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# **TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY**

**BEETON W. I.**







Lord Tweedsmuir



Lady Tweedsmuir

Lord Tweedsmuir: born John Buchan in Scotland, Aug. 25th, 1875, the son of Rev. John Buchan.

Historian, novelist and Governor-General of Canada from 1935 to 1940. Called to the Bar in 1901.

From 1927 to 1935 he was a member of British House of Commons for Scottish Universities.

In 1935 he was titled "Baron Tweedsmuir".

Author of a number of biographies and historical works:

Sir Walter Raleigh;

Sir Walter Scott;

Julius Caesar;

Oliver Cromwell;

The Massacre of Glencoe;

The King's Grace, etc.

Some of his novels were: The 39 Steps;

Salute to Adventurers;

The Three Hostages, etc.

"Memory Hold the Door" was his autobiography and one of his latest works.

John Buchan, the first Lord Tweedsmuir, died in Montreal on Feb. 11th, 1940. His library was bequeathed to Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario.

Lady Tweedsmuir: Susan, wife of our beloved Governor-General, has written many plays, children's books and reminiscences.

She was an ardent W. I. member in England, and was made an Honorary Life Member of F. W. I. O.

She advocated that our organization across Canada compile the histories of our local communities and villages.

She returned to England following the death of her husband, and is still residing there. (1962)

### "FOREWORD"

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes, and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories".

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.



Mrs Adelaide Hunter Hoodless  
 She was cited as a National  
 Figure at unveiling of plaque  
 at the Homestead June 27  
 1962 by National Historic  
 Site Board

Complete history of Mrs. Hoodless may be found in Blue Lake and Auburn  
 Women's Institutes Organization founded Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1897  
 at Stony Creek, Ont. The Homestead was made an Historic Site  
 at unveiling ceremony June 13 1959





Kate Aitken in whose home, and leader of efforts  
the Astor Women's Institute Branch was  
started in Nov. 1920





June 6/1959.

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Pictured above are Kato Aitken and Hon. Bryan Cathcart admiring the handsome plaque to the memory of D. A. Jones on Saturday afternoon after a heavy downpour of rain.

George Johnston, 2222  
Sumner Centre, introduced H.  
Bryan L. Cathcart, Provincial M.  
later of Travel and Public  
whose brief address was drowned  
in rain.  
It was only after the minister  
had completed the unveiling  
the plaque that the rain ceased.  
Kato Aitken, celebrated breadwinner  
and back in her home town for  
the memorial day event, remarked  
of "There wasn't a dry face in  
the house."

## Heavy Rain Curtailed Speeches On D. A. Jones Memorial Day

Weather surely tried the pioneer spirit of Beeton community on Saturday, the occasion of the unveiling of a cairn and a plaque to the memory of the pioneer beekeeper, D. A. Jones — but Beeton prevailed. When the dark clouds could no longer contain themselves and rain deluged down, the staid master of ceremonies, Dr. B. B. McKelvey, saw to it that the program continued to plan.

When only the suggestion of a shower from an umbrella against the looming rain Hon. Bryan L. Cathcart, Minister of Travel and Publicity for the Province of Ontario, pulled the session out from the plaque in the Community Room while the loyal bystanders huddled as best they could under the trees.

The parade of school children of Beeton and neighboring schools in Township assembly together with the Church Boys League, the Beeton and village and township officials led by the Little Britain Band in scarlet tunics set out as scheduled from the arena for the Presbyterian cemetery in only the suggestion of a drizzle. Government officials also took part in the parade. By the time the crowd of some 500 people had assembled around the draped cairn the rain had left off.

A small procession was made to the threatening weather in that the official speakers were brief in their remarks. Rev. J. E. Taylor of the Presbyterian Church, Beeton, indicated the rain.

Sir John C. Ambrose, president of the Ontario Beekeepers Association outlined the career of D. A. Jones and noted that queen bee rearing which was one of his outstanding, although unrecorded projects, was now being carried out by the Ontario Department of Agriculture at Point Pelee.

Rev. A. W. Dwyer, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, introduced Dr. Clifford Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, who was deputizing for the minister, who had been unable to attend.

Remarking that there was no other industry where the various branches are so interwoven, Dr. Graham pointed out that other sections of agriculture such as fruit, clover and legume growing had benefited directly by the pioneer work of D. A. Jones. Unveiling the cairn, he said:

"As we view this cairn and as we read these words may it not only honor a great man, but may it be a challenge to those in agriculture to go on to greater things in this industry."

The ceremony in the cemetery, completed, the parade and the spectators hastened to the Community Room for the second part

of this memorial day.  
In the past, Thomas E. Little, reeve of Beeton, said this was a proud day for Beeton and an occasion which all would remember for a long time. He welcomed all those who had traveled the threatening weather to witness the honoring of the man who helped to give the community its present name.

Warden Fisher Ganton brought greetings from Sumner County and congratulated the children on the fine turnout for the parade.

Hon. Earl Howe, Progressive-Conservative candidate for Dufferin-Simcoe, spoke of Jones the citizen. "He had faith in his own imagination. His life was a true inspiration."

The speech came to a quick conclusion as large rain drops splattered the ground, a prelude to the downpour of warm rain which followed.

Dr. McKelvey sought to assure the audience that this was only a passing shower. The force of the shower was sufficient to deter the children and to send the band scurrying with their instruments to covered shelter nearby. Those of the audience who did not find cover had to be recruited to the partial shelter of the trees.

A group of school children instantly converted their teacher to an umbrella and held their ground by the edge of the trees. The remaining official speakers also weathered out the downpour. W. H. Channing, chairman of the Archaeological and Historical Sites Board, slipped that the day's tribute to a great pioneer beekeeper was a "wet one."

# Death of D. A. Jones

clipping given to Tweedsmuir History by  
Mrs Gladys Campbell.

## D.A. JONES DEAD

Founder of Beeton Passed  
Away After Brief Illness.

For Nearly Half a Century He Worked  
for the Town—Held the Office of  
Postmaster During Most of His Resi-  
dence Here—Was Charitable and  
Kind and is Deeply Mourned.

Died, at his residence in Beeton,  
on Sunday, November 20, 1910,  
David Alanson Jones, in his 75th  
year.

Although it was known he was  
very ill, the news of the death of  
Mr. D. A. Jones on Sunday morn-  
ing came as a shock to everyone in  
town. He had always been an ac-  
tive and energetic man, both men-  
tally and physically, but for some  
months was troubled with a weak-  
ness of the heart and the immedi-  
ate cause of his death was angina  
pectoris.

Deceased was born in the town-  
ship of Whitchurch and spent his  
younger days on his father's farm.  
In the year 1864 he came to Beeton  
and is pictured with his brother  
(Senator L. M. Jones) built a  
store and commenced a general  
mercantile business which was con-  
tinued for a number of years, when  
his brother withdrew from the  
business and went to Brantford,  
and Mr. Jones began the store,  
leaving him free to form a com-  
pany and start the business from  
which Beeton derived its name and  
which gained him the title of "The  
Doc King of Canada." The com-  
pany was known as the "D. A.  
Jones, Limited," and a large fac-  
tory was erected for the purpose of  
manufacturing all kinds of tin and  
iron pipes and also caskets and doors.  
Employment was given in this fac-  
tory to a number of men the year  
round. Also in connection with  
this factory several agencies were  
located in various parts of the  
township and during certain sea-  
sons the boats were moved to  
"Jones Island," on the east shore  
of Georgian Bay. While at the  
head of this firm Mr. Jones travel-  
ed extensively, making a trip to  
Palestine and Cyprus to study the  
condition of those and to see if they  
would be suitable to this country.  
He was the first one to import the  
Italian green beans into America  
and also shipped them to all parts  
of the world. Steamships came here  
from various parts of America, the  
United States and the Old Country.  
In 1880 the management of the

He was the sole exhibitor of money  
at the first Industrial Exhibition  
at Toronto, and was a past presi-  
dent of the Canadian Deckers  
Association. When he was actively  
engaged in this industry he also  
published The Beeton World, the  
Canadian Bee Journal and the  
Canadian Poultry Journal.

During his early residence here  
he bought a tract of land which  
now comprises part of Beeton. This  
land was surveyed into plots and  
he laid out the streets of the vil-  
lage and planted the beautiful  
shade trees which now adorn the  
streets and will stand as memo-  
rials to his energy for some  
time to come. His whole aim was  
given to the building up of the  
town. How much the community  
owes him it is impossible to esti-  
mate. His many charitable acts  
and kindnesses will never be for-  
gotten, but he is gone and another  
name is struck from the ever-  
lengthening roll of our old settlers.  
His very last act in life was to  
send a consignment of clothing  
contributed by himself and others  
to poor settlers in Parry Sound  
district, with whom conditions he  
was personally familiar.

In politics Mr. Jones was a  
strong Liberal and on two or three  
occasions he conducted expensive  
parties in the north country  
for the government, penetrating  
wilderness from the main by  
the C.P.R. near Sudbury, on  
one trip going through Hu-  
day as far north as Red Lake  
enduring great hardships.

He had been a life-long Pres-  
byterian and contributed largely  
toward the erection of the Pres-  
byterian church here. When the  
wills of his will is made time  
is expected that all religious  
nominations and the citizens  
generally will be benefited by a  
vision made for the erection  
monument in the cemetery.

He had been postmaster here  
most continuously since his  
in town, 46 years ago.

Shortly before coming to  
Beeton he married Jessie Macpherson  
Whitby, who predeceased him  
two and a half years. A little  
over a year ago he again mar-  
ried, his wife being Frances I.  
of Toronto, who survives him  
and had no family. One sister,  
Dougherty of Manitowish, a  
brother, the Hon. Senat

L. Jones of Toronto, are also sur-  
vivors.

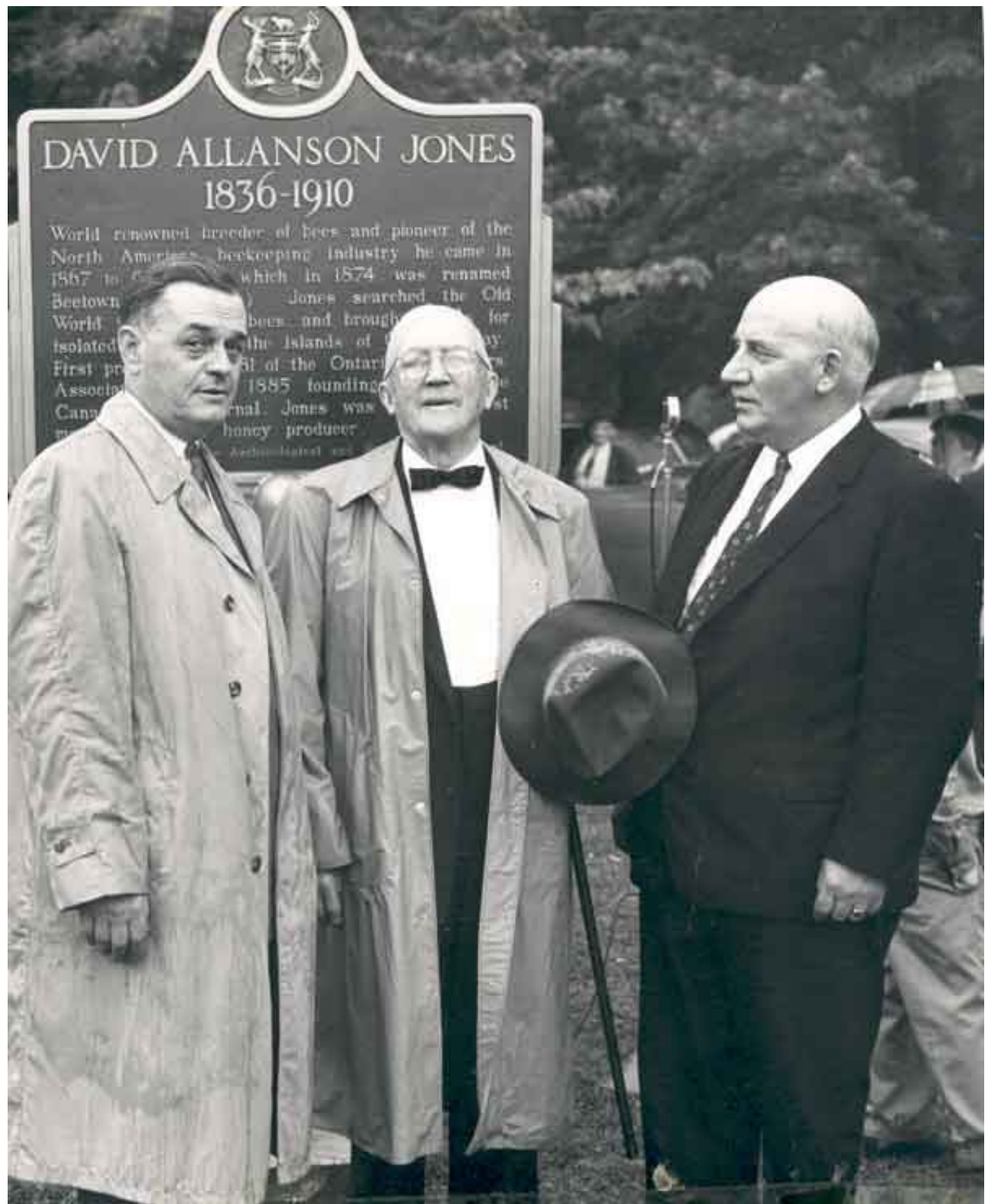
The funeral was held on Tuesday  
afternoon. The service at the  
home was conducted by his pastor,  
Rev. H. D. McCaughey, assisted by  
Rev. Crawford Brown of St. An-  
drew's Church, Toronto, Rev. J.  
W. Fox and Rev. O. J. Nurse of  
town. Interment was made in the  
Presbyterian cemetery.

The pallbearers were Messrs. W.  
J. Bell, J. T. Barton, E. J. Har-  
ton, H. Beattie, Wm. Campbell and  
W. J. Anderson.

Among the relatives from a dis-  
tance who attended the funeral  
were Senators L. M. Jones, Rev.  
Crawford Brown, P. Jones, W.  
H. Dickson, Geo. Dickson, Dr. H.  
Barton, and J. Dougherty, of To-  
ronto; J. Barton, F. Barton, E.  
Barton, L. Dougherty, and M.  
Sylvester, of Standville.







DAVID ALLANSON JONES  
1836-1910

World renowned breeder of bees and pioneer of the North American beekeeping industry he came in 1867 to which in 1874 was renamed Beetown. Jones searched the Old World for bees and brought for the Islands of the First pr of the Ontario Associated 1885 founding. Jones was a honey producer.

January 29<sup>th</sup> 1956 - Beeton World.

Jane Pch. (Mrs. L. C. Ch.)

## One Hundred Years Since Original Crown Land Grants Given To Beeton

(By Jane Cole)

**100 YEARS SINCE ORIGINAL CROWN LAND GRANTS**—This is the first of a series of articles on the founding of Beeton which will later become Beeton and some of the early history of the village.

Apparently there were but few settlers in Simcoe County until after the end of the 1835-36 war. We read that Simcoe is mentioned for the first time in the Parliamentary records of 1835 and the first location of settlers was south of Fenelon, when Donald Rutherford, James Wallace and John Armstrong took up land in the southern part of West Gerrard in 1835.

What is now known as Alliston was in the earliest recorded days "a flat, swampy, dense and unattractive wilderness" until in 1840 William Fletcher, a native of Alliston, Yorkshire, England, (born 1791) emigrated to Canada. He arrived in Tecumseh in 1832. He was a man of vision and foresight—he saw that the land could be drained, and the streams provided valuable water power. He acquired much land, and finally located in the spot known as Alliston. The log cabin he built subsequently proved to be the town site of Beeton. He lived to realize his dream—built saw mills and grist mills, and a village established which was incorporated in 1854. The first house was George Fletcher, of the founder William Fletcher had two sons, George and John.

Among the early records of our town particular locale, we find the original papers pertaining to the Crown Land Grant, to one Robert Clark, being the SW 1/4 of lot 10, con. 8, in the township of Tecumseh, and dated January 20th, 1856. Below is a copy in brief:

### CROWN LAND GRANT

Beeton, Township, the 14, 1856. The Province of Canada to Robert Clark, Blacksmith, Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

In consideration, for the sum of Twenty-two pounds, and his obligations to the said Robert Clark, in our said Commission of Crown Lands, we have granted, sold, alienated, conveyed, and assigned, unto the said Robert Clark, his heirs, and assigns for ever,

60 acres, more or less, all of the S. quarter of Lot 10 in the 8th extension of Tecumseh township, given under our seal of the Province of Canada.

Witness—Our Trusty and well loved, Sir Edmund Walker Head, Bart, Governor of British North America, and Captain General, and Governor in Chief over all the Province of Canada—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the Sea.

Dated at Toronto, January 20th, 1856, in the Nineteenth year of our reign. Commissioner of Crown Lands, Joseph Dalton, Secretary, E. McCarthy.

Early sales and transfers of properties in SW 1/4 lot 10, con. 8, are listed below, and contain the names of the pioneers of Beeton.

A sale is recorded as taking place June 30th, 1855, one acre in the south-west corner by Robert Clark and wife to William George Miller for \$21. The January 20th, 1856, is recorded the Crown Land Grant to Robert Clark, and afterwards the following transfers:

April 11, 1856—Robert Clark to John Miller, part SW 1/4, one acre.

April 11, 1856—Robert Clark to James Douglas, part of SW 1/4, one-half acre.

May 1, 1856—James Douglas to Robert Douglas for \$7.14 pounds.

June 11, 1856—Robert Clark and wife to Robert Cunningham for \$21. Part of S. 1/4 not already sold being 47 1/2 acres.

March 18, 1857—James Douglas and wife to Robert Douglas for \$180 part of the SW 1/4 (half acre).

March 2, 1857—John Miller to Legal and Commercial Life Assurance Society for 130 pounds, part of SW 1/4 (one acre).

April 1, 1857—Robert Clark and wife to Hugh McCracken of West Gerrard for 100 pounds, part of SW 1/4, 2-38 of acre.

Dec. 2, 1857—Henry Miller (unmarried) to James Gibson for 200 pounds; part SW 1/4, 2 rods 2-38 pounds.

April 1, 1861—John Miller and wife Canada P.B. Saving Society \$200, for 60 acres of W 1/2 one acre.

May 21, 1861—Henry Miller to William French for \$230; part of SW 1/4.

May 8, 1861—Depute Henry Miller, plaintiff, and James Gibson, Def., part of 2 1/2 acres rods 21-2-38 pounds.

May 1, 1862—Henry Miller to Robert Mitchell for \$200; part of the SW 1/4 (1/2 acre).

Sept. 8, 1862—Henry Miller and wife of Horrid to William H. French part of the SW 1/4 (1/2 acre).

Oct. 24, 1862—William H. French to Robert Clark for \$200; part of the SW 1/4.

Oct. 1, 1864—William H. French to David A. Jones of Whitesburg for \$200; part of SW 1/4, one acre.

July 21, 1865—Hugh McCracken and wife to David A. Jones for \$425; part of the SW 1/4, being 1-4 acre and 1-30 acre.

Jan. 20, 1866—David A. Jones to James Lowry of Adala, \$130; part of SW 1/4 (12-18 acres); (112 links); (111 links) and (113 links).

Dec. 1, 1866—Robert Clark and wife to David A. Jones for \$50; pt. of SW 1/4, 2-10 and 95-100 of an

Dec. 14, 1866—Robert Clark to William Hunt for \$100; SW 1/4, 30 acres more or less 2-1/2 acres sold.

Oct. 18, 1867—Robert Clark and wife to John Irwin for \$500; part of SW 1/4 (2140 sq. yds.).

Nov. 11, 1867—William Reed and wife to William Robinson for \$200; pt. SW 1/4 (1440 sq. yds.).

Nov. 21, 1867—David A. Jones and wife to William H. Major of Ont. \$1400; all corner of SW 1/4, 7-10 acres.

Dec. 20, 1867—George Clark and wife to William Frost of Bond Head, \$200; part SW 1/4 (1-4 acre).

Jan. 18, 1868—Robert Clark and wife to George Clark \$250; part of SW 1/4 (1-4 acre).

July 22, 1868—Robert Mitchell and wife to Arthur Reeds \$300; pt. SW 1/4 (1-4 acre).

July 8, 1869—David A. Jones and wife to James Lowry \$450; pt. SW 1/4 (one-third acre).

Dec. 1, 1869—William H. Major to John Reichenow, York township, \$2000; part SW 1/4 (7-10 of an acre).

April 11, 1870—David A. Jones to Henry Silvester \$1500; part 1-4 acre.

Jan. 8, 1872—Arthur Reed (unmarried) to John Irwin \$200; part SW 1/4.

Jan. 8, 1872—John Irwin to Arthur Reed \$1000; part SW 1/4.

April 22, 1871—William J. Scott Toronto, to Joseph Watson, York, \$400; part W 1/4 of S 1-2 (1-8 acre).

April 26, 1872—William Reed to John Reeds \$200; part SW 1/4 (1-2 acre).

Feb. 18, 1873—Henry Silvester to Abraham Howard \$100; part SW 1/4 (1-4 acre).

Feb. 1, 1874—William Reed to Isaac Owen \$100; part SW 1/4 (1-4 acre).

March 14, 1873—David Alexander Jones and wife to Thomas Irwin \$225. Land in the Village of Beeton containing 5-8 acre being part of SE 1/4 lot 10 con. 8, being village lot 42 and a portion of 44 next 46, being a strip 18 ft. wide and running entire length of lot as shown in Plan of Survey of SE 1/4 lot 10 by M. Gervill, Provincial Land Surveyor, Witness Lyman M. Jones, merchant, Beeton, W. H. Dixon, Chmn. saths.

March 1, 1874—William Noble Whitesides MD, unmarried, in Philadelphia Irwin in the Village of Beeton 1-8 acre part of SE 1/4 lot con. 8, better described as village lots 42 and portion 44 next 46 a strip 18 ft. wide and running length of lot as laid out by M. Gervill, Provincial land surveyor, price \$250. This is recorded as sold back to Dr. Whitesides on same date for same amount by Irwin and wife, Irwin signs by mark as he is penitential.

Feb. 8, 1875—To the Village of

### 100 YEARS SINCE ORIGINAL CROWN LAND GRANTS

(Continued from Front Page)  
Clarksville, Jamaica, Guyanese and wife to Philadelphia Irwin for \$225. Part SE 1/4 lot 10, con. 8, known and described as village lot 42 on the west side of Centre St., on plan laid out by Provincial surveyor, Gabriel Gervill. Property is subject to a mortgage made by Irwin to one Ferguson, Witness James A. Oles, W. H. Dixon, att. convey.



# First Beeton Village Council Doings Seventy-One Years Ago

By Jane Cole

The poll for the election of the first officers for the Municipal Corporation of Beeton, was held Monday, January 28th, 1885. Results as follows: For Reeve, Thomas Atkins, 66; W. H. Fenton, 8. For Councillors, Jos. Wright, 33; W. G. Stephens, 72; Geo. N. Clark, 66; Jas. Melrose, 62; Dr. Chaffy, 52.

On January 10th, 1885, the poll of office was administered in the morning and meeting adjourned until 7 p.m. when members again met in Mr. Dickson's office. A By-law for the appointment of a Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor and Collector was presented by Councillor Wright and passed three readings. W. H. Dickson was appointed Clerk at a salary of \$20 per year. R. J. Todd, treasurer at \$2 per year. John Stewart, assessor at \$10 per year and J. A. Cherry, collector at \$10 per year. The standing committees for 1885 were: Finance and Assessment, Wright, Clark and Atkins; Education, Stephens, Melrose and Wright; Streets and Sidewalks, Clark, Atkins and Stephens; Printing, Melrose, Wright and Stephens; Contingencies, Wright, Clark and Atkins.

The Clerk was instructed to purchase a seal for the Corporation at a cost of not more than \$2, also a minute book, Evaluation Book and Treasurer's Book. Adjourned to meet February 2nd.

February 2nd Council meeting, all members present. Discussion as to various suggested By-laws. Road received, payment of \$2.25 for same ordered paid.

In March 1885, Edward Bell purchased the farm 5 half Lot 37, Co. 8, Tecumseh from John Winkler for \$7,000. Mr. Boycroft, a nephew of Tim Boycroft, has purchased the farm of John Dale.

February 16th, at the meeting of the Village Council it was decided to pass a By-law imposing a fine of \$4 and costs on all owners of

holders of dogs. If a tax of \$1 for dogs and \$2 for bitches was levied forthwith, the Clerk was instructed to purchase 13 dog tags. The question arose who were the tags for, the taxpayer or the dog? After discussion, it was decided that the tags were intended for the dog.

At the February 28th Council meeting a By-law was passed to appoint a pound-keeper and three fence viewers, also to fix the height of fences. James Heuchan was appointed pound-keeper.

James Rutland, W. J. Barton and D. A. Jones were appointed fence viewers. The lawful height for board and picket fence shall be at least 4 ft. A rail fence 4 ft. high, staked and double ridged, or if lashed at both corners to be at least 5 and half feet high, the first four rails next the ground not more than 4 in. apart.

