumseth Branch Agricultural Society feel much pleasure in submitting this, the Twenty-fifth Annual Report to the County Board. Your Directors congratulate themselves on the present position of this Society, both as regards financial matters, and also the improvements made in the mechanical and domestic manufacturers. The Society held its Spring Show in Bond Head on the 28th of April last, and may be considered in every respect successful, especially in the way of getting subscribers. The competition in entire horses was very good, and among the number were some imported animals. The farmers in this district are beginning to appreciate the breeding of good stock, as they find it pays best. The Fall Show was held in Clarksville on the 8th of October, 1870, and may also be considered successful. the day was all that could be desired, and the consequence was a very large crowd of spectators. The various classes were all very keenly contested, with the exception of the mechanical department as may be seen by the amount awarded in that class, we attribute the reason to not holding our sufficient inducement in our prize list. The grain crops in this section for the past year may be considered fully an average, compared with former years. The Root crops are altogether ahead of what they have been for some years past."

Quoting again from the report of Upper Canada, 1858-9: "The Directors are glad to be able to say that the Annual Shows prove the stock of the township to have greatly improved since the introduction of Agricultural Societies. The show of the past year is illustrative of this fact, particularly in regard to horses. From a statistical point of view in 1854, the Tecumseth Society had 39 members. Subscription and entry fees were 18 Pounds, 14 Shillings, 11½ Pc; the government grant was 12 Pounds, 17 Shillings, 5½ Pc; Receipts were 31 Pounds, 12 Shillings, 5 Pc. Paid in premiums 18 Pounds, 10 Shillings, 4½ Pc; general expenses 3 Pounds, 7 Shillings, 5 Pc, and the balance on hand 8 Pounds, 14 Shillings, 5½ Pc."

So it is an established fact that in Tecumseth township and in our own special locale Fairs were held as early as 1845; sometimes these were held monthly for the sale of stock and produce. Early records, whilst not entirely complete do establish the above facts and it would appear that until 1907, the Society went under the name of Tecumseth and was listed in the electoral district of Cardwell, and this included Albion, Bolton and Cardwell. From 1907 on, it was the Beeton Agricultural Society.

In the early days, the fair grounds were located at the rear of the bank building on Centre Street, and extended to the south and east. There were no buildings on this site. There was, however, a large covered wooden structure 100 x 40 on the bank building site, and this was the natural ice skating rink. There was a pump inside and when the time came all the work required was to pump water, and kindly old Mother Nature did the rest. This building was used as a storage place for materials when the Methodist Church was being built.

There was a small race track, too, in connection with the Air Grounds in the rear, and the late Dr. Watson rode in the first race, in a high sulky behind a horse named "Black Nettie". Mrs. Watson also drove a single harness on this track. This item was related by Beeton's grand old gentleman with the long memory, Mr. D.W. Watson.

For some time feeling had been growing that the then present Fair Grounds were inadequate and at a meeting held in Coulter's Hotel, February 12th, 1897, Messrs. Cross, Bell and Somers were appointed a committee to see what could be done about securing suitable land for a new Fair Grounds. In January 1898, Messrs. Somers and Bell were authorized to offer E.A. Calhoun $500.00 for the property now known as the Park. The deal went through, the amount being secured by a mortgage held by Mrs. Catherine E. Kerr, dated April 13th, 1898, payable $100.00 annually. Messrs. Richardson and Thomas Bemrose had the contract for levelling the land, and Mr. G. B. Robinson rented the grounds for pasture at a rental of $60.00 per annum and contracted to make necessary repairs to fences, etc., and have cattle off the grounds one week before fair time.

It was decided in 1898 to erect a building, cost of which was not to exceed $1,000.00 and Mr. A. Goldsmith received the contract on a tender of $963.00 for a building 40 x 70. The new hall was opened the day of the Fair in 1898. Mr. T.A. Chapman was very active in his efforts to beautify the Park, by planting trees and shrubs, and levelling the land. Mr. Chapman served his community long and faithfully, he was on the village council for 22 years, and died in Alliston Hospital on February 1st, 1937, in his 78th year.

Continued next week.

Reflections of the Past .....

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Part II

In 1925, negotiations were being carried on by the village council with the Society for the purchase of a portion of their agricultural park grounds for a recreation park, and after careful consideration the Society decided to accept the $500.00 offered by the Village for that portion of land fronting on Prospect Street and extending 300 ft. north. This measurement was later found to take in the Hall and also seven feet to the north. Considerations and adjustments have from time to time been made and always to the mutual benefit of both the Society and the Village.

In May 1941, a group of young potential farmers met with the Beeton Agricultural Society to discuss plans for the formation of a Calf Club. Bruce Jackson, Donald McKnight, Joseph Rivett, Billy McAdam, Victor Wilcox and another, Jack Culgin, Allan Glassford and Ivan Lacey were the boys present, and the matter was thoroughly discussed with the president, S. R. McKelvey and members of the Beeton Agricultural Society. The idea was favourably received and the boys then took charge of the meeting and elected as their first president, Joseph Rivett, vice-president Donald McKnight, secretary Jack Culgin, club leader Dr. S. R. McKelvey, and Mr. Lashley, the government representative who was present, promised to help in every way possible. The movement has proven most popular and has spread to other fields of endeavour, swine and root crops, etc.

In 1942, the Agricultural Society sponsored the Field Crop competition which was held for Cartier Oats. The Black and White (Holstein) Show was also in this year.

For the past three years arrangements have been made by the Agricultural Society to have the general exhibits in the Fair displayed in the spacious Memorial Arena, and this being Centennial Year, it is expected that space will be at a premium. The cattle and livestock shows as usual will be held in the Agricultural Grounds.

The Memorial Archway marking the Main entrance in Prospect Street, was erected to the memory of local boys who paid the supreme sacrifice in the wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45. The Beeton Women's Institute was instrumental in making this memorial possible. The granite pillars are four in number, 2 ft. square and 7 ft. high, on either side 2 inches square, and 5 ft. high. Further beautifying this entrance are the pillars erected this year by the Agricultural Society, marking the first One Hundred Years in the history of the community.

We have names of some of the men and women who down through the years have put forth their best efforts to help build and maintain a healthy, happy and prosperous community. Life today in 1966, is easy compared to 100 years ago, when living was at real rock bottom. Let us not forget though, that we too, are pioneers for the future generations that will follow after us.

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Reflections of the Past . . . . .

Beetonians go to fight Louis Riel

The Record has received a most interesting newspaper and certainly a very antique one. It is a Beeton World published in Beeton on April 2nd, 1885. At that time the inclusive name was "The Beeton World and Simcoe and Cardwell General Advertiser". The paper is so old that it is of the style where the entire paper is just one enormous sheet all folded up.

The big news of the day was Louis Riel and the famous Rebellion. It is like travelling back in time to read a first hand account of it on paper that was put together by men living then.

In this paper is an interesting account of how the Louis Rebellion effected the every day life around Beeton. Companies were gathered together from villages all around the area to go and "subdue the half breeds". Here is the account as it existed in the April 2nd, 1885 issue of the Beeton World.

BEETON BOYS TO THE FRONT

FOUR COMPANIES OF THE 35th ORDERED OUT

The Men Enthusiastic

On Monday, Capt. Scott, of No. 8 Company, of the 35th Battalion, received the following dispatch:-

Ottawa, March 30, 1884

Four companies of regulars ordered out. Pick out twenty-five men and take them to Barrie.

Wm. E. O'Brien, L.T.C.O.

Acting on these instructions Captain Scott immediately notified the whole of the members of his company, and selected twenty-nine men, intending to discard four on the morning he proceeded to Barrie. The men were found to be not only willing but eager to go to the front, and many had to be refused. There would have been no difficulty whatever in raising a company of fifty men right here in the Village of Beeton. Captain Cook, of Cookstown, also received similar instructions and the same eagerness was displayed by the men under his command.

Wednesday morning the Beeton boys were mustered at 9 a.m. and presented a fine soldiery appearance. They are a sturdy looking lot of men and will no doubt give a good account of themselves. Capt. Scott drew them up in marching order and was just about to weed out surplus four when he received a message to "bring the twenty-nine". The names of the Beeton volunteers are subjoined, each one answering to his name on the call of the roll: Captain Scott, Sergt. W. Gilkinson, Sergt. C. H. Dunning, Jno. Cook, C. Week, C. Taggart, Jos. Bateman, J. Scott, R. Jones, F. McNaughton, W. Briggs, Fred Camplin, E. Parker, W. Parker, C. Cooper, R. Whiteside, S. Robinson, R. Findley, M. Black, W. Willoughby, G. Smart, G. Timmons, g. Collins, H. Close, J. La Bounte, G. Rogers, G. Adams and S. Bateman.

Preceded by the band and followed by an immense concourse of people, the volunteers headed for the station. On arriving at the corner of Main and Centre Streets they were addressed by W. H. Hammell, Esq., M.P.P., and also by Mr. D. A. Jones. Mr. Hammell remarked on the creditable appearance of the men, and though he had seen large bodies of regular troops under arms the past few days he could say that he had seen no finer body than those before him. The 35th had a good record and he knew they would be a credit to both to the force and to the locality. He was confident that no trouble would arise from insubordination and counselled the men to be temperate. He heartily wished them God speed.

Mr. Jones in a few well chosen remarks complimented the men on having such a thorough soldier like captain as Captain Scott - the best captain in the Dominion and one who would lead them on to victory every time. He hoped and trusted that the rumors of the Northwest rebellion were exaggerated and that the disturbances would soon be quelled. He further hoped that the men would not have go further than Barrie, but if they should it could never be said that Beeton was in anyway behind in volunteering for the defence of the Dominion. He would at his own personal risk see that the men were supplied with an outfit of underclothing and socks and assured them that they need feel no anxiety on behalf of their families as they would not be allowed to want and would require no assistance from the men. He gave them a very hearty "send off" and with three cheers for Captain Scott, the men resumed their march to the station, the band playing the "British Grenadiers". About half way there, the Band ceased playing when the men immediately burst forth with the Salvation Arm song:

"I'll be there ready waiting,
When the muster roll is called"

varied with the refrain "When the battle's over."

At the station Mr. Wm. McDermott, Reeve of Tecumseth, addressed a few words to the men. He expressed regret at the cause which necessitated this call to arms, but viewed with pleasure the ready manner in which they had responded to that call. He eulogized the British Army and Navy, and thought that a few companies of such men as he saw in front of him would soon bring the rebellious Halfbreeds to subjection. He told them "God speed and a quick and safe return so that he could have another shake of the hand with each of them."

Many a tear trickled down the bronzed cheek of stout-hearted men as they clasped the hand of the departing volunteers and uttered "good bye" in a voice choked with emotion, but there were none but could admire the pluck and readiness with which they had responded to the call to defend their country.

Just as the train whistled, Mr. Jones mounted to the top of a freight car and announced that Mr. Hammell had opened a subscription list for the benefit of the company and any monies subscribed would be handed to Captain Scott for that purpose. Five minutes afterwards the train puffed out of the station but in that short space of time the sum of $52 had been subscribed, the following being the donors: W. H. Hammell, M.P.P., $5; W. McDermott, $5; Mr. Law, $5; S. Smith, Esq., $10; D. A. Jones, $5; D. Lowrey, $5; Jos. Wright, $5; W. H. Dickson, $2; J. Douglas, $1; D. Appleton, $1; E. Washburn, $1; H. Kately, $1; Jas. Lowrey, $1; Geo. Everall, $1; W. Black, $1; Jos. Bateman, $2; J. T. Fisher, $1; F. H. Macpherson, $1. This amount was handed to Captain Scott as he stepped on board and he was assured that there was lots more to follow.

In reference to Mr. Jones' offer to supply the Beeton company with underclothing, we learn just as we go to press, that it is the intention of the County Council to supply these very necessary articles to the entire battalion, each Township Council being charged with the amount expended on its residents.

Our Township Council will have four families to look after, but no pains or expense will be spared to make them as comfortable as possible during the absence of the family breadwinner in the great Lone Land.

We have made arrangements to hear from the company at every available point so that our readers can rely on obtaining the earliest news in reference to their doings.

Conductor Beasley says that during the time he has been railroading they have carried large numbers of volunteers, but in all his experience he has never seen such a respectable company as the one which left here yesterday morning.

Barrie, 7 p.m. April 1 - Captain Scott will go to the front in command of his own company.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

Did you know that in July, 1918, that....

The Alliston Herald has installed a typesetting machine.

The ruling price for butter and eggs on the market this week was 42c.

Cookstown streets are now lighted by Hydro. The change will be greatly appreciated by the citizens of that berg.

On Friday evening last about 60 of his friends and associates in municipal life gathered at the home of Mr. Wm. McDermott, Tecumseth and presented him with an illuminated address in recognition of his faithful services to the township during the last half century. Fifty-two years ago he was elected reeve of Tecumseth, over the late Peter Nolan, in a hard fought election and until a few months ago was continuously in the service of the township in one of another capacity. He was treasurer for the last twenty-five years. In 1870 he was warden of the County. A man above reproach, it was only fitting that his long and faithful services should receive recognition. Among those who went to the function were Thos. Fleming, James Fraser, James Bradley and James Austin.

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New Tennis Courts were Completed

Rapid and substantial work has been in progress on the town park for the past few weeks. The tennis courts have been completed and the manner in which they have been fitted up in so short a time, ready to play on, reflects much credit on those who supervised the work, namely, Messrs. F. Taylor and G. B. Wray.

There was a Coincidence

Saturday morning, April 30, 1886, Mr. W. J. Bell, first opened the door of his hardware store in Beeton. Last Saturday, the same day of the month, exactly 41 years later, he opened his store at the same hour, 7 a.m. Mr. Bell is still hale and hearty and one of our most active, alert and successful merchants.

The Baseball Club was Reorganized

A meeting was held in the council chamber on Friday evening last, when the local baseball club was reorganized for the coming season. The officers were elected as follows: Ira Palmer was again re-elected president; business manager, Dr. Blakely; secretary-treasurer, A. L. Fachion league delegates, R. D. Law, Harold Dunham and President Palmer. The secretary's report showed a balance of $139.24 on hand. The good showing of the team last year was in no small measure due to the support given by the townspeople and people of the surrounding country. It is hoped the same support will be forthcoming this year, which will materially aid in helping the team to again win the league honors.

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If anyone else has any old local newspapers, we would be most appreciative to see them.

February 1931 SCHOMBERG

The Absent-Minded Bridegroom

The Young Men's Class of Schomberg United Church presented their play, "The Absent-Minded Bridegroom," to a large audience last Friday evening. At the rise of the curtain Kenneth Leonard and Bramwell Lister called the players to a stage made beautiful with daffodils and hyacinths. The prologue was in rhyme and had been written by Miss Mary Henderson of the Toronto Normal School. The cast was as follows: Timothy Shea, the bridegroom, George Proctor; Delphinay Rooney, the bride, Miss J. Henderson; Nora Shea, Miss I. Penrose; Jimmy Rooney, Jack Hoey; Tessie Connor, Miss M. Coffey; Fred Grady, George Lister; Kathleen O'Connor, Miss B. Winter; Slade, Arthur Leonard; Pat Rooney, Walter Aitchison; Yenne and Yancy, Doris and Jean Sawdon; Yonnie, Trevor Graham. The parts were well presented and credit is due to Mrs. J. Lister and Mrs. H. Sawdon, who directed the presentation of the play. Mr. Marshall Chapin of the Royal Bank Staff, Toronto, and Jim Turton, of Nobleton, entertained the audience between the acts.

PERSONALS

Mr. Mel Botham, who was so seriously injured by the discharge of his shotgun while out hunting last November, returned home from the hospital in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amey celebrated the 53rd anniversary of their wedding on Friday, February 20, and were the recipients of congratulations from Vancouver, North Bay, Toronto, and other places.

September 1939

Robbers Sentenced

Donald Monroe, 19, and Albert Bleakley, 22, on a charge of breaking and entering a barber shop at Schomberg were sentenced at Newmarket on Sept. 5th. Monroe received six months definite and three months indefinite. On an additional theft charge they were both sentenced to three months, the terms to run concurrently.

Did you know that in March, 1897, that....

The Beeton World Reported a letter from Mr. Ernest Heaton of Goderich claiming that the High Schools are assisting in multiplying the devices for evil.

He concludes in the following significant language:-"Surely in an agricultural country such as this is, the first and paramount object of our national education should be to add dignity and nobility to life upon the farm. And yet, I can truthfully say that I have never been in any country, where by the young people, farm life is held in such contempt. The farmer is called a 'hayseed', and I have heard men who have gone into other occupations complain that they have 'sprung from the soil'. It is not so in Great Britain; it is not so in our Northwest or in the Western States. How do you account for it in Ontario? If you want to know where the trouble begins I can tell you. It is in our High schools. Not long ago I heard from an eye-witness of an incident which occurred in one of these schools. A boy was playing some harmless prank and the teacher rounded on him with, 'we want none of your barnyard tricks here. You had better get back to the farm'. I am perfectly willing to admit that this is an exception al and aggravated incident. Perhaps it is scarcely fair to quote it; but it is typical of the atmosphere of the High school for which the system rather than the teachers are to blame.

And every farmer and every teacher in the country will bear me out when I say that a High school course in Ontario will spoil a boy for the farm and a girl for a practical farmer's wife. I should like to offer some suggestions, which might lead to a discussion of the possible remedies for this state of things, but I fear that I have already trespassed too much upon your valuable space. Besides, while I thank you for your courteous treatment, I feel that, if you still regard the phenomena which I have pointed out merely as subjects for intellectual interest, if you still believe in your motto, 'Spread the light, let the consequences what they may, and if, as you say, you are 'prepared to take all the consequences what they may, and if, as you say, all the suggestions that I have to make in this direction will be thrown away.

Reflections of the Past . . . . .

When Keenansville Had A Newspaper

In Beeton's Centennial year everyone seems to become conscious of the old days in town and the surrounding area. On a recent visit to the Simcoe County Archives 2 original issues of the Cardwell Sentinel were viewed about which the archivist, Norbert Moran, has little information. The curious thing is that the one paper has Keenansville on the mast head while the other has Tottenham. These papers, dated March 20, 1878 and January 16, 1890 are so old that they were just one large sheet folded in half and then in half again so that when the paper would be flat and open the one sheet would measure about 2 feet wide and 3 feet long.

The early issue we will look at first. The editor and proprietor was George P. Hughes and the paper was published in Keenansville, March 20, 1878. Is this to suggest that Keenansville once had its own newspaper? Was it a village so large at one time to have factories, stores, and a newspaper -- and now none nothing.

It appears that the paper was published to represent Simcoe County rather than just Keenansville. The subscription fee was $1.00 a year in advance, or $1.50 a year if not paid so.

In those days it was the fashion to place advertisements on the front page as well as the others. Six hotels "beg to announce" their services and locations. The hotel at Loretto was called the "Gamble House" and advertised choice liquors, comfortable quarters for men and horses, and every attention paid to the travelling community.

Even Keenansville had a hotel, called the "Ontario House" which had just been repaired by the previous owner, F. Morrow, and renovated.

By the looks of it, either the proprietor of the paper, Mr. Hughes, either owned several other businesses in Keenansville or he had a lot of relatives. In on the front page the readers were encouraged to buy Robin Metal Pure (whatever that is at Hughes) to buy tea sets (best white for $2.50), paints, gun powder, and records all at Hughes.

One of the most interesting things in the paper is that Beeton is not mentioned – but rather "Clarksville". Jo Clarksville H.O. Thayer offered his services as both Cabinet-maker and undertaker.

If you wanted fine clothings you went to go to Watson's Dring Store in Clarksville. A curious thing in this advertisement is that in the bottom corner they have the name "Beeton". So one wonders if perhaps some residents of the area were undecided whether to call Beeton by its new name or continue to call Clarksville.

"Bowles Brothers" in Clarksville offered the best in stylish millinery, elaborate novelties, superior cloths, reliable boots, rubber boots and caps, beautiful dress goods, genuine gro-cories fine china and crockery, gorgeous wall papers, etc. Twice each month they would send a "caiter" from the Bradford store to take orders for tailor made clothing which would be made back in Bradford. The ad mentioned that no credit or second price would be allowed – only cash or produce.

At this time in history the name of free trade with the United States was being argued. The Cardinal was obviously against it while many of the farmers voiced approval for it in lively letters to the editor.

Most papers in these days had a core section (of maybe a page) composed of world news that was gleaned in Toronto or some American ports and then sent out to the various papers. Such was the case of the Cardwell Sentinel. These papers talked about the Mississippi Mismatch, Japanese Holidays, a hog of big a hogsfed little goose, an inherited mystery and so on. We might chuckle, but in those days there were no televisions or radios to transmit national or international news. The local weekly newspaper was their only contact with the "outside".

If anyone is familiar with the existence of the Cardwell Sentinel, once published in Keenansville and later in Tottenham, please contact the Beeton Record at 729-2204 or drop in at our office on Main Street in Beeton.

Indian Week at Day Care Centre

The Day Care Centre being sponsored by the Opportunity For Youths programme is progressing successfully. This week the theme for the children's activities is "Indian Week" and they've been making their own costumes and masks in anticipation for Parent's Night. The demonstrations for parents will be held Thursday night at 7:30 in the park, weather permitting.

Last week they were concentrating on one theme and the children were doing activities that they specially wanted. When the Centre was visited by the Record on Friday, the children were divided into three groups. One group was playing baseball, another was making pictures out of confetti in the agricultural building, and the third group was playing on the playground equipment (part of which has just recently been donated by the Beeton Rotary Club).

The total enrollment for the day care centre is about 140 children. This figure changes from week to week since families go on holidays and they sign on only for a week at a time. Last week about 75 children were present while this week there are about 100. The ages of the children range from 3 to 12 years.

The students in charge of the operation are Nancy Wetzel(university Student), Jane Wright (University Student), Paulette Urbanik(University Student), Bob Boswell(high School), Colin Herrington(high School), and Darlene Coleman (who is undecided about her plans for the fall).

Here is part of the play ground equipment that the Beeton Rotary Club has donated to the park. These climbers are not only fun, but good for creative activities for children to develop good muscle co-ordination.

Some of the children from the Day Care Centre are seen playing here in the park. They especially enjoy the little "Merry go-round".

Tecumseth school adds new wing

by Gloria Schimmel

Opening ceremonies for the new 16,000 square foot addition to the Tecumseth South Central School were held last Thursday evening.

The addition consisting of a general purpose room, gymnasium, three classrooms, health facilities and a library and resource center was constructed at a cost of $402,120.

Plans for the wing began in September, 1971, however, the actual construction of the wing did not start until June of 1973.

In his remarks to the audience, Mr. J.M. Ramsay, Director of Education of Simcoe County, stressed community use and accessibility to the gymnasium and facilities attached to the gym.

"I hope you will wander around and become familiar with your school," Mr. Ramsay encouraged the audience, "for it is your school."

Thoroughly pleased with the bright and airy new building is Brian Davis, principal of Tecumseth South Central.

Mr. Ramsay also noted the use of apparent luxuries in the school (e.g. broadloom) but commented on the lowered maintenance costs involved with their use.

"The spirit of the school has been well expressed," Mr. Davis told the Witness. "There is such a unique feeling evident in the kids; the children have a sense of pride."

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TECUMSETH SOUTH CENTRAL OFFICIALLY OPENED

"I now declare this school open," says J. M. Ramsay, Director of Education. Behind, l.r. are: Frank Prothero, chairman of the Simcoe Board of Education; Brian Davis, principal; Rev. Basil Dac; T. Pentland; Gary Alex; Sid. Owens; J. D. Ferguson, Trustee John Murdock. Out of sight are Reeve Harry Cross and Willard Hunt.

(Alliston Herald photo)

Official Opening of Tecumseth South Public School

"The philosophy of this board is that this school be used at every opportunity."

At the official opening of the addition to Tecumseth South Public School last Thursday this idea was stressed by Mr. Frank Prothero (Chairman of the Board of Education) and was reiterated by Mr. J.M. Ramsay (Director of Education).

The ceremonies were attended by an overflow crowd which came to view the new wing of the school which includes both a gymnasium and a learning resources center that is designed as the focal point of the school.

Mr. Ramsay in his opening address stated that the Board hopes that "you can find uses for the school in the hours the students do not use it." He also stressed that the building was available under free of charge or at minimal costs for community activities and he invited all those who will use it, work in it, and plan to be in the house".

He also stressed that the school had been built with the idea of no walls. These things that the public sometimes refer to as walls were there because they were needed and would save the county a great deal in maintenance costs.

Mr. Ramsay tried to answer some general criticisms directed toward the education system in his address. For instance, the idea that education is not as good as it once was and that students were not as good was refuted. "There are the same kinds of young people as there were 20 or 30 years ago," he said. Communities are closer together so there is "a dilution which is sometimes thought to be poor education".

The other members of the official party were introduced and they were Mr. W. Hunt of Schonberg Construction, Mr. Harry Cross (Reeve of Tecumseth), Mr. J. Murdock (trustee), Mr. Dave Ferguson (Superintendent of Area 5 Schools), Mr. S. Owens (Superintendent of Planning), Mr. Gary Alex (Asst. Superintendent of Plant), Mr. Paul Pentland (architect for Pentland, Baker, and Robson), and Mr. Brian Davis the Principal.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the key by Mr. Prothero to Mr. Davis. Also presented were gifts donated by local people and groups. These included a trophy from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prothero, a trophy from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross, a plaque from the Rotary Club of Beeton (presented by Mr. Tschickaloff), a flag from the Royal Canadian Legion Tottenham (presented by Mr. Bonnamaty), a picture from the Tecumseth W.I. (presented by Mrs. Johnson), and sweaters donated by the students as a result of proceeds from a bake sale.

The school is already operating at capacity as Mr. J. Ferguson later explained that they are not permitted to build additional classrooms until they have the enrollment to fill them. For this reason they need a larger number of portables to hold the excess students until new schools or additions are built. He also pointed out that there are only four areas in the province where enrollment is still expanding because of the age of the pill and that Simcoe is one of these areas.

Mr. Brian Davis, Principal of Tecumseth South Public School, receives the key to the new addition at the official opening last week. Mr. Frank Prothero, Chairman of the Simcoe County Board of Education, presided at the ceremonies.

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OLD MILL TO CLOSE

One of Beeton's oldest businesses is closing. The Beeton Seed Cleaning Company after serving Beeton for over 20 years in cleaning operations. The mill in which it is situated will also be torn down.

In conjunction with these events, Mr. Wilfred Service the only manager that the company has ever had will also retire as he tells us that he has had enough of the dust and at the age of 72 feels as if he would like to keep clean.

Initially, the mill was used as a seed house by Mr. Herb Law beginning in 1914. When his health failed him, his son R. D. Law took over the business and when the building got too small Mr. Law built a seed house on Dayton St. where Parsons Seeds is now located.

In 1940, the building was converted to a chopping mill by Mr. William Agar who used it as such for over 3 years before selling to a Mr. Lindsay of Beeton. He operated the mill for three years and then sold to Mr. Cole of Beeton who owned it until 1951. At that time 24 people formed a company which bought the building and it was in April of 1951 that Mr. Wilfred Service took the manager's job at the chopping mill and seed cleaning plant.

One of the most unique features of the plant was its method of obtaining power. The mill was originally powered by hydro but Wilfred Service, who is an antique buff has powered the mill by a couple of 1922 Eagle tractors that can put in a full day's work to this day with great economy.

The mill was converted to this type of power when it proved much cheaper than the electric motor that was operating the equipment. Mr. Service is a strong believer that engines are not made the same today as they were in the old days and that his old tractors have a couple of the best power plants around.

Wilfred Service and his wife Edna have lived around Beeton all their lives. They started farming in 1932 on the 8th line of Tecumseth and thrashed from 1940 to 1950. They then became involved in the old mill.

They have also delivered mail on rural route 1, Beeton for 26 years having taken it over from Mr. D. W. Watson. They plan to continue to carry this job.

Their pride and joy though is obviously their old tractors which can be seen next week in the Georgian Bay Steam Show. Eventually, Mr. Service thinks that they will end up being donated to the county museum in Midhurst.

The mill, itself, will be torn down and there may be housing built on the double lot that it occupies. The equipment will probably be sold,except of course, for the tractors.

Mr. Wilf Service stands in front of the Seed Cleaning Mill which is to be torn down shortly. This mill has been in operation since 1914.

Mr. Service is seen here with his 1922 Eagle tractor (which runs on stove oil). This has been the source of power for the chopping mill rather than electricity since 1951.

More shed space is being added to Parsons Lumber and Building Supplies Ltd. as the foot of two buildings is presently being covered. This will give them more storage space at the supply center. At present they are using several other buildings to store materials in.

Vince Feheley retires

A laugh is enjoyed by auctioneer Ernie Severn and spectators as the last of the cars are auctioned off at Vince's Service Station. Vince Feheley has retired after over 20 years of serving Beeton and area.

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Catania's is sold after 21 years

This week has seen new owners behind the counter at Cantania's for the first time in over 21 years.

Leo Cantania told us that with his daughter Maria getting married soon and his son Paul away to his third year of university that he felt it was time to give up the family business.

The store was operated first of all by Cousins Dairy in the 1930's but when Chief Nichol retired from managing it as a combination smoke ship and locker storage area it was in danger of closing.

This store was important to the town at the time as farmers would go to other towns for access to lockers. From 1940 to 1946 Mr. Andrew McCaugue kept the store open until it was sold to Mr. E. J. Piper.

Mr. Piper ran the store as a confectionary shop when Leo Catania took it over in June of 1953. Leo converted it to a grocery store and put the building through several stages of renovations. Three years after opening he started a neat counter. Gradually, the store which at first was wider than it was deep was lengthened to its present depth. In recent years, Leo has also completed several modern apartments in the building.

The new owners are Mavis and Bernie White who came to Canada in July of 1966. They first lived in Schomberg but in recent years have lived in Newmarket.

Bernie has been driving for the Oshawa Group and will continue to do so. In his spare time and on weekends, Leo will remain on duty to help out and teach him the butchering trade.

However, the real manager is to be Mavis as the store will be largely her responsibility. Maria Catania and Leo will be around to lend their experience. Ruth Catania who has also worked long hours in the store in recent years will be retiring from the business.

Mr. White told us that he hopes to keep the same quality of meat in the store, I don't think people realize just how good it is.

We suggested to Mr. White that he may have a conflict of interest next time the Oshawa Wholesale drivers go on strike. He will be wanting a raise but also want to keep the store in goods. He replied, "Isn't that something" na in fact told us that he has been asked to be a shop steward.

In any case, best of luck to both the Whites and Catanias in the future.

Construction on the last addition of Simcoe Manor is proceeding slowly but surely. This new wing will accomodate about 40 more residents and hopefully will be completed by Christmas time. Presently there is a waiting list for the manor, but fortunately there are still vacancies for the new wing.

BEDER TURF REACHES ITS HALF WAY MARK

Last week Beder Turf Nurseries reached its 2 million mark for selling square yards of sod this summer. This is half of what they expect to sell this season and what they sold since 1972 when they bought out McCague Merion. The figure of selling 4 million square yards of turf in one season makes Beder Turf the largest sod producer in the world. The second largest is Ben Warren Sod from Chicago.

When the Record interviewed Beder Turf, Mr. Frank Lisk was present to give insight into the operation. It is also interesting to note that our visit coincided with his 10th anniversary with Beder Turf. It is a job he has greatly enjoyed - always changing, meeting lots of people and its continually interesting.

Mr. Lisk fondly reflected back to a few years to take a look at the status of Beder Turf in the "World of Sod". Gerry Brower played a significant part. He was locally raised -between Beeton and Alliston - and he developed his own harvester for cutting sod. It was greatly admired by the Americans who did not have the equivalent in any of their sod harvesters. So, the Ryan Sod Co. bought Gerry's patent made a few modifications on his harvester and began producing the "Ryan Sod Harvester", (in about 1967). Gerry, however, was dissatisfied with what they did to his harvester and bought back the patent and started making his own "Brower Harvesters".

Beder Turf, being close to Gerry, bought his first 2 harvesters. These harvesters they had on display in 1972 when the American Sod producers were having their annual convention at the Skyline in Toronto. Ontario felt they should help host the visiting convention, so they took the members on bus tours of the various farming operations (sod, potato , tobacco, etc.) in the area. Mr. Lisk was one of the tour guides and who should be on his bus but one of the largest sod producers, Ben Warren.

Apparently when the Americans saw the Brower Harvester on the Beder Turf farms they were amazed at the rate of production. The states had nothing to equal this! Being fully impressed Ben Warren asked Mr. Lisk what their production was and when he replied that they hoped to sell 4 million square yards by the end of the summer, Mr. Warren replied that if they did sell 4 million that they would concede that Beder Turf was the largest in the world. Well, that summer of 1972, they did

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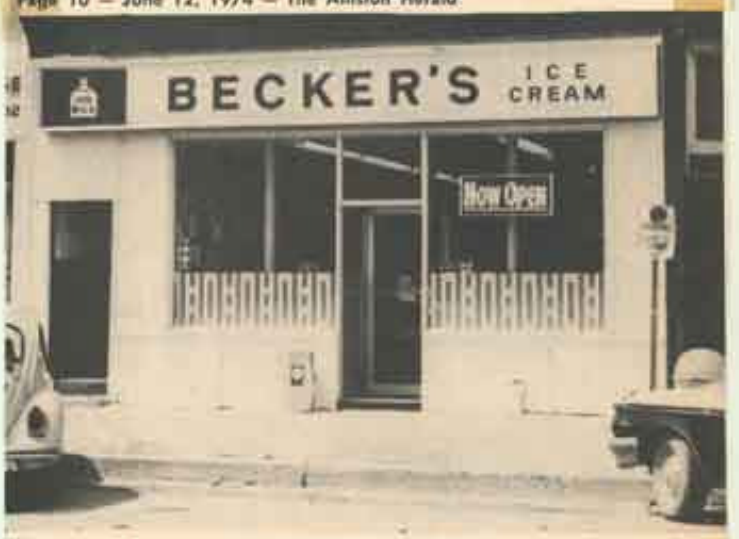

NEW BECKER'S AT BEETON

Mrs. Joan Burton is operating the Becker's Milk store which opened at the end of May. The panelled walls and all the other fittings generally make it a very attractive addition to Beeton's shopping facilities. (Alliston Herald photo)

Beder Turf

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reach the 4,000,000 mark as well as in 1973, and this year in spite of the late spring they are only 5 days behind the 1972 halfway mark. So it looks like another 4 million this summer.

Last summer they reached the halfway mark on June 25 in comparison to July 25 this year. But by August last year they were running low on sod and had to shut down.

At this point in the conversation, The Record queried Mr. Lisk on how far Beder Turf sold and shipped its sod. Although Beder Turf itself delivers only about 20 to 25 per cent of the sod themselves, they hire other sod companies to haul for them. Beder Turf will sell to a private homeowner but the delivery has to be of a minimum size of 80 square yards.

But, in answer to the question of how far the Beder sod is sold, Mr. Lisk said Sault Ste. Marie, Cochrane, Sudbury, Metro Toronto, and the further these points would be Halifax and Boston.

A little curious at this reply, Mr. Lisk was asked just how long sod could be kept before being rolled out on its new location. Only 48 hours after cutting, was his response. He has seen sod sit for a week and be okay, but he has also seen it go rotten in less than 48 hours. When delivering sod, the shipment is always accompanied by a notice that the sod should be laid within 12 hours after delivery.

How in the world then, did Beder Turf, deliver sod to Halifax? They were selling 200,000 square yards for a Centennial Park. First they tried to ship it by train. This entailed shipping it to Bradford, unload it, refrigerate it, and re-load it onto the train. This method was not only expensive but time consuming as well. With refrigeration the sod was able to keep alright. In the fall a transport company guaranteed delivery in 24 hours. This proved to be the cheapest and most satisfactory. Imagine, though, shipping sod from Beeton to Halifax and having it laid within 48 hours!

Selling 4 million square yards of sod each year must certainly entail intensive crop cultivation - and it does. In a good moist year, or with irrigation one crop can be planted and cut within a year. Seeding is done in August and if all goes well a crop can be removed next August.

Under average weather and no irrigation one crop takes 1 1/2 years - or two crops in three years. How ever long it takes, the crops do require heavy fertilizing. And this is where the cost of production has jumped enormously. One of their main fertilizers last year cost $88 a ton. This year it costs $202 a ton and they require 350 tons of it.

Beder Turf also prides itself in having its own brand of grass called BeetonBlue Grass. This grass consists of 70 per cent Merion (a type of blue grass), 30 per cent Kentucky, and has to be grown on Peat farm.

Beeton should be proud that the world's largest sod producer lives on its doorstep - and they've even named a grass after it. Good luck to Beder Turf for completing its 4 million target for this summer as well!

Alliston man buys Beder Wood Products

Ralph Smalley of Alliston who operates Pallet Enterprises in that community purchased Beder Wood Products (Beeton) Ltd. on November 1st and takes possession immediately. The Mill, which employs about 10 workmen, is situated on the 9th line of Tecumseth Twp. just north of Beeton. The present employees will be retained by Mr. Smalley in order to maintain the expansion of his wood products.

The new owner also purchased the 7½ acre property which includes a house and barn where Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webb and family now reside.

Line ups of trucks and tractors were a very familiar sight last week when the wheat crop started arriving at the Beeton Elevator Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. Among the farmers bringing in their crop last Wednesday were: Mrs. Frank Link, Beeton; William Connor, Tottenham; William Rorke, Colgan and Gordon Robinson, Bolton.

The Beeton Elevator Maple Leaf Mills Limited on Dayfoot Street proved to be a very popular place last week as area farmers brought in their first wheat loads of the season.

A steady stream of trucks and tractors pulling hoppers kept the two-man team of Don Palmer, manager, and Rene Denis, laboratory technician, constantly on the move since Tuesday, August 8. The first day on which 37 vehicles using grain came to the mill. A total of 94 trucks came during Wednesday and by mid-Thursday another 40 trucks had arrived.

"This year's crop appears to be even better than last year's", said Rene.

Rene, who is employed at the head office of Maple Leaf Milling Company, Toronto, was sent to the Beeton mill to assist Don during the peak season. His duties include taking moisture tests on each load of wheat brought in and checking the wheat very carefully for sprouts. Wheat having over 12 per cent sprouts is refused.

Service is given on a first come basis with each vehicle taking their turn in line, working their way into the mill. As a vehicle enters the mill it is positioned over a large grate in the cement floor. This is where Rene scoops out a small can of wheat from the load and takes it into his office. It is in the office the wheat is tested with a Holmes Moisture Meter. An information chart from the Ontario Wheat Producers Marketing Board is taped above the desk. Where remaining more than 14 per cent moisture is docked. The necessary test information is filled out by Rene, who gives one copy to the farmer. The farmers, understandably, all appeared anxious and interested to receive the results.

Following the test, the wheat is unloaded. Golden wheat simply flowed out of the hoppers through their bottom opening, while trucks were hoisted up in the air, placing their front tires up and the back section resting on the grate. Near the end of the load remaining wheat was swept out with brooms, so as not to waste any.

Falling through the grate the chaff is separated from the wheat. The weight is taken and recorded and next it goes into the storage bins.

If the wheat contains moisture content of say 14.1 or higher it first must go into the dryer, stated Rene.

There are five storage bins located at the mill. Two of the bins measure 30 feet around and 100 feet high and three measure 18 feet around and 70 feet high, according to Mr. Palmer.

All the wheat collected will eventually end up at the Toronto head office location. During the winter months Mr. Palmer will be kept busy with such duties as moving the wheat in the bins to prevent sprouts and spoilage. He will also ship to Toronto via railway cars or trucks.

According to Beeton's Centennial Book, the mill at one time was owned by "Ira Palmer, who came to Beeton in the early part of the century and started a grain and coal business. He had purchased the coal business from W. J. Bell. Later his son Donald joined the firm and eventually took over the business. In 1968 this was sold to the Maple Leaf Milling Company and vast additions were added. Don Palmer was retained as manager, holding the position to the present time".

With the promise of a bumper pack for the next few weeks to come, Don and Rene might not be "counting wheat instead of sheep", that is when they find the time to sleep.

Rene Denis, lab technician checks and tests a sample of wheat from one of the numerous loads, which poured into the Beeton Elevator Maple Leaf Mills Ltd., last Wednesday. Mr. Denis was sent from Toronto to assist Don Palmer, manager, during this peak season.

Mrs. Frank Link drives her tractor, pulling a load of fresh combined wheat into the Beeton Elevator Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Link's farm is located on the 8th Concession of Beeton.

U.C.W. Celebrate 31st Anniversary

The 31st Anniversary was celebrated by the members of the Audrey Bunt Unit of the Trinity United Church Women in the Church Parlor Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Tables were set and decorated with blue and Gold candles and Christmas ornaments for the festive occasion. Over sixty attended with members bringing her husband or guest. Former Members attending from out of town were Mrs. Lloyd Lilly and Mrs. Elwood McCague from Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McQuay Barrie, Mr. & Mrs. R. Stafford, Alliston, Mr. & Mrs. J. Runnalls, Collingwood, Mr. & Mrs. Max Wilson, Gravenhurst, Mrs. Holgate, Toronto, Mrs. Burry Newfoundland, Mrs. Wallace Brawley, Trenton. The President Mrs. Frank Lisk was mistress of Ceremonies and called on Rev. W. Dickson to say Grace. Then a toast to the Queen & O'Canada was sung. A delicous Buffet dinner was served, that was prepared & served by Mrs. Joan Burton, Mrs. Dorothy Rutherford, Miss Marylyn Rutherford, Mrs. Jean Andrews, Mrs. Brenda Bradley, Mrs. Mary Lisk and Mrs. Grace Williams.

An Anniversary Cake, baked and cut by Mrs. Harold Watson, was part of Centrepiece of the head table, and head table guests were introduced by Mrs. Watson, beginning with Mrs. Wm. Coburn at whose home the first meeting was held 31 years ago, and where it was organized under the ministry of Rev. Bunt and Mrs. Audrey Bunt for whom it was named. Fine music was enjoyed, led by Mrs. S.R. McKelvey with Mrs. V. Feheley at the piano, who favoured us with Solos and Duets, and Sing Songs with all joining in.

The minutes of the first meeting, which had been recorded by Mrs. M. Hall were read by Mrs. T. Somers.

A Summary of minutes were given by Mrs. C. Reynolds emphasizing she could only give the highlights as time wouldn't permit more. Two potted plants were presented in memory of Ten deceased members. Messages from former ministers and friends were read and greetings from out of town guests, including Mrs. Wallace Brawley who brought us up to date with many activities from many places she has lived since leaving Beeton.

The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dickson and friends enjoyed meeting and chatting together.

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Walkathon a success

Sore feet were the order of the day but the young folk fared the best at the Beeton Curling Club Walkathon. In all 25 started the 12 mile hike and surprisingly all 25 limped back in. The first back for sandwiches and refreshments were this foursome. From left to right, Bradley Walkem (first), Bob Brown (second), Carol Crumble (third), and Doug McLaren (third). The walkathon raised about $1,100 towards a building fund for a club room for the Curling Club.

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Hill 'N' Valley 4-H Homemaking Club

The Hill 'n' Valley 4-H Homemaking Club has finished the fall project "A World of Food in Canada" with a buffet dinner. The girls entertained at the home of their leader, with a varied menu of dishes they learned to prepare at the meetings. The guests invited were their mothers, the Home Economist and Beeton W.I. executive who are sponsors of the Club.

This project has given the girls an opportunity to learn how our food habits are influenced by Canadians of many different backgrounds and members have gained a respect for traditional food practises of various cultural groups who have made this country their home. They have had a chance to taste and become familiar with many new foods and ingredients.

Record books are being completed and a skit is being rehearsed for Achievement Day on November 23rd. The Hill 'n' Valley Club is made up of girls from the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Concessions of Tecumseth. Leaders are Mrs. May Reynolds and assistant Mrs. Judy Reid. The following 11 girls were members of this Club who called themselves the "Colonial Cookers": Laurie Murphy, Pat Findlay, Debbie Dorsey, Suzanne Reynolds, Patsy Murphy, Kathy Dermott, Marianne Reynolds, Karen Murphy, Patricia McKnight, Dianna Reynolds and Donna Dorsey.

1974

Walkathon raises over $2,000.

The United Church in Beeton held a walkathon on Saturday and it raised over $2,000 which will be used to help pay for the renovations which have been taking place at the Centre Street Church.

In all 57 of the 58 walkers who started the course finished so that almost all the money pledged was won.

The first to finish were Glen Archibald and Bob Lisk who took just 2 hours and 40 minutes to walk the route. Bob was also first last year. Heather Bulman and Maryanne McMaster came in second with the third group being Walter and Peter Dakin.

The youngest to complete the course was six year old Caralea Andrews.

There may also be some extra pledge money won as Bev Hoover also found herself able to win $1.00 for every pound she won. No results were available at press time.

The walkers stopped at Tottenham United Church for some lunch before completing the course.

"near the end there seemed to be as many spectators driving the route to watch the limpers straggle home as there were walkers.

Class of 24 Reunion

Mr. A.L. Fachnie and Mrs. Fachnie, were guests of the Pharmacy Alumni Association, University of Toronto, on Saturday June 1st.

The graduates of '24 assembled at Hart House at 10:30 a.m. where registration took place. Refreshments and a social hour spent in renewing old acquaintances there at 1 p.m. luncheon was served in the Great Hall of Hart House.

After the luncheon, the graduates and their guests toured the campus and university buildings. The University of Toronto includes an area of 160 acres in the centre of the city. Its boundaries are Spadina Ave. on the west, Bay Street on the east, Bloor Street on the north and College Street on the south. At 4 p.m. they were received at a garden party at the beautiful home of the President of the University, Dr. John R. Evans and Mrs. Evans.

The Golden T. Dinner was held at 7 p.m. at the Faculty Club. Mr. Fachnie and other members of year '24 were presented with a golden certificate honoring 50 years a member of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Withers of Barrie accompanied and were guests of the Fachnies on this occasion.

1974

CURLING AWARDS

The Beeton Afternoon Curling Club held their awardds dinner at the Gypsy Lane Inn. The donators of the Series winning trophies were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cantania and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mellow

1974

The winner of the first series playoffs was the team of Shirley Calhoun, Paul Sealy, Ernie Watson, and Maisie Boynton (skip). They won the Dorsey Trophy.

The team of Ernie Watson, Joanne Weatherup, Tom Munday, and Anne Rolph, were the second series playoff winners and were awarded the A.L. Fachnie Trophy by Mr. A.L. Fachnie.

Saturday night the Curling Club held their annual banquet and awards celebration. The United Church Women put on an excellent roast beef dinner for which Ray Lake thanked them.

The first part of the awards ceremony was the presentation of a gavel to the past presidents. Maisie Boynton first presented it to Gladys Lemire on behalf of her late husband Laurie Lemire, who was the first President. Mrs. Lemire then presented it to John Rutherford who accepted on behalf of Robert Walkem, who was absent. It was then passed back to Maisie Boynton the next President, who presented it to Frank Mellow the current one.

The Club Trophy for the top team in the first division was the first one presented and the winner was June Riley (skip), George Munnings (vice), Sheila Walkem (second), and Andy Fletch (lead).

The Dorsey Trophy goes to the winner of the First Series Playoffs and it was won by Maisie Boynton (skip), Ernie Watson (vice), Paul Sealy (second), and Shirley Calhoun (lead).

The winners of the first series B division, was Ray Lake (skip), Bud Rose (vice), May Mellow (second), and Flo Bashford (lead). They received the Borden Metal Trophy.

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The Beeton Ladies softball team were a happy bunch after being presented with the championship trophy. Back row from left to right are John Rutherford, Peggy Brown, Don McClain. Next row Brenda Folkeard, Betty Hill, Diane Folkeard, and Kris Sage. Second row Marilyn Rutherford, Terry Brown and Ann Proper. Front row Shirley McCormack, Judy Aiken and Joanne Watson. Fran Rowan, Judy Smith and Debbie Crumbie were missing.

1975.

Hill wins batting championship

Bill Hill of Beeton is the Simcoe Baseball League batting champion for 1974, a distinction he also earned the year previous.

He becomes the first league batting champion to top the list in successive seasons. There have been only three two-time winners. Nick Owen in 1970 and 1964, Pat Hennessy in 1967 and 1969 and John Westbrooke in 1962 and 1960.

The 1972 champion, Terry Gowan of Creemore, finished the current term as runner-up with a late-season rush. He closed at .412, one point ahead of Barrie's John Towle.

Paul Robinson of Beeton and Steve McEwen of Orillia Juniors at .405 and .400 respectively, completed the top five.

FLOOR HOCKEY CONSOLATION WINNERS

Tecumseth Beeton Central School's junior floor hockey team won the Consolation Trophy, last Wednesday afternoon, in the Area 5 Junior Floor Hockey Tournament played at their school.

L - R (Bottom Row): Drew Rutledge, Kevin Letts, Barry Harling, Captain Arthur Proper, Paul Holdsworth, Barry Andrews, Dane Graham.

L - R (Top Row): Chris McGee, Billy Thivierge, Brian Horon, Bonnie Smith, Stephen Snove, Peter Dakin, Gordon Robinson, goalie. Coach: Ted Mockman.

1974

Tecumseth Council met with ratepayers at a public meeting in Beeton Arena and each one again declared himself as candidate for the office he now holds. From left to right Councillor Keith Dermott, Councillor Roy Gardhouse, Reeve Harry Cross, Clerk-Teasurer Arnold Meredith, Deputy-Reeve Allan Glassford, and Councillor Wallace Halbert.

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CANDIDATES FOR TECUMSETH Township Council are shown above at the Tecumseth-Beeton Central School where an all-candidates meeting was held last week. From the left: Boyd Collins, Peter Urbanski, Paul O'Leary, and incumbent councillors Wallace Halbert, Keith Dermott and Roy Gardhouse.

CRAFT PHOTOGRAPHY

Gardhouse, O'Leary and Collins capture seats in Tecumseth

The status quo took some hard knocks in Tecumseth Township as Paul O'Leary and Boyd Collins won Council seats. However, a note of constancy was maintained as Roy Gardhouse topped the poll and established himself as a major contender for higher positions in the future.

Mr. Gardhouse gained 728 votes for an almost 200 vote margin over runner-up Paul O'Leary. He ran especially strong in the southern end of the Township where he resides and topped the poll in Bond Head.

Paul O'Leary who campaigned on a platform of the need for zoning controls also did well in the south especially in the Tottenham area. His margins at these polls alone gave him enough cushion to come home.

The race really tightened up after this as the next four candidates were within 40 votes of each other. Boyd Collins was in last place but the last two polls to report from his home area of Thompsonville pulled him up to capture the final Council seat by 17 votes over Wally Halbert. Boyd also ran on a platform of the examination of zoning by-laws.

Wally Halbert did well in the Bond Head area but failed to hold his seat. The other Councillor Keith Dermott did well in the northern polls but poorly in the southern ones.

Peter Urbanski did well in the Beeton area but failed to gain much support in other areas.

The 1975 version of Council is going to be a rather different one as O'Leary and Collins are both advocates of proper planning and controls. The fact that they won over incumbent candidates who opposed such controls adds to the pressure for controls. Especially after the strongly phrased letter to Tecumseth Council by Housing Minister Irvine threatening ministerial orders in order to control development.

The results are as follows: Roy Gardhouse 728, Paul O'Leary 542, Boyd Collins 488, Wallace Halbert 471, Keith Dermott 452, and Peter Urbanski 444.

Sheridan McGinty

Sheridan McGinty is Beeton's new Reeve

Sheridan McGinty found himself unopposed for the office of Reeve in Beeton on Tuesday.

On Tuesday of last week at 5 p.m., Sheridan McGinty found himself unopposed for the office of Reeve in the Village of Beeton.

In the previous election, Mr. McGinty had contested the office along with Dr. McKelvey and had lost. He had had several years experience as a Councillor before that and was appointed to that position again when Rev. Bill Davis resigned from his seat and moved to a new charge in Scarborough.

Mr. McGinty thanked Dr. McKelvey at the all-candidates meeting for having "enough faith in me to allow me to take over the Reeveship" He promised to do his best for the Municipality and hoped that he would do the job expected of him.

1974

Election meeting hears testimonial to Reeve.

It was a rather quiet all candidates meeting in Beeton last week in contrast to some turbulent issues that have occured in the past year and the highlight of the evening was a tribute to the village officials and Dr. McKelvey in particular by Ed Boynton.

He recalled the Reeve's terms of office from 1946 to 1949 and from 1970 to 1974.

Ed also related his tenure at Simcoe Manor and many of his accomplishments. Also praised was Clerk Earl Brown for his work for the Village. Ed told the audience that coming Reeve Sheridan McGinty would "do a good job" and warned prospective Councillors that "the wheels don't move as fast as you would like".

Dr. McKelvey told the audience that he had been in Beeton since 1924 and recalled in particular the building of the Arena. The retiring Reeve reported the opposition to the events that took place and that the Clerk, Burton Wright, resigned over the sale of the Town Hall for $5,500. After pledges were received a vote for a debenture of $15,000 carried by a margin of 2 to 1 and a loan was obtained from the Royal Bank at 2.5%. Ernie Letts donated the land on which the Arena stands.

Later artificial ice was added for $20,000 of which $18,000 came from donations. Dr. McKelvey said that the plowing match was held on the 12th line soon after the Arena opened and that 1,200 people were fed inside the Arena.

Dr. McKelvey

The Reeve also recalled his years of boosting Beeton and said that there is "no better place to live than the Village of Beeton".

He announced that he was retiring but that he had no regrets. He did express his disappointment in the business section of the Village. Dr. McKelvey said that "I don't think they're coping. They will just have to cope with the influx of population. I don't want to go to these plazas. We have to keep people shopping at home. I don't see any reason why Beeton will not prosper."

Dr. McKelvey also suggested that new members of the community get behind the organizations and start at the bottom and move up.

1974

WARDEN EARL ELLIOTT

Warden Earl Elliott, presiding over his first county council session Thursday, urged members to "do their homework" throughout the 1974 term by reading council minutes in advance and preparing their questions to eliminate "rubber stamping" of legislation. (Examiner Photo)

The annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Societies was held at Niagara Falls in June with Beeton society being represented by Mrs. Ann Bulman (left) and Mrs. Muriel Reynolds (right). Between them is Mr. Alistair Crawford of Guthrie the Director of area 16 of the Horticultural Societies. He is also first vice-president of the Societies.

1974

HOCKEY MAN — HORSE MAN

Here "Some Nominee" just passes the finish line in first place at the Orangeville racetrack on June 27.

Hockey player Wayne Carleton is an avid horseman come summer. He has a summer home at Collingwood where he has Springwater Stables. At present he has about eleven horses and his favourite is "Some Nominee" which has been doing very well in the sulky races at the Orangeville Racetrack. At the end of June "Some Nominee" won first place. Since then he has been placing quite well and last Thursday at Orangeville he placed second.

Wayne is the son of Kim and Anita Carleton of Bolton and he plays hockey with the Toronto Toros.

Happy smiles are worn around "Some Nominee" after his winning race. The driver is C. Coke and beside him stands Wayne's mother, Anita Carleton of Bolton. Wayne Carleton, owner of the horse stands on the far right.

Buffalo on Pete's Ponderosa

The Peter Urbanski farm probably has a first for the Bolton area, buffalo. Paul Urbanski of Bolton recently purchased three buffalo to satisfy a life long ambition.

They are presently residing on brother Peter's farm. Peter is also looking forward to the possibility of some antelope.

Toros Trade Carleton

Wayne Carleton, captain of Toronto Toros, has been traded to New England Whalers for a first round future in next year's World Hockey Association draft of amateur players, plus other considerations.

Carleton, 28, who finished sixth in the W.H.A. scoring race last season with 27 goals and 55 assists for 82 points, was known to be unhappy with the Toros.

Prior to joining Toros, Carleton played in the National Hockey League for Toronto, Boston and California.

Wayne left on Sunday night for Hartford, N.J., to begin training with the Whalers on Monday.

A Successful Opening Day

the fishing was slow for most people on opening day as few people were successful in even claiming a trout. Not so, however, for David Coburn, Stephen Gessey, and Glenn Archibald of Beeton. This 11 pound, 31 inch rainbow was captured on opening day by Stephen at a spot just below the forks of the Boyne and Nottawasaga Rivers. The boys are all students at BMHS and plan to enter the fish in the Molson Fishing Awards contest.

Puppets at Sunday School Anniversary

MRS. JOAN WILLIS will help Beeton Trinity United Church to celebrate its Sunday School Anniversary on May 5th. She will put on a puppet show based on the Good Samaritan. Her work in this field is becoming very well known and she is now much in demand.

On Sunday, May 5th, at 11:15, a.m., Beeton Trinity United Church will celebrate its Sunday school anniversary with a rather special presentation.

Mrs. Joan Willis, wife of Rev. D.E.Willis, a former minister in Beeton Trinity United Church, will be guest speaker and as usual the message will come in an unusual style. Joan Willis is an accomplished puppeteer and with the aid of her 60 puppet cast she will present the revised standard version of the Good Samaritan.

She has been developing shows like this one for three years and they are most often based on the Bible and fairy tales. She also sells the puppets which are used as teaching aids to help children to communicate more effectively. All of the scripts used in performances are written by her and Mrs. Willis's shows are now very much in demand.

1974

Presbyterian rally held in Beeton

One hundred and fifty ladies gathered in the beautiful quiet sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton, Ont., for the May Rally of the Barrie Presbyterial. Baskets of mums and ferns plus the inscription 'Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness' at the front of the church set the atmosphere for an inspirational day. The theme, 'Response, Renewal and Reward' was prominent throughout the meeting.

Mrs. Grant Aindell, Barrie, Ont. in the Scripture Reading and the Meditation urged everyone to renew their faith in God. Prayer by Mrs. Otto Rawson, also from Barrie, asked for God's Blessing for a renewal of Faith for all W.M.S. workers, especially during the Centennial Year, June 1974-June 1975.

Mrs. A. Leggett, the Treasurer, gave a full report. It was evident that all auxiliaries are striving to keep up with the inflation in the operating costs of the society.

Mrs. A. Jenkins, the Historian told of the dedicated service performed by several members of the Barrie Presbyterial. Mrs. O. Rawson, by 1975 will have given 30 years of continued service on the Executive Board. A booklet entitled 'Highlights of Barrie Presbyterial 1962 - 1972', prepared by Mrs. A. Nichols, Midland, Ont. was available to all auxiliaries.

Delegates to the Synodical Meeting in North Bay, Ont. presented an interesting and informative discussion of the highlights of the meeting. The information was presented as a classroom scene with Mrs. R.H. McKee as the teacher. The pupils were Mrs. A. Leggett, Orillia, Ont., Mrs. Don Bell, Barrie, Ont. and Mrs. Robt. Bales, Stayner, Ont. Their accounts stressed the fact that God is always present giving strength and courage to all his workers.

Miss Dorothy Keller, Peterborough, Ont., the Resource Person reminded the group that they could be assured that their givings were being put to the best possible use, in furthering God's Kingdom at home and abroad.

The noon hour was a fellowship time as everyone enjoyed a casserole luncheon served by the ladies of the hosting Church.

The afternoon session began with an inspiring Communion Service led by Rev. B. Das, the minister of the Beeton Presbyterian Church.

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. John Shepherd, President of Toronto-Kingston Synod. Mrs. Shepherd told the ladies to share their friendship with others. She said the Women's Missionary Society has an unchanging message to offer in this time of changing times. We must care about others and share our knowledge of God's care and love with them.

The gathering was privileged during the afternoon to hear the choir from Tecumseth Beeton School sing three selections. Everyone enjoyed their beautiful renditions of 'This Land', 'Try A Little Kindness', and 'Blowing In The Wind'.

Mrs. W. G. Barker invited the Presbyterial to hold the May Rally in the Orillia Presbyterian Church in 1975.

Mrs. Russell Pogue was appointed as the representative to Presbytery.

The singing of Hymn 509 and the Benediction by Mrs. R.H. McKee closed the meeting.

St. Paul's A.C.W. elect officers

St. Paul's A.C.W. has elected a new Executive, and the following will take office in January 1975:

Co-presidents - Ila Stewart and Bea Dunning; vice president - Maisey Boynton; Secretary - Gladys Hammell; Treasurer - Elsie Strachan; Sick Committee - Melba Palmer and Del Archibald; Prayer Partner - Penny Archibald; Bible Study - Diana Martin; and Adopted Child - Marnie Thivierge. A suitable service of installation is being held early in the new year.

Rt. Rev. Hugh Stiff, D.D. of Toronto, dedicated a memorial plaque to the lasting memory of the late Miss Beatrice Christian, whose generously will be of continuing support to the congregation through the installation of the sound system in St. Paul's Anglican Church on Sunday morning at the regular church service.

The Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario Commencement Exercises for the graduation class of 1974 was held at the Skyline Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday, October 19. Among the 248 graduating class was Gary Carleton of Beeton. Attending were Mrs. Gary Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. K.J. Carleton and Paul Carleton.

Birthday party in Hillcrest

Eighteen members of Beeton United Church Women enjoyed the annual drive to Hillcrest Lodge in Orillia on Thursday afternoon October 10. The occasion being a birthday party for two former members from the room residing there, Mrs. Laura Wiggins, whose ninety-fourth birthday was on October 12 and Mrs. Milton Reynolds who celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday September 22.

We were welcomed on arrival by Mrs. Wiggins, who took us to the room where the other residents were waiting.

Mrs. Helen Lisk, president of Beeton U.C.W. and Mrs. W.G. Dickson led the group in singing some old familiar songs, with Mrs. Bernice Jerry at the piano.

Mrs. Marjorie Fehelcy sang a solo. Mrs. Freda Lisk showed here coloured slides of three events held in Beeton recently, Kate Aitken Day, The Honey Festival, and Beeton Centennial parades etc. Mrs. Helen Lisk asked Mrs. Milton Reynolds if she would play the piano for us, and she favoured us with three selections from memory, the last a request 'Danny Boy' very beautifully enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Muriel Reynolds and Mrs. Mary Watson enacted a funny skit entitled "Betrayed".

A birthday cake, supplied by the Beeton ladies and a cup of tea was enjoyed. Mrs. Muriel Reynolds made a presentation of a brooch to Mrs. Wiggins, and Mrs. Reynolds and also to Mrs. Trethowan, with the group from Beeton, who was celebrating her 87th birthday that day.

Mrs. Wiggins replied expressing her pleasure and thanking the ladies on behalf of Mrs. Reynolds and herself.

GREGORY WILLIAM COBURN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coburn of Beeton, graduated from the four year Biology Major course, obtaining his B.Sc. degree from Waterloo University on May 24th.

Ray Gough heads Legion

At the regular meeting of Beeton Branch #429 of the Royal Canadian Legion in the Legion Hall on September 20th after the summer recess, Ray Gough was elected president for 1974-75. Other officers named were Ken Carleton, vice-president, and Fred Daic re-elected as treasurer. The secretary appointment will be made at the regular meeting next month. Ken Carleton has acted as secretary for the past year, but having moved up to vice-president left that position vacant.

The meetings having been approved to meet on the 2nd Friday of each month for this year will revert back to the 2nd Sunday afternoon for the balance of the year was confirmed.

Kettles celebrate 64th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kettle of Simcoe Manor have this past week celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Toronto on December 5, 1910 and though they can't remember the church the minister was Rev. Beverly.

Mr. Kettle who was born on Feb. 1878 and is a very young 96 year old, came to Canada from London, England in 1906 and got a job working in the Beeton area.

Mrs. Kettle, who was born in August 1880 a mere 94 year old, came to Canada in 1907 for a visit to the Beeton area, but ended up staying.

They have both lived in Beeton since they came to Canada and have lived in their own home until January 1973 when they took up residence at the Manor.

They left Canada when they were married for a honeymoon in London, England with her parents, but missed Canada and returned after 3 months.

They have a son and a daughter and one grandson, all living in the Toronto area.

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Urbanski — Bailey Wedding

On Saturday, July 6, Donna Bailey and Peter Urbanski were married in the St. Paul's Anglican Church in Beeton by Reverend Martin. This was a second marriage for both the bride and groom and indeed was a happy ceremony.

The best man was the groom's brother, Mr. Joseph Urbanski and the matron of honour was the bride's sister, Mrs. Helen Simis.

The bride looked beautiful in a pale pink, long dress with a matching broad brimmed hat, and the groom looked sharp in his white tuxedo with black trim. Both looked cool and refreshed in spite of the grueling heat.

About 175 people were present for the dinner and dance in the Beeton Arena following the ceremony. They had a German band playing such lively music that no one dared to sit down for very long. Polkas were the most favourite activity of the night and most everyone participated (even if they weren't too sure of the steps).

Even after a midnight snack was served and even after the band had finished people were reluctant to go home. It was indeed a happy, and fun occasion for the bride, groom, family and guests.

Peter and Donna are now on a honeymoon out west and will return home "when they get the urge".

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

A fiftieth wedding anniversary was time for celebration for the friends, relatives and guests of the Camplin family as Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camplin of Beeton celebrated their anniversary. The happy couple have lived in Beeton for 73 years and have spent 49 years of their 50 in the same house.

1974

Wedding

Murray — Dunstan

On Sat. July 6th the Rev. Warren G. Dickson performed the marriage ceremony in Beeton United Church for Miss Ruth Eleanor Murray of the Twp. of Tecumseth and Dr. Keith Lorne Dunstan of Midhurst. The bridesmaid was Miss Sharon Ann McKenzie of R.R.2 Alliston and the best man was Dr. James Buckingham of Stayner. A wedding banquet was served by the Ladies of the Beeton Church.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campl celebrated their fiftie wedding anniversary on Ap 23rd. The celebration wa held at Harrison with the family acting as host an hostesses. These were M and Mrs. P.R. Heenan Oakville, Mr. and Mrs. A.E Ross of Oakville, and Mr. an Mrs. J. Camplin of Mioun field. Mr. and Mrs. M.C Watson of Delhi were abser because of illness.

Approximately 100 guest were in attendance to hel celebrate the occasion.

1974

Szuck — Agar Wedding

On October 26, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. Elizabeth Anne Agar and John Nelson Szuck were joined in marriage at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Beeton.

The Candle Light Service was conducted by Rev. Basil Daas and assisted by Rev. D. Cressman of Breslau, Ont.

The Bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Agar of Beeton, while the groom's parents are Mrs. Priscilla Szuck and the Late John Szuck of Breslau, Ont.

The bride wore white cire effects, her dress having a princess waistline, a self train, and long gathered sleeves. On her head she wore a Juliet head piece with seed pearls and a long veil edged in lace hung to the ground. Her bouquet consisted of red sweetheart roses with baby's breath.

Matron of honour was Mrs. Margaret Chalmers, cousin of the bride, from Cameron, Ont. Bridesmaids were Miss Joan Wyath from London, Ont., and Miss Marganne Szuck from Breslau, Ont., sister of the groom.

The brides attendants were princess line long gowns of pink and black floral nylon, a scoop neckline, and pink picture hats. They carried pink-orange sweetheart roses and daisies in their bouquets.

The bestman was Frank Amon of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and ushers were Barry Nelson of Sudbury, Ernest Agar (brother of the bride) of Beeton, Ont.

Soloist during the ceremony was Mrs. Mary McCann of Hamilton, Ont., cousin of the bride. She sang the "Wedding Prayer" and during the signing of the register she sang "We've Only Just Begun". She was accompanied by Mrs. Lorne Whetstone of Schomberg, Ont.

Mrs. Agar, mother of the bride, wore a long gown of Turquoise Polyester with long lace sleeves and yoke. Her corsage was a white orchid.

Mrs. Szuck, mother of the groom, wore a navy floral print of polyester.

The reception was held at the Beeton Community Centre after which the couple left for their honeymoon on a trip around Lake Ontario. Their new residence will be at 22 Indian Road, Apt. 204, Sudbury, Ontario.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Western Ont., and she holds a B.A. in Home Economics. She is presently a Dietitian in the Sudbury General Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and holds a B.Sc. degree in Mining Engineering. He is employed at the Falconbridge Mines in Sudbury.

Rutledge - Coleman Wedding

On August 10, 1974 at 3:00 p.m. in the Beeton Trinity United Church Darlene Lou Coleman and Ross Robert Rutledge were joined in marriage by Reverend Dickson.

Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Coleman of Beeton and Ross is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Rutledge of Dorset.

The bride wore a long white satin gown with long sleeves and trimmed with daisies. Her veil, also trimmed with daisies, was shoulder length while the back of the dress fell into a pleated train. Her bouquet consisted of a triangle cascade of pink roses and white daisies.

Matron of Honour was Brenda Dryden, and Bridesmaids were Rosalie Coleman, Paulette Urbanski, Cheryl Conrie, Susan Coleman, and Kelly Coleman (Junior Bridesmaid).

Brenda, the Matron of Honour, was dressed in a light pink seersucker print with contrasting bodice and ruffles. Kelly, the Junior Bridesmaid was dressed in pink similar to Brenda's dress. Susan Coleman and Cheryl Conrie were in blue flowered prints with contrasting bodice and ruffles. Rosalie Coleman and Paulette Urbanski were in green flowered prints with contrasting bodice and ruffles.

Rachel Coleman, the flower girl, was a niece of the bride. She was dressed in a long silk dress (white) trimmed with pink flowers. In her hair was a ring of daisies.

Rock Justin Coleman, nephew of the bride, and Tony Rutledge, nephew of the groom were ring bearers. Best man was Larry Gould.

Ushers were Brian Rutledge, Vince Rutledge (both brothers of the groom), Gary Coleman, and Richard Coleman (brother of the bride.)

Mrs. Coleman, the bride's mother, wore a long, shocking pink gown of polyester knit with white accessories and a pink rose corsage.

Mrs. Rutledge, the groom's mother, wore a long green gown of polyester lace trimmed in white with white accessories and a pink rose corsage.

The reception was held at the Beeton Community Centre. The couple went to Manitoulin Island and across Northern Ontario for their honeymoon and are presently residing at 22 Main St. in Beeton.

BEETON'S NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Beeton Council held their first meeting in the new municipal building (built for around $40,000) on Monday night. The council chambers are panelled in gold (mustard?) with gold tweed carpeting and furniture moved from their former quarters. There are three private offices, for Clerk Earl Brown, the roads superintendent and the building inspector. Everywhere the colours are bright and cheerful.

(Alliston Herald photo)

Municipal Building Opened

The Official Opening of Beeton's new municipal building took place Friday night with Rev. A.W. Downer performing the ribbon cutting honours.

Dr. S.R. McKelvey introduced him and referred to him as the Dean of the Legislature where he has held office for 37 years and won 11 elections. Mr. Downer told the audience which included many local dignitaries that Beeton's 'got growing pains'. But he also said that all of Simcoe's communities have got them as they are growing tremendously.

Rev. Downer also said of Beeton that 'I don't know any community with a better spirit and it has one of the finest fall fairs in Ontario.'

Clerk Earl Brown (left) and Reeve Dr. S. R. McKelvey (right) help Rev. W. Downer cut the ribbon which will open Beeton's new municipal building.

Dr. McKelvey had the pleasure of introducing the Village officials and also said a few words about each one. He said that "I believe this is one of the finest buildings dedicated to the cause of local government" and that it is needed to help with our "fast growing services".

The Reeve also introduced some other first citizens that attended the opening. Reeve Harry Cross of Tecumseh wished Beeton every success and thought that the building would be used for many years as regional government won't be here for many years. Others that spoke were Reeve Joe Belford of Tottenham, Reeve Francis Kelly of Adjala, Reeve Orville Hughes of West Gwillimbury, Art Turner of Bradford, and Carl Doan of Vespra.

Rev. W.G. Dickson dedicated the building and described the new offices as 'a wonderful asset to this village'.

Rev. Downer cut the ribbon with the help of Clerk Earl Brown and Dr. McKelvey.

There were over 100 visitors at the inaugural and most signed a guest book. Inside refreshments were served as visitors were able to tour the offices.

One thing that impressed many people and was noted by builder Willard Hunt of Schomberg was that the building is largely maintenance free which will save the village money for years to come.

BEETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

This was the Bell Telephone building until 1956 and in due course became the Library which formerly had been in the room at the north-east corner (ground floor) of the arena. The front part of the old garage between the Library and the Fire Hall was torn down this year and replaced by the new municipal building.

BEETON FIRE HALL

Once a blacksmith shop, and so used by Uriah Swales until the late 1920's, The Herald is informed, this Main Street building then became the Village's fire hall. The hose tower was added and the fire siren was moved from the arena to the top of the tower.

The Beetonia Hotel is receiving a face lift to match the new decor inside. On Monday afternoon the small porch-like entrance was removed from the front of the hotel. Tuesday morning sand blasting operations began to remove the old yellow paint.

Reverend Martin Inducted

The Martin family posed for a photograph after Rev. Martin's induction last Sunday. From left to right are Michael (13), Rev. Martin, Stephen (5), Diana Martin, and Philip (11).

Christ Church, Tottenham, was the scene of the induction service for Rev. Tom Martin the Anglican minister for the Parish of Beeton, Tottenham and Palgrave, last Sunday evening.

The service of induction and Holy Eucharist was conducted by the Ven. Basil Tonks, Archdeacon of Simcoe, and he was assisted by Mr. W. Cooper the Rural Dean of Tecumseth. Guest preacher for the service was Rev. Andrew Hutchison of Minden.

There was a reception following the service in the [illegible] basement. [illegible]

New Anglican Church Minister conducts first service here

The congregation of Christ Church (Anglican) of Tottenham welcomed the Rev. Tom Martin, his wife and three sons last Sunday following the first service conducted by their new minister.

Mr. Martin had charge of several churches in the Parish of Coldwater for nine years and comes to Tottenham where he looks forward to an active program and a friendly relationship with the residents.

A meeting will be held shortly to arrange for Mr. Martin's official induction to the pulpit of Christ Church.

March 1974

Rev. T. Martin is inducted

Ven. Archdeacon Basil Tonks, Rev. William Cooper, the Rural Dean of Tecumseth, and the Rev. Andrew Hutchison from Minden took part in the induction of the Rev. Thomas Martin as rector of the Anglican parishes of Beeton, Tottenham and Palgrave.

The large congregation attending the service in Christ Church, Tottenham on Sunday night included many from Beeton and Mr. Martin's former parish in Coldwater.

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Confirmation Services at St. Paul's

The Anglican congregation of Beeton, Tottenham and Palgrave held a joint confirmation service with Bishop A. Reed presiding on Sunday.

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The Confirmation Class
Sept. 29th.1974.

Sharon Phyllis Bickford
Rhonda Kleise Coburn
Patricia Jean Cole
Cheryl Maureen Gough
Kirk Ian Johnstone
Brenda Lee Jones
Philip Andrew Martin
Margaret Ann McNish
Heather Louise Mollett
Lori-Ann Mollett
Bryan Scott Mollett
Judy Lynn Patterson
Sandra Sue Patterson
Donald Neil Semple
Paula Irene Strachan
Donna Irene Taylor
Karen Lois Taylor
Ellen Woodward

The Bruce Woodward House at 87 Centre Street North before taken down in the 1970's. Formerly owned by Ernest Dale, grandfather of Mrs. Evelyn (Nunne) Woodward. The letter and envelope from Neale Valley dated May 3,1872 was found in this house when it was being torn down.

Fredrick Henry Baxter

Hockley and the surrounding community was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death on August 11, 1974, of Fredrick Henry Baxter in his 69th year, at the Dufferin Area Hospital, Orangeville, of a coronary heart attack.

Fred, as he was affectionately called, was born in Adjala Township, son of Charles Baxter and Emma Sirr (both deceased). Surviving are his wife, Madeline Drummond, two sisters, Mrs. Louis Cole (Myrtle), and Mrs. Emerson Proctor (Elizabeth). Two surviving brothers are Leonard and Chester. Deceased members of the immediate family are Melville, Raymond and Albert, also a sister Beatrice who died in childhood.

In his youth, Fred was a ardent sportsman and played lacrosse, baseball and hockey, participating in later years in curling and bowling.

He was a faithful member of Hockley United Church, serving in the capacity of elder and trustee, and taking a keen interest in the many activities of the church.

He belonged to Hockley I.O.L. No. 404 and had held various offices including that of Master. He also belonged to the Black Knights at one time.

In municipal life Fred had served on Adjala Council for thirteen years, three years as Councillor, eight years as Reeve and two years as Deputy-Reeve. At the County level he had served one-year terms on the Children's Aid Committee and the Agriculture and Forestry Committee. For four years he was on the Roads Committee, one year as its Chairman, and at the time of his death he was a member of the Social Services Committee (Homes for the Aged and Welfare).

He belonged to the Hockley Valley Improvement Association, one of his latest projects being the sign "Hockley Welcomes You."

For seventeen years Fred had kept a General Store at Hockley, and had carried on a lumbering business for twenty years, making many friends throughout the country.

Local Orangemen honoured Fred with an Orange Service on Sunday evening, August 18th. Mr Ross McKenzie was Chaplain. Funeral Services were held on Monday, August 19th, in the Barber and Giles Funeral Home, with Rev. D. G. Moriffy and Mr. Bruce Sewell officiating. The music was played by Mrs. I. Maltby. Burial followed in St. John's cemetery, Mono.

Honorary Bearers were Rev. A.W. Downie, MPP Duffferin-Simcoe, Elwood Madill, former M.P. Peel Dufferin-Simcoe, Earl Elliot (Simcoe County Warden), Francis Kelly (Reeve of Adjala), Marjorie Jamieson (Clerk of Adjala), Russell Sirr (Adjala Council), Harry Cross (Reeve of Tecumseth), Gordon Watson (Simcoe County Clerk), Ernie Miller (Reeve of Coldwater), Ed. Cathan (Reeve of Sunnidale), Frank Coughlin, and Joe Robbins.

Pall Bearers were Melville Crawford, George Manning, George Muza, Peter Kearns, Wilbert Aikens, Merrin Mason.

Bearing the many floral tributes were nephews and friends: Bobbie Baxter, Ernie Sirr, Russell Cowan, Kenneth Baxter, Leon Aikens, Norman Treadwell, Earl Cole, Don Cole, Don Fleinnunna, Earnie Cole, Don Ward, and Cecil Smith.

Fred was a firm believer in the democratic way of life, shunning anything that might lead to dictatorship. His kindly services and dedication will be greatly missed by all in the Hockley Area where he lived and served so well.

The many friends who called prior to and attended on the day of his funeral bore testimony to the love and respect in which he was held.

William L. Coburn was Life-long resident

A lifelong resident of Beeton William Louis Coburn passed away suddenly in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on July 8th at the age of 62 years. A heart condition he suffered periodically over the past few years, resulted in his sudden demise.

Born in Beeton, Jan. 6th, 1912, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Coburn, the deceased attended school here. During his early years, he assisted his father in the barber business and later was employed in the meat shop operated by Carl Camplin and Gordon Nicol on Centre St. Being mechanically inclined, he became employed with Strachan Motors where he worked for several years until going into the garage business for himself in 1941. He proved a successful businessman and operated Coburn's garage on Main St., for 33 years until he retired a couple of years ago.

In the sporting fraternity, Bill as he was most commonly known, was quite a hockey player being a member of Beeton intermediates who had quite a reputation in the district in the late thirties and early forties especially the team of 1938-39. He still retained his interest in hockey and was always willing to supplying transportation to some Beeton Minor league players. Bill was an ardent hunter and fisherman with his hobby in collecting various types of guns, some of ancient vintage, which were on display at Beeton Centennial last month.

In fraternal organizations, he was a member of Spry Lodge No. 385 A.F. & A.M. and a charter member of Rotary Club of Beeton.

In September 1941, the deceased married Thelma Watson of Beeton, and to this union there were three children.

Left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and kind and affectionate father are his sorrowing wife, daughter Lee of Toronto; two sons Kerry of Beeton and Gregory of Toronto; three grandchildren, Lisa, Gina and Andra Coburn. Also two sisters, Luella (Mrs. C. Leishman) of B.C. and Grace (Mrs. L. D. Stocks) of Leamington. A sister Bessie (Mrs. F. Stocks) predeceased.

A highly respected citizen, the deceased was widely known and had a host of friends in the community. An honest and upright in his dealings with those whom he came in contact with held him in high esteem and he will be greatly missed in the area.

The funeral was held on July 11th from Blakely Funeral Home, Alliston, with Rev. W. G. Dickson conducting the services. Interment, Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Pallbearers were Messrs. Maurice Hal, Earl Stewart, Mel Sedgwick, Edgar Ritchie, Frank Lisk and Ernest Hannah.

The flowerbearers were six nephews: Messrs. Bruce Stewart, Ernest Watson, Bruce Coleman, Dave Bowen, Bill Calder and Paul Stocks. 1974

PROMINENT CITIZEN PASSES SUDDENLY

Ronald Sealy

Beeton lost a prominent citizen and an outstanding industrialist in the sudden passing of Ronald Samuel John Sealy on Sunday, July 28th from a heart seizure at his home on Patterson St. The deceased, who had not been well for some time, had been recently convalescing after the lengthy illness and had greatly recovered so that his death came as a great shock to the community. He was 65.

Born at Bridgewater, Somerset, England in October 1908, the late Mr. Sealy came to Canada in 1913. He moved to Beeton from Montreal in 1955 and became founder and president of Borden Metal Products (Canada) Ltd., here which gained in volume to become the thriving industry it is today.

The late Mr. Sealy served with distinction during World War II, going overseas with the 1st Canadian Division and served from 1939 to 1946, returning to Canada with the rank of Major. Since that time his hobbies have been many and varied. He was a member of the Engineers Club of Toronto; Royal Canadian Military Institute; Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 421; Spry Lodge No. 385, A. F. & A. M., and past president of Rotary Club of Beeton. Also an adherent of the Anglican Church.

Left to mourn his great loss are his sorrowing wife, the former Ada Blanche Winter; two sons, Paul and David of Beeton; a sister Grace (Mrs. Harvey Mac Cormack) of Beeton, and five grandchildren, Jocelyn, Jennifer, Beth, Michelle and Craig Sealy of Beeton.

The funeral was held from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, on July 31st with Rev. Thos. Martin, assisted by Rev. Wm. Davis of Scarborough, conducting the services. Interment in Schomberg Union Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Jack Sealy, Harvey McCormack, Earl Winter, Ray Lake, Hans Brohe and Edward Boynton.

Flowerbearers were Insp. James Harris, Fred Dale, Lawrence Brandridge, Alan and Bernard Sealy. 1974

RITLEDGE. Sarah Lettia, passed away suddenly at her home in Beeton on Monday, June 17, 1974. Sarah Lettia (Haddock) Ritledge in her 67th year, wife of the late Thomas Herman Ritledge and dear mother of Harold of Cookstown, Elgin and Robert, both of Beeton, Nixon of Dorset and Mr (Mrs. C. Wood), and dear sister of Mary (Mrs. J. Holmes) of Orangeville; and also survived by 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Resting at the W.J. Thomas Funeral Home, 284 Victoria Street East, Alliston, for service in the chapel on Thursday, June 20th at 2 p.m. Interment Alliston Union Cemetery.

Harvey, Mary Jane (Mamie) at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, Sat. Nov. 16th, 1974, Mary Jane Rollins. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Harvey, dear aunt of Mary (Mrs. Pommroy) of Ottawa, Louis and Robson of Coldwater, Thelma (Mrs. Thompkins) of Barrie, Eva (Mrs. Henry) of Barrie and Marion (Mrs. Skowchuk) of Barrie. Resting at the Blakely Funeral Home, 25 Victoria St. East, Alliston. For service November 20th 1974 at 2 P.M. Interment St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery, Cookstown. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

WESTLAKE - at Stevenson Memorial Hospital Alliston on Saturday, November 24, 1973, Allan Westlake. Beloved husband of Joan Gilmore and dear father of Kenneth, Brian and Wayne; all at home. Also survived by four sisters Marion Westlake, Toronto; Eleanor (Mrs. K. McFadden), Beeton; Verna (Mrs. L. McMullen), Alliston, and Norman, deceased. Resting at the Blakely Funeral Alliston for service on Wed., Nov. 28, at 2 p.m., interment in Beeton United Cemetery.

W.I. Officer passes

Mrs. Howard Grier of Wyevale passed away recently after a lengthy illness. The funeral was held on Saturday, November 16, in Elmvale.

Mrs. Grier was Past Area Public Relations Officer for Simcoe County Women's Institute for several years, and being an ardent Institute member she will be greatly missed. 1974

Toronto man found dead in Beeton

Funeral services are being held in Toronto today for Earl Harvey, aged 55 years. He was the son of Elizabeth Harvey now a resident of Simcoe Manor, and the late Thomas Harvey.

Mrs. Thatcher, who also lives in Toronto, found her brother dead in their mother's home in Beeton on Saturday. Death had been due to a heart attack.

Maple Valley May 3 1864

Dear Father We are very sorry that you are staying so at death and so at odds and hell. We thought you did. Still long you promised me a note to you shortly after we got your letter and I thought Doctor had mailed it & I search through I had received it and whether of us died for I found it in my drawer the other day after I had wrote to Lest you did not afford us and me but for it was every mile letter and we were happy to receive it from you, Joseph Has wrote on the other side of this letter that we are all alive so that will be proof to you, as about the heifer, well I must write some thing else it rained all day to day and thundering yet to write but it melted as fast as it fell pretty rough. Sometimes last Spring the Hens 7½ bushels of potatoes and 3½ bushels of peas and wrote about 4 gallons ready to sow as soon as the weather will admit the Hogs yet to Calves we thought to.

Feed is very scarce here now Hay is 20 dollars per ton at the barn. The Calf is pretty fat it is out to grass every day now.

James Best died last wednesday he was only sick 3 days with inflammation, Lettie Jane Donaldson got his leg broke about 3 weeks ago he is getting better now at we a Horse Cricket thing around. Stop for this time write soon we want to hear from you all every time you write Come up here write and I will meet you at Hagerstown. Lettie Jane talks often about you, to spend day at present. We remain your affectionate Children B T C Bowersmith

George Ross Gould

After a lengthy illness during the past year, George Ross Gould, Centre Street, passed away in the Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Tuesday, May 7th, 1974, in his 62nd year.

Born in the Thornbury area, son of the late Stephen Gould and Alisina Connor, the deceased moved with his parents to a farm in Tecumseth Township at an early age. During his career he had been a diligent and hard worker, having been employed with the C.N.R. section crew; a sailor in the Merchant Navy on the Great Lakes and abroad during the war years; Tecumseth Township Maintenance Department; Beaver Turf, and operated a restaurant on Main Street.

In August 1958 the deceased married the former Reta Hopkins, who is left to mourn his loss, together with three sisters, Mrs. Dalton Vickers (Stella) of Clarksburg; Mrs. Ed Astley (Noreen) of Meaford and Mrs. M.C. Simpson (Dorothy) of Beeton. A brother, Bruce, predeceased him four years ago.

The largely attended funeral was held on Friday, May 10th, from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home Chapel, Tottenham, with Rev. Thos. Martin conducting the service. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Paul Melynchuk, James Hill, Ted Hay, Bill Brown, Chas. McCormack and Alex Kelly. Flower bearers: Sonny Gould, Murray Loudey, Bob Hill, Frank Lisk, Bob Gott and Bill Littlejohn.

Friends and relatives attended the funeral from Guelph, Toronto, Bolton and British Columbia.

Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Mrs. R. Reid Obituary

On Thursday, April 18th, Mrs. Robert Reid of Beeton passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Beatrice Lillian Boag married Robert Reid in 1941 and they moved to Beeton from Schomberg. Robert operated a hardware store for 14 years, until he retired last year.

Mrs. Reid is loved and remembered by her many friends for the fine woman she was and her passing is a loss to the area.

She leaves her husband, Robert and four children, Russel, Mrs. Patricia Bilokury, Laurie, and Janis.

The Reids were Jehovah Witnesses and the funeral was held Sunday at the Kingdom Hall in Alliston. Mr. Vern Schmidt officiated.

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LEMIRE - Laurier Joseph (Lorrie). Suddenly at his home in Beeton on Friday, March 1, 1974, Lorrie Lemire, beloved husband of Gladys Walker; dear father of Karen (Mrs. Ron Horan) and Randy, both of Beeton, and Greg of Toronto. Loving grandfather of six grandchildren. Dear brother of Wilfred, of Melville, Saskatchewan; Roland of Three Rivers, Quebec; Armand of Vancouver; Gerard of Quesnel, British Columbia and George of Vancouver. Rested at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday morning in St. James' Roman Catholic Church, Colgan. Interment St. James' Cemetery. 27 47 a

WHITE, Jessie McDowell—On Tuesday, July 16, 1974, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, Jessie Robertson, beloved wife of Leonard White; dear mother of Coral (Mrs. Wm. Dryden), and Nicholas, both of Beeton; loving grandmother of Jeffery; dear sister of Peter, of Scarborough, Mrs. A. Gorman (Jean); Mrs. K. Gaudaur (Nancy), both of Bobcaygeon; and James Robertson, of California. Resting at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service, at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton. Interment, Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. 27 16 a

GULLEY, RICHARD - On Saturday, August 25, 1973, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, Richard Gulley, beloved husband of Arvilla Woods; dear father of Mrs. Fred Gibson (Jean), of Alliston and Louis Gulley, of Etobicoke. Loving grandpa of Don, Brian, Louise, Dianne, and Steven. Great-grandfather of Dylan. Brother of of Mrs. W. A. Duke (Mary), of Mississauga, and Milford, of Sundridge. Rested at the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham for funeral service Tuesday afternoon. Interment Mount Tabart Cemetery.

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Hayner- Mrs James Hayner , of London formerly Violet Smith, a resident of Beeton for many years, passed away suddenly in her home at 265 Simcoe St. London, Ont. in her 87th. year.

Mrs. Hayner was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Beeton and is survived by a daughter Caroline Waterfall, and a son James Hayner .

Memorial service was held Friday Aug.9th,1974, at 8pm.at the Funeral Home in London. The funeral was held in Beeton on Saturday afternoon with Rev. Jas. Martin conducting the graveside service in Trinity United Cemetery beside her late husband.

Lunch was served the mourners and friends in St. Paul's Anglican Church after the committal service by the ladies of the Church. The deceased was predeceased by her husband eight years ago. He being a railroader, they left Beeton in 1924 and took up residence in Allandale.

The Bearers were,- the six grandsons. James Waterfall, onGerrander, Timothy, Thomas, Daniel and James Hayner.

A special thank you is extended to the ladies of St. Paul's Anglican Church for the lovely , generous lunch they served.

GRAY, Ann E. P. (Ida) widow of Wesley Gray, born at P. E. A.N. Angus, Ont., daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Cassell, Wine Ba... R.R. 1 Stouffville, Ont., on Thursday, February 28, 1974. Also survived by her grandchildren of 200 Humberg Crescent, to mourn her loss are Ross and Alice Gray, Fred and Marion Gale, Jake Davis and R. C. Drury. Resting at the Dodds Funeral Home, 41a Mississauga Ave., E. Brampton for funeral service to the chapel on Saturday at 2 p.m. Interment Mount Tabart Cemetery. Tributes to the service in lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart Fund would be appreciated.

ALLAN, Margaret Ann (Greenley), of Vista Centre Hospital, Newmarket, on Monday, May 20, 1974, Margaret Ann Allan, of Brampton, in her 60th year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Allan, and dear mother of George and Jean (Mrs. Orville Hagerty). Her grandchildren are Linda Allan, Barbara Jean Hagerty, and Terrance Allan. Great-grandchildren are Christine Hagerty. Dear sister of Mrs. Francis Harrison, Brampton, and Mrs. Kate Brown, Kingston. Friends may call at the Lathangue and Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe St. Bradford, where the funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at 2 p.m. Interment Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton. O.E.S. Service Thursday at 8 p.m.

RILEY, [illegible] Suddenly on Saturday, May 18, 1974, in the 74th year, Mr. Alexander Riley, dear father of Robert, of Toronto, and Mrs. Stewart (Ida) Gillespie, of Alliston and the late Mrs. Riley, of Beeton. Dear brother of Mrs. Gertrude Gillespie, of Toronto, Mrs. Stewart (Ida) Gillespie, of Alliston and the late Mrs. Riley, of Beeton. Resting at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service on Tuesday, May 21, at 2 p.m. Interment Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Hanson, Harold P. - at Women's College Hospital in Toronto on Thursday, March 28, 1974. Harold Hanson of Beeton, formerly of Kapuscasing. Beloved husband of Anna Johnson and dear father of Warren H. of Mississauga, Barbara (Mrs. W.) Simpson of Kapuscasing and Gerome of Lawrence, Kansas. Also survived by seven grandchildren and 8 brothers and sisters. Friends called at the Lathangue and Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe St. Bradford. Service was held at Trinity United Church, Beeton, Sunday at 3:00p.m. Spring Interment Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton. In lieu of flowers please made donations to Canadian Cancer Society.

AUCTION SALE
for
The Estate of the late
Beatrice Christian
Corner of Main and Lorne Sts.
in the Village of Beeton
on
Saturday, November 17/73
AT 1 P.M.

Ada Watson, Ena McMinn,
Freda Lisk,
Delma McFarlane, Thelma
Coburn,
M aida Ritchie, Marjorie
Drury,
Lillian Hawton, Muriel
Reynolds.
W.I.Entertainment at
Simcoe Manor 1974.

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Beeton Public School Jr. Room.
Early 1950's.

Back Row--Roselie Law, Mae Sherman, Margaret Thomason, Helen Camplin, Doris Bell, Betty McDonald, Violet Nevills, Corell Nevills, Clarence Bulman, Paul Barton, Don. Forester.

3rd.Row--David Bulman, Ronald Sherman, Jack Hurst, Keith Akitt, Edward Gummerson, Harold Findlay, Willie Findlay, Billie Thomas, John Fachine, Wellace Brawley, Earl Sherman.

2nd. Row--Eileen Sunnerton, Ruth Hurst, Pearl Sherman, Alice Turtle, Martha Dale, Emerson Dale, Reg. McCurdy, Herb. Law, Roger Reynolds, George Dobbs, Barney Barrett, John Sunnerton.

Botton Row--Louise Carter, Doris Haddock, Eleanor Reynolds, Barbara Kearns, Peggy Coburn, Marjorie Spencer, Bernice Fegg, Melba Sherman, Aileen Camplin, Betty Camplin, Joan Forester.

Ila Stewart, Muriel Reynolds, Thelma, Coburn, May Reynolds, Maida Ritchie, Delma McFarlane
Institute Skit at Freda Link's
Christmas Party 1976

Beeton Women's Institute Bus Trip
Mennonite Country 1975

Beeton Women's Institute Fall Fair
Display 1976

Beeton Women's Institute Members at Queen's Hotel, Bradford, for Dinner and Social Evening. Nov. I6th. I976.

Seated--Delma McFarlane, Lillian Hawton, Thelma Coburn, Maida Ritchie, Blossom Cross, Freda Lisk, Ila Stewart.

Middle Row--Marion Watson, Mary Camplin, Evelyn Aiken.

Standing- Beulah Breedon, Marjorie Drury, Marie McCarthy, Velma McClain, Laura Agar, Della Voisin, Isabel Magerman, May Reynolds, Mrs.(Rev.) Mabel Dickson, Muriel Reynolds , Edna Bell.

Some of Beeton Women's Institute Members
at Kate Aitken Memorial Day in Beeton Park
June 3,1973.

Front Row- Mrs. Gordon Drury, Mrs. Jim.Aiken (Sr.), Mrs.Karl Stewart (W.I.Pres.), Mrs. Laura Wiggins, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds,(W.I.Treas.) and Mrs. Fred Pierson.

Back Row- Mrs. Stewart McMinn, Mrs Gordon Newton, Mrs. Herb Lisk, Mrs. Della Voisin,(W.I.Secretary), Mrs. Fred. Parsons (Died July 29,1973), Mrs. Jack Cosulin, Mrs. Emerson Readen, Mrs. Alex. Culgin, and Mrs. Ross Watson.

The Drury Home

216 Neale Ave. Dell,Breton, Ont.
White brick house trimmed with wrought , built by Lawrence Newton and a carpenter Walter Fox of Tottenham in 1963.
Lawrence Newton sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Derrek Norman Williams of Caledon district in October 1963.
Mr. and Mrs. Williams both died early in 1964 and the house was vacant for a year.
Feb.20, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Drury bought the house through Earl Brownell Real Estate and moved into the house in May following their farm sale from the 8th. line of Tecumseth Township.

The Drury family , June. 1974.

Doris (Drury) Sim husband Roger Barnhart behind her, on the left.
Keith Drury (red shirt) with wife Winifred in yellow in the front.
Clarence Drury at the back and wife Diane . Gordon at right and wife Marjorie in blue

History of the Drury- Coley Family 1975

William David Drury, born July 17th. 1882, at Biddenden, Kent, England, was the youngest of five children born to Alfred Drury and his wife Matilda Phillpott, namely Eliza, Tom, Alfred, Edward and William. Their mother died when William was around two years old.

Flora Kate Coley, born January 20th,1880, near Langley, Kent, England, was the youngest of seven children born to George Coley and his wife Eliza Mary Finnimo, namely Emily, Gertrude, Alice(Mrs. Albert Hollingsbee), Rose (Mrs. Charlie Latham), Fred. Bill, and Flora (Mrs. William Drury).

On March 2nd.1907, William Drury married Flora Coley, in England, and soon after their marriage they came to Canada and lived at Emery, near Woodbridge, for a few years, later moving to the Tottenham district where he farmed successfully for a number of years. Around 1958 he retired from farming and moved into Tottenham and his son Leonard took over the farm south of the village.

In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Drury enjoyed a three months visit with relatives and friends in England.

They had seven children, namely,- Gordon, Cyril, Emma, Vernon, Ivy, Leonard and Albert.

In 1938, Gordon Drury married Marjorie Findlay. After farming for several years on the 6th, line of Tecumseth Township moved to Beeton in 1965 They had three children,- Clarence, Keith and Doris.
Clarence Drury married Diane Jenkins of Everett and lives in Everett.
Keith Drury married Elaine Holmes of Alliston and lives on the 9th. line of Tecumseth Township .
Doris Drury married Lloyd Buchanan of Laurel, near Cranneville, and live on their mink farm .

In 1947 Cyril Drury married Bessie Johnston. After farming on the 8th. line of West Gwillimbury Township they moved to Bond Head in 1968. His wife Bessie died on Jan. 19th. 1975, and buried in Beeton.

In 1941 Emma Drury married Robert Young,a marine engineer on the Great Lakes. They moved to Beeton from Weston in 1972. They has one son, Douglas .married to Judy Hazett. Her husband Bob. died July 9th.1974, and buried in Glendale Memorial Gardens near Woodbridge.

In 1938 Vernon Drury married Viola Archibald. Vernon serves in the Army during the 1939-1945 War in England and France. Later carries the mail in the Woodbridge District for several years. They had three girls.
Doreen Drury married Gordon McMillan and lives near Tottenham on 4th.line.
Diane Drury married Earl Slaughton and lives near Toronto.
Lynda Drury married Lawrence Burton and she lives in Schomberg.
His wife Viola died on March 4th. 1973, and buried in Glendale Memorial Gardens near Woodbridge.
In 1974 Vernon Drury married Mrs. Ruby Dodds and they continue to live in Woodbridge.

In 1937 Ivy Drury married Hugh McCarroll and after living in the Schomberg District for many years moved to Singhampton in 1973.

In 1938 Leonard Drury married Violet Hanley Archibald and continue to farm south of Tottenham.

In1950 Albert Drury married Florence Sullivan and took over the Harold Strangways butcher shop in Tottenham. They had one son Jack Drury. His wife Florence died February 18,1966, and is buried in Colgan.
In 1973 Albert Drury married Mrs. Betty Alexander and they continue to run the butcher shop.

Mr. William Drury died May 15th.1956 in his 94th. year.
Mrs. Drury died March 7th.1957 in her 78th. year. They are buried in Mount Tegart Cemetery, Tottenham.

Mrs. Drury's sister, Miss Gertrude Coley, who came to Canada in the early 1920's died January 26th.1963 in her 85th. year and is buried in the family plot in Mount Tegart Cemetery, Tottenham.

The Findlay Family Tree. 1975

John Findlay, born July 9,1848, was one of seven children born to John Findlay and his wife Jean McQuaker, namely Jean, John, Thomas, Allan, William, Anne all born at Galashiels, in Scotland and Elizabeth born in Canada.

Elizabeth McCulloch, born near St. Mary's, Ontario, July 11,1861, one of several children born to James McCulloch and his wife Margaret McGill, namely James, Mary, Elizabeth, David, Robert, Jessie, Margaret, Andrew, John and Allen.

On February 12,1879, John Findlay of Walter's Falls married Elizabeth McCulloch of Clarence, in Keppel Township. John Findlay was a cabinet maker.

John Findlay died Feb.19,1908. Buried in St. Pauls' Presbyterian Church Cemetery, in Sydenham Township.

Elizabeth (McCulloch) Findlay died June 10,1945. Buried in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton, under the name of hersecond husband James Mullen.

They had 4 children, namely,- Margaret, Alexander, McGill and Jessie Findlay.

1. Margaret Emily Findlay, born July 3,1881. Died Nov.26,1903. (Diptheria)

2. Alexander Carrie Findlay, born March 13,1883.On Feb.15,1911; Alex. Findlay married Annie Mae Shouldice who died Feb. 7,1953. Alex. died May 27,1963. Both Buried in Belsyde Cemetery, Fergus.
They had six sons, namely,- William, Victor, Jack, Stewart, Arden, and Russell. During the war of 1939-1945 five of the boys were in uniform.

3. James McGill Findlay born August 3,1889, in Walter's Falls. On Sept. 22,1915, McGill Findlay married Eliza Gowan Frizzell of Bowmar who was born October 24,1891.
After their marriage Mr. Findlay barbered for a short time in Georgetown, then bought a grocery store in Creemore. In 1932 moved to their farm North ½ of Lot 10, concession 6, 7th. Line Tecumseth Township which they bought from Andrew Irvin. They continued to farm until 1952 when they retired to Beeton. Their son Harold took over the farm. Mr. Findlay died May 20,1970. Buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery,Beeton

They had 4 children, namely,- Marjorie, Mabel, Harold and William.

In 1938 Marjorie Findlay married Gordon Drury and farmed for several years on the 6th. Line , Tecumseth Township, at south ½ Lot 10, con.6. retiring to Beeton in 1965. They had 3 children.
Clarence Drury married Diane Jenkins of Everett and lives in Everett.
Keith Drury married Elaine Holmes of Alliston, and live on their farm on the 7th. Line of Tecumseth Township ,south of Beeton.
Doris Drury married Lloyd Buchananof Laurel, near Orangeville, and live on their sink farm.

In 1939 Mabel Findlay married Wesley Hawbothan and after farming inthe Tottenham district moved to Creemore in 1973. They had 1 daughter Joyce married to Glen Millsap and they have 4 children.

In 1944 Harold Findlay married Muriel Martin , daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Martin of Tecumseth Township and live on the home farm north ½ lot 10, con. 6, south of Beeton on the 7th Line.
They had 5 sons, namely,-
Billie Findlay married Joyce Derrick.
Douglas Findlay married Jill Mainhout.
Raymond , Eric, Donald and Roger Findlay all at home.

In 1949 William (Bill) Findlay married Rita Ryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ryan of Adjala Township . He is a mechanic and lives in Tottenham. No family.

Recalls Thompsonville Once Thriving Village

By BRIAN BAKER

ALLETON — At present a community as tiny as may be found in Sussex County is the sleepy little hamlet of Thompsonville just southwest of Alleton on the 18th line of Tyrconnell at the place where the road makes a double S bend as it crosses the Sydenham River, where houses and mill race now empty through and above the trees in the long earlier.

In the later 1800s Thompsonville was a bustling village boasting many industries and enjoyed land situation. Today all that remains are a few houses, the village hall and a very interesting

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Outstanding in the architecture line of the old houses now owned by Earl Campbell on the East side of the community. It was built 125 years ago by Robert English.

24 WINDOWS

It has a total of large windows, an impressive front door with colored circular glass side and top panels around it, a beautiful brick and cast iron fireplace and twelve back kitchen. Even yet the shiplap siding over the frame house, which looks as if it was designed for a hotel that definitely was not, is still in good condition and air tight.

"At present I am remodelling the house," said Mr. Campbell. "The house is built on stilts as a barn with unplastered ceiling by laths and solid hardwood floors. The power is packed with cow, but having I have noticed that the house is rather cold and I am now putting in a furnace. I have lived in the old house a good deal in the old house a good deal but another because there was lots of wood in back and no water there was no TV to sit on and watch."

Mr. Campbell found a hand dug well in the barn and lined with large stones from top to bottom to keep it cool that is water coming from the sides of the well would not help the evening cows drink spring.

Close beside the well is the old Union Church. For the 75 years that Trinity is gone, the only non-residence building left in Thompsonville is the [illegible] time it was a frame building. Later its walls were bricked.

Mrs. E. Asbury has the deed to her property dating back to 1850 which shows that the land on the north west side of the river was laid out as a subdivision with streets named Mill St., Prospect St., Train St., etc.

TRAIN STREET

Train Street referred to one of the pioneers, William Train, who in that time was a prominent farmer and miller and owner of 1,500 acres of land in the area.

The wind blow down by the River who once led by a Ottawa man who did all sorts of interesting things, remarked Mrs. Asbury. Its one project he made the wheels turbine mill saw and lump it to make a large vessel with which then painted the flagpole and it lasted as long as the mill stood. At one time an old pensioner who had along had an being familiar known as "the universal" towards he would [illegible] and give the heads of [illegible] who could not explain [illegible] pensioner near the [illegible].

As for the old growth, unless you know where to look for them, one would not recognize them now. For instance, Mill Street, which once went back my place down to the old grist mill, has a big tree growing up to the middle of it.

A few little shrubs overgrown with vines and what was like house lots and fences are all that can be seen.

Another lovely house, also facing back some 100 years, is owned by James Wagg. It is frame, with wood and shingle siding and an interesting and low corner stand with windows and facing south over a pleasant wood yard.

PIONEER FARMS

Mrs. Frank Bussey, 90, granddaughter of Robert English, a Thompsonville pioneer, recalls that several business establishments contributed to the prosperity of Thompsonville when she was a girl.

Mr. Jim Stevenson operated a blacksmith's shop on the east side of the village and another blacksmith shop was operated on the west side. A Mr. Cooper on Train Street was the local gator and made all types of nothing from tires early to ladies dressmaker for. Widower Joe Cooper made barrels, water buckets, buffer stones and other necessities. The Bussey operated a woolen mill, a saw mill and a flour mill, operated by James Thompson after whom Thompsonville was named. Every town required, as the laundry where was buffer, facilities for local meetings, services and blacksmiths, ornamental fencings and other concerns, was said, according to a Mr. Hamilton John Schoolmaster, was said a good editor and general show at what is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art [illegible].

"When I was a girl Thompsonville was a real nice place with something going on all the time," remarked Mrs. Bussey. "The bicycles came in about 30 years ago and we had to be more careful on a line. We always had to go far to find wild strawberry and raspberry patches where we could easily pick in quarts of berries in an afternoon. The girls came from Thompsonville were usually called harassing buggies."

"The village did not have a theme. Dr. Armstrong would come out from Alleton in his buggy or rather driven by a team of horses. And he would come out any time, summer or winter, day or night.

"Many a wonderful party did we have in my grandfather's Robert English, house where Earl Campbell lives now. It was lovely in those. Young people today would not believe you if you told them what a fine place Thompsonville really was at the turn of the century."

Earl Campbell stands [illegible] a pioneer of Thompsonville. Mr. Campbell is present's [illegible] building the house into a [illegible] building to retain the original architecture of the otherwise Robert English.

BEETON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, OCT. 30, 1913

BEEHIVE FLOUR MILLS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Saturday Morning Blaze the Most Disastrous in Beeton Since the Big Fire in 1891.

The Beehive flour mill, owned by Messrs. Aitken & Son, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Saturday morning. The fire was discovered a few minutes after one o'clock and an alarm rung. The fire brigade promptly responded, and, though only a few minutes elapsed till they arrived on the scene and had a stream of water pouring into the building, the fire had made such headway at this time that flames were bursting out of every window on the north side from the basement up, and the heat was so intense that it was impossible to get near the building on that side. A Y was then connected with the hose and a second stream was played on the flames through the windows on the south side. But even then no check could be given to the devouring element. Finding their efforts to subdue the fire in the main building were futile, the firemen directed the streams to the western section of the building, where the fire had already reached the office and was threatening the engine and boiler rooms. By confining their attack to the flames at that end they not only extinguished the fire in the office, but were able to keep the flames from the central portion doing further serious damage in that direction. The fire had forced its way into the section on the east side and it was now ablaze from top to bottom. A few minutes afterwards the posts which had supported the floors of the several corners gave way and the heavy timber, joist and machine went down, followed by a large portion of the walls on the north and east sides.

The only building in the vicinity of the fire that was in danger was the residence of Mr. S. Kaiser. Burning cinders were falling on the roof, but a bucket brigade kept it wet, thus preventing the possibility of the cinders igniting the shingles.