January 27th, 1885, General Gordon killed, stabbed as he was leaving Government House.

March 8th, By-law passed by Village Council respecting the preservation of the Public Marshes of the Villagers. In brief, it reads: "It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or expose for sale or to purchase, ware, merchandise, personal property, real estate on Sundays, or to perform any worldly labor, business, or work at his or her calling, conveying travellers, Her Majesty's mails, selling drugs, works of charity, ministry are excepted.

It shall not be lawful to play football, cricket, ball, tennis, dominoes, drafts or any other game, or to gamble with dice, race on foot or horseback, dance or play profane music on Sunday in this Corporation.

It shall be unlawful to post or circulate indecent literature, or writings or pictures on walls or fences.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any profane oath, any abusive, indecent, blasphemous or grossly insulting language on streets, public places or highways in this Corporation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to be guilty of drunkenness or disorderly conduct on the streets, indecent behavior, or disturbing meetings of Divine worship, the keeping of houses of ill fame, publicly soliciting alms, fast driving or horse racing on any of the streets in the Municipality. For violation of any of these laws a fine of \$20 and costs will be imposed on conviction. This may be collected by distress and sale of goods and chattels belonging to the offenders. It shall be lawful to commit offenders to Simcoe Jail for not more than 30 days with or without hard labor. All fines to be paid to the Treasurer of this Municipality.

March 2nd, At regular meeting of Council, By-law was passed respecting transient shows and exhibitions, also for the protection of sidewalks and streets, also cruelty to animals.

The culvert on Main Street, opposite the livery stable reported in dangerous condition, must be repaired at once with cedar posts at a cost of 50 cents each.

Diphtheria outbreak in the Village.

In March there was held a School Board meeting in the office of D. A. Jones, members present, Jones, Whitelock, Biddell, Treadgold, Rose and Leary. Bill presented, George Hayes 20 and a half cords of wood at \$1.75 per cordable wood; Watson and Leary, carting \$2.75.

In April the Village School met in Tomlinson's store. Councillor Melrose handed in his resignation which was accepted.

Survey of all streets was made, some found blocked with wood and rubbish, and owners were notified to have same cleared away. The flood overcoopers are Wm. James for Centre, Colin Stewart for Main, and Young for Gill. Dining for Miss, Peterson, Packer and Queen, N. Mitchell for Main, James, Prospect, Tecumseh, Lorne, Bayport to Elevator. The Reeve brought in a By-law to appoint a Board of Health, the members being Doctors Chaffy and Whitelock, together with the Reeve.

By-law fixing a poll tax on young men of \$1.50, and voters payers assessed for \$300 must perform two days labor, to \$500 three days and up to \$1,000 four days and one extra day for every \$400 or part thereof. Each day's labor to be ten hours and compensated at 30 cents per day.

In April of this year 1885, Mr. Hipwell purchased 18 head of

cattle weighing 1100 to 1800 lbs. and costing an average of \$50 per head. They were shipped to Montreal.

A curiosity of the New Orleans Exhibition was a pair of trousers that had been worn for fifty years. R. Scott of this Village has a few pairs of the same make at \$2.50 per pair.

A convent is to be erected in Barrie at a cost of \$10,000.

In the May meeting of Council on Monday 19th, was the following business. Mr. John Coulter was appointed pound keeper in the place of Heuchan who had not taken the oath of office. By-law No. 3 was amended to cover this. By-law to provide for the licensing of transient traders was introduced, passed its third reading, signed and sealed.

The first gold medal ever to leave Victoria University, Cambridge was carried off by George Bruce, West End, Faculty of Arts.

Doctor Skizzard is the name of the new Beeton Lacerose room.

The transient traders mentioned in the Council meetings report, prohibits butchers and bakers from other places coming in here and selling retail. It does not prohibit farmers who are at liberty to bring in all the meat they please.

In May 1885 a By-law was passed signed and sealed to prohibit any person or persons from holding an exhibit or show in the Village without first obtaining a license. This includes puppet shows, wild animals, wax figures, wire dancing, circus riders, menhounds or jaguars. The penalty for infraction, \$25 and costs or 30 days Simcoe Jail.

Many complaints are made as to the dangerous condition of the Beeton schoolhouse. In Toronto, a broken plank in a sidewalk cost that city \$400. Back to our own locale, fire protection is urged for our Village, which is "rapidly approaching toward cityhood."

In London recently, a girl's bath prevented her from drowning, no one always thought there was enough vanity in one of those structures to keep it from sinking!

At the July meeting of the Council a by-law was passed for the protection of the shade trees planted in the Village. The Reeve was authorized to procure cedar for street crossings, the price not to exceed 4 cents per running ft. In Alliston, this year (1885) it was decided to form a joint stock company and procure fifty acres for a cemetery.

The Stephens store is advertising Women's Prunella Boots for 50 cents a pair and regular price was \$1.25.

Announce the dandies of that time there is an advertisement which reads: "Whisker Dye must be convenient to use, easy to apply, impossible to rub off, elegant in appearance and cheap in price. Buck-Ingum's Dye for the Whiskers unites in itself all these merits."

In July of 85 Doctor Barnardo sent out a party of boys from Glard, England. These boys will be placed in farm homes. Also in this same year, Reeve Atkins applied to Simcoe Council for \$400 to build a lock-up in Beeton. The local pound keeper was called on to the carpet for neglecting his duties, horses are roaming the Village streets, disturbing and alarming residents, and the terrible tirade of a cow bell is heard on Centre Street from early morn to dewy eve, pigs and geese also on parade.

Telephone connection was made with Barrie and Toronto in August 1885 and Mr. J. F. Darby will have charge of the Central in this Village. The Central is located in Darby's Jewelry store.

The mill site for the Village was struck at 2 1/4 mills on the dollar. There have been many improvements made in this first year of incorporation.

For some time the legality of the incorporation proceedings was under fire. An examination was held before Alex. Bruce Esq. and the case is set for the 30th, 50th, under 1885. Irregularities in the same making is charged. It is interesting to note that the first Census was taken in 1871, and in 1881 the statistics of B.N.A. show more than a 150% increase in established Villages and 800 Lakes and Rivers and Canada has grown from two Provinces, Upper and Lower Canada, to the Dominion of Canada. The population of Simcoe County is now (1885) 67,100, Northwags leading with 1,800 and Tecumseh including Beeton, 5,137.

Mr. Fenton having applied for information against the incorporation of the Village of Beeton, is represented by Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, who claims Beeton did not have the requisite 100 residents



## Interesting History And Happenings In Beeton Of Seventy Years Ago

(By Jane Cole)

Monday, January 2nd, 1886 was voters day, there was a steady downpour of rain throughout the day. One hundred and two votes were polled, showing the special interest taken in the contest by every elector. Two ballots were spoiled, result was Atkins 32, Tomlinson 46.

The Tomlinson supporters afterwards joined the ranks of the anti-incorporationists. The case is pending.

The Ontario Gazette reports that active steps are being taken towards building a line of railway connecting Richmond Hill and Beeton via Schomberg.

In January a surprise party and presentation was given to M. J. C. Scott by the teachers and scholars of Beeton Presbyterian Church in appreciation of the many years of work on their behalf.

The Beeton market prices show the following: Butter 12% etc; Eggs 30 etc; Dry Apples 1 to 6 etc; Green Apples 10 to 15.00; Dressed Hogs per cwt, \$5.00 to \$5.10; Chickens 2 etc; Turkeys 8 etc to 9 etc; Geese 5 etc to 6 etc; Fall wheat 15 etc; Spring wheat 60 etc to 15 etc; Goose wheat 64 etc to 67 etc; Barley 30 etc to 30 etc; Oats 28 etc to 32 etc; Peas 50 etc to 52 etc; Rye 53 etc to 60 etc; and Potatoes, new, 25 etc "to 30 etc per bus.

D. A. Jones advertised land for sale in almost any part of the Village, over 10,000, sold within the past month. Terms to suit.

School reopened Thursday January 7th, the new head master, Mr. Jos. Macpherson, salary \$500 per annum.

The World remarks Penitentiaries are boring for salt, we hope they find it, it won't hurt them a bit! A married lady residing on Centre St. was heard to remark, "Isn't it peculiar how sound a man sleeps when his wife crawls over him on her way to start a kitchen fire these mornings?" It was early January.

Hubert Venable of Owingsville, Ky., died the victim of tobacco poisoning, she had been a slave to the habit all her life and her last request was for her pipe. She was 100 years of age!

Public notice appears in issue January 14th, 1886. Application will be made to the Ontario Legislature at the next session to legalize By-law No. 279 of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe separating the Village of Beeton from the Corporation of that Township and erecting the same to a separate Corporation under the style and title of the Village of Beeton. Signed McCarthy, Popple and McCarthy, Solicitors for Applicants Dated at Barrie, December 14th, 1885.

necessity. Mr. McCarthy, Q. C. and Mr. Popple of Barrie appeared for the County. It was stated the Mayor, Fenton and Atkins were rivals for the post of Reeve and Fenton having lost out was attempting to destroy his rival's power in this way. The case was argued six hours, and judgment was reserved. In October 1883 Justice Wilson reviewed the case and quashed the By-law incorporating Beeton as a Village. This has thrown everything into chaos and the whole community upset. By-laws are set at naught, restitution may have to be made for fines and levies, and the school teachers know not where to look for wages. Mr. Hoath, principal of Beeton school resigned and took a post in the Alliston school. In December the Finance Committee met and their Finance Committee reported having discussed the matter of incorporation with the County Solicitor, recommended that the Warden be instructed to place the Corporate seal upon the appeal book, on behalf of the County upon a deposit being made with the Treasurer for \$500 as security against the costs of appeal.

which will come up in January, in the next time - the Village carries on.

On Monday the 26th December 1885, nomination meeting was called by Clerk, W. H. Dickson. Nominations for Reeve were Atkins and Tomlinson. The Councilors for 1886 will be W. G. Stephens, G. N. Clark, W. Parkins and W. H. Mitchell.

Reeve Atkins spoke of the difficulties encountered during the year, and gave the following statement of accounts. Receipts—Total amount on roll \$1804.22. Settlement with Twp., \$90.00. Fines (about), \$75.00. Dog Tax, \$20.00. Sundries, \$20.00. Total \$1774.22. Expenditure: Streets, sidewalks, printing, incidentals, \$252.00; School, \$701.90; School Debentures, \$277.00; Clerk, \$20.00; Assessor, \$10.00; Collector, \$10.00; Treasurer, \$5.00; County rate, \$179.52; Railway, \$233.31. Total \$1689.22. Balance \$85.00.

Mr. Fenton was present at the meeting.

At the Beeton Fair special prizes were offered for various items. The largest potato won by W. J. Barton, 3 lbs 1 oz.; The largest apple, R. J. Todd, 14 oz.; the largest carrot, W. J. Hollingshead, Schomberg, 22 inches; the heaviest beet, W. J. Hollingshead, Schomberg, 6 lbs 15 oz.; the smallest turnip a specimen weighing 2 grains.

Who was he? Beeton Telephone boasts the handsomest man on the line. He is single, temperate, twenty-two, wealthy and woefully bashful.

During this month there was a diptheria outbreak in Alliston. Upwards of fifty men are at present engaged on work on the Orillia Asylum.

Complaints are made about the heating of the school and trustees are under fire for trying to heat the school with as little wood and as much stove pipe as possible. The suggestion is that the present system be scrapped and three box stoves be installed.

The weather is now severe, (January 14th) plenty of snow and 22 degrees below zero. It is suggested that a petition be made to the new Council to pass a

law compelling house owners and others to shovel the snow in front of their premises.

Council met Monday, January 18th at eleven a.m. Messrs A. Smith and G. Everett were appointed auditors after which all adjourned for dinner. At 1.30 they again met and committees were struck as follows: Finance and Assessment, Parkins, Clark and Atkins; Education, Stephens, Mitchell and Clark; Streets and sidewalks, Clark, Stephens and Atkins; Printing, Mitchell, Atkins and Stephens; Contingencies, Clark, Stephens and Parkins. By-law appointing these officers read three times and passed. A By-law appointing a Board of Health consisting of Messrs. Bateman, Black, Dr. Chetty with the Reeve and Clark as ex-officio members. It was agreed that Council meet in the Reeve's office and pay fee light and fuel at the rate of \$5.00 per annum.

Township Councillor Kerres has purchased the Alice Lilly Jr. farm for \$10,000 and sold his own place near Tottenham to Mr. R. Evans.

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# Early History and Happenings In Beeton Seventy-two Years Ago

By Jane Cole

On May 1st, 1884, The Beeton World entered the second year of its existence. Early records were destroyed by fire, and prior to this the weekly publication was "The Chronicle".

In May 1st, 1908 issue we read that a rumor is afloat that the boys around town are planning to have a little fun in the shape of a calathumpian in honour of the Queen's Birthday, May 24th.

In the early days there was much discussion and argument, long and bitter in many cases, about the Scott Act. This was introduced in 1855, in the House, by Senator Scott. The idea was to promote temperance in the use of intoxicating drinks.

May 13, 1884, we read among the many advertisements that William Parker, D.V.M. graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto has an office on Main Street. Another ad reads "Wonderful, Wonderful, Doctor Leblanc's Mountain Grouse \$1.00 per box. A trial will convince the most skeptical."

The Church notices appear weekly. The Canada M.C. Churches, T. Campbell, Rev. J. M. Wilson, Congregational Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sabbath School at 11 a.m.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. H. McManus Pastor. Services every Sabbath morning at 10:30. Sabbath School at 11:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Church, Rev. T. H. Ball, Pastor. Services first and third Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Second and fourth Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The D. A. Jones plantain factory was in full running order and complete stock of produce and fish was on hand.

Mr. Ross at the New Camp Store offered for sale second office special burglar-black cashmere, 25 cents, Corns, 25 cents, Parrots 25 cents to \$1.50.

The Right House officers Stray and Fox Fell Hare, Button and Lane Hare and big points paid for Butter and Eggs.

The Beeton Bakery had the Crows and Oysters in season, and Home-made Candy was a specialty.

John Appleton's advertisement was in "The Toronto Argus", Ladies Hair cut, Queen's Hotel, 1000 Centre Street.

The Atlantic Hygeia was destroyed by fire July 1st, 1884. There was no insurance.

At a recent School Board meeting Dr. Williams and Mr. J. H. Haddell decided that Miss E. Lawrence be engaged as a third teacher at a salary of \$14. per month.

In June this year of 1884, there was some promising discussion of telephonic communication between the Station and the Village, and George Kidd of Abitibi was awarded the contract for erecting out the Nottawassippi River in Abitibi. There was an Athletic Club, and many in the Station and residents were condemned for excessive drinking, but not having anything of an athletic nature exposed.

Smith procured and made up the vaccine and immunization were rapid. In this case, vaccination the following then appeared in the Weekly World, "Get Vaccinated. A Point that gets its work in is worth a hundred physicians after you have the small pox. A Thornside doctor had bought a fresh supply of vaccine points and some happened to be exposed on his counter. A burly farmer from the neighborhood happened to be in at the time and amused himself by using one of the points as a tooth pick. "It took" in the most approved fashion and the man is now in possession of a mouth that is crowding all other features of his face out of shape."

The Post Office moved once again, and is now located on Centre Street opposite the store of J. C. Scott. The private office of D. A. Jones is in this building and also the business office of "The World".

In July 1, 1884, The Provincial Secretary again issued a circular to Clerks in like proceedings. A similar notice was sent to register.

Some time the large and marriage of their relations within a specified time. For births, immediately for births, 20 days, and for marriages three months. For neglect in this matter a magistrate may impose a fine of \$25 and costs.

In August the Telegraph office which for three years had been located in the Drug Store with Williams and Co., as agent was removed to the new Post Office building and Mr. D. A. Jones was appointed agent.

In December 1884, the Ontario Government bought the property of Mr. Martin known as the first lot from as a site for the new Asylum in Orillia. A portion of an adjoining farm will be purchased to give the property access from.

In a corrected 1884 equalization report for the County of Simcoe we find Deemings with \$61.43, were and \$1,300.00, listed as total amount on roll and the equalized value \$1,842.50.

Beeton Main Street has never looked better, so says postmaster Perkins in 1884. The road is nicely gravelled and wide and city like in aspect. Our sidewalks are in good shape but we live in hope of a vast improvement another year when the plan of government use in our own hands and the appreciation of funds is wise.

In 1884 plans were put into operation for the erection of a grand elevator to replace the warehouse which was destroyed by fire in the winter of '78. Mr. John Irwin, chairman of the committee presented a draft plan, which was accepted by the town at a cost of \$3,000. It was decided to form a stock company to be known as the North Simcoe Warehouse Co. Messrs. and Messrs. Thos. Atkins and W. H. Mansfield M.P., and Messrs. J. C. Scott and J. C. Scott, of the Company of \$1,000 divided into 125 shares at

\$80 each, arrived. It was decided that Messrs. W. H. Mansfield, J. C. Scott, D. A. Jones, Jas. Irwin, Samuel Smith, William McDermott, B. Kooch and W. Stewart be the committee to solicit subscriptions.

D. A. Jones opened another factory, making sweaters. All also in concept from the Millers Gaiters, Toronto. D. A. Jones the Harvey King of Beeton had a very fine showing of heavy estimated worth over \$12,000. It was a sight to see such a large quantity of heavy under one roof and in such a compact shape.

In October of '84, Mr. L. R. Luck was engaged as teacher at a salary of \$573 per annum.

On October 1st, 1884, the father of D. A. Jones died in Rimpstead and 44 years.

For wearing a Molten Beltford dress a woman in Chicago was arrested and fined \$10 and costs.

Queen Victoria commanded that when the Prince and Princess of Wales dine out, the number of guests must not exceed fourteen.

A new potato bug made its appearance this year. Potato growers had no effect on this new arrival and the old variety is more than worth their care.

In June was the agitation for incorporation as a Village, Census showing 774 voters of residents. Messrs. D. A. Jones, James Melrose and Thomas Atkins were prime movers. Petition was presented to Barrie and granted. In November, W. R. Fenton and J. Haddell, appeared to Barrie to have the petition quashed, but their application was refused.

December 20th, 1884, the first Nominations meeting was called and the slate resulted as follows:

For Reeve: Thos. Atkins by J. C. Scott and W. G. Stephens; Walter Fenton by E. Tomlinson and Walter Evans.

For Councilors: Joseph Wright by J. C. Scott and W. G. Stephens; W. G. Stephens by J. C. Stewart and Jas. Melrose; Jas. Melrose by W. G. Stephens and Thos. Atkins; Dr. Cheffy by J. D. Cherry and W. G. Stephens; N. G. Clark by George Wray and John Coulter.

Later that evening a public meeting was called. W. H. Dickson was chairman and matters of general interest were discussed in reference to the forth coming election. Mr. Fenton was in a very exorable mood and spoke very strongly against the idea of incorporation. Voting day was January 5th, 1885.

On Wednesday December 3rd, 1884 in the Wesley Church, Whitechurch, by the Rev. J. Herbert Stern, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Wilkinson, B.A. The Rev. James W. Wilkinson, Beeton, to Arvola, A. eldest daughter of the late George Richardson, Esq. Whitechurch Trinity Church in Barrie to have a new assistant rector at a salary of \$600 per year.

(By Jane Cole)

Following an interview some time ago in Clarksonville - Beeton world days, Mr. D. W. Watson had made some notes. Mr. Watson is now at home at present and his daughter Mrs. Irwin made him notes available to us. More will follow.

Says Mr. D. W. Watson:

We first lived in a house on Stone Pipe Street in 1872. There were two families lived here and we built the first drug store and telegraph office on one side and the first baker shop on the other side was Dr. Watson and Michael Cunningham. The lumber was bought for \$5 per load. The building stood where Mr. Oliver McQuay lives. Clarksonville stepped along pretty fast, the next building was three apartments, drug store, telegraph and baker shop and hardware. The lumber then was \$8 per M.

Our first school was down on Mr. Gordon Brown's farm. It had two rooms. After a short while one room was moved to Clarksonville and the other to Green's Choline. Our first school still stands in the village and is the garage shop once occupied by the late Mr. M. Simpson.

The school had one room and one dog and the first teacher was Robert McKee Gray. We attended this school while the new one was being built. I thought we had been there long enough and so I started another, but by the name of

be and I staffed the chimney with straw and of course the smoke all came back in the room. The school, we thought we had better move at once so we got to the new school next day. Two rooms were ready. I took care of the school for \$25 a year, and married the wood up again. One of our first teachers was Mr. Macpherson.

The first post office was on the corner where Mr. John Campbell's store is located—now in 1250 the Urbanville Street. It was a two story building and over 100 feet long. The printing office was above and Senator Lyman Jones with his brother D. A. Jones ran a general store on the ground floor for some time. The D. A. Jones Bee Yard was right in the village and also a big grape yard on the front street. It had a high board fence and a little narrow board walk 75 yards long to the next street. D. A. used to have at least 100 swarms of bees. I often went out and brought in a few of them on a day. D. A. used to take a can of honey to the Toronto Exhibition every year, and you could buy it in jars from 5c up. He also ran a large factory making all kinds of supplies for the Bee-keeper. Mr. D. A. Jones planted nearly all the trees in Beeton and I give water to water them over 20 years ago. He was nicknamed the Bee King, through him we finally got our name Beeton. The first railway Beeton in 1872. The station was to be at Mr. Wright's hill, but D. A. Jones gave them the land for it where it now stands. If they would build down from the first paper was printed where Miss Anne Willoughby now lives. They lived for 40 years in Beeton—54 that is another story.



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## Interesting History And Happenings In Beeton Of Seventy Years Ago

(Continued from Last Week)  
(By Jane Gibb)

The pupils attending Hammett's School presented their weekly, Mr. D. McCaughan with a handsome roundtable cup, and photograph album, as a token of their esteem. Since the opening of the school no teacher has been as popular or as successful. The only trouble with the presentation is that Dan's face is as devoid of hair as a shorn lad.

The Rev. W. E. Booth is now assistant to the Rev. T. Campbell at the Canada Methodist Church. During 1886 the warm weekly communion of the Beeton World was 1138. (It now has been reduced and now thirty-eight children and congregations have been received from Alliston, Huron, Orlin, Pictou, Elora, Ingersoll, Barrie, Adams, Cayuga, Adams, Dufferin, Adirondack, Middlebury, and Thetford News.

In Oronoville it is no longer considered correct to smoke a clay pipe whilst dining. Ladies with any self respect kick the pipes from their parlours mouth. (Oh dear, dear!)

It cost Farmer 1885 to make his first engine in 1885.

The town of Madoc is taking electric lighting system, but some Beeton will take up the question presently.

A parliamentary movement is about to subdivide the County of Simcoe which is too large. The County town is situated at too great a distance from the major portions of the municipalities which have to transport business. Simcoe would make three divided municipalities and if it were so divided Beeton would, from its central situation, have a good chance to be made the county town. At the time Oliver Mowat has taken this question of re-division of the counties into his serious consideration then it is distinctly understood that Beeton is in the field for the County town.

An item appears about the newly elected county council for 1886 which consists of 14 members, of which 27 are new members, and then goes on, Thomas Ashby of Beeton has been named on the Council. Thomas Hargreave, the 1884 town, and H. Belmont, the youngest John Stewart of Alliston is the youngest but Ashby of Beeton has the longest face. (The Beeton, Cullum of Tecumseh and P. Small of Adira are the most usual names Hamilton of Markham the more teller, Mowat of Collingwood believes heavily in the use of salt, especially in regard to Charles Dewey of On. is the "Oliver Mowat" of the monthly Motion of Orlin is the most subtle. Glad Cook of Tecumseh is the most unassuming. Thompson, Adams, whilst Simon of Vernon is the leading socialist. Arthur Thompson of Orlin is the most religious of the entire crowd. There are

seven bold birds in the assembly and seven water slaves. (Beeton of Beeton is most particular about the pronunciation of its name. Wanda of Markham, who is a true sold down every season. History of Orlin sports a velvet coat and a genial expression. Children of Barrie is a pill maker and Noble Greenway of light head notoriety is the man of greatest skill. Cook of Barrie is a healthy individual but not much by any means. McColl, son of Pennington sports a pretty pair of sideburns and J. T. Barrie of Greenham prides himself on his beautiful whiskers. Rogers is the "Bobby Dime" and a great believer in logic and common sense. P. P. McCoy and Tom McCarthy both wear their best clothes and it is hard to decide which is the better dressed. Loftus of Thor don't smoke a cigar unless it has a red head. J. D. Booth has the intention to be stout. The name of Watt is nicknamed the "Dinner Fork" man and ex-captain Patton is designated the "Prince of Black skin". Rogers of On. is the most successful businessman in the Metropoli. he was in the Kingston and West. Cook is the most successful when politics. There are

and a number of men will not be a by-law to raise the price of farming. The Council of 1886 are intelligent, good, sobered men and no other county in the Dominion can boast of such a rational segregation of personified wisdom.

It has been remarked and rightly so that the best time to discover the boundary line between two corrupted jobs is during the same shuffling season.