How the fire originated is not known, but the opinion generally held is that it was of incendiary origin. It started in the north-east corner of the basement. An explosion occurred at seven minutes past one and immediately after flames were seen issuing from the building. Mr. Aitken, senr., states that there was nothing in the building to explode. After the mill closed down for the night at six o'clock Friday, he made his usual visit to all parts of the mill, examined the boxings and found them cool and satisfied himself that all was right before leaving. Mr. M. L. Aitken left the office at 10.30 p.m., and if there had been fire smouldering at that time he would have detected it. A story told by a lady residing in a house near by also tends to confirm the theory that it was set on fire. Less than half an hour before the explosion she heard a horse and rig, driven by someone from the Methodist churchyard, pass over the bridge in the railyard. It stepped several times after going a short distance and finally went on to Centre street, but she did not know in what direction it then went.

Not since the great fire of 1891, when nearly the whole business section of the town was reduced to ashes, has Beeton suffered so heavily by fire as in the conflagration of Saturday morning. The loss to Messrs. Aitken & Son is large; the loss to the town is also great. The insurance on the building, machinery and stock amounts to $12,000, $8,000 of which is on building and machinery, and the balance, $4,000, on the stock. The stock is covered, or nearly so, but loss on building and machinery is much larger than the insurance. Whether the firm will rebuild or not is uncertain. If they should decide to do so, it will not be before spring and will probably not be on the old site but close to the railway, for convenience in shipping.

The Beehive mill not only had a large custom trade in chopping, but also manufactured a much larger quantity of flour than was required for local use, and a great deal of their output was shipped to various points in the province. It was equipped with the best and most modern machinery. Only a few months ago a large sum of money was expended on the mill, latest of a number of new machines, and the chemicals process was introduced. The best grades of flour were produced here, for which there was an increasing demand and a consequent growth in their business.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the fire brigade for the promptness with which they answered the call to the fire and the persistence with which they fought it. They continued to drench the burning debris until after daylight. Smouldering embers beneath started a blaze during the day, and again they came and gave the place a thorough drenching. The same thing occurred Sunday and Monday, and they returned both days and repeated the process. Mrs. Webb sent over hot coffee to the fire-fighters. It was refreshing to the men, and they appreciated the thoughtful and kindly act.

The above cut represents the Beehive mill at the time it was built by Mr. H. B. Hunt sixteen years ago. Since then the iron smokestack was replaced by a robust brick chimney and additions were built at each end of the building. The addition on the east side contained a large room, where chopping was done, and a storeroom for grain.

Owen Sound council signed on Monday a 'power' contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission for 1,200 or 1,500 h.p., to be developed at Hogsnia Falls at a cost of $[illegible].

The Presbyterian congregation at Erskine Church, Dundalk, and Knox Church, Ventry, have extended a unanimous call to Rev. Geo. J. Crow of Thornton, at a stipend of $1,200, with four weeks' holidays.

Aitken—Scott.

Fairdale Presbyterian Church was thronged for the marriage of Aggie Alice Mae Scott, Bowmanville avenue, to Henry Bradell Aitken of Virginia, Minn., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Aitken of Beeton. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Logan Geggie, D.D. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. H. Bruce Scott, her maid of honor being her sister, Miss Margaret Scott, and she was attended by Miss Eleanor Aitken, sister of the groom, and the groomsman was Mr. Louis H. Aitken, Boston. Four nephews of the bride were ushers. The bride wore ivory duchess satin, with a court train and draped bodice of Chantilly lace, veil and bridal veil hung with orange blossoms. The bridesmaids' gowns were in pastel shades of yellow, with picture hats of black velvet and tulle, with sprays. Mr. Hall of Edinburgh played the wedding march. Miss Henderson sang D'Hardelot's "God Made Thee Mine." A reception was held at the home of Mr. Jesse Scott, who wore black duchess satin with beaded velvet vest with tulle and antique plaques. Mrs. James Aitken, mother of the groom, received with Mrs. Scott, and was gowned in black duchess satin. The bride and groom left the same night for Virginia, where they will make their home. The bride's going-away gown was of navy blue velours with black velvet hat. Mrs. Aitken has been an active worker among the young people of Fairdale Presbyterian Church.

The marriage of Miss Martha Alice Duff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Duff, of Riverside, to Mr. Malcolm Louis Aitken, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Aitken, of Beeton, took place at the residence of the bride's parents, on Thursday last. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. W. J. West, M.A., of Knox Church. The Bridal March from "Lohengrin" was played by Miss Edna Aitken, sister of the groom, and Miss Eva Duff sang "Constancy." The bridal party stood before a background of roses and golden rod. The bride was dressed in white duchess satin with trimmings of rose point lace, crystal fringe and clusters of satin rosebuds. Her veil was of tulle, with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses, and wore the groom's gift, a pearl and amethyst pendant. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Henry M. Aitken, of Calgary, while the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ruby Duff, of Utica, N.Y., who was dressed in Maize satin trimmed with Irish lace and touches of black. She wore a black picture hat, faced with yellow and trimmed with black tulle and yellow roses, and carried white sweet peas. The flower girl, Miss Isabel Kearns, niece of the groom, was dressed in pale blue silk muff, and carried a basket of pink sweet peas. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served in the diningroom, which was decorated with pink and white sweet peas. The bride and groom left in the afternoon for the Thousand Islands, the bride wearing a tailored suit of czech fawn broadcloth, and hat of white tagel trimmed with black velvet and white wings. Mr. and Mrs. James Aitken and Miss Ella Aitken of Beeton, the Misses Elizabeth and Annie Aitken of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Duke Duff of Welland, were the guests from a distance. Mr. and Mrs. Aitken will reside in Beeton.

Windsor youth drowned

Douglas Joseph Logan, only son of Rev. Allan Logan and Mrs. Logan of Windsor, Ontario.

He and a friend Michael McKey of Dorset, Ontario were out duck hunting in a small canoe on October 13th near Calgary and were attempting to cross Lake Namaka when a sudden dust storm with hurricane winds came up, winds of more than 100 miles per hour. One of the worst in that area according to those who witnessed this tragedy and the boys had no chance whatever to make shore and they drowned.

Douglas's father flew to Calgary and an extensive search has been conducted for their bodies but to no avail as yet. But, every hope to hold that their bodies will be recovered.

These young men in their early twenties had been home for Thanksgiving and returned to their positions in Calgary. Besides Douglas's parents, he is survived by a sister Jennifer at home.

Doug was born in Drumheller Alberta, December 23rd, 1954 and a few years later moved east with his parents as his father had been a minister in Jarvis, Toronto, Aylmer and now in Windsor.

A memorial service for Doug was held in Emmanuel United Church in Windsor on Friday evening October 22nd, 1976. The church was filled to capacity with relatives, friends and neighbours from Hamilton, Toronto, London, Aylmer, Barrie, Huntsville, and Dorset who gathered to pay their respects to one who is gone but not forgotten.

All entertained a very high opinion of Doug and say that his passing is an irreparable loss and will be greatly deplored by all who knew him. He was well and favorably known and made many friends wherever he was. He spent many weeks and week-ends in his childhood years at the home of his grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J.W. McDermott of Beeton and had called on relatives in Beeton on Thanksgiving weekend.

Doug was fond of music and played in bands and orchestras. He was a keen sportsman and especially enjoyed competitive sports. He was an excellent hockey player and skater and played on several hockey teams. He attended McGregor Public School, East Aylmer Secondary School in Aylmer and graduated from Wakerville Collegiate in Windsor and had planned to attend the University of Calgary after Christmas to complete his degree in physical education.

Michael McKey was the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon McKey of Dorset and was one of Doug's best friends. Both boys were excellent canoeists and had competed in many canoe regattas on Lake of Bays during their teenage years. Michael was attending the School of Fine Arts. A memorial service for Michael was held in Dorset Anglican Church and was largely attended.

Douglas Logan drowned

Beeton relatives were saddened to hear of the death of Douglas Joseph Logan by drowning on October 13, while duck hunting near Calgary.

The only son of the Rev. Allan Logan and Mrs. Logan, of Windsor, he had visited often in Beeton with his grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J.W. McDermott, and only the week before had called on relatives in Beeton.

Douglas and a friend, Michael McKey, of Dorset, were attempting to cross Lake Namaka when a sudden dust storm with hurricane winds came up. Witnesses of the tragedy said the boys had no chance to make shore and they were drowned.

Mr. Logan flew to Calgary and an extensive but unsuccessful search was made for the boys' bodies. It is still hoped that the bodies will be recovered.

Both young men had been at their homes for Thanksgiving and had returned to their work in Calgary. Doug was born in Drumheller, Alberta in 1954 and besides his parents, is survived by his sister Jennifer.

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Fond of music, Doug had played in bands and orchestras; he was a keen sportsman and an excellent hockey player as well. He had planned to attend the University of Calgary after Christmas to complete his degree course in physical education.

Michael McKey was one of Doug's best friends. Both boys were excellent canoeists and had competed in many regattas on Lake of Bays during their teenage years.

Recover body from lake in Alberta

The bodies of Douglas Logan, of Windsor and Michael McKey, of Dorset were recovered from Lake Namaka near Calgary, on April 9 and 10.

Douglas, 21, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Allan Logan, and Michael drowned last October 13 while hunting, when their canoe was swamped in a sudden windstorm.

Relatives and friends from Beeton attended Douglas's funeral service at the North Glanford Cemetery, Hamilton on April 24. He was attending the University of Calgary at the time of his death.

Twenty Fruit Cakes a Day Quota for Cook at CNE

Tossing off 20 five-pound fruit cakes a day and preparing batter for half a million cookies is no more trouble now for Mrs. F. C. Pierson than taking a class in Latin, though when she first took over her CNE baking job she considered even one fruit cake was a fair day's effort.

During the school term Mrs. Pierson teaches languages, next term at the South River Continuation School near North Bay. Last year she taught at Port McNicoll.

But school holidays are much too long to suit her. A widow, who was for 30 years the wife of the Beeton postmaster, she believes that keeping occupied, when one is alone, is the secret to keeping healthy, and so for the second summer she is at the Ex.

Mrs. Pierson's life has always been full. After leaving teaching in Tottenham to be married, she was supply teacher in Beeton and tutored half the youngsters in the community. Then two years ago, after her husband's death, she was back at full-time teaching.

The 200 fruit cakes Mrs. Pierson is on her way to completing, with 140 already safely in and out of the oven, are for the luncheons and afternoon teas held daily by Mrs. Kate Aitken, CNE women's director, for visitors to the Big Fair. Twenty cakes a day she has set for her quota.

The cookie batter she is preparing gradually, doing a big batch every morning. It will be put into the deep freeze and baked as needed. Another of Mrs. Pierson's jobs, which she takes easily in her stride, is making 100 gallons of salad dressing.

She also prepares daily luncheons for 35 members of the women's division staff who, under Mrs. Kate Aitken, have been busy for weeks doing the paper work that must precede the splash and excitement of opening day.

Professional chefs move into the women's building kitchen as soon as the Ex. opens and Mrs. Pierson moves into the pantry. Not that she minds in the least for there she becomes storekeeper, making certain that supplies of staples are ample for the hundreds of patrons who fill the Balcony Restaurant.

"Do you want to go on the books or work in the kitchen?" Mrs. Aitken asked Mrs. Pierson when she first went to the CNE.

"Give me the kitchen," was the quick answer.

This complete change from the school room, the excitement of it all, and being able to use most modern of kitchen equipment, like the giant electric mixer, and the dish-washing machine, she finds a welcome and restful change.

Mrs. F. C. Pierson

Tecumseth farmer dies

BEETON - The area was saddened to learn on Monday that Wilfred Watson had passed away in Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston on Sunday, September 19th.

He lived on Lot 8, Concession 9 where he had moved in 1953 to farm. Mr. Watson has been retired for the last eight years.

Born in Sunnidale Township on February 15, 1901, he moved as a youngster to Creemore. He farmed there and in Caledon where he met the former Mary Wilson whom he married in 1937.

The Watsons moved to Snelgrove where they raised three children Wilma (Mrs. Bruce Dermott) of Cookstown, John of Shelburne, and Rilla (Mrs. Warren Service) of Beeton. They farmed there for 16 years, and he served as a steward of Mayfield United Church plus he was a member of the Chingacousy School Board SS11.

After moving to Beeton, he was an elder in Trinity United Church for 10 years and was vice-president of the Senior Citizens Friendship Circle at the time of his death.

Besides his wife and children he is survived by his brother Clarence of Bond Head and sister Pearl (Mrs. Frank Gardhouse) of Etobicoke.

The funeral service will be held at three o'clock today from Trinity United Church in Beeton with interment at Trinity United Cemetery. Rev. W.G. Dickson is to officiate.

Memorial service held for Tecumseth native

After a short illness Mary Wilmina Reynolds of Niagara Falls, N.Y. died on September 30th, 1976 in Memorial Medical Centre there.

She was born in Tecumseth Township in 1891 on Concession 13, a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Lilly) Reynolds. She was predeceased by 10 brothers and sisters: Dorothy, John, Robert, Milton, Linetta, Margaret, Edgar, Charles, Myrtle and Russell.

She went to Niagara Falls in 1910 where she graduated as a registered nurse and then followed three years with the Canadian Army in Toronto during World War 1. After this she returned to Niagara Falls where she was plant nurse for the former International Paper Co. for 36 years.

Miss Reynolds was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Niagara Falls, N.Y. where a memorial service was held. Her funeral was held from the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston.

Pallbearers were: Robert Boose, Wayne Lonsway, David Reynolds, Tommy Dunne, Norma McKay, and Ross Reynolds.

Interment was in Alliston Union Cemetery.

Former resident passes

BEETON - Mrs. Emerson Dale passed away suddenly at her daughter's home in Mississauga on Thursday, September 16th.

Marion Dale was a longtime resident of Beeton only moving away after her husband Emerson died in February of 1975 to live with her daughter, Mrs. Orville Blower (June).

The Dale house was bought by Fred Parsons and has undergone extensive renovations while being turned into apartments.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Dale is survived by her sons Emerson (Yank) of Georgetown, and Dr. Jack Dale of Willowdale, plus seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She also has three brothers and three sisters in the United States: Alex, Jack, and Alfred Gallaugher, Mrs. C. Benton (Jane), Mrs. J. Henery (May), and Mrs. J. MacNeilly (Betty).

Mrs. Dale was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada in 1931.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 18th from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham with Rev. Tom Martin officiating. After cremation her ashes were to be buried beside those of her husband in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

L. Abernethy dies at 72

Leonard Abernethy, reeve of Tecumseth Township in 1961 and 1962, died last Thursday and was buried in Tottenham's Mt. Tegart Cemetery on Sunday.

Mr. Abernethy, who was 72, lived in Tecumseth Township all his life and farmed on Lot 4, Concession 6 until his retirement to Tottenham 16 years ago.

Before being elected reeve he served a term as deputy-reeve and as councillor for several years.

He is survived by his wife the former Ruth Orr, two daughters, Eunice at home and Orion (Mrs. Boinos) of Durham and a son, Wilson, in Toronto.

McFADDEN - At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston on Thursday, May 6, 1976, Richard Merwood McFadden, in his 67th year. Beloved husband of Marion Runnalls and dear father of Dorothy (Mrs. C. Galpin), Richard, Danny, Gail, Paul and Greg. Loved son of Ina (Mrs. Charles Bryan) and the late Freeman McFadden; dear brother of Elwood, Vera (Mrs. Bert Lewis), Edison, Edith (Mrs. Murray Londry), Dorothy (Mrs. Elmer Ney) and Murial (pre-deceased). Also survived by four grandchildren. Rested at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston for service in the chapel on Monday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. Interment in Alliston Union Cemetery. 27 6 a

George Elwood Mayberry

On May 14th, George Elwood Mayberry of 34 Queen St. in Beeton died suddenly of a heart attack while in his 62nd year.

George Mayberry was born in Alliston on December 13th, 1914 and was educated at Fisher's School on Concession 14 of Tecumseth Township. He live on Concession 14 and farmed for most of his life until October 31, 1947 when he married Ruth Elizabeth Hooper and moved to Beeton.

For his last 21 years he worked for the Simcoe County Roads Department with his main interest being his family. He was also an avid gardener.

George and Ruth raised four children - Gerald, Elsie, Wayne, and Robert John all of which are at home. He is also survived by brothers William of Alliston, John and Melville of Toronto and sisters Anne (Mrs. J.C. Hopkins) of Toronto and Daisy (Mrs. Ken Blanchard) of Everett.

He is predeceased by father William Mayberry, mother Elizabeth Purchase and by brother Alexander.

The funeral service was held on May 17th, at 2:30 p.m. from the W. John Thomas Funeral Home in Alliston with Rev. W.G. Dickson presiding. Interment was at Alliston Union Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jim Aikens, George Whiteside, Neil MacDonald, Jim Gould, and Percy and Earl Campbell. Flower bearers were Bill Strachan Jr., Ray Rumble, Keith Porter, Robert Crumbie Jr., Lawrence Hearton, and Bob Walkem.

McKENNA, Mary Frances—Suddenly at her residence in Toronto, on Monday, September 20, 1976, Mary McKenna beloved daughter of Francis and Hice (McKenna) of Tottenham, dear sister of Jim of Paris, France, Gerrard of Cornwall, Theresa (Mrs. David Schgerr) of Kitchener and Michael also of Kitchener, loving granddaughter of Mrs. Joseph Hearton of Toronto. Resting at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham Wednesday afternoon and evening. Requiem Mass in St. James Church, Colgan, St. o'clock Thursday morning. Interment St. James Cemetery.

BISHOP, Della—At Simcoe Manor, Beeton on Friday, September 24, 1976, Della Fuller, beloved wife of the late Albert Bishop, dear mother of Mrs. Stewart Collins (Edna) of Tottenham, Mrs. Leon Hind (Ida), of Alliston, and Gordon of Tottenham. Loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of James Fuller of Shrigley. Resting at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham for service in the chapel, 3 p.m. Sunday. Interment Mount Tabor Cemetery.

ABERNETHY, Leonard Wilson—At York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Thursday October 21, 1976, Leonard Abernethy, beloved husband of Ruth Orr. Dear father of Eunice, at home, Orion (Mrs. Cor Boinos) of Durham, and Wilson of Toronto. Loving grandfather of Peter and Paul. Dear brother of Weldon, of Sault Ste. Marie, George and Mrs. Ross McClain (Olive), both of Tottenham. Resting at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, from 2 p.m. Friday. Funeral service in the chapel 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Interment Mt. Tegart Cemetery.

DAVIS, Jane E. "Jennie" (Nee) Secretary-Treasurer of the Royal Canadian Regiment Chapter) Suddenly on Friday, February 6, 1976, Jennie Tuttle, in her 84th year, beloved wife of the late Harry Davis. Dear mother of Isabel (Mrs. A. Hopkins), of Sarnia, Ont., Allan, Harry, Nathalie, James, Peter and the late Harold. Also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Humphrey Funeral Home, 180 Sandford Ave. (at Dufferin Ave.) from 7 p.m. Saturday. Casket will be closed. Service in the chapel Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Society Foundation, 318 Sandford Ave., Toronto.

BEST, Gordon T.R.—Suddenly at his residence at Beeton on Thursday, October 14, 1976, Gordon Best, beloved husband of Irene Fisher. Dear brother of Muriel (Mrs. W. Pett) of Toronto and the late Elsie (Mrs. W. Lanon) and Myrtle (Mrs. A. Swinton). Resting at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, until 10:30 noon Sunday, then to St. John's Church, at the Tecumseth Two, for service at 2:30 p.m. Interment St. John's Cemetery.

JACKSON, Dalton D. - At his home in Bond Head, on Monday, June 7, 1976, Dalton Jackson, in his 76th year. Beloved husband of Maude Stafford and dear father of Bruce, Bracebridge; Grace (Mrs. L. Copeland), Mt. Forest; Ruth (Mrs. R. Hamilton), Bradford; Eleanor (Mrs. R. Sherbo), Bradford and Irene (Mrs. Wm. Jaffray), Alliston. Dear brother of Dorothy (Mrs. A. Williams) and predeceased by Ruth and Leonard. Also survived by 18 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Friends may call at the Lathangue & Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe St., Bradford. Service at Bond Head Emmanuel United Church on Thurs. at 2 p.m. Masonic service Wednesday at 8 p.m. Interment in Bond Head Cemetery. (In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.) 27 10 a

McKNIGHT, James Elgin (Max) At the Shaver Hospital, St. Catharines, on Monday, February 9, 1976, J. Elgin McKnight, at 464 Scott Street, St. Catharines, in his 74th year, beloved husband of Ethel Metcalfe and dear father of Dr. R. O. McKnight of Fredericton, New Brunswick, G. Gerard McKnight and W. Eric McKnight, both of St. Catharines. Also survived by seven grandchildren. Predeceased by two brothers, Earl of Burrie and Russell of Kingston. Mr. McKnight lie at the Butler Funeral Home, 32 Duke St., St. Catharines where service will be in the chapel on Thursday at 1:15 p.m., interment Alliston Union Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. The family will receive visitors at the funeral home on Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Reflections of the Past

THE AUTHOR

Cecil Hayes was born in Tottenham January 6th, 1891. Although his original intentions were to enter the legal profession, Mr. Hayes settled near Bond Head where he farmed from 1919-1940. As well, he served overseas for 4 years in World War I with C.F.A. and C.A.A.A. In 1961, Mr. Hayes travelled to England with his wife Myrtle. While there, he wrote the "Meanderings of Yesterdays" reflecting the past in Bond Head and area. He retired to Bella Coola B.C. where he passed away on Nov. 14, 1966. Over the next few weeks, sections of his reflections will be published, revealing true stories of the past in this area. Hope that you will enjoy reading them.

Memoirs of Tecumseth

Part 1

Grass Roots

The Industrial Revolution in Great Britain, the meager living obtained by the dour Highlanders upon the bleak fells of Northern Scotland, the poor potato crops of Ireland have all contributed to the great influx of settlers into our Township of Tecumseth in the early part of the nineteenth century. In fact, what is now the County of Simcoe was entirely wilderness, although more than a century had elapsed since the founding of missions and early trading posts in the northern portion. It was in 1819 that approximately one-third of the Selkirk Settlement in Manitoba, driven out by the stern winters and the desultory strife between the North-West and Hudson Bay Trading Companies, trekked eastward and took up land on the third, fourth and fifth concessions of West Gwillimbury Township, County of Simcoe, approximately thirty-five miles north of Muddy York. It is our now enterprising and prosperous "South Settlement." Just to the west of this settlement and in the same year, James Manning and John Cerswell took up land - Lot 24 on either side of the fifth concession line, Manning on the north side, Cerswell on the south. Cerswell also obtained grant of Lot 23 next to Manning's holding. In fact, this Lot 23 right through from the fifth to the tenth concession line was at one time held by some member of the Cerswell clan.

It is then with this early pioneer settlement in the southern portion of Tecumseth Township that we are, herewith, concerned and, in the main, their lives, the events and some amusing incidents that occured.

Imagine when the entire area as one of primeval forests, in fact a dense wilderness. We do know that the Red-man had roamed and had sojourned in the area. Various stone tools, pipes and arrow-heads attest to this fact. Indian graves and burial grounds have been discovered but no white man had ever dwelt therein. Huge oak trees luxuriated on the heavy clay land east of Penville; large pines, five feet in diameter, grew on the lighter soil to the West, whilst on the creek or bottom land tall and stately elms predominated. Maples were everywhere, ash, birch, basswood and ironwood were interspersed. In fact about thirty different varieties were to be found. Bear, lynx, fox and other species of wild animals inhabited the forest.

It was there to this forest wilderness that Manning, Cerswell and the succeeding pioneers had come to carve out homes for their wives and families. For this then, they had given up their twenty or thirty-acre holdings in Northern Ireland, their crofts and shielings in Northern Scotland. They left behind their own kith and kin. With what nostalgia did they leave behind their vision of the heather and gorse covered moorlands; but they took fond memories with them. It was indeed a great adventure.

In 1820 John Coffey settled upon Lot 22 adjoining Cerswell's Lot 23 and here, in the same year and in the original log home, Tecumseh's first white child, Richard, was born. Now we have had five generations of Coffeys where the eldest male child has always been borne the name "Richard". Mr. John Coffey was of Cornish ancestry and was a Peninsular War veteran. He pounded his wheat into meal in a hollowed oak stump near the Cerswell line fence. The stump remained as a testamental to the early pioneers until well after the turn of the century.

Farther south on the third concession line Robert Clark settled and his name goes down in history as being the builder and the possessor of the first farm wagon in Tecumseh. It is related how he took the first load of wheat to Muddy York (now Toronto). He had hoped to bring home some tea as a surprise for his wife and family. Flour, salt and some calico he did bring back but there was no tea! How disappointed he was!

Near by the little settlement of Dunkerron sprang up. They were mostly of North of Ireland stock, but several of the Quaker Faith had come over from the States. A little Meeting House was erected in the late '30's. The epitaphs upon the headstones in the adjoining cemetery pay tribute to the memory of these early pioneers. Several other communities were in existence by 1850. Penville on the fifth concession grew and was at one time the most enterprising community within the Township. Before the Hamilton North Western Railway went through from Hamilton to Allandale via Tottenham and Beeton, Penville boasted having five stores, three taverns and the only Township Hall. In the evenings many an argument would be engaged in around the huge box stoves in the various stores. Horse yarns were often what commenced as a peaceful argument in the store would end up in a tavern in near fisticuffs. Upon one occasion - hitting the counter with great gusto, a certain pioneer revealed his emblemished knuckles to his adversary and said, "Brownlee, and if you don't think they are as hard as nails just come on outside", and outside they went.

Just to the north of the village and on the old Auxman farm, (later Brethot farm), the itinerant Methodist preacher, Black, had a meeting house built in the early thirties - and shortly after, farther south, the presbyterians established Monkmans with its adjoining cemetery. Early settlers in the Penville area included familiar names such as Elliott, Kitely, Auxman, Pennfield, Milligan, McCurdy and Williams. So important a center had it become a given road was put through both north and south connecting with the Lloydtown-Toronto road.

Even before the Penville community was established, two sturdy North of Ireland pioneers had taken up land in the vicinity of what is now the Village of Tottenham. In 1823, John Totten possessed the crown deed of the north half of Lot 6, concession 3. This later became known as "the Lyons Farm". A little later one of the Tottens erected a store on the property and as the crossroads the ensuing village was, of course, named Tottenham after its first pioneer. Also in 1823 James M. Tegart, a native of Armagh County, Ireland, built himself a log home on Lot 8, Concession 4, one mile east of Totten's. He at first had but one ox so, his money depleted, he trekked south and worked out for three months in the Toronto Gore area. With his earnings he purchased another ox, a spinning wheel and some flax for his wife.

In the early '30s, the body of a man was found on Tegart's building. He had been returning to his home near the Adjala-town line after having procured a free, used for the splitting of barrel staves, and had become lost in the woods. He was buried where now is situated Mt. Tegart Cemetery. This was the first white death and burial in Tecumseh. Nearby a Methodist Meeting House was erected. My Mother remembered the building and recalled how the methods sat on the right hand side and the women on the left, the male thus maintaining what he believed to be his rightful superiority.

Other settlers came in the early thirties to this area. The Semples and Williams to the west, Parsons, Martins, Dillanes, Austins and Hayes to the south and east. On Martins, Lot 9, concession 4, the first school house in the Township was built of logs, though the three Rs had been taught one this by Squire Ramsey in his home just south of Wilcox's No. 11 on the eighth concession.

By this time quite a little community had been established at Bond Head (so named after Sir Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada), part in Tecumseh, part in West Gwillimbury and on the seventh concession line. Almost one mile west the Rev. Osler, Anglican, had erected a church and rectory. Osler was a man of great energy, an intellectual giant as well. He travelled over many miles on horseback ministering to the spiritual needs and welfare of the early pioneers. He raised a large family, all became famous in the Dominion and Dr. William and his "Practice of Medicine" achieved world wide fame. Several stores, hotels, flour and feed mills and blacksmith shops were established and, for a short time, a drill hall and even a grammar school. A medical doctor was in residence from early days. Dr. Mulock married here. His son, Hon. William, became Postmaster General in the Laurier Cabinet.

Patrick Hughes and Robert Keenan settled in the early thirties on the Adjala-town line. Here the hamlet of Keenansville had its origin. Bowens from Lloydtown erected a woolen mill and for a time did a thriving business. Hughes later moved to Tottenham and established a private

Mrs. J.W. Wiggins

The death occurred at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Orillia, on November 6, of Laura Jane Wiggins, formerly of Beeton.

She was born in Sunnidale Township in October 1880, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McMurray. Two brothers, Charlie and Jim, predeceased her.

In March 1910 she married Jack Wiggins and moved to Severn Bridge where he was the C.N.R. agent. In 1926 Mr. Wiggins was transferred to Beeton. He died in 1931 and Mrs. Wiggins and her brother Jim McMurray had a house built on Main Street into which they moved in the following year. Her brother died in 1959 and Mrs. Wiggins continued to reside in Beeton until 1968 when she sold her home and moved to Hillcrest Lodge in Orillia, where she remained until May of this year when ill health necessitated her entering the Jay-Hawe Nursing Home in Coldwater.

From the time she was a girl, until recently, Mrs. Wiggins kept a diary, the early volumes of which are now in the County Archives.

She was a charter member of three Women's Institute branches, Sunnidale Corners, Washago and Severn Bridge. She was a member of Trinity United Church in Beeton and its women's organizations and Sunday School.

Funeral services were held in Stayner with the Rev. K. Weitlaufer officiating. She leaves four nieces, one of whom, Mrs. Margaret Shepherd of Barrie, lived during her school years with Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins.

Longtime Beeton resident dies

Mrs. Jeannie Rose Camplin (nee Stewart) of 90 Main St. W., Beeton, passed away suddenly on August 5, 1976, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston.

She was the wife of Harry E. Camplin, Beeton; sister of Leda Stewart of Toronto, and the late Earle and Eric Stewart. She is survived by all of her six children, Earle of Florida, Donald of Angola, New York; Helen (Mrs. Ted Dale) of Beeton; Grace (Mrs. Laurie Simes), Eric of guelph; and Joan (Mrs. Don Blaakley) of Toronto. She has eighteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Camplin rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham, with the funeral services at 2 p.m. Saturday from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beeton and interment at the Trinity Cemetery in Beeton.

Mrs. Camplin was in her 89th year. Born in Wyevale, Ontario she later lived in Elmvale, Shelburne, and moved to Beeton a few years prior to her marriage to Harry E. Camplin in February of 1917.

Mrs. Camplin was a charter member of the Beeton Women's Institute, and a life member of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church. As a teenager she sang in the Presbyterian Church Choir and later on in the United Church Choir. In recent years Mrs. Camplin was a member of the "Senior Citizens Club" in Beeton.

Mrs. Camplin was seldom ill, and always looked after their large house, which she and her husband had built, on Main St. on her own. She always managed her own shopping, gardening, etc. as well as their winter residence in Florida over the last twenty-nine years.

Mrs. W. Kettle was nearing 96th birthday

A little more than a month after she and her husband had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, at Simcoe Manor where they have lived since January '70, Mrs. William Kettle died on January 21. She would have been 96 on February 2nd.

Mrs. Kettle, who was Isabella Mizener then and, like her husband, was born in England, came to Canada on a visit about 1906. Two or three months later, Mr. Swan, the administrator then at Simcoe Manor, asked her to come and work there. Three years later she and Bill Kettle, who was working as a farmhand for W. H. Hammell, were married and went back to England for their honeymoon.

They decided, however, that they preferred Canada so they returned to Beeton, and settled in the house on the 9th line, to the north of Beeton, which they were to occupy until their final move to the Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Kettle had two children, Ernest who lives in Mississauga and Isabel (Legard) in New Toronto. Mr. Kettle, who will be 98 this year, is in reasonably good health.

The funeral was held at Simcoe Manor and one of those attending, from Barrie, was Mr. Swan who remembered Mrs. Kettle from the days when she worked for his father and he himself was a boy. Burial was in a cemetery near Toronto.

Former head nurse dies

BEETON - A former head nurse at Simcoe Manor died last Thursday at Toronto General Hospital.

Mrs. Henry Krupp (Helen) of Centre St. Beeton was 69 years of age and had lived in Beeton since about 1958 with her family.

Mrs. Krupp worked at the Simcoe Manor from 1959 to 1965 and she was head nurse for the last four of those years. Former administrator of the Manor, Dr. S.R. McKelvey described her as "a great nurse."

She is survived by her husband Henry who is a wood worker in Beeton, son Keith of Beeton, daughters, Mrs. Ron Phillips (Janet) of Callander and Mrs. Peter Switzer (Mary) of South Porcupine. She also had another son Alfred who died in 1958. The grandmother of 8, she was born in Thunder Bay where her sister Mrs. Lillian Sundstrom still lives.

Mrs. Krupp rested at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham, with the service being from Trinity United Church in Beeton at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. She was buried in Prospect Cemetery in Toronto.

Elizabeth Jane Harvey

Elizabeth Jane Harvey, a lifelong resident of Tecumseth Township was laid to rest Wednesday, May 5, after a lengthy illness.

Daughter of William and Harriet Westlake, born January 21, 1894, she spent most of her childhood on the 7th line on the farm still owned by the Westlake family. Married January 8th, 1919 to Thomas Harvey, she moved to the 11th line, raised her family and lived until her husband's death June 20, 1950.

In 1951, she moved to Centre St. in Beeton where she lived until 1973 at which time due to failing health she became a resident of Simcoe Manor. She was a member of the Women's Institute and an active member of Trinity United Church until overtaken by ill health.

She was predeceased by sons Earl and Gordon, brothers George, William and James and sister Nell, but left to mourn her passing her daughter Beth (Mrs. G. Thatcher), her sisters Sade (Mrs. G. Tough), and Bernice (Mrs. W. McCarthy) and her brother Garnet.

Rev. Dickson conducted the service from the chapel in Simcoe Manor and interment was at Newton Robinson Cemetery.

The Pall Bearers were Earl Hammel, Gordon Drury, Erwin Letts, Edison McFadden, Wilfred Service and Fred Mercer. Flower Bearers were Ralph Courrier and Robert Harvey (grandsons), Ross Black and Ted Moses.

Friends and relatives were present from many parts of Ontario.

Beeton Honey Queen dies at 88

BEETON - Mrs. Elsie A. Bye (Sarah Mable) died at Stevenson Memorial Hospital on Sunday.

Mrs. Bye had been a resident of Simcoe Manor for the past 4 months but previous to that lived on the 7th Concession near 10 sideroad of Tecumseth. Previous to that she and her family had lived in Schomberg.

Well-respected around Beeton for many years, she was chosen as Beeton's honey queen at the honey festival of 1973 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Bye is survived by her son, George, of Beeton, an employee of Borden Metal for 18 years, plus 2 grand-children, 8 great grandchildren and two sisters living in Toronto and Owen Sound.

After resting at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham she was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Owen Sound beside her husband Elias Bye.

Wife of former Simcoe Manor Governor dies

COLLINGWOOD - On Friday Mrs. James Jardine (Anne Marie) died in Collingwood.

Mrs. Jardine was the wife of James Jardine who was the Governor of the Home of Industry of Simcoe Manor as it is now called from 1923 to 1947.

The funeral in Collingwood was attended by Dr. S.R. McKelvey who succeeded Jardine as Governor.

TETHEWAY — At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Wednesday, July 14th, 1976, Ethel Tetheway, in her 88th year. Wife of the late William Tetheway and dear mother of John C. Tetheway, of Cumberland and Rev. Mrs. Albert (Eileen), of Beeton; dear sister of Mrs. Rhoda Maple, of Alliston, also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Rested at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston, for service in the chapel on July 17. Interment in Alliston Union Cemetery. 27 10 a

Lady Banting dies, aged 64

Dr. Henrietta Banting, widow of Sir Frederick Banting, died of a brain tumour on Monday.

Lady Banting was director of the cancer detection centre at Women's College Hospital from 1959 to 1971. After graduating in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1945 she studied obstetrics and gynaecology in England then taught for a time at the University of Hong Kong medical school. Just last September she was in Alliston to unveil the cairn at the Banting homestead.

NIXON, Rhona, on Thursday, June 24, 1976 at the Wellesley Hospital. Rhona Lilly, beloved wife of the late Fred Nixon and John Law, dear mother of Winston of Barrie, loving grandmother of Dianne, Darlene and Bill. Dear sister of Mrs. W. Barton (Kathleen) and Lloyd Lilly. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, where service was held Sunday afternoon, June 7. Interment Trinity Cemetery, Beeton.

GILLHAM — At Simcoe Manor Home for the Aged, Beeton, on Thursday, April 15, 1976, Nellie (Harvey) Gillham, in her 91st year. Wife of the late George Gillham and dear mother of George Ellsworth Gillham, of Barrie. Dear grandmother of Mrs. Evelyn Truax and great grandmother of Stacey and Paul Truax; dear sister of Mrs. Basil Thompson, of Beeton. Rested at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston. Funeral service in St. Andrew's Anglican Church on April 17. Interment in Alliston Union Cemetery. 27 3 a

bank. His son I.C.Hughes, published the "Sentinel". Henry Nolan dammed the creek that meandered north on the western fringe of the village. On the resultant pond he established a thriving milling and chopping business. The great mill wheel was still in use in the early nineteen thirties. Brown, Wilson, Walker, Greenway and McDermott were but a few of the names of the early settlers. Geo. Nolan was Tottenham's first Reeve.

Over north on the eighth concession line and on the western fringe of the great swamp farms were established by Brownley, Cook, Hammell, Hill, Kearns, McCarthy and Wright. Farther east Cross, Dunham, Robinson, Smith and McDermott settled and so in between these two settlements and extending north to the ninth concession line, there grew up the village of Clarksville named after Robert Clark, the first blacksmith. Later the name was changed to Beeton to do honour to the great D.A. Jones who introduced the Bee Industry in the Dominion procuring his first colony of Bees in Italy. Jones' bees became famous, the honey was of first quality.

Great rivalry existed between the villages of Beeton and Tottenham right down to the close of the century. On either side of the G.T.R. tracks and just north of the Corporation of Tottenham there grew the most luxuriant sweet clover. While attending school at Tottenham in the early 1900's and rounding the race course endeavouring to emulate the great Tom Longboat I enquired, "How come so much sweet clover?" "Oh that! D.A. Jones of Beeton planted it." In going to and from Toronto he carried the seed in his greatcoat pockets and broadcast it from the train windows for the benefit of Beeton and the Jones' bees and to the detriment of Tottenham", for in these days sweet clover was considered to be a horrible weed and an eye-sore. Perhaps then, too, the fine quality of the Jones' honey was in no small measure due to the clover nourished on Tottenham's high and well-drained soil. However that may be - "D.A." really did have the welfare of Beeton at heart. He planned the streets and the fair grounds; he too planted the maples that make it so beautiful. He also helped to establish the fine water system which was further developed and preserved by T.A. Chapman.

It has now been established that in this the southern portion of the Township Cerswell and Manning were the first settlers; that Richard Coffey was the first white child born therein; the first burial was in Mt. Tegart Cemetery; the first school was Martins; the first church Bond Head Anglican; also that the three Rs were first taught by Squire Ramsay. He, too, performed the first marriage ceremony, uniting Margaret Kidd and Henry Morris both of Essa Township. The various communities had now passed the formative stage.

Prior to the building of the railways, Penville and Bond Head were the all important centers. In the Township Hall at Penville many important meetings were held and many a heated discussion took place. Perhaps no meeting was more momentous than that addressed by William Lyon McKenzie just prior to the rebellion of '36 and '37. Lloydtown had been a rallying point for his supporters. They drilled there using, it is said, loaves of bread for target practice, but at Penville the meeting was early broken up; the loyalists were in great majority.

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PART 2

Incidentally

With the building of the railway Beeton and Tottenham thrived and Penville and Bond Head declined. Penville perhaps the more quickly. In regard to Penvill's decline: in 1920, while passing through the hamlet with a load of wheat oats, we (my father and I) were hailed by an elderly resident who, with his son James, was leaning down on of Penville's three old taverns. Looking back with regret upon the decline of his beloved Penville, John said, "Do you knows Georgie" (my father) "soon there'll be noonus left heeza in Penville but I's and Jimmies!" But I am glad to say "some forty years later that Penville is still on the map.

Politics were taken very seriously by the early pioneers. The North of Ireland settlers and the U.E.Ls. were particularly loyal and eager to uphold the Crown and the British connection at all times. We have mentioned the enthusiasm revealed at the Penville hall when the rebellion came to a head a volunteer force was raised in this, the southern portion of the Township. One company marched down the eighth concession line from Beeton and another down the fifth. There were to meet in Bond Head and continue east over the corduroy road to Bradford and Holland Landing. As the company proceeded down the fifth, a certain private "B" spying a McKenzie supporter shingling on top of the McCurdy house said, "By dads! There's one of the scoundrels!" Apparently taking aim at "A"! Perhaps it was high and for fun - who knows? He pulled the trigger as private "H" hit the muzzle upwards and high overhead (though a bevy of blackbirds whizzed the bullet. By the time they reached Yonge Street near New Market word of the rout of McKenzie at Montgomery Tavern reached them and so they returned to their homes knowing that the country was safe again.

Later, at the time of the Fenian uprising in '66, a public meeting was held in the first log school at Martins. Feeling waxed strong, an ardent Tory saying to "A" rebel sympathizer, "Gee home! Gae hame! ye auld rebelly "A" to your auld rotten bedsteads." ("A" made furniture and small implements). "A" did go home and hastily.

This enthusiasm carried down through the seventies and eighties and even to the century mark. In 1896 and just prior to the provincial election the Tories nominated Haughton Lennox, an up and coming young barrister, who every morning drove a spanking team of bays seven miles to his Barrie office. W.H. Hammell of Beeton, who had lost out at the convention to Lennox decided to run as an Independent; yes the Grits would support him as would a goodly number of church and Tory friends. Election day was at hand: six or seven Tories standing outside the Ellis Hotel (Liberal) (far better to patronize a Liberal than a turncoat Tory) suddenly saw a runaway horse and buggy come pell-mell down Main Street from the west. It was an old rattly buggy with tires loose, one line over the dash, the other a way out to the right. "I can stop it! I can stop it!" a strapping Tory stalwart said, putting one foot over the railing, and he proceeded to do so when another six footer grasped his shoulder saying, "Stop, stop, it's a Hammell, it's a Hammell, let it go to H--! and I suppose it did. The horse belonged to the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel who, though a Tory, was supporting Hammell. In this case the horse proved to be a better Tory than his master. W.H. won the election by a narrow margin. Lennox was elected shortly after to the Dominion House. In later years he served as Justice of the Supreme Court.

Upon another occasion an elector trudged over a hundred miles from beyond Owen Sound to tender his vote. "We'll win! We'll win!" he exulted. "When the faraway branches come in you're to win!"

What a sturdy stock they were these early pioneers of Tecumseth! And how well did the second and third generations emulate their forbears! The early settlers felled the trees, built log homes, cleared the land, grew and garnered bounteous crops on the sparse clearings; their wives reared the young, (families of eight to ten were common) brought water from the nearest spring, spun the cloth and yes, even sometimes they helped with the crops. The also inspired their families' high ideals by example and precept. The second and third generations carried on, they enlarged the clearings, took out stumps, made lime in kilns and from the surplus wood charcoal. In early spring they tapped the maples and made syrup and sugar from the sap and feasted on these goodies for the next twelve months; food far fitter for the Gods on Mount Olympus than their nectar and honey! The log houses were superseded by eight and ten-roomed solid brick dwellings and huge bank barns replaced the earlier log structures. Neighbors helped one another and a wonderful social life was maintained within the community.

The population peak was reached during the sixties and seventies and prior to the building of the first railway. Small holdings were occupied by wagon-makers, mill-rights, carpenters, blacksmiths and other craftsmen. Teenagers stayed at home : no huge factories or department stores, no theatres, in fact no city lights to lure them away from the farm. A strenuous, yet satisfying, life it was. Looking back from the 1960s it seems almost the ideal community life - the country dance, the church social, the quilting bee, the spelling match and debate held in the local school house; all played their part in keeping the community life wholesome. Numerous orange lodges sprang up in this community of patriotic citizens, many being of Ulster stock. Meeting were held at Mt. Ararat in 1845 and soon lodges were organized at Penville, Beeton, Tottenham, Bond Head and Rich Hill. Also there was Hayes' Lodge held at Lot 5, Concession seven.

Ray Gough presents a microphone as a symbol of the Beeton Legion's donation of a radio telephone communications system to the Beeton Volunteer Fire Department and the Village of Beeton to Fire Chief Bill Strachan. Reeve Sheridan McGinty looks on.

Communications system presented to fire department

BEETON - The Beeton branch of the Royal Canadian legion presented the Beeton Volunteer Fire Department and the Village of Beeton with a radio telephone communications system on Sunday.

The system which was purchased from Ontario Hydro will provide the Beeton fire department with a mobile communication link that will easily be able to cover its entire fire area.

The Legion managed to purchase the system cheaply as Ontario Hydro is changing its equipment. If bought new, the equipment supplied may have cost close to $5,000. Six transceivers were supplied which will allow the fire department to establish four complete units including a base. Two transceivers will be of use for spare parts.

Fire chief, Bill Strachan, said that one unit would be installed in each truck with the base at the fire hall. The location of a fourth unit is not yet established.

The fire department had previously recognized the need for a better communications system but most systems were too expensive given other fire department needs. Five hundred dollars had been set aside this year for the purchase of citizen band radios but now this money will be used to install the new equipment which is much superior, and to buy antennas for it.

Bill Strachan said that the radio telephone system will allow the vehicles and the fire hall to stay in touch with vehicle to vehicle or vehicle to base transmissions. In the past there has been times when the trucks have been out of touch with the village which is a dangerous situation if another fire developed. Currently, the fire department has just a walkie talkie system with a limited range.

Bill also sees the new system as being a help in finding fires. He says that sometimes fires are reported and that people do not know where they live or even who their neighbours are. In these cases the trucks have to go looking for the fire.

The fire department will have to be licenced for the system and it will then buy the necessary antennas.

Congratulations must go to the Legion and President Roy Gough who worked to acquire the system for their contribution to the fire department.

Lions Club President Jim Thivierge presents Alan Bennett with a cheque for $5,000 in payment of the club's pledge to the Beeton Save the Arena Fund. Others looking on are [back row] - Gerald Mayberry, Don King, Wayne Mayberry, Lawrence Hawton, Bruce Coleman, and [front row] Mulsie Boynton, John Hoover, and Paul Coburn.

PIONEERING *BY Cecil Hayes*

The early settlers possessed indeed the most primitive of implements. The reaping hook was superseded by the scythe and then the cradle. The wooden mouldboard plow gave way to steel. What great news it was that Squire Ramsay had a rollers mill that would grind wheat into flour! There would be no more arduous trips with small grists on horseback over the rough corduroy road to the Holland Landing mill. In the '50s and '70s, water power was used. The reaper and then the mower was introduced. The flail used in earlier times for threshing the grain was laid aside and only used in cold frosty weather for the threshing of peas. What a picturesque scene was the cutting of field and threshing by horsepower! Horses secured to the arms of the horsepower going around in a circle, the spindles revolving, the jacks creaking and making a deafening noise. Then came the horse engine and by the close of the century the traction engine.

As community life expanded neighbours helped one another at logging bees, barn raisings, harvest time and at threshings. Before the date of the accustomed bee a supply of grog was usually obtained and so "John Barley-Corn" played its part in keeping life from getting too monotonous.

Josh and Betty, who lived in a little log house on Lot 10 just south of the sixth concession line, were going to have a small bee so they must need to get to a supply of cheer. Down to Pottville they trudged this certain afternoon, returning just after dark. They took turns in shouldering the small keg - oh but it was a dark night! But they were nearly home now for there was the tall Lombardy Poplar on the left - just another quarter mile. But there, what was that? Something white darted from behind the tree - an apparition perhaps? Josh bore the keg just then. It was. It was hastening towards him. "A ghost, Betty" he shouted. "A ghost" and he dropped the keg and ran. Men do their part and toil and moil to supply the wherewithal for family and for home but often it is the gentler sex that comes to the fore in time of dire extremity; so here Betty was the valiant one. "Stop, Josh! Stop, Josh! It's no ghost, it's no ghost! It is only Goodie Hayes". Father was wrapped in a sheet but Betty's fortitude prevailed and so saved the day, or rather the night, for Josh and the keg for the bee on the morrow.

A certain old timer finding himself in Bradford some books stood as a foil the habit of the settlers of getting in a supply of grog ere a bee was held. He made the rounds of the five taverns. To each proprietor in turn he said, "We're going to be havin' quite a large bee on the morrow and will be the needin' of several kegs. We want the the very best! Had I but a taste I would know if it would suit." "Here have a taste", and each proprietor placed before Jack a glassful and so he became "full the too and more happy too." This same man was a particularly good ploughman, being especially careful when ploughing around post stumps. He got the name for breaking fewer plough shares than any man in all the neighbourhood, his horses being trained to obey every customary "Whoa!" The trouble with Jack was that at certain times he got very thirsty and when the thirst came on he would unhitch the team, sometimes leaving them at the stable door, and away he would hasten to the nearest tavern. On this occasion he returned near midnight of the second day, instead of going directly to his own room he went into that of his employer. Down on his knees he sank and prayed, "God bless father, God bless mither, God bless Robert (a brother), God bless our Katie (his favourite sister), God bless Goodie Hayes" (his employer). Then "God bless brother Tam". Here he stopped short - a long pause and then in a loud voice, "Oh to h . . . . with Tam." Something had come between Tam and himself.

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AND THE FAIRIES CAME

Children all down the decades delight to listen to stories, both those founded on fact and those entirely fictitious. The art of story-telling is fast dying out. Television and radio reign supreme. In the '60s and '70s each community had its chief storyteller. At this period many children from neighbouring homes delighted to hear Dan McCurdy (Lot 13, concession 2) spin his yarns. This sturdy pioneer whose great exuberance and zest for life was bubbling over found an outlet in story-telling; so on weekends many boys and, yes, sometimes girls, would gather 'round the huge stone fireplace and would listen wide-eyed and with mouths agape to their idol, old Dan. Some of his yarns concerned his wonderful black and white cattle dog, "Bandy". The hound was white - white on black. Two of them went something like this:-

"Bandy was by all odds the best cattle dog in the entire neighbourhood; he would drive the cows over so carefully, yet when they started off in the wrong direction he would go very swiftly to the side and head them off. This certain evening Bandy and I were going as usual to bring the cows home for milking; it had rained and the grass tasted especially good so the cows did not want to come home but would dart here and there to little spurts to get some especially fine tufts that grew in the open glades. Bandy was interested in a black squirrel that had scudded up a paper birch. I called, "Bandy, Bandy! Come head them off". Bandy sprang at the call but avoiding one sapling he went headlong into another - an ironwood - very hard indeed. He was split clean (though from head to tail! Quickly I clapped the two halves together but in my haste I had two feet up and two down; but away he went after the cows, turning over and over and over. The cows, thinking he was a demon, were home in no time flat." The children laughed and laughed and called for more. "All right, but just one more".

"Well Bandy lived to a ripe old age, fourteen years; for man that would be about ninety; then he went as all good doggies do to the Doggies Heaven. And oh how I missed him and so did the cows, but in a different way! For the first week after Bandy's death when the cows slowed up and did not want to come home all I had to do was call "Bandy, Bandy" and they would sharpen up. But soon they saw that Bandy was not making his appearance and so paid less and less attention to my calling. It went from bad to worse until they would not come at all so I called especially loud this one day - but here, boys, I must tell you that we had tanned Bandy's hide and with a portion Mrs. McCurdy had mended the seat of my trouser's - well, as I just said, I called "Bandy, Bandy" louder than I had ever called before but the cows only looked up, that's all; then I heard something. Yes, there was a distinct ripping sound - yes, the patch had come off my trousers - then, guess what? To my great delight there was Bandy after the cows again - and how they sped homeward!" The children clapped and clapped and coaxed for "just one more story". Here McCurdy passed 'round the butternuts saying, "Next week, boys." He lived to the ripe old age of 103 and was especially mourned by all who had listened to his tales, many of them by now young men and women.

personnel stayed noticed there was no camel in the show. It was a rainy day and many customers were in. "I see you have no camel - maybe I could help" said the proprietor to the circus manager. "You mean to say you could get me a camel?" "Well, we'll see" said the hotel man. "Come with me", and all hands eagerly followed to the stable. Entering a box-stall and brushing some straw carefully away he revealed a hump. "Only a dromedary" is one hump camel). Some more brushing revealed a humpback patron who was quietly sleeping it off. Of course the circus manager was taken in. "All right, boys, the drinks are on me", and he treated all hands.

Actually a Mr. J.D. Walker sometime merchant of Tottenham, crated a man in a merchandise box and had him shipped to a friend in Bradford via Allandale. Enough for John Barley-Corn!

Tests of endurance and skill were common. A cradler and binder would commence at a corner of a field; so far behind another pair and so on, each pair taking a swath of a certain width. Often as they worked they would sing snatches of a song or would recite some favourite verse - "The boy stood on the burning deck" and "Bingen on the Rhine" were the favourites of the champion team. Eats and drink would be brought out to the field. Often they would work on 'till black dark.

At barn raisings too there was always great excitement - sides would be chosen by the two captains. These all would cooperate until the beams were up; with the command "Heave!" the men would lift on the timbers in unison and when they were up a few feet the pikes would be sunk into the timbers, several men to each pole. The captains would shout "Heave! Heave! Steady lads. All together now", and soon No. 1 beam would be up. This was repeated until all were up then the rafts was really on. With amazing speed the purlin plates and other timbers were put in place and then came the rafters. First one side would have the advantage, then the other. Sometimes an accident would occur, a pike or brace might fall or a man running the timbers high up might over balance and fall. A doctor was generally in attendance and first aid administered to any injured. As soon as one side had completed their task they would give three rousing cheers, scramble down and make for the tables (spread outside on the lawn) loaded with good things. After a hearty repast dancing and other merriment was engaged in until the wee small hours.

Individual feats of skill and exploits were common. John Dilliane walked to Lloydtown, purchased a sugar kettle and trudged home, a good nine miles, to Lot 10 Concession 4, carrying it over his head. Also Andy Farrell, quite a little man, carried a wooden mouldboard plow over his shoulders from Lloydtown to his holding near the Adjala townline, south-west of Tottenham. One of the Martin clan known familiarly as "Good - Goo - Gaw" (from an expression he used that was a hand-me-down from his forbears in the old country) was known far and wide as the champion cordwood cutter. Then, too, there was a man small of stature, never weighing more than 133 lbs., who could shoulder with one hand a bag of peas (2-½ bushels) and that while standing in a bushel measure so he could not bend his knees. Also there was the good woman who, uneasy at the long delayed return of her husband who had taken a load of dressed pork to Toronto, set out at daybreak, reached the Peacock Inn (West Toronto) by sundown, a good 40 miles, and had him, whom she had taken for "better or for worse", safely at home on the morrow.

School remembers former custodian

BEETON — Beeton Tecumseth Central School was the recent scene of a very beautiful and touching memorial service on behalf of the late Harold Watson, former head custodian of the school.

The principal, Mr. G. Mulholland, welcomed the audience and introduced the guests in the audience and on the platform.

Platform guests were Rev. Tom Martin, Mrs. Ada Watson, Mrs. Dorothy Dale, Harold's daughter, Ernie Watson, his son; Miss Kim Hartin, student council president; Vann Rutledge, student council vice-president; Frank Prothero, representative of the Simcoe County Board of Education and Andy Mayer, former principals of TBCS; Rev. Chapman of the United Church in Bradford and Frank Lisk, a good friend of Harold Watson's.

The audience also included many of his friends and relatives.

The service continued with Kim Hartin saying a few words in memory of Harold Watson, and giving a brief explanation of the reason for the service.

There were several guest speakers, Frank Lisk, Frank Prothero, J.B. Dennys and Ted Monkman.

They all priased Mr. Watson for his always present smile and his willingness to help anyone who needed it. He was also remembered fondly for the pride he took in his job of keeping the school in good order and the gardens and grounds attractive.

Vann Rutledge then took the stand and presented a memorial plaque to Ada Watson, Harold's wife.

Mrs. Watson thanked the school and in particular the students' council for the plaque and the tree in memorary of her husband. After a few words to the audience she in turn presented the plaque to Mr. Mulholland to be hung in the school as an everlasting reminder of Mr. Watson's service to TBCS.

Rev. Tom Martin led the audience in a prayer of dedication followed by the student body singing the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' led by Mr. Pegg.

The guests then left the stage and gathered outside for the tree planting ceremony. Mrs. Watson took the shovel and put the first soil over the Maple tree planted in her husband's honor at the front of the school.

Rev. Martin led the audience in a prayer of dedication to end the ceremonies.

THOMAS DALE

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dale, Beeton, Tom has been graduated as a Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Toronto and plans to open an office in Kitchener.

Veterinary family honoured two occasions

BEETON - On Sunday, May 30th, Dr. E.R. Holmes celebrated 25 years in veterinary medicine 24 years of them in practice in the Beeton area. Son, Clare, also graduated from Ontario Veterinary College on May 28th at Guelph with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Clare has joined his father in partnership.

A party was held to honour the occasion at their home on Sunday, May 30th.

Mrs. Ada Watson, party hidden, turns the first sod to plant a crimson maple tree in the school grounds in memory of her husband Harold, who died in August, after working as custodian at Beeton Central Public School since its opening seven years ago. The school held a special memorial tribute to Mr. Watson last Wednesday morning. (Alliston Herald photo)

Plant tree in memory of Harold Watson

Beeton Central School pupils assembled in the auditorium last Wednesday morning for a memorial tribute to a former custodian, Harold Watson, who died in August, a year before his retirement, after working at the school since its opening seven years ago.

Mrs. Watson accepted a plaque in her husband's memory from student council vice-president Ron Rutledge at the ceremony, which was also attended by many of Mr. Watson's friends and relatives, including his son and daughter, Ernie Watson and Mrs. Dorothy Dale.

Later, Mrs. Watson turned the first sod to plant a crimson maple tree in the school's front yard.

A former principal at the school, John Dennys, told the pupils and guests that Mr. Watson was a man who always put others first, and who will never be forgotten. He said Mr. Watson loved people, especially the young people at the school and at Trinity United Church, where he taught Sunday School for many years. He was dependable, trustworthy, and had an understanding nature, added teacher Ted Monkman, who had had a close association with Mr. Watson since starting at the school seven years ago.

Student council president Kim Harting remarked that he was a humane person, and that it was an honour to have known him.

Among the others who spoke at the ceremony were School Board trustee Frank Prothero; Frank Lisk, a long-time friend; another former principal, Andy Mayer; the Rev. Mr. Chapman of the United Church in Bradford; and Rev. Tom Martin of the Beeton Anglican Church, who read invocations both at the start of the ceremony in the gym and at the tree planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Ellison of Beeton, Ontario wish to announce the marriage of their son Lt. (N) G. Rodney Ellison to Margery Lynn Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Adams of Smith's Cove, Nova Scotia. The wedding took place in United Baptist Church August 28, 1976. A reception followed at Mountain Gap Inn, Smith's Cove, N.S. The happy couple will reside in Halifax, N.S.

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Congratulations to Jim and Adele Bishop of Beeton on their 30th Wedding Anniversary September 18th.

37-1-c Love from the Family

Beeton Council members for the past two years and the three new candidates for councillor seats were on hand for the meeting in the community hall last week. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Amy Harting, Councillor Jack Mason, and Councillor Alan Bennett. Back row: Councillor Paul Coburn, Sheridan McGinty (acclaimed Reeve for another term), Councillor Jack Gray, John Harking and William Fox. Mr. Mason and Mr. Gray have chosen not to seek re-election for another term. (Alliston Herald photo)

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PIONEERING *BY Cecil Hayes*

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PROGRESS

We have seen the great interest taken in politics on the Dominion and Provincial levels. Now just a few words concerning Municipal affairs. Each township had its own governing body - a reeve, deputy and three councillors. Road work in the early '90s was done under the Pathmaster system. It was now claimed by many that this system was outmoded; some had to do too much road work, others not enough. Favoritism was claimed to be rampant so the council passed a motion to appoint a commissioner over each of the six sub-divisions to superintend the road work. Modern graders replaced the old horse-drawn scraper. Taxes went up and rumblings of discontent were heard from some of the electorate, but in the long run it worked. The same system prevails to this day.

Other important issues aroused and divided the electorate. There was the high school question. It was thought that there would be only one high school in the township and Tottenham claimed it was entitled to it, Beeton likewise. The council was divided on the issue so at the ensuing annual election there was a clear division of public opinion on the matter. Those living north of the sixth concession line (for the most part) favoured Beeton; those to the south, Tottenham. Two complete slates of candidates were nominated. The north slate being James Banting, reeve, Robert Banting, deputy, and three councillors. The south slate was reeve, John Semple, deputy, Geo. Hayes, and three councillors. The north comprising by far the greater area did, of course, carry the election. The entire slate save R. Banting was elected. The next morning Robert had occasion to go to Tottenham. James Scanlon, tavern keeper one concession north of the village, espying Robert came out to console with him. "I'm sorry, Robert, I'm sorry! But there's one thing, you sure got my vote." James had not heard the result of No. 1 poll else he would not have pulled that boner. Robert laughed his hearty laugh, "I didn't, James. I didn't, for in No. 1 poll I got nary a vote". Then giving his nag a tap with the loose ends of the reins and with a loud "Get a lang there", he was off leaving Scanlon to think that over.

We have traced the early beginnings of the religious life of the community and the building of the first meeting houses and churches of the three protestant denominations, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian. The Anglicans later built churches in Tottenham and Beeton.

Also St. John's on the sixth concession line. The Presbyterians also established congregations and built churches in both villages. Likewise did the Methodists who in addition had churches at Rich Hill, Tecumseh on the west town line and at Thompsonville. Also about the mid-century stark pioneers of the Roman Catholic faith built a chapel on Lot 15 on the second concession line and at about the same time a parish and church (St. Francis) was established in Tottenham; then later a splendid brick chapel (St. James) was built at Colgan on the Adjala side of the town line. The religious and moral life of the community has indeed been well looked after. Too high a tribute cannot be paid to Rev. Osler, to preacher Black and to Rev. Wm. Fraser, as well as to the clergy of later years who followed in their footsteps. In early pioneer times they were tireless in their efforts and how welcome were their visitations!

By the early '70s, substantial brick churches had replaced the earlier wooden structures. Generally the parson or preacher would have three services on the sabbath. The churches were mostly filled to capacity. Salvation and damnation were proclaimed from the pulpit in dramatic fashion. The weekdays too were busy ones for the Reverend gentlemen. Weddings and funerals, the visitation of the homes, especially of the sick and afflicted, were attended to. Salaries were meager but were augmented by personal gifts of butter, eggs, etc. These were greatly appreciated but if the good housewife occasionally forgot - the man of the cloth was not remiss when bidding farewell to remark on the thrifty appearance of the fowl or of the wondrous growth of the garde. Then the lady of the house would excuse herself, soon reappearing with something for the Reverend's wife- a pound of butter, a dozen eggs, some apples for the children, and next time for sure it would be a fowl. On each visitation the Reverend gentleman would lead in family worship and in prayer. How refreshing and uplifting! Just as early log and frame churches gave way to more modern buildings, so also with the schools, and by the '70s and '80s the Ryerson little red brick had made its appearance up and down the countryside. The pupils were drilled in the three Rs, and what penmanship early teachers and their pupils displayed! How well the family bibles attest to their painstaking skill. Like the churches the schools too were well attended, especially during the winter months; then boys of 16 or 18 attended making amends for their absence in times of seeding and of harvest. To keep order the teacher must needs be a good disciplinarian and so a premium was placed upon the hefty male teacher. The teacher's desk even contained a birch rod and in later years a rubber strap. Schoolboys of the stern past knew the bitch for its bite as well as for its bark. The birch was indeed "the sour tree of knowledge."

What good times they had and what pranks were played in those early days! In the old school-house at No. 6, formerly Martins, the benches were placed from outside in forming a rectangle in the centre. This central space was occupied by the teacher while a class was being taught. What a glorious opportunity for relaxation there was for those sitting at the back of the teacher, but should the culprit be found out - what recriminations!

East of the school some two hundred yards was the Anderson pond. In winter time the older pupils would skate upon the ice surface during the noon hour. On this particular day a gangling youth broke through the rubbery surface just as the teacher's hand bell sounded "time for school, time for school"! The youth, all dripping, went into the kindly Anderson home, got a change of clothing and came back to school. Through the keyhole he saw the teacher's back was to the door so he noiselessly tiptoed in, regaining his seat without any repercussions. In later years he taught in the red brick school erected on the same site.

We all like to look back and reminisce upon the pranks played in our schoolhood days. About the turn of the century (oh, it was a cold and blustry morning) drifts were piled high upon the roads, even over the top of the rail fences. Only six or seven pupils turned up and after building the fire in the big box stove and having gotten warmed up, we played Jacknife on the soft pine bench back of the stove awaiting the arrival of teacher; 9:45 and still no teacher. We decided to lock up and go home. A pupil was sent out to the stile to have a last look - old Fred's long black ears were just showing up over Dillane's hill- we scurried back into the school leaving one to lock the school door, put the key in the usual hide-a-way, and climb in through a side window. Then all got into the cupboards at the back of the school. We kept silent as mice. Teacher came in, saw that the fire was well checked and then, after lingering a moment, she departed. Out we scrambled making a great racket; teacher returned all smiles and we had a short yet enjoyable day at school.

* Eleanor Tagart (Aunt of the Author)

Cutting Banting Memorial High School's 25th anniversary cake at the reunion on Saturday evening are, left to right, Bruce McCausland, (Banting's first principal, 1950-1957); Miss Marie Banbrook (Latin teacher, 1950-1966); Sidney Owens, (Banting's second principal, 1957-1969); Mrs. Gertrude Williams (teacher, 1950-1968, and a principal of the old Alliston High School); Gordon Wright, partly hidden (Banting's third principal, 1969-1974); Mrs. Ida McKelvey (music teacher, 1950-1964); D.K. Harvey (first chairman of Alliston District High School Board); and Miss Elspeth Davidson (mathematics teacher, 1950-1966). Over 300 ex-students and staff members turned out for the anniversary reunion. (Alliston Herald photo)

One week ago Tuesday was a rather special occasion at the Simcoe Manor. The Simcoe County Social Services committee held a luncheon in which several presentations were made. Tecumseth Reeve Harry Cross along with his wife Blossom were honoured for their contributions as he has been committee chairman since 1970. Dr. Lyman Walker with his wife Ann were honoured for his ten years as the house physician at the Manor. Finally, retiring Warden Orville Hughes and his wife Jean were honoured for their contributions. Ed Boynton served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

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Testimonial draws 800 in tribute to Wally Downer

Just about everybody was there. "There" was the Collingwood arena Monday night and some 800 people had gathered in tribute to Wally Downer (the Rev. A.W. Downer, now Canon Downer), their representative in the Ontario Legislature for 28 years.

The Dufferin-Simcoe Progressive Conservative Association arranged the testimonial dinner and dance but the party was really an all-party night because just as the guest of honour worked during his years at Queen's Park to help anyone in his constituency, no matter what his political persuasion, so does he number among his host of loyal friends, people from all parties, and they were happy to do him honour.

Bishop Allan Read and Mrs. Read, of the Toronto Diocese were there at the head table. (It was to an earlier Bishop of the diocese that Wally went when first elected to Queen's Park, in 1937 and, as he told it on Monday night, "When I told the Bishop of my election he did not think very much of the idea but he said as I was elected there was not much he could do about it. His advice was: 'Be fair. Be kind. Be humble.' And that I have tried to be over the years."

Premier William Davis was there, the eighth premier under whom Mr. Downer served. The Hon. Earl Rowe was there. And so were Elaine McCague and George McCague who now represents the riding. Chairman Ron Enns introduced the Downers' sons, Harry, John and Wally, Jr., all present with THEIR families.

There were many Ontario Cabinet members in the audience and there were stacks and stacks of letters which had poured in from people who could not attend. Three of the letters were read out, from former Premier John Robarts, from Russell Rowe, the present Speaker, and from James Breithaupt, House leader of the Liberal Party.

Also among the friends and former colleagues present was Farquhar Oliver, a former Liberal leader.

Premier Davis presented a rather special plaque to Mr. Downer, Mrs. Hill, Riding Association president, made the presentation to Mrs. Downer, and the Riding's gift to both Mr. and Mrs. Downer, a grandfather clock, was presented by Frank Hamilton.

The programme printed for the evening contains an abbreviated history of a long political career, written by Scotty Carmichael, and The Herald quotes his account of "Wally Downer, Legend in his time":

"Wally Downer swept down from the brow of the blue hills in the quiet little hamlet of Dunrozen and walked away with the Dufferin-Simcoe Conservative riding convention in Alliston one hot summer day back in 1937.

"Even some dyed-in-the-wool Tories thought the young Anglican clergyman had barely an outside chance to beat the popular Liberal incumbent, Dr. W. D. Smith of Creemore and besides, the Conservatives had taken a bad beating at the hands of the high flying Mitch Hepburn just three years before.

"But Wally won the riding by a majority of 1,048 votes despite the fact that the Liberal government won 63 of the 90 seats. Thirty-eight years later, Wally Downer was still the representative for Dufferin-Simcoe, the victor of ten consecutive election campaigns.

"During that time he had served under eight Premiers – Mitch Hepburn, G.D. Conant, Harry Nixon, George Drew, Tom Kennedy, Leslie Frost, John Roberts and Bill Davis.

"Always a front bencher since the P.C.'s regained power under George Drew in 1943, Wally has served on the Ontario Liquor Control Board and five years as Speaker of the House.

"Perhaps his greatest victory came in 1948 when he rolled over his C.C.F. opponent by a majority of 5,000 while serving as a front line Padre with the Canadian Army in the Italian campaign of World War II. (Mrs. Downer did the campaigning in that election.)

"And in all that time as a servant of the people of Dufferin-Simcoe, he never neglected his duty as a devoted Anglican clergyman in the parishes of Dunrozen, Singhampton, Glen Huron and the Hatteras.

"Wally Downer – clergyman, statesman, soldier, citizen and gentleman of the old school."

Downer honored

Canon A.W. Downer, left, and Premier William Davis enjoy an after dinner cigar on Monday evening. Mrs. Downer is seated between the two men. Canon and Mrs. Downer were honored by the Dufferin-Simcoe Progressive Conservative Association for his 28 years as an MPP and presented with a grandfather clock. Nearly 1,000 friends and associates attended the appreciation night held in the Collingwood arena.

Celebrated 90th birthday

Mrs. Della Lennox of Collingwood celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, March 28th in Avening Community Hall. Mrs. Lennox's two daughters, Jean Coburn of Orillia and Reta Sutherland of Collingwood along with 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren held a family dinner at noon. The family welcomed all friends and relatives to come to have tea and birthday cake with Mrs. Lennox and to relax and talk of happy days in the past. Mrs. Lennox received quite a few gifts from friends and later in the afternoon George McCague attended the party. A letter from Premier Davis was read aloud and then Mr. McCague presented a 90th birthday plaque to Mrs. Lennox and said a few words, during which he teased Mrs. Lennox about some remembrances of the past.

Many friends came from Beeton to help celebrate her birthday as Mrs. Lennox lived in Beeton up until 18 years ago, when she moved to Collingwood where she lives with her daughter Reta. Mrs. Lennox is grandmother to Paul Coburn of Beeton, Shirley Pentleton of Rosemount, Brian Coburn of Toronto and Donald Sutherland of Owen Sound.

Mrs. Lennox is in very good health, very spry and alert. She wishes to thank everyone who wrote to her and those that came to help her celebrate her birthday.

Miss Dominion of Canada to open Beeton Fall Fair

Pamela Mercer, Miss Dominion of Canada, will be in Beeton on Wednesday, September 14th, to officially open this year's Fall Fair.

The opening ceremonies will take place at about 1:00 p.m. at the ball diamond where the parade will end.

Pamela Mercer, the present Miss Dominion of Canada has dark brown hair, brown eyes and is from Burnaby, British Columbia.

Since a distinguished panel of Judges selected her Miss Dominion of Canada, she has been busy travelling throughout Canada, the United States of America, and abroad.

Miss Mercer, a 20 year old University student and model attained the title of Miss Dominion of Canada representing Burnaby, British Columbia. Miss Mercer prior to becoming Miss Dominion of Canada held the title of "Miss Burnaby".

Miss Dominion of Canada annually represents her country in the Miss Universe, Miss World, Miss International and Queen of the Pacific Pageants which are held in South Central America, England, Japan and Australia.

Miss Mercer is one of three children and was born in Vancouver, British Columbia.

She enjoys singing, playing a guitar, and dancing. She enjoys skiing, football and live entertainment. She hopes to complete her education and commence teaching in the elementary school level.

Royal Bank appointment

The Royal Bank of Canada announces the appointment of Mr. Vaughn Fife as Manager of its Beeton, Ontario branch. Mr. Fife is replacing Mr. E.C.A. Mayer who is retiring from the Bank after forty years' service.

Mr. Fife, a native of Hastings, joined the Bank there in 1964 and has since held various positions in Ontario, most recently in Kincardine and Clifford.

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Some of the old cronies

BY Cecil Hayes

Now will you come with me and meet some of my acquaintances of yesteryear, some of the older folk and how they appeared to a child of 6 towards the close of the last century, and beginning that we in our turn might appear just as quaint to the little tots of our generation?

First there was Mr. A— who lived on the farm back of us. He was a fairly tall man with pink cheeks and long white hair. Once a week with great regularity he would come along the back track upon his whinny. He would be going down to a neighbour on the fifth concession for a jar of buttermilk: how he did like buttermilk! Upon his return journey he would tie his mount to a post of the lane fence, come into the house and after the customary greeting which included a discussion of the weather and a statement concerning his present state of health, he would proceed to search his vest pockets incredibly coming up with a stick of liquorice. Handing it to me he would say, "Take this, my lad, some day you will take the pain, that you will!" Sixty-five or so years later I am sorry to admit his prophecy has not been fulfilled.

Now we meet Mr. Bell of medium height, a broad man with a large moon-like face, long hair, white and like silk. He wore a large drab double-breasted coat, three-quarters length with huge brass buttons. He did not call so often as Mr. Allen living further away. I always liked to see him come and count out pieces large gold coins and pass them over to father. How they did shine, especially when the sunlight fell upon them! Alas! the gold did not remain in father's hands for long; ever it had to be paid over to a third party, Mr. B. always brought to mind the vision of "King Midas".

Mr. Davey Dick was quite a little man with a small nut-brown face, small keen brown eyes and closely cropped hair. He even wore a dark brown close-fitted cardigan, the pockets of which were small. Each held but five large purple plums and always did when plums were in season. So, of course, Davey was ever a welcome contrast to our laneway. Poor Davey was subject to fits and aroused our sympathy. The older boys teased him and then how he did chase them, jerking stones at them so fast and so straight like from a rifle! Davey had a nickname for the neighbours. Mr. Cord with whom he lived was "Gourley". Albert Allen, a huge gangling youth, was "Sampson". Mr. Jeffries was "Jarvis", my father "Wee Geordie" and Joseph Bramhall who was expert in handling the horse scraper was, of course, "Joe, the scraper man", and so on.

There was Ned Ennis whom our black and white collie always welcomed with a certain plaintive bark. He was a tall man, head slightly stooped with age. His hair was long and white, fine too like silk and curled upwards at the back of the neck. He wore a three-quarter length black coat black too, as was his broad brimmed soft felt hat and he leaned heavily upon a black thorn staff. I looked upon him as a Quaker. He was one of the most distinguished guests. In this category also was Mr. Joseph Ellison, expodounder of excellent personality.

Then too there were the ladies. "God bless them!" Two elderly ladies used to drive over and visit with us twice yearly. I always well remember their coming. They were ever dressed in black with lace collars and cuffs and they wore bonnets. After the conversation had waned a little I would bring from the cellar the largest and rosiest apples I could find and serve them with pieces and knives. Shortly after, the more talkative lady would bring from her dainty lace handkerchief and untying a knot she removed a shiny Victorian five-cent piece. After a pat and a hug and a "this is for you" my attention turned toward the other lady. This time it was the larger ten-cent piece. Do not paint my head - but where face were crinkly and her eyes affixed friendliness I liked them both but she that gave me the ten-cent piece - well a little bit the more.

Also there was Ann Wiley, a very distant relative I was told, who visited us about three times a year and for two or three days. Her hair was auburn, not a fiery red, but of an in-between tinge and was tied in a bun at the back of her head. She was ruddy faced and had freckles. She would call me over, run her long fingers through my hair, and say, "Poor Wee Tecumseh (for Cecil)! I have something for you, and her hands would search among the many pleats and folds of her voluminous skirt for a certain mysterious pocket and from which, at last, a bag of mixed candy was forthcoming. The trouble with Ann was that on the second or third day of her stay she would take affronts at something father or mother would unwittingly say that a real "huff" would come over her: "I'll never come back here again; I never will", and out the door she would stomp, instantly forgetting her umbrella or maybe a pair of rubbers. She would get as far as the roadway, come back for the forgotten article and often would make up again.

Then too there was the very important lady in the village bake-shop who kept such wondrous candy. I would stand before the great showcase starry-eyed. Six pennies would buy only six candies but each would be as large as what you would pay five or ten cents for today. Though spoken of as a kindly woman I thought her rather sharp. While considering which ones I should select I was suddenly startled by "Which will you have? eh! eh! eh!" A sharp chin and a long nose had come well over the showcase. I meekly replied, "Please, two of those caramels wrapped in the shiny paper, two peanut chews and two bulls-eyes." Upon receiving the candy I made a hasty retreat.

Now I must not forget my Great Aunt Sally. I did not see her very often, but what a great personage she seemed to be! She was a fairly tall lady, wore a black dress trimmed with white lace and also she wore a lace cap or head covering. Her long clay pipe intrigued me - so I needs must pick it up - but woe is me! I let it fall to the floor and it was broken! Yes, I had no right touching it and I was in her bad graces. What could I do to make amends? Father came to my rescue and soothingly said, "Never mind, come along with me to Tottenham", and after a nice ride behind the sorrel, "Joe", he purchased not one but six clay pipes at Hammell's store. Best of all, Aunt Sally was my friend again. She put her arms around me and gave me a wholesome hug.

Then there were the various peddlers and yes, the travellers of the road, the hobors of bygone days - all intrigued me. There was old Billy Johnstone with a peg leg and his one-horse wagon filled with shiny tinware, pails, or colanders, funnels and pans of all kinds. One-third down our laneway he would blow his horn. Collie too would announce his coming with a special "welcome bark!" How nice it was to see him hand over to mother some shiny utensil!

I, too, recall those small but sturdy Armenian peddlers who went about on foot and carried two cases or packs - one large and thick packed with dry goods. Everything seen in a dry goods store seemed to be there: kerchiefs, towels, aprons, shirts, dresses, hose and lingerie. The other case contained combs, knives and other cutlery, jewellery, pipes, etc. Not only would the good housewife purchase but the lady

[illegible] would be approached. "Buy a nice pipe, Mr. John, this one I brought especially for you". But again the marvel of how they trudged over the rough and hilly roads with those great cases and packs, never would ooze from their foreheads. Heart disease from tension plays havoc with the modern high pressure salesmen but how those peddling salesmen of bygone days escaped the penalty I'll never know. One Armenian had so much on his mind that he came all the way from Rich Hill, some three miles, minus his smaller case of jewellery. After displaying his dry goods to mother he toward the case and accused her of taking it and hiding it. He went out into the laneway and pulled over and over, "I'll give you 10c! I'll take my life!" he said. At last mother persuaded him to retrace his steps and there, sure enough, at the abode of his late purchaser was the case.

Soon after the turn of the century a nomad peddler asked overnight lodging for himself and tried at our farm home. After satisfying the inner man and displaying his wares, he brought in what seemed a most unusual contraption. When he set it up and adjusted the horn we realized it was — yes, it was a gramaphone - the very first we had ever seen. After a squeaky start there were words and, yes, music - well of a kind. He was going to entertain us and so pay for the lodging. Two of the numbers went something like this:

"Jerry Murphy is a friend of mine
He drinks here but I drink wine.
and
"Three women to every man
O, say that if you can
Why don't every man
Have three wives."

Sorry, I'm no musician and cannot write notes.

A gentleman of the highway came in our laneway one Saturday afternoon when we children were alone. A little afraid, we locked the front door, secured the back kitchen door with a pair of scissors to the keeper over the latch, then we hid in the cloakroom and awaited his visitation. A rap on the kitchen door! No answer!

Another rap! Finally there was silence [illegible] we heard in the entrance. All he uttered [illegible] coughed. He came back again and waited for us, or Effie's intuition. Upon going out he skirted the wooden doors, where? A huge clothes bottle fell to the floor. Once more he came back - another long wait and then he went, this time for good.

Upon our another occasion I met a knight of the road but yes, who never would have passed the time of "Robin's Dying". O, was a Friday morning as I was passing the old McCarthy homestead this knight of the road was approaching from the opposite direction, a knotted red kerchief upon his head, a pack on his back and a crooked stick in his right hand. He was barefoot, his boots tied together hung over a shoulder and he had a long stubble for a beard. Would I be taken and sent him on the roadway? He then looked up at me and raised his stick that was straight - over the rail fence I scrambled and ran! Well, there then were bedbugs. Upon reporting the madness some two hundred yards beyond the bridge present I looked back at the recedding figure. The impression had created and lifelong fear, all only again.

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Chapter 8

More Cronies

What a picturesque figure and character was our Public School Inspector - the Reverend Thomas McKee! Tall and dignified he had something of the Tennysonian look including whiskers. Having worn the cloth did also add to his dignity. Then too he wore a swallow tail coat. He would knock on the school door and immediately enter. "Good morning Miss Blank", a chair would be placed upon the platform for him. Generally he would have the teacher carry on with the class, closing his eyes and twiddling his thumbs. Did I say closing? Oh, no! It seemed so but he did not miss a thing. He had a tall memory and would often pick on a certain pupil time after time and a regular pantomime would ensue. Some detested him; I like to see him - both come and go. Down toward the door he would stride, with each footfall a word of his farewelling would reverberate about the room, "And-I-wish-you-every-success!" I said the Inspector rapped on the door but this was not always so. Just before the close of the century he was wont to enter the school without rapping and in Mt. Pleasant School, Essa Township just south of Thornton, a hefty male teacher took exception to this. Upon this occasion he met the inspector half-way down the room and asked him to go out and re-enter in the proper manner. The Public School Inspector advanced just one step - "Biff!", a left hook to the eye. The Inspector did not return that day but on his next visitation he first rapped on the door.

When I first went to Tottenham school a new lady teacher had just commenced her duties for the autumn term. Upon the Inspector's first visit thereafter, "What did you say your name was?" "Miss Hattie Tremeer" our teacher replied sedately. "Miss Hattie Metreer!" from the Inspector. "No, Miss Hattie Tremeer", her voice rising slightly. "But have you no second name Miss Metreer? I mean Miss, Miss Tremeer". She snapped back, "Hattie Maude Tremeer". Miss Tremeer became one of his most respected and esteemed teachers.

Soon after his ordination the Rev. John Totten, named after Tottenham's pioneer settler and whose kinsman he was, united in holy bonds of matrimony, John "A" and the widow "B". John was of the dreamy mould and when asked by the Reverend, Wilt thou have this woman for thy wedded wife?" replied with a modulated "Eh!" The Rev. Totten repeated the question and again John answered with another puzzled "Eh!" Once more "Wilt thou have this woman for thy wedded wife?" - a pause - "Say I will, John". John meekly and softly replied "Say I will."

In 1921 the United Farmers of Ontario were victorious at the polls. On the Saturday night following the election I drove (horse and buggy) into Tottenham for the weekend's groceries. Many farmers were milling about in a jovial and hilarious mood. The local miller, a staunch Liberal, me just as ardent a Tory, asked, "Oh, by the way, do you happen to know the U.F.O. password and grip?" "Oh, no, I don't" I innocently replied interlocking the fingers of his right hand with mine. "Do not grip too tightly, loosely now, that's it!" He began swinging my arm to and fro - slowly just like the motion of a cow's tail swishing away the flies - keeping time to the rhythm of our swinging arms he divulged the password, "co-boss-y, co-boss-y". The resultant laugh caused some of the passing U.F.O. stalwarts to stop and stare at us. What right had we, an ardent Liberal and Tory, to enthuse? This was their night.

When the carpenters were working on our barn, Mr. "A" of the adjoining farm was often over at our place. He loved to ply the men with all kinds of questions, loved also to tell them tall tales. This day it was almost noon when he came along. He was in the granary. The men had hoped to complete it ere noon but he was bothering them. "Was not that Albert (his son) sadling him?" but he did not take the hint to go. Just then mother sounded the dinner gong. One hurriedly put the staple and latch on the outside of the door. The lock was snapped and the men scrummed for dinner. James was locked in! "Have pity on a poor dying man! Have pity on a poor dying man!" His shouts carried to the house and amused the gang.

James was indeed quite a character, being somewhat of a philosopher and, like most, was not over fond of work. Their farm was very hilly and full of stumps and often on those first warm days in early April he would sit on the south side of some huge pine stump sunning himself, truly a harbinger of Spring. In our harvest he would direct the work from his vantage point, again a pine stump. His two tall robust gangling sons would be loading the sheaves, Albert, the elder, upon the wagon, Eli pitching on. "Hi there, Albert man. Keep to the high side, keep to the high side," he would shout in a loud voice that could easily be heard a good half mile away. Many an upset was thus averted.

Albert and Eli were ingenious youths - threshing engines fascinated them. One old model was ever in their yard; this they experimented with. "Oh, yes, it had its faults - they could improve upon it." The lads seldom got into trouble. Just once did they slip from the straight and narrow path. They were locked up in the "bridewell" in Beeton's new town hall awaiting their appearance before the magistrate. They escaped to the farm and led constables Watson and Appleton a right merry chase uphill and down dale and in the woods ere the strong arm of the law caught up with them.

Then there were the Devlin Boys. Even when in their seventies they remained "the Devlin Boys". Paddy and Frank had come over from their native Armagh when mere lads. Though of the Roman Catholic faith and attending mass at least twice a year, they sojourned mostly among the Protestants of Tecumseth whose forbears had come from the same locale in Ireland. They were soft spoken and possessed a plenteous supply of real Irish wit. They were wont to work a week or two at one farm and with a little money in pocket would go to the village and perhaps serve as hustlers for lodge and board; then another sojourn in the country with a different farmer. They were excellent ploughmen and marvellous at loading peas on the wagon. They would gather up a bundle oh so deftly and place it in the very right spot for the builder. They were carefree and had no financial problems. The good woman of the house might be glad of their departure yet, at the time of their next visitation the welcome sign would be out. Their Irish wit and mannerisms made them welcome. One Saturday night in the days of the open bar Frank, who could just navigate Tottenham's four corners, met the local Massey-Harris agent (an old friend). In his broadest Irish he said, "Good night, Dan! Am I right?"

Down in Penville there lived "the Armstrong Girls", sisters. They were in their seventies when I first met them. It was my privilege and pleasure to bring them on my return from town some coal or groceries. Always they would ask me in for cake and tea. On Election Day I would call for them to exercise their franchise, a privilege and pleasure too. One Halloween night a neighbour woman dressed as a hobo rapped at the Armstrong door and, on opening, stepped inside. In deep guttural the supposed "he" demanded overnight lodging. The colour flushed to their faces - they were nervous. "We live alone. We never keep men folk overnight", they said apologetically yet firmly. "Oh but I think I'll be a-stayin'" persisted the supposed hobo. "Oh no! no! no!" but Mrs. "S", the neighbour let it go at that; she had played her role well and had fun.

Many attend Rev. Dickson's 40th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Dickson display the cake honouring Rev. Dickson's 40 years of service to the United Church since his ordination in 1936. Many out of town visitors attended Sunday's service which was followed by a pot luck dinner.

BEETON - Trinity United Church, Beeton, celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Ordination of their Minister, the Rev. Warren G. Dickson, B.A. to the Ministry by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada on June 7th, 1936 in Sackville, New Brunswick. Participating in the Service were the Rev. Norman Thomas of Barrie and the Rev. Hugh MacTaggart of Shelburne.

Rev. Mr. Thomas brought greetings and good wishes to the Minister and led in prayer that God's continued blessing might be upon him and his work. Forty years ago he was in the car that took the Minister and others to the Maritime Conference where the Ordination was held. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and the Minister and Mrs. Dickson are all Cape Bretoners.

Reading the exact Scripture that was read 40 years ago was the Rev. Hugh MacTaggart of Shelburne. He brought greetings from Shelburne and said that he and Mr. and Mrs. Dickson had been friends of long standing. He too is celebrating the 40th year of his Ordination to the Ministry by the Toronto Conference. The Scripture read was 2 Timothy 2:1-10.

The front of the church was decorated by many lovely summer flowers, arranged by Mrs. Ann Bulman. Near the Communion Table was a very large basket of flowers sent by the Ministers sisters, Mrs. Howard Dingwall and Mrs. Ina Mclaughlin of Sydney, Nova Scotia and Mrs. Willard Everill of Baden Baur West Germany. There was also a pretty plant by a member of the congregation and memorial flowers in loving memory of little Gregory David Bondareff of 5 Young St. Beeton, who was drowned in the pool at his home on June 2nd. The sympathy of the whole community is extended to the parents and family.

The choir with Mrs. Bernice Jerry as organist and Mrs. S.R. MacKelvey sang the favourite hymns of the Minister with the anthem "Higher Ground" as one of his particular favourites.

Many places were represented including churches where the Minister had served in the 40 years from 1936 to 1976. It saw him go as a student Minister to Fourchu and Ingonish in Cape Breton and to Newfoundland for a year as a student Minister. As an ordained Minister he spent nearly six years in Saskatchewan. His marriage was at Alsask, Sask. a border town between Alberta and Saskatchewan. Their two daughters were born in Saskatchewan. The eldest, Norma (Mrs. Gordon Young of Oshawa) was born in Kindersley and the younger daughter, Joan, (Mrs. Don Feather of Brampton) was born in Saskatoon.

The Minister preached on "Highlights of My Ministry". He mentioned that he had performed the marriages of their two daughters in Oshawa and had baptized five little grandchildren.

The Minister mentioned the glow on so many pretty and charming brides and their handsome grooms as he conducted their wedding ceremonies. He said it was always a privilege to baptize little ones in the Sacrament of Baptism, for Christ said the greatest in His Kingdom was just a little child. The Minister said he had stood by people when tragedy had struck and tried to bring help and comfort to them in their time of grief.

The Minister mentioned that in so many Ontario places he had conducted the 100th Anniversary service. In Shelburne, in Atwood he had conducted their centennial services and last June at Primrose he had preached at their 100th Anniversary. At Centre St. United Church, Oshawa, he preached the final sermon at that grand old church when it was being demolished to provide more room for the Oshawa City Hall. At Atwood last year he was asked back to preach at the 50th Anniversary of Church Union and to conduct the special Communion service. He thanked God for his good health during 40 years and for the privilege of serving Him for so long and hoped that he might be able to continue for at least two more years until the first Sunday of November 1978 when Trinity United Church in Beeton will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. At Oshawa he started a new United Church under the direction of the Oshawa Presbytery called Oshawa Suburban which now have their own Minister.

The Minister had many cards of congratulations from friends of the congregation and many from distant places. People were present from Atwood, Brampton, Shelburne, Toronto, and Donegal. At Shelburne the Minister, Rev. Bruce Besley announced the service and cancelled his Communion service which made it possible for nearly 25 members from Shelburne to attend.

The Minister had many letters of congratulations on serving 40 years. One was from his home church, Trinity United in Sydney, Nova Scotia, a telegram of good wishes. The Moderator of the United Church of Canada, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Wilbur Howard wrote: "You have a wonderful record of service in the Church. I want to express gratitude for your work and witness which will be highlighted on June 6th when you celebrate your 40th Anniversary as an Ordained Minister."

Other letters were received from Harold Rolstin clerk of Session of Shelburne United Church. Rev. Basil Dass chairman of Beeton-Tottenham-Colgan Ministerial Association wrote a letter of congratulations as did Rev. James Cross of Highgate, the former Minister of Beeton. The Session of Trinity Church in Beeton expressed their congratulations as did the O'Leary, P.E.I. and the Centennial Oshawa United Churches. Mrs. Helen Crooks of Sydney, a sister of Mrs. Dickson telephoned congratulations.

On behalf of the Trinity United Church congregation, Elmer Frank Link and Mrs. Bulman presented the Minister with a fine clock and pen set with his name on it. Then the whole congregation was invited down to the Sunday School room where all partook of a very fine dinner prepared by the ladies. The centre of attraction were two large Anniversary cakes with "Congratulations, Rev. W.G. Dickson, 1936-76" on them.

The Minister and Mrs. Dickson would like to express their deep appreciation to all who have made this Sunday such a memorable one.

Reflections of the Past

Memoirs of Tecumseth

Tecumseh

Tecumseh's story begins in 1768 in Ohio Valley. His father was a gentle Shawnee chief and his mother was from Alabama. She instilled in her children hatred against the white man for his encroachment on the lands and rights of the Indian.

Tecumseh learned ambush war tactics and he also learned the stupidity of war and its rash fighting, none of which impressed him. His father was shot in the chest when he angrily refused to be a guide to a party of white hunters. His mother offered a harsh, hateful chant urging her son to avenge his father's death.

In 1774 the American Revolution broke out and fighting raged over the Ohio frontier. Once again Tecumseh saw American treachery to the Shawnee Indians. No wonder the Indian nation turned toward the British, hoping for the respect and trust it deserved.

Just after his father's death, Tecumseh at nine years of age, was adopted by an Indian chief, from whom he learned the practical art of war. He knew defeat is never certain until it is accepted in the heart of the leader. This same chief adopted Daniel Boone, so for a while Tecumseh and Boone were foster brothers.

Tecumseh found it easy to win renown as a warrior but the role of the Indian statesman was a more difficult one to learn. Both Indian and whiteman trusted him for his unflinching honesty. For instance, Tecumseh would neither torture his prisoners nor permit others to do so in his presence. He managed to keep the respect of his comrades. He was able to view the overall Indian situation and see its causes. He considered the refusal to make peace the real cause of many Indian disasters.

Tecumseh was not evangelical but his brother, "the Prophet" was. Together they accomplished much for Indian rights. Alcohol was forbidden by them. He persuaded tribes to join his confederacy and argued the Indian purpose with both American and British officials. Tecumseh believed if his people had a common interest in the land they would defend it as a single, great state. He hoped at least to prevent the destruction of the Indians by the Whites.

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He met and fell in love with Rebecca Galloway. She was only sixteen, blonde and the blue-eyed daughter of an Irish trader. The chief was completely captivated by this girl, though she was the symbol of the race he had been taught, since childhood, to hate. He returned many times to visit her, when she taught him English and read to him from her father's large library. She read him the story of Alexander the Great and he spoke of this man's deeds until the end of his own life. She read from the Bible to him too and he understood it. Tecumseh brought Rebecca most precious gifts, a comb for her hair, tenderest meat and thick, soft furs and a decorated canoe for the "Star of the Lake". Rebecca accepted his proposal for marriage but refused to be an Indian wife. She begged him to forsake his people and live with her in the white man's world. A moon later Tecumseh brought his refusal to the only woman he ever loved. He never saw Rebecca again.

The Americans began the War of 1812 at Detroit. Tecumseh met Sir Isaac Brock at this time. These two men first met by candle light at Fort Amherstburg. They shook hands cordially and measured each other's appearance. Blond, blue-eyed Brock in scarlet coat, white riding breeches and high riding boots liked the well poised Indian dressed in a fresh, well-fitted buckskin suit with leather fringes, a single white feather flashing in his shining black hair. Detroit was easily taken by the British. However, Brock fell at Queenston Heights in 1813. Colonel Proctor replaced Brock. He and Tecumseh quarrelled violently but Proctor took a stand at Moravianstown on the Thames River. On October 5, 1813, it took only ten minutes to destroy the British regulars. Tecumseh and his Indian warriors stood alone against the Americans. Shouting encouragement to his men, Tecumseh fell with a rifle bullet in his chest.

No one has ever found the burial place of his body but legend says that on still October nights when the leaves are the flaming crimson, gold, copper of Indian war paint, Tecumseh's voice can be heard across the Thames Valley farmlands singing the plaintive song of his dream for the Indian nation and its white murderers.

The following story is taken from Canadian History (Grade VIII) 1967. – Isaac Brock asked to take lessons from Tecumseh so he might learn to make war in the forests. The warrior was pleased and said, Hoo! this is a man. He sketched a map of roads, lakes and streams around Fort Detroit. From this map Brock planned his attack and the Fort surrendered. To honor Tecumseh, Brock placed his silken sash around the Indian's shoulders to show him esteem and respect.

AREA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PRESIDENTS

Many Women's Institute presidents attended the museum day held this week for the Simcoe area women's Institutes at the museum. Front row from right are: Betty Bowen, second vice-president; Vera Maguire, president; Isobel Beard, first vice-president. Back row: Adelaide Lougheed, secretary treasurer; Jeanne Beaton, president of Simcoe north; Eva Tuck, president of Simcoe centre; Muriel Jacobs, director for sub division 13; Marguerite Tipping, president of Simcoe south; Merle Ball, public relations and Mrs. Walter Coutts, president of Simcoe west. (Examiner photo)

LILLIAN SLOAN, Mrs. John Lougheed and Irene Wells admire quilts displayed Monday at the museum day for the Simcoe Area Women's Institutes at the Simcoe County Museum. Representatives from the area's 82 institutes attended. (Examiner Photo)

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Election Gems

A few days prior to the municipal election of 1906 I was entrusted with horse and buggy to go to Beeton to get the weekend supply of groceries. Having tied "Joe" in the Commercial Hotel shed, I was on my way to the bake shop when two of Beeton's leading citizens met on the street in front of the hotel. One, a little short man with a peg leg, looked up into the face of a tall and statuesque figure. There was no salutation; they came to the crux of the matter at once. "Who are you for?" snapped the little man. "I'm for Geordie! Who are you for?" "I'm for Geordie too. Come on in and we'll wet it." Geordie, my father, was running for the Reeveship. I felt at least two inches taller to think that two of Beeton's prominent citizens, belonging to the same church as his opponent, would take such interest in father being elected. In those days an 80% poll was common.

The provincial election of 1937 was very keenly contested. Mitch Hepburn, the Onion King, had been Premier and again led the Liberals. Earle Rowe, who had been federal representative, was leading the Tories. Their candidate, R.J. Jamieson, was being opposed by Dr. Smith of Creemore. Interest was at a feverish pitch. It was going to be close at No. 2 this time. Scrutineers and the voluntary drawers-in were early on hand. It was even mooted that an outsider with a suitcase was accompanying one stalwart, drawing in votes. Dire mutterings were heard. Scrutineers could generally find some means of communicating information to one another, but, so, not this time! Two old Tories left early to bring in a voter from a remote corner of the sub-division. He had been interviewed a day or two before. Oh yes! he would be all right. George could neither read nor write. Closeted in the booth with the D.R.O. and the two scrutineers, he was asked, "For whom do you wish to vote?" "Smith or Jamieson?" asked the D.R.O. He did not know. Exasperated, the D.R.O. then asked "for Hepburn or Rowe?" "Hepburn" meekly replied the voter. When later one of the Tories that drew the voter in heard of this his chagrin was great, but all he said was, "By thunder!" By mid-afternoon excitement ran high. A Ukrainian had just come into the booth - a Liberal vote to be sure. The opposing scrutineer, knowing John very well, drew him aside. No, John did not have naturalization papers and [illegible] counting the ballots one with a large 2 in place of an X was disputed and eventually not counted. The living room door was open a few inches and a woman's voice, "thinks he's smart", could be heard, evidently referring to the objecting scrutineer. So the ladies had the same keen interest as had the men folk in political affairs.

The federal election of 1940 was held near the middle of March. A terrific snow storm preceded it and all but plugged the roads leading to the poll held at the Sutton house, third concession. The D.R.O. trudged the two miles across the fields and over innumerable drifts and wire fences topped by the barbed variety with ballot box. He had left home half an hour early and just reached the poll by opening time.

Our neighbour adjoining us hitched his team to the sleigh. He would take a load of voters to the booth and go by the town line and the third, so at 10 o'clock he with his wife and two lads all encased in warm apparel set out. First they would pick up the D.R.O.'s wife and hired man; the long lane deep with snow offered no great difficulty; then for the neighbours across the way. "Better put the horses in the stable" the neighbour shouted. "The cut is full - all of 12 feet. My car is on the town line. It's open and so's the third I hear." So with horses safely stabled, off they staggered across the fields and over drifts as the rail fences and at last made the car. It was clear sailing across the two concessions but as they were about to turn up the third, two or three pedestrians, returning from the booth, shouted "You'll never make it. Go 'round by the south town line and take the county road north. I think you'll make it but it's sure filling in fast." Now the fun commenced - cars were stalled here and there - it was shovel and shove - a spurt by the car, more shovelling and pushing. At last the county road was reached. They turned north and got three hundred yards but no more. So they must needs reverse to the town line - more pushing - at last they made it. "I'm hungry", said one. "Let's go into Schomberg", John at hand. "I'm broke" ... "So am I" ... "Sure our credit is good". "Let's go". After being refreshed and regaled they set out and at last reached the third. Would they go home never entered their heads. They had come to vote and vote they would! So they struggled and struggled on. How glad the D.R.O. was to see them enter the booth at 3.30! After voting and a short respite they departed glad at heart to have registered their vote despite the hazards of weather. They had just left the polling booth when, much to their consternation, they met six stalwarts of the opposing party - all close neighbours. They had walked the two concessions. "Darn it all" was all the good lady who had lost her coat in the shoving said. Even at that there was one consoling factor: the six had *left their lady folk at home.* Back to the town line they trudged, back also to the neighbour's for horses and sleigh.

When the ballots were counted and the result telephoned home all was serene they were content. A good night's sleep did wonders. The ballot box seemed lighter that night as the D.R.O. ploughed through the drifts on his way home, but then upon descending a certain spoiled ballot to hear the hired man say, "That was my ballot." What to morse! It was an election dog ang to be remembered. I wonder if His Honour, the present Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, has any inkling of the hardships endured that day by his supporters in No. 2 Tecumseth.

In the 1921 provincial election a former Tory was this time drawing in votes for the U.F.O. He stopped to give one neighbour John a ride to the poll, a distance of four miles. "You are, of course, supporting our candidate." "Oh no. I'm for the other side." "Well, then you'll walk from here on in." Mr. A. who had offered John the lift, stopped in Beeton to pick up another supposed supporter. In the meantime John had secured another ride. On coming out of the booth he again met Mr. A. How he did chuckle!

In those good old days the niceties of the rules governing the poll were not always adhered to in every detail. On one occasion Mr. C. a real old timer, came into the booth and after being given a ballot and directed to a cubicle immediately spread his angular frame upon the table in front of the election officials and waiting counts and marked his ballot with a huge X, saying at the same time so all could hear him, "I'm for Rowe." All were so startled there was no objection.

This time the polling station was in Ferrolie. Near the house lived an old resident. Both sides were after him to vote so on the afternoon he developed a cold, an election cold it was! He would go to bed but yet he was in bed those persistent Tories were tapping on the outside door so he hope and hoped as he was at the time. His helpmate, who too was uneven that he should vote, ushered the two Tories into the bedroom. They talked with him and got him into good humor and then they pulled the covers off. There he was - what a spectacle! - in red flannels and socks on his feet. But he voted! What interest those early citizens had in national and political events and what enthusiasm they revealed!

A SALUTE TO vegetables was the display put on by Margaret Hennebry, left, and Vera Maguire at the museum day for the Simcoe County area Women's Institute Monday at the Simcoe County Museum. This vegetable wagon was made by Mrs. Hennebry.

Women's Institutes are gung-ho; younger women sought for groups

What does the Women's Institute and today's young woman have in common?

Concern about nutrition, good use of farmland, the role of women in society - just to mention a few topics that affect everyone.

But the problem is getting young women to join the WI, according to Vera Maguire, president of Simcoe Area Women's Institute.

And Muriel Jacobs director of sub division 13 agrees.

"I don't know what we can do to attract them. There really is a lot to offer them - and they have a lot to offer us."

Right now the average age of the group is about 45, Mrs. Jacobs said. This gives the image that the group isn't for young women.

Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Jacobs attended museum day for the area group Monday at the Simcoe County Museum. There were displays of quilting and demonstrations of arts and crafts. Representatives from the area's 82 institutes attended.

This was the third annual museum day.

FIRST FOR MUSEUM

Museum day commemorates how WI members pushed for the first museum in the county - which a lot of people don't know.

The motto of WI is "for home and country". Based on this, members have built up Tweedsmuir histories, or local histories by collecting artifacts, newspaper clippings and photos which are kept in folders. Each institute is responsible for its locale.

In the early 1900's they began collecting that turned out to be the first items for the museum. The museum was first located on Owen Street. In 1934 it "outgrew" itself and moved to Worsley Street.

The first wing of the present museum was built in 1963.

But history is only one of the concerns of the group. Current events is a primary item at meetings.

"We give service to the community but we also provide education too," Mrs. Jacobs said.

Services include projects such as Pennies for Friendship. This money is for mothers in under-developed nations so they can cope with homemaking.

They provide homemaking courses for young people through the 4-H clubs and in schools. The work co-agriculture and food WI members provide scholarships for girls to attend McDonald Institute of family and consumer studies, so they, in turn, can teach in underdeveloped nations.

IS A PLACE

Nutrition is the major concern.

"There is certainly a place for good homemaking," Mrs. Jacobs said. While this is stressed in schools today, many young mothers don't know the basics of nutritious meals.

"We keep updating all of our programs," Mrs. Jacobs said.

And adding new ones. Right now they have such diversified interests as rural and urban communications, women and the law, citizenship and world affairs, education and cultural activities, family and consumers affairs, agriculture and Canadian industries.

And in studying these topics closely, they draw up resolutions to send to government officials for legislation.

Recently they submitted a resolution supporting private clinics for rape victims to enable them to get private psychiatric and physical care and a private court hearing.

"We are a gung-ho group," Mrs. Jacobs asserted. "We have to be, to get things done."

I used to worry that the Women's Institutes were dwindling - but not any more."

Why not? Adelaide Hoodless's group, which she started in 1897 in Stoney Creek has grown into over eight million members around the world.

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Chapter 10

Marketing

We have told of how the early pioneer pounded his wheat into meal in the hollo of an oak stump and of how later he took a small grist by pack-horse to the Holland Landing mill. How welcome was Squire Ramsay's coffee mill - no more arduous trips over the rough corduroy road to Bradford and the Landing. We have observed the building of the first wagon by Henry Clark and the hauling of the first load of wheat to Muddy York. That first wagon, that first load of wheat made history. It commenced a pattern or trend - the marketing of Tecumseh's early farm products in Muddy York (later Toronto).

The early settlers followed a trail that went south and east from Lloydtown. Later Lloydtown was by-passed, a road having been built through Schomberg. This marketing trail or road meandered through Nobleton, Pine Grove, Woodbridge, Weston and the Junction (West Toronto). Hotel accommodation could be had at Woodbridge, Weston and the Junction in the fifties. Soon other little wayside inns sprang up. Not only were loads of wheat, oats and other fodder delivered to the Toronto market, but also beef, pork and poultry. Certain farmers made a business of buying up and delivering to Toronto the farm produce of their immediate neighbourhood. They were known as hucksters. To Toronto and return was was a two or three day trip and by the seventies the road had become a much travelled thoroughfare. The farmers and hucksters staying at the various inns were wont to discuss their merits. The Peacock in at the Junction and the Woodbridge Inn were unanimously given the nod of approval; they were good places to stop over at. "Don't stay at that little wayside tavern at the Kleinburg cut-off; they are short of blankets there" was often heard. So a sign, "Short Blanket Hotel Corner" was erected and told posterity of the fact.

The Grand Trunk Railway built a line from Hamilton through Tottenham and Beeton to Allandale in the seventies. These two villages then did really thrive! Farmers brought in eggs, butter and poultry to the various stores, sometimes for cash but more often for trade. Sometimes the farmers' accounts were running once. Once or twice a year and nearly always just before Christmas there was a reckoning up of accounts. Farmers and merchants alike were content; seldom were there trouble spots. One Beeton merchant did, when inserting a tester into a tub of butter, come upon a rock. No words were exchanged at the time but later at the time of reckoning the weight of the rock was deducted in sugar. A flushed face was the only evidence of chagrin on the good lady's part. She continued to be a regular customer. In both villages grain elevators and grist mills were built, coal and wood yards established and now, near the close of the century, the local weekly produce market was established. Let us now have a lookeee at the Tottenham market as of the early 1900s.

Preparing for market did entail a lot of arduous and fatiguing tasks upon the industrious farm housewife. Eggs had to be cleaned, graded and sometimes candled and then packed in cartons or baskets. Butter was often churned on the previous day. The dash or barrel churn was in common use. Later churns of various designs with gear and foot pedal were in vogue. One neighbour had a dog churn. The English collie seemed to think this task to be beneath his dignity and much preferred the bringing up of the cows for milking. After being churned the butter was washed and thoroughly mixed with just the right amount of salt added and, oh yes, a few drops of butter colouring. Then it was made into pound prints. Some design, perhaps a thistle, shamrock or rose, was imprinted on the pound mould. The housewife would carefully wrap it in thin butter paper that revealed the exact colour the likeness of a dairy cow and the name of the proprietress and of the farm as, "Mrs. Dan O'Grady, Roselawn Farm". Certain ladies took special pride in having choice fowl dressed and trimmed just so. They would then always obtain the highest prices.