Mr. D. A. Jones is meeting a large number of money and capital together in the British and Colonial Exhibition in London. England. Cook of Beeton World has also been requested by managers of the Exhibition.

Twelve bands are now engaged in the World office and the last of work keeps all on the bench. The World has a number of another good time.

Five small boys were committed to jail for one week. An Oronoville boy speaking with a dirty story.

A petition asking for a special act to legalize the by-law incorporating the Village of Beeton was introduced to the Local Legislature by G. Phelps Esq. M.P.P. Jan. 20th, 1886 and read Feb. 2nd.

Mr. James Hammett has sold his farm 8 1/2, Lot 5, On. 3 to Mr. E. Walker for the sum of \$2500.

The pollclerk Vaters Ltd. order the Dominion Province show Beeton to contain 148 voters. Total 112.

The Village anti-incorporation petition (containing 30 names) was presented in February 1886 to the House by G. W. Ridgway, M.P.P. and the Act also appeared its first reading that day. It was referred to the committee on Feb. 20th, 1886.

The petition of the Beeton World is now T. H. Macpherson, manager C. E. Larkin, (Clerk), editor, and George W. Ross, treasurer. They have organized a dramatic club "The Beetonites" and are putting on a comedy in Jones Hall, Totten 25th.

Collingwood water works will cost about \$60,000.

Auction sales are advertised on March 12, 1886 the farm stock and implements of Mr. Gerard Stewart 26 On. 7, Tecumseh, and on March 14th, farm stock, implements and furniture of Mr. James Hammett 5 1/2, On. 4, two months from the sum over 15, E. H. Wadsworth, publisher for both these sales.

Mr. John Dewey was recently presented with a handsome smoking pipe by a group of his friends. Mr. Dewey is leaving home to take up work as auctioneer in Perth. The name of Mr. James Hammett was also included by a party of friends and friends gifts presented to Mr. Hammett a magnificent pipe. To Mr. Hammett a silver coat and in the arm and daughter a watch chain and ring respectively. The family is moving to Oronoville where Mr. Hammett will operate a grocery.

Mr. Eakin of the Lindsay book skin factory last week (March 18th) imported from New York a lot and a half of book staid to be used in the manufacture of book staid.

There are many children in Beeton who do not attend school simply because they have no desire to do so. It is a bad thing in a family when youngsters defy the authority of their parents with impunity.

On March 9th, 1886, Doug Watt represented the "World" at the annual meeting of the Ontario and the province.

The special Act of Parliament creating the Village of Beeton has received its final reading and now awaits the sanction of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Beeton School expenditure for 1885 amounted to \$1075.77.

It has been suggested that a subscription be taken up and a hall purchased and placed of some building in the centre of the village to be run at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 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993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

There is no doubt that it is a good thing to have a hall for the use of the people.

The school concerts have been most successful and it is suggested they be held every three months. It will help to weaken interest in school matters.

Mr. W. R. Fenton has been presented with a gold watch and chain by Messrs. Finley Co. of Alliston, in whose service he has been for the past twenty-five years.

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Charles Port, on the 14th of March, Mr. G. N. Clarke, through assistant. By-law passed appointing Messrs. John Orlin, James Joseph Wright, Alex. Lilly Sr., and W. J. Horton, assessors. An amendment to by-law No. 8 was introduced relating to the tax on dogs and amends that one dollar be paid for every dog and double that for a female dog. Fine for non-payment less than \$1.00 more than \$4. The Village accounts included \$120 to R. T. Harting for copy of the original petition proving for incorporation.

The Incorporating Bill, March 1886, is a model of brevity. It states that By-law 279 of the municipal council of the County of Simcoe is declared to be a legal and valid by-law and all acts, matters, or things done, or omitted to have been done by virtue of or in consequence of the said by-law, are hereby declared to have been as legally done as if the said by-law had been valid and legal by-law when passed as now confirmed, and to be binding upon the Corporation of the said Village of Beeton and the taxpayers thereof. The expense of obtaining this Act shall be borne by the Village of Beeton and paid to any person entitled thereof. Clause 2 says: "Nothing in this Act contained shall be held to affect the rights of the parties to the said litigation as regards the cost thereof. As all the costs incurred in securing the passage of this by-law are to be discharged by the municipality the tax rate will be slightly higher this year.

Corn is selling at 4, its seed, blue and white shirts, at 2, and three goods from 1 to 3, at R. Scott's store.

Beeton school trustees are at hot water again. This time by neglecting to give attention to the school well and pump. The well is full and overflowing and the covering is broken and in dangerous condition.

The following is a list of the Beeton and suburbs in Beeton: Dry Goods, 4; Grocery stores, 1; Bakeries, 1; Churches, 1; Hotels, 4; Books and Shoes, 6; Hardware, 1; Timmer, 2; Carriage Builders, 4; Flour Mill, 1; Grain Store, 1; Butchers, 2; Barbers, 2; Cabinet makers and Undertakers, 1; Oyster Parlor, 1; Dressmaking, 1; Milliner, 1; Tailor, 1; Coopers Shop, 1; Farm and Door Factory, 1; Hardware Shop and Agricultural Implements, 1; Livery Stable, 1; Stationers, 4; Printing House, 1; Fancy Goods, 1; Harvest Glove Manufacturers, 2; Pump Shop, 1; Book Binders, 1; Shoe Keepers, 2; Fences and fences, 1; Millwright, 2; Antiquary Dealer, 1; in all 77 business houses and four more.

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than Beetham.

Since Milliken, The Star-Flour Mills in Beeton, advertise "Flour of Unequalled quality in the Dominion." M. Watson and Son advertise "The Staff of Life" and other goods from the Old Reliable Bakery, and Jos. Haterian offers two acres on East Centre and side streets, fronting Centre is a commodious rough cast house and turns with stabling and on the rear a six room rough cast house, fruit trees and 65 yielding vines. Messrs. Macdonald and Andrews have purchased the Owens Sawmill for \$1,500, also owing to great increase in practice Dr. W. Nichol (veterinary surgeon) has had to get an assistant.

Mr. John Appleby and family have moved to St. Thomas. W. Bell has bought out his entire stock of hardware.

At the vestry meeting held in St. Paul's Church, Messrs. H. Washburn and R. Hill Jr. were elected wardens for the coming year.

At the regular meeting of Council, Messrs. McCarthy, Nepler and McCarthy's account re incorporation bill was read, also an account from F. H. Macpherson for \$108.21 being cash advanced for private bill. By-law No. 1 was then amended prohibiting cattle wandering around the village streets. Milch cows, not in by 8 p.m. will be impounded. The poundkeeper is to collect and hand over to the inspector or other person impounding 10 cts. for each horse, bull 75 cts.; cows 30 cts.; young cattle 30 cts. each; sheep and swine 10 cts.; poultry 10 cts. Mr. James Heechan was appointed Village Inspector at a salary of \$5. per annum together with a percentage of fines collected. His duties also will be to see that all the Village by-laws are obeyed. McCarthy's bill was held over, second account paid.

Friday, May 1st, was Arbor Day at the school, sixty-one trees were planted and three flower beds made.

Reeve Atkins has been in poor health for some time past and is confined to his bed.

F. H. Macpherson, manager of the Beeton Works was married June 8th, 1886, to Miss Maggie A. daughter of the late Thos. C. Lee. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother in Aurora, the ceremony performed by Rev. G. W. Hewitt, B.A.

Council met Monday, June 28th, Gilbert Dunham was appointed Inspector and William Fennon was told he could have \$1.50 for purchasing Noble's cow for six weeks. James Scott was paid \$97.50 for summing and 1,000 ft. of lumber.

Mounted police are the very latest in Toronto. What about Beeton? If Inspector Heechan were mounted then the way of the vagrant cattle would be hard.

Dr. Chaffy sold his residence on Centre Street in Aurora and is moving to Toronto.

On Friday, August 6th, the newly obtained and newly married Rev. T. Wilson and his bride were tendered a reception by members of the Beeton Presbyterian Church. Tea was served in the open air. Mr. James Scott presiding. Appropriate greetings were extended by Rev. Cornwell and Rev. Butler. There were songs by the choir and by Misses Fenton and Geary. Mr. Wilson was presented with a purse by Mrs. Robert Scott on behalf of the congregation and Mrs. Angus Smith read the address.

The total assessment of real and personal property in the village is \$72,035 (1886) whilst the county equalization is \$34,346, this shows our assessment is far too low. Tottenham's roll amounts to \$91,000, and the equalized assessment is the same as ours.

The bondsmen who guaranteed the costs in the suit and appeal re incorporation will pay \$600.14 for their loyalty to the village.

The account stands: To Plaintiff's cost in original suit, \$402.11; To Defendant's cost in original suit \$306.00; Total \$708.11

One half is paid by the County Council leaving: One half of costs \$373.55; Costs of appeal \$330.50; Total \$704.05.

In September 1886, the Reeve, Thos. Atkins, was said to be dangerously ill and might have to retire from public life. He has been in poor health for some time past.

A. N. Hurwell, the cattle king of Beeton, has in the past two months shipped forty carloads of cattle to Buffalo and Montreal.

In a recent Council session, George Everall was appointed Clerk in the place of W. H. Dickson removed. The collector's roll was requested to be returned within a few days.

The Beeton School trustees have

accepted Miss MacKenzie's resignation owing to the expiry of her certificate. The Misses Patterson and Macpherson have been hired at \$250. per annum and Mr. J. Macpherson was re-engaged as Principal for another year.

The Village rate for the current year has been struck at 21 and 19-40 mills. Had it not been necessary to apply for a special act to incorporate the Village, the income from the dog tax and commutation of statute labor would have been sufficient to pay all the running expenses of the municipality. The rate is made up as follows: County rate 7 1/2, Rail-road 3 1/10, School rate 10, School debtors 1 3/4, Village rate 2 1/4. Reeve was paid \$5. for postage. Road commissioner and Collector Beeton's salary was paid less \$5. for sitting trustees and the Reeve was instructed to rent the A.O.U.-W. hall for a court sitting. M. Gavther's map of the village, not being correct, was not approved. New maps received later, fee \$65.

Coal is selling at \$6.90 per ton in Beeton.

Following a petition to Council regarding the location of the new station to replace the one burned Sunday, Nov. 28th, a meeting has been called to meet with R.R. officials to discuss the matter with them. At that meeting it was decided to have a rail cut on a temporary platform do service until next May when a new station and a residence will be erected.

The year 1886 is about to step down and out. Nominations are once more in order and on an assured foundation. The slate shows the following names: For Reeve, J. Wright and G. N. Clark. For Council: Messrs. Scott, Mitchell, Parkins, Lilly, Campbell, Riddell and Evans.

The year 1887 starts with the new Council, Reeve J. Wright, Council, Messrs. Lilly, Campbell, Riddell and Evans.

On January 9th, Thomas Atkins the first Reeve of Beeton, and the guide through its troubled times of incorporation, died at the age of 50. He had been ailing for some time. Of the men elected to sit with him in Council not one had held office before with the exception of Mr. Wright. Hence it revolved solely upon him to place the infant corporation upon a solid footing.

The thanks of the Village at large are due to Messrs. G. N. Clark and W. H. Dickson for their efforts in securing the passage of the incorporation Act. Without them they made several visits to Toronto in connection with the Act and much credit is due to their efforts.

In 1886 there was discussion in favour of Protestant Church Union. Beeton had a brass band with 20 members and received a grant of \$100 for instruments, providing said instruments remained the property of the Village. The baseball team arrived and a club was formed. The Cricket Club was going strong under reorganization. Officials were Hon. Pres. W. R. Fenton; Pres. W. G. Stephens; V. Pres. Thos. Atkins, Captain H. Washburn, Sec. C. W. Lawton.

Mechanics Institute established Monday, Nov. 22nd, 1886, forerunner of the present day (1886) Public Library.

AND a local man dislocated his shoulder polishing his boots!



## Honor Befell "The Pig" As First Inmate To Occupy Beeton Pound

Before the institution of the Pound became law in our village, the animals roamed at large, Centre Street being the favorite promenade. One morning some one stole the bell off the red heater (a frequenter) and most of the Centre Streets were late up and to work. The Ontario government had passed a law, singling out pigs and decreed that all porcine family must be moved outside a corporation, or kept at least 75 feet from a dwelling. The story is told of the honor that befell "The Pig." It was the first animal to occupy the Beeton Pound. It was a nice old thing and entered at the back door of a residence (on Centre St.) and in the back kitchen made it self at home, it left before discovery by the family, leaving behind a sorry mess of flour and shorts that had been in storage. Pocky returned the next morning for a refill, was apprehended, and marched off to the Pound.

Each season brought its quota of peddlers, and some of courses, who dared not make a second appearance or risk a buyer's ire. One of the articles offered was an "anti-explosive" and was represented as being a sure preventive against an explosion of a coal oil lamp. The article sold at 10c and consisted of a small piece of chalk wrapped in an inch square of red flannel. A yard of flannel and a box of school chalk would make a thousand. In present day parlance "it was a gyp." Another pork peddler sold a housewife a motto inscribed "Ici on parle Français" upon the presentation that it was the original Latin text for "God Bless Our Home!"

It was in July of 1885 that the boys of the 35th Battalion, No. 4 Company returned from the War, the Rebellion quelled. A public reception was tendered and a banquet at the Coulter Hotel. Col. Tringwain was with the men. The Dominion government had passed a law that every volunteer who had been on active service in the N.W. should receive 320 acres of land, with the understanding that the subdivision must be occupied by June 1st, 1889, and resided on continuously for six months in the year. There was an old law passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada in 1805, providing that steps be taken to prevent the spreading of the Canadian Thistle in the province. There was a penalty of \$20 against any property owner who failed to comply with the law, and it was the path maker's duty to see that the public roads and highways were kept free.

Further records show that the Delinquent and Galsky's Fashion books were going strong, also Dr. Chum's remedies, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Pure Gold Baking Powder, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Commendative notes were much in evidence. Dr. Stocum's being most prominent, also Clapperton's seed cotton. From pictures old Dr. Chase has never changed a hair—grown through the years, but there is no trace of Smith Bros. In May 1885, the Bank of Toronto declared a half yearly dividend of 4 per cent being at the rate 8 per cent per annum, with a 2 per cent bonus in the paid up Capital of the Bank. This was Dividend No. 52.

It was in March of 1885 that an agitation was started for a formation of a Farmers' Institute, the purpose being that discussions could be held of ways and means to make farming pay.

About 1884-5 a bathroom was being erected or installed in Shelburne and was considered much of a curiosity, many visitors went to inspect the same. Dr. McClellan of Acton, donated 13 acres of land to that village for a cemetery. Two young ladies were seen smoking cigars on the street in Affton. Archbishop Lynch laid the corner stone for the new Catholic Church in Tottenham, and early this same year (85) a cyclone swept through the north end of the Muskoka District, then went from west to east, two children were killed, and much damage done to trees and property.

In the early days of East Sim-

coe there were three families named respectively Bagg, Borrow and Steele, all highly respected citizens in the community. Another milestone was passed in the story of Canada's progress, the building of the C.P.R. was first and was turned May 1st, 1883, and the last spike driven November 7th, 1883, the time occupied in building the road four years and six months, average accomplished each day 2.8 miles. The length of the main line between Quebec and Vancouver 1963 miles.

The bicycle had arrived in Beeton (1885). It is described as an innocent looking narrow gauge affair, consisting mainly of one wheel. A tire was immediately started with about a dozen members, some of whom came to grief. One unfortunate victim of a tumble and a resultant badly sprained ankle explained magnanimously, "It wouldn't stand still while you got on, and you couldn't stop it without getting off." Then he further explained he was trying the "Watson trick," trying to turn a six-foot machine on a five foot road—

and only Watson can do it. (The Watson referred to is undoubtedly the D. W. Watson of 1886).—J.R.

In March of '85, Charles Baxter, owner of the Queens Hotel made an assignment of his estate to Thomas Atkins. The property was 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, starting at southwest angle of Lot 1, north along the westerly boundary 126 feet, then east parallel with westerly boundary 185 feet, then south along the easterly boundary 133 feet then west along southern boundary 165 feet to place of beginning, according to the plan SE 1/4 of lot 16, con. 8, with a right of way 12 feet wide over the northerly part to Queen Street subject to a right of way over and land. Also Village lot 8, south of Main Street east of Centre, laid out on the north half of lot 10, con. 7, Township of Tecumseh by A. C. Thompson, P.L.C. being one-fifth of an acre more or less. On the premises are said to be three-story brick hotel and store, stables and shed also a frame dwelling and kitchen and woodshed. Particulars Jones Bros., and Mackenzie Canada Permanent Loan, Toronto or W. H. Dickson, Beeton.

Mr. James Stephens announced that he had rented Central Park, Beeton, to the circus, for a handsome figure. Tottenham friends are asking the location of "Central Park."—"Can it be," they ask, "the old battle patch back of the blacksmith's shop, the one that caused Brother Hughes so much trouble last year?" Very early records reveal that the Beeton Fair was at one time held at the rear of Trinity Church, and the road in was to the east of Centre Street and back of the Centre Street properties to the grounds. In the early spring and during rainy seasons, the road was almost impassable for the horses.

In '83, Dr. W. H. Pentland purchased the Drug business from Dr. Whitesides. Tondinson of the first Class A1 Grocery Store and spent for huggles and silkies offered for sale upon huggs \$90, and with a rubber lined top \$110. The new Royal Hotel was opened in Shelburne. Dr. W. Watson figured in many ice races in Hamilton, he came in second twice, and brought home to Beeton the silver cup. D. A. Jones was operating a wood drying kiln, it has a capacity of 20,000 feet and the greenest wood in a week becomes as dry as tinder, he charges \$2 per M for custom drying. A social, a get together, a report could be gathered at the drop of a hat, splendid talent too, although a record of a stonemasonry held in a nearby community reports that the Glee Club sang "Sailing" also as flat as a Dakota prairie, notwithstanding the social was a success in every way. And a local housewife found a set of false teeth in a baker's loaf of bread.



## Historical Paper on The Memorial Gates Given At Beeton W.I.

The following article on the origin of Beeton Memorial Gates at the entrance to the Community Park was given by Mrs. W. W. Cole at the Women's Institute meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

It was at the first formal meeting of the newly organized branch of the Beeton Women's Institute, held in the home of Mrs. Henry Aitkin on November 9th, 1930 that Miss Wallwin suggested to the gathering that a fitting War Memorial to the boys who fell in World War I should be one of the major projects undertaken. The matter had been mentioned at the formative meeting in October 1930, and Miss Wallwin with Mrs. Evans were now appointed directors of the new venture. Mrs. Henry Aitkin, as president presided over this first meeting, present also were Mrs. Williams, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Martin, 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Morton, sec-treas, and Mrs. H. Campbell, assistant to the secretary-treasurer.

Miss Wallwin's suggestion was received with enthusiasm, all present agreed that something should be done, that it was a worthwhile challenge to the new organization, but just what and how much a plan could be carried through successfully was a debatable question. Discussions were many, a Park was suggested, and government officials came to discuss the matter with the Institute. In the event of such a memorial the government would pay 25 per cent of the cost.

In August 1931, a Garden Party was held and the money realized placed in the fund already started. Many months passed. The idea was still much alive, but changes had taken place. The Agricultural Society had sold to the Village a portion of its holding facing on Prospect street, and extending some 10 feet or more to the north of the building then known as the Agricultural Building.

The whole Village seemed now to become Park conscious, and it was Mr. Chapman who became most active in clearing the land and beautifying the grounds by planting trees and shrubs.

The Institute now decided that a formal entrance to this park would be a fitting and lasting memorial to the memory of those boys who had not returned. A collecting committee was formed, and long hours and hard the members worked. The area covered by Beeton WI extended from the 7th line to the 13th line, and west to the town line between Adela and Tecumseh, and east to the Glasgow farm. Beyond this particular point Bond Head made collection for their own Memorial. Among the names on the active collecting committee we find Mrs. W. Strangways, Mrs. Wallwin, Mrs. Albert Smith, Mrs. Williams (the second president of the Beeton WI), Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Soering and Mrs. H. J. Burton.

In February 1932, the council with Mr. H. E. Campbell as representative and councillors G. H. Wray, R. T. Calhoun, R. C. Kearns, and T. C. Chapman, appointed a Community Park Committee, with personnel H. E. Campbell and G. H. Wray representing the village council, T. A. Chapman, the Horticultural Society, Frank Wilcox, the Agricultural Society, F. Taylor, King George Celebration committee, Mrs. W. F. Strangways, Women's Institute, and Mr. J. Jordani.

In 1932 affairs moved rapidly. At the annual field day of the King George celebration committee in June, the Institute had tag sellers on the grounds proceeds going to the Memorial Gateway fund. The memorial fund had increased to the point where it seemed that at last the long discussed memorial to be erected to the memory of the fallen heroes of Beeton and vicinity had finally materialized.

Mr. Joe Parrot of the Alliston Marble Works was awarded the contract for the granite pillars to be erected at the entrance to the town park. The pillars are four in number, the tall centres two feet square and seven foot high, flanked on either side by pillars 21 inches square and five feet high. This al-

low for a wide central driveway and two side path gates. These columns are set on one solid base. It was not until 1931 that the wrought iron archway and lights were added to the Memorial.

The unveiling took place on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, 1937. It was a bitterly cold day and snow covered the countryside. The service was held in the auditorium of the town hall. The front seats were filled by relatives of those who had fallen in the Great War, and behind them were seated the veterans from Beeton and elsewhere who had served during the conflict, the remainder of the hall and gallery was filled by citizens who came to render homage to those who did not return. On the platform was seated Major Knowles an original of the 4th Batt. Canadian Infantry, and later an officer of the 157th, who delivered the chief address, with him was Mr. Earl Rowe, who acted as chairman, Mr. J. H. Mitchell, MPP, Mrs. W. F. Strangways, president of the local branch of the WI, Rev. A. P. Kennedy, Rev. W. T. Crumpton, Rev. I. R. Wallwin of Weston, Capt. (Rev.) R. K. Lambert of Hornings Mills and Major F. T. Nicol of Toronto.

Captain Lambert, a former pastor of Trinity Church, addressed the gathering briefly, and Mrs. Lambert sang "In Flanders Fields," and Beeton Ottawa Band rendered several numbers.

Following the address by Major Knowles, Major Nicol took charge of the parade which included veterans, nursing sisters and school children, all marched to the Memorial Gates led by the band. After the unveiling by Major Knowles, Mrs. Strangways placed a wreath at the foot of the pillar. Inscribed on the granite are the names: Edgar Douglas, Fred Penn, Oscar Haines, Oscar Ham-mell, Neil McCullough, George M. Reynolds, Albert Smart, Norman Henry, Arthur Smith, John A. Wright, Genselman Bateman and Henry Ciskony World War I 1914 to 1918, Aubrey Coburn and Ross Robinson World War II 1939 to 1945.

Graven in stone for all to see are these names, but ever alive in the hearts of those who loved them. These gates should speak to the coming generations of the unselfish devotion of men who were faithful to death that we might enjoy freedom and the liberties of British citizens.

### MISSING A GIRL A CENTURY AGO

An old saw has it that "Straws show which way the wind is blowing," and letters written a century ago, just so surely reveal a way of life enjoyed at that time. We have an epistle written on blue lined paper, in fine Spencerian script, which reads as follows:

Tecumseh P.O.,  
Charksville, Oct. 27, 1836

Dear Friends - I take this opportunity of letting you know we are all well at present, hoping to find you the same. I got home safe but I was tired, for I walked from Bond Head. I partly write this to see if I could get one of the girls to come and live a few months with me, for we have a good deal of sewing to do at present. So please write and let me know as soon as possible, and I can meet them at Bradford. Be sure and let me know the day if she comes.

Signed Affectionately,  
ALEX KEARNS.

Mr. E. Wiggins.

P.S: Girls are going \$1.00 per month, I shall give that if one comes.

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Original letter exists.  
Mrs. Wiggins Main St.  
I.C.

## An Historical Review of Big Fire And Waterworks in Beeton

This is a paper given at the February meeting of the Beeton W.I. by Mrs. Cole. It deals with the Big Fire of 1892 and the formation of the Waterworks System.

A map has been made of Beeton Main Street (north side) prior to the 1892 fire and has been inserted in the Twentyfourth Book.

The information for this map was obtained from Mrs. J. Hill, Cloverment Road, Toronto. Mrs. Hill was born in Beeton in 1879 and moved to Toronto in 1904. She was the daughter of Henry Mitchell who was foreman of the factory for the late D. A. Jones. Her great grandfather came from Ireland with his three sons. Mrs. Hill's grandfather was Robert Mitchell who settled on the 9th line and married a Miss Lilly. Mrs. Hill spoke of the old rink and pond, when ice was made by good Mother Nature and said the late Dan Wilson taught her to skate.