Beeton's market was held Tuesday mornings, Tottenham's on the same afternoon. The same buyers attending both markets made it a real field day. Two especially stand out in my mind's eye. Scanlon was short and stubby, Irish of course, of pinkish complexion. When bidding his eyes sparkled and his bids were sharp and snappy. His wit was of the spiced variety. Teasdale was tall, dark, lean faced and his bids were measured and slow.

By 1:30 the market was under way. It was, of course, in the good old horse and buggy days. The hotel sheds were filled with horses and buggies, some democrats too. Even the church sheds were partly full with a few horses tied in front of certain shops. Inside the market hall all was hustle and commotion just prior to opening. The many farm matrons present had artfully displayed their produce. The early worm, of course, had had the choice of position or stand. But now the buyers were on hand and bidding had commenced.

Scanlon had a good speak for just such butter as Mrs. E. from over north made. Teasdale knowing this would chance a raise, but Scanlon must have that butter and would have to pay the outboard-of-price of 17c per lb. But he got back at Teasdale who had ready market for Mrs. P's. chickens. Teasdale had to pay 23c per lb. Now you see how popular these ladies might be with the average farm matron. But good humour prevailed for the most part and many pleasantries were passed around.

After the cheques were given out the ladies would hasten to their favourite store for the week's supply of groceries, to the butcher's for a choice steak or roast. Of course the dry goods stores got a large share of the weekly market cheque. A new dress for 6-year old Mary, a hair ribbon for little Lucy and for Donald a pair of shoes. Then perchance a call to the druggist for liniment for the injured Dobbin or Epsom Salts for the sick cow. The shop keeper would often tuck in a bag of candy. It would not do to lose the patronage of such good customers as the farm ladies of Tecumseh proved to be.

Many a scheme was employed to get the customer upstairs. Here new hats were on display for the ladies and stacks and stacks of men's and boy's clothing. One crafty tradesman in a neighbouring village was wont to inveigle some of his customers into buying a new hat for Mi-Lady by first inviting them downstairs for a "wee droppie" and then upstairs where the pretty new milliner had the finest creations on display. Often it worked.

The farmers marketed their grain at the local elevators and took grists to Nolan's mill on Tottenham pond. The great water wheel was used to generate power for the mill as late as the 1930s. On certain days the three elevator men would be at the four corners to compete for choice loads of wheat or of malting barley. They would climb upon the load, sample and test the grain. The load of grain would then be delivered to the highest bidder. The farmers received payment by cheque and then the merchants would have a field day and, yes, maybe the bootlers as well, but generally if they thrived the merchant was shy and vice versa.

So market day in Tottenham was as is market day the world over - well, at least next to the Sabbath, the most important day of the week in the life of the community. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed it. They took time off to say "Hi neighbour" and reminisce on some outstanding occurrence of the week. It served as a refresher course.

Beeton W.I.

The January meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Thelma Coburn. Fourteen members answered the roll call with a snapshot of their home and themselves.

The motto "She who forgets the past, loses the key to the future" was ably taken by Mrs. Edna Bell. A discussion on our display for the Beeton Fall Fair followed. It was decided that we have a display of crafts and limiting it to ten entries for each display.

Mrs. Marjorie Drury read a letter written in 1872, and was found in the demolished house of Bruce Woodward. The letter was remarkably well preserved and we thank Mrs. Woodward for the priviledge of having seen and read it.

Mrs. Doreen Roberts is now prepared to start her 4-H classes. Eight girls 12 years or over are needed. Please call Mrs. Roberts at 729-2769.

The meeting was closed and the usual bountiful lunch was served by the hostesses.

BEETON - The Women's Institute held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Edgar Ritchie. The roll call to be answered by, (a topic I would like to see used as a basis for a resolution), brought forth many suggestions. The motto was well taken by Mrs. Lillian Hawton. Mrs. Jack Campbin was in charge of the program on resolutions and also gave a report on the District Annual meeting.

Mrs. Roberts and her assistant were present and reported their 4-H group well under way. The nominating committee of Mrs. Velma McCallin and Mrs. Ina McMinn will prepare the slate of officers to be presented at the March meeting.

Mrs. Ela Kearns then presented Mrs. Jack Campbin with a life membership pin, a reward for 25 years of continuous service. Mrs. Campbin made a gracious reply and received a round of applause for her faithful service.

Mrs. Ada Warum read the current events, prepared by Mrs. Muriel Reynolds.

The closing of the meeting was followed by the usual delicious lunch.

Beeton W.I.

On April 13, the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. R. Watson. Fifteen members answered the roll call with paying of fees and naming "Something money can't buy." The motto - "The Institute Branch is like a wheelbarrow, not much good unless we get behind and push" was commented upon by Mrs. W. Dickson, and was very well done.

Mrs. C. Reynolds, our retiring treasurer, gave the financial report for the end of the year, showing a tidy balance.

The girls hockey team will again be the recipients of a cheque from the Institute.

Mrs. E. Ritchie gave her Public Relations report and we surely had some interesting speakers at our meetings during the past year. After a short business session, Mrs. E. Ritchie took charge of the meeting, the theme being Public Relations.

Mrs. E. Stewart read an Easter story after which Mrs. Ritchie introduced Mrs. E. Kneeshaw, District Public Relations Officer. Mrs. Kneeshaw gave a very fine reading on people relating to people. It is hard to beat the standards of consistency, sincerity, courtesy and friendliness. Mrs. Elva Bradley assisted Mrs. Kneeshaw in a skit about the distributions of the Institute dues. This was both informative and amusing. Mrs. J. Aiken thanked the ladies for their entertainment.

Mrs. Bradley then conducted the installation of officers for the two year term. Mrs. T. Bell gave her usual good report of current events.

A contest was conducted during the preparation of lunch and ended the meeting with an enjoyable time.

Area president guest speaker at Women's Institute meeting

The Beeton Women's Institute met on October 12 at the home of Mrs. Robert McFarlane of Maple Ave. Mrs. Gordon Drury presided in the absence of the President.

The roll call was answered by "How can you be an asset to your community?" By the answers given there should be some willing workers in the future.

The Motto for the month was "There is no easy showing the road to success, we must shape our own. Mrs. W. Cole prepared the commnat and it was read by Mrs. D. Voisin and Mrs. G. Drury. There was much time and thought put into this paper and Mrs. Cole is to be commended for her excellent job.

Mrs. Gordon Drury is to be the delegate to the Orillia Convention with Mrs. R. Watson alternate delegate for Tuesday.

Mrs. G. McClain introduced the guest speaker Mrs. McGuire who is Institute Area President. The theme was "Citizenship and world affairs." Mrs. McGuire spoke on aid given to the needy of the world. "Pennies for Friendship" is a very important part of this aid. This practice originated in a woman's dream and then became a reality as the Institute grew. There are 8½ million members throughout the world. Mrs. McGuire also stressed the importance of home. A happy family makes good citizens. The Institute Motto "For Home and Country" puts Home first because only through the first can the second be built. It was a most inspiring talk and Mrs. McGuire was warmly thanked.

A delicious lunch followed the Institute Grace.

Beeton Women's Institute

The May meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Dickson, with Vice President, Mrs. Gordon Drury, presiding.

A moments silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, and an In Memoriam verse read by Mrs. Drury.

This being so close to Mother's Day, Mrs. Drury gave a reading on what Mother's are. Seems like we mothers are quite a combination.

The roll call was answered by "Something new to plant in your garden." The motto for the month "People who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves, seldom lose their shirts" was commented on by Mrs. D. Voisin. The four delegates to South Simcoe District Women's Institute, held in Tottenham, will be Mrs. G. Drury, Mrs. J. Campbin, Mrs. E. Stewart and Mrs. D. Voisin.

After a short business session Mrs. R. Watson took charge of the meeting, the theme being Agriculture.

Mr. Bill Mason was called on to show his slides of his various trips. This included trips to the East Coast, the West Coast, to Florida, and of course our Northern Ontario. The pictures were superb and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Velma McClain then thanked Mr. Mason for his entertainment.

After Mrs. Drury gave the current events, the meeting closed with the Institute Grace. Lunch was served by the hostesses during a social hour.

District President guest of Beeton W.I.

On November 16 the Beeton Women's Institute met in the Queens Hotel, Bradford. After the meeting was opened, Grace was sung and a one minute silence observed in memory of Mrs. L. Wiggins, one of the life members who recently passed away.

Seventeen members and five guests sat down to a delicious dinner. A lucky draw prize donated by Miss L. Agar was won by Mrs. E. Ritchie.

A short business meeting followed. It was decided to hold three auctions in the place and dates to be advertised.

Mrs. Tipping, District President, was welcomed by C. Reynolds. Mrs. Tipping thanked the Institute for including her in the enjoyable evening.

The ladies then gathered into groups for cards and games. Later on refreshments were served by the staff and the evening came to a close. It was a most enjoyable evening, the ladies in their long gowns presenting a gala occasion.

Last meeting of season

BEETON - The June meeting of the Women's Institute, the last for the summer, was held at the home of Mrs. C. Reynolds. Fifteen members answered the roll call with "A pin power when I am grocery shopping." We also had five visitors.

The Beeton Fair Board, Horticultural Society and Beeton Public School will again receive cheques as previous years. In addition Alliston Pool will receive a cheque from the Institute. A committee was formed to look after a bus trip for June this summer.

Mrs. Harriet Westlake was introduced as guest from Alliston. Mrs. Marion Alexander, Mrs. Josephine Dunford of Cookstown, District President, Women's Institute and has travelled all over the world. She is on her way to the East Coast. Mrs. Alexander spoke briefly of her travels and was very much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. I. Reynolds in charge of Consumer Affairs programme, took charge of the meeting. She introduced Mr. Harris Steele from Steele's China Shop in Barrie. Mr. Steele showed some beautiful china and described the making of the different kinds of china. From china making to Bilinguslism, to potters and back to china. Mr. Steele held the rapt attention of its women. He was warmly thanked for his display.

Lunch followed the Institute Grace.

W.I. in spirit of Christmas

The December meeting of Women's Institute of Beeton was held at the home of Mrs. Herb Lisk. The glowing candles, Christmas tree, and gifts around it, put a real Christmas spirit in the meeting. After Mrs. Reynolds opened the meeting the Roll Call was answered by "An interesting Christmas Decoration." There was a varied and lovely display.

Mrs. Gordon Drury and Mrs. R. Watson were the delegates to the Simcoe Area Convention in Orillia. Both gave reports on the meeting.

The business was kept at a minimum as this was Grandmother's programme. Each grandmother was to do something. There were many good poems read. Six members put on a skit which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Bernice Jerry presided at the piano and led in carol singing. The Institute Grace was sung and a bountiful lunch served. Even after the lunch was over Mrs. Jerry continued to play while many sang their favourite carols.

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Beeton Fall Fair

Having told something of the activities of the community, I would be remiss indeed if I did not refer to the Beeton Fall Fair held annually and almost invariably at that time during the second week of October. It has since developed into quite a large and interesting event with exhibitors from various parts of the province, but herein I will attempt to describe the Fair as seen through the eyes of a youth in his early teens and shortly after the turn of the century.

It was then mainly a community project. Exhibitors and spectators alike were mainly from the Township. Each exhibitor was more or less acquainted with the others and it was "Hello Tom, Dick or Harry" as the case might be. The late D.A. Jones took a keen interest in the planning of the Fair Grounds and in the laying out of the splendid half-mile race course. He saw planted the maples that encompass the entire area. The Agricultural Hall with its adjoining little stand for spectators was erected. Then too there was the judges' stand or pagoda. Also a portion of the grounds was arranged to accommodate the live-stock.

At about 11 o'clock, I think it was October 9, 1906, a neighbour lad and I with but fifty cents each set out on shank's pony over the hills to attend Beeton Fair. Yes it had rained as was wont in the forenoon, but now the sun broke through the clouds ere we had gone half-way. Mr. Rose espied us as we passed his splendid orchard and stuffed our pockets with apples and pears. A steady stream of buggies and democrats passed by but nary a lift did we get. The village was jam packed, we passed two soft drink booths ere we reached the Fair Grounds. We were hot and thirsty and so were tempted to regale ourselves with some of the bubbly and frothy refreshment - lemon soar or cream soda, but with only fifty cents we turned our backs to the booth and ran. Soon we were at the entrance to the Fair Grounds. Here fifteen cents was extracted from each of us but, hurrah, we were inside.

First things first! We were in the midway and what a bedlam! Men with raucous voices were trying to attract the crowd . . . "Hit the nigger on the head and win a 10c cigar!" The wheel of fortune - it too was there . . . "Every time the wheel goes round somebody's sure to win a half dollar". And there was the gypsy tent with a dark haired, dark eyed Rebecca who would foretell a successful future for only 25c. Over there where all the big husky fellows were gathered, a well muscled giant would demonstrate his prowess with the sledge hammer by hitting a small metal peg with great gusto; the bell would ring every time. Then many a big fellow would try and fail and he would turn to some ordinary "Joe". "Here, you try it!" The bell would ring and many more tickets were sold. Side shows? Oh yes! "Everybody this way. For only 15c you can see the wild man from Borneo. He eats raw meat and drinks blood!" Also 15c would enable one to view some scantily clad Philippine beauties. Medicine men were on hand - "The Kik-a-poo Indian medicine cures all aches and pains!" And, of course, there was the perennial Neff-Ointment salesman. With a little charcoal burner he would heat to red hot an iron rod and pull it across his forefinger, then applying the ointment he would hold forth his finger, "See. No burn!" then dozens of boxes would sell. There was also the merry-go-round which did more perhaps than any other thing to impart the holiday spirit. But we must not fritter any more time away on the midway, so into the Hall we struggled. It was closely packed: fruit and vegetables of every variety were on display - there were huge pumpkins, squash, turnips, potatoes; of orchard - fruit apples, pears, plums were in plentiful supply. Just to look at the display would make one's mouth water. Next came the canned fruit, pickles, butter, eggs, poultry, and then on around the other side was the fancy work section - a breath-taking display. The prizes had already been awarded - how happy these ladies seemed on viewing the awards! Down at the far end of the Hall and away from the door our church organist was dispensing wonderous music playing a Gerrard-Heintzman.

Now out of the Hall we went, but none too soon for over there was the "Tug-O-War" between the Adjala Irishmen and the Tecumseh Giants and then the bell sounded from the judges' stand and a stentorian voice through a megaphone announced "First Sulky Race - the 2-minute class over this way at once." The spectators sprinted to obtain advantageous positions from which to view the race. True there was no horse there that could come close to the great "Dan Patch". A local horse captured the first heat but lost out in the next two to a Brampton horse much to the disappointment of the local racing enthusiasts. Then we watched the Ivy-Beeton baseball game, but all of a sudden we were aware of more excitement over on the track. The sprints were on - Kees of Orillia, Ontario champion, was leading the pack coming into the home stretch; Jack Scott of Beeton was holding his own two rods back, then Scott was closing the gap and, wonder of wonders, he passed Kees and won the race by a good two yards.

There was that day a very fine display of livestock. Exhibitors were mainly from the vicinity of Beeton but some came from various parts of the Township. Competition was keen in all classes and for that early it was an excellent showing and was the promise of even better things to come.

On looking about at the Fair, a stranger must have been struck by the happiness and contentment that permeated everywhere; it was a real harvest home festival. Farming is, after all, a rewarding enterprise, a healthful pursuit; life was not all centered in self. Everyone seemed to be renewing old friendships and acquaintances. The cares and worries of the farm and of the household were forgotten and even politics on all levels was in the discard for the day. To be present at the Fair was an exhilarating experience and it was all to the good of the community. Children especially had a grand time, infants in their mother's arms, little tots being led around by Grandma and by the odd Grandpa too, bevies of older boys and girls munching on pop-corn or candy, refreshing themselves at the booths or watching the various sporting events and games.

The costumes of the ladies followed no particular pattern; one could wear, within certain wide limits, anything you wished and get away with it, though the wide flowing skirt of innumerable pleats and folds was in greatest evidence; numerous petticoats were worn and the broad brimmed hat trimmed with ribbons and bearing many varied floral creations was popular. Well dressed ladies in their fifties and sixties were mostly black with great ostrich plumes on their hats. The Grandmas wore bonnets with ribbons of silk; the collar and bodice also of silk. The dresses of the teenagers were colourful with many flounces and furbelows.

The headgear of the stronger sex went all the way from the soft, wide brimmed felt and the comfortable peaked cap to the bowler or Christie stiff. Then too there was the odd silk hat. How imposing W.H. Hammell (ex M.P.P.) looked with silk hat and tails and gold headed cane! George Robson also in his silk topper; Walter Evans and W.J. Bell, ever natty and of smart appearance. Very few smoked cigarettes; the pipe and the more lucrative cigar were in vogue. The women, of course, just did not smoke. But, oh yes, I forgot, invariably a certain lady smoked her corncob pipe. She particularly enjoyed the races, mingling with the men folk, using also good Canadian slang of the spiced variety.

But now the sun has almost set and they are taking down the tents and marquees. The live-stock are being loaded and everyone is in a hurry to get home ere the darkness settles down. But purveyors of fruit and of peanuts were still hawking their wares. "Bananas ripe! two for five; six for ten and all you want for a quarter." Hokey pokey! double-jointed California peanuts all the way from Santiago! So the bag! "How much money have you left?" my companion asked. "A dime" "So have I", he said, "let's have a basket of grapes; they are 20c per basket."

We had to walk home. They would come in handy ere we climbed the steep Riddell Hill. Would we be sick? Oh well, Beeton Fair comes but once a year; we would take the chance. We were broke but happy and by the time we reached home a good night's repose was assured.

The woman's role in today's world

This was the programme theme of the Simcoe Area Women's Institute Convention which was held on October 20 and 21 in Central United Church, Barrie.

Mrs. R.W. Maguire, Area President, presided for the first session. There were 192 in attendance. Atherley Women's Institute was in charge of the In Memoriam ceremony; flowers were placed in the front of the Convention Hall and the six District Presidents lit a candle in memory of the members who passed away within the year. Words of welcome were given by Mrs. H. Bringham, Barrie.

The president in her remarks said, "She had a busy but rewarding year." She officially welcomed Atherley and Udney branches to Simcoe Area. These two branches were well represented at the convention.

Mrs. Herbert Malaska, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, brought greetings to the Convention from F.W.I.O. She said each individual is important and each striving for improvement; to put our ideas into action; if we are involved we are interested; if we are interested we get action. She also urged each member to carry out their responsibilities. She mentioned violence on TV and radio programmes and urges all to voice their concern by reporting to Royal Commission on Violence, In the Community Industry, 151 Bloor Street West, Room 810, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2V5, by May 31, 1976.

1976 will be known as Adelaid Hunter Hoodless Homestead Year. Erland Lee Home Week will be held May 31, June 1, 2, 3, 1976. The National Conference will be held June 21 to 25, 1976, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

County Home Economists, Mrs. Barbara McArthur and Mrs. Susan Stanbury, spoke on the work they are doing. At this time some committees gave their reports. Public Relations report, total contributions to Erland Lee Homestead Fund, was $262.70; to Pennies for Friendship $951.24; and to Nutrition Education (Save Sight) $210.07.

A delicious roast beef dinner was served to 175 in the banquet room of the church.

Mrs. James Beard, 1st Vice President, presided over the evening entertainment. Mrs. Dorian Parker was guest speaker and brought greetings from the city of Barrie. There was a question and answer period following her address. A comedy skit by Tee-We-Gwill branch and solos by Mrs. D. Booth, Coulson, were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The fashion parade, put on by members of Simcoe North, was excellent. These ladies who attended the tailoring course, under the leadership of Mrs. D. Jacobs, deserve a lot of credit for the work and time put on the suits and coats they modelled.

Kempenfeldt was in charge of registration Tuesday morning with 186 registering. Mrs. Murray Bowen, 2nd Vice President, presided.

Miss Helen McKerchie, Director of the Home Economics Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, brought greetings and spoke on the Erland Lee Homestead; she also showed slides on the Home. Miss McKerchie mentioned some people are concerned that the Home isn't open to the public for Sunday tours. She said one big reason being the Board felt they couldn't afford to pay personnel for Sunday work.

Reports of committees and election of officers took up most of the time for Tuesday morning. All officers were returned with the exception of the two Provincial Board Directors. Mrs. Donald Jacobs, R.R. #3, Elmvale, with Mrs. Ray Tuck, R.R. #1, Elmvale, was elected to Sub-Division 13. Mrs. Donald Hennessey, Duntroon, with Mrs. Douglas Day as alternate, was elected to Sub-Division 14.

A delicious smorgasbord luncheon was served to 166 in the banquet room of the church.

Area President Mrs. Maguire, presided over the afternoon sessions which was opened with a Sing-A-Long.

Reports were given by the retiring Provincial Board Directors, Mrs. Philip Rushbrook and Mrs. Norman Tuck.

Mrs. Sinclair Stevens was guest speaker in the afternoon. She used the Programme Theme "Women's Role in Today's World" as her topic. She said 25% of all working women earned less than men and 1500 single women earned less than men doing the same job. She stated more women are beginning to realize they can do equally as much work as men and demanding equal pay for equal work.

Several displays were set up for the two days of Convention.

The Convention for 1976 will be held in East Simcoe on November 1st and 2nd. Officers for 1976 are as follows: Past President, Mrs. G. Mallion; President, Mrs. R.W. Maguire; 1st Vice President, Mrs. J. Beard; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. M. Bowen; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. Lougheed; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Merle Ball; Provincial Board Directors, Sub-Division 13 - Mrs. D. Jacobs and Mrs. R. Tuck; Sub-Division 14 - Mrs. D. Hennessey and Mrs. D. Day; Area Directors, Mrs. R. Tuck, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. J. Walters, Mrs. D. Beaton, Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. W. Coutts; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. J. Ayers; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. D. Hennessey; Education and Cultural Activities, Mrs. D. Jacobs; Resolutions, Mrs. G. Mallion; Curator of Tweedsmuir History, Mrs. H. Freyse; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. J. Steers.

Anniversary celebrated

COOKSTOWN - The Cookstown Women's Institute is the oldest Women's Institute in Simcoe County and on Wednesday, July 7th it celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Over 200 W.I. members gathered in Cookstown Central School Rotunda to the many speeches and musical entertainment provided.

Highlight of the night was a speech by Mrs. Verna Mackie who is president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

She reviewed some of the history of the movement which now has over 30,000 members and started as an auxiliary of the Farmers Institute.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Del Brothers, Kathy Monkman, Heather McDowell, Mr. Handerson and Mr. Sparry.

Cookstown W.I. president, Mrs. Don Monkman, thanked all the visitors for helping making the occasion a memorable one.

Simcoe South District Women's Institute

TOTTENHAM - Bill Cooper, associate agricultural representative in South Simcoe since 1968, said Thursday there has been a steady increase in 4-H membership in this district which has not been the trend throughout Ontario.

He was speaking at the 74th annual meeting of Simcoe South district Women's Institute held at Tottenham.

Mr. Cooper said South Simcoe initiated the back fat probe for swine to determine the depth of the undesirable fat and was the first county to sponsor a Horse and Pony Club. There are 21 4-H farm clubs organized in this area this year.

About 40 Senior 4-H Beef club members have their steers on test for weight gains preparing them to enter the Queen Guineas class at the Royal Winter Fair next November. Not many years ago entries from South Simcoe numbered only four.

The speaker believes there is a need to re-introduce interest in the different breeds of poultry as a contribution to the fall fairs and is advocating Poultry 4-H clubs.

He explained Dairy Seminars led by experienced dairymen are now being held in the district.

Mr. Cooper praised the work of the Women's Institute saying rural Ontario is a better place because of the work the organization has fostered.

Representing South Simcoe Junior Farmers, Nancy Jebb of Cookstown said to benefit from their program one must accept the challenge to be involved.

A wall hanging worked in needlepoint by Mrs. William Ingram of Lefroy was won by Kay Stevenson of Alliston. Addie Rogers of Lefroy won a W.I. plate.

Log book prize winners were: Mrs. Baxter, Everett; Mrs. Robert Kell and Mrs. Girvan Sawyer of Gilford.

Officers elected for 1976-77 for Simcoe South District Women's Institute are: president, Mrs. Paul Tipping, Tottenham; vice-presidents, Mrs. Donald Monkman, Cookstown and Mrs. James Steers, Fisher's Corners; sec.-treasurer, Mrs. Everett McVety, Bradford; Federation representatives, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Beeton and

hold 74th annual meeting

Mrs. William M. Kell, Gilford; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Keith Knowlaw, Bond Head.

Convenors - agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. Owen Bell, Gilford; citizenship and world affairs, Mrs. James Crosby, Alliston; educational and cultural activities, Mrs. Elmer Woodcock, Bradford; family and consumer affairs, Mrs. Douglas Montgomery, Tottenham; resolutions, Mrs. Wilbert Trotter, Cookstown; Tweedsmuir curator, Mrs. William Sutherland, Bond Head; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. Earl Bell, Tee-We-Gwill and Mrs. Allan Orr, Bradford.

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Guest Speaker: Mrs. Herbert Maluske

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Mrs. Donald Monkman, Pres.

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The Glorious Twelfth

Since the great majority of the early pioneers of Tecumseh were of Ulster stock, a brief sketch of a 12th of July celebration would, perhaps, not be amiss. My earliest recollection of "The Glorious 12th" was of one held in Beeton when I was 4 years of age. The images imprinted in my memory at that time were sharp and vivid. True they have been somewhat dulled and blurred by the passing of seventy odd years (surely not that many). The colourful decorations, the arches all covered with bunting and flags (Ensign and Jack), the many streamers, the colourful parade with the King Billys on the white horses, the numerous banners and above all the music of the fife and drums and bag pipes all were indelibly imprinted on memory's wall.

To get a more detailed picture let us recall the 12th of 1903 again in Beeton. This 12th of July morning broke clear - not a cloud in the sky. We must needs get up early as both father and brother were members of Mt. Ararat 194 and they convened at 8 o'clock, and many chores had to be done. The first thing of importance in ushering in the day in proper style was the firing of the old Lee Enfield. Of course our nearest neighbour (¼ mile distant) heard the report and answered with a tremendous "Hurrah!" that carried almost as far. When we got to the Lodge the Union Jack was already atop the flag-staff. The shed was filled with horses and buggies. Orangemen were in their shirt sleeves, white waist coat, orange sash and blue ribbon down side of trousers, wide brimmed straw hats muslin-covered and festooned with orange, blue, purple and scarlet ribbons. They were whooping it up on fife and drums. The Boyne Water, Protestant Boys and Cock of the North were but some of the tunes played. But now the windows and shutters on the yard side were closed. Lodge was called and we must hush! hush! The Billy Goat must not be rancoured by irrelevant sounds and noises. The secrets of the Lodge must not be divulged to those outside.

As last the Lodge meeting was over and we were on our way. At the eighth concession we were joined by two more Lodges. All the way into the village our musical quartet played stirring and inspiring music. Beeton seemed to be packed but it was nothing compared to the throngs at parade time (1 o'clock). The banners, flags, drums and other regalia were placed inside the Agricultural Hall. The Beeton Lodge headed by the town brass band marched one mile to the G.T.R. Station and met all incoming trains including two specials. All Beetonites more and more Lodges kept coming in from the country. The town was well decorated; three huge arches of cedar all garlanded with ribbands and flags had been erected. Imprinted on huge streamers in front of the arches and o'er head were many Orange slogans: "To the pious and immortal memory of William of Orange", "One school, one flag, one throne", "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none". All shops were bedecked with flags and bunting. The numerous booths both downtown and on the Fair Grounds did a rip roaring business. All three churches and the ladies Orange served dinner from 11 o'clock. The meals for only 50c were really something out of this world - all you could eat and more of the very best.

"Fall in" was sounded at 1 p.m. sharp. Lodges were to assemble on the Fair Grounds and from there the parade would start. The various marshals (county and district) were mounted on white horses. They were the King Billys and they wore cocked hats, broad brimmed, adorned with white and scarlet plumes, scarlet coats, riding boots and spurs, swords held upright. They dashed here and there barking their commands, proper seniority must be maintained, visiting Lodges were to lead off, Tecumseh District would bring up the rear. Now they seemed ready and the parade was off.

The County Master and Marshal (the chief King Billy) headed the parade along with visiting dignitaries. They were all mounted on splendid horses and in their brilliant regalia looked imposing. A band headed each District; many individual Lodges hired bands as well. Every Lodge had at least two drums and fife. In front of each District there generally was a huge fellow bearing high a great Union Jack. At the front of each Lodge the banner would be borne by four stalwart members equipped with holders for the banner poles to rest in. Holding the banner strings or cords would be four little boys respondent in similar regalia to that worn by Lodge members. Up front would be the Master with Gavel, then the Marshal with sword upright. They were followed by the Deputy Master and Chaplain with open bible. Then came the rank and file with the committee men with ribboned poles bringing up the rear. What a colourful parade it was that day! Seventy-nine Lodges in all and twenty-one bands. Each Lodge had its own distinctive dress and nearly all were colourful. There were, that day, seven Ladies' Lodges, five L.O.B.As. and two "True Blues". To look down Center Street was an imposing spectacle; the colourful uniforms, the imposing banners, the gleaming band instruments enhanced no by the various King Billys, resplendent in all their fine regalia.

They marched down Center to almost the ninth concession line, a good mile, then counter marched back up Center to Main, there criss-crossing, now west on Main 'til the G.T. Railway, again countering east on Main and on past the new county home, once more countering to Center and hence to the Fair Grounds. Ever along the route friends and acquaintances would greet the marchers. It would be "Hi there, Bob, Billy or Jack". Little boys and girls would tag along beside daddy or big brother.

Once back on the grounds they soon dispersed. How tired and thirsty they must be! The booths did a rush business, there being a continuous line-up. But now the "Speaking" had commenced over at the grandstand. Controller H.C. Hocken, Editor Orange Sentinel and "Billy Fitzgerald, Gr. Sec. and "Daddy" to the kiddies at the Orange Orphanage discoursed on "the Historic Significance of the Orange Order" and "the Separate School Question", then a live provincial political issue.

Over there at some distance sports were on: foot races for County and District Masters, for their wives, past Masters and Masters, 100 yards free for all and then various races for children and still over there in another direction there was a Beeton-Tottenham (old rivals) field hockey game. This ended in a close win for Tottenham 13:11, much to the chagrin of the many Beeton fans.

Now the speaking was over and prizes were being awarded. Rich Hill, all resplendent in their orange shirts, broad brimmed muslin covered straw hats embellished with orange, purple, blue and scarlet ribbons, received 1st prize for dress, Mt. Ararat for best marching, Enniskillen for best banner, Grand Valley for great distance and a Mr. Black from Allaston greatest number of years a member (92 years of age, 74 a member).

Eats and refreshments were again served in the evening. Imagine cold ham and salads and all the pie one could eat for 25c!

But now it was packing up time. The sun was almost down. All were tired, yet happy. It had been a grand day and Orange traditions and ideals had been well maintained that now distant and far off 12th of July in Beeton.

WIs developing people, Ontario president says

Women's Institutes are still in the same business of developing people - the business they were in when Mrs. Herb Maluske of Chesley first joined 24 years ago.

Mrs. Maluske, president of the 30,000 member provincial institute said the WI is still training leaders in the organization and in the community. She was in Orillia to give her report to the 44th Annual Simcoe Area Women's Institute Convention held this week at St. Paul's United Church.

"When you see someone who has started out very shy work her way up to be one of the head officers in the area or a convener, you know that it has been worth while, "said Mrs. Maluske, just returned from England where she attended the Associated Country Women of the World Council Meeting (she is a council member).

The trip to England was part of six weeks spent away from home. She recently completed a 2,000 mile tour of the north attending area conventions.

"We have always worked with the women in helping them acquire sounder homemaking skills and with the girls in 4-H Homemaking Clubs," she said. "Working with the girls is another great work we do.

By no means is the Women's Institute dead. In Ontario there are more than 30,000 members, more than half of the total Canadian membership.

When you see the women come out to the area conventions and find 400 to 500 at area banquets you can see how alive the organization is today.

The Junior Institues are joining the ranks. The WI opened two new branches this past year.

Mrs. Maluske, a mother of two married daughters, was elected president in January, 1975. She is serving a three -year term.

President gives report to convention delegates

I am interested in you, what you do and what we all do for this organization to which we belong, Mrs. Herbert Maluske of Chesley told more than 200 delegates attending the first day of the two-day Simcoe Area Women's Institute 44th annual convention.

Mrs. Maluske, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was in Orillia to give her report to the women attending the convention held at St. Paul's United Church.

She reminded the delegates of the officers' conference to be held May 3, 4 and 5 at the University of Waterloo. At that time, more than 600 delegates will receive training to serve in the various offices of the organization.

"Women's Institute Week will be held at the Erland Lee Home, Stoney Creek, the week of June 6 to 10, "she said. The home is a provincial project and we have done improvements including painting and hope to improve the drive house and displays.

"To raise money for the home, we have asked for quilt blocks to be made and sent for sale at the home. A quilt block contest will be held."

She pointed out that 800 people visited the home during WI week in 1976.

Mrs. Maluske told of the work to date on the Women's Institute Hall being built at the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton. An aim of this long-range plan is to tell the history of the WI.

She announced that the provincial WI will again have a rest spot at the Royal Winter Fair and that the Federated Women's Institute of Canada will hold a national convention in Regina, Sask. in 1979. The Associated Country Women of the World will meet in Nairobi

Mrs. R. W. Maguire returned as Simcoe Area WI president

Mrs. R. W. Maguire of Minesing was returned to the office of president when the election of officers for Simcoe Area Women's Institute took place at St. Paul's United Church. Other officers returned to office at the Tuesday morning session of the two-day convention are as follows:

Mrs. Gordon Mallion, Tottenham, past president; Mrs. James Beard, RR#3, Coldwater, first vice-president; Mrs. Murray Bowen, Hawkestone, second vice-president; Mrs. John Lougheed, Elmvale, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Clifford Ball, RR#2, Orillia; public relations officer.

Provincial Board directors are: Mrs. Don Jacobs, RR#3, Elmvale, Sub-Division 13, Simcoe Centre, Simcoe East and Simcoe North; Mrs. Don Hennessy, Duntroon, Sub-Division 14, Simcoe West, Simcoe South and Simcoe Kempenfeld.

Area directors are the following district presidents: Mrs. Ray Tuck, Centre; Mrs. John Brown, East; Mrs. J. Walters, Kempenfeldt; Mrs. D. Beaton, North; Mrs. P. Tipping, South and Mrs. W. Coutts, West.

Standing committee conveners are: Mrs. John Ayers, 13 First St., Orillia, Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. Don Hennessy, Duntroon, Family and Consumer Affairs; Mrs. J. Steers, Bradford, RR#2, Citizenship and World Affairs; Mrs. Don Jacobs, RR#1, Elmvale, Education and cultural Activities; Mrs. Gordon Mallion, Tottenham, resolutions; Mrs. Harry Foysten, Minesing, Curator of Tweedsmuir History; Mrs. R. French, RR#3, Elmvale, Federation of Agriculture; Mrs. G. Rix, Stroud, scholarship chairman.

Auditors are Verona Usher, Elmvale and Mrs. E. Robertson, RR 1, Elmvale. Mrs. J. Walters will chair the nominations committee with Mrs. R. Tuck and Mrs. D. Beaton as members.

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Chapter 13

Boiling Down

Of all the tasks undertaken by the early settlers none yielded more enjoyment and satisfaction than did "Boiling Down". At the turn of the century most farms in our neighbourhood contained few acres or so of woodland and nearly always there would be a goodly number of maples. The average farmer would tap fifty trees and up. It was a family project, the maple syrup and sugar being for family use and not for commercial purposes, but almost always a little could be spared for a neighbour who was ill or in dire need.

In earlier times "Boiling Down" did entail much preparation. Wooden troughs (to hold the sap) had to be gouged out by use of adze and chisel, wooden spiles had to be bored and shaped. But now the metal spile and replaced the wooden, the tin and then the galvanized bucket came into vogue. The sugar kettle was still in use; the modern evaporator was as yet unheard of.

The sugar camp was generally situated on a level yet sheltered glade as near to the center of the sap trees as possible. There was a shed that served to store the wood for "Boiling Down" and also for shelter from storm. This particular year Junior (myself), who was home for Easter holidays (late in March), came running boisterously into the house announcing: "sap's a-runnin'". It was a bright, sunny morning following a nippy frost. Yes, sap would be a-runnin'.

The buckets were gotten down, scalded and covered, likewise the spiles. The buckets and spiles, brace and bit, and hammer all were loaded in the cutter. We (my brother and I) hitched Joe, the four-year-old gelding, and away to the camp we went, the black and white collie running alongside. And now for the tapping - my brother bored the holes and drove the spiles carefully into place. I carried the buckets and held the spiles. Ere the bit was in the proper distance the sap was oozing through. There, the spile was in place and the bucket hung; the sap was really running, drip-drip-drip. The next day at noon all 65 trees were tapped. Three large barrels, two large sugar kettles and one smaller one were loaded on the sleigh behind Dan and Lucy and taken to the camp site. A huge back log was rolled into place. Two saplings were cut down and sawed off just above a crotch. These were firmly embedded into the earth, the crotches hung about 4½ feet above ground. A suitable pole was cut and placed across the uprights in the crotches and all was in readiness for "Boiling Down".

Two days later the barrels were filled with sap and it was yet running. Mother and I with collie would Boil Down: poe weets, those early harbingers of Spring, were piping merrily, crows were caw-cawing, winter green all red with berries was showing up on little mounds already bare of snow. Spring was really in the air, but we must "Boil Down."

We carried sap from nearby trees, filling all three kettles. We smeared some fat pork around the inside rim of the kettles and also suspended a portion over each (this to prevent the sap from boiling over). A skimmer to take off pockets of scum and bits of charcoal that may have popped in, a spare ladle, a long stick for poker, a shovel and axe made up our equipment.

But now the steam was rising, sparks were snapping and ascending; a nice warmth from the fire had dispelled the early morning chill. Mother was comfortable sitting on a log covered over by a robe; a sapling served as back rest; as she read Tennyson's "Morte d'Arthur". Collie was having a grand time rolling over and over upon a snowy patch or chasing and barking at squirrels up a tree. It was indeed a glorious morning; air brisk and clear, the sun shone warm in an almost cloudless sky. Yes, we could say with Browning: "God is in his Heaven All's well with the world".

Already the sap was bouncing in the kettles so more was emptied from barrels to kettles by use of a pail. The sap was ladled from kettle to kettle and from left to right. The contents of the small kettle on the right was becoming sweeter and sweeter. Fresh or green sap was always put in the large kettle on the left.

Noon was around in what seemed no time at all. Two huge potatoes had been covered with ashes and surrounded by live coals and now they're ready. Three minutes boiled the eggs (in the sap) to a turn, with salt and pepper and lots of butter added we had quite a feast. Our keen appetites did add further relish. Green sap would taste delicious but the resultant cramps were to be avoided. "Let's taste the contents of the small kettle". How good it was! By 3 o'clock there was just one-half barrel of sap left. I must carry from the farthest trees; mother would tend to the fire. By 5 o'clock all available sap was used up; all was now in the small kettle. The fire had been removed from the other two and we could now relax somewhat with but the one to tend - but not for long. The fire must needs be carefully watched and be gradually lessened; scorching must be avoided. From time to time we tasted the sweep for it was just that now. Another twenty minutes it was off.

There was all of a good five gallons. It would be simmered and clarified with white of egg upon the kitchen range on the morrow. The first run of sap always makes the best syrup and that proves delicious.

We were tired but it had been a grand day. At the end up of that season, school children came for a "Toffee pull", the left-over sap was used. What fun they had that April night around the open camp fire! In later years when cares and worries of the work-a-day world weigh heavy, the burden is somewhat lessened by memories of "Boiling Down."

During the '70s and '80s maple sugar as well as syrup was made in large quantities. Cane sugar was a scarce commodity; maple sugar was the all purpose sweetener in Tecumseth. I recall my father telling of how, in the original log home on the old homestead, there was a stack of circular slabs of maple sugar 30" in diameter, extending from floor to ceiling.

MRS. GORDON MALLION of Tottenham, past president, shakes hands with the Pauline McGibbon, Lt. Gov. of Ontario, while Mrs. R. W. Maguire of Missing, president of Simcoe Area Women's Institute made the introduction.

Convention told of interest in resolutions by area WIs

Delegates attending the annual Simcoe Area Women's Institute Convention were told this week the area showed increased interest in resolutions, with 90 per cent holding resolutions meetings during the past year.

Mrs. Gordon Mallion, of Tottenham, area resolutions convener said that many branches held meetings on the proper procedures for preparing resolutions.

"Many letters were written to government departments concerning the Canada Pension for housewives, alcohol advertising, capital punishment, crime prevention, and to the Prices Review Board re supermarket prices," she said at the first session of the October convention. The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario passed the following at the spring board meeting 1976 and the Federated Women's Institute of Canada supported the resolution at the seventh National Convention held at Charlottetown, June 24, 1976.

WHEREAS the maple leaf tartan is now the authorized tartan for kilts and plaids worn by the Canadian Armed Forces pipe and drum bands, therefore be it resolved that we request the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and Canada in petition the federal government to pass legislation making the maple leaf tartan the official tartan for Canada."

Guests from neighbouring Simcoe and Jane Sills of Simcoe North moved slides and commented on "Fashion Preview of 1977" courtesy of Butterick and Vogue Fashion Marketing Co.

NEED FIBRE

Mrs. Donald Hennessy of Missing, family and consumer affairs convener, reported on a current topic: fibre in diets.

"Fibre is the indigestible part of plant foods, as in fruits, vegetables, grain and legumes," she said. "Different kinds of fibre are needed every day, not just one, like bran, as some suggest. Cancer of the colon is linked to lack of fibre in the diet."

BANQUET

Mrs. Clifford Ball, area public relations officer introduced the head table at the banquet. Mrs. James Beard, first vice-president, presided over the evening session which opened with a sing-a-long led by Mrs. A. Orr and Mrs. Howard Campbell.

Mrs. John Brown of Washago and Mrs. Donald Jacobs showed slides of the Triennial Convention held at Charlottetown. The "Sweet Six" of Orillia entertained with vocal selections. Mrs. Don Veach sang two solos.

A skit, A Rose Blooms, was presented by members of the Early Women's Institute.

Sessions included convener's reports, announcements, the election of officers and an address by the director of the home economics branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture.

Mrs. Murray Bowen, second vice-president, conducted the morning session with Mrs. R. W. Maguire, president in charge of the closing afternoon session.

Womens Institute Day Held

October 18th was observed as Women's Institute Day at the Simcoe County Museum, Midhurst.

Despite the inclement weather many Institute members and friends gathered at the Museum to observe and browse around the many interesting and unique articles on display.

Kempenfelt District, of which Mrs. J. Walters is District President, was in charge of the Institute Display. Mrs. W. Coates, District President for Simcoe South, served delicious shortbread cookies and apple juice. The ladies found the demonstrations put on by the other Districts most interesting. They got many good ideas for Christmas gift giving.

The Women's Institute members and friends from all parts of Simcoe County were welcomed by Simcoe Area President, Mrs. R.W. Maguire. Mrs. Maguire mentioned that the Women's Institute was the founder of Simcoe County Museum and it helps us to appreciate and remember what our Foreladies did.

The old Gilford Station House, built in 1870 and still in excellent condition, is a new addition made to the Museum's collections.

Institute members were again reminded of the Simcoe Area Convention that was held November 1st and 2nd, at MacDonald Hall, St. Paul's United Church, Orillia. The Honourable Pauline M. McGibbon, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, was guest speaker.

OFFICERS LOOK AT MAP

Mrs. R. W. Maguire of Missing Women's Institute, left, area president presiding throughout the two-day Simcoe Area Women's Institute 48th annual convention at St. Paul's United Church, Orillia. Mrs. Evelyn Rix, Stroud, scholarship chairman for the Simcoe Area WI and Mrs. Merle Bull of Warminster, area public relations officer, look at a map of the County showing where the Women's Institute branches are located.

Civic holiday honours John Graves Simcoe

Bond Head is a village situated in southern Simcoe County which was named after Lord Simcoe, as was also Lake Simcoe after the Governor's father.

It is interesting to learn of his life in Upper Canada as the first Lieutenant — governor (1791-1796).

This notable man was born in Northern England in 1752. His father was a naval officer, Captain Simcoe, who trained Captain Cook in navigation and seamanship. The Christian names of Simcoe were of interest in their origin. The "John" was after Simcoe's father, the "Graves" was derived from Admiral Samuel Graves, the godfather of John Graves Simcoe. Misfortune and sorrow visited the Simcoe family in the loss of John's father when the lad was only seven years old; a brother of young Simcoe was drowned. John attended the Free Grammar School in England, then to Eton College, following which he entered Oxford University. He excelled in Literature and History and became particularly interested in learning the science of war. Simcoe left Oxford at age of nineteen to take a commission in a regiment. Even before he became of age he qualified as a soldier and an officer. At twenty-six years he was a Lieutenant-Colonel. He was singled out to command an outstanding fighting unit known as the Queen's Rangers Hussars, a battalion made up of Highlanders and Irishmen, who were devoted to Simcoe. Whenever possible he substituted verbal instructions for written orders. His men developed self-reliance.

Before John Simcoe left England he married Elizabeth Gwillum, became a Member of Parliament, took part in the debate on the Constitutional Act 1791. He was interested in the New World of Canada and was appointed Governor of Upper Canada in 1791.

When Simcoe opened the first parliament of Upper Canada at Newark, Canada was mostly unbroken forest, sprinkled with a few Indian trails. He enjoyed the confidence and support of the Indians, who christened him "one whose door is always open." In spite of set-backs, Simcoe turned the wilderness into a settlement which attracted newcomers from the British Isles and parts of Europe.

Simcoe allowed the newcomers to build and develop facilities of transportation and communication. He, himself, made many trips by land and water and snowshoe across unexplored parts of the province.

One time Simcoe and his wife had only a canvas tent to protect them from the rigours of the Canadian winter. Immigrants took the oath of allegiance to the British flag and tilled the soil.

At first Simcoe thought London should be capital of Upper Canada so construction of a road began between York and London. It was known as the Governor's Road but today is called Dundas Street. A north, south road from York, now Yonge Street or Highway 11 provided transportation from Lake Simcoe. Simcoe walked north to Holland River then paddled to Georgian Bay.

York was named after the son of King George III and was bounded on the east by the Don River and on the west by the Humber River. The name was later changed to Toronto, meaning "a meeting place". Simcoe selected Oxford, now Woodstock for a town in the western part of the province. "Castle Frank" on the west side of the Don River was built for Simcoe's son, Frank.

Simcoe worked for better schools and university education. He saw the need for rigid control of the fur-trade.

However, Governor Simcoe had too little concern for his own health and welfare and was forced to request that he be allowed to return to England because of his own ill-health. Contrary to his wife's wishes he accepted an appointment as Commander-in-chief in India. Simcoe died early at fifty-four years on October the twenty-sixth, 1806 in England. He was buried by candle-light at the family seat at Wolford Lodge. A monument to his memory stands near the Provincial Parliament Buildings of Ontario in Toronto.

The name Simcoe is found all over Ontario. Behind and to the west of Convocation Hall, Toronto University is Simcoe Hall. John Graves Simcoe was inbred with loyal devotion to his Canada. He has been designated explorer, surveyor, administrator, founder of Ontario. All Canadians, particularly those living in Ontario can never forget their debt of gratitude to John Graves Simcoe. His diary of trip to Georgian Bay is recorded in our history file.

Above information taken from Talk No. 19 by Brock MacMurray. (Headmaster, University of Toronto Schools)

Lady Simcoe made many water colour sketches of Upper Canada. She loved the beautiful wild flowers of the province and was thrilled on her first view of Niagara Falls and described it as the grandest sight she had ever seen. Her pictures and diary tell us a great deal of those early days.

Reflections of the Past

Memoirs of Tecumseth

BY Cecil Hayes

Chapter 14

A Heritage

We have seen how very loyal to the Crown were the early settlers of this our Township of Tecumseth, of how they rallied to stamp out the rebellion of '36/'37 and later the Fenian raids in the '60s, and most of us can recall the magnificent effort of our citizens during the 1st and 2nd World Wars. So too at the turn of the century during the Boer War, enthusiasm reached a fevered pitch. As a child of eight or nine I delighted to play soldiering and along with neighbouring children endeavoured to emulate Buler, Roberts, Kitchener, Baden Powell and our own Colonel Otter. Modder River, Ladysmith, Kimberley, Mafeking we all enthused over. The Red Ensign and Union Jack seemed everywhere. Beeton sent Milt. Kearns, Tottenham Bill Semple. Well do I recall Semple's return, of him being shouldered by the cheering crowd and carried through the village while the band played "Rule Britannia" and "Soldiers of the Queen" and of his presentation of a gold watch and chain.

Until somewhat after the turn of the century very little had been done to honour or perpetuate in memory the heroic feats and deeds of the early pioneers. Some of the early cemeteries were in a state of neglect; many tombstones and memorial slabs were flat down or leaning at a perilous angle. In some the grass and weeds went uncut; a sense of shame was felt by the average citizen. Something had to be done not only to improve the cemeteries but to commemorate the noble example and precepts of the early pioneers by the creation of memorial parks and the erection of cairns and plaques.

So cemetery boards were organized and cemeteries were placed under perpetual care. For one who had been absent for long years, to go back and view those same cemeteries in the '50s it was indeed with a great sense of pride and satisfaction for the magnificent work done by the present generation. Memorial parks were laid out, cairns and plaques erected to honour both the early pioneers and the soldiers who so nobly sacrificed their lives in the two world wars that posterity might the safer and richer be.

In Tottenham a splendid Memorial Park was created and a cenotaph erected in memory of the lads of the 157th battalion who made the supreme sacrifice (1914-1918). The Tottenham Legion, still going strong, has been active ever since. So also has the Beeton Legion. Beeton has now a beautiful Memorial Park and Fair Grounds with a plaque to honour its revered pioneer, D.A. Jones. Also at Bond Head a lovely park was created and a hall erected. Plaques honouring Dr. Osler and the Honourable William Mulock were also erected. The Early Rose Memorial Park to the west and north of Alliston, taking in many many acres with a large man-made lake, will serve future generations with every recreational facility. There too the Pioneer Museum in Alliston has been completed.

What a great heritage, what a noble example these early pioneers have bequeathed future generations! May we never forget their great sacrifices and achievements, the clearing of the land, the building of homes and, above all, the high standard of ideals and of morals they set us. Also their great sense of loyalty — truly a noble heritage and one that must be appreciated, safeguarded and maintained by their descendants through the decades, and, yes, the centuries to come.

"Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife
Their sober wishes never learned to stray;
Along the cool sequestered vale of life
They kept the noiseless tenor of their way."
(Gray)

South Simcoe District Women's Institute elected their new executive at the annual meeting in Tottenham last Thursday. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Elvira Sutherland, scholarship committee; Mrs. Irvin Hounsom , auditor; Mrs. Keith Knieshaw, public relations; Mrs. Gwen Bell, agriculture and Canadian industries; Mrs. Everett McVety, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Hennessey, provincial Board of Directors; Mrs. Alfred Tizzard, auditor; Mrs. James Steers, second vice-president; Mrs. Donald Monkman, first vice-president; Mrs. Wilbert Trotter, resolutions; Mrs. Marguerite Tipping, president; Mrs. James Crosbie, citizenship and world activities; and Mrs. Muriel Reynolds, federation representative and past president. (Alliston reerald photo)

Tottenham WI is host of District Annual Meeting

Simcoe South District Women's Institute elected a new Executive at its annual meeting, the 74th, held in Fraser Presbyterian Church, Tottenham, last Thursday.

Taking over from past president Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Beeton is Mrs. Marguerite Tipping, Tottenham.

Over 100 women from eleven area WI branches were represented at the all-day affair. Special guests at the luncheon included Tottenham reeve Joe Belford and Mrs. Belford; Mrs. Maxine Barber of the Western Ontario Farmers' magazine; Mrs. R.W. McGuire, president of the Simcoe County Women's Institute; and Mrs. Barbara McArthur, home economist for South Simcoe Ministry of Agriculture.

During the afternoon session, guest speaker Bill Cooper, associate agriculture representative for Simcoe County, spoke on area agriculture programs and the importance of rural fairs. He also praised the work of Women's Institutes saying, "WI's have made rural Ontario a much better place to be."

A second guest speaker, Nancy Jebb, daughter of Joan Jebb of Tee We Gwill WI, described the activities of South Simcoe's two Junior Farmers clubs and stressed the clubs' importance in the development of rural youth.

Some of the other members of the newly elected executive are: 1st Vice President, Mrs. Donald Monkman of Cookstown; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Everett McVety of Bradford; Federation Representative, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Beeton; Citizenship and World Activities, Mrs. James Crosbie of Alliston; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Douglas Montgomery of Tottenham; Resolutions, Mrs. Wilbert Trotter of Cookstown; Tweedsmuir History, Mrs. William Sutherland of Bond Head; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. Earl Bell of Cookstown.

Simoe South women make plans for 1976

The executive and directors of Simcoe South Women's Institute met in Cookstown hall on January 20th. The President, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Beeton, presided. There were 19 ladies present. Nine of the 11 branches were represented.

A workshop for Secretary Treasurers, to be conducted by Mrs. Norman Tock, was planned for February 18th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Cookstown hall.

Mrs. Paul Tipping, of Tottenham, will represent the district at the National Convention in Charlottetown, P.E.I., June 20th-25th.

Provincial Board Director, Mrs. U. Hennessy, brought greetings from FWIO and reported on the fall board meeting. The Officer's Conference will be held in Waterloo, May 4th-6th. Extend Lee Home Week, is May 30th-June 4th. The Ontario Food Council is asking us to promote the use of cherries and grapes. We were all urged to voice our concern about violence in the media.

Mrs. Barbara McArthur, Home Economist, reported on the Summary Day in Barrie for the very successful needlepoint course. Achievement day for the Jr. Homemaking course "Let's Make Bread" will be May 20th, in Cookstown. A Food Forum on Nutrition and Family Meals, will be held in Stayner Legion Hall, February 25th at 1730 p.m.

Plans were made for the District Annual, to be held in Tottenham on May 13th. Reeve Belford will welcome the guests. "Public Relations" will be the theme of the meeting, and Mr. Bill Cooper, Ass't Ag. Rep., of Alliston, and a representative from the Jr. Farmers, will be the speakers. Each branch PRO will answer the roll call "What is Your Institute doing for Public Relations". Two minute reports will be given by the convenors. Tottenham will provide the entertainment and Everett will give the courtesies. Names for the "In Memoriam" are to be sent to Mrs. H. Parker, Cookstown. A draw will be held on a wall hanging, donated by Mrs. William Ingram, Lefroy.