There were two big fires in Beeton, one in 1889 when buildings on the south side of Main Street were destroyed from what was Miller's Butcher Shop to Centre Street. The later fire occurred in 1892, October 19th, when thirty-five buildings and stables were destroyed at an estimated loss of \$44,700. It broke out on the premises of A. N. Hipwell on the north side of Main and spread rapidly eastward. It crossed the road and continued on its eastward way. It was finally held in check in the north by a fire-break just west of the Beeton World building and on the south by a narrow break between Ashton's Drug Store and the premises of W. J. Bell, hardware merchant. Due to the almost superhuman efforts and exertion of the volunteer firemen who formed a bucket brigade and saturated the buildings with water the fire was kept under control until help came from Barrie. It was too late though and the business section of Beeton finally lay in ruins. The cause of the fire was said to be a defective flue. Beeton then decided that the time had come for action and plans were formulated for the water supply system.

Mrs. W. J. Wiggins of the Beeton Women's Institute at the February meeting in 1939 gave an interesting paper on the development of the Beeton waterworks which has been considered the best system in Simcoe County, and the same is reproduced herewith.



# History of Beeton Waterworks System Dating Back to 1892 Reviewed by WI Convener

Speaking recently before the Beeton Women's Institute, Mrs. J. W. Wiggins gave an interesting paper on the development of the village waterworks system, which has been considered the best system in Simcoe County. The text of Mrs. Wiggins' address should prove of interest to readers familiar with the South Simcoe village and countryside and is being reprinted below in its entirety.

Perhaps to emphasize the need of a water supply, I might quote a clipping from The Barrie Examiner, entitled "The Demand for Water."

"Water, the most abundant liquid on earth, speeds enough seems today to be in great demand. The problem is pointed up in dry seasons by the way cities such as New York have to clamp water restrictions on their citizens because of shortages.

One of the curious features of this enormous growing demand for fresh, adulterated water supplies, is the parallel expansion in conservation work.

Thus modern man, who spent hundreds of millions in money and effort laboriously clearing the land of its trees and swamps, now is spending as many millions more in replacing them in water-conservation projects. By holding the water in the land these also are helping in curbing disastrous spring floods and producing a year-round even flow.

"In Canada, many cities have curtailed hose-using hours to halt the indiscriminate sprinkling of lawns during the times industries are largely drawing from the city supplies. It all adds up to a notable decline in the water table—the underlying liquid reserve below the earth's surface. Recently many centres depending on artesian wells for water have found it necessary to go deeper and deeper in their search for abundant supplies.

"One of the factors aggravating the situation is that city dwellers have always been notoriously careless in their wastage of water. It usually is a matter of months before that leaky faucet is fixed.

Farmers, on the other hand, have had to be careful. No careless running from the taps for them—in fact, for most of them, no taps.

"Perhaps that is the crux of the problem. It takes a pump handle to educate people to the fact that water, like most of the necessities of life, comes from the earth."

The Beeton Waterworks Farm was purchased by the corporation of the Village of Beeton from Mr. Thomas Mitchell in 1892. The Council at that time was:

Reeve — Joseph Wright; Clerk — George Everall, and Councillors — William Lilly, William Camplin, Robert Scott and W. H. Mitchell.

Bylaw No. 97 submitted to the ratepayers of Beeton for approval to raise \$14,500 by debenture to construct waterworks as nearly as possible according to Plan No. 1 submitted by Mr. John Galt, a licensed engineer. Debentures to run over a period of 30 years at 5 per cent per annum. These debentures were approved and issued December 15th, 1893.

The following is a summary of waterworks:

Source of Supply — Springs 6, 900 feet from corner of Main and Patterson streets. Capacity of Coffey Dam — 25,000 gallons. Capacity of Reservoir — 210,000 gallons. Supply Main Pipes — 200 feet of 12-inch, 800 feet of 10-inch, and 1,900 feet of 8-inch cast iron pipe. Water Mains — 2,200 feet 8-inch, 2,000 feet of 6-inch and 1,000 feet of 4-inch. Main to Canadian National Railway, 4-inch pipe. Source of Supply — Concrete collecting basin of approximately 25,000 gallons (called coffer dam). Drinking water supplied direct from concrete collecting basin.

Fire Protection — The Reservoir is situated on Lot 11, Con. 7, Tecumseh township, and is supplied from the collecting basin (commonly called the coffer dam) by 2 pipes 6-inch in diameter, approximately 2,500 feet from Collecting Basin (or Coffey Dam) to the Reservoir. The Reservoir acts as a reserve basin.

The initial cost of the waterworks utility was approximated \$42,500 (principal and interest).

The waterworks farm where the springs are located is comprised of 104 acres of land, all forest.

The last of the debentures were paid off in 1942.

(This information was given by Mr. W. S. Robinson, then obtained from clerk of our village).

Mr. John Carlton, former reeve of Beeton writes about the Beeton Water System as follows:

"About the year 1892 the citizens of Beeton decided they would have fire protection and a supply of

good water for domestic purposes, so they purchased between four and five acres of land less than two miles from the village; on this land was a running creek fed by numerous springs in the immediate vicinity and was surrounded by several hundred acres of virgin forest. In those days woodcutting and timbering was carried on during the winter, consequently the forested land became less and less until the water supply became noticeably scarce. In 1914, a jeweller by the name of T. A. Chapman, came to Beeton. From the very first he was interested in our water system and warned us of the consequences of allowing the timber to be removed from the vicinity of our water supply. In 1916, when Mr. Chapman was elected to council, he urged very strongly the purchase of all land sloping to ward our water supply. His pleading more or less fell on deaf ears until the water supply became alarmingly small and the Council and citizens decided to take action. So in 1921, one hundred acres of land was purchased. In 1923, the first trees were planted. From year to year more trees were planted and another four acres of land was purchased, so that we now have 104 acres thickly covered with trees. We should at least have 150 acres more so as to control and protect our water supply. About five years after the first tree planting the springs that have disappeared or apparently dried up began to reappear and more and more springs are rising along the sides of the hills, so that now there is at all times a surplus of water running over the spillway. Every bit of water that Beeton uses comes from springs that rise on our own property."

We are truly enjoying the efforts of our pioneers in this project. Water from springs and plenty of it, when other surrounding towns, yes even in the city, had their supply cut off from time to time during the dry seasons.

This system has been commended in other papers, being considered the best water system in Simcoe County. We cannot over-estimate the services which our Council representatives render from time to time. Let us boost our own special advantages and give credit to our town fathers.

From Barrie Examiner Feb. 19, 1937

This paper was read again at the 20.9. meeting Feb. 1963, and is Mrs. Long's contribution to The Town's History.

Barnes Examines the Mill

RIE, ONTARIO, CANADA, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1949

## Once An Impressive Landmark Beeton Mill Being Torn Down



Demolition of an old landmark at Beeton—the Aitken Burns mill—is proceeding. It must have been an impressive structure in its time. For some years now it has stood, its walls jagged and gaunt, like a specter beside the road, its chimney still intact, towering fully 60 feet above the heaps of rubble, bricks and masonry, and the twisted, tortuous girders and giant machinery that lie just as they fell, in what must have been a most spectacular conflagration.

The original mill stood about a quarter-mile east of this last location, on the site now occupied by Agar's machine shop. This mill was built in the summer of 1899 by Harry Hunt and James Aitken came to take over the management. Mr. Hunt later left for LaSalle, Ark., and the mill was sold to James Aitken and W. E. Kerner. This partnership continued for some time and then came business changes and the firm was known as Aitken & Son, the son being M. Louis Aitken. On Oct. 21, 1912, fire completely destroyed the building. Nothing daunted, a new site was chosen near the railway. The new, standing in 1914,

greatly improved plans. Labor and materials were at a premium and the work of rebuilding was very slow. In April, 1916, just as things were going along nicely, Louis Aitken died, and another son, Henry, took over the management and the mill was known as the Aitken Milling Company. Later, Mr. J. Burns became a partner and the firm was now Aitken and Burns. Mr. Aitken, Sr. died in 1922 and business was carried on until 1936, when it again changed hands. In August, 1944, it was totally destroyed by fire.

And so the work of tearing down goes on—another story ends—a "finis" to the last chapter of a story of hopes and ambitions.

## Toronto Firm 1967 Buys Elevator Here

The Maple Leaf Mills Ltd., of Toronto purchased the Palmer Grain and Coal elevator and storage plant in Beeton last week. This company will take over on June 23rd.

The Palmer Grain and Coal has been operated by the Palmers for over 48 years. It started with the late Mr. Palmer at the helm and at his demise has been operated by his son, Donald.

When this firm takes over Donald will be retained as manager of the plant.

The Maple Leaf Mills intend to extend the present structure and additional grain storage buildings will be erected next year.

Mr. Mel Palmer, a brother of Donald, has been employed with Maple Leaf Mills for the past 25 years.

Oct. 12, 1967

Presented to Beeton by  
Mrs. Alice Green

My U noble Sam Ward team of  
horses and wagon with  
Ark. Robins driving them.  
Mr. Kettle beside wagon.

Mr. Jas. Aitken Flour Mill.  
Sam Ward and door was the





## Beeton Had A Bachelors Club In The Early Nineteen Hundreds

Back in 1900, Beeton had a group of young bachelors who "as and gathered together for mutual edification and enjoyment. According to an old memo dated November 1st, 1900, a "Bachelors' Club" was held at the Queen's Hotel, Beeton. The young bachelors were apparently organized for C. W. Ellis is named as President; W. R. Gifford, Secretary and W. A. Pringle, Treasurer. A Committee was composed of three members — Bert H. Herring, Chas. E. Dick and David S. McCutcheon. The members were apparently devotees of the Bang of Aven, for the menu has a Shakespearean flavor. We reproduce the menu herewith:

"But then, ever the table, serve the meat, and we will come to dinner" — Merchant of Venice.

### MENU

"Oh ye Gods! Ye Gods! Must I endure all this?" — Shakespeare.

### ENTREE

"Eat some and pocket up the rest" — New York Courts — Salads

### SOUP

"The great work is but begun" — Pensive Gabriel.

"Blague of Oysters" — Toasts

### ENTREE

"I cannot tell what the Dideron it is" — Merry Wives of Windsor, Salads and Cheese — Celery Mayonnaise — Beet a la Francaise

### TOAST

"What say you to a piece of beef and mustard" — Taming of the Shrew.

Bite of Deep down glass — Spring Lamb and Peas — Young Turkey Cranberry Sauce

### DOLE

"Heaven Sent us good Food but the Devil Sent us Cooks" — Gargot, Sugar Cured Ham — Fried Tongue

### VEGETABLES

"The common growth of Mother Earth sufficeth me" — Wordsworth, Potatoes Mashed — Stewed Corn in Cream — Cabbage — Green Peas

### DESSERT

"For this be mine that shall have escape tonight" — The Tempest, Wine Jolly — Assorted Fancy Cakes, Wafers — Fruit — Crackers — Cheese — Tea — Coffee — Milk

"He hath eaten me out of house and home" — Henry IV.

### TOASTS

1. THE KING — Proposed by Toastmaster; responded to by all in singing: "Wee is Roy" — God Save the King.

Never you monarch better feared and loved

Than is Your Majesty; there's not, I think, a subject

That sits in heart grief and uneasiness

Under seven shafts of your government.

2. BACHELORS — Proposed by Bert H. Herring; responded to by C. W. Ellis.

"Of all bad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these: 'It might have been.'" — Webster.

3. OUR HOST and HOSTESS — Proposed by Chas. E. Dick; responded to by J. E. Hall.

"With his depths and his shallows, its good and his evil."

All in all here's a gentleman — A fine valley of words garden.

"A fine valley of words garden, but quickly shot off." — Two

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3. CANADA and the EMPIRE — Proposed by Chas. E. Dick; responded to by D. S. McCutcheon.

It is the land that breeds the till, That adorns the Freedom throne.

The land where, girl with friends or boys,

A Man may speak the thing he will." — Tempest

4. THE LADIES — Proposed by Chas. E. Dick; responded to by W. R. Gifford.

"Oh women in the hour of ease, Uncertain, coy, and hard to please;

But seen too oft, familiar with her face —

We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

5. PROFESSIONS — Proposed by Chas. E. Dick; responded to by J. M. Simpson.

"For learning is the fountain pure Out from which all leary springs Whom therefore, will glory who With learning first must first begin" — Young

6. THE PRESS — Proposed by H. D. Fyfe; responded to by H. A. G. Williamson; "Mighty of the mightiest means on which the arts of Progress lean." — Byron.

7. THE TOWN — Proposed by H. A. Williamson; responded to by W. R. Gifford; "There is no evil, no crime so great as that of being cold in matters of the common good." — H. Street.

## J. E. Hammett Presents Them Majesties with Gold Nuggets

Sunday night 8,000 cheering people made most of the Royal today's 20-minute halt at Alton Lockport. Wealthy mine owners and prospectors who seldom leave the bush in the summer time flew out by airplane, Indians and settlers travelled part of the way by wagon. Two thousand school children were assembled at the mining town's station, each determined to get the best view of the King and the Queen, each vying with one another in the cheering. On their behalf and in behalf of the town, J. E. Hammett (formerly of Beeton) presented their Majesties with 14 gold nuggets in a blue Morocco leather case to take back to Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose. The Queen smiled as the rugged mining magnate made the presentation and, to his astonishment, hailed him: "Hallo, Jack Hammett." Her Majesty said, and added: "It is very gracious of you to present these nuggets to the Princesses on behalf of yourself and the district. Mr. Hammett smartly recovered and with courtly grace replied: "It is very gracious of Your Majesties to accept this gift. They are small so that the Princesses can play with them."

## County Town Has Places of Interest

When in Beeton a short time ago, we visited two places of interest. First, the Museum, where we met Mrs. Grace Steiner, the curator. The Museum is well worth a visit, although we had some trouble in finding the building. In future we shall remember it stands in the shadow of the Barrie jail wall. The exhibits are many and varied, with family and well placed. Of interest to Beeton visitors was a shaven wig, in blue with white hair, worn in the early 18th by a brother of Mrs. J. W. Wiggins who resides on Main Street here. A doll dressed in the style of long ago introduced one of our small companions, in fact she wants one just like it for Christmas. We saw something of interest in all the displays, a tea lighting which should develop as time goes by.

Next we visited the Simcoe Library Co-operative, we wanted to see the home of the Bookmobile which visits our Beeton Library and School. We saw the staff and browsed around the rooms where the books are assembled. From floors to ceilings it is books and more books, the piles separated by tags and tickets. Never have we seen such a display of books in disorder. We appreciated more and more the work situated and the service this branch of the library is rendering.

1960  
Original Menu  
with Mr. Michael  
Main Street  
J.C.

## Noted Author Writes of Boyhood Days Spent Beeton and District

Mr. Vernon E. Reynolds, who spent his boyhood days around Beeton, and is a brother of Mr. Cecil Reynolds of Teasdale township, has received some very favorable reviews of his latest work "Songs at Sunrise," and the volume is accepted for publication in New York. Included in the volume is a long poem, a pastoral, dealing with the author's boyhood life and experiences in and around Beeton. These poems and more especially "My Valley" have appeared in the Ludington Daily News, and the Beeton World is pleased to present portions of "My Valley" to its readers, more of the poem will appear weekly.

### "MY VALLEY"

In thought and fancy am I often  
Down  
To Middle's hill above yon Beeton  
village  
To wonder watch the spectacle of  
morn  
As from the Plains the wreath of  
night are torn.

Behold! Young Dawn does strike his  
enril hills  
And scatters day across my sleep-  
ing valley.  
The fields below a checkered carpet  
fill  
With flame that over Newtown  
riding now galls.

Some say that long ago perhaps a  
sea  
Here washed those gentle hills the  
Plains left fertile.  
But from this high century died  
they be  
Fought seas of forests deep, most  
stubbornly.

Below the village streets of Beeton  
what  
As dawn attacks yon hamlet hid  
with empires.  
Though not quite old as Goldsmith's  
village kind,  
I've always thought he had this  
town in mind.

The founder of the powerful hamlet  
old  
Did smoke his wealth from rows  
and rows of beehives,  
And thus the town, so often I've  
been told,  
Did gain its name from tireless  
workers bold.

Yet never seceded it symbol of hard  
work,  
Ours mid the stubbed fields of  
harvest,  
Each Saturday come night we  
reaping stick  
And baulful stare where unseen  
workers lurk.

The ice cream parlor was the hot  
test spot  
For younger folks, with their pal-  
ates pricking,  
Benam splits if you could pay the  
shot.  
Or just a single one seemed quite  
a lot.

Piano rolls singing allude in her  
First "Rocking" makes your heart  
fast and wildly  
The "Silver Threads Among the  
Gold," a tones.  
So now you know why Ascop plays  
such games.

And further down the street a par-  
lor where  
The steady farm folks sipped a  
beverage potent;  
But few if gossip ruled that village  
square,  
So proper always was the conduct  
there.

Twice said that certain merchants  
pressed with trade  
Did unbeknownst partake of nips of  
whiskey,  
Yet never did their trading grow-  
ers fade,  
More friendly rather was their dis-  
course made.

The men folk sat outside on store  
steps bare  
There watching all the girls per-  
ambulating;  
But talking mostly of the wheat  
just scare,  
Or fields some minutes long ago  
sown bare.

But if a horrid carriage showed  
up town,  
A motor buggy Ford or Stanley  
Steamer,  
Nay a man remained there staring  
down.

The owner — King with goggles,  
cap and gown.

But all good things must end, its  
getting late  
So Dad now herds us kids to Gert's  
butter;  
He begs Toledo Blade with Sun-  
day's date  
For us the funnies, him, the world's  
sad fate.

Oh luck some reckless lad we'll find  
to race  
But Gertie, faster than the moon at  
racing  
Would snort and pass him by at  
break neck pace  
To win, just like he'd stood there  
in one place.

It's thro' midnight when we reach  
the farm;  
The barnyard's strewn with peace-  
ful cattle sleeping,  
Such quiet after noisy town's a-  
lert—  
The world here always did seem  
far from harm.

JANUARY 19th, 1961

## Boyhood Poems Continued

This is part two of the Pastoral Poem by Vernon E. Reynolds, which is included in the book "Songs at Sunrise," now in the hands of the New York publisher. The poem here produced deals with the author's boyhood days in and around Beeton, and we are indebted to the Ludington Daily News for its production here.

(Continued from last week)

The early call to work was clear  
each morn.  
A shock with jangling row was  
never needed;  
The rooster's call warned all when  
day was born.  
Young folks all from sleep and  
drows were torn.

Rocky hills, dank with chilling al-  
pine dew  
Were favorite grazing grounds for  
stubborn heifers;  
Did it old Pete would wake and  
allow through,  
He'd do a better job than humans  
do.

Each day brought heavy task and  
share  
Before a man or boy could gobble  
breakfast;  
Then "Buster Browns" — we'd  
spread him on the floor,  
And about as over "Happy Hooli-  
gan" we'd pore.

Enough of this! Must get into our  
Sunday best,  
With Ma us kids would ride again  
with Gertie;  
To Church while Dad behind his  
blade would rest.  
With churches, pastors, was our vil-  
lage blest.

My heart seemed lifted with each  
organ swell  
And beauty of the chapel's colored  
windows,  
Which one did meet I never quite  
could tell.  
And pastor always gave his sermon  
well.

But greater peace I'll seldom know  
through life  
Than village lawn behind—freed  
mown for Sunday;  
That mystic madness mixed by  
lawnmower's knife  
With haunting melody from oriole's  
life!

My Dad was lord and ruled with  
sinewy hand,  
Allegiance knew he none save to  
the weather.  
His words were kids and help a  
middy hand.  
Who listened or hid from frowns  
and loud commands.

The trick of gathering eggs from  
hens that stray  
I never gave it too much appen-  
sion.  
Also there'd come that inevitable  
sorry day  
When dad would find a nest — and  
then I'd pay.



JANUARY 26th, 1961

## Boyhood Poems Continued

One day with nothing else to do  
And nagged by urge to do some  
deed creative,  
I drove a thousand shiny nails  
right through  
A nail, so done, it stands like arm-  
ored shoe.

But adolescent nitwits were not all,  
The hired man (and classed his par-  
ents as mine)  
Though fully grown, mature, both  
broad and tall  
He couldn't lift a fork or hay at all.

And even Pete that herder showed  
and fine,  
Out just escape the strident voice  
of censor,  
At times he'd get a little out of  
line  
And fetch up steers along with  
nicking mine.

It had seemed stern, he had a stern  
or boss  
His school might die in fields of  
skating icepools,  
A shed he leveled when tornado's  
fun  
Or harvest red in lakes — a total  
loss.

I didn't know a full grown man  
could cry  
Till dad and I stood watching night-  
bor sobbing,  
Hanging floods, when towering  
creek ran high  
Did wash away his fields, when  
screaming by.

I marvel how the harvesting got  
done  
With discmops and luggers in-  
efficient,  
The miles of strands, always too  
late run  
The running water foiled up in the  
sun.

But prattle forking squeezed the  
last in place  
As threshers round you corner and  
road sorted;  
The kids went wild, we'd heard that  
tractor race  
And clunk aboard like men, with  
greasy face.

Excitement high when engineer  
stop needed skill

The separator stirred with rope and  
pulley  
So cleverly right up that gangway  
hill  
If rope should break, a dozen men  
he'd kill.

Now firm again my dad again took  
charge  
And ordered men about, to Jim the  
water,  
To Jack the wood, to Hum the

This is part three of the pastoral  
poem by Vernon E. Reynolds en-  
titled "My Valley" which will ap-  
pear in the forthcoming volume  
"Songs at Sunrise." The Denver  
World is indebted to the Laidley  
Daily News for the copy as re-  
produced here.

No kindergarten drills nor jerry  
sprung,  
At seven I was in the army march-  
ing—  
Two five miles there and back—  
to school house red  
Where like a pall they tried to fill  
my head.

But nature, even then, she was my  
friend  
For soon she, huffing, puffing, high  
ways driving,  
Did crowd schooling for that win-  
ter visit  
Though Dad the cause of hounding  
did defend.

He had his point about this school,  
my folk  
The only "education" smothered by  
manipula  
Resulted, when he, hounding rumbles  
—death,  
To teachers none at night would  
walk.

And Dad it were had secretly bet-  
ter chance  
With all when school commenced  
the farm still held him,  
With stick in hand, by plow he'd  
take his stance,  
And, which the thistles like he held  
a lance.

With many autumn tasks still left  
to do  
First work to school in boots once  
seen for grades,  
Though huge they kept his toes  
from freezing through,  
But near to school he'd switch to  
bare feet blue.

Five daily and two weekly papers  
he  
Could study stem to stern no mat-  
ter;  
He said that honest schoolman  
he'd be  
Escape for knowledge insufficiency.

So now I think I understand quite  
well  
Just why he urged me down the  
road with horsewhip  
When thunder and the dark cloud's  
swell  
I feared would save me from the  
school's spell.

Smothered large,  
To Bill the duck and Ben the blue  
churns.

The engine never ceased to func-  
tion  
With hissing jets and smokestack  
belching;  
We'd breathe the weird odors early  
late  
And crawl down only for a strand  
of a plate.

The first thing after school he'd  
ask  
If I were still at head of class or  
fumbled;  
If still I clung — passionately — he'd  
boast  
In pride, if not he'd glower and  
give some task.

A few unwritten sure as small fish  
stood,  
Should any teacher have to give  
his punishment  
He'd ask his whipping too. Not just  
as good,  
But harder, for he'd use the wood.

Curricula designed for tangle to  
force  
The reading train to write the ec-  
lege thesis  
Three winters huffing puffing help-  
ed of course  
But dad at last he carried us by  
horse.

What wonder on that march to  
school were passed,  
The winding creek — the swimming  
holes that beckoned;  
We'd peer where men had drilled  
for oil again,  
And woods — A first love here de-  
signed to last.

He said that ever men some  
woodsmen hide,  
With me the love of woods, I guess  
I'm shameless—  
Down fifty years that mystic spell  
abides  
No soul still within haunts of boy-  
hood rides.

### Death of Mrs. Bell, 1961

Words from The Herald Observer  
the following notice of the death of  
Mrs. Bell, 87, mother of Mr.  
Thos. Bell, of this town to whom we  
extend our warm sympathy: "Death  
has again visited this place claiming as  
its victim Mrs. Wm. Bell who departed  
this life yesterday at early morning  
(Wednesday June 14th) in her 88th  
year. Mrs. Bell, whose maiden name  
was Janet Patterson, was born at  
Thornhill, Perthshire, Scotland, on Sept.  
27th, 1883. She immigrated to Canada with  
her parents in July 1896, arriving at  
Edmontonville on the 26th of Sept. of the  
same year. By a strange co-incidence  
her future husband, then a youth of 15,  
was on the same boat. She settled with  
her parents on the farm now owned by  
her brother, John Patterson, of Rogers-  
ville. She was married to her now be-  
lieved husband on the 21st of Feb. 1901,  
and the young couple took up residence  
on the farm now occupied by her son,  
James A. Bell, remaining there till they  
moved to their home, Main Cottage,  
Hansell, in 1904. The deceased was an  
excellent woman, an earnest Christian  
and faithful wife and mother. She  
never mourned her loss after a long-  
ing illness, a loving husband, three sons  
and four daughters; B. F. of Windsor;  
James A. of M.L. Pleasant farm, London  
Road and Thomas, of Boston. Mrs. G.  
A. McNeill of Chicago; Mrs. D. L.  
Anderson, of Oakville; Mrs. A. Taylor  
of Exeter, Mrs. J. R. Robbick of Hansell.  
Her funeral will take place to Rogers-  
ville cemetery on Friday June 21st at  
2:30 p. m.

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Figure 1 illustrates the steps of the proposed algorithm. The diagrams show a grid of points with various operations like selection, movement, and deletion. The steps are labeled 1 through 8 on the right side of the grid.

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$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}$

The solution

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$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Figure 1. A schematic diagram of the experimental setup. The subject is seated in a chair, viewing a screen. The screen displays a target (a small circle) and a starting point (a larger circle). The subject's hand is positioned at the starting point. The distance between the starting point and the target is labeled as  $d$ . The subject's hand is moved towards the target, and the distance between the hand and the target is labeled as  $x$ . The subject's hand is moved towards the target, and the distance between the hand and the target is labeled as  $x$ .

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Figure 1 is a line graph showing the percentage of total energy expenditure (TEE) for different activities over a 24-hour period. The Y-axis is 'Percentage of TEE' (0-100) and the X-axis is 'Time of Day' (0-24). The activities and their approximate percentages are:

Time of Day	Sleeping (%)	Resting (%)	Sitting (%)	Standing (%)	Walking (%)	Running (%)
0	80	10	5	0	0	0
4	80	10	5	0	0	0
8	70	15	5	0	0	0
12	60	15	5	0	0	10
16	50	15	5	0	0	10
20	40	15	5	0	0	10
24	80	10	5	0	0	0



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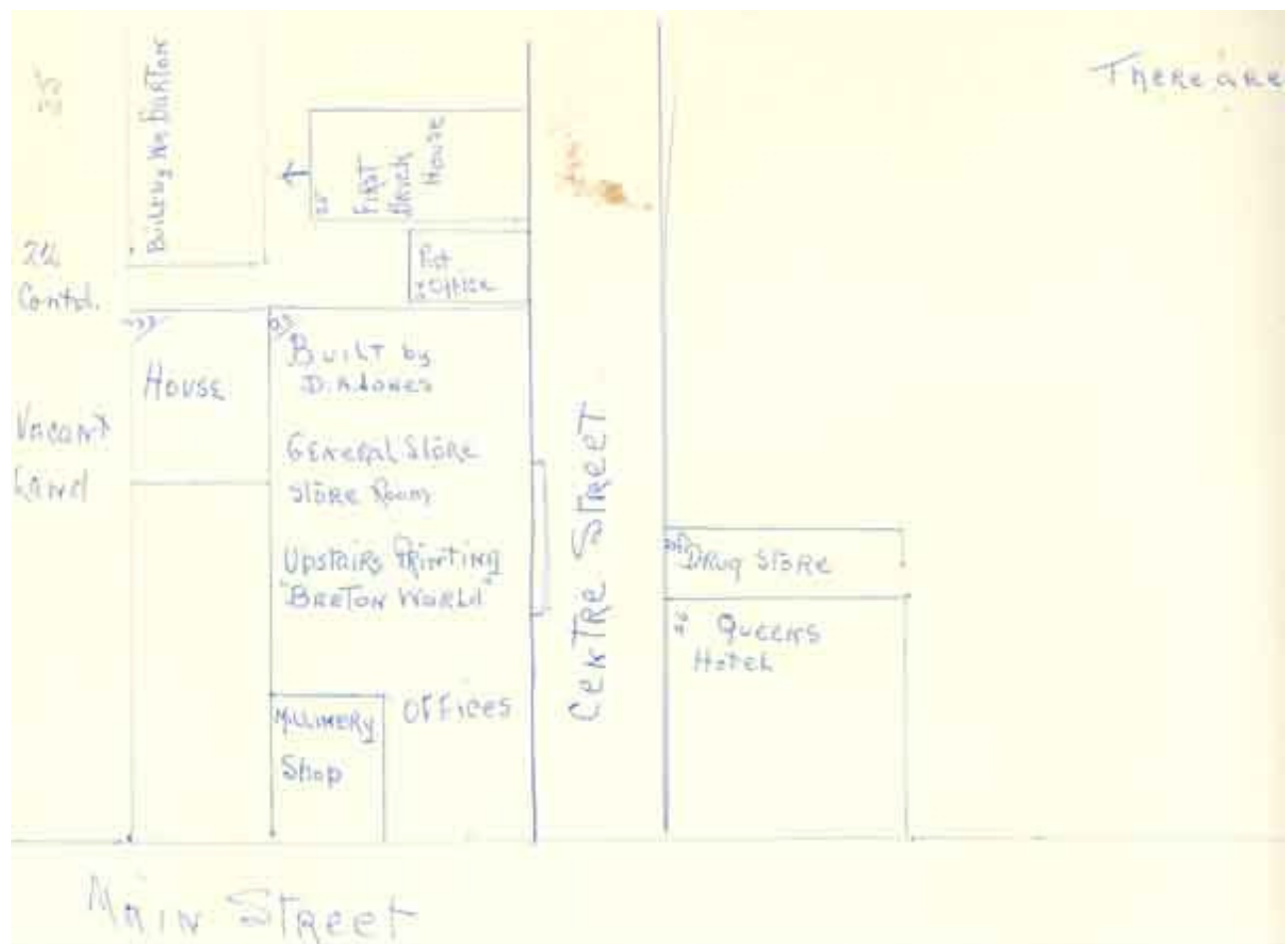


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Why John Mitchell settled near Orangeville.

Henry Mitchell at Selkirk Lake Erie - he went to

England when his wife died, later came back to

Canada and is buried in Clergy Reserve near

Orangeville. The late Dan Watson taught Mitchell to skate!



On October 28th, a group of seven men standing in front of the stone wall at the University of Toronto. The man on the far left is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man on the far right is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man in the center is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man on the far left is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man on the far right is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man in the center is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man on the far left is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man on the far right is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto. The man in the center is Sir William Osler, a member of the Council of the University of Toronto.



Further ahead are two of Beeton's oldest people, who attended the Fall Fair here last week. They are Mrs. Thos. Donney and Daniel Webster Watson. Dan was 94 on the day of the Fair and Mrs. Donney reached the 94th milestone a day or two later. Both contemporaries received shiny worn hand shivers from their friends that day and also enjoyed Fall Fair. — Photo by Fred Curry, Tottenham.

## Beeton Lady Will Be Century Old

No one meeting Mrs. Annie Maria Pillsworth, for the first time would for a moment think she had accomplished her first 100 years of living. This grand old lady who will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 30th, resides with her son, Fred Pillsworth, on Lorne St. in Beeton.

Born at Newtonville on September 30th, 1869, the daughter of Annie and Jackson Walter, she remained with her parents until her marriage to James E. Pillsworth in 1891, and house making was resumed on her husband's farm. They had two sons, Fred (who operates the running Livery and Taxi Shop in Beeton) and with whom Mrs. Pillsworth lives, another son Frank in Toronto, and one daughter in Brantford. On a big celebration is being held in Lindsay on October 2nd, at the house of her grandson Fred. Five generations will meet for the occasion, one grandson coming up from Toronto.

There is little in Beeton age-wise. Mrs. Pillsworth, the most beautiful with a fine husband, and her keen brown eyes are without the aid of glasses. She enjoys visiting but has no desire for phone calls. She is interested in her son's Canning and Bakery business, and often lends a helping hand.



One Hundred years in the history of a country is but a fleeting moment, but an individual travelling life's highway for one hundred years does a heap of living. Mrs. Pillsworth attained her first century on September 30th at her home in Beeton. The cake made in that year was baked up in Lorne Street, was decorated with her own hands and was truly a work of art. Incidentally it was delicious too. The gifts, messages and cards were numerous, and included a message of good wishes from the Queen, a signed tribute from the Province of Ontario, Rev. A. W. Downer and many prominent people. — Photo by Fred Curry, Tottenham.

When asked what she liked doing she replied: "I like to be busy, I sew and cook and wash, and do a lot of things." She is interested in fishing, looking eggs, and intends starting one as soon as all this cake making is over.

Mrs. Pillsworth is a deeply religious woman, a member of the Beeton Day Adventist Church. We asked for a message for the youth generation. She said: "Live a clean life, learn to choose what is good in life, and love God."

Mrs. Pillsworth who became a resident of Beeton in October 1892, is probably the first citizen of Beeton to attain the century milestone.



# St. Paul's Anglican Church Boys' League

The Village of Beeton can be very proud of its Church Boys' League. This is a Youth Organization of the Anglican Church of Canada, but it is not restricted to Canada alone as the whole Commonwealth has CBL branches in its many dioceses.

The CBL of St. Paul's Anglican Church is only four months old, but it is one of the largest in the whole of Canada. At the present time they have 27 members. The first meeting was held around the

middle of December 1966 with 14 boys enrolled. At the present time they have 27 members with three full time leaders.

There has been an outstanding growth in the ranks of the CBL throughout Canada in the past year. Some 2,125 new members in 69 different parishes.

St. Paul's branch of the CBL was started through the untiring efforts of Dr. E. R. Holmes and Mr. V. E. Stewart who have given a great deal of time and effort to

the boys. The Rev. R. G. Matthews, rector of St. Paul's was installed as their Father (Chaplain) when he took over the parish in January.

During the winter months the members have been busy passing the different tests which are required. A great deal of time is given to religious education, the learning of the Lord's Prayer, the Great Commandment, the Apostles' Creed and many other items of the Christian Faith. The summer months will see the boys busy with handi-

craft, woodwork and life out in the open.

All members are required to buy their own uniforms which consists of Air Force blue pants, shirt and hat, red tie and belt with a strip of red on their hats.

Meetings are held every Friday night in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m. The public are invited to drop in to see the boys in action. At the present time the club has about three more members. The CBL is not restricted to members of the Anglican Church of Canada.

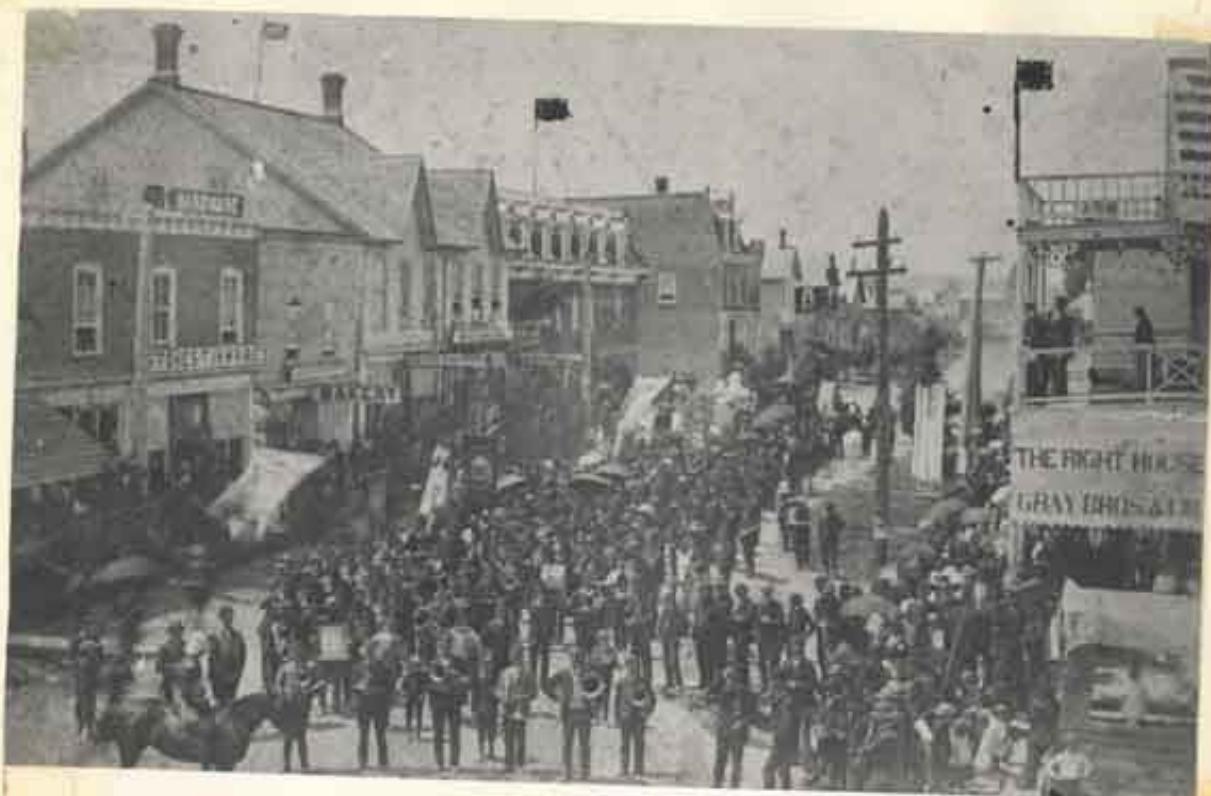


Shown above are the members of the Church Boys League and a few from left to right: Front row—John Gould, Paul Sedgewick, Gerald Moberly, Claire Holmes, Ernest Watson, Charles Link, Tommy Hunt, Jim Butterford and Raymond Lusk. Centre row — Bill Harnish, Gary Carleton, Kerry Coburn, David Wukeland, Michael Urbanski, Bill Findlay, Jim Mitchell, Gary Palmer and Roddy Ellison. Back row — Jackie Harnish, Teddy Gould, Brian Hagerman, Don King, Wayne Carleton, Peter Urbanski, Larry Coleman, Lorne Bell and Barry Stewart. At the rear are the leaders: Vera Stewart, Rev. R. G. Matthews and Dr. E. R. Holmes. 1/57 Photo by Claire Anderson



Drawing design on Beaton Banner showing  
 Beaton Public School was the work of  
 James Wakelin - a student.





Early picture of Boston Main Street about 1901



Centre Street- Boston - looking south, taken after a storm.  
Houses were unpaved- animals roamed at large. Bell on  
perambulating now could be heard from early morn to  
dewy eve. First ext passed by newly incorporated  
village Feb. 1885 was to provide a pound for  
roaming stock. Jones Henahan was appointed  
Pound Keeper. To-day Centre Street in  
Summer is a beautiful sight. Tree  
branches nest overhead forming an  
arcade.

Mrs. M.W. Dole.



Rose Watson - D. Mc Watson - W. BeRose - L. Robinson - Art. Voldsmith -  
J. Brown - J. Young - W. Coburn - W. Kearns - M. Shelton - W. Pringle -  
B. Lilly - H. Moore - W. Hammell - H. Hammell - A. Maynard - S. McArthur -

Feb 15, 1963. Presented to Boston Women's Institute for the Townsfolk History -  
by Mrs. Geraldine Campbell



These leaves were placed in photograph  
as it will tell more.



March 1958 - Robert Mitchell - Grandfather  
of Mrs. Eva Palmer nee Pearson.

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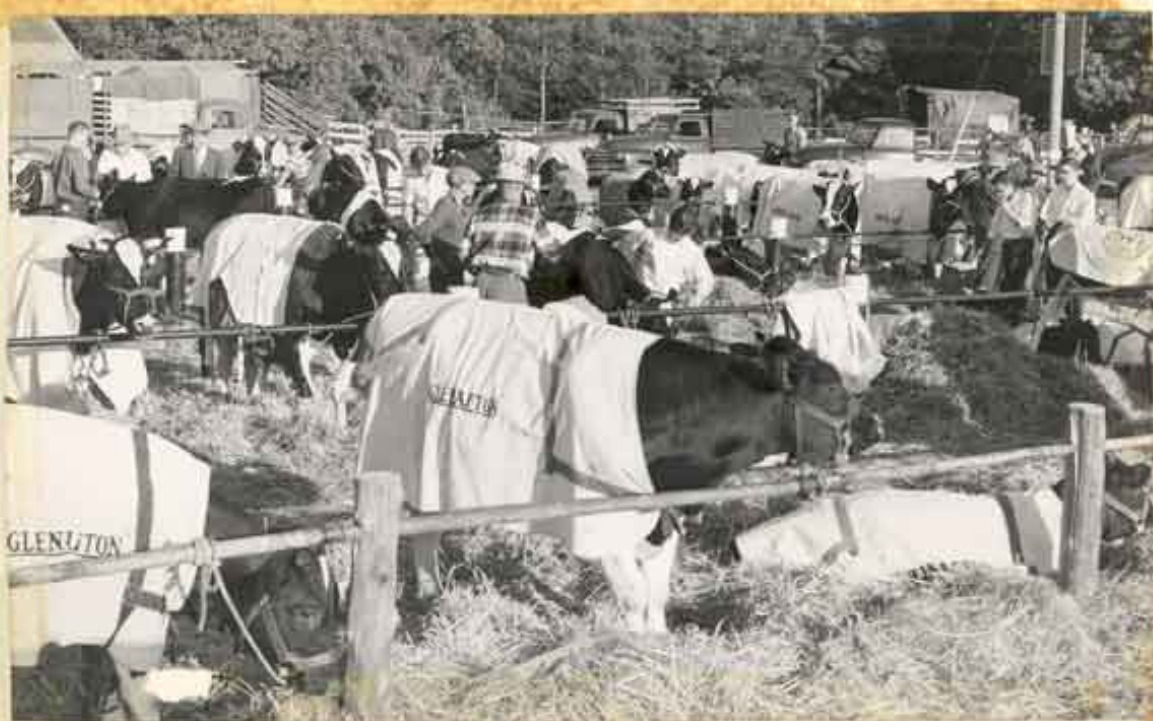
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Mr. de E. Hanna (President of Boston Co. S. handed the letter (James P. H.) Mitchell a letter from Stewart (Mitchell) H. to Government Road Toronto, who wrote "My cousin, Mr. Hanna (James Hanna), has asked me to send you some facts about the Mitchell family. Robert Mitchell of County Down, Ireland coachman for Lord Mansel, eloped with the Lord's daughter. Three sons were born to them, and when they were young men, their father brought them to Canada and when he had settled them, he returned to Ireland. Robert, the eldest, was located in Orange in Lake Huron district. John settled on a farm near Orangeville. Robert Jr. first located in Markham, but later moved to Innisville. It is of little interest to me he lived until his death. His house was taken down when the G. R. House was built in later years. Robert's first wife was Miss Hall and the second was Miss Rebecca Johnson. He took part in the Rebellion 1837. I can remember seeing him when his son John had the measles. My father used to tell of catching a deer on the farm where he and his brother went for the woods. They tied its legs with his hands, and he kept watch while John went up help to bring it in. They had it in an enclosure for some time. He was used to try to get the hands and feet. Robert Mitchell was a cabinet maker by trade. He made a chest of drawers for each of his sons. He also built houses for some of the pioneer settlers. That of Mr. William Drummell is on the 5<sup>th</sup> line west of Innisville School. He built on Main Street, a frame hotel on Main Street where Tom Mitchell's house stood in later years. James Mitchell Sr. of County Down, Ireland, returned to Canada on the death of his wife, and lived with son John in Maine. He is buried in the history Reserve 7<sup>th</sup> line Maine." <sup>1860. House was occupied by Mr. Tuffet and now by Mr. John Gray.</sup> The building was divided in two, one by Mr. Tuffet and the other by Mr. John Gray. <sup>and the other by Mr. John Gray.</sup>

*Breton Centennial Fair 1856 - 1956*



*View of School Parade*



*View of Live Stock exhibit*



Breton Centennial 1856 - 1956



"The Old Gray Mare" - In the parade Breton Centennial 50  
driver Verle Stewart his lady M<sup>rs</sup> Leo Godwin.



View of Fair Grounds



1929

Becton Centennial 1856-1956



-Institute Float at the Fair

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*about 200 quilts at Boston Fair 1905 (8 W.D.s represented)*



*School Parade Boston Fair*



*School Parade Boston Fair*





Telephone History  
See pp. follows

The old manual way for the news. These are the Boston Telephone operators.

This is the last photograph, prior to the introduction of dial service, taken of the operators who have been connecting calls for Boston telephone users. Early today morning the last calls will pass through the two position switchboard, and the "number please" of the operator will be replaced by dial tone. Bell's Boston operating staff are, left to right at switchboard, Mrs. Martha Van Der Meer, Mrs. Shirley Lake. Standing, same order, Earl Hill, night operator; Mrs. E. E. Irwin, chief operator; Mrs. S. E. Walker. All photographs by Fred Canby of Tottenham.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1961



Boston Fair

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Beeton 1911



1911 had the first  
system put into  
operation in Beeton.  
This new building was  
erected on East Main  
Street by Bell Telephone  
Co. - (Donald G. Nott)

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DOWN THE STRETCH AT BEETON FAIR



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LITTLE BRITANNIA BAND LED THE PARADE





*Carl Rows M.P.*



*Beaton Fair*



*Section of Beaton Fair, showing art work of school children 1937*



*Beaton Fair*





## PEE WEE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



March 1957

Pictured above are the Beeton Pee Wees being presented with the Fred Anderson Memorial Trophy by Mr. John E. Dougherty, representing the Tottenham Canadian Legion, donors of the trophy. Standing left to right, back row are: Jim Wilson, Jim Kent, Bruce Pellow, Grant Broome, Jim Abernathy. Front row: Larry Pardo, Billie McKay, Teddy Gould, Roddy Abraham and Walter Neikerk.—Carney

## BEETON BANTAMS WIN SHELL OIL COMPANY TROPHY



Pictured above is Beeton Bantam hockey team who won the Shell Oil Co. trophy at the District Little NHL tournament at Beeton, on February 13th. Bottom row left to right: Steve Adams, Don King, Bobby Dunn, Paul Sinclair, John Dougherty, Jim Kent and Bill Mann. Back row left to right: Gary Boyce, Nolan Macrow, Don Parsons, Pete Urmanski, Danny McKay, Paul Pendergast, Billie Hitchie, Jim Wilson, Ken Carleton, coach. Missing from the picture is Terry Goughlin.—Photo by Clare Andrews



## THE LITTLE NHL ALL-ONTARIO RURAL CHAMPIONS



And above is the Beeton Junior hockey team who are district and provincial all-Ontario Little NHL Rural Hockey champions, all-Ontario Little NHL consolation champions and winners of the North York League Trophy. The team has won four trophies in all. They are (left to right front row) — Danny McKay, Bill Moran, Paul Pendegast, John Dougherty, Doug Dunn, Billie Ritchie, Donald King. Back row — Jim Kent, Don Parsons, Nolan Morrow, Steve Adams, Phil Sinclair, Terry Coughlin, Jim Wilson and Ken Carleton — Anderson.

## BEETON CHURCH BOYS' LEAGUE ON PARADE LAST SATURDAY





Novis, Mr Bruce Gould  
and Mr M'Laughlin

Mrs. Gandy  
Liberty Mr. Ray  
Memorial Day Service

Mr. E. Pickles



F. M. Lashley  
Agriculture  
Representative

L. M. Kelson



# WARD FAMILY



SAM, ELLEN MARY AND  
ELIZABETH WARD



Mary Gillingham, wife of Samuel Ward, born  
in Ireland 1810. died 1838 buried.

St John's Cemetery - Liverpool, Merseyside



Sam Harg taken on parents journey on 21st  
before St John's Church more stands in  
1842 Died in Beeston 1927. Then taken  
1923



Ellen Mary Ward daughter of above born in  
the farm in 1840 died in Beeston 1923. This was  
taken in 1923 holding her great grand nephew  
Joe Debb's age 15 mos.



Samuel Harg  
born 1842 - 1927



Ellen Mary Ward. 1846 1925



Presbyterian Church Choir 1921-22

Standing: Walter Bell, Melvin Lee, Virginia Lee, Mrs. Dorman, Ruby Martin, Isabel Hanks, Mrs. McFaul,  
 Emma Aiken, Myrtice Miller, Gertrude Miller, Alice Green, George Drake  
 At Home: Sitting: Beatrice Lee, Mrs. Drake, Harold Smith



Later known as 190  
 Bill English farm. After death of Bill  
 English there was auction sale and property  
 was sold to a new large  
 house was demolished in 1964

The Evans Homestead 1920-2 Benton



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards  
 Benton



Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson with Mrs. A. A. Thompson  
 the daughter Benton 1925



June 1958

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## Jack and Anne Dale Lead Dental Graduates and Collect 43 Awards

Two Varsity students, who were married at Toronto in January 1952 during their lunch hour, celebrated eight years of studying together on Wednesday, May 29th, ranking twelve in a class of 30 dentists. They are the first married couple to complete the entire dental course. The convocation revealed a romantic success story, including a total of 43 awards and memberships in the honor dental society.

Jack Dale, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dale, Centre St., Boston, and his wife Anne, 23, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson of Alliston, spent the awards this year at the graduation exercises held last week at the University of Toronto. Jack, who led the class four years and placed second in pre-dentistry, collected 15 awards. He has a total of 38 to his credit over the five years which is a record for the U of T.

Keeping in step with her husband, Anne took five awards. She finished second the last two years fifth in second year dentistry and third in the first year.

Jack earned a \$2,000 fellowship to take post-graduate work for three years at Harvard University. Anne plans to return to Toronto Dental Laboratory for children in Boston.