Simcoe Area Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. H. Ferguson is offering prizes of $5 and $3 to each district for a Simcoe Log Book competition. Each branch must enter at least one book. The books are to be left with Mrs. William Sutherland, Bond Head, by April 15th for judging. Prizes to be awarded and books displayed at the District Annual.

Mrs. R.W. McGuire, president of Simcoe County Women's Institute, spoke at the 74th annual South Simcoe WI district meeting in Tottenham Fraser Presbyterian Church last Thursday. Other guests at the head table appearing here are Tottenham reeve Joe Belford (only his left arm is showing) and his wife; and Ann Monkman, Cookstown, partly hidden by the speaker. (Alliston Herald photo)

Reflections from the Past

The Creighton Boarding House

In the early days Beeton had many travellers requiring meals and overnight accomodation and the large brick building known for any years as the "boarding house" is situated at the south east corner of Centre and Queen Streets on what used to be known as The Tread Gold Block.

I am told this historical building built by Dr. R.S. Cheffy is over a hundred years old and still in very good repair. The building itself is approximately 34 ft. wide and 60 ft. long built on a lovely fenced lot approximately 92 ft. wide and 132 ft. long.

About 70 years ago William Camplin moved into the boarding house and while living here his son Jack Camplin remembers playing hockey in the attic.

About 1913 Mr. Camplin sold it to Mr. and Mrs. James Hammell who operated it for a number of years.

This provided lodging and meals for the regular boarders and it also served meals to travellers and visitors in the village. Mrs. Hammell's nephew Borden Best recalls a swinging door between the kitchen and dining-room, and also when the bedrooms did double duty when extra workmen in the village required daytime sleeping accomodation for a short time.

Mrs. Hammell finally sold the boarding house to Mrs. William Creighton and as a down payment took the house north next to the United Church which Mrs. Creighton had bought from the Gavillier family.

Mrs. Creighton, nee Martha Jane Rowe, born and educated in Newton Robinson married Joseph John Dale in 1894 in Bond Head. They had twin sons, Ernest and Emerson Dale and Emerson is now the owner of the boarding house. Their father died quite young with pneumonia and is buried on the third line near Schomberg. Mrs. Dale did sewing and acted as a mid-wife when necessary and later married William Creighton of the Schomberg district.

Mrs. Creighton operated this large home in Beeton known as "the boarding house" for nearly half a century and many knew of her kind hospitality in this respect. She was assited in this work by Miss Georgina Riley who helped her for 45 years or so.

The boarding house had 15 large rooms, 3 bathrooms and 5 fireplaces, 2 still in use, with approximately 11 ft. high ceilings and high windows reaching about 6 inches from the ceilings.

From the veranda on the north side you enter into a centre hall. To the right is a large living-room along the street with a fireplace still in use which burns wood or coal.

To the left of the hall is a large dining-room and a fireplace still in use, with a solid oak bookcase built over the top of it. An avocado green cupboard with a hutch and imitation blue mold hardware on it and a pink cupboard with gold trimming and a dining-room table and chairs are believed to be over 100 years old. Just fantastic.

On the dining-room wall is a large portrait of Mrs. Creighton done by her grandson Jack Dale who unveiled it on Christmas Day 1964 for his father Emerson Dale and it very much resembles her grand daughter Martha (Dale) Van Der Meer, who is the daughter of the late Ernest Dale and named after her grandmother. This picture is really a work of art.

Off the dining-room to the north which used to be Mrs. Creighton's bedroom is now Mrs. Dale's modern bathroom.

The kitchen along the east side is quite large too but has been modernized by Mrs. Dale with colored refrigerator and stove and built in cupboards with the large kitchen table still in use.

Now back to the hall and up the winding stairs to the second floor where there are 7 furnished bedrooms; one bedroom which had been occupied by Gordon Nichol for the past 57 years until going to Simcoe Manor a few months ago. The hall is approximately 60 ft. long and 7 feet wide. At the west end along the street is a door which used to go out onto a smal balcony and has been taken away, but the marks still remain on the outside wall. In the north-east corner the bathroom has a pedestal sink brought from the old Queen's Hotel Barbershop in Toronto which is now the Royal York Hotel.

About the centre of the hall to the south you go up another winding stairs to the 3rd floor or attic and this floor is sound proof. Years ago a Masonic Temple was on this floor and later a dance hall when the men went to dances dressed in formal clothes. At each end of the landing is a fair sized room, these were the ladies and men's cloak rooms. The dancing room has a high open ceiling with 5 dormer windows, vertical windows in a sloping roof in the attic. This room is not furnished, just a storage place for a few old pieces of furniture. When the Dale children were young, they and their village friends often played hockey and other games in this room.

During the paving of the street Mrs. Creighton had 20 or so extra boarders and in order to accomodate this number she put extra beds in the attic.

Some of the boarders during the years were Gordon Nichol, N.P. McDonald, Gordon Spencer, Dr. McKelvey, Jack Cook, the printer, Bill Stephenson, as well as bankers, teachers, milliners and I am sure many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Dale who had lived in the United States for several years came to Beeton in the late 30's with their family June, Emerson Jr. and Jack.

After the death of Wiliam Creighton in 1957 Mrs. Creighton was unable to carry on alone. Many will remember Mr. Creighton as he rang the town bell every day at 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. for many years.

Finally Emerson and his wife Marion Dale moved into the boarding house and had their own apartment on the south side of the building which had been used as a separate hallway entrance from the street to the dance hall.

Following Mrs. Creighton's death in June, 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Dale occupied the whole building making some improvements and added most attractive awnings to make the side veranda an inviting retreat.

Due to ill health the Dales have decided to sell this property as they have the 2nd highest paid taxes for a private residence. With a "For Sale" sign on it all we can do is stand back and wonder what will become of this old building and all its memories during the years gone by.

As this was my first time at the boarding house I was really thrilled to see it and everything in it was just

GREAT TO BE 96

Mrs. Laura Wiggins of the Joy Hero Nursing Home in Coldwater celebrated her 96th birthday last week in fine spirit. On hand for the occasion were Gordon Smith, MPP for Simcoe East and Dr. Howard, MP for Simcoe North, who both a plaque from Prime Minister Trudeau. She also received a congratulatory letter from Premier William Davis and a telegram from Gov.-Gen. Jules Leger. She received visitors from Sault St. Marie, Orillia, Washago, Stayner, Beeton and Barrie and had numerous phone calls. Mrs. Wiggins is a former resident of the Bethel area where her husband was employed with CNR. She belonged to the Women's Institute for many years and they both attended the United Church there. Previous to coming to Coldwater, she was a resident of Hillcrest Lodge in Orillia. A birthday cake was brought by Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheppard of Barrie. (Photo by Cyril Martin)

Mrs. W.W. Cole, 95 of Simcoe Manor stopped for a rest at one of the Fall Fair displays.

Bishop Allan Read, Suffragan Bishop of the Toronto diocese, was in Everett last Tuesday to mark the 60th anniversary of the Tecumseth Deanery. Here he cuts the anniversary cake along with (centre) Mrs. Maisie Boynton, of Beeton, director of the Tecumseth Deanery, and Mrs. Fred Amy of Bond Head, a charter Deanery member. Over 100 women from 21 area churches and nine parishes were on hand for the occasion, with the Everett Anglican Church Women as hosts. (Alliston Herald photo)

Bishop Read at Deanery's 60th anniversary luncheon

Over 100 women from 21 area churches (and nine parishes), as well as four past ACW presidents, marked the 60th Anniversary of the Tecumseth Deanery in Everett on Tuesday, with the Everett Anglican Church Women as hosts.

Bishop Allan Read, suffragan bishop of the Toronto diocese for the past four-and-a-half years, honoured the anniversary by celebrating communion in the morning at St. David's Anglican Church in Everett. He, Mrs. Maisie Boynton (of St. Paul's Church, Beeton, and director of the Tecumseth Deanery), and Mrs. Fred Amy of Bond Head, a charter Deanery member, symbolically cut a special anniversary cake at the luncheon which followed in the Legion Hall.

Bishop Arthur Swastman was the presiding bishop of Toronto Diocese when Tecumseth Deanery was founded sixty years ago. The first meeting in 1918 was held at Trinity Church in Bond Head.

After the luncheon, Mrs. Ida Tonks of Barrie, wife of the Venerable Basil Tonks, Archdeacon of Simcoe County and rector of St. Giles Church, Barrie, and St. Thomas Church, Shanty Bay, presented slides and a talk on her native home, Trinidad and Tobago. The presentation, entitled "Landed Immigrant from the Caribbean", dealt with her and her husband's impressions of Canada, their emotional hardships and joys as immigrants, and the Caribbean's differing culture, traditions, and customs.

The house on Manning's Rose Hill Farm at Conc. 5 of Tecumseth Township and Hwy 27 was built around 1880. Present owners have refurbished the house and it has been recently used for television commercials. A short history of the farm when the Manning's owned it appeared in last week's paper.

The History of the Manning's Rose Hill Farm

Almost 150 years ago James Manning left Northern Ireland. He brought with him a letter giving him a grant of Crown land which turned out to be Rose Hill Farm, Tecumseth, Lot 54, Con. 5.

In those days the land was almost all forest, so he had to cut the trees and build himself a log house for his family. His granddaughter in recent years told his great grandchildren that he had a position in Toronto and every fortnight he walked home over trails of 40 miles to bring food for his family.

In 1856 he sold Rose Hill Farm to his two sons for five pounds. The son who remained on the original farm had seven children, five girls and two boys. In 1896 he bought the homestead from his father. His son, Wm. J. Manning, married Jennie Jackson of Mono Mills. They had three children, two girls and one boy. Wm. Manning died suddenly of appendicitis in 1911 and two years later his only son, Jackson, died also. His wife decided to sell the farm as there was no son to carry on the Manning name, and they moved to Orangeville to be near her family, and later to Toronto.

His wife told Myra (her daughter) many stories about Bond Head. One was of how William, in 1906, got the late Sir William Mulock to give $15.00 to help build the cement sidewalk in front of his old home in Bond Head. Other people had tried to get him to contribute without results. William told him the story of a duel that was to have been fought at Rose Hill Farm. The duel was to have been between Dr. Mulock (Sir William's father) and another doctor. William's father was to have been a second for Dr. Mulock. The duel never took place because the other doctor never showed up.

William always wanted his family to have all the comforts he could provide. In 1910 he had a bathroom installed. There were six bedrooms upstairs, so he made a door from the front bedroom into the back bedroom and made a bathroom.

One of his children's recollections was when they would have wind storms, and the windmill on the barn, which would grind feed for the cattle, would break loose and sometimes the blades would fly through the air. They would be scared, but their mother would never let us know that she was scared too.

Near the house was a small brick building that housed a bake oven which was seldom idle. In those days everyone baked his own bread.

The present house at Rose Hill was built about 1880 when William was only a young boy. During the winter he made the shingles for the roof.

Because of the house being situated on the top of a hill, William's father planted evergreens to break the wind. Some of these trees were planted in a circle and seats were built in it. This was used as a playhouse by the children.

Just before William died he had a flag pole erected on their hill. When he put the large heavy wool flag up the wind was so strong that it would have ripped the flag into shreds in a short time. He found the flag pole wasn't such a good idea.

This family were members of the Bond Head Anglican Church and their burial place is at St. John Tecumseth. William Jr., or Billie, as he was called, was an active member in the Orange Association.

The Simcoe Manor Auxiliary presented two wheelchairs in memory of Isabel Hopkins to the Manor last week. From left to right: Ed Boyton, director of Simcoe Manor, Mary Cannom, president of the Auxiliary, Maisie Boynton, tuck shop manager, and Willow Kneeshaw, treasurer. The Auxiliary raised the money for the wheelchairs, which cost $140 each, through euchres, the tuck shop and used clothing sales. Mrs. Hopkins, who died last June, was a resident of the home for five years, was instrumental in starting the Auxiliary and was the founder of the Residents' Council. The Auxiliary also presented a picture of Christ which will be hung in the chapel. (Alliston Herald photo)

Mrs. Mary Cannom, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Simcoe Manor holds the painting of Christ which was presented to the manor in memory of the late Isabel Hopkins. The painting will be hung in the chapel at the manor.

Simcoe Manor home auxiliary president Mrs. Mary Cannon shown here presenting Ed Boynton, Administrator of Simcoe Manor, with two wheelchairs for the Manor's use and a picture of Christ in memory of Isabel Hopkins. In the background are: Mrs. W. Kneeshaw, treasurer of the home auxiliary and Mrs. Maisie Boynton, a member.

Health frail but enjoyed her party

Mrs. Sarah ("Till") Mark has seen a century of changes. She celebrated her 100th birthday at a party given by her family at Simcoe Manor on July 19.

Flowers from Tecumseth Township were presented by Reeve Harry Cross who also read a message from Prime Minister Turdeau. Tottenham's reeve, Joe Belford, brought his village's good wishes and a letter of congratulations from Opposition leader Joe Clark. Warden Orville Hughes and his wife brought greetings from the County and, representing her husband, Mrs. George McCague conveyed a message from Premier William Davis.

Mrs. Mark was born in East Luther (Dufferin County) and after her marriage to Daniel Mark they farmed on the 4th line of Tecumseth, east of Tottenham. Her husband died 17 years ago and only three of their five children are living. Two of them, Etta (Mrs. Mabee) and Lloyd, attended the birthday party, and there were about 30 other members of the family. Mrs. Mark has six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild. Her 89-year-old brother, Wesley Hammond (a one-time barber in Beeton and Tottenham) also was present.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Mark had lived with her children, in Tottenham and Fergus, until moving to Simcoe Manor last September.

Simcoe Manor News Report

In December a cheese and wine party was held for the residents plus entertainment. There was also a draw for a quilt. Winner was Joan Stolmachowitz of Beeton, second prize was won by Arnold Meredith from Gilford.

January 7th, 1976, the Home Auxiliary held their annual meeting beginning with a luncheon and election of officers for 1976 at which Blossom Cross presided.

President, Mary Cannon; Secretary, Delma McFarland; Treasurer, Willow Kneeshaw; Convenor, Bessie Alford; Liason Officer, Maisie Boynton.

The Home Auxiliary Monthly Euchres begin January 13th at 1:30 at Simcoe Manor. Admission 75c plus prizes and lunch.

Fitness workshop to be held at Manor

BEETON - You're never too old to exercise and seniors in Region 4 Homes for the Aged Association are being given the opportunity to prove it.

A two-day workshop, sponsored by Region 4, Homes for the Aged Association, will be held in Simcoe Manor, Beeton, August 16-17. The Workshop theme will be, "Fitness Alternatives For Seniors". Attendance will be open to agencies involved in geriatric care on a first come, first served basis (maximum registration 100).

Included in the program will be aquatics (water exercises), Yoga, such games as modified floor hockey and modified basketball for residents in wheel chairs, Red Cross Fun and Fitness and T'ai Chi Ch'uan, or Chinese Shadow Boxing. For hundreds of years the Chinese have been doing this effortless, rhythmical exercise which comprises a simple solo program executed in slow motion. T'ai Chi Ch'uan promotes energy rather than fatigue.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information on fitness for seniors with reference to legal and safety factors; to demonstrate alternatives to common exercise methods and to provide skill training for the participants so that they can initiate programs on their own.

HISTORY OF SIMCOE MANOR

The following history of Simcoe Manor is quoted from Beeton's Centennial Book by Bert Platt and is quoted with his permission.

Concern for the welfare of the older residents of Simcoe County was a problem as far back as the mid 19th century. At that time there were no government agencies to care for the aged and sick. This was a family responsibility and it was not unusual to have grandparents living with families. However, there were many older citizens without families and the county was compelled to consider their plight.

As early as 1851 plans were made for the building of a home for these individuals in Simcoe County. Where was it to be located? The county almost succeeded in obtaining a free grant of land in Oro Township but this did not materialize. However, in 1856 a farm was purchased in Oro for $1,400. During the next few years the farm was leased, stripped of timber and eventually resold. For a time the question of a home for the aged was forgotten.

In 1897 the Warden of Simcoe County appointed a committee to begin planning for a home. This created great interest in the county, as the choice of location would be an asset for any municipality. Numerous towns and villages were interested and the competition was keen.

The village of Beeton was anxious to be considered and in June 1897, the Reeve, G.T. Somers, travelled to Orillia to investigate the possibilities. Due to his efforts the Selection Committee representing the county arrived in Beeton on August 9th, 1897. The village and township councils worked together arranging for several sites to be inspected. Vehicles were made available to transport the committee members and meals were provided at the local hotels. After inspecting the possible sites the committee returned to Barrie by train. Soon after, village officials met and prepared a proposal which was forwarded to Barrie.

By autumn of 1897, the Selection Committee had studied the proposals. Finally after much debate, it was agreed that a vote would be taken. Result was 11 to 4 favouring Beeton as the new site. One of the conditions influencing the final choice was the fact that the Grand Trunk Railway passed through the village.

Work began immediately. The site chosen was the "Herb Lee" farm just east of the village. The stone for the foundation was transported from Kingston, Ontario, while bricks were manufactured locally in the Bonnrose Brick Yard on Dayfoot Street. The numerous saw mills in the village supplied the large amount of wood required.

In May 1899 construction was completed and the official opening took place. Simcoe County Warden Devitts officially opened the new building. Beeton and Tecumseth Councils were present and Councillor R. Scott's daughter, Kate (Aitken) presented the Governess of the Home with flowers. Trains brought visitors from all parts of the county. The horse-drawn bus made three trips to the Grand Trunk station to bring the new residents for the home. It has been suggested that thirty or more vagrants were removed from the county jail in Barrie and transported to the "House of Industry" in Beeton for the opening. This was not an uncommon thing. There would be some prisoners located at the Home up to the 1950's. In fact, the idea at the beginning was that this institution would be a refuge place for all. These inmates would be required to do some work on the farm, which made the Home self sufficient. Children were also included in this plan as there was no "Children's Aid Society" at the time. In the next decade numerous children would live in the House of Industry.

In its seventy-five years of existence the House of Industry or Simcoe Manor, as it is now called, has had only five Governors. John Ross was the first appointed and he held the position for only five years. Others who followed were Joshua Swan (1903-1925), James Jardine (1925-1947), Dr. S. R. McKelvey (1947-1969) and today Edward Boynton.

In 1947, "Dr." McKelvey was appointed Governor of the institution and Mrs McKelvey was the Matron. Under their direction many changes took place. When they began there was a staff of five attending to the needs of 110 residents. Over the next twenty-two years the requirements grew to fifty. There were other changes, also. The original building proved to be inadequate as plans were prepared for an addition. This project was completed in 1952, when a new bed-care wing was officially opened (first in the province). This would provide hospital care for forty-seven patients and was modern, bright and fireproof.

In the beginning the farm was a crucial factor in the operation. These who were able worked the 250 acres, providing a sense of self-sufficiency. This was successful for several decades and it was a familiar sight to see many inmates at work in the fields. However, it became more difficult to get able-bodied men to do the outside work. As the years passed the Home was looked upon as a place for the aged and sick. This reflected itself in 1952 when the name of House of Industry was removed over the front entrance. Following the transition from a place of refuge to a hospital-home for the aged, the farm became obsolet and was sold in 1966. In 1968 Dr. and Mrs McKelvey retired from the Home.

Eventually further changes were necessary. To provide more modern accommodations, it was decided to add a second storey to the 1952 addition, to demolish the original structure and replace it with an up-to-date complex.

All pictures on this page (except The House of Industry) are by the Alliston Herald.

SIMCOE MANOR HOME FOR THE AGED as it was originally in 1956, the only addition being a new bedcare wing (extreme left) which was added to the original building in 1952. Official opening of the new building will be held next Wednesday, June 4th at 2:30 p.m. with several dignitaries on hand to commemorate the occasion.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY

Simcoe Manor started as "The House of Industry" and was built in 1899. This picture was taken in 1903. It has been made available to The Herald by the kindness of Bert Platt, author of Beeton's Centennial Book.

Beeton Hardware purchases former Town Hall

BEETON - Tom and Joan Wood of Beeton Pro Hardware have made arrangements to purchase the former Town Hall on Main Street now being used by Cooper Canada as a warehouse.

The Woods originally acquired an option on the building and now having met the conditions of the option and arranged the financing are completing the purchase and making preparations for the renovation of the building.

Tom told the Record Sentinel that he does not plan to alter the outside of the historic building which was built in 1894 except to make it safe. He plans to remove the one remaining steeple. The other blew down last year. Tom will sandblast the front.

Inside the Woods plan to renovate the ground floor of close to 3,000 square feet for a new location for their hardware business. A new heating system and a new fireproof ceiling are two of the big expenses. In all Tom estimates the first cost of the first stage of renovations at $30,000.

Tom and Joan have undertaken this move because they see their business growing and Beeton growing. They now find their present quarters too small. Tom said that he would like more room for "home display areas and more display areas." However, he emphasized that the business would still be based on the personal service that is traditional from the time that Bob Reid owned the hardware.

The grey building behind the old Town Hall will be used for storage for the time being.

Bert Platts history of Beeton tells us that the Town Hall was originally built for $3,500. Cooper-Weeks purchased the building in 1946 for $5,500 and for the next several years it served as a factory. Eventually Cooper centralized their operations in Toronto and the building became a warehouse.

The former Beeton Town Hall which has had parts serve as a council chambers, a fireball, a band stand, auditorium, a farmer's market, a jail, a dressing room for a near-by rink, a leather goods factory, and a warehouse is now scheduled for renovations in order to become the new home of Beeton Pro Hardware.

Beeton Pro Hdwe. to take over Cooper Can. bldg.

Beeton's former town hall and Cooper Canada plant on Main St., currently a Cooper Canada warehouse, is to become the new home of Beeton Pro Hardware, it was announced last week.

The store's proprietors, Tom and Joan Wood, have met the conditions of the option granted them, and will be making some renovations prior to the move.

The first stage of the renovations is expected to cost $30,000 and will include a new heating system, a fireproof ceiling and the redesigning of the ground floor's 3,000 square feet to provide the display area that the Wood's found lacking in their present store at 14 Main St. W. The building's exterior will remain unchanged except for the removal of the single remaining steeple in the interest of safety. The front will be sandblasted.

The building was originally constructed in 1894 at a cost of $3,500, and served as the town hall, as well as an auditorium and a farmers' market, until 1946, when it was purchased by Cooper-Weeks for $5,500. The company used the building as a leather and sporting goods factory until its centralization in Toronto. The structure has been retained since then as a warehouse.

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Tom and JoanWood appear at the counter of new Beeton Pro Hardware

A Mark of Progress

BEETON - On Thursday of this week Tom and Joan Wood open their expanded version of Beeton Pro Hardware.

Such a step certainly has significance for this community as it indicates the increased purchasing power that exists in the area and the Wood's attempt to capture a portion of those dollars that now go to larger communities.

Pro Beeton it is also the first of the larger style stores that are more prevalent today with a floor area of about 6,000 square feet. Being bright and well lit, it ensures a hardware store that for the first time will have the space to display all its wares.

It is also significant that Tom and Joan have found it cheaper to restore an older building rather than to demolish and build anew. By refurbishing Beeton's old Town Hall it adds character of the village in providing the student by restoring the old.

It is also of note that D.H.Howden the operator of the Pro chain has been encouraging their store owners to go to stores of 3,000 to 6,000 square feet from the traditional 1,500 to 2,000 square feet and that Beeton now has one of the first operators that has taken this step. Certainly it displays a growing vitality in town among the merchants of the village and certainly the business section has come along way from the ghost town it was once portrayed as.

In the near future, there will also be other advancements. John Brown and John Parsons are still planning to renovate the Queen's Hotel into stores and apartments and work is to begin shortly on the roof.

Although one right in the business section, Beeton Lumber is adding another building for storage at the present time which is certainly an indication of that business's growth.

Now the former drug store on the south side of Main St. which has been empty since 1971 has been purchased and plans are to turn it into a restaurant. Again it is to be renovated and not torn down.

We also understand that there were 12 proposals for renting the former premises of the hardware. Another indication that there is growing interest in Beeton as a local service centre.

However, this week we must congratulate the forward step taken by Tom and Joan Wood. We know it will prove to great advantage to both themselves and for those shopping and living in the area.

We hope everyone will take the time to drop in and see their new premises.

THE NEW ADDITION

The new addition to Simcoe Manor which will be opened next Wednesday afternoon by Hon. Rene Brunelle, MPP, Minister of Community and Social Services. More pictures on page 10 (Alliston Herald photo)

Hon. Rene Brunelle will be opening new $1,800,000 Simcoe Manor, Beeton

The new Simcoe Manor will be opened officially next Wednesday afternoon by the Hon. Rene Brunelle, Minister of Community and Social Services.

The site is the same and perhaps the basic purpose is the same but there the similarities end between Simcoe Manor '75 and The House of Refuge (or House of Industry) which opened (east of Beeton) in 1889. (The wing added to the old building in 1952 and its addition and second storey, completed in February 1974, have been extensive.)

Some small details have yet to be taken care of—on Saturday, the fountain facing the entrance doors to the main lobby lacked water—but the tuck shop was in business and the lounge nearby, with its television set, was in use. The lounge at any rate looked inviting.

Everywhere the colours are light and bright and cheerful, and everywhere orange-gold carpeting, some of it from a few steps to the right (east) is the library and then the auditorium and beyond that, the chapel. A series of rooms extending along the side of the auditorium provides a barber-shop-billiard room (with a wonderful old barber's chair unearthed in the basement of the old building), a hairdressing room for women residents, a tea room and a crafts room. The adjuvant's room (with equipment for exercise and physical therapy) and the pool occupy the extreme east end of this level.

All steps have low risers and a ramp for wheel chairs is provided indoors and outdoors. And there is also an elevator. Another pleasant feature is the way groups of easy chairs and chesterfields are placed here and there at short intervals, inviting time out for a restful sit-down.

The laundry room is a big one, as it needs to be in a home that has 158 beds plus a four-bed infirmary, although at present there are only 128 residents. The laundry and the kitchen are centrally located at the back of the main floor and most of the kitchen equipment is new. There is a walk-in refrigerator and a walk-in freezer, and there are two more walk-in refrigerators in the basement. The basement, at ground level, also has the staff common rooms, with lockers, conveniently located to the main parking lot which is at the back (north side) of the building.

Most of the kitchen equipment is new but as head cook Mrs.

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PART OF THE CROWD estimated at 750 which attended the official opening of the new addition to Simcoe Manor. Many more are grouped to left and right. The man in the black coat, centre, back to camera, is Rev. A. W. Downer, M.P.P., Dufferin-Simcoe. (Alliston Herald photo)

HON. RENE BRUNELLE TO OPEN

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Dunnell remarked, when they saw the skimpy little bread box which would hold about 12 loaves (and the Manor buys 30 loaves every two days), they brought along the old bread box. ("Old bread box" may be a little misleading. It is stainless steel, about four feet long, with two shelves and on casters).

Two other articles caused rueful amusement. There was the small sing on which some misguided designer apparently thought all the pots and pans could be hung. And instead of the two huge double boilers formerly in use, an inadequate kettle. Escalloped tomatoes in THAT? The tomatoes alone would come within two inches of the top, and where would the onions and the bread go? A pudding for 150 in THAT? (The cooks thought poorly of the answer (to make one kettleful, then empty that out, make another pudding, empty that, then . . .) So along from the old kitchen came the double boilers and the long racks for pots and pans.

The dining rooms are surely one of the most pleasant features of Simcoe Manor; not one vast institutional room but several smaller ones with coloured tablecloths and blonde wood chairs. The women's dining room on the second floor had raspberry-coloured cloths on Saturday. And almost all the windows look out onto beautiful green lawns or fields and trees.

The residents' rooms are on the main floor of the "old" wing (which was the new wing until the old building was torn down) and on the second floor of that wing and the new addition. There are rooms for two and for four and a few private rooms and residents can bring their own chair or rug or pictures. There are also four suites (bed-sitting room and bath) for married couples. Here too on the

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Bill and Elva Sutherland greeted over 200 guests at the Bond Head Hall during their Open House to help celebrate their 40th Anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

40th Anniversary

More than 200 friends, neighbours and relatives attended the 40th wedding anniversary of Bill and Elva Sutherland of Bond Head held in the community hall on Sunday afternoon, September 21st for a reception arranged by their family.

Elva is the daughter of the late James Bradley and Anna Stewart and Bill is the son of the late John Sutherland and Mary Jane Noble.

The couple were married on September 21st 1935 in the home of the bride, parents Rosehill farm, lot 24, Con. 5, Tecumseth, by Rev. D.J. Kendall. Alicia Noble now Mrs. Douglas Mazell of Nanaimo, B.C. was bridesmaid and the late Frank Foran was groomsman. Jane Bradley of Port Colborne now Mrs. Thos. Gardner was flower girl.

The couple have resided in Bond Head in the same house on Highway 88 all their married life and have three daughters Margaret (Mrs. Wm. Bertram) Marion (Mrs. Bruce Garrett), Doris (Mrs. Paul Colonet) and one son John. They also have eight grandchildren, Glenn, Karen and Scott Bertram, George, Kevin and Brian Davey and Ronnie and Shannon Colonet.

Relatives attended from Florida, Welland, Mississauga, Oshawa, Brampton, Brantford, Toronto, Barrie, Woodbridge, Aurora and the surrounding community.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stewart

Surprise party helps celebrate 53rd

BEETON — Earl and Ila Stewart had their 53rd wedding anniversary on October 10th but the real celebration came Friday night at a surprise party given in their honour at Bond Head Community Hall.

The Stewart's were under the impression they were on their way to Bradford for Chinese food when the party was sprung.

They were married in Bradford but spent their first 8 years together in Beeton while Earl worked as a lineman for the Bell Telephone Company. They moved to the family farm after that on the 9th conc. just outside of Beeton where they farmed for the next 42 years and then retired to Beeton once again.

In that time they have raised 8 children, 20 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

The Stewarts are still active as they both town bowl and Earl also curls. Ila recently helped win the Centennial lawn bowling trophy. Ila is also president of the Beeton Women's Institute this year.

Edgar Williams

80th Birthday Celebration

BEETON — Edgar Williams of Beeton and formerly Tecumseth Township celebrated his 80th birthday last week and was honoured twice.

First of all the Beeton senior citizen's club had a surprise birthday cake at their Wednesday meeting. Everyone signed a birthday card and Ed was presented with a box of candy.

Secondly, on Saturday a family dinner and later a surprise open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Finkley of 177 Main St.

The open house was attended at the Finkley home with Grace and Lorne Williams. About 90 guests were in attendance with tea being served by Mrs. Hazel Kitchener, Miss Stella Brethour-Edge, Mrs. Harold Watson assisted by two grandchildren, Sheila Beeton, and Gaye Bowden.

Ed has been in the area for about 90 years spending most of those years on a farm just outside of Beeton.

Fachnie's hold 25th Wedding Anniversary

Members of the family and friends were hosted at Spring Water Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Fachnie over the holiday weekend in honour of the occasion. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker of Lindsay, Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Kennedy, Kelly and Kathleen of Los Angeles, Mayor John L. and Mrs. Fachnie, Cherry and Jon, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fachnie and Steve of Orillia, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Williams and Mr. Orlo Williams of Beeton, Mr. William Watson of Bowmanville, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, Debbie and Gordon of Toronto.

MR. AND MRS. BILL KETTLE, of Beeton, are shown here on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday. A reception was held for the nonagenarians at Simcoe Manor where they are residents. (Alliston Herald photo)

upper floor is the infirmary. Mr. Lyman Walker's office and the nursing station. Mrs. Donna McCarthy is the head nurse—there is always a registered nurse on duty and nurses' aides and an orderly—and in her five months at Simcoe Manor she has found that one of the rewarding aspects of her work with elderly people is their cheerfulness, their appreciation of whatever one does for them and the fact that they are so interested in each other.

The past two years have been a busy time for administrator Ed Boynton. He took over in 1970 from Dr. and Mrs. S. R. McKelvey who had been the superintendents of Simcoe Manor since 1947. With all the work of co-operating in planning the new building, the upheaval of tearing down the old building then the construction of the new one and meanwhile the necessity of keeping the Manor functioning, surely one of the happiest people at next Wednesday's opening ceremony will be Mr. Boynton.

The cost of the new Simcoe Manor, furnished, is approximately $1,800,000 with C.A. Smith, of Markham, the contractor.

An account of the earlier days of Simcoe Manor is reprinted elsewhere in this issue from the History of Beeton published last year.

NEW ADDITION TO SIMCOE MANOR OFFICIALLY OPENED

The sun shone through light clouds as a crowd of some 250 gathered for the official opening of the new addition to Simcoe Manor at Beeton last Wednesday afternoon. Rows of chairs were set on the pavement in front of the main entrance where a platform had been built, stretching out over the grass. Trees and lawn made the background. In all an ideal setting and a lovely, still day for the opening of this new wing of the Manor to provide more, and modern, care for senior citizens.

A bush fell as Tecumseth Reeve Harry Cross, Chairman of the Committee of management for the Manor, moved to the lectern on the platform and called on Rev. Basil Dass, of the Presbyterian Churches in Beeton and Tottenham for the prayer of Invocation and then invited distinguished guests to take their places: the Hon. Rene Brunelle, minister of Community and Social Services, Warden Edgar Currie, Rev. A. W. Downer MPP, Art Evans MPP, Mrs. Sinclair Stevens, wife of Sinclair Stevens MP who could not get away from Ottawa, committee members D. Spooner (Collingwood), R. Constable (Innisfil), D. McDonald (Flos) and G. McArthur (Mara), County secretary-treasurer J. O'Donnell, Rev. B. Dass, Joe McReynolds regional director for the Min. of C and S. Services, Fr. Switalski, Norval Stewart of the Beeton Senior Citizens' Club, Mrs. Mary Cannon president of the Manor Auxiliary, Manor administrator Ed. Boynton and some others. He then recognized other public men and women in the audience: Hon. Earl Rowe, Frank Prothero, chairman of the Board of Education and a number of former wardens of the county including Jim Wales, George McCagne, George Link and Earl Elliott; "Doc" McKelvey former administrator and Mrs. Jardine former matron and a number of others.

The opening speaker, Warden Currie told the gathering, "This is a special day in Simcoe County, which can boast of its modern homes for the aged and I hope that this addition will provide many happy hours."

B. Paulsen, representing the architects (Lee, Eiken, Bookstead, Paulsen and Fair) spoke briefly and his associate D. Lee unveiled a plaque on the east wall of the entrance "porch". The keys of the manor were formally presented to Administrator Ed. Boynton by the contractors' general superintendent Rod Hicks on behalf of his firm C. A. Smith Contracting Ltd. of Markham. In accepting them, Mr. Boynton said, "I accept these with humility and gratitude" and spoke of the devoted staff. He then called Bill Pollock from the audience, explaining that he has been a resident of the manor for 40 years and has taken a keen interest in all construction. When Mr. Pollock reached the platform, Mr. Boynton presented him with the key.

Introduction of Mr. Brunelle was by Rev. A. W. Downer who said "This home for senior citizens is an example of co-operation of three levels of government municipal, county [illegible] half of this $1,800,000 addition has been paid by the province. Do you realize that 25 years ago there were only 25 old-style homes for the aged? Now Simcoe County has three modern ones, this Simcoe Manor, Georgian Manor and Sunset Manor and it is hoped to have a fourth in the Orillia area. When Mr. and Mrs. Jardine were administrator and matron years ago they often were hosts to travelling members of parliament who dropped in for a free meal." Referring to Mr. Brunelle, he told the audience that he was born in Penetanguishene and now represents North Cochrane Riding. He was elected in 1958, joined the cabinet in 1966, served as minister of mines and assumed his present post in 1972.

And this is what Mr. Brunelle told the attentive crowd:—

"These modern facilities will not only increase the quality and quantity of residential accommodation, but will also ex-

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able more extensive recreational and social programs. So, congratulations to all of you who directly or indirectly contributed to the completion of Simcoe Manor's "New look."

"Now, I'd just like to briefly remind the residents of this home and the community of the meaning of Senior Citizens' Week.

"Under the Ministry of Community and Social Services, your government wants to make everyone aware of our seniors —aware of the knowledge they have to offer from first-hand experience and also aware of the advantages they have in today's world. And I'm sure the residents of Simcoe Manor will agree with me on both counts—that you DO have a lot to offer and that you DO have a lot of advantages.

"Throughout Senior Citizens' Week, we want to stress the positive aspects of being a senior citizen and we trust that you will too.

"We want everyone to take another look at life after 65—those already enjoying it and those who have not yet reached it. I don't suggest that everything is easy for senior citizens but let's consider the benefits—benefits such as being able to do the things we've never had time to do before; the opportunity to travel, join social clubs, spoil grandchildren, take free courses at university or to start a second or third career; —not to mention such advantages as free OHIP, discounts from some stores and reduced transportation rates.

"Again, my congratulations are extended to all who contributed to the successful renovation and addition to Simcoe Manor. I am glad my Ministry has been able to support this project and I wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

"Now, before I close, I'd like to present Simcoe Manor with a Province of Ontario flag.

May it always wave over a happy home."

He handed the flag to Reeve Harry Cross and it was promptly fitted to the standing flag pole prepared for it.

Thanks to the minister were given by Lloyd Pridham, reeve of Sunnidale Township and former warden. Resident J. H. "Dick" Courtney presented Mr. Brunelle with a wicker-work lamp made in the Manor's craft shop. Warden Currie added a History of Simcoe County and Harry Cross gave a gaily wrapped souvenir of Tecumseth Township.

Mr. Norval Stewart, president of the Beeton Senior Citizens' Club spoke briefly, thanking manor for use of a room and adding that a New Horizons grant would equip it.

The corner stone was slid into place by the Minister and Warden. Set behind it is a copper box into which were put a copy of the Alliston Herald of May 28 with a story and pictures of the Manor, a copy of the Beeton Record and Bradford Witness and copies of the County Council minutes of 1972, 1973 and 1974 in connection with building the new addition. (The original cornerstone and the marble plaque have been placed in the county museum at Midhurst. With that cornerstone is its contents: coins, a copy of the Beeton World and of Toronto papers).

Father Switalski gave the closing prayer and benediction and then the Minister cut the blue ribbon and declared the new addition officially open.

Guided tours of the addition enabled everyone to see it. Pleasant refreshments brought the happy occasion to a close.

Warm temperatures and sunny skies attracted a large gathering to the memorial gates at the park entrance in Beeton. The cubs, scouts, cadets, brownies, guides, and legion members shown formed just a small part of the parade that marched from St. Paul's Anglican Church to the Cenotaph on Sunday morning.

Largest attendance at Remembrance Day Service in years

BEETON - Sunny weather and a rejuvenated Legion were probably the two main reasons why the largest gathering in some years attended the Remembrance Day service on Sunday.

The day started off with an ecumenical service at St. Paul's Anglican Church where an over capacity congregation had gathered. Included among the congregation were local legion members, air cadets, and members of the Scouting and Guiding movements.

Rev. Tom Martin of St. Paul's served as recital with Rev. Dickson of Trinity United Church providing the sermon. Rev. Dickson emphasized how young people can work to win the peace as the older people had won the war.

Also taking part in the sermon were Ray Gough representing the Legion, Bill Cranston of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Reeve Sheridan McGinty of St. James Church in Colgan. A joint choir under the leadership of Doris Matson was present.

At the end of the service the new Legion colours were dedicated.

Following the service a procession was led by Sgt. Bob McPherson of Base Borden to the Cenotaph in the Park. The parade included the colour guard, legion members, cadets, cubs, scouts, brownies, guides, choir members, and most of the church congregation.

About 250 people gathered at the Cenotaph for the placing of the wreaths and poppies. Sgt. Rick Quessel of Base Borden played The Last Post and Reveille and two minutes of silence were observed.

The service was organized with the co-operation of the Beeton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and the local ministerial.

Wreaths were placed by Dr. S.R. McKelvey for the Government of Canada, Sheridan McGinty for the Village of Beeton, Ray Gough for the Beeton Legion, Mrs. Pearl Gerrard for the women's auxiliary of the Legion, Fred St. Peters for the Athletic Association, Glenn Jarvis for the Lion's Club and Harold Ellison for Borden Metal.

Ray Gough, President of the Beeton Legion, pinned the first poppy to the cross and salutes those who died in the two world wars.

BEETON - A crowd estimated at about 300 people including much of the officialdom of Simcoe County gathered on the front lawn to watch the inaugural ceremony of the new $1.8 million addition to Simcoe Manor.

Reeve Harry Cross of Tecumseth, Chairman of the Committee of Management of Simcoe Manor, acted as Master of Ceremonies to introduce the many dignitaries present both on the platform and to the audience.

Among those introduced were Rene Brunelle, Minister of Community and Social Services, Mrs. Sinclair Stevens, Arthur Evans M.P.P., the Committee of Management members, Norval Stewart, President of the Beeton Senior Citizens, Father Switalski of Colgan, architects Roger Paulsen and Doug Lee, Dr. L. Walker, physician for Simcoe Manor, Warden Edgar Currie, Ed Boynton, administrator of Simcoe Manor, and Rev. Wally Downer M.P.P.

Among the others introduced were the other administrators for senior citizens homes in the county, former Lt. Gov. Earl Rowe, former Simcoe Manor Administrator and municipal Dr. and Mrs. S.R. McKelvey, the wife of a former administrator, Mrs. Jardine, plus many members of county council and former wardens.

"It is my hope that this addition will provide many hours of enjoyment," Warden Edgar Currie told the audience in the opening speech after which the blessing and invocation was provided by Rev. Basil Daze.

Rudy Risk, the superintendent on the job was called upon to present the key to administrator Ed Boynton which he accepted "with humility and gratitude." Mr. Boynton went on to say that it took two main things to complete the building and they were an "understanding committee and devoted staff and we have both."

Mr. Boynton then in turn presented the key to Mr. Bill Pollock, whom he termed the "sidewalk superintendent" on the job, on behalf of the residents of the Manor.

Local M.L.A. Wally Downer, praised the beautiful setting for the new building and recalled that 25 years ago in this province there were only about 15 buildings of this type most of which said were "relics of the past". Downer also recalled many of the harder times when a representative would drop into the Manor and hopefully get a meal. He warned, Rene Brunelle, that the County would be dropping in on him again soon as Simcoe had homes in the north, south and west but needed one in the east.

Rene Brunelle in his keynote address said that "this is an appropriate time for your opening - just 10 days before Senior Citizens' Week." Brunelle continued to stress the theme of the week in his speech.

THE MINISTER CUTS THE RIBBON

The Hon. Rene Brunelle, M.P.P., Minister of Community and Social Services, cuts the ribbon at he declares the new addition to Simcoe Manor officially open. At left is Tecumseth Reeve Harry Cross, Chairman of the Committee of Manage and, at the right, Nottawasaga Reeve Edgar Currie, Wardn Simcoe County (Alliston Herald p

"Your government wants to make everyone aware of our seniors, aware of the knowledge that they have to offer from first-hand experience and also aware of the advantages they have in today's world."

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Brunelle then presented Simcoe Manor with an Ontario flag which Reeve Cross accepted.

As warden Lloyd Pridham thanked Brunelle who then received a gift of a lamp made by Mr. Dick Courtney of the Manor. Warden Currie and Reeve Cross also presented gifts.

The final speaker to be called upon was Norval Stewart of the Beeton Senior Citizens who told the audience how honoured the club was to have this building so close to Beeton and that there was a room for the club downstairs which was equipped with the help of a New Horizons grant.

The copies of several papers were placed in the cornerstone and Father Switalski said the benediction. The many visitors were then invited for a tour of Simcoe Manor with refreshments being served.

THE NAMES OF THOSE WHOSE MEMORY WE HONOUR AT THIS TIME SHALL BE READ.

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1914 - 1918
ROGER DOUGLAS
OSCAR HAINES
NORMAN HURRY
GEORGE M. REYNOLDS
ARTHUR SMITH

FRED PENN
OSCAR RAMSELL
NEIL MCCULLOUGH
ALBERT SMART
JOHN A. WRIGHT

1939 - 1945
GERSHAM BATEMAN
AUBREY C. OSBURN

MURRY CHILLONY
ROSS ROBINSON

THE LAST POST

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.

ALL PRESENT: We will remember them.

New Doctor's Office now open in Be

BEETON - On Monday of this week Dr. David Pitel opened his medical offices at 10 Main St. W. in Beeton. This is the house that is beside the post office. Most of the ground floor is being used by the doctor, which gives him ample space. The living room is the waiting room, the kitchen is his laboratories, etc.

Dr. Pitel, his wife Sandy, and his two children, Tanya five, and Stephen 7, have lived on the seventh line just outside Beeton for about the past year while he has been completing his internship at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Pitel has a rather interesting scholastic history in becoming a doctor. When he entered university in his late teens it was not his intention then to becoming a doctor.

Dr. Pitel was born and raised in Toronto and attended Carleton University where he met his wife-to-be, Sandy who was native to Ottawa. Both graduated from Carleton with their BSc's in Biology.

After this they moved to Halifax where David worked on his Phd in Biology while Sandy did a Masters in Biology. Following this they moved to Princeton, New Jersey, where David completed a Post Doctoral Fellowship in Biochemistry.

By this time David was 28 years old and had been in University almost a decade. It was at this time he decided to become a medical doctor. Returning to Toronto, he entered first year medical school at the University of Toronto.

During his internship, the Pitel's decided they'd like to live in the country, and so bought 10 acres and a house on the 7th line near Beeton.

Due to their proximity to Beeton as well as Beeton's lack of a doctor at that time, he decided to open up a practice here.

After many years of hard working, for Sandy as a biochemist in hospitals while David was attending med-school, she is retiring to stay home with their children.

David was fortunate in having a neighbour along the 7th line who is a medical-secretary, Mrs. Tony Boag. She was pleased at the prospects of a job so close to home, so she is the medical-secretary for David at 10 Main St., Beeton.

David has always been involved in hockey (as goalie), and baseball so he therefore hopes to become interested in such sports in Beeton.

David is also very keen in promoting family as well as general medicine in Beeton.

Local girl wins award at Georgian Music Festival

Five year old Lynne Stewart places second in the accordian section at the Georgian Music Festival held at the Continental Inn at Barrie on Saturday.

The Grand Finale took place at the Georgian Theatre where the trophies were presented. Over 500 pupils participated in the event. Lynne is the daughter of Karl and Joanne Stewart.

SIMCOE COUNTY WILL BE HOST to the 1981 International plowing match. On hand for the announcement at the Ontario Plowmen's annual meeting in Toronto were (left to right) Delon Jermey, O.P.A. director; Gordon McCoy, president of S.S. Plowmen's association; Allan McNab, O.P.A. director; Orville Hughes, Simcoe Cnty Warden; John Fennell, O.P.A. director and the Ag. Reps for North and South Simcoe, Allan Scott and Keith McBiner. (O.M.A.F. photo)

Architect Doug Lee unveils the plaque dedicating the new addition to the Simcoe Manor.

PRESENTATION TO THE MINISTER

Manor resident T. H. (Dick) Courtney presents a lamp made by the residents to Hon. Renes Brunelle. At rear left is Reeve Harry Cross and in right background is Rev. Basil Dean and Mrs. Sinclair Stevens. (Alliston Herald photo)

Warden Edgar Currie displays a newspaper to the owner-man while Rene Brunelle and Harry Cross look on.

PASSES ON "THE KEY"

ED. BOYNTON, Administrator of Simcoe Manor, hands the Official Key, which had just been presented to him, to Bill Pollock who has been a resident at the Manor for 40 years. (Alliston Herald photo)

The key to the new wing of Simcoe Manor is presented to administrator Ed Boynton by building superintendent Rudy Rink.

PUSHING HOME THE CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone of the building was pushed home by (L-r) Township Reeve Harry Cross, Warden Edgar Currie, Hon. Rene Brunelle and Township Reeve Lloyd Pridham. Behind it is a copper box containing newspapers, the history of Barrie and copies of the County minutes series on the manor. (Alliston Herald photo)

SEEKS P-C CANDIDACY

George R. McCague, (r) is standing for P-C candidate for the riding of Dufferin-Simcoe. Here he is with his family. l-r: Heather, Ross, Barry, Raymond and his wife Elaine. (Photo by Carney)

George McCague seeks Prog. Con. nomination

George R. McCague, 43, of Alliston will seek the Progressive Conservative nomination for Dufferin Simcoe in the now-called provincial election, set for September 18th. Others seeking nomination are Rev. A. W. (Walb) Downer the present member and Frank Prothero, Tecumseth Township, chairman of the Simcoe County Board of Education.

Mr. McCague was appointed chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission two years ago. He has now tendered his resignation to leave himself without any conflict of interest in his bid for the candidacy. Prior to this appointment he was mayor of Alliston for five years, having served on all levels of council for ten years and being warden of the county when reeve, in 1968.

In an interview, the Herald asked Mr. McCague why he is standing as a candidate. "I feel that my experience in, and knowledge of the riding public affairs qualifies me to represent the people of the riding's of Dufferin-Simcoe. I am intensely interested in the riding which I know has a great future." He added, "In this day of pressures and changing conditions, I believe that I bring vigour to the great job and that I can understand and interpret the aspirations of the rising generation of Canadians." He paused: " After all I am married and have four up and coming children two of whom are entering adulthood."

Wedding vows were exchanged by Deborah Anne Crombie and James Sheridan McGinty at St. James Church, Colgan on Saturday, April 26th 1975.

The couple are residing in Beeton.

Ed Mathews appointed as Arena Manager

BEETON - Interviews were conducted by the Committee of Management Wednesday night for the position of Arena Manager.

Of those interviewed, Ed Mathews of Beeton was selected for the position. Ed has held the job twice previously. For six months in 1967 and for a year in 1969-1970.

When asked why he left the job previously, he said it was a job he really enjoyed and hated to leave "but the money was tough."

The job will be somewhat different from the previous arena manager's job as Ed will be looking after the books and doing the billing. However, the booking of the Arena Hall will still be done through the municipal office.

Ed plans to take the Arena Manager's Course at Humber College next summer plus he also hopes to take the recreation director's course at some time in the future.

Ed Mathews

During the winter months there will be a full time helper in the Arena who will work 40 hours a week. Jim Carter of Dayfoot St. received this job. As things now stand, Ed thought that Carter would be working Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday. During the summer the manager will still be responsible for the park.

The ice will be late getting in this year as there is a dance scheduled for the arena floor on October 11th. The ice plant is supposed to be turned on October 14th and Ed suggested that it would take eight to 10 days to put the ice in.

Ed starts his new job October 1st. Previously he has been the operator of Simcoe Building Maintenance, a business he bought from Cliff Riley in July of 1970. He and his wife Milly will be selling their bakery.

Ann Rubens, president of the Beeton Horticultural Society shown here presenting Allan Bennett with a cheque for $31.00 towards the Save the Beeton Arena Fund. This was the proceeds from the plant sale at the horticultural club's annual flower show.

This was the society's second donation, as it also donated $100. to the fund on the night of the flower show.

MAIN ENTRANCE

The main entrance is reached by wide, shallow steps and is set well back so that it is sheltered. At the left of the steps is a gentle ramp for wheelchairs. When this picture was taken, the garden in front was gay with tulips. There is also a flower bed along the drive.

FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE

Simcoe Manor addition to be officially opened today

BRETTON - The new addition to the Simcoe Manor in Bretton not only represents the latest in care for the elderly but is also one of the few projects that has been built within its budget.

The official opening is taking place today at 2 p.m. with the Minister of Community and Social Services, the Hon. Rene Brunelle officiating.

The addition which replaces the original building constructed in 1909 as of May 1976, cost $1,809,978 compared to $1,827,429 that is budgeted.

The new addition expands the number of beds in the Manor to 128 but it also has many other services and amenities. An airy auditorium will seat over 200 people and golf is in the chapel. The residents have both a barber shop and a hair dressing salon. The barber shop doubles as a pool room with the table having been donated by Tecumseth Township. Some of the best pool sharks in the area play at the table.

> ***This copy of the Record-Sentinel will be enclosed in the cornerstone of the Simcoe Manor addition***

There are many lounges located throughout the Manor and three dining rooms. A craft shop turns out many prizes by Manor residents in local fairs and competitions. Recently, the Manor had twenty entries in the Schomberg Fair and came back with 18 prizes. The therapeutic pool is a new service to the Manor that the residents will enjoy. It runs off the adjacent x room where there is other equipment for physical therapy.

The living quarters themselves are bright with two beds to a room and a washroom to every two rooms. There are also four married quarters.

One really gets an idea of the size of the place when one sees the physical plant that keeps the Manor running smoothly. A large laundry room with the most modern laundry and dry cleaning facilities does the washing and cleaning for the community. While the kitchen runs on two shifts serving three meals a day and a snack for 130 persons. Everything is large scale in the kitchen with there being two walk-in freezers plus another two on the floor below.

The kitchen is new and is constructed between the old wing and the new. In fact one of the kitchen walls was formerly an outside wall.

Everything is planned for the use of the elderly with ramps for wheel chairs, low stoves, constant railings, plus baths etc. that are specially designed.

The medical section offers an office for Dr. L. Walker, a nursing station for the 7 registered nurses who give round the clock attention, a dispensary and a small infirmary.

In all the Simcoe Manor is a bright and modern facility that the taxpayers of Simcoe County and residents of the Manor can be proud of. The Manor even comes in for some community use as the senior citizens group (Friendship Circle 302) use a large room in the basement for their meetings. They are equipping it with the help of a Horizons grant.

SOUTH VIEW of senior citizens apartments in Beeton. (Alliston Herald photo)

Sr. Citizen apts. up in Beeton

A two-storey senior citizens' apartment building containing 24 one-bedroom units is being erected in Beeton. It is located on the corner of Tecumseth and Prospect Sts.

A CMHC loan of $382,956 has been approved to OHC for construction. The project is being built by Don Wilson Construction.

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Iroquois grew corn near Beeton in 1600

An archeological dig from the University of Toronto was busy in Tecumseth Township for the last five weeks. They have been camped at the farm of Angus and Eleanor McCagus, Beeton.

The dig took place on the farm south of Concession 7. It is a former Iroquois site dating from about 1600.

There were signs that the tribe was growing corn and also had contact with Europeans.

The group doing the study are from Scarborough College [University of Toronto]. Two professors will be writing papers on their discoveries.

REAR VIEW

This is the rear view of the new addition. A large parking lot is to the right.

MAIN LOBBY

A glimpse of the spacious main lobby, decorated in soft, restful tones. At the left is the Tuck Shop.

THE TEA ROOM

The Tea Room is just inside the east entrance. At the back (rear left) is a counter with a sink, etc., behind it. The west end of the big auditorium can be seen through the two openings.

Ribbon cutting

Rev. Wally Downer, former MPP of Dufferin-Simcoe, cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Township of Tecumseth, Roads Garage. The building was officially opened Saturday with a large number of dignitaries present as well as a number of Township residents. Taking part in the ribbon cutting are Tecumseth Reeve, Harry Cross, MPP George McCague and Simcoe County Warden, Orville Hughes. The building is situated on the Seventh Line, east of 10 Sideroad. The occasion also marked the completion of paving of 10 Sideroad, which was started as a development road many years ago. Rev. Downer played a major role in getting the road improved as a development road.