The couple met while taking their college introduction at Hunting Memorial High School at Alliston. In the second year of the Arts course at Varsity, the pair were married in their lunch hour in Bathurst Street United Church, Toronto. After their marriage, they returned for a two-hour lecture lab at the University. The marriage was kept secret until the school year ended.

The Dales credit their marriage as a major factor in their success in the past eight years. Studying was tough, since their problems could be discussed between them. Since both attended college, they realized that their social life had to be sacrificed somewhat in order to attain the degrees which they now hold.

Jack Dale, youngest of a family of three, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and came with his parents to Boston when 18 months old. He received his public school education in Boston and continued on in his academic career at Hunting Memorial High School. Alliston is graduate with honors.

Jack was not only a brilliant student while around these parts but was a brilliant athlete as well. He won many medals and trophies in track and field events at HMEMS, played Junior OHA hockey with Burtis Flyers, and was a valued member of the baseball diamond of Boston Baseball Club.

Attending University of Toronto, 18 years of age, Jack took an Honors Arts Course in Science graduating with a B.A. degree three years later, and then studied in dentistry at University of Toronto which he now has completed with the highest honors a student could obtain. He has now spent 21 of his 22 years at school.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Dale were married, the young couple have had few idle moments. After three years at university were completed both worked during the summer months to pay the high tuition fees. Jack spent most of his off-time as a truck driver for various firms, while his wife concentrated on clerical work at the department of education. In the summer of their first married year, the couple spent 100 days in Algonquin Park, trapping martens.

After completing the post-grad course at Harvard University, a new training plan for teaching, clinical work and research, Jack would like to teach at University of Toronto. At the same time, however, the pair will likely set up a practice together in Toronto.

Attending the graduation exercises in Toronto last week were the proud parents of the young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dale of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson of Alliston. Also Jack's grandmother, Mrs. William Crockett, son, who had reached the advanced age of 94.

## Recent Dental Graduates



Pictured above are Dr. Jack Dale and his wife Dr. Anne Dale, who graduated on May 29th from the University of Toronto in Dentistry. The couple collected 43 awards, a record for the U of T. Dr. Jack Dale will be associated with the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto for five weeks prior to taking post-graduate work at Harvard University, Boston, on a fellowship.



Members of the 1904 Boston Fire Department were left to right: Herb. Fenton, Milt. Kearns, Sam. H. Hayes, Perc. Kearns, Jim Livingston, Art. Goldsmith, George Andrews, Mark Shelson, Joe Brown, Jim Monahan, W.J. Bell, Dan Watson, Jim Yonge, Joe Killasp, and Frank Somers.

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Bath installed in Limeae Manor

History of the Building appears  
elsewhere. It is beautiful, modern  
building. hospital wing - etc  
Governor is D. R. McKelvey.





Artificial ice being put in the new Memorial Arena  
Beeton in 1954 - January. Cement laid by  
The Memorial Centre was built in 1948 - 49  
Grand opening Dec 29

The Fall and Winter season of 1948-49 has been an exceedingly busy one in our village, at times bordering on the hectic. Foremost of course the Beeton Community Memorial Centre is now an actuality, and the focal point of Beeton night life. There was a grand opening Dec. 29 and visitors came from all directions. The dance floor was perfect, colored lights glowed softly, and the rhythm of Matt Kenny's orchestra went right to one's toes - one simply had to dance. We saw Beeton's young oldest resident tripping the light fantastic as nimbly as anyone on the floor. These dances are now a weekly feature. The Community Memorial Centre is managed by a Board of Directors composed of Messrs W. E. King, Jack Altin, L. O. Thornton (Councillor), H. G. Pettigrew (Councillor), Howard Galbraith, W. S. Robinson, and Doctor R. S. McKelvey, chairman. The Recreational Association is headed by Howard Galbraith and first and second Chairman, George Lisk and Colonel Weatherup. The Conveners are Messrs J. Sinnerston, Norval Boscott, Earl Hammill, and Mrs. J. E. Nodwell.



Sam McLeod, with his Sister - Beeton



Mr and Mrs Christian

C.N.R. Station  
+ Dwelling

Beeton, Ont.  
1926



C.N.R. STATION BUILT IN 1870  
SITE DONATED BY D.A. JONES



C. P. R. Station, Beeton, Ont.



## DAN WATSON GUEST OF HONOR ON TV PROGRAM



Featured above was Daniel Watson of Berlin, who appeared on "Come into the Kitchen" with Mrs. Violet Bertram over CKCO-TV, Kitchener, on Friday, June 15th. Mr. Watson, who is 91 years old, was guest of honor for the special Father's Day program. Right after the show he left for summer camp with the senior citizens of Kitchener. "I don't want to get into the water for a swim," said Dan's constant in the TV audience.

## DISTRICT GIRLS GRADUATE AS NURSES



MISS JOAN RAYCROFT  
Beeton

MISS PATRICIA FALLS  
Everett

MISS RUTH ANN McDOWELL  
Alliston

Featured above are Miss Joan Raycroft of Beeton; Miss Pat Falls of Everett; and Miss Ruth Ann McDowell of Alliston, who were among the recent graduates at Toronto General Hospital School of Nursing. Miss Raycroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raycroft, Beeton, was first in a class of 70 graduates. She received her diploma and pin at the Graduation Exercises held at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto on June 2nd. Miss Raycroft in order to enter upon her chosen profession refused the scholarship which went with her standing in the class.

## An Early June Double Wedding



Trinity United Church, Beeton, was the scene of a double wedding on Saturday, June 10th, of Barbara Jean McQuay to David Rae Seely son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald John Seely of Beeton, and Norma Jean McQuay to Ronald Joseph McCom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McComb of Cookstown. The brides are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Vednon McQuay of Beeton. Rev. D. E. Willis performed the ceremonies.

## Moffatt-Frizzell Reunion 1966

The 30th annual Moffatt-Frizzell Reunion was held on Sunday, August 28th, in the park at Sunset Point, Collingwood, with an attendance of 48.

Following the noon meal, the President Harvey Irvine, welcomed the guests and conducted a short business session. The first speaker was Mrs. Gordon Drury and the minutes and gave a brief historical sketch of the district. Guests were read from Kathleen Rivers, Katie Brownlie, Fred Walker, Emily Moffatt Jones and Mabel Moffatt Ross who were in the district.

Two minutes silence was observed in memory of Mr. D. K. Ross, Mr. William Ward, Mrs. Robert Frizzell, Mr. Hugh Leman, Mr. and James Wilson. It was suggested that the secretary send 24 well wishes to Mrs. Beatrice Frizzell of Toronto and Penny Lee Wheelton of Owen Sound.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Couple coming the farthest distance — Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Leman of Cookville; oldest man present — Mr. Wm. Leman; oldest lady present — Mrs. McGill Findlay; youngest child — David McGill; lucky table number — Donald Findlay; Car driven with biggest load — Harold Findlay.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. David Frizzell, Miss Frances Frizzell, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Irvine, all of Bogart; Mrs. Emma McKibbin of Walters Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Frizzell, Dorey and Kathy of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Leman, Tom and Kathy of Cookville; Mrs. Hugh Leman (Soo of Hamilton); Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leman of Chapsworth; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ward of Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carter of Palgrave; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shielie of Meaford; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Findlay and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Howbush of Tottenham; Mr. and Mrs. McGill Findlay; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Findlay and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Drury and family, all of Beeton; Mrs. Glen Milne and family of Creemore and Miss Diane Jenkins of Everett.

The following officers were appointed for 1967: President, Crawford Frizzell; vice president, Mrs. George Thomson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Drury.

Next year, being the Centennial year, Bogart Community Hall was suggested for the reunion, with dinner at 12:30 p.m. on the last Sunday in August as the Moffatt and Frizzell families were early settlers in this district, some dating back to 1830.



## Best Fight of 1961

The most exciting hockey players in Canada last winter were two you know about, Boom-Boom Geoffrion and Frank Mahovlich, and another whose name you may not recognize, Wayne Carleton.

Geoffrion and the Big M kept the sports world in a tizzy because they were closing in on the National Hockey League's goal-scoring record. Their progress was front-page news, coast to coast.



WAYNE CARLETON

Carleton's fame was behind the scenes and didn't get in the papers at all. He was the prize in a pitched battle among NHL teams that was more dramatic, and more keenly contested, than many scheduled games.

About 12 months ago, reports began to filter in from Beeton, Ont., about a 14-year-old, who was six feet tall, overpoweringly strong and naturally gifted with many of the hockey skills which ordinarily have to be taught. His goals were counted by the dozen, and his name was Wayne Carleton. Attendance at Beeton arena skyrocketed, as talent scouts from professional teams all over the continent hurried to the scene.

The report turned in to Montreal Canadiens' headquarters was that Carleton shaped up as a better prospect than Jean Beliveau had been at the same midget level. Substance of the reaction in the Forum executive suite reportedly was "the sky's the limit."

Other reviews were just as complimentary, and the competition was on to get some sort of advance commitment from the Carleton family, even though Wayne theoretically couldn't be tied down until his 18th birthday on Aug. 4, 1962. Canadiens took the lead to Montreal for an expenses-paid weekend and turned their most silver-tongued pitchman loose on him. Maple Leafs had a man camped on the Carleton doorstep. Chicago Black Hawks wondered if Wayne would like to fly out to the Windy City and see a playoff game, or two. Detroit Red Wings were eager to demonstrate their hospitality, too.

Today, Carleton is playing for Marlboro juniors, and as a member of a Leaf-sponsored team, is their exclusive property. How come? It wasn't simple.

### How Leafs Landed Him

FIRST step was when Unionville Seaforths of the Leaf-inspired Metro junior "A" league, became sponsors of the minor teams in Beeton. This earned them the privilege of shuttling players back and forth, especially players named Wayne Carleton. He immediately joined Seaforths. Then last month a trade was made, to the amazement of nobody at all. Carleton became a Marlboro. Unionville got Ray Winterstein from Marlies, plus Barry Watson, who'd left St. Michael's college.

Several clubs, who thought they had Carleton securely locked up, have lodged claims of foul. These will be disallowed.

Ontario junior "A" teams made a pact last spring that players under the age of 18 no longer would be moved from town to town, scrubbing the time-honored system of hiding youngsters on sponsorship lists long before they became available legally.

Leafs insist this agreement hasn't been violated. Carleton is living at his home in Beeton, attends school there and comes down by bus for Marlboro games and workouts. Secondly, the Unionville club technically is sponsored by Portland of the Western League. The Portland folks weren't party to that famous gentleman's agreement.

Two sets of people had to be persuaded to string along with this scheme. The Carletons and the Unionville team. This is where Leafs did their successful negotiating.

"We had an advantage with Carleton because of geography," says Staff Smythe, new boss at Maple Leaf Gardens. "Beeton just happens to be 45 minutes away from the Gardens."

Smythe foresees a gigantic change in the existing hockey set-up. Look at this way. Leafs already have a substantial investment in Carleton. How substantial? Plenty, probably. They'll continue to pay dearly until, two or three or four years from now, he's ready for professional play. However, what if he decides in the meantime he wants to study philosophy or play hockey at Denver university? Leafs' money will go down the drain.

In other words, the sponsorship system, whereby NHL teams pay the shot for minor hockey anywhere, involves colossal waste.

"It has to be scrapped," says Smythe. "We'll let the amateurs run their own show and we'll only concern ourselves with the pro rights to young players."

## Wayne Carleton Realizes Ambition

(By Mary M. Smith)

Wayne Carleton's appearance with the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey team against Boston Bruins in the National Hockey League on Saturday January 1st, provided immense satisfaction to those of our community who have watched his progress for years, and have for some months been anxious regarding his hockey future. He also played on Sunday night at the Forum in Detroit against Gordie Howe and the Red Wings.

For Wayne, it was the realization, in part, of the ambition he has entertained since he entered the sport at the age of 5. We say in part, for, naturally, his ultimate goal is to attain player status in the big time on a more permanent basis.

Wayne learned to skate at age 3, using bob skates. This was in Elora, where the Carleton family resided prior to coming to Beeton.

At age 10, he won the Most Valuable Player Award in Pee-Wee ranks in the Little NHL playoffs at Collingwood, playing on a Beeton team. He was a member of two all Ontario OMHA Bantam championship teams, also while playing for Beeton. While still Bantam age Wayne was for two seasons with the Beeton Midget team.

When he was 14, he became a member of the Maple Leaf farm system team at Unionville which was Junior OHA "A" calibre. Later that same season he was transferred to the Toronto Marlboros and remains with them.

In the 1963-64 season when Toronto Marlboros won the Memorial Cup emblematic of the champion junior team in Canada, Wayne was a top performer of the club. He scored 42 goals in the regular season. In the first of a five game trial with the Maple Leafs, Wayne gained a point, being credited with an assist and as George (Punch) Imlach stated, played well for the club.

Wayne has received numerous congratulatory telephonic calls and other messages and thanks all his fans.

The best wishes of this community will continue to go with this young man, and we will follow his progress with much interest and pleasure.

## Form New W.I. In South Adjala

A new Women's Institute Branch was organized on Wednesday evening January 2nd, at Clover Valley School in Adjala township. Thirteen ladies were present and under the leadership of the District President, Mrs. Chas. Spencer of Tillamook, the new branch held its election of officers which are as follows:

President, Mrs. D. Drummond; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Leslie Marsh; 2nd Vice-President Mrs. H. McCulloch; Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. A. D. Warren; District Director, Mrs. A. Gibson; Alternate, Mrs. J. Craig; Branch Directors, Mrs. C. Boster, Mrs. M. Munro and Mrs. Russell Sirt; Conveners: Agriculture and Canadian Industry, Mrs. Earl Sirt; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. E. Roemer; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. N. Parlington; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. G. Inglis; Public Relations representative to be nominated at the next meeting; Auditors Mrs. J. Marsh and Mrs. E. Sirt; Organiser, Mrs. A. Gibson.

It was decided to have meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. Next meeting to be held at Clover Valley School.

A name for this new organization was proposed. The first name chosen was South Adjala WI, the second choice was Clover Valley WI. This is to be decided at the provincial office.

Mrs. Victor O'Brien, Federated Band member, conducted the installation of officers.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell, of Stroud, new chairman, was present and spoke on the duties of officers. Mrs. Earl Scott, Hazelton, District President for West Simcoe, acted as secretary.

## NEW W.I. BRANCH FORMED AT CLOVER VALLEY



Pictured above are members who will comprise the new Women's Institute Branch of South Adjala formed last week together with the installing officers. Front row, left to right — Mrs. Donald Drummond, president; Mrs. Norman Parlington, Mrs. Harold McCulloch, Mrs. A. B. Gibson, Mrs. Marvin Marsh. Back row, left to right — Mrs. John Craig, Mrs. Victor O'Brien, Federated Band member of Orillia; Mrs. E. Roemer, Mrs. J. Marsh, Mrs. E. Sirt, Mrs. D. Warren, Mrs. Mrs. Chesley Baxter, Mrs. G. Inglis, Mrs. Earl Sirt, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Area Chairman, of Stroud; Mrs. Chas. Spencer, District President of Tillamook. — Photo by Fred Carney of Tillamook.





J. Macpherson  
was  
principal.  
This building  
was destroyed  
by fire - and  
the present  
school erected  
on same site





Sinclair Manor 1900



Centre + Main Street 1919



Mrs. A. Culpin  
Mrs.  
Mrs. Laura Viggins  
Mrs. Jia. English  
Mrs. Elwood Nichol  
Olive Nichol  
Mrs. H.P. McDonald  
Mrs. Norval Neusehan  
(Berton)





1951 First Street Methodist Church - Joseph Kettle  
 Mother, 3 children, 1 grandchild and 1 great-grandchild  
 (standing)  
 Back Row: Mrs. J.A. Wright, Mrs. Chester Bell, Mrs. Clifford  
 Stephenson, Mrs. Orlene Chaplin, Mrs. W. Gray, Mrs. Gordon Henton,  
 Mrs. W.W. Cole, Mrs. W. Kettle, Mrs. V.E. Everts,  
 Mrs. W. W. Cole, Mrs. W. Kettle, Mrs. V.E. Everts.



Back Row

Mrs. Deacon Henton, Mrs. J.A. Wright, Mrs. Chester Bell, Mrs. Clifford  
 Stephenson, Mrs. Orlene Chaplin, Mrs. W. Gray, Mrs. Gordon Henton.

Middle Row --- Mrs. Orlene Bell, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Bert Wilson, Mrs. J.  
 Chaplin, Mrs. E. Woods Bishop, Mrs. Truman Bell, Mrs. Fred. Parsons,  
 Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Mrs. Leona Higgins.

Front Row --- Mrs. Stephen Gault, Mrs. George Hatchison, Mrs. Reynolds,  
 Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Selby Gibbs, Mrs. E.W. Kettle, Mrs. V.E. Everts,  
 Mrs. W.W. Cole, absent Mrs. W. Kettle.

# South Simcoe WI Annual Stresses Accomplishments

**BOND HEAD (Staff) —** When the 1st Women's Institute meeting was held in the Community Hall last Tuesday during the South Simcoe District annual, they gained a greater insight into what the WI does to serve the communities it represents. The 21 branches active in South Simcoe in 1964 found the roll call "How We Have Our Institute Put in Our Community" an ideal way to win in their achievement.

One branch organized community dances to provide an introduction as well as raise money for WI needs. Another held a picnic party, and of them entertained residents at home. Many more groups actively sought places to grant 8 points for community achievement. They provide leadership for a 4-H girls' homemaking group, and so on.

As area president, Mrs. Sam McCreath, Phyllis said, "Your roll call today provides ideas for some WI branches to continue active projects. It gives all of us some insight of the scope of WI work."

Mrs. George S. Wink, Treasurer, was re-elected president for the 1964-65 term. In were Mrs. George Wink, Treasurer, and two presidents, Mrs. Howard Madson, Treasurer, and Mrs. Howard Madson, Secretary. Being elected as secretary, treasurer by Mrs. Jack Rennie, Gilbert.

The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario representative is Mrs. Alice Todd, Chatham, with Mrs. George Smith, Gilbert, as Ontario PWIO representative.

Participants at Agriculture 22

president is Mrs. Alice Todd, Treasurer, alternate Mrs. J. T. Lamm, Chatham, and Mrs. Gordon Miller and Mrs. Hurler from Bradford; alternate Mrs. Jim O'Brien, Bradford; alternate Mrs. Cecil Berwick, Berlin; public relations officer, Mrs. Janet Hodgson, St. J. Bradford; secretary, Mrs. Roy Goodfellow, Berlin.

Committee for the year ahead are: Agriculture and Canadian Industries: Mrs. Jule Smith, Chatham; citizens and education: Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Berlin; youth, recreation and health: Mrs. Gordon, St. J. Berlin; historical research and current events: Mrs. Joel Proulx, Berlin; resolutions: Mrs. K. M. Larkin, St. J. Berlin. The election and installation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. R. H. Lamm, Chatham, PWIO branch director.



**SOUTH SIMCOE WI EXECUTIVE** for the 1964-65 term are shown above following elections at the annual meeting held Tuesday in Bond Head community hall. Examining one of the Twentieth Century editions in display was Gerald, from St. J. Mrs. George

Wink, Treasurer, from two alternate Mrs. George S. Wink, Treasurer, president and Mrs. Jack Rennie, Gilbert, secretary-treasurer. In the back row, from left are Mrs. Gordon H. Madson, Treasurer, and Mrs. Howard Madson, Secretary.

left, public relations officer, and Mrs. Howard Madson, Chatham, rotating secretary-treasurer, who will be assisting Mrs. Madson last year. (Kammar photo).



## Bring History To Life With Human Touch

**BOND HEAD (Staff) —** One of Mrs. Roy Goodfellow, Berlin, had both grace and advice in her report to the South Simcoe Women's Institute, the first annual held last Tuesday.

She passed the four WI branches who had their Twentieth Century books on display at the meeting back at the Community Hall, Alton, Ont. The Civil and Ridgeville books were examined by many of the 100 registered members.

Mrs. Goodfellow commended the branches for stressing accuracy in their records. "At the same time you should make it so interesting to people that as much life should be added and better use your Twentieth Century history as the village permit," she urged the visitors. "Also keep it brief. Don't drag in irrelevant details from other beyond your communities."

One of the former all members and date from a Twentieth Century to write a prize-winning essay. She is now a university student.

"This group has improved their material in much an excellent way," Mrs. Goodfellow commented. "It is a commendable achievement which should be proud anywhere else."

**PLAQUES** like these are awarded annually to the Twentieth Century WI branch in public school which is awarded. These plaques are awarded to general public school at present in Twentieth Century and West District schools, and in West District school No. 2. The South Simcoe WI is an English prize for West District school No. 1. The plaque, held by Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Berlin, was the school, while the visiting student, being awarded, Mrs. Wilson, 1970 for the Twentieth Century, described this branch's progress during roll call at the annual meeting, Tuesday.



## NOTED LECTURER TO ADDRESS BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday, October 10th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Community Hall, Beeton, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Beeton Branch of the Women's Institute, the guest speaker will be Mrs. Ellen Armstrong of Armdale.

Mrs. Armstrong is a former school teacher, and wife of a well-known farmer, a Kansas Reeve, of King Township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are active in all forms of community life and activities, and are greatly interested in all efforts toward continuing betterment, both for young and old.

Mrs. Armstrong is a very eloquent speaker who is no stranger to Beeton, having spoken at many other Ontario towns.

At the same meeting several good musical numbers are being arranged for the entertainment of the guests. It is hoped that this evening will help to acquaint the residents of Beeton with the work of the Women's Institute.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all organizations and persons of this community to be present and hear what we know will be a most worthwhile address, and to join in the social hour following.

## Mrs. Verbeek Interviewed At WI

The Beeton Women's Institute met Wednesday evening, November 11th, in regular session and opened with being Memorial Day tributes read by the president, Mrs. Keaton. The three-day military course scheduled to commence Tuesday was postponed by the Department until a future date. A unique feature of the evening was an interview by Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Mrs. Verbeek, originally from Holland but now making her home in Beeton. She has of very late days in Holland with animal skills having to be used for horses, food shortages and black market operations. Fat was much needed immediately and as much as three pounds was paid for a pound of fat. Holland is a small country something about as far as there here to Brantford and narrow but population equals the whole of Canada which was then about 14 million. She and her husband felt there was for more opportunity in Canada especially for the young people.

Mrs. Datta and Mrs. Kettie read the current events for September and October. Miss G. Barber brought in one of her young pupils, Miss Janet Adams to play. Janet is busy preparing for her Grade examinations and the Institute committee wished her the best of luck. Mrs. Kettie gave one of her very welcome readings and at the close of the meeting, tea was served by hostesses Madeline J. Allen, Elizabeth and Thelma.

## BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REGULAR MEETING

After two months' holiday from the Beeton Women's Institute, it met in regular session on Tuesday afternoon in the central chambers. Mrs. C. Butt presided and Mrs. J. A. Wright took over the duties of secretary, Mrs. Peter having resigned that post as the family was moving away. It was rather a heavy session, minutes of June meeting and special executive meeting were read and the correspondence read by Mrs. W. E. Keaton.

Mrs. Gladys Campbell, secretary of the Well Baby Clinic was busy during the session, her report was as follows: June 19th, nine vaccinations; 21 needles — 21 adults and 22 babies; July 19th, 21 adults — seven smallpox and 14 needles — 21 adults, August 19th, 15 needles and three vaccinations — 15 adults, seven pre-school children and 10 infants. The Clinic is held every third Tuesday of each month.

The Over-the-Away meetings will be in Dunrobin this year on October 19th and 19th. Beeton Short Course on "Happiness" given by the Department will be in May 1961, the exact date to be determined later. November 19th and 19th, "Leadership" training course will be held in Alliston.

Many matters came up for discussion, among them the Institute display at the local Fall Fair. This is a project in which it is hoped every Institute will take part. Regarding the plans, it was felt that moving around was not good for the instrument, but organizations meeting in the library might use it, if necessary, by getting permission from the Institute. The Quilt made and donated by Mrs. Rutledge and quilted by the Institute is to be shown at the Fair. There will be quilting, date and place not decided also, a lecture or a series of lectures in November, date later. No plans definitely made for the October meeting which is to celebrate the 40th birthday of the local Institute.

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## Public School Pupils Entertain W.I.

Pupils of Beeton Public School, Grades one, two, three and four accompanied by their teachers Miss McGeevie and Mrs. Pettigrew, will under the leadership of Miss Georgina Burton, substituted teachers and friends of the Women's Institute, Thursday afternoon in the Public Library. The children were models of decorum and marched in and out with no more confusion than the opening and closing of a door. Their singing was sweet and the program in grades three and four, sweet and clear. It would be interesting to hear more and we hope this can be arranged.

Mrs. Butt, the new president, presided for the regular meeting. The roll call was answered by "Something I wish I had's tonight". It brought some interesting answers and proved that some money had been exchanged for experience. The Arts Convention this year will be held in Toronto on May 20th. Five Two-weekend blocks are to be shown at each area, and Beeton is to display its effort in this time.

Mrs. Gladys Campbell reported on the Baby Clinic, on April 19th and there were 21 babies examined, 21 needles given and six smallpox.

The Suburban Arms is having a run up to open this Wednesday and again in a week's time. Leaders' meeting was open open for registration, which must be in by May 19th. Mentioned were Window Treatment and Bookings Night. There is to be a short course in the fall, toward ship repairs or hospital food.

A Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 19th, 1960, with the regular meeting in June. A pleasant half hour was spent over the tea, eggs, the luncheon being Madeline Hooper, Kettie, Rutledge and O'Brien.

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## Beeton W.I. Have Interesting Meeting

After two months' respite the fall session of the Beeton Women's Institute got under way on Tuesday evening, September 15th. It was a gala occasion in every way. The usual meeting place (the Central Chambers) was on hand in 1907/78 remembrance, so the Institute meeting was held in the Sunday School Room of the United Church, that had been recently renovated and painted with the many floral decorations and arrangements by the Institute ladies' initiative. The Beeton Branch was entertaining and representatives were present from Beeton, Brantford and Thornhill.

President Mrs. Cecil Reynolds was in the chair and Mrs. J. A. Wright, secretary, Mrs. Keaton read the minutes on Beeton, Brantford, and Thornhill.

The meeting opened in the usual order and reports were given by members in charge: Mrs. G. Campbell in the Baby Clinic; Mrs. Maureen Reynolds in the Home Economics Committee; Mrs. Wiggins read a report on the Blood line Home and Mrs. T. Bell had a few remarks to make on the July tea.

Mrs. F. Verbeek and Mrs. Bell were appointed delegates to the Arts Convention held this year in Cobalt, September 22nd and 24th. A piano solo by Mrs. Maureen Reynolds was much enjoyed as was the reading by Mrs. Harvey of Beeton Road.

The meeting was then handed over to Mrs. G. Stephenson, executive convenor on Agriculture and Canadian Industry. Mrs. Stephenson introduced her speaker for the evening, Mrs. Ellen Beaton, a horticulturist who works magic with floral arrangements. Mrs. Beaton started a small greenhouse for flowers ten years ago. It then measured 10 x 10 — today the building extends to 20 x 15 and her artistic ability is becoming widely known and recognized. Beaton was a former Butler teacher and this may well be a factor in her artistic, keen arrangement, background, balance and shape. It was sheer magic to watch her ideas materialize. Mrs. Cole in a few words thanked Mrs. Beaton for sharing her gift and helping to make the evening an enjoyable one.

Numbers had been distributed and lucky winners went home with one of the beautiful arrangements. A solo by Mrs. W. Depper accompanied by Miss McMillan of Cobalt, then brought the evening to a close.

Mrs. O'Brien presided for the 15th (thence) shared The Queen and Institute Grace after which a piano solo was sung over the hymns and enjoyed by all.



## Beeton W.I. New Slate of Officers

Thursday afternoon, April 20, was the final day of reckoning for the 1934-35 year for the Beeton Women's Institute. Mrs. Cecil Reynolds was in the chair and his meeting on order way at 2:00 p.m. Reports were given by the standing committee members — Mrs. Gladys Campbell reported on the Baby Clinic in February 18 needles; 2 small pots, 10 ladies and 8 pre-school children. In March, needles were given for 4 small pots, 10 needles, 8 babies and 8 pre-school. Mrs. Hooper made at the chair in pre parations, etc. Hope was impressed that the event out in the government grants would not affect this important work, which is so necessary to the health of the community. Beeton entertains the I-H Clubs on May 11th. Mandarins Pitt, Reynolds, Stevens and Hooper are in charge of the lunch.

A Bazaar Sale is to be held in the Community Hall on April 25th. Refreshments will be served and the price is 50c. Chairman are Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. McAdam, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Bell. All members are urged to assist. A donation was sent to the Alliston Home and School Association towards the bazaar to be held for the Huntingdon Student.

Mrs. Stevenson gave an interesting report of the District meeting in Cookstown. The subject of succeeding duties in Ontario came up for discussion in Cookstown and it was suggested that Institutes have a modified answer to better meetings on this topic. Mrs. Stevenson listed articles required for the refurbishing of the Adelaide in office home. The ends of lunch were dealt with and then Mrs. Reynolds announced the meeting open for the election of officers for the 1935-36 season. Mrs. Keenan presided for this session. Mrs. Tyman Bell acting as secretary. Following are the officers for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds; 1st. vice president, Mrs. Fred Parsons; 2nd. vice president, Mrs. Tyman Bell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Wright; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Keenan; Treasurer, Mrs. Hooper; Press Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Cole; Duties Director, Mrs. Truman Bell and Mrs. Lamb; Branch Directors Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Little.

Committee Conveners — Baby Clinic, Mrs. Gladys Campbell and Mrs. Hooper; Agriculture and Cottage Industries, Mrs. Stephenson; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. F. Parsons; Public Relations, Mrs. Truman Bell and Mrs. Lamb; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. W. E. Keenan; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. G. Hawton; Current Twentieth Century History, Mrs. W. W. Cole; Remembrance, Mrs. E. Nichol; Mrs. A. C. W. Soper and Mrs. McAdam; Resolutions, Mrs. Hooper; Plants, Mrs. Culgan and Mrs. Stephenson; Auditors, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Harvey.

Mrs. J. A. Campbell was appointed as representative from the Institute on the Recreation Board.

## Cherished Antiques Were On Display

The regular meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute on February 12th was highlighted by a display of cherished antiques, such with a special history all its own. There was a quiet cup and saucer 156 years old placed out; a magnificent plum glass candle holders; a Communion Cup dated 1837 used in the Auld Kirk, the first church in the Beeton Settlement, built on land given by John Purie; an antique wool wider from the Bell family, many years ago on the 9th floor, a magnetic watch, newspapers the Globe weekly and daily, and deeds dating back to 1825. Many items were collected for the Twentieth Century Book among them the account of the funeral of D. A. Jones, founder of Beeton; there were silver spoons and many other things. Many amusing stories of early life in Beeton were recalled.

Five delegates, Madeline Hooper, William Stevenson, Reynolds and Bell, were chosen, to attend the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute banquet and programme to be held in the Queen Elizabeth Building in Toronto on Monday the 19th.

A record player has been placed in the Beeton Public School. The meeting decided to give \$100 towards the renovation of the library, also the proceeds of the series of studies being held. A donation of \$500 was voted to the Recreation Center. A donation of \$25.00 was sent to the PWBO towards the establishment of an interest of which will be used to educate girls from Ontario in the domestic arts, general health and social hygiene. These workers will be sent to all parts of Canada.

Mrs. Nichol reported on the Beeton Committee and Mrs. Campbell on the Baby Clinic. On January 20th, there were nine in fact; five are school children; one school age; two adults; eight are children and 14 children.

Mrs. Wiggins reported on current events, and her history of the Beeton waterworks was most interesting and informative. Mrs. Cole has been convener of historical research for some years, and the Twentieth Century Village History was a display. It has been a very busy office and much data has been gathered and compiled. The month is current events written by different members keeps a good record of events and happenings in the office and surroundings.

The Institute was mentioned in its support of the recommendation that the government set aside sum of money to increase the pension paid to teachers who retired prior to 1935. The minimum is now \$500 and \$2,000 per annum, with a compensation and credits are taken up the matter and it is felt the something will be accomplished in some way to bring the pension to a more equitable level.

Mrs. Calah was in charge of the music and a social ball hour was held over the tea table. A gorgeously decorated heart shaped cake, the cake was brought in by Mr. Pitt. Hostesses were Madeline Harvey, E. Harvey, Halden and McAdam.

## Beeton W.I. Given Interesting Talk On Present-Day Education

The Beeton Women's Institute met in regular session on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. Keenan presiding, and a good turn out of members. The Federation of Agriculture are asking for suggestions to a street, as yet it has made no selection of colors, it was felt this choice would have to be made first. Mrs. Reynolds remarked that green and yellow were the colors of the flag on another choice would have to be made.

Tuesday evening, November 19th, there will be a meeting in Quinlan Hall, Chamhill, when Miss Chapman, writer of Home and Country will speak. A donation of \$10 was voted to the project sponsored by the Toronto Telegram, for good milk to be shipped via Care for Children in Korea. One dollar provides 1000 glasses of milk. Mrs. C. Campbell reported on the Baby Clinic — 30 babies received 200 and 30 more in for general and special check up.

The short course on military will start Saturday, November 16th, at 10 a.m. and will continue on Monday, November 18th and 19th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enrollment will be not less than 10 or more than 15. Registrations were called for and also members signed up. The course will be open to non-members, once the Institute has completed its registration.

Mrs. Rose Watson gave an interesting report of the Arts Convention meeting held in Orillia. The dinner in the hall had again been fixed for the 144 of such item. Mrs. Dood had paid 60c for three members broken. Pots and pans were all accounted for, but one large shawl was missing.

Mrs. Cecil Reynolds had arranged for a guest speaker in education in the person of Mr. T. E. Baker. Mrs. Baker was also present. Mrs. Reynolds choice was a very happy one and Mr. Baker's talk was all too short. He said he had been teaching 40 years, four months and four days. Years ago requirements for a teacher was two years high school and one year Model. There were two model schools then, Orillia and Bradford. Teachers were plentiful and requirements few — in one Institute there were 125 applicants for one school — the three trustees divided the letters in three piles each taking a pile and the final selection was made by the simple expedient of picking out the one who asked the least salary. For Mr. Baker's first teaching year he

received \$220.00. This was in West Guelph where the Houghton family attended. When he asked for an increase he was told that if he would sweep the floor, attend to the fire, in fact be janitor, he would be granted a \$15 per year increase. Out of that salary, he bought a bicycle, two suits of clothes for \$15.00, a pair of shoes for \$1.50, and his board was \$50.00 a year, and he saved enough to go to Owen Sound College in January and was able to complete the year's work in June. He taught three years in Wilcox school. He spoke of the mathematical problems given to pupils and it was noted there was far more practice in decimals, fractions, and percentages than there was today. There was much more number work, in geography, maps, lakes, boys, rivers all had to be memorized. Quizzes after, we seldom hear of the subjective mood today. In History stress was laid on wars, dates, their course, duration, progress and provisions of treaty. His opinion of the work of Dr. Leslie Wilson and his efforts to preserve the early histories of these country schools. They are bound to disappear. He touched on the arguments for and against consolidated schools. Some felt that freedom on the bus was left much to be desired, but on the other hand children were safer when set down near their homes than crossing the country roads with traffic jams of today not to mention other dangers that might be in hiding.

work was in Beeton where Miss Anne Willoughby was an assistant teacher, Jack Scott and Frank Scott, Ruby Harnell, and Tillie Willoughby were in his class. Rose Watson was also a pupil of his, and he recalled the day when Dr. Mead Williams brought her younger sister to school. There were no salary reductions then, and if ever a Federation was needed, it was at that time. He also taught in Bolton and at Cheshamville. Here a Mr. McIntosh found an apple tree growing in the bush, it had such a delicious flavor he later dug it up and planted it near the house. It seemed a combination perhaps of a Star and a Northern Spy. From this tree and this incident came all the McIntosh apples.

There was an unfortunate interval of insurance selling — he returned to teaching and he was in Kenosha when the first World War broke out August 4th, 1914. He was later principal of the Model School in Kenosha.

One of the deplorable things that had happened to our schools in the departure from the Entrance Examination. Our entrance class profile are not measuring up as they should. Hurting Memorial High School has an extra class of 8th Grade pupils doing 8th Grade work, because the ground work in Public Schools is not satisfactory. This is a cause for concern. He strongly advocates the return to the Entrance Exam.

Mr. Baker was pleased to with great attention as many of his points were drawn home.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem and the Our Gown. Madeline Day, Wiggins, Mary and Little served afternoon tea.





### W.I. Members Sample Desserts

Due to the illness of the president, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Mrs. Fred Parsons presided at the regular monthly meeting of the New York Women's Institute on Tuesday, February 21st. Mrs. G. Houston commented on the month for the month—Take Time Out to Live—and reports on the Baby Clinic were given by Mrs. Gladys Casterlin and Mrs. Noel on the Women's Cancer Committee.

Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Parsons brought the highlights of the recent short course. Demers—given by the Department and encouraged since the technique employed Mrs. Houston had not had an increase in the food with some butter, and a cheese tray and strawberries and cream with various types of cheese, in small portions and quite liked people and guests—these to be eaten to either—the one being complimentary to the other. Mrs. Parsons demonstrated a cheese cake topped with cherry glass and a pumpkin parfait. It was interesting to watch and samples were served to the members and there was no dissenting voice as to the appeal and flavor. Calorie were not discussed until later.

Allan Steinbock, a son of Mr. Johnson, was among the guests at watered-down luncheon with his accomplices sitting on the bar.

The housewife Mrs. Stephenson, of Hawthorn, Mrs. H. Ellison and her family, and kept in mind the idea of St. Valentine Day in the kitchen, and Mrs. Stephenson presented to each member five pieces of cake, the object being to emphasize the heart of any one answering a question with yes or no. It caused a bit of fun. There was also a vegetable get-together, and all everyone busy for a while. Mrs. Hill gave an interesting picture of world and local events during the past month. Plans for the March meeting are to be held somewhat as they have until they can be discussed with Mrs. Reynolds.

### Area WI Societies Entertained Here

Members of Bond Head, Castleton and Tiptonham Institutes were entertained by the local branch in the Community Hall Auditorium, on Tuesday evening October 11. President Mrs. Lilian Haxton presided.

Two young ladies from Tonawanda, Miss Marie Mathison and Miss Janet Abrams in costume and pigtail, sang duets, "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard" and "Memories" as accompanied by Mrs. Mathison. Larry Wilson accompanied by Mrs. Hardy rendered "A Dutch Thanksgiving" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." The offerings of these young people were much enjoyed, they left in the early evening as school home work had to be done.

The roll call was to be answered by the display of an emblem as a token had been arranged showing these articles. They were most interesting and included a large fish. Over two hundred years old is a tiny snuff box of the seventeenth century. The Tweedsmuir History was also shown, the collection of photographs proved of great interest. Mrs. Roy Dixon of Broad Head paid a beautiful tribute to the "Black Sout Drive" in an amusing reading — Mrs. Keetley's reading was in vigorous vein reminding all of the many blessings we are so apt to take for granted.

Mrs. Cole introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Jessie Monkman of Coonrod. We felt most gratified in having this lady as our guest speaker, and a demonstration in the creative art of turning "a few interesting lumpy marshmallows into miniature life like flowers in natural colors and shadings. In serious vein she outlined a "Code for Living" — which is really putting into our every day life the Christianlike principles. She suggested members read carefully Corinthians 1:13. Mrs. Monkman had brought with her a box of the marshmallow flowers she had made and members were invited to come and select one as a sample and memento of the evening.

During the "Over the Top Cigs" period Mrs. Hayton announced that there were three charter members of the Beaux Branch present. Mrs. Harry Campin, Mrs. W. E. Kettle and Mrs. Alice Green, the latter now in Band Haiti. It was good to see our two hardy perennials, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Bradley, and to have them with us again, also Mrs. Alice Green who has been most kind in supplying pictures and material for the Twentieth Century.

Mrs. W. J. Wiggins was presented by the latitude with a plant of yellow mums. The occasion being her 60th birthday.

## Beeton W.I. Open Fall Season

Tuesday afternoon, September 11th, saw the opening of the Fall activities of the Boston Women's Institute. The meeting was held in the hall at members of Allston and Tottenham Institutes had been invited for the occasion to honor Mrs. Todd of Chagrin, president, and Mrs. Weaver Gilford, secretary-treasurer for South Boston District Women's Institute. The hall presented quite a festive appearance, beautiful baskets of flowers donated by members were tastefully arranged and placed by Mesdames Parsons and Wright. The buffet table was a work of art, gold candles, purple and gold blooms and autumn leaves arranged by Walter Berhald. Gifts were received by the Institute, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds and Mrs. Parsons, the secretary, Mrs. Wright extending to the organization and identification slips. Fifty names in all.

Mrs. Reynolds presided for the regular meeting. Mrs. Wright, secretary, Mrs. Hopper supporting for Mrs. E. Watson, who is convalescing after a serious car accident. The Bate Clinic had no business and report of the two summer months activities was given by Mrs. W. Campbell. An interesting and comprehensive account of the past season was given by Mrs. Richardson. This covered the period between June and September 1918. The Short Course for next winter is to be held in Copenhagen and will be taken by Misses Hattie and Frances. They will later conduct a course in Boston passing on the knowledge they have gained.

Mrs. Parsons introduced Mrs. Todd, district president, to the gathering. She spoke of the earnestness of the Institute in 1961 and of the many anniversaries that were coming up this year, there are now six and one half million members throughout the world. The main project of the Institute at the present time is raising the International Scholarship Fund to \$250,000 to be used to defray the expenses of Home Economics to go to other countries. First consideration of an Institute is its own local projects.

Mrs. Weaver spoke on the purely statements, and would like them in two weeks before the District Annual. Year ends March 31st. Mrs. Joe Drannen of Allenton gave a beautiful solo, accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Hildbert. Mrs. Fee Haley of Tottenham read an appropriate selection on Friendship. Mrs. Truman Bell thanked the ladies for their contribution to the program. The meeting closed with the Queen, Mrs. Cullen, planning for the Institute. To mingle the guests, cards were distributed bearing half the name of a flower, the object being to bring the two halves together, it was a diversion and successful in its object. The Institute Grace was then sung and a pleasant half hour spent over the tea room.

### Antique Glass Was Topic At W.I.

The ladies meeting at Queen Nominat Institute was held Tuesday afternoon, October 12th, with President Mrs. F. Hanson presiding. Mrs. E. Koppert told us an interesting story. Mrs. Lillian Haglund, ex-president, presented, and Mrs. Margaret Berglund, secretary, Mrs. Marger presented as her center theme, emphasizing the problem presented by home and school. Her address was, "Duties of a mother to the community of the home." David, the first born, a child of 17, married by next door. Mrs. Lamm reported on the District California held recently and she said without words.

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On Wednesday, October 22, 1997, Ontario's Deputy Ministers and Ministers Open House from 1 to 2 p.m. afternoon and 7 to 8 p.m. evening. Hon. Earl Lynn Llewellyn, Governor of Ontario, will host a dinner honoring the Women Justices of Justice Court.

The Area Convention is held this year in Grafton, October 22. Mr. Carl Brewster and Mrs. Truman Bell were appointed delegates. Mrs. Gladys Campbell sang on the Rally Chorus which is held on the third Tuesday of each month. Devotion for Memorial Day will again be said to Roycebrook Hospital Southern meeting house with a reading by Mrs. Katch.

History of the nation, was born and grew to Mrs. W. K. Keener, an expert of historical research, to be known as Mrs. Keener. Mrs. Keener was fortunate in securing an appointment to Mrs. Arnold, a recognized authority on this subject. She had an unusual number of interesting items from the collection, and expressed great pleasure at the display of glass brought in by the members of the Institute. Mrs. Arnold commented on each piece and expressed regret that so many of these genuine antiques were being taken out of the country. The time passed all too quickly. Thanks to the Institute was extended Mrs. Arnold to Mrs. Keener.

A pleasant time was spent over the message — Harrison being 50½ during Wright, Michel and Cole — Mrs. Milton Reynolds a co-singer was unable to be present due to illness.





## Beeton Women's Institute Enjoy Annual Summer Bus Tour

In spite of heavy rainfalls the previous day, and not too hopeful weather report ahead, there were 25 Beeton ladies waiting for their annual institute bus trip on Wednesday morning, August 14th. It was disappointing as many Beeton ladies canceled their trip due to bad weather, however, the day was lovely and the gay carnival spirit of the passengers got us off to a good start.

The bus ride through Guelph, Kitchener and Galt was enjoyed by all. This being such productive country and beautiful scenery, then to St. George and Brantford where the party stopped to visit the Bell Homestead. This stately mansion houses the priceless antiques of the Bell family and the experimental equipment used by Alexander Graham Bell while inventing the telephone. An apartment of telephones on display showed a vast change throughout the years to our present dial no. hood and modern styles. The grounds surrounding the Bell home are beautiful and well cared for.

Further along the way, but in this quiet vicinity we stopped to visit the Mahow Chapel. This old church of wooden structure is undergoing repairs but we were able to enter and view the quaint, simple style of the interior and the colorful stained glass windows.

Once again the party were in their way to St. George where they planned their picnic lunch. The institute members were especially interested in the Adelaide Hunter Hurdless Homestead now in the custody of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. This stately white frame house is where the founder of Women's Institute Adelaide Hunter was born over one hundred years ago. This home has been renovated since the Women's Institute has taken it over, and is a most attractive museum. Each room well furnished in the style of that period.

The party were greeted warmly by the house, Mrs. Lockman, who was expecting the group and who made and served tea. Owing to the rain the party were unable to enjoy a picnic on the lawn, but were equally pleased to be permitted to sit in the living and dining rooms enjoying box lunches. The group were all refreshed by the cup of tea and enjoyed looking through this gracious old home.

The next bus stop was

visiting out outside of interest along the way.

Previous arrangements had been made for the party to visit three of the city's industries. These were the "Quick Mark Transfers Ltd." where they showed each step in the making of transfers to be used by manufacturers of clothing and other items. Each lady on the tour received a package of samples.

The second industry was "The Home of Pure Kidney," a wood working plant turning out complete modern kitchen cupboards and in these modern housing suit closets. The group were shown each step from the rough U.C. stock planks to the finished modern complete kitchen cupboards, showing a wide range of colors and styles.

The third and last factory visit was "Parks Playground Equipment," where workers were busy cutting, welding and making a merry noise in general while they made many types of swings and climbing apparatus, general playground equipment. These would delight the heart of any child should they find any one of these constructions in their park playground. Although this was more a than two hour, most of the ladies were keenly interested in the safety measures and strength of these constructions.

The day was drawing to a close and arrangements were made to have supper at the Trading Post Restaurant on the outskirts of Paris. Here the party enjoyed a lovely meal and once again refreshed they boarded the bus for home. The lively laughter heard on our home ward trip proved that this afternoon group of Beeton ladies had enjoyed their day out and weren't completely exhausted on arriving home. May we add a big thank you to Mrs. T. Bell and her committee for their work in planning this successful trip so enjoyed by all. And may the Institute have an active next year.



WORKING INSTANTLY displayed at the Beeton Fair. The group were shown each step from the rough U.C. stock planks to the finished modern complete kitchen cupboards, showing a wide range of colors and styles.

placed exhibits in the second. In conjunction with Beeton display, there were, and were Mrs. J. A. Wright, Miss A. J. and Miss M. C. G. G.

Beeton, second floor, right, back of the Beeton WI (Beeton) and just.

## Beeton Fair WI Displays Better In '63

BEETON (Staff) - A second report by the Beeton Women's Institute, a two-day exhibition of handicrafts at the Beeton Fair, showed more display than ever seen, Wednesday, WI officials report.

The WI display, featuring a wide variety of articles handmade by members, extended across the entire far end of the arena this year.

Now different branches had exhibits. These were Gifford, Everett, Reed Head, The W. H. H. Fisher's Cottage, LeRoy, The Ridge WI, Termination, and Beeton.

Each branch display included about 20 articles. Variety was the keynote for all of them. But there are few limitations in the things an expert can make, with another was borne out by the many knitted, crocheted and more articles on display.

For little children, the most appealing of all were the knitted animals. Some mothers had to move fast to keep the youngsters from grabbing them up instantly.

WI members could not say at their articles if they wanted to, explained Mrs. J. A. Wright, secretary of the Beeton WI. Besides handicrafts, handmade quilts and paintings, there was a strong showing.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



MRS. H. CAMPBELL AT TEA TABLE AND MRS. S. DORRIS



MRS. C. M. BUTT GREETING MRS. M. CHURCHILL AND D. W. WATSON



MRS. ELYON ARMSTRONG

## Beeton WI Hold 40th Anniversary

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Kate Atken, popular radio personality, at the 40th anniversary of Beeton Women's Institute held at Beeton Community Hall, last evening.

It was under Mrs. Atken's leadership a small group of women interested in working for the community met and formed the first Beeton WI in October, 1929.

The first regular meeting of the group was held the following month at Mrs. Atken's residence at which 12 members were enrolled. Future plans were formulated and included sending Christmas parcels to the Children's Aid Society at Harris.

The names of this first meeting were read by Mrs. J. A. Wright, last evening.

Approximately 100 persons attended the celebration including members of the Alliance and Totterham WI groups.

Life long members of the Beeton group were introduced by the president, Mrs. C. M. Butt, and included Mrs. A. E.



MRS. KATE ATKEN

Beeper, Mrs. Harry Campbell, Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, Mrs. W. Kettle, Mrs. J. E. Dunn, Mrs. A. Cullen, Mrs. L. W. Wiggins, Mrs. W. E. Beaton.

Mrs. Charles Spencer, District President for South Beeton WI, reminded associates of the importance of their life-time work. She urged every woman to get forth a special welcome to new Canadians in the district and help them become better acquainted with our way of life.

The speaker was Mrs. Elyn Armstrong, past area chairman of the Central Ontario WI. Mrs. Armstrong has been organizing courses for the Home Economics extension branch and does extensive travelling. She is also a member of the Newmarket Institute.