The new building that will house Tecumseth Township's road equipment is now in use. The building is named after Grenville McCague who has been Roads Superintendent for 26 years. He has been employed by the Township for 32 years. The new building will no doubt become a land mark as it sits high on a hill with brilliant orange steel siding.

Jokingly referred to as the "Tecumseth Ritz" by consulting engineer William Ainley, Tecumseth Township's spacious orange and green garage, one of the largest of its kind in the south Simcoe area, was officially opened on Saturday afternoon. Along with an office for Roads Superintendent Grenville McCague, a cafeteria, and a machine shop, the building has storage space for all the Township's road equipment. (Alliston Herald photo)

Simcoe Manor Auxiliary elects officers

Simcoe Manor Ladies Home Auxiliary held their annuarl meeting on Mon. Jan. 13, at the manor. President Mrs. M. Cannom opened the meeting with out Auxiliary Prayer. Minutes were read by acting Sec. Mrs. Watson. Treasurers report given by Mrs. Kneeshaw. Mrs. Hopkins gave tuck shop report which is very gratifying. A letter was read from our Zone 6 President Mrs. D. Kneeshaw, also a questionaire was read and discussed Plans were made for a Valentine Party for the residence on Feb. 14th.

A Manor Annual Convention of the Ontario Associates of homes for the Aged is to be held at the Sky Line Hotel on Sept. 7-10

Business completed, election of officers took place for 1975.

President - Mrs. B. Cannon Gilford

1st Vice - Mrs. H. Watson, Beeton

Secretary - Ms. Robt McFarlane, Beeton

Treasurer - Mrs. D. Kneeshaw, Gilford

Tuck Shop - Mrs. E. Boynton, Beeton

Sending Cards to Residance, Mrs. L. Mara Hockley

Social Convenor - Mrs. B. Alford, Cookstown

Liason Officers - Mrs. E. Boynton, Beeton

Public Relations - Mrs. M. Harper

Many more members are needed to carry on this worth while Auxiary, so ladies please come and join us. As our new addition to the manor will soon be completed. Feb. Meeting will be held at the Manor, Feb. 26th, 1:30 p.m. For further information contact any of the above officers.

SIMCOE MANOR'S HAPPY KITCHEN CREW

It is mid-afternoon on Saturday. Lunch is over, the dishes are done and dinner is started but before the rush there is time for a picture in the new kitchen with all its gleaming stainless steel. Head Cook Sadie Dunnell (38 years at the Manor) is at the left, with Heather Bulman, Carol Huffman, Norma Coteman and Ruth Brown. (Not present was Irene Hummell, assistant cook, with 28 years of service.)

(Alliston Herald photo)

Sheila Walkem (standing) is the craft supervisor at the Manor.

A large and busy kitchen turns out about 400 meals a day plus snacks for the residents. The kitchen features the most modern equipment.

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Manor addition opens

Rene Brunelle, Ontario minister of social and community services, was called "Our own county boy" by Dufferin-Simcoe MPP Wally Downer at the opening ceremony for the addition to Simcoe Manor home for the aged at Beeton.

AT LEFT: the Penetanguishene - born Cabinet minister accepts a hand-made lamp given to him by Simcoe Manor resident Dick Courtney, 79. **ABOVE:** Robert Scott, applauds with his great-granddaughter, Michele Drury, 18 months, as Mrs. Elaine Drury of Beeton watches the ceremony with Carolyne Sanderson and son Steele, eight months.

The addition to Simcoe Manor cost $1,750,000, adding 111 beds, to a total of 158, an auditorium, chapel, billiard room, barber shop, beauty salon, craft rooms, swimming pool, and greenhouse. The provincial government and the County of Simcoe each contributed 50 per cent of the cost.

Administrator Ed Boynton said the home has 28 vacancies. (Examiner Photos)

THE BEETON CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE'S treasurer's reports are handed to Clerk-Treasurer Earl Brown by John Rutherford, vice-chairman of the committee.

A CHEQUE for the net proceeds of the Beeton Centennial year is presented by Dr. S. B. McKelvey (r), honorary chairman of the Beeton Centennial Committee, to Ed. McDermott, chairman of the Beeton Library Board. The money will be used toward preservation of historical documents and articles. (Alliston Herald photo)

THE BEETON CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PLAQUE which was presented by Earl Hammell (l), chairman of the Beeton Centennial Committee, to Beeton's Clerk-Treasurer Earl Brown in the unavoidable absence of Reeve Sheridan McGinty. The plaque carries the names of all members of the committee.

THE MINUTE BOOK of the Beeton Centennial Committee is handed to Ed. McDermott (l), chairman of the Beeton Library Board by Dr. S. B. McKelvey, the committee's hono-

HAPPY GATHERING OF MEMBERS DISSOLVES CENTENNIAL COMM.

The final meeting of the Beeton Centennial Committee, held in the arena last Thursday evening, was a cheerful and happy occasion, ending with the turning over of the minute book, accounts and records to Clerk Earl Brown, acting for Reeve McGinty, by honorary chairman "Doc" McKelvey and presentation of the net proceeds of the Centennial (about $2,600) to Ed. McDermott, chairman of the Library Board and last, but far from least, the presentations to McKelvey of a beautiful plaque to the town in commemoration of Centennial year.

The Library Board will be spending the Centennial money on starting an historical display to be housed in locked, glass-fronted wall cupboards. He hopes that when the library moves into larger quarters, which it hopes to do in a few years, a special Centennial Room will be included to house items of historical interest.

All members of the Centennial Committee except Dave Sealy and Gary Carleton were present, and to Dave Willis, Herald editor, it was a happy reunion because he was closely associated with the Committee during planning for the Centennial celebrations.

Chairman Earl Hammell chaired the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read, the financial report given and odds and ends dealt with. Among the last was the statement that a very few Centennial plates are still available and about 50 Centennial histories. It was agreed that D. K. Harvey be asked to audit the Committee's books before they are handed over to the village for safekeeping and a cheque is issued to the Library board.

John Rutherford reported on the Centennial Lawn Bowling tournament which was rained out last year and held on October 4th. The Centennial trophy was was won by Jack Campbell and Ila Stewart. It was mentioned that the first bowling green was on Centre St.

The plaque has the Centennial emblem at the top on a brass plate. A special small plaque will be made with a duplicate of the emblem and the name of the student, Peter Garland, who designed it, in open competition.

The pleasantly informal meeting concluded with delicious refreshments and by all members signing their name on the last page of the minute book. There was a lull and then "Doc" McKelvey, hon. chairman of the Committee, said a few closing words. "We have had a lovely meeting, ending our Centennial celebrations. We have had great co-operation. I remember 1957 when there was a memorial to Mr. Jones, the father of Bee Town-Beeton; 1963, the 75th anniversary of Beeton and 1973 when there was Kate Aiken Day and a plaque was unveiled in her memory. That was a very special occasion and great credit goes to the W.I. who bore the brunt of the work and expenses.

"In 1974 there was the culmination of this good work. Looking back again, this building was erected in 1947/48 at no tax cost to the village."

Mr. McKelvey spoke of the good work of the Committee, especially of the leadership given by Earl Hammell, the chairman, and John Rutherford, the vice-chairman. "I am proud to have been the honorary chairman of the Centennial Committee (he was reeve at the time) and I attribute the success of the Centennial celebrations to the members of the Committee. They deserve the highest commendation. There was a time when we did not think we would break even but in the end there was a surplus. I want to thank all the people who helped and also Bert Platt, the man who wrote the fine history. Nowhere I go, and I have been to a lot of places, is there a place with such community spirit as Beeton."

After the meeting, "Doc" McKelvey entertained the Committee members at his home.

It was a thoroughly happy evening.

Members of the Centennial Committee were: Hon. chairman, S. B. McKelvey; chairman, Earl Hammell; vice-chairman, John Rutherford; sec'y, Doris Stafford; treas., Earl Mayer; historian, Bert Platt; members listed on the plaque:—Delphine Archibald, Gerald Mayberry, Ed. Boynton, Elsie Mayberry, Gloria Linstead, Maisie Boynton, Andrew Mayer, Bill Lewis, John Hoover, Paul Sealy, Gary Carleton, Dave Sealy, Verva McCague and co-workers.

BEETON CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE HOLDS LAST MEETING

The Beeton Centennial Committee pictured here met for the last time last Thursday, October 9th.

Left to right:—Back row, Andrew Mayer, William Lewis, John Hoover, Ed. Boynton, Bert Platt, Earl Brown. Centre row: Gloria Linstead, Gerald Mayberry, Earl Hammell (chairman), Dr. S. B. ("Doc") McKelvey (honorary chairman), John Rutherford (asst. chairman), Earl Mayer (treasurer), Paul Sealy (asst. treas.). Seated: Verva McCague, Ann Livesey, Doris Stafford (sec'y), Elsie Mayberry (asst. sec'y), Delphine Archibald, Maisie Boynton. Absent, Dave Sealy, Wayne Carleton.

(Alliston Herald photo)

A. L. Fachnie

Born in Maple Valley in 1897, the youngest son of John and Sarah (Cripps) Fachnie, Alexander Lennox attended Maple Valley Public School and then Dunedin Public School. In 1910 he went to work in his father's mill which was part of a 1,400-acre lumber business.

On the death of his father in 1911 the family moved to Creemore where Mr. Fachnie completed public school, then attended Collingwood Collegiate until 1916 when, only two or three months before his graduation, he enlisted in the High School Battalion of the 201st Canadian Light Infantry, known as Hagerty's Angels because it was formed by Col. W. J. Hagerty, principal of Harbord Collegiate, Toronto. When this unit failed to reach strength it was disbanded. He then transferred first to the 198th Battalion, then joined the University Battery and later the C.O.T.C.. Transferring to the Royal Flying Corps, he served as a ferry pilot between France and England and on North Sea Patrols. He was severely injured in a crash in 1918. Returning to Canada in 1919 with the rank of lieutenant, and to civilian life he completed high school and entered the College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1924. A year later he bought D. S. Morrow's drug store in Beeton.

In 1921 he married Dorothy Mair of Collingwood, who died in 1948, leaving five children: Marion (Mrs. L.V. Withers, Barrie); Major John Fachnie (Ottawa), Jane (Mrs. G. A. Bennett, Agincourt), Lionel Fachnie (Ottawa) and Patricia (Mrs. R. Kennedy, Los Angeles). In 1950 Mr. Fachnie was remarried, to June Baker, of Toronto.

During his years in Beeton he was a Beeton School trustee for 10 years and a village Councillor for three years. An ardent bowler he helped build and form the Beeton Lawn Bowling Club and in 1946 he assisted in the formation of the Beeton Branch of the Canadian Legion, becoming a charter member and serving as treasurer for many years. He was also an active member of the Curling Club until the time of his death. He enjoyed membership in the Live Wire Hunt Club for many years and his many other interests included antiques and refinishing furniture.

Mr. Fachnie closed his drug store in 1971 and moved to the 125-year old log house he had owned in Adjala Township for some years previously.

Besides his wife and children he leaves his sister Lavina (Mrs. Tom Ferguson), of Creemore.

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Harold Watson

The death of Harold Watson at his home in Beeton on Aug. 24 was unexpected and a shock to his family and the Village where he had taken an active part in so many community organizations over the years.

Born in Adjala Township in 1911, he was one of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Watson and his mother is still living. His brothers and sisters are Vernon, Hubert and Jack, Vera (Mrs. Norval Stewart), Freda (Mrs. Herb Lisk) and Thelma (Mrs. Wm. Coburn).

In 1947 he married Ada Letts and, having bought the home farm, they farmed there until moving to Beeton. Before becoming caretaker at the new Central School in Beeton in 1967 he had worked for a time at the arena, as manager, and for the late Ernie Letts in his trucking business.

A past master of Tottenham and Beeton Orange Lodges, Mr. Watson was active in the Horticultural Society and in Trinity United Church where he taught Sunday School and served as superintendent for 11 years, and he had been recording steward since 1953.

Besides his wife he leaves two children, Dorothy (Mrs. Lawson Dale) and Ernest.

The Rev. D. E. Willis, a close friend, took the funeral service, assisted by the Rev. W. G. Dickson, and the pallbearers were Bill Brown, Orville Stewart, Ivan Greenman, Bill Watson, Hamilton Watson and Douglas Thompson.

Mrs. Pearl Pegg

On January 3rd, Mrs. Garnet Pegg passed away only a few weeks after her husband who died on November 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Pegg had lived in Beeton for 46 years. Flossie Pearl Boden was born in 1902 in Mount Albert. After her marriage in 1922 she lived in Mount Albert and helped her husband on the farm. She moved to Beeton in 1929 and helped her husband operate a grocery store and bakeshop.

Mrs. Pegg is survived by five children, Mrs. Joe Jerry (Bernice); Mrs. Ed Jerry (Marion); both of Beeton, Mrs. Elmer Thompson (Norma) of Tottenham, Ron Pegg of Flesherton and David Pegg of Everett. She had 12 grandchildren.

Sisters Mrs. Clayton Paisley of Mount Albert, Mrs. R. Fockler of Saskatchewan and a brother Lawrence of Oshawa also survive her.

Recently she has resided in Simcoe Manor. The Funeral was on January 6th from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham. Rev. Warren Dodd was presided with her son Ron taking part.

The Pallbearers were her grandsons, Don, Bob, Larry and Brian Jerry, Brent Thompson and Ernie Watson. The Flowerbearers were Ed Crocker and her grandchildren, Joanne Watson, Carol and Steven Thompson, Wendy and Barbara Jerry.

Cliff Riley dies suddenly

BEETON - Most everyone in the area felt like they had lost a friend last week when they heard that Cliff Riley had passed away on Thursday morning from a coronary.

Cliff and his wife June operated Cliff's Coffee Shop for the last few years on Beeton's Main Street. Cliff's pleasant personality made him many friends in the area.

Cliff Riley was born in Toronto in 1909 and from the time he was 16 he was in the leather business as a designer. He owned his own business in Toronto and in 1947 he moved to Midland where he owned a leather manufacturing plant.

It was there that he met June Rutherford whom he married in 1949. Cliff and June moved to Beeton in 1952 to work for Cooper Weeks who had bought Cliff's leather business.

Later he resigned from his position and opened a restaurant near the present post office. In 1955 he began Simcoe Building Maintenance and worked in maintenance until 1970. At that time he sold the business to Ed Mathews who still operates it.

Cliff who had been in poor health for awhile started serving coffee and egg and salmon salad sandwiches in June's Boutique in 1971. This was a dress shop that was operated by his wife June. The coffee shop part of the business began to grow and by 1973 the store was strictly a snack bar and coffee shop. It developed into a thriving business.

On September 1st, the business was to be sold to Tom and Eileen Little as Cliff and June were retiring and moving to Midland.

June and Cliff raised 4 boys Reed, Craig, Dwight and Brent. Tragically, Reed and Brent Riley died in car accidents. They also raised two daughters from a previous marriage.

Cliff had been a member of the Lion's Clubs in Midland and Toronto. He was a Mason and was a charter member of the Beeton Rotary Club.

June will be staying with Dwight and Joanne Riley for the next two months before making any decision on where to move.

The funeral was conducted from Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham.

Garnet Pegg

Garnet Pegg was born on December 6th, 1900 in Scott Township but moved into this district in 1929. He operated a bakeshop and grocery store in Beeton until 1957. Garnet then worked at Camp Borden as a cook and baker until 1965.

His wife the former Pearl Boden survives him. Also his three daughters, Bernice (Mrs. Joe Jerry), Marion (Mrs. Ed Jerry) all of Beeton and Norma (Mrs. Elmer Thompson) Tottenham. His two sons, Ronald lives in Flesherton and David lives in Everett. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren.

He died on November 25, in Alliston Hospital and was buried from Rod Abrams Funeral Home. His grandsons were pallbearers, Don, Bob, Larry and Brian Jerry, Brent Thompson and Ernie Watson. The Flowerbearers were Ed Crocker, Russell Hurst, Bill Watson, Robert McKenna, Steven and Ralph Thompson.

Nichol, Gordon Wakefield, suddenly at Beeton, on Sunday, FEb. 9, 1975, Gordon W. Nichol, son of the late Dr. Wm. & Charlotte Nichol and dear brother of Mrs. G.R. Soulis (Grace & Maurice both of Waterloo) and Mrs. W.M. Gordon (Ruth of Guelph and Alfred of Toronto). Resting at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home 244 Victoria St. E. Alliston for service and committal in the Chapel, Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. Spring Interment Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Emerson Dale passes

A native of Beeton Joseph Emerson Dale passed away suddenly at Simcoe Manor on Thursday evening, February 20th. He had been an employee of Beeton Telephone Co., for many years.

Mourning his loss are his wife Marion, a daughter, June (Mrs. Orval Blower) of Lakeview; two sons, Emerson (Yank) of Georgetown and Dr. Jack of Toronto and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by a twin brother, Ernest, a few years ago.

The funeral was held from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Monday afternoon with Rev. W.G. Dickson conducting the service

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Wagon train charges Humane Society harrassing them

[illegible] in a press conference at the Bowler Arms on Saturday, organizers of the Canadian Wagon Train charged that the Humane Society was harrassing them and threatening to stop the expedition.

The press conference was called by Paul Bradley and Lionel Robinson of the Wagon Train with the Ontario Provincial Police and Humane Society officials being invited, but representatives of the Society were absent.

Later, Mr. Richard Perry confirmed that the reason for the Humane Society and attending was that they did not want to get into an argument over the condition of animals with the public at press conferences.

Paul Bradley stated that the Humane Society had been with them constantly and was threatening that "unless horses were fit, we capable of getting the wagons." He also stated that they had been told that they were going to be stopped.

Charging that they were "in violation right of the Humane Society" and that "they believed so", Mr. Bradley stated that he offered to allow inspections in the morning or noon, and at night or to avoid.

He also claimed that a veterinarian accompanied the wagon on April 8 and stated that they should be able to carry. Although extra confidence was verified, a veterinarian accompanied the horses again after the press conference was called and stated that not one of the animals was ill.

In response to a question about whether or not the Humane Society was offering constructive criticism, Mr. Bradley replied that Mr. Hogarth promised that if they did what he asked they would be inspected once a week.

Now, the Wagon Train members state that they are complaining that some wagons are in poor condition, and that the horses are not used to the work. Mrs. Alex Dunsmith, a Chesterfield man who claimed to be investigating about horses, asked on behalf of Wagon Train, "What type of horses are they looking for?"

He argued that Inspector Hogarth of the Humane Society stated that a team of 1,200 pound horses could pull 5,000 lbs. and that these horses's one horse under 1,000 pounds with some over 1,400 pounds. He guessed that the Indian wagon weighed around 2,000 pounds.

Second and claiming to be knowledgeable about horses stated that the horses would be in much worse shape after a couple of weeks on the road and argued that they could make the trip. They felt that some horses were in poor shape after the winter.

A Bruce Inspector Hogarth, Walter Fleming stated that "the horses are in fair condition on the road. They will look much better in a few weeks."

An other gentleman, Roy Maggie, argued that he thought the horses had put on at least 100 lbs. since he first saw them and said as he felt anyone that he could take the horses in this Bruce River in less than 3 months.

Inspector Dave Shekington, one of the Ontario Provincial Police, said that they were concerned about the safe and orderly movement of traffic and that they cannot stop horse drawn vehicles unless they change the orderly movement of traffic.

The wagon train has been equipped with a police escort to ensure safety. Inspector and Mr. Shekington stated that they were asked to move off of highway 17 and to keep away from the Bruce area on avoid heavy traffic areas.

The train turned off highway 17 along the Bruce Road in Bruce and finally camped at Bay Saturday and Sunday at the Tomahawk Road and Concession 11 of Tarbomorth.

All types of wagons were in use including the stagecoach. The dog on top is one of several accompanying the train.

Paul Bradley of the Canadian Wagon Train makes a [illegible] of the press conference called by the Humane Society [illegible] in Bruce. He [illegible] right to another member Civil Rights [illegible] and on the right Mrs. Dunsmith. He was described as a friend and [illegible] as to the condition of the horses.

Gramps to Beeton children

Local resident dies

On Friday, December 26, a well known Beeton resident Robert John William Crumbie passed away in Stevenson Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Crumbie was born in Winnipeg on February 7, 1893 and came from a family of three girls and two boys. The family moved around quite a bit and at one time lived near Toronto and Highgate, finally moving to the Beeton district where they settled on the 8th line of Tecumseth.

Mr. Crumbie married Alice Aiken in 1927 and lived on Queen St. for a short while, across the street from where he resided at the time of his death. They then bought a farm on the 9th concession where his son John generally resides. He lived there until 1962 at which time he built the house on Queen Street and moved into the village.

He was well known throughout the district as at one time he had a thrashing machine and was all over the Township with it. He farmed on the 9th before he got the thresher and went back to farming when he decided to give it up.

Mr. Crumbie is survived by his wife Alice, his two sons Robert Jr. (Bubs) and Jack (John), 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Dixon of Bond Head and Mrs. Soley Bentley of Utterson, Ontario.

He rested at Rob Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham. Rev. Warren Dickson officiated at his funeral and he was buried at Beeton Trinity Cemetery on Monday, December 29th.

There was a Masonic Service held in his honour on Sunday, December 28 as he was a mason for many years.

Mr. Crumbie was not just well known from his thrashing days he was also well known to a lot of children in town. He bought a hobby farm when he moved to town and kept saddle horses for his grandchildren. At the time of his death he was "grampa" to half the kids in Beeton and they are really going to miss him.

Robert Crumbie

Fred and Leone Cook

Thank God for the Cooks

Death takes church leaders

On Thursday, April 24 Fred C. Cook of Bradford, died in his 75th year at York County Hospital, Newmarket. He was Town Councillor of Bradford, a former Deputy Reeve, and served on a number of area, provincial, national and international Christian Education Councils. In 1962 he was awarded a distinctive service citation by the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Mr. Cook's interests were many he was a past member of the Simcoe County Council, Museum Board and Archives representative for Bradford on the south Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority; a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto, a 32nd degree Mason, belonged to many Lodges; a licensed Lay Reader for the Anglican Diocese of Toronto and at one time conducted a Bible Class with a membership of more than fifty.

He served for many years with distinction on the committees having to do with Christian Education for the diocese.

He is survived by his wife Leone Miller, sister Reta (Mrs. T. Gardner, Bradford) and brother John of Windsor.

Former resident dies

George Witter Reynolds died in Wiarton, January 6th, 1976.

Mr. Reynolds was born in Beeton, the son of George E. Reynolds, and Eleanor J. Witter. He received his early education in Beeton, teaching school at Bath, Ontario at the age of 15. After one year at Bath, he accepted a school in North Grey, and later that year enlisted in the Owen Sound Grey Regiment at Owen Sound. He was a casualty of an early gas raid, hospitalized and returned to Canada when he was 19 years old.

Mr. Reynolds was active in the retail clothing business in Toronto until his retirement to Wiarton in 1962 and has lived in Wiarton since that time.

George was an active member of Trinity Anglican church, a member of Spry Lodge, Beeton, and recently received recognition as a fifty year member of the Masonic Order. He was a great advocate of the Bruce area, and had spent at least a portion of his vacation time on the Red Bay Island for over seventy years.

Mr. Reynolds is survived by his wife Florence, three sons, George A. of Thornhill, Frank W. of Richmond Hill and William E.M. of Southampton and 11 grandchildren. Three sisters, Mrs. J.A. Campbell (Mary) Beeton; Mrs. David Bentham (Bess) Flesherton; Miss Bertha M. Reynolds, Oakville. One brother, John E. Reynolds of Red Bay.

Predeceased by one brother Ralph and one sister Joyce (Mrs. Howard Black) of Ketlehy.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, January 7th at the George Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. T. Cameron Scott.

Mrs. H. R. Choate

Mrs Esther Louise Choate, who died on February 5 in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, was the daughter of Thomas and Marion Hammell. Born at the family farm home west of Beeton in August 1888, she was the eldest of four children and was destined to outlive her brother and sisters.

Miss Hammell attended Hammell's Public School and Beeton Continuation School then trained at Grace Hospital, Toronto, graduating in June 1915.

Following enlistment in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, Miss Hammell was enrolled in a course from which she qualified as a Nursing Sister in December 1916. Lieutenant Nursing Sister Hammell went overseas in 1917 and served in several countries, including France and Belgium. She received the British War Medal, the Victory Medal and the Cross of the Royal Red Cross.

Discharged in 1919, Miss Hammell continued with her nursing career until her marriage to Herbert R. Choate in 1922.

Following her husband's death in 1937, Mrs. Choate took a refresher course and resumed her career but this was cut short when she become afflicted with a severe form of arthritis which led to her entering Sunnybrook, where she lived for the past seventeen years.

Mrs. Choate leaves a niece, Miss Betty Reynolds, of Orillia; nephews Earl and William Hammell, of Beeton; and Edward Flath in the U.S.A.

The Rev. T. Martin conducted the funeral in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton, with interment following in the eFreshyterian Cemetery.

Pall bearers were R. J. Watson, E. R. Boynton, Herbert McDermott, Earl Stewart, William Crawley and Clifford Abrams.

Beeton resident for 72 years dies

Mrs. Beatrice Brawley, wife of the late William Brawley passed away peacefully on February 7th.

Mrs. Brawley was one of our oldest residents at 94, being born in Stirling of Hastings County in 1880. Her family lived in Bond Head for a number of years and then moved to Beeton.

While in Bond Head she taught Sunday School at the United Church and she was a member of the Orange Lodge and Trinity United Church in Beeton.

She is survived by her son Wallace of C.F.B. Trenton, 4 grand-children and 1 great grandchild.

She was greatly loved by the c hildren of this village and many remember their times with her.

It is interesting to note that her personal Bible was presented to her in 1901 and she is said to have read it every day.

Rev. R. W. Dickson of Beeton officiated at the funeral service in Tottenham.

Dale - Joseph Emerson on Thursday, February 20th at Simcoe Manor, Beeton. Emerson Dale, beloved husband of Marion Gallagher, dear father of June (Mrs. Orval Blewett) of Lakeview, Emerson (Yank) of Georgetown and Dr. Jack Dale of Toronto. Loving Grandfather of seven grand children, dear brother of the late Ernest Dale. Funeral service was held from the Rob Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, Monday afternoon, cremation.

Wagon train passes through on way to the Peace River

The wagon train is rolling along. At least it was yesterday when the Herald checked with the OPP. After the week-end hold-up at the Nottawasaga River bridge on County Road 10, the train got moving on Monday morning.

Its route was up County Road 10 to the Baxter Road (City Rd. 21), east on it to the 7th and then north to '90'.

All was going well and everyone was cheerful when the Herald watched it pass on the 7th. Mr. Bradley was confident and all was going smoothly.

Good luck to them!

The 'pioneers' have had some trouble with the Humane Society but reports are that this has been cleared up.

What follows is a report on the public meeting and press conference held on Saturday afternoon.

The Peace River-bound wagon train ground to a halt Saturday on Cty. Rd. 10 where it crosses the Nottawasaga River, but this time neither the weather nor a mechanical problem was the reason.

The Humane Society, operating out of Toronto, inspected the group's horses on Friday night and told them that not one of the animals was fit to pull a wagon, said Paul Bradley leader of the train. Organizers of the wagon train arranged a public meeting, with the press present to state their position on Saturday afternoon at the Beeton Arena. About 20 members of the train, 100 citizens and a large contingent of pressmen were present as well as OPP officers.

Bradley that the Society's inspectors told him that he was not to attempt to move the wagons. Humane Society spokesmen were invited to the meeting but according to Mr. Bradley, declined to attend if the public and press were present.

O.P.P. Inspector Hickinbottom and Sgt. Austin stated that they had received co-operation from wagon train members. They said that original route plans, which called for the wagons to move straight up Hwy. 27, had been changed at the request of the O.P.P. because of traffic blockages along the highway. Insp. Hickinbottom added that the wagon train would be allowed on Highways in Northern Ontario. The train was re-routed along the Beeton Rd. to City. Rd. 10.

The inspector further stated that the O.P.P. had had no communication with the Humane Society and went on to say that unless a law is broken they have no intention of becoming involved with either the Humane Society or the wagon train.

Mr. Bradley produced a letter written by a veterinarian which stated that an inspection of the horses on April 8 showed them to be in good condition. He added that Humane Society inspectors visit the wagons at all times of the day and occasionally examine the animals at night with the aid of a flashlight. Bradley could think of no reason for what he termed harassment by Society officials and said that the almost constant presence of inspectors slowed the wagon train and was undermining members' efforts to reach the Peace River area by the end of the summer.

Local farmers, present at the meeting said the horses appeared to be in good condition and every day on the road improved their health. Mr. Bert McGuire, who has been working with horses since 1928 said "I'll guarantee that I can take any two of those horses to the Peace River within 4 months." He added that the animals look better now than when he saw them a month ago and that every day on the road "toughens them up more."

Also Dunseed, who has been helping wagon members and has many years of experience with horses, said that the wagons when fully loaded would weigh about 1500 pounds, a weight which he termed "relatively light."

Blacksmith Walter Fleming, who shod the horses, said that the animals were "full of life." He also echoed Mr. McGuire's sentiments that the horses would toughen up on the road.

Paul Bradley concluded the Saturday meeting by saying that unless a written order was given by the Humane Society to stop the wagon train, they would start to move again on Monday.

The Canadian Wagon Train has met many helpful people along the way. One of which is Bill Brevier, who allowed them to camp on his farm and use his barn south of Wood Head.

THE WAGON TRAIN ON THE MOVE

After many delays and a long stop-over on County Road 10 at the Nottawasaga River the wagon train got going on Monday. Here it is as it heads north on Con. 7 of Essa on its way to its overnight stop at the gravel pits on '90'.

(Alliston Herald photo)

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Remains of wagon train to stay in Gladstone, Manitoba for winter

—Winnipeg Free Press

The last remnant of the Great Canadian Wagon Train is moving to Gladstone, Manitoba, where it will wait out the winter.

The expedition might continue next spring, says Jim and Karen Collins, who arrived in Gladstone Sept. 1st after travelling 1,700 miles from Kleinburg, Ontario.

"It's not the end of it," Mr. Collins promised last week as he sat in the kitchen of a rural-bound farmhouse eight miles south of Gladstone.

"People will be back."

Five wagons sitting in the yard and four horses in the old barn are all that remains of the 12 wagon train which headed out on the trip to the Peace River area last April.

Eleven wagon train members made it to Winnipeg at the end of August, but most have returned to Toronto to find work.

The wagon train originally had been scheduled to arrive in High Level, Alberta, in August.

"Right now I'm so tired I don't want to go any further" said Mrs. Collins, 19, who was married on the trip and honeymooned in a covered wagon.

The five trains of horses in the barn are just recovering from the rigors of the journey which also was hard on George, the 170 pound Saint Bernard acquired en route.

Last week, the couple, who arrived in Gladstone with "next to nothing," used up their last bale of hay to feed their horses.

They are now living in a peeling stone farmhouse rented to them for $35.00 by a Winnipeg resident from Louisiana who met the wagon train when it pulled into Winnipeg.

Mr. Collins, who's been waiting to get paid for occasional work unloading fertilizer bonuses at $1 a ton, has applied for unemployment benefits but hopes he'll get a job before he has to collect.

"I don't want to go on welfare," says Mrs. Collins, who yearns for the luxury of plumbing and desperately wants to get out of the farmhouse for the winter.

The couple said they could have travelled another month if they had the money and the weather was better.

"But we were at a point we'd have to go 37 miles a day, seven days a week to make it before winter."

The story of just what happened on the expedition, which split up east of Sudbury and soon after disintegrated has not been told.

"Everybody's got their own," says Mr. Collins.

The trip was monotonous and "hard on your nerves, you're moving so slow," his wife said.

"I'm sure people would eventually start killing each other," she said. It took five months to cross northern Ontario.

Some people became ill. Others weren't prepared to leave all their bridges behind them to cover the unexpected operating costs on the trip, said Mr. Collins, who, with his wagon mates, spent $2,000 on basic equipment.

Shoeing horses and getting replacement horses was difficult, he said. "It was hard getting horses without being taken."

But the problems of morale and money were aggravated by the apparent disappearance of $2,000 to $4,000 in donations given for the care of the horses, the couple said.

"Nobody saw that money at all," Mr. Collins said.

"Nobody kept books or anything," his wife explained. "Everybody had the right to know where the money was going and no one knew."

Mr. Collins said the original wagon train first split up after a dispute about whether to take a hilly route near Parry Sound.

Five wagons led by wagon master Gordon Roberts, one of the original organizers of the scheme, took the shorter route and later stopped between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, he said. Mr. and Mrs. Collins in a group led by former wrestler Alex Dunseith, took a longer route.

Mr. Dunseith "sort of dropped out of the picture" between Hurst and Longlac, Ontario, Mr. Collins said.

None of the original organizers made it to Winnipeg.

The couple said they never had any problems with the Humane Society which had an officer checking the horses through most of Ontario. Both the Collins and Murray outfits finished with the same horses which started at Kleinburg.

No one thought Murray Tucker's 19 year old mare, Dusty, and Bobby, a small four year old would make it but they pulled the purple prairie schooner all the way into Gladstone, Mr. Collins said.

"The trip was hard on her but she's putting on some weight now," Mr. Collins told the reporter as he fed the old bony mare her well deserved ration of oats.

"They're not starving by a long shot, although some people think so."

George, the sad-eyed Saint Bernard, had as rough a time as anyone, even though he rode in the wagon.

George lost about 20 lbs. and still misses John Houghton, a former National Trust employee from Toronto who rode the wagons as far as Gladstone.

"We still had a lot of good times, even with just the two wagons," Mrs. Collins said in the interview recalling helpful veterinarians and blacksmiths and hostaltic little old ladies.

The couple has no intentions of going back east.

"I don't want to go back. I just want to stay away from the hassle a while," Mrs. Collins said. She likes Gladstone "Happy Rock" they call it. Now that the local garbage man has quit, Mr. Collins is thinking about trying to lease a truck and putting in a bid for the job.

While the idea of making it to Peace River next summer is appealing, "It's lost a little bit of importance since we stopped," Mr. Collins admits.

"I'd really like to finish just to have a few people . . . but I'm just so tired out . . ." his wife said.

"You get sick of living like a slob."

However, messages from well-wishers who have heard of the couple's arrival in Gladstone dribble in to cheer them on.

Last week there was a letter containing a blessing and a $10 bill from someone in Brandon.

Thursday there was a note from a woman in B.C. "I envy you," she wrote.

"Ninety nine per cent of the people you meet are ready for it," Mr. Collins said.

Wagon train heading north this week

The Canadian Wagon Train group, which has attracted a great amount of attention, welcome and otherwise, since leaving the Kleinberg area some weeks ago, began one of its more hazardous stretches of travel yesterday.

This occurred when the group left Highway 11 and started out on to Highway 101 at Washaustene. From there on they will encounter extremely heavy traffic almost every hour of the day and night. And the friendly farm homes, where they can rest and feed their animals, will be much more scattered.

From Washaustene to Parry Sound, their first major objective on the long 2,000-mile jaunt to the Peace River area of Alberta, is about 56 miles.

The Wagon Train had been scheduled to stay overnight at the Coldwater Fair Grounds Monday, after moving off from the Craighurst area, but heavy flooding closed off the fair grounds and it was decided to move on a few miles to Tessarton before heading on up Highway 101.

The Wagon Train, which left Kleinberg on April 1, had hoped to reach its destination by Aug. 25, but has run into many delays and is well behind schedule.

Severe storm hits Ontario, Quebec and parts of U.S.

The heaviest snowfall for the winter of '74-'75 is now tapering off in southern Ontario after dropping over 12" of snow on all parts of the province as well as Quebec and northern U.S. states.

The storm began late Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday it was stilling snowing, temperatures were dropping and the high winds of up to 50 mph continued. In many areas of the county, plows were called back to base to allow crews to take a break but resumed when the wind velocity had decreased. Concession roads have become next to impossible late Wednesday night with the drifting snow and school buses did not run Thursday morning.

Hampering the usual clean up which always begins during such storms, was the continuous blowing wind which forced Police to close most of the Highways including parts of #27 as well as Highway #10 between Toronto and Barrie.

Most area schools were also closed Thursday and those children that did attend during the morning were sent home at noon.

Twenty-seven persons were reported dead as a result of the storm and thousands more have been stranded either on the Highways or in cities. Toronto International Airport closed down during Thursday afternoon for a few hours and a Toronto radio station reported that all hotels were doing a booming business all day with commuters who preferred to stay in the city overnight.

Weather reports at press time indicate that we may be in for colder weather Friday but the flurries should disappear during the afternoon. Saturday's weather is expected to be milder.

Locally, County Road 10 between Highway 9 and 89 has been closed and all motorists are asked to remain indoors, stay off the roads so that the plows may once again clear the way.

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IN BEETON ON MONDAY.

(Alliston Herald photo

Returning the roads to two lanes became a job for blowers as the Beeton Road west of 27 had large sections that were only 1 lane until Thursday of last week.

Peggy Brown of the Schomberg Snowmobile Club passes out milk at the milk depot set up in the Beeton Arena during the storm. At times all the stores in the village were out of milk. The club brought milk in from local farms.

Executive of the Simcoe South Women's Institute for '75-'76.

Front row left to right - Mrs. Keith Knorshaw, Mrs. P. Tipping, Mrs. E. McVety, Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. D. Monkman, Mrs. W. Trotter, Mrs. Wm. Sutherland.

Back row left to right Mrs. M. Jessup, Mrs. I. Hounsome, Mrs. E. Woodcock, Mrs. J. Church, Mrs. A. Tizzard, Mrs. J. Crosbie, Mrs. D. Montgomery, Mrs. O. Bell, Mrs. A. Orr and Mrs. J. Ramble.

125 members attend South Simcoe W. I.

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Annual Meeting of the Simcoe South Women's Institute, held in the Bond Head Hall on May 8th, and attended by 125 members.

The President, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds presided and opened the meeting, she was presented with a corsage by the Beeton Institute.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Everett McVety gave a very complete report, it was with regret that we learned of the disbanding of the Ridge Adjala Branch.

A new feature in the Conveners reports this year was the introduction of the Branch Conveners.

Provincial Board Director, Mrs. Norman Tuck brought greetings from the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and reported on the Spring Board Meeting. This will be her last report to us as her three year term of office will end when new Board Directors are nominated from Simcoe West District and elected at the Area Convention to be held in Barrie in October.

Mrs. Donna Cooper, Home Economist with the Dept. of Agriculture, Alliston, substituting for Mrs. Barbara McArthur, reported on the various home economics programmes available. She also

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spoke on the progress of the 4H-Homemaking Clubs, which are mainly supported by the Women's Institutes.

Following the Luncheon, served by the Bond Head ladies, Mrs. Hulse Stoddart Secretary of Bond Head Branch spoke a few words of Welcome. Mrs. Don Monkman of Cookstown replied.

Mrs. G.B. Mallon introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Sinclair Stevens who spoke on the theme and stressed that the role of women is an important one and showed by statistics the progress made during the years.

Mrs. Paul Tipping expressed the appreciation of the ladies to Mrs. Stevens, and presented her with an Institute spoon.

The afternoon session began with Assembly singing under the leadership of Mrs. Allan Orr with Mrs. Douglas Wilcox at the piano.

Greetings were brought from the Area and visiting District Presidents.

The Roll call was answered by the Conveners on Education.

Tec-We-Gwill Institute with their capable and talented members, entertained as "The Slappy Gang", which drew rounds of applause and laughter.

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Mrs. J. Ramble, Representative on the Federation of Agriculture, reported on its accomplishments during the year.

Following the discussion of the new business, Mrs. Clarence Noble of Fisher's Corners thanked everyone for making the day so enjoyable, and the meeting was brought to a close. Next Year the meeting will be held in Tottenham.

The Executive and Conveners elected for the coming year are as follows - Past President - Mrs. Wilbert Trotter, Cookstown; President - Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Beeton; Vice Presidents - Mrs. Paul Tipping, Tottenham; Mrs. Don Monkman, Cookstown; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Everett McVety, Fisher's Corners; Federation Representative, Mrs. A. Tizzard, Bradford; Alternate, Mrs. Jas. Church, Bradford; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Keith Knorshaw, Bond Head; Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, Bond Head; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. John Ramble, Bradford; Alternate, Mrs. Allan Orr, Tec-We-Gwill; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Owen Bell, Gilford; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. Jas. Crosbie, Alliston; Education and Cultural Activities, Mrs. Elmer Woodcock, Bradford; Family and Consumer affairs, Mrs. Douglas Montgomery, Tottenham; Resolutions, Mrs. Wilbert Trotter, Cookstown; Auditors, Mrs. Mervyn Jessup, Tec-We-Gwill, Mrs. Irvin Hounsome, Fisher's Corners.

Mrs. Sinclair Stevens, guest speaker at the annual meeting is chatting with Mrs. E. McVety (secretary) and Mrs. C. Reynolds (President). Being Women's year '75, Mrs. Sinclair Stevens spoke about the important role of women.

Women's Institute spring meeting well attended

The spring executive

The spring executive and directors meeting of Simcoe South Women's Institutes was held in the Cookstown Hall, March 17, with 22 ladies present. Twelve of the 13 branch Institutes were represented. The president, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Beeton, presided.

A letter from the provincial president Mrs. H. Malaske was read by the secretary Mrs. E. McVety. June 1975 will be International Women's Institute month. Each Institute will arrange a special project for that month and report it.

Branch annual fees are raised to $1.50.

Achievement Day for the 4H Homemaking Clubs will be in Cookstown on May 16.

A plant is to be sent to home economist Mrs. Barbara McArthur who is in Barrie Hospital.

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greetings from the Provincial Board, she said we should advertise the Women's Institute more, wear our badge and be able to explain it. Prepare a brochure on what your Institute has done or will be doing, she suggested.

June 9-14 is Erland Lee Home Week.

The area convention will be in Central United Church, Barrie, on October 20 and 21.

Plans were made for the District Annual meeting to be held in the Bond Head hall on Tuesday, May 8, 1975.

Theme - Education at all levels, stressing Women's Year 1975.

Roll Call - An important event on education in your Institute during the year.

Names for the In Memoriam to be sent to Mrs. Della Voisin, Beeton.

Entertainment will be provided by the Tec-We-Gwill Institute.

Guest Speaker Mrs. Sinclair Stevens.

House Log Books to be on display.

Branch Conveners of Standing Committees will be introduced by the District Convenor, when the reports are given.

Branch Conveners are asked to please send reports to the District Convenor immediately after the branch annual meeting, so they may be printed on time.

The meeting concluded with a St. Patrick's lunch served by Cookstown Institute.

Beeton W.I. holds euchre

The first euchre in the series of six, sponsored by the Beeton Women's Institute, was held in the Orange Hall on Saturday Nov. 1st, with only seven tables in attendance.

The ladies prizes went to Mrs. Ethel Steers, first; Mrs. Nora Nodwell, second; and Mrs. Beryl Fleming, third. Mens prizes went to three ladies all playing as men, as follows: Mrs. Nora McKay, first; Mrs. Blossom Cross, second; and Mrs. Isabel Hagerman, third.

Lucky draw tickets were won by Mrs. Froda Dirk and Mrs. Marion Harper.

The Institute hopes to have a better crowd at the rest of their euchres. The next one will be on Saturday, November 8th in the Orange Hall.

Simcoe County Women's Institute hold executive meeting

BARRIE - Meeting was held in the Board Room of the Simcoe District Co-op. Building Barrie, on Monday, January 27th. The District Presidents were present as well as both Board members, and the two Home Economists and others.

Mrs. R.W. Maguire, Area President, chaired the meeting. Mrs. Lougheed, Secretary-Treasurer, reported "Crafts of Canada" by Eva Abrahmson was purchased and placed in the library at Elmvale in memory of the late Mrs. Howard Grier.

On February 10th at 2-30 p.m. watch Cable 8 Barrie as some of the Area Executive are having a chance to talk about Women's Institute.

Simcoe South will be in charge of the display for Institute month at Simcoe County Museum - date to be announced later.

A letter of welcome is to be sent to each of the two new branches, Atherley and Udney, who have recently joined Simcoe County Area.

Dates for District Annuals has been set and are as follows: South Simcoe, May 6th; East Simcoe, May 8th; North Simcoe, May 15th; West Simcoe, May 16th; Simcoe Centre, May 22nd; and Simcoe Kempenfeldt, May 27th.

Board members Mrs. Rushbrook, Sub-Division 13 and Mrs. Tuck, Sub-Division 14, gave their report on the Board Meeting held recently in Toronto. They reported 239 branches had a membership increase of 20%. Ontario ranks third highest in Pennies for Friendship, amounting to $11,600.

They would like to see 100% reports at all levels and urged all to have their reports in on time.

Officers Conference will be held at the University of Waterloo April 29-30, May 1st.

Area Convention will be held at Central United Church, Barrie, October 20, 21, 1975.

Beeton W. I.

The Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Bill Coburn on March 14th with 19 members and 3 visitors in attendance.

The roll call was answered by a change in property in your community and each answered by several new and kindly neighbours.

The motto was taken by Mrs. Harold Watson "A new years thought to-day is the to-morrow you worried about yesterday."

Mrs. Gordon Drury had the program and spoke on Tweedsmuir History. She spoke on the history of the home of Emerson and Marion Dale. The history and picture of the home will be in the Record. The history was very interesting and tour of home excellent.

Mrs. Maida Ritchie had the current events.

The Institute plans on euchres for the month of February.

A display of quilts and quilted items will be held on Tuesday, February 4 at 1:15 p.m. in the Blue Flame Room of Consumer's Gas, Ferris Lane, Barrie. Everyone welcome to go.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Freda Lisk, Mrs. Myra McAdams and Mrs. Coburn.

M. Ritchie

Beeton Women's Institute

Beeton W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury February 11 and had a pot luck luncheon.

There were twenty-one in attendance as everyone enjoyed the meal.

The motto was taken by Mrs. E. Kearns "Character like embroidery is made stitch by stitch."

The roll call was answered by an article Grandmother used in her kitchen in her lifetime.

Current events were taken by Mrs. Thelma Coburn and were very interesting.

The program was a variety of entertainments, contests, cards, readings and a game of aggravation.

The next meeting is at Mrs. Gordon Drury's place on March 11 and everyone is welcome.

Beeton W.I. elects new officers

The Beeton W.I. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury with fifteen members and three visitors.

The motto taken by Edna Bell "No one ever climbed a mountain with his hands behind his back" was very interesting.

Roll call was to give a suggestion for next year's program and we hope these suggestions can be all carried out and if so every meeting will be very beneficial to all members.

It being the year end we had some valuable reports. We had four very interesting speakers; Mr. Keith McRae from the Department of Agriculture - Mrs. Kell Gilbert - speaking on antique glass - Mr. Jim Johnston on the egg situation - Mrs. Doris Gould spoke on the motto "First wealth is health".

Officers for 1975 are as follows: Past President-Mrs. J. Aiken Sr.; President-Mrs. Earl Stewart; 1st Vice President-Mrs. Harold Watson; Recording Secretary-Mrs. Della Veisan; Treasurer-Mrs. Cecil Reynolds; Public Relations - Mrs. Edgar Ritchie; Press Secretary-Mrs. Bill Coburn; District Director-Mrs. J. Aiken; Alternate Director - Mrs. Jack Campbell.

The April meeting is at Mrs. Ross Watson's home April 8 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Beeton W.I.

The May Meeting of Womens Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jim Aiken. Nineteen members answered the roll call with a food beginning with your initial, and how to cook it. Mrs. Della Veisan commented on the motto, "Work makes the wheels go round but fun greases the axel."

Our guest speaker was Dave Scaly speaking on Borden Metal Products. Dave gave a most interesting and informative talk on the beginning and expansion of the plant. This being their 20th year in business, they can well be proud of their accomplishments. The plant now has about fifty employees and sales are made to many parts of the globe. Dave says to go ahead and burn your bridges behind you, Borden Metals will build you more. Mrs. Thelma Coburn thanked the speaker.

Reports on the Institute District Annual meeting was given by Mrs. E. Aiken, Mrs. Ada Watson and Mrs. Mae Reynolds. Current events were given by Mrs. Mary Drury.

The meeting closed with Institute Grace.

Beeton Women's Institute

The September meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Stewart McMinn. After the opening of the meeting, a moments silence was held in memory of Mrs. Rye. Eighteen members answered the roll call with a First Aid in emergency. The motto "Drive Carefully" was ably commented on by Mrs. Muriel Reynolds.

Constable Hogan of the Barrie Police Detachment spoke to us on Safety About the Home. There is an alarming amount of poisons in the ordinary household items. Chief offender is mac and environment is the second can, containing anything from hair spray to bug repellant. Constable Hogan was thanked by Mrs. Mae Reynolds.

Delegates were chosen for the area convention in Barrie. A discussion on the Fall Fair entry by the Institute followed. Our October meeting will be pot luck luncheon; each member to bring a guest. Following the closing of the meeting, lunch was served by our hostesses.

Thelma Coburn

Beeton W.I.

The October meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was a pot luck luncheon held at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Drury. Most members brought a guest, and we had a good crowd.

Mr. Gordon Mallion of Tottenham was our guest speaker, giving a very inspiring message to guide our youth today and in the future. A few highlights of his message were to keep hustling, because if you do something good will happen, and find time to have fun. Keep your eye on a sense of responsibility, a sense of value and a sense of freedom. Mrs. Muriel Reynolds thanked Mr. Mallion.

A short business session followed. Mrs. Ann Livesey of Beeton will speak about her Welcome Wagon at our November meeting. The Institute will hold a series of six euchres, November 14 - December 6th inclusive.

Our area will have a display in Simcoe Museum for October 27th. The meeting adjourned.

Beeton W.I.

The November meeting of Beeton's Women's Institute was held in Trinity United Church basement. A minutes silence was held in memory of our dead, at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Joe Wright read an article from the Beeton World, dated 1943. This was the unveiling of the Honour Roll of boys from the United Church, then in the services. Rev. F. Bunt officiated. It brought back many memories.

Mrs. Ann Livesey was our guest speaker. She explained her work as Welcome Wagon Hostess for this area, and showed a film of Hostesses at work. It was very interesting and much appreciated. Mrs. Thelma Coburn thanked Mrs. Livesey.

The comment on the motto, "A man's feet should be planted in his country, but his eyes should survey the world." was ably taken by Mrs. Delma McFarlane, Mrs. Marjorie Drury and Mrs. Ila Stewart gave reports on the convention held in Barrie. Mrs. Velma McClain gave current events.

The meeting closed, followed by our usual social hour.

Welcome Wagon beginning to make calls

February 24th 1975 marked the beginning of a long-awaited Welcome Wagon service to the Villages of Beeton, Tottenham and Bond Head.

Ann Livesey, Welcome Wagon Hostess for this area, visited families carrying a beautifully decorated basket full of information and gifts. In the basket was a folder containing letters of welcome from the Reeve, and Sinclair Stevens, Federal M.P. for Simcoe County, a map of the village and information on the various groups and organizations within the community.

Newcomers welcomed this week in Beeton were F. Bryan, 77 Maple Ave., Mr. & Mrs. R. Wrycraft, 6, Willow Dr., Mr. & Mrs. Purpke, 19 Stewart St., Mr. & Mrs. B. Leibovitch, 4, Hammond Cres., Mr. & Mrs. P. Carson, 18, Hammond Cres., and Mr. & Mrs. B. Haire, 4, Stewart St.

Welcomed in Tottenham were Mr. & Mrs. M. Jones, 72, Adelize St., and Mr. & Mrs. B. Burden, 19, Brown St.

Founded in 1928, Welcome Wagon now lists Beeton, Tottenham and Bond Head as three of over 4,000 Welcome Wagon communities around the world.

In this area, the Welcome Wagon Hostess visits the homes of families on such special occasions as the arrival of a new baby, a 50th wedding anniversary, the announcement of an engagement, and the moving of a family whether it be locally in a community or arriving as new residents.

Sponsors of Welcome Wagon for calls in Beeton, Tottenham and Bond Head are Beeton Lumber & Building Supplies Ltd., South Simcoe's major building supply dealer, Beeton Pro Hardware, with complete hardware and electrical supplies, Barb's Variety & Annex, for home and giftwares, F.W. Carney, wedding photography and portraits, Geram Plumbing, repairs and watersoftners, Life-A-Lert, home fire safety, Tottenham Pharmacy, for all your drug store needs, Carlo's Place, mens hairstyling and barbershop, Don Coffey Sales Ltd., Ford and Mercury dealer, F&S Pizza with fast home delivery service, Tottenham I.G.A., for complete grocery shopping, Style Lounge, for Redken products and haircare in Beeton, and Rose's Hairstyling & Boutique for haircare in Tottenham and of course your local newspaper.

Your Welcome Wagon hostess invites you to call 729-2749 if you know of a family who qualifies for a call, or if you would like to sponsor Welcome Wagon in your community along with the above businessmen. She is also available to speak to community groups about the service she performs and to answer any questions you may have.

So do your community a favour and let Ann Livesey know of any new neighbours, new mothers and prospective Brides-to-Be that you are aware of, and watch for stores in your town displaying the Welcome Wagon emblem.

Mrs. Lena Kearns and Mrs. Fred Spearing were honoured last week for their long and meritous service to the Beeton Library Board. Both ladies were presented with inscribed plaques by Dr. S. R. McKelvey.

Long-time Beeton Library Board members honoured

Beeton honored two of its longtime library board members last week as Mrs. Fred Spearing and Mrs. Lena Kearns received plaques presented by former reeve Dr. S.R. McKelvey.

Dr. McKelvey praised the women for working hard and keeping "the library going when other people were ridiculing it."

He also recalled some of the places the post office was located and how they had to get by without any assistance from the village.

It was not known how long Mrs. Kearns and Mrs. Spearing had served on the board but it is thought Mrs. Kearns was first appointed to the board in 1924. Mrs. Spearing served continuously on the board from 1938 to 1974.

Mrs. Kearns said that she enjoyed the library work a great deal and "what I liked about it was getting to know all the boys and girls. The Beeton Library has always meant a lot to me and so has Beeton."

"I enjoyed it almost all the time except when someone didn't see things the way I saw them," Mrs. Spearing reported.

She said "it was wonderful of the Council to re-appoint me year after year" and predicted that the library would grow with Beeton and could be much bigger in the future, helping to provide education for the children.

Dr. McKelvey, past Chairman of the Simcoe County Library Board, pointed out the great demand that was being put on libraries and that people demanded good libraries. He pointed out the much larger libraries being built especially in recreational areas in Simcoe to serve this growing demand.

Reeve Sheridan McGinty told the gathering that this type of ceremony should be carried on as some of those serving now will some day be recognized.

Mrs. Kearns is seen here with the plaque received from Premier Davis for her 80th

On Wednesday, July 2nd, Mrs. Ela Kearns was given a birthday party by her daughter on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

The party was held at her home on 22 Center Street where her family members gathered for the occasion.

Mrs. Kearns has always lived close to Beeton. She is the second eldest of eight children of which seven are still living.

She grew up on the 6th line of Tecumseth and attended continuation school in Beeton.

After finishing school she taught for 10 years- one year at the Beeton Primary School, 1 year at Kenock, 4 years at the Hammell School during the war and four years in Toronto teaching grade 2.

She then married Ernie Kearns and moved back to Beeton where she has lived ever since. She had two daughters and one grandson.

Women's Institute

Several ladies of the Women Institute attended the 50th anniversary of Bradford Women's Institute on Wed. evening. The auditorium of Macie of the Incarnation Separate School was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Mrs. Margaret Zoeller was guest speaker and as usual brought a very interesting message. Mrs. Zoeller has been in Institute work for a number of years and has held nearly every office from branch to provincial level. She is at present editor of the Home and Country. Mrs. Ken Wood representing the town council, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Tipping from the W.I. all brought greetings.

A beautiful cake was cut by Mrs. H.L. Blackwell and a lovely lunch was served by the Bradford ladies.

Mrs. H. Aitken organized this branch on July 2nd 1925.

Visit by Premier Davis — just one of Fall Fair highlights

BEETON - In virtually all respects the 1975 version of the Beeton Fall Fair was a success as right from the start it went well.

The Tuesday night Talent Show being held for the first time drew a large crowd as the Arena Hall was strictly standing room only throughout the night. The under 14 category of thecontest had an especially good entry with Christine Wilson of Tottenham winning the event with dancing from the roaring 20's. In second and third place were brother and sister Angela and Ed Verdzer playing the accordion and drums respectively.

The winner of the senior competition was an old crowd favourite Roy Kelly otherwise known as Thompsonville Slim. Susan Cook of Bradford was a strong second.

Also on-stage during the Talent Show was the Fair Queen contest. Each of the eight entries gave a talk on what the Beeton Fair means to them with Mary Wardlaw emerging the winner. Cindy Brown was first runner-up and Marion McMaster was second runner-up. Anne Mason, Miss Beeton Fall Fair of 1974 was in attendance to crown the new queen and the ladies president Mrs. Grenville McCague gave a sincere thanks to the contestants.

Dave Sealy was the very capable emcee for the evening

On the grounds the fair was also going strong as 300 more than last year's Friday night crowd passed through the gates. There was much for everyone to see as the Fair attracted a record number of exhibitors.

In the ladies section Mrs. E.W.Arnold of Queensville and Mrs. J.S. McLean of Streetsville deserve special mention as they each won a great many honours. Mrs. Arnold entered 129 categories.

One of the highlights of Wednesday was the attendance of Premier Davis at the official opening. Following a large school parade where Camp Borden and Tecumseth North won most of the honours. Premier Davis recalled the days when he used to come to Beeton with the Brampton ball team and regularly get beaten.

The Fair was opened by J. Floyd A. Lashley former agricultural representative in this area. Mr. Lashley was a very important influence in the Fair when it was struggling through the depression and war years. He recalled that the Fair had moved from $500 deficit annually to assets of more than $100,000.

A large crowd circulated on the Grounds on Wednesday and the over-all attendance equalled last year's record. The exhibits in the Agricultural Building were much improved and included an exhibit from the NVCA for the first time.

For some of the results see page 3.

Premier William Davis made Beeton one of the last stops in his election campaign although his speech had to be strictly non-political as it was the day before the election.

54 Tables at Fall Fair euchre

BEETON - A large euchre was the final event of the Beeton Fall Fair but not the least as 54 tables were played.

Earla Hall, Reta Cave and K. Exner were the winners in the ladies division with Reg Parker, Walter mcLean and Bill Bishop taking the men's prizes.

In the draw held at the same event Dennis Boulton of Tottenham won the top prize of $500. Other winners were Darrell Jose of Saskatoon, Marion Harper of Beeton, Don Cosburn of Agincourt, Mr. Brand of Beeton, Anne, Janet and Brian Bergin of Loretto, Martin Modrits of New Lowell and George Lisk of Beeton.

Door prizes went to Mrs. Jack Worrod and Don Crumbie.

Anne Mason 1974 Beeton Fair Queen passes the crown onto Mary Wardlaw who will represent the Beeton Fair for the next year.

SEVERAL DIGNITARIES attended Beeton's Annual Fall Fair last Wednesday afternoon as can be seen above in the ball park. Dr. S. R. McKelvey is shown at the microphone as well as Sinclair Lewis, MP, and Premier of Ontario Bill Davis with Mrs. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian McCague at right. Both politicians spoke during the opening ceremonies.

(Carney photo)

Coreopsis flower emblem of Beeton Horticultural Society

For some time prior to 1974 we had been discussing about choosing a flower Emblem for our Beeton Horticultural Society and for the town of Beeton, but couldn't come to a decision. At one of our meetings at a members home, she had a basket of very bright showy and colourful flowers in the corner of her dining room. Someone remarked saying that the flowers look just like a swarm of yellow honey bees, swarming all over the basket. Someone else said "Now We've got our Flower Emblem of the Beeton Horticultural Society."

Perhaps all of you don't know that the Bee Industry of North America originated in Beeton, which was, prior to that time, called Clarksville. David Allanson Jones arrived in Clarksvile in the 1860's. He was a very intelligent industrious man, was postmaster of the town for nearly half a century and became one of the towns leading citizens. He became involved in all kinds of projects and eventualy drifted into bee-keeping and that challenge became the driving force occupying his life. In 1870 he purchased 2 swarms of bees, was now in business and never looked back. He became the 1st Beekeeper in Canada; pioneered large-scale honey productions; invented bee-keeping equipment; developed better breeding stock; printed the "Bee Journal;" founded the Ontario Beekeepers Association and became internationally known as the "Bee King" of the nineteenth Century and as a tribute to his endeavours the village name of Clarksville was changed by postal authorities to Beeton in 1874. There is also a plaque in the Park and a cairn in the Presbyterian Cemetery in memory of and in honour of David Allanson Jones. Thus the connection of the Bee industry, the town of Beeton & the choosing of a flower that looked like a swarm of bees for an emblem.

The "Coreopsis" is a very old flower that probably was growing around the log homes of our early pioneers long before the Bee industry came to Beeton and Canada. The original varieties had very simple little daisy-shaped flowers with marigold coloured petals and dark brown centres, much like a brown-eyed susan but a much smaller flower. Today there are other varieties of Coreopsis; plain yellow, double ones, gold-coloured large ones similiar to Gloriosa daisy, but these are all newer varieties and probably off-shoots of the very early one we have chosen as our flower emblem.

It is a perennial, but also seeds itself profusely and once you have it, you will always have it, just hoe it out where you dont want it or move it to a more desirable location. They grow anywhere from 18 inches to 5 to 6 feet high depending on location, amount of space and amount of sunlight and rainfall. They have fairly woody stems; many which branch out from the base of the plant and all along the stem with a profusion of marigold-yellow with dark centre flowers about 1-1½ inches in diameter, the plant arching over like a spiria as it grows with a shower of yellow and brown "bees" all over it. A very graceful plant, lovely in bouquets, easy to grow and a real bright spot in the garden with its flashy marigold colour. Very hardy blooms from early July to frost.

We hope everyone will endeavour to have a little bit of Coreopsis somewhere in their flower garden to remind us all of our very exciting past history and to inspire us all to make our town a colourful and interesting place to live.

Margaret Westlake

Seen above are the executive of the Beeton Horticultural Society as they cut the cake to celebrate the Society's 50th anniversary

Beeton Horticultural celebrates 50th

On Monday evening the Beeton Horticultural Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary. To honour the evening, two other horticultural clubs attended, Schomberg and Alliston.

To start the evening off, Ann and Lynn Stewart of Beeton sang and played two selections on electric guitar and accordian.

Following this, Mrs. Caldwell and her daughter, Wendy from Shanty Bay, showed slides on flower arrangements. They also brought a lovely display of fresh cut flowers with them.

Mrs. Reynolds of Beeton, gave a history of the local horticultural society. Mrs. Marg Westlake gave the story of the "Coreopsis", the flower emblem of Beeton.

Door prizes were given prior to the serving of lunch and the anniversary cake. About 75 people were present altogether to enjoy the evening.

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George Reynolds Picture

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12 Mary Miller
13 Ida Crandall teacher
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15 Art Martin
16 Lorne Wallace
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28 Nora Scott
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39 Lottie Bell
40 Gladys Wright
41 Jess Langlois
42 Seatha Cassilin
43 Georgiana Smart
44 Lillian Rose
45 Rene Tilly
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(Fred's brother)
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Councillor and former Reeve dies

BEETON - On Friday, July 23th, Beeton lost a councillor and a very active community member as Ernie Letts died of a heavy attack and stroke in Stevenson Memorial Hospital. He was 65.

Mr. Letts had served Beeton as a Councillor and Reeve through much of the late 1940's and 1950's and came out of retirement to run as a councillor in the last election. His popularity certainly hadn't diminished as he topped the polls.

Born on Barrie Island near Georgian Bay, he was one of seven children with the family moving to Tecumseth in 1923 from Everett. He became well known throughout the area and for most part of his career was self-employed with a trucking operation hauling such things as livestock, gravel and wood.

He married Jean Baker of Cookstown in 1933 and raised four children. Don, Mrs. Joan Barton, Mrs. Lois McCullough and Mrs. Brenda Bradley. He had 13 grandchildren. Two sisters Mrs. Harold Watson of Beeton and Mrs. H. Noble of Toronto and one brother Mr. Erwin Letts of Tecumseth survive him.

Mr. Letts was not active in politics only but other community organizations as well. He was a longtime Mason and a charter member of the Beeton Rotary Club as well as a long time supporter of the agricultural society.

Rev. W.G.Dickson of Trinity United Church of which he was a member performed the service on Monday afternoon. He rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham.

Mr. Ernie Letts had been admitted to hospital early Tuesday morning after attending the Council meeting Monday night. He had been hospitalized earlier in the year but seemed to be recovering.

Council has problem in replacing Ernie Letts

BEETON - Often after a Councillor is lost to Council early in his term of office, a Council will appoint the next runner-up.

In Beeton, the logical answer to replacing Mr. Letts would be Paul Coburn who lost the election by only 4 votes. However, Coburn has his house for sale and we understand plans to move out of Beeton. This would make him ineligible for office unless he decides to stay in Beeton. We understand Mr. Coburn is away as we could not reach him for comment.

The only other candidate in the election was Sandy Farquhar but he was beaten by a good margin and may not be considered.

Council, we understand, has the power to appoint anyone who would be eligible to run for office to the position. The fairest way to settle the matter would be an election. The one drawback of elections, however, are they are expensive.

BEETON'S NEW COUNCIL

Beeton's new council settled down to work on Monday, January 6th. l.r: Councillors Ernie Letts and Jack Gray; Clerk Treasurer Earl Brown, Reeve Sheridan McGinty, Councillors Jack Mason and Allan Bennett. (Alliston Herald photo)

Tecumseth's new Council was sworn in Monday. Appearing in the photo from left to right are Grenville McCague (Roads Superintendent), Paul O'Leary (Councillor), Boyd Collins (Councillor), Harry Cross (Reeve), Allan Glassford (Deputy-Reeve), Roy Gardhouse (Councillor), and Arnold Meredith (Clerk Treasurer).

Paul Coburn

Paul Coburn is seen here being sworn in at Monday's Beeton Council meeting. He is the new councillor to take over the late Ernie Lett's position. Paul was appointed by a vote of council since he only missed being elected as councillor by four votes in last year's municipal election.

NEG. #1277

Heston Ball Club, about 1943.

Back Row-
Cory Zirelli, Jim Porter, Earl Hewell, Stewart St. Clair, George McCullough, Clifford Stewart, Jimmie Hurst, Gordon Smark, Murval Stewart.

Middle Row-
Pete Summers, Jr. Fred. Spetrini, Ralph Mapes, Gordon Heston, Joe Rutherford, Floyd Kline.

Front Row-
Frank Lisk, Walter Summerton, Bill Sherman, Shirky Jenkins, John Rutherford, George Lisk.

Legion plans more active role in community

Last week Branch 421 Beeton of the Royal Canadian Legion held an open house as part of its drive for increased membership.

President Ray Gough outlined the feeling of the Branch that it has not been as active as it should be that it was embarking on "an intense membership drive" and would "not stop short of 60 regular members".

Those that missed the evening missed one of good fun and comradeship.

One of the most interesting features was a display of military memorabilia presented by Bob McPherson of Base Borden. The items ranged from various medals to complete outfits of period soldiers.

Several new members were signed up at the meeting and they were sworn in Sunday with more to be sworn in at the next regular meeting this coming Sunday afternoon.

The Legion has undertaken commitments to do extensive renovations to its Hall and hopes to bring the building and its membership requirements up to LCBO standards. Legion members will be continuing their efforts to acquire members through personal contact. If you are eligible for membership or know of someone who is, contact Ray Gough at 729-2093.

Ray Gough (President) and Jim Anderson (Deputy Zone Commander) pose with a dummy dressed in the standard uniform and equipment of a Canadian light machine gunner.

Sgt. Bob McPherson of Camp Borden displays one of the prizes of his collection of military memorabilia. This medal was issued at the Battle of Waterloo to all those in action June 18, 1815 and was the first medal awarded to all ranks.

Beeton Legion starts to build

BEETON - Plans are well underway for the renovation of the Beeton Legion Hall. The LCBO has finally approved the club permit, the local building permit has been issued and excavation for the ground floor extension has begun.

Tickets are now available from any Legion member for an unusual type of draw to assist the building fund. Only 400 tickets are available at a cost of $25. yearly or $2. monthly (one month $3.00) in advance. The buyer holds the same ticket number for a year. Draws are made monthly for $100.00 first prize - $50.00 second.

On November 29th, a dance will be held at the Arena which will be free to all ticket holders. A draw for prizes equalling $500.00 will be made at that dance.

Sometime around June of next year the grand prize draw for $1000.00 will be made. Plans are also underway for a regular bingo to be held at the arena. Please watch for ads in this paper for details. It is hoped that there will be good participation in all the future functions of the Legion for the betterment of all Veterans and Beeton as a whole.

DAVE SEALY (r) receives his past president's pin from Ed. Boynton, another past president of Beeton Rotary at the club's annual Ladies Night last Thursday.

(Alliston Herald Photo)

NEG. # 1079

Up Town Base Ball Team,
Beeton, Ont. 1910.

Back Row- Earl Stewart, Ten. (Chester) Asaph,
Ken. Caplin, Cecil Carlton, Walter Bell,
Essie Hamzell and Jack Caplin.

Front Row- Spence MacDonald, Lester Asaph,
Carl Caplin, Harris Dorsey, Errol
Bayeroft and Dee Bayeroft.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion [Beeton Branch] ran the first of a weekly program of bingo games on Wednesday. Mrs Verva McCague of Beeton has her winning card checked while President Ray Gough [below] calls out the numbers.

Ed McFadden [centre, President of the Beeton Rotary Club, presents Alan Bennett [left] and Reeve Sheridan McGinty [right] with a Rotary donation towards the renovation costs of the Community Hall in the Beeton Arena.

Rotary Club presents check for Hall renovations

BEETON - On Thursday night, The Beeton and District Rotary Club held a ladies night and combined it with a presentation to village officials of a check for their share of the arena hall renovations.

The Rotary initiated project is to cost about $15,000 and is now virtually complete except for some minor things. The major changes are the complete repanelling of the hall; the lowering of the ceiling and installing of acoustic tiles; the enlarging and renovating of the kitchen, the creation of an attractive entrance way; the building of a room over the kitchen; the modernization of the washrooms; plus new lighting and ventilation.

Of the approximate $15,000 in cost, the Rotary club has presented $2,500 this year and has pledged $2,500 in 1976. It is hoped that a $5,000 contribution from Wintario will match this. Another $5,000 is to come from the Committee of Management.

In accepting the donation from Rotary President, Ed McFadden, Committee of Management Chairman, Alan Bennett told the Rotarians that the financial assistance was most helpful and that the hall should become a meeting place for young and old alike. To add to the hall Bennett said that such things as drapes, stage curtains, a movie projector and table tennis tables would be acquired.

In thanking the Rotary Club, Bennett said "Money makes things, but people make things happen."

Reeve Sheridan McGinty also thanked the Rotary Club and commented on the "fantastic job" that they were doing. He also commented on how they managed to really enjoy themselves while there were doing a good job.

Remembrance Day by Beetonians

Beeton commemorated Remembrance Day with an ecumenical service in St. Paul's Anglican Church, with a choir augmented by representatives from other churches in the village. The church was filled to capacity as that, as one person present commented, "there was no room left for the church mouse."

The service was lead by the rector, the Rev. Tom Martin who was assisted by Ray Gough president of the Beeton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion who read the Old Testament lesson, Ecclesiastes 48. "God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble", and read responsively, lead by Sheridan McGinty of St. James Calgan. The New Testament lesson was read by Bill Cranston of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Warren Dick, rector of Trinity United Church.

At the conclusion of the service the Legion Colours were dedicated followed by the sixty one of the national anthem.

The Legion, lead by a colour party, and followed by Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies had paraded to the church and following the service the parade reformed to proceed to the Memorial Gate at the park, before joined by the clergy members of the choir and many of those who had shared in the service.

The names of those "whose memory we honour at this time" were read, ten from the war of 1914 - 1918 and four from the last war. The Last Post was sounded and then the Reveille, by Sgt. Rick Quesnel of Stayner.

Wreaths and poppies were placed and the simple, dignified service ended with the hymn, "Before the hills in order stood" and the Benediction.

"Let us remember them", at Beeton (Alliston Herald photo)

Main Street — Hillsboro — Ohio

Tug of war — Hillsboro Ohio — Sheridan Mill Band — picnic — Ohio

NEG. #1079

The Adult Bible Class of the Methodist Church
Seaton, Ontario. 1910.

Back Row- Lena Grant, Mrs. Jos. Burrows, Mrs. Mike Vrey, Mrs. Keith Olson (was a Navarre's and lived beside the United Church, on north side), Mrs. Phillips (Mrs. M. Stanneveke mother).

Third Row- Mrs. Norman Burton, Mrs. George Carr (Gilbert Robinson's grandmother, lived beside Mary Cassidy's house), Mrs. John Arnold (lives on corner of Main and Tecumseth street), Mrs. Jesse Early (Mrs. G.F.Harvey's grandmother and lived where Charlie Kearns lives on Main street and Jack Cassidy's great aunt), Mrs. James Lowery (lives where Gordon Hall lives), Mrs. Charles Green Sr. and Jennie Barter (lives at Willie Navarre's).

Second Row- Mrs. Jos. Cassidy (Jack's mother), Mrs. Sparling (Minister's wife), Elaine Wellwin (Bible Class Teacher), Mrs. Wesley Stanneveke, Miss Lloyd (Brat house for Bus. Delivery where Mrs. Nash lives), Myrtle Kearns (lives where George Forbes lives and her mother married Perry Moore)

Front Row- Irene Barton, Mrs. James Johnston (mother to Rosalie Drury), Celia McCarty (Harry's sister), Margaret Bell (married Lynch Gentry), Rose Lilly (married Jack Lee, Winston's father), Beatrice King (Alvyn King's sister, married Mr. Appleton and mother of Beatrice Durrett), and Zella Vrey (Albert Vrey's sister and H.J.Vrey's aunt).

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Allan Glassford becomes sixth Warden from Tecumseth

1977

BARRIE - Tecumseth Township was honoured Monday afternoon to have its reeve, Allan Glassford, selected as the 116th Warden of Simcoe County.

Warden Glassford was nominated for the position by Mitie Dack of Mara and Art Turner of Bradford. Also nominated were Morris Darby of Tiny Township and Bill Gibbons of Innisfil. Gibbons withdrew his name for this year.

There had been indications that the vote may have been close especially with 22 new members on county council. But it was no contest with the voting being 47 to 23 in favour of Glassford.

He becomes Tecumseth's sixth warden since 1842. The others were William McDermott (1870), Christopher Cooke (1890), Harry Carter (1919), D.K. Harvey (1947), and George Link (1960).

Allan Glassford is now the head of the largest county in Southern Ontario. It encompasses 165,000 square miles including 33 municipalities. The population is 202,000.

County Court Judge A. Class administered the oath of office with retiring Warden Orville Hughes of Wasa Gwillimbury presenting the gavel, chain of office, and keys to the warden's car. Mrs. Hughes presented Mrs. Doris Glassford with a corsage.

The new warden told the that the next year would be a tough one in which there would be common concerns. He felt that AIB regulations would help reduce spending in some areas. Of special concern to him was the Simcoe Georgian Task Force Report which if introduced as an Official Plan would require careful consideration with county council avoiding hasty decisions.

Warden Glassford introduced his family to council. Also introduced were former wardens, parliamentary representatives, and many other dignitaries.

The election to warden is the highlight of a long career of public service for Tecumseth's Reeve. He served on the local school board for five years, and then served on Tecumseth Council for 11 years, the past seven years as deputy-reeve. This year he succeeded Harry Cross as reeve. At the county level he has served on the recreation, roads, and finance and administration committees. He was also on the Scanlon Creek Conservation Authority for four years.

A party was held at the Nottawasaga Inn on Monday night to celebrate the honour which has been awarded the Reeve and Township.

Tecumseth's new council posed for a picture Monday. Standing are Roads Superintendent Granville McCaggie, Bill Boulter, Gerald Wallace, Clerk-treasurer Arnold Meredith, and former reeve Harry Cross. Seated are Keith Dermott, Deputy-reeve Roy Gardhouse and Reeve Allan Glassford. 1977

Newly-elected Simcoe County Warden, Reeve Allan Glassford, of Tecumseth Township, said in his opening remarks that he is semi-retired and hopes to devote a major part of his time to his duties as Warden. A large crowd of elected officials and other dignitaries attended the colourful inaugural ceremonies at the Simcoe County Administration Building at Midhurst on Monday.

The new Brock Council held their first meeting of the year on Monday night. From left to right are Councillor Bill Fox, Councillor Alan Bennett, Reeve Sheridan McGinty, Councillor Ann Harting, Councillor Paul Coburn and Clerk-Treasurer Earl Brown. 1977 (Alliston Herald photo)

FRED PARSONS IS 1977 HEAD OF BEETON AGRIC'L SOCIETY

Fred Parsons was elected president of the Beeton Agricultural Society at its annual meeting last Wednesday, succeeding Granville McCague. Mr. Parsons was first vice-president last year.

Chester Sieds, 2nd last year, moved up to 1st vice-president and Ron Link, a director, became 2nd vice-president. Two associate directors, Earl Woodrow and Lawson Dale were elected directors to replace Mr. Link and the late Borden Best.

All the other directors, William Watson, Roy Reynolds, William Lewis, Irwin Watson, Don McKnight, Jack Gray, Arnold Rogers, Ed Jerry, Lorne Williams, Alvin Rutledge, John Rutten, Case Vanderham and James Sheehan were re-elected for another year.

Bob Hamilton was added to the list of associate directors. Other associate directors are Ted Elmer, Robert Brown, Dr. K.R. Holmes, John Kirby, Tom Somers, Bill Brethet, Elgin Blakely, Glenn Williams, Lloyd Nichol, Elsie Rumble, Jim Milligan, Tom Somers, Jr., Allan Glassford, Allan Ramsay, Bob Watt, Don Bray, Wayne Mullett, K.J. McFarlane, Lee Catania, Keith Drury and Melvin Mitchell.

The ladies also had a change in their executive this year. Verona Rutledge moved up to the presidency. Jean Gibson was elected first vice-president and Delma McFarlane second vice-president. Nora McKay continues as secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Blossom Cross, Myrtle Westlake, Gladys Hammell, Bobena Service, Nora Nodwell, Laura Nichol, Bea Hall, Eileen Gray, Mary Link, Lillian Watson, Marion Harper, Marion Jerry, Dorothy Rodgers, Doris Graham, Kathleen McKnight, Helen Reynolds, Ruth Catania, Anne Mitchell and Dorothy Dale.

Harry Cross was re-appointed manager-treasurer and Myrtle Westlake was re-appointed secretary. Both were given the authority to enlist any help they need and the Society will pay the costs.

The possibility of awarding certificates to members with more than 25 years' service to the Fair Board was discussed. Dr. S.R. McKelvey, Mr. Cross and Granville McCague were appointed as a committee to look after the granting of the certificates.

The possibility of awarding a trophy to the school which receives the most points in the Fair competitions was discussed. The women's committee will look into this.

The danger of the horse races was brought up. However, Mr. Cross mentioned that they had always been a big drawing card and Dr. McKelvey, who has been

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active on the Fair Board for more than 50 years, commented that the only accident they had had was in 1910.

The date for the next Beeton Agricultural Fair was tentatively set for September 13 and 14.

The financial report for '76 shows revenue of $36,925.75 from grants, membership fees, entry fees, admissions, the midway, concessions, rentals, sale of materials, interest and miscellaneous; the expenditures, $34,665.13, included a grant of $10,000 to help repair the Beeton Arena, leaving a balance of $10,259.21.

Miss Beeton Fair
Marianne McMaster

The Beeton Agricultural Society elected its Executive for 1977 at its annual meeting last week. From left to right: (front row) Myrtle Westlake, secretary; Verona Rutledge, women's president; Nora McKay, women's secretary-treasurer. (back row) Harry Cross, manager-treasurer; Ron Link, second vice-president; Fred Parsons, the new president and Chester Sieds, first vice-president. Missing, Jean Gibson, women's first vice-president and Delma McFarlane, women's second vice-president. (Alliston Herald photo)

Around 1,500 in Orangemen's parade at Beeton on Saturday

Beeton was filled with Orangemen and Orange women for "the Glorious Twelfth Celebration" when approximately 1,500 people took part in the Orange Parade led by King William (George Cave of Schomberg) on a white horse.

Loyal Orange Lodges, Loyal Orange Benevolent Association Lodges, Loyal Orange Juvenile Lodges and Loyal True Blue Lodges from 25 counties across Ontario were represented in the long 2.2 mile parade which lasted for more than two hours. King William timed his ride at the front of the parade at one hour, 16 minutes.

There were many older men and women in evidence in the parade. Gladys Bell, 82, of MacTier was the oldest woman and William Wingfield, 94, of Dunsville, the oldest man. Mr. Wingfield has not missed a parade in 85 years. He went the whole course and ended in fine style although he agreed he was "a little tired".

There were also some young people in the parade with Darryl McClennan, 6, of Arthur, being the youngest Orangeman marching.

Udney (near Orillia) was judged to have made the best showing by a Loyal Orange Lodge. The top LOBA Lodge was Stayner's and the best juvenile lodge was from Hamilton. Midhurst was judged the best Loyal True Blue Lodge.

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Many flags, banners and bands added to the colour of the parade which was seen by thousands of spectators lining the streets of Beeton.

The Goodwood Pipe Band from the Uxbridge Canadian Legion was judged the best pipe band in the parade. Glen Huron won the prize for top fife and drum band and Newton Robinson was judged as the best brass band.

Deputy Grand Master, Grand Ontario Lodge, Ontario West Rev. William Milligan and George McCague, MPP Dufferin-Simcoe brought greetings to the Orange men and ladies.

The parade started from the Beeton park, followed Main Street to Simcoe Manor and then returned to the Park.

District 'E' Commander Bert MacGregor cut the ribbon at the official opening of Beeton's Legion hall on Saturday. With Mr. MacGregor are Zone 'E3' Ladies' Auxiliary Commander Marion Baughman and Branch Padre Tom Martin.

(Alliston Herald photo)

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Having the honour of cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of the new Beeton Legion building was Bert McGregor, District Commander, at the official ceremonies on Saturday afternoon.

Grand opening of Legion

Effort of Legion members applauded

BEETON — It was the culmination of two and a half years of effort by legion members as they totally renovated the existing legion structure plus they added an addition.

During the opening ceremonies of the Royal Canadian Legion storm clouds poured rain through much of the ceremonies but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm as Beeton and visiting legion members marched to the cenotaph for the laying of the wreath by Mr. D.K. Harvey, a veteran of World War I and a local member. Ray Gough, legion president, and legion padre, Rev. Tom Martin, presided over the placing of the wreath.

Legion vice president Ed McDermott introduced Ray Gough, branch president who thanked the many members who contributed time and effort to the rebuilding project. Of special mention were Mrs. Flora Dale and the Ladies Auxiliary for the fine building showers. Henry Knapp, Les Cecil, himself and Bill Clark, Beeton Metal; Dave Pilling, Bob Graham, George McGuinness of Autumbo; Fred Dale, Ted Purdon, Bruce Woodward, Norm Dengler, Lloyd Robinson, Merrill Ferrand, Jim Lindner, Bill Gill, Ray Findley, and Ed McBrayant. "This is a very proud day for Branch 421 Beeton," he said.

Other dignitaries in attendance were Dr. E.B. McKelvey representing George McCaig on Simcoe Stevens, Joe Anderson (Deputy Zone Commander), Bert McGregor (District Commander), and Alisia Barrie Peter Kearns.

Beeton's Reeve Thomas in the legion branch by stating that they were an "incentive to the people of Beeton of what can be done" and that he is very proud of them. He went on to say that they were an example of how people could work together to make a community/municipality work.

After the cutting of the ribbon by Mr. McGregor and the dedication by Rev. Martin the many guests were invited inside.

The expanded legion with about $50,000 worth of work on it features a bowling and billiard and darts room on the ground floor. Upstairs an expanded hall with kitchen facilities. Also were in attendance last for the weekly bingo which become very successful.

The ladies auxiliary fed and a large cake

Beeton Lions honoured by Senior Citizens

On Thursday, February 17, the Beeton Lions Club were hosted and entertained by the Senior Citizens Club of Beeton. This event was arranged by Norval Stewart of X.C.C. and was held at the Simcoe Manor in the clubroom. A really delicious "Pot Luck" supper was served in which all the ladies came up with their favorite recipes.

After supper both the Lions and the Senior Citizens were treated to an hour of slides taken by Terry Brown of Beeton on her recent trip to England. The slides were very well presented by Terry and showed some of the area they visited, the people they met, and some of the frustrations they endured. At this point Terry thanked the Lions for their support on her trip and presented them with a token of her appreciation.

On behalf of the Lions Club the senior Citizens and Terry were congratulated and thanked for a most enjoyable evening.

LAND MARK COMES DOWN

An old grain elevator came toppling down in Beeton last week. Maple Leaf Mills had the elevator knocked down by destroying one side with a backhoe and then pushing it over from the other side. Don Palmer, manager of the elevators, estimated the structure was at least 75 years old and has not been used for seven years. The elevators used to be known as "Palmer's Coal and Grain" until purchased by Maple Leaf Mills in 1967. The business had been purchased by the Palmer family from the Canada Grain Company 50 years prior to that.

Beeton's Royal Canadian Legion (Branch No. 421) had its "Official Grand Opening" last Saturday afternoon although the revamped structure has actually been in use since May 11 of this year. The building is located at the corner of Prospect and Tecumseth streets. (Alliston Herald Photo)

Beeton firemen (left to right) Harold Dale, Gerry Hatch, Jim Dale and Fred Dale practise with the pump at the Beeton Fire Hall. (Alliston Herald photo)

It cost good money to spit

A fire which wiped out the main street of Beeton in 1894 pointed up the need for fire protection and three years later Beeton's fire brigade held its first practice, on April 20, 1897.

The department had 13 regulars and eight reserves when it was formed. Their equipment, which consisted of two hand-pulled hose wheels, two lanterns, a ladder wagon and 12 rubber coats and hats, was stored in a portion of what was then the town hall, where Pro Hardware is now located.

The fire alarm was a special hand-pulled bell in the tower at the rear of the town hall. An electric alarm was first discussed at a meeting in 1904 but it was not until 1950 that an electric alarm was installed.

The rules for the original fire fighters were stiff and they were handed penalties for spitting and swearing. For disobeying orders or neglecting duties fines of "not less than 25 cents or more than $1.00" were levied - stiff when it is considered that the brigade received only $65 yearly to be split among all the men.

Some of the names on the original roster were J. Croft, A. Goldsmith, Frank Sommers, S. Hayes, M. Kearns, D.W. Watson, Herb Law and W. Hammell, names which are still familiar around the village.

The hand reels were used until 1950 when a hose wagon, with compartments for tools, was put into use. The wagon was designed and built by Wallace Hoover who was fire chief for 40 years. When the alarm sounded the wagon was attached to a car or whatever other vehicle was available and away it went.

At that time the department covered only the village and found this method very effective because there was always pretty good water pressure in the fire hydrants, Chief Bill Strachan says.

Finally in Centennial Year, 70 years after the department was formed, the firefighters raised money and bought a fire truck for the village. The used truck, a 1953 International Pumper with a 500 gallon storage tank and a pump capable of pumping 850 gallons per minute from a water source or hydrant, was purchased from the Emergency Measures Organization and it is still in use today.

In 1973 the Lions Club donated a 1973 Emergency Van and last year the Legion was instrumental in raising money to bet a base set and two mobile radios.

The department is well off when it comes to equipment, Chief Strachan points out. They have resuscitators, air packs, hydro generators, various nozzles, ladders, stretchers, first aid equipment, hoses and extinguishers.

The present fire hall used to be a blacksmith's shop. The Village gave it to the fire department in the 1960's and the firemen renovated it, later adding a meeting room which was completed in the fall of 1970.

The present chief, Mr. Strachan, has been a member of the department for 32 years and was appointed chief in 1970, after Bill Watson's death. Mr. Watson had been chief since 1967 when Mr. Hoover retired.

Bev Hoover is deputy chief, Lawrence Hawton and Bob Walkem are captains, Fred Dale is secretary-treasurer, Bill Lewis is in charge of public relations and Lloyd Robinson is the building officer.

There are now 21 firemen and two reserves. The purpose of having reserves is to bring in men and have them trained so that they can replace those who leave. Mr. Strachan adds that there are no women on the Beeton department but other rural departments have recruited women because of the difficulty of getting enough men who are at home during the day.

A good portion of the men in the Beeton department commute to work, so it is not easy anymore to have enough men available during the daytime.

The department handles about 30 calls a year and holds practices twice a month. Its fire protection area now extends to the 8th and 9th Line of Tecumseth, with a portion of the 7th Line of Tecumseth, from the 15 Sideroad to Bond Head including the Bond Head subdivision and the west side of Hwy. 27 from the 19 to 20 Sideroad.

Beeton fire fighter Gerry Hatch practises with a fire extinguisher, one of several which the well-equipped Beeton Department has. (Alliston Herald photo)

Beeton's first astronaut? Well no, it only looks that way. Jim Dale wears the top half of a heat suit which can be used for entry into a burning building. (Alliston Herald photo)

Beeton Fire Chief Bill Strachan uses a radio outfit with a base set and two mobiles. The Beeton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was instrumental in obtaining the radios for the department. (Alliston Herald photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Letts delivered mail on Monday for the R.R.#2 Tottenham mail route for the last time. Josephine and Erwin have been delivering the mail for 12 years and have seen the route grow from 75 when she took it over to 210 boxes. They feel that although they may not have made a lot of money delivering mail, they have made a lot of friends.

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Wilf Service reaches for a particularly difficult box with a stick that he has created for the job. He and his wife Robenia have been delivering the mail on R.R. 1, Beeton since 1946 and have seen many changes in that time.

Mail route tripled in size in over 30 years on job

BEETON - Thursday marked the final day of mail delivery on R.R. 1, Beeton for Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Service. They had been doing the route since December 29, 1946 when they took over from Mr. D.W. Watson.

We wondered just how things had changed in the more than 30 years on the job. Certainly, Wilf and Robenia had some interesting insights.

When they started there were only 48 boxes on the route and there is over three times that many now with 136 boxes. Both commented on the fact that they had known everyone on the route when they started but now they don't know 75% of their customers. "The only time you see your neighbours now is at the funeral parlours," Wilf said. People are so busy they don't have time for each other. Both felt that they enjoyed life the most when they lived on an eight line farm. Robenia Service said that she bought bread for 5c a loaf back then and sold eggs for 11c per dozen.

In the 30 years that they have been carrying the mail they have only had a holiday once which was a couple of years ago when they went to a steam show in the United States. "Of course, you never had a holiday on the farm either," Robenia pointed out. They do hope to head out west this summer.

Wilf and Robenia are active members of the Georgian Bay Steam Show and Wilf's major hobby is restoring old engines. He is well known for two of his old power plants. They earned their keep by supplying the power for the Beeton Chopping Mill for many years. The Services' farmed for 11 years and for 20 years Wilf threshed in the summertime. When Wilf was threshing, Robenia would do the mail route. Otherwise they have always done the mail together.

They first delivered in a 1938 Model A Ford and have used about five cars through the years but there were times when more unusual means were used. Twice, Wilf has used a horse and buggy when a car could not have made the trip. Once when their car stopped, Robenia finished the route with the aid of Bill Strachan and his tow truck. The roads were not always as good as they are now. R.R. 1, Beeton consists of mainly the seventh and eighth concessions of Tecumseth. Now the eighth is paved and the seventh is built up a lot more and is better ditched than it was. A fast trip around the route is an hour but at times there were occasions when the road was impassable or almost impassable. Their longest trip took them from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once Wilf walked from the Tecumseth Adjala town line to County Road 10 to get the mail through where Robenia met him. In one particularly bad snow storm the mail d[illegible] village for a [illegible] no mail d[illegible] could have [illegible] road.

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Graduate

WILLIAM B. HILL

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill of Beeton, are pleased to announce the graduation of their son William Bradley on June 17th. He has received an honours B.A. in economics, at the University of Toronto. His plans for the future are to attend law school.

Wilf Service of Beeton was presented with a pin on Saturday for his 31 years of service to the post office. Postmaster Harold Ellison made the presentation to Mr. & Mrs. Service who delivered mail on R.R. 1, Beeton all that time.

Bill Lade and Mel Taylor of the Annandale Lawn Bowling Club were the proud recipients of the Jack Camplin Memorial Trophy on Sunday evening. The trophy was up for competition for the first time as the Camplin family has presented it to the Beeton Lawn Bowling Club in honour of Jack Camplin who passed away earlier this year.

The trophy will go each year to the winner of an open men's doubles tournament. Second to the Annandale team were Jim Bullen and Allan Cranston of Tottenham with Fred and Doug Parsons of Beeton third. Fourth place went to another Annandale entry of Jack Poucher and Grant Low.

Harold Ellison (left) made the presentation on behalf of the Camplin family. Jack Camplin was a lawn bowler for 65 years and was a charter member of the Beeton Lawn Bowling Club.

Members of the Beeton Rotary Club that attended Thursday's Past District Governor's Night got together for this club photo. Back row, Joe Belford, Ross Stafford, Dave Sealy, Ken Norris, Lloyd Teeluksingh, Gordon Mallion, middle row, Gar Hall, Bud Rose, Vaughn Fife, John Parsons, Ode Waldstein, Frank Prothero, Tom Wood, Ed McFadden, front row, Peter Urbanski, Earl Hammell, Ed Boynton, Dr. S.R. McKelvey, Fred Parsons, and Lou Catania.

Longtime Beeton resident Mrs. D.K. Harvey, a former supply teacher in the old country schools, was called back into service to conduct a spelling bee during the Beeton-Tecumseth Central Public School's "Class of the Twenties" last week.
(Alliston Herald photo)

Pupils were in big trouble if they did not sit up straight in class during the 1920's. Beeton-Tecumseth Central School re-enacted the era in the classroom last week and these boys and girls, wearing clothes something like those worn in the 1920's, played their part well.
(Alliston Herald photo)

Ex-Beetonian goes to Nassau

Alan Martin, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Martin of Beeton, who has spent the past eight years with the Northern Service of the CBC, as assistant regional engineering manager, is leaving ice and snow behind for a year or two in Nassau.

As Director of Engineering for the Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas he will oversee installations and completion of the television plant, and will groom staff members and understudy who will take over his position.

Alan's wife Lois, who is an Administrative Assistant (Finance) for Northern Service and has been with the CBC for 14 years, will take a leave in order to accompany her husband to Nassau.

Ann Marie Cheskin with a hair-bow and a dress sashed somewhere about her hips was appropriately dressed for "graduation ceremonies" of the Class of the 20's at Beeton-Tecumseth Central Public School Friday. Teacher Brian Gregory, with a beard, is more Seventies (19th or 20th century) than Twenties but some sacrifices are too great for the sake of authenticity.
(Alliston Herald photo)

David Coburn, 18, of Beeton is just completing his basic training with the Canadian Armed Forces at their base in Cornwallis, N.S. He graduates in two weeks and will be posted with Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, Calgary, Alberta.

David Fleming of Beeton is also doing his basic training at Cornwallis.

Karen Pebsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vince Pebsley of Beeton, has graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Latin. She will be attending the Faculty of Education in Toronto this autumn.
(Toll Bailey)

Allan Anderson lounges in his cosy farmhouse with his new book, Remembering The Farm. He travelled by bus, train, car and plane across Canada armed with a tape recorder and a genuine interest in the people and their farming tales. Many local people appear in the book. Anderson lives on Concession 5 in Tecumseth Township and adores it. [Herald photo by Heather Dubay]

Genuine interest

Tecumseth's Allan Anderson found all who love the farms

by Heather Dubay

"It's full of the Canada I love, full of the kind of people that I admire immensely, and it's a lasting record – it's a permanent record in an area that no one really has touched, particularly, not in any full sense."

The speaker is Allan Anderson – broadcaster, writer and lecturer.

Seated snugly against the cosy green couch in his old farmhouse on the fifth concession of Tecumseth Township, Anderson smiles, with contentment as he turns back the pages of his memory.

He always hesitated, but deep from within he knew there was a book. He longed for the time when he would do a book.

A continuing love affair with Canada and this long time dream with a little luck thrown in for good measure produced Remembering the Farm.

It is with great joy and tenderness that Anderson speaks of his first book. He has every reason to be proud, happy and jubilant. The day before the publication date, which was Saturday, the book went into its second printing. The memories of farming, ranching and rural life in Canada past and present is selling like hot cakes.

But, books of this calibre are not born overnight. It is true that the original idea was spawned over a cup of coffee at precisely 9.20 one morning, but there is an enormous difference between dreams and reality.

From same a conversation with Anderson's close friend, Bob Weaver at the CBC, who was then in charge of radio arts. After securing Weaver's okay, Anderson was off on a jaunt to the Maritimes. Remembering The Farm became a two-hour program, one of the last of the major Canadian public affairs documentaries on radio. Anderson then did another two-hour show called The Smaller Places of Canada, which dealt with six towns in each of the different provinces.

Bubbling over with enthusiasm after his eastern trip, Anderson approached a "cheerful, genial, very bright man" at Macmillan publishers in Toronto, Doug Gibson. Armed with two to three hours of tapes, Anderson had only played about an hour's worth of his Maritime material when Gibson agreed to approach the Macmillan board, where they decide which books they are going to publish.

Much to the delight of Anderson and Gibson, Macmillan bought the idea and the book was launched.

Three years, 10,000 miles, countless interviews and millions of memories later, the 287 page book was born.

Anderson chuckles as he recalls the enormous amount of material he accumulated in his travels. Last November he saw no way he would ever get the book done in time for publication this Christmas, but his hard work and perseverance paid off and he met his deadline.

But, he loved doing the book.

"It was an enormously gratifying book to do in every way because the people were so alive and so vital and they loved talking about the farm."

To Anderson, the recollections of "real people", the ordinary people of Canada are far more reliable and far more fascinating than the "utterances" of politicians, whom he terms "practised liars". The people in Remembering The Farm have no axe to grind; they are story-tellers, says Anderson.

The sincerity of this man is reflected in his voice. After all the interviews he has conducted in his 30 years of broadcasting and all the chats he has had with people in their homes, over the back fence, in motel and hotel rooms; through it all, he still comes across as a warm, sensitive human being.

This intense feeling he has for his work and for the people he meets is mirrored in the response he received. The people responded to Anderson's manner, even though he admits he had to bully them at times, cajole them and humour them. The people did relax and the quality of the stories reflects this "gift."

Anderson compares the stories in the book to refining scotch; they must be blended until a final product is achieved that is "just right".

Remembering The Farm can only be described as incredible. The range of material covered, with each of the 25 chapters covering a different area, the number of Canadians who appear in the book, more than 100, the different types of farming covered, everything from potato farming to hop farming to the different kinds of ranching. Anderson does not seem to miss a thing.

"But it was all fascinating and they were all so genial and they loved the farm." Anderson encountered only three people who hated the farm; all the rest longed for the old ags back again. He does not deny that this sounds very romantic and he is often accused of picking stories that have the flavour of the family farm, overstressing the romantic side.

"But, it just isn't so," he declares emphatically. "Sure, they may have thrown in some wonderful adjectives and embellished their stories a little, but this is a part of the art of story telling."

The book, with its rich colours and delicate lettering lies on the nearby coffee table. From time to time his eyes gaze at its cover and he instinctively picks it up again. He cannot quite believe the book is real.

"It's like a dream." He has had "every break in the world", what with the Book of the Month Club picking it as featured alternate, the cover and lead story in the Canadian Magazine, the review in the Globe and Mail; he thinks he is enormously lucky that so much attention has been paid to it.

"I think of all those poor authors whose books pass in the night like little ghosts; all I can say is I'm very lucky."

But, Anderson does not take all the credit for the book. Sure, he says he put it together and he found the people and interviewed them and edited it, but without the people telling their stories he says there could be no book.

The story tellers are listed in the back of the book. Glancing through the nine or so pages of this section, familiar names and places are spotted. Ernie Barnes from Hockley, Elizabeth Davis from Tottenham, Albert Keogh of Boston, Fred Dermott of Boston, Ada Watson of Everett, Denis McCarroll of Boston, to name a few; it is safe to say that South Simcoe was not neglected.

Anderson would not dream of neglecting this area. He is perfectly content with his farm and a quarter acres and admits he just loves the country and adores Tecumseth Township.

As a Westerner originally, he likes heights and has often been heard to say he can see Saskatoon on a clear day from his hill top. Seeing trees all the way down to the second line covered in mist is a constant delight to Allan. Time has not dulled his senses or his creativity.

At 62 years of age, the book he has dreamed so long about has materialized, and his timing could not have been more perfect. He insists he "got in just under the wire" because family farms are just disappearing in Canada and the old-timers are dying off.

There is only one thing that annoys Anderson about the whole business of publishing a book. Since the book has come out, he says he is besieged with constant requests for autographs. This doesn't bother him, in fact he will be at Tottenham Mall this Thursday noon doing just that. He longs, however, to hear someone say "I want to read your book." Just a couple of people.

On behalf of George McCague MPP, Simcoe Manor superintendent Ed Boynton presents a plaque from Premier Davis to honour the 90th birthday of Mrs. J. Ethel Cole. Several friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Sedgwick to recognize the occasion.

Mrs. Fenne Lynd (the bridesmaid), Mrs. and Mr. Wreford Hewson, and the best man Howard Hooper recreate the Hewson's wedding picture on their fiftieth anniversary Saturday night.

Mrs. Tooth honoured at Trinity United Church

After the morning service at Trinity United Church, Beeton, on Sunday, Aug. 28, there was a very pleasant gathering in the Sunday School room to honor Mrs. Tooth who will be moving to Barrie next week. She has resided here for 39 years at her home at 140 Centre St. in Beeton.

She has been a tower of strength to two Beeton Churches, the United and also the Presbyterian Churches. She has supported both throughout the years by her gifts and by helping in any way she could.

Mr. Albert Bolman made a fine address to her, thanking her for all her work in the Church throughout the years and wishing her God's continued Blessing in her new address in Barrie.

Mrs. Tooth was presented with a lovely afghan and a purse of money by Mr. John Gray. The guest of honor thanked her friends in a few well chosen words and invited all to visit her at her new residence.

The ladies served delicious refreshments to bring this happy event to a conclusion.

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Surprise gathering honors 90th birthday

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TECUMSETH - She thought she was just going to her nephew's for tea, Miss Edith McDermott told us, but it turned out to be a little more than that.

Saturday, many friends gathered at the residence of Joe and Ruth Milligan to pay tribute to Miss McDermott on her ninetieth birthday. The party was "a total surprise" and she was "very, very honoured indeed" to have so many friends call she said.

Miss McDermott received many friends call she said.

Miss McDermott received many gifts when people were not supposed to bring them. Of special mention was a personal letter from Premier and Mrs. William Davis assuring her their best wishes.

Dr. S.B. McKelvey presented a plaque from the County of Simcoe in the absence of Warden Allan Glassford who could not attend. Edith McDermott's father worked for the county for 50 years and was also Warden.

On behalf of the Government of Ontario MPP George McCague presented another plaque, signed by Premier Davis to honour the occasion.

The McDermott family is one of the original pioneers

The McDermott family is one of the original pioneer families of Tecumseth Township and Miss McDermott who enjoys good health and being a former teacher still lives on the homestead farm on Concession 8.

We wish to say thank you so very much to our family relatives, friends and neighbours, for the surprise party which was held on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Also a special thank you to Mr. George McCague MPP for the lovely plaque, which was presented to us by Mr. D. E. Harvey. Also for the lovely gifts and cards which we received on this very happy occasion.

Max and Mabel Mitchell

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We are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of Brenda McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald of Guelph, to Richard Lawrence Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dale of Beeton. The wedding will take place on Saturday, August 20th at 4 o'clock at Holy Rosary Church, in Guelph. 33-1-p

ELMER - Hi! My name is Juliana Rebecca. I finally arrived at Etobicoke General Hospital on July 27, 1977 to the delight of my parents Tom and Kathy. Excited Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Ted Elmer, Tottenham and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Horne, Alliston.

Drury christening

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Drury, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Drury and Michele, Mrs. McGill Findlay, Mrs. Robert Young, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Drury of Everett, and Mr. Cyril Drury of Bond head attended the Christening service in the United Church. Laurel of the former's granddaughter, Lisa Darlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Buchanan on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th.

A PLEASANT REUNION for three first cousins took place at the 90th Anniversary of the Newton Robinson United Church. Standing on the steps of the church hall are Mrs. M. Pomeroy now of Ottawa; Mrs. Wilfred Service of Beeton and Mrs. Helen Slaght of Smith Falls. The trio spoke of the fond memories this area holds for them.

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McCulloughs Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Jack and Vi McCullough recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and members of the Sunnerton and McCullough clans rode in from near and far to wish them well.

Uncle Dick and Aunt Theresa even made it from Guelph. Next to Jack and Vi, Jake, Irene and Johnny, the guests of honour were Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs, old friends of the family, who flew in.

In spite of an unfortunate accident last winter, which hurtailed his dancing, Mr. Stubbs was in good cheer and chirped right up to the sing-songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs have been living with the feather farmers Ab and Audrey but recently they flew the coop and moved in with Bert and Jim.

Jack's cousin Gerry was given his parole early, to be home for the occasion, and he read the following poem.

To Jack & Vi On Their 25th

It was suppertime in Beeton
Back there on Lilly Street.
The Sunnertons came running,
They always loved to eat.

Now where is everybody,
Said Ethel with a sigh,
What happened to my baby,
That Noisy little Vi.

Put on another plate said Jake,
We may have caught a man,
That curly haired McCullough lad,
Is chasing Vi again.

I think she'd better grab him,
He's the best chance she has had,
Although he's not an orangeman,
He's a worker like his dad.

That very night Vi asked him,
And Jack just said okay,
When you learn to cook and sew,
I'll take you home to stay.

Vi learned to boil the kettle,
And make the toaster pop,
She bought a new can opener,
Down at the hardware shop.

By day she practiced cooking,
At night she learned to sew,
Jack said "my dear you've good enough,
To the altar we will go."

The bride was slim and lovely,
The groom was handsome too,
Violetta said, "He's mine at last",
And Jack just said, "I do".

When the honeymoon was over,
They lived on Walkem Street,
And started raising cats and kids,
To see them was a treat.

One night just after supper,
Young Jack just groaned and said,
This laying blocks is killing me,
I'm going straight to bed.

But Vi said, "hold on honey,
Cause I've got news for you,
There's bingo at the hall tonight,
And housework you must do."

As Jack did all the dishes,
And scrubbed floors on his knees,
He thought—I need a hobby
I'll learn to fix T.V.'s.

Next month the phone calls started,
They always asked for Jack,
Under the T.V. in an old T.V.
Under the T.V. in a old T.V.
Quite soon they filled the kitchen,
And later on the hall,
But at T.V. in the bathroom,
That was the worst of all.

So Monday night was bingo,
And life went on the same,
But later on...the legion,
Put bingo on again.

Once more our Jack was all alone,
With dishes by the score,
It's lonesome here without my love,
I'll hit the corner store.

One Thursday night at six o'clock,
Young Jack was not around,
Vi had supper on the stove,
But he could not be found.

So Vi said—"later early,
I'm fighting fire with fire,
If you work late on Thursday nights,
I'll join St. Francis choir."

So life go complicated,
With bingo twice a week,
And Thursday night the song birds,
Would croak and groan and shriek.

Vi spent many, many hours,
Of worry and sweat and toil,
As one of Maple's Angels.

Up working at the Royal.

Jack has been building houses,
And taking T.V. courses,
At times he also baby sits,
With Wreford Hanon's horses.

Jack has another job as well,
Which he does best of all,
Down at the church on Saturdays,
He works for Father Paul.

And so the years have slipped on by,
Since nineteen fifty two,
For you they have been busy years,
With lots of things to do.

No doubt you have had problems,
Like all of us some days,
But you've kept a sense of humour,
And friendly, happy ways.

You are the kind of people,
No matter what life sends,
That we are glad to have around,
And proud to call our friends.

We give you our best wishes
And we want you both to know,
You have been married for 25,
There's fifty more to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Nicol of Alliston are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Brenda Mae Kent to Raymond Bruce Link, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Link of Beeton.

Wedding to take place at 4 p.m. on July 16, 1977 in Tottenham United Church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Look announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna Marie, to Robert Paul Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jerry. The wedding to take place Saturday, May 7 in Grace Baptist Church, Newmarket, Ontario.

Bonnie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown of Beeton has graduated from Seneca School of Nursing at Toronto. Miss Brown has taken a position with Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. She will commence duties there early in the new year. She is a graduate of Bentley Memorial High School, Alliston.

Sunday, family and friends gathered at Tottenham Fire Hall to help John and Irene McCullough of Beeton, celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. John from Colgan, Irene Doyle of Alliston married in Alliston on October 24th, 1952.

In their years together they had 15 children, 14 of which are still living. Mr. McCullo said that he had about 50 grandchildren an or 5 great grandchildren; he had kind of l track.

For the past 15 years they have lived in Bee and he has been in construction since 19