Mrs. Armstrong spoke on education today, stressing the importance of knowing the English language.

She pointed out that most WI members have children or grandchildren attending school today and therefore schooling should be of special interest to them. She added that this is one of the responsibilities of the citizenship and education committee of the Institute.

"The greatest achievement of man is language and knowing the meaning of words," said the speaker.

Mrs. Armstrong concluded by defining the words achievement, talent and ability and urged the women to remember these in their lifetime work.

Candelabra, autumn flowers and fall fruits decorated the tea tables. Prizing tea was Mrs. A. E. Beeper, Mrs. H. Campbell, Mrs. A. Cullen and Mrs. W. Kettle.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Merna Spencer and Teddy Gould.



SEASIDE DRIVE, BEETON

## Beeton W.I. Will Celebrate Fortieth Anniversary On Tuesday

On October 11th, the Boston Women's Institute will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Members and friends will gather at the Commonwealth Hall, Cerrito at 8:00 p.m. and the program in charge promises an interesting evening. There will be Guss Green, who will remember the first meeting of the Institute in October 1920, when a group of women under the leadership of Mrs. E. M. Wilson gathered in her home in Hales to an address by Mrs. Green of the Department of Agriculture. Here the seed was sown for the creation of the local Women's Institute.

Mrs. Williams an active member of the Institute read an account of the early days of the Institute at a recent meeting a few years ago and it is interesting to quote in part from that account now.

The result of this first meeting was that Mrs. Arthur was elected as president, Mrs. J. H. Williams, as vice president; Mrs. Matt Miller, first vice president; Mrs. May McWhorter, secretary; Mrs. W. H. McWhorter, assistant secretary; Mrs. Evans and Miss Williams, members. The first regular meeting of the organization was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur on December 25th, 1929. Twelve ladies were present at this meeting, and plans were formulated for future work. A room was secured from Miss Marion Pinner at the possible rate of a rental of \$7.00 per month. It was also decided that on the Wednesday of Christmas week there would be a community Christmas tree and card party by the children, also presents would be sent to the Children's Aid at Harris. December thirteen was reserved as Child Welfare and Dr. Agnew was approached to have the general and send two nurses for a general medical clinic for the week following Christmas.

On January 1981, the club room was open to the public, and members were asked to bring a chair to a tag and season. Miss Ethel M. Chingens addressed the meeting on "The Possibilities of a New Institute." She suggested the establishment of the office of a youth nurse and a dental clinic. Natives of Iroquois were held twice a month. Mrs. A. E. Hooper was appointed a signet the Institute in connection with the appointment of a public health nurse for the district. April 1981. *Blackfoot Daily* - April 1981.



MRS. H. M. (Gale) ATTEW  
Was and the first President of  
Drexel W. J. Gale, 1880-1881.

A Mass outdoor picnic for a school and parents' picnic. Sports, games and programme of sports and an Historical Pageant of the Century. Miss Chapman took charge of the picnic, which was in the form of address and the history was in charge of Miss H. C. Lewis. The Institute under the Old Grapes in the institution of a new building in the school and a new school building towards the purchase of a new building for the school. There were demonstrations of home work and home work and exhibited by well known personalities. The Institute the New Learning of the American Church, Rev. Mr. Lewis of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. S. G. Smith of the Ontario Medical Association, Dr. Reynolds of the A. A. Southern College, and February 7, 1912, Mrs. Parsonage of England.

Lectures on English Literature and a singing class were held each alternate Thursday evening, the singing class was in charge of a pianist from the Conservatory in Toronto and a concert was held in the town hall. The literature class was in charge of Miss Betty of Quakak.

After serving as president for 10 months, Miss. Adkins resigned to become the first president for the County of Monroe.

The following was the monthly ship list for 1930: Miss M. Waldwin; Misses H. M. Atkins, J. D. Williams, J. T. Burton, W. D. Martin, W. Evans, M. Martin, M. C. Howell, Williams Campbell, J. D. Grant, W. J. Barrett, J. Wright, R. A. H. Hobbs, E. Waldwin, Walnut Martin, J. B. Hooper, A. Clark, J. Haynes, A. V. Smith, Wesley Cross, George Deane, W. Burgess, N. F. McMillan, Charles Lusk, William Smart, R. Overmire, P. Sprague, W. Jacob, A. Cuthin, Misses M. Scates, Gladys Smart, Ruby Martin, B. Miller, M. Evans, W. J. Bell, H. B. Chaslin, B. McDonald, D. W. Watson, J. Williams, 1931, Mrs. C. Williams.

### Minnie Burton Aiken Laid To Rest

After several years of failing health, Miss Ruthie Atkins gave up any of the Shoreline Golf and Country Club on Friday, January 28th in her 82nd year. She was born in Clinton, Ontario, August 25th, 1876. Miss Atkins and Grace Perkins attended Clinton Public School and St. Columba's Convent, and at the St. Mary's Convent, Toronto. She attended Clinton Public School and St. Columba's Convent, and at the St. Mary's Convent, Toronto. She attended Clinton Public School and St. Columba's Convent, and at the St. Mary's Convent, Toronto.

The parents moved to Boston, in 1869, taking up residence in the house now owned by Donald Palmer, at 1,000 they built a new house, which has been the family home through the years. A few years after the family moved to Boston, Miss Athene came home and taught at South Public School for some time then Cross school (and of Boston and New in Cambridge where she remained for several years. From Cambridge she went to Hingham and was engaged by the Public School Board where she remained until time of retirement. During this period she took a course at UMass-Morris College in Dartmouth College, and taught this in several public schools.

She was a faithful member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church while in Hamilton, interested in its activities, especially the Women's Missionary Society of which she was a life member. She was always ready to help any worthy cause and gave a helping hand when needed. She was fond of children, and thus derived much pleasure from her teaching, and made many friends who will have fond memories of a good teacher, a kind aunt and one whose standards of living were high. Her death, in her church, the WMS and her apartment have been a sad experience.

Upon retirement in 1985, she came to Mexico, and lived in the family home, Mal. Elmore, with her mother. She attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, taught in Sunday school and was active worker in the WMS and a member of the Women's Institute.

In 1906, she had the misfortune to fall while inspecting L. cooperensis and longisternis. Returning home she did not have good health, and later required nursing care, and in 1909 was a resident of St. James Nursing Home where at least one confided in her as a nurse but condition gradually worsened. She was unfortunately killed on a train on November 20th and left a broken heart, spent over a month at Georgetown Hospital, later married to Rhinoceros and passed away suddenly.

Review for parents, that was presented by three mothers and two others.

The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, January 15th, at Anderson's Baptist Church.

...and conducted by the minister  
J. E. Taylor. Admission free.

Basil Thompson  
Laid To Rest 1946

Paul Prentice Thompson was died on June 27th at his Centre Street home, was born May 3rd, 1882, in the farm home of his parents, Thomas Wm. Thompson and his wife, Maudie Jane Early on the 12th line of Tipton south township. He attended both Sacred Heart and DeWitt Junction Public School.

In June 1921, Mr. Thompson took for his bride, Miss Elizabeth Glavin, nee Harvey. They remained on the farm until 1923, when Mr. Thompson became caretaker of the Boston Public School — a position he held at the time of his demise — and he and Mrs. Thompson moved to the Village, occupying several homes, over the years. For the past six years, Mr. Thompson had been employed, part time, at the Woodburn Race Track, on the outskirts of West Torrington, and prior to that had worked also, on a part time basis, with the Ordnance Department at Nashua.

A number of Trinity Unit  
ed Church, Boston, Ma.  
Chapman had for some time  
attended St. Andrew's Pres-  
byterian Church in Boston.

One of his main interests was Masonry. He became a member of Spry Lodge No. 185, Boston, on February 24, 1927, was Master in 1940, and Lodge organizer (with time of his life).

Mr. Thompson enjoyed life ahead of himself, and he was not afraid of change. He was a man of many interests, and he was always looking for new things to do. He was a man of many talents, and he was always looking for new ways to use them. He was a man of many friends, and he was always looking for new ways to help them. He was a man of many dreams, and he was always looking for new ways to make them come true.

Mourning their children are Mrs. Thompson, daughter Margaret (Miss Ellen Kelly), RR 4, Allison, three grandchildren, and 2 nephews Whitney of Allison, Mr. Thompson's sister, Ida Mrs. John Hartlett, reside near him some forty years ago.

The funeral service was conducted in St. Andrew's rectory, Church Boston June 29th, by the minister, Rev. George R. Bell. Interment was made in the family plot in Allston Union cemetery, with a Masonic service at the graveside.

Fullbearers were: Wm. L. Abbott, Dr. S. R. McKelvey, K. Harvey, Jacob Sapher, E. Glendon Corbett, and Lloyd Lilly — all brother Ma of Mr. Thompson.

Flower beetles were Alvin Bulman, Bruce Gould, J. Watson, Earl and Wm. Hummel, Frank Lott, Green McCague, Robert Rutledge, Melvyn Mitchell, Wm. Sawyer, Frank Frohner, and Madison George Hardy. Edward Bell, James Carroll, A. Wright, W. E. Tye and A. Mitchell.



## Museum At Alliston Officially Opened By Minister

The sun really shone on the old dress, stressing the importance of the opening of the South Simcoe museum as reminders of the of Pioneer Museum at Alliston on Saturday of last week, when a good crowd gathered for the occasion.

After a luncheon tendered by the Town of Alliston, the Hon. Bryan L. Cathcart, Minister of Travel and Publicity, made the opening of the museum an official ceremony for the occasion.



THE MUSEUM IS THEIR BARY

The four people who have worked so diligently to make the museum at Alliston a reality and have established a collection of pioneer articles of which they and the whole of south west Simcoe County may well be proud. Left to right—Don Downey, chairman; Al Latimer, chairman of the Building Committee; Mrs. Mary Watson, secretary treasurer, and Clare Watson, curator.

## Gifted Teacher Receives Gift

Saturday evening the 25th of June was the date. The pupils at present attending Hammell's School Section No. 9, along with their parents and parents, together extended tribute to a gifted and dedicated teacher, Mrs. "Golie" Martin.

Festivities commenced with a ball game, pupils against the old people (parents). Both teams put forth strong efforts. When the scores of both teams reached double figures there was some confusion concerning which team was ahead. However, tiring parents were relieved when darkness stopped the game, glad there was some doubt about who had lost.

All gathered in the school house and when order was restored Mr. B. McCarthy gave an introductory speech. The following address to Mrs. G. Martin was read by Mrs. George Abernethy.

Dear Mrs. Martin, — The parents and pupils, past and present of SS No. 9 have asked you to meet with us tonight, to try to show our appreciation to you, for what you have done for us over the past years since you came to Hammell's school.

The pupils who come to you in Grade One and went right through to Grade IX were fortunate indeed to have your guidance all through their public school life. Your interest following them into high school has surely been an incentive to them to do their best to attain the high standards which you have set for them.

Those who are not yet ready to leave public school will, we are sure, benefit greatly from your guidance of them in their formative years.

Now, we are at the close of another school year and we want you to know how we feel. We ask you to accept this gift which we hope you will enjoy in good health. We hope that you will still be teaching in Hammell's School for years to come.

Signed on behalf of your friends of SS No. 9 (Hammell's).

Mrs. Martin was then presented with a chaise longue. Mrs. Martin, for one of the few times since we have known her, seemed at a loss for words. She thanked all for the gift and stated she would spend many happy times reclining in the chaise longue thinking of her pupils and their parents. Mrs. Martin also expressed thanks to all the people of the district for the ever ready assistance they were always willing to extend.

Around the roaring fire over which the wetness were warming, the whole group gathered to gorge themselves on two or three or four or even five hot dogs. This was topped off with roasted marshmallows and the whole washed down with gallons of cool fruit drinks.

The evening was a huge success, the weather fine and everyone returning home full and contented, hoping for many more repeat evenings of the same kind.

## Reeve Lisk Retires From Municipal Field

Reeve George Lisk of Township township and present Warden of Simcoe County is retiring from public office at the year's end. He has served 15 years, four as eighty-nine and five as twenty.



WARDEN GEORGE LISK

## BELTON FAIR BOARD HONOUR MRS. R. S. KEARNS

The ladies of the Belton Agricultural Society met on Wednesday, June 23rd in Community Hall here. Mrs. Harold Watson presided over the meeting and 14 ladies were present.

The business period included the results of the take sale, judges chosen, flower prize list revised and plans to decorate the hall.

Then the men of the Society who had held their meeting, met with the ladies for lunch.

At this time, Mrs. R. S. Kearns, who had served on the Fair Board for over 30 years, was pleasantly surprised. She was honoured by being presented with a certificate and silver omelette and sugar with tray, suitably engraved. Mrs. Kearns made a suitable reply.

## A PRETTY MID-SUMMER WEDDING

Sept. 1960



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Connor, who were married in Trinity United Church, Beeton, on Saturday, August 28th. Prior to her marriage, the bride was Carolyn Bayliss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Beeton. The young couple are residing near Allison. Mrs. Connor is a teacher at Beeton Junior School. Photo by Cathy.

Thursday, July 1960

## Michael Rothery is Prize Winner



At the first annual prize giving ceremonies at St. Andrew's College, W. Michael Rothery, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Rothery, RR 1, Allison, formerly of Beeton, received the Isabelle Cookhart Prize in History and the Wyll Prize in Latin from J. K. Macdonald, Chairman of the Board of Governors of St. Andrew's Rothery who graduated this year, was Head Prefect of the school and was also awarded the Macdonald Medal given to the boy most distinguished in scholarship and athletics. Michael obtained N.P.S.D. School education in Beeton.

## BEETON GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP SOFTBALL TEAM FOR 1955



This fine soccer and softballers pictured above are from left to right (back row)—Joan Williamson, Velma Russell, Anne Montgomery, "Red" Connor, coach, Marjell Bell, Nancy Brown and Nordeen Giron. Back row—Joan Platt, Jane Montgomery, Elaine McCarty, Melly Campbell, Dorothy Watson, Shirley Brown, Joan MacKewey and Pat Pichora. Photo by Fred Connor.



## Mrs. N. P. McDonald Laid To Rest

A pall of sadness was cast over Beeton and community in the death of Thomas Morris, beloved wife of Norman P. McDonald, of Beeton Memorial Hospital, Beeton, on Thursday evening last week after an illness of two weeks duration. She was in her 87th year.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Thomas R. Morris and Catherine McCow and was born at Bradford in the year 1871. She attended Bradford public and high schools and also Normal School at North Bay, graduating as a teacher. The late Mrs. McDonald taught school at Silverbrook, near Lake Umbagog in Townshipp township and Bradford public school.

In 1897, she married Norman P. McDonald in Toronto and two years later came with her husband to Beeton and had been a continuous resident here for nearly two decades.

During the past five years, the deceased opened a ladies and childrens store on Main St. and carried on a successful business up until her sudden demise.

She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and was active in the society of the church. She was also a member of Beeton LODGE and the Women's Institute. The deceased was well and favorably known in the village and district and her passing is deeply regretted by all with whom she came in contact during her lengthy residence in Beeton.

Left to mourn the loss of a loved wife and a kind and affectionate mother are her husband, three sons and three daughters: William of Toronto; Douglas of Beeton's Bank; Hugh of Newmarket; John (Mrs. Naylor) of Beeton; Betty (Mrs. A. Carson) of Wilkesville; and Margaret (Mrs. H. Himmick) of Toronto. One son, Donald, predeceased her 22 years ago.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on Sunday afternoon in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church with Rev. James H. Taylor, conducting the service. Interment was made in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton. Members of Beeton LODGE performed a graveside ritual in a departed state.

Pall-bearers were her nephews and three son-in-laws, viz. William Douglas and Hugh McDonald; William Naylor, A. Carson and H. Hancock.

Flower-bearers were members of Beeton LODGE.

Attending the funeral from a distance were friends and relatives from Toronto, Fergus, Belleville, Barrie, Sudb. St. Mary, Leves and Alliston.

The World, together with a host of neighbors and friends extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

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## Well Known and Familiar Figure In Beeton Laid To Rest Saturday

A highly esteemed and respected resident of this village, in the person of Ernest Alfred Letts, was laid to rest in Trinity United Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The deceased, who had been in failing health for the past six months, passed away on Thursday morning, February 18th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harold Watson, Centre St., in his 87th year.

Born in "Hobbsley Lodge", Northampton, England, the family home for 400 years, the deceased was the son of the late Richard and Caroline Letts. Coming to Canada with his parents at an early age, the late Mr. Letts located in the vicinity of Beeton where he met and married Emily Cole in 1903. Shortly after their marriage, the couple took up residence in South St. Marie where he was employed in a pulp mill. Six years later they took up residence in Manitoulin Island where he farmed for 20 years before returning to Beeton in 1933. Five years later, the deceased moved his family and household effects to the north half of lot 15, con. 2, Tecumseh where he lived until moving to Beeton and taking up residence in a home on Main St. 11 years ago. About 18 months ago the home was sold and Mr. and Mrs. Letts have resided with their daughter, Mrs. Harold Watson on Centre St.

Mr. Letts had one of the finest vegetable and flower gardens in the village and during the summer his residence was one of the show places in Beeton when the flowers were in full bloom. Besides being a fine gardener, he was an ardent hockey and baseball fan and was also keenly interested in the things that were of vital interest to the community in which he lived.

The deceased was a faithful member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and held various offices on the Church Board. In politics, he was a staunch Conservative.

In 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Letts celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary when friends and neighbors came from far and near to extend best wishes to the couple.

A life member of the Orange Order with which he had been associated for 25 years, Mr. Letts was a member of Mount Ararat LOD. No. 104.

Upright and honest in all his dealings, the deceased had a host of friends in the village and community who will regret his passing.

Left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and kind and affectionate father, are his wife, the former Emily Cole, three daughters and three sons, Mrs. F. O. Connors (Gertrude) St. Catharines; Mrs. Harry Noble (Doris) Toronto; Mrs. Harold Watson (Ada) Beeton; Harold of Toronto; and Erwin and Brian of Beeton.



THE LATE E. A. LETTS, 86.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held in St. Paul's Anglican Church, on Saturday afternoon with Rev. F. B. Cooke, assisted by Rev. A. W. Downer, MPP, Duntroon, and Rev. G. W. Gardner, Trinity United Church, conducting the service. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery Beeton.

The pallbearers were: Dr. S. H. McKelvey, Norval Heuchan, Fred Searle, William Westlake, W. C. S. Bell and N. P. McDonald.

The flower-bearers were: Messrs. John Hurst, Earl Hammett, George List, Harry Cross, Truman Bell, Elwood Corbett, Don Palmer, William Coburn, Henry Coburn and Howard Galbraith.

Members of Mount Ararat LOD, No. 104 performed last rites to a departed brother at the graveside.

Friends and relatives attending the funeral from a distance were

from St. Catharines, Toronto, Chesham, Alliston, Barrie, Newmarket, Bradford and Tottenham.

The World, together with a host of friends in Beeton and community extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

## Celebrate Golden Wedding



A wedding of wife, Mary Ann Reynolds, and John Reynolds, of Hamilton, was celebrated at the home of their son, John Reynolds, of Beeton, on Monday, September 23rd, 1940. The bride and groom were present from Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Brantford and Cookstown.

A buffet luncheon was served at five o'clock from a table lavishly with its pale green lace cloth, lighted gold napery and covered center and the happy couple were with the wedding cake. Mrs. John Reynolds, of Beeton, presided at the luncheon. Those present included their sons, John Reynolds of Beeton, and daughter, Phyllis, of Orillia, and daughter, Phyllis, of Orillia.

Beautiful weather marked the occasion and the happy couple were with the wedding cake. Mrs. John Reynolds, of Beeton, presided at the luncheon. Those present included their sons, John Reynolds of Beeton, and daughter, Phyllis, of Orillia, and daughter, Phyllis, of Orillia.

## Life Long Resident Of Tecumseth Passes

J. Milton Reynolds, was born at Thompsonville, May 21, 1879 to John Reynolds and his wife Mary Ann Lilly. He died on February 14th, in the Bond Haven Nursing Home, Bond Haven, where he had been a patient since mid September 1965, having been transferred there from Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, where he had been confined for over a month.

Mr. Reynolds attended the Maple Hill Public School on the 140, Concession road at Tecumseth township.

Married on September 3rd, 1906, he brought his bride, the former Miss Elizabeth Robb of Bolton, to his Tecumseth township farm, about 1911, he found natural gas emerging with the water from an artesian well. This he succeeded in forcing, under pressure, thru pipes to the house, where it was used for cooking and lighting for over 27 years.

About 1922, Mr. Reynolds became a licensed real estate broker, combining this with farming until he and Mrs. Reynolds moved to Beeton in 1929. He continued as a real estate broker until 1931, when ill health forced his retirement. Since that time he and Mrs. Reynolds lived quietly in their pleasant, compact Main Street bungalow.

He was one of the instigators of the Beeton Telephone Company, which provided service to the rural area from 1909 until the 1930's, when it merged with the Bell Telephone system.

An active member of the Thompsonville United Church, Mr. Reynolds transferred his membership to Trinity United Church, Beeton, on moving here.

Mr. Reynolds is survived by his widow, one daughter, Marjorie (Mrs. J. S. Dean) of Hamilton; sons, Harold, Orillia, and Irwin of Tecumseth township; eight grandchildren; sisters, the Misses Linnie and Wilhelmina Reynolds, of Niagara Falls, NY; one brother, Charles W., a retired druggist living in Hamilton.

The funeral service, on February 17th, was in the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel, Tottenham, with Rev. D. K. Byrd, incumbent, Trinity United Church, Beeton, officiating. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Palbearers were five grandsons, Robb and Morgan Reynolds, London; John and Doug Mac Dean, Hamilton; and Ross Reynolds, Cookstown, and a nephew, John Reynolds of Cookstown.

Flower bearers were Rauford Long, Edward Murray, John McCormack, Roy Reynolds and T.D. and Earl McKnight.

## Frederick L. Hall Laid To Rest

Funeral services for the late Frederick Leslie Hall were conducted by Rev. E. E. Johnson, a personal friend of the family, assisted by Rev. G. G. Gaudin, Trinity United Church, Beeton, on December 19th, 1967.

Born at Inglewood, he later moved to Beeton with his family. He received his elementary and secondary education in this area. After graduating from Trinity Normal School, he held teaching positions at Fossil, Beeton and Newmarket.

Retiring from the teaching profession, he owned and operated a dairy business in partnership with his brother. Following this, he joined the Department of Indian Affairs and served as Indian Superintendent at Muncey and Walpole Island and was later transferred to Head Office in Toronto.

While in Toronto, he was made a life member of Delaware Valley Lodge, AF and AM No. 358.

He is survived by his wife, Edith (Thompson) Beverley (Mrs. Neil Pattison) of Georgetown; Judy (Mrs. Edie Puma) of Beeton; Lake, R.C. and Jerry at home; also grandchildren, Grant, Tracy and Jennie Pattison and Tracy Puma. Also survived by one sister, Mary Ora Little, (Mrs. J. of Brantford) and two brothers, Garfield at Beeton and Maurice of Newmarket.

Palbearers were Messrs. Harry Cross, Alex. Rieburn, Milton Peck, Henry Paul, Fred Willoughby and Merwin Leach.

Interment took place in the Trinity United Cemetery.



Frederick Thomas Strangways

Frederick Thomas Strangways was one of seven sons and one daughter of William Thomas Homer Strangways and Mary A.L. Tyrell. He was born February 16, 1822 at Stockbridge, Hampshire, England. He came to Ontario in 1840, first to Unisfil Township, then to Tecumseh Township (loc. 1) Concession 5. In 1842 he married Elizebeth Hill, sister of Mr. Wm. Hill who lived three lots east. Mr. Strangways and his wife lived on their farm in a log house and raised eleven children. One of his many interests was developing the Fleetwood line of horses. He died in 1897 at the age of 75 years. His wife lived until 1907. They are buried in St. John's cemetery directly across from their old home.

In Mr. Strangways' family there were five daughters and six sons who lived beyond infancy. The first surviving child was a daughter, Mary A. (May), who later married S. Jefferson of Palgrave, where she lived until her death. They had one daughter Bertie.

Catherine E. (Kate) B. 1847, who married Isaac Rogers. After his death she moved to the United States where she raised her children.

Elizabeth M. (Lizzie) B. 1849, D. 1934, married Alfred McMahon. They had a general store in Palgrave for many years. He died there. Lizzie then made her home in Toronto with her son Wesley, and her daughter Mabel lived nearby.

The eldest son Elwood T. was born in 1854. He married Jennie Williamson by whom he had issue of four sons and one daughter. Dr. Hebert and Dr. Tyrell, both of Cleveland, Ohio. Harold A. who carried on his father's business in Beeton as drover, for a time. After he married Charlotte L. Hyndman (a milliner in the general store) they moved to Tottenham where he was a butcher until his death in 1949. Eva died in Beeton in 1924. Aubrey, who married Gladys Wright of Beeton, lived in Toronto and had two children, June and William. Mr. Elwood Strangways died in 1912, his wife Jennie in 1925.

Wm. Franklin (Dr.) married Frankie Jessop. They made their home in the United States where he died in 1939.

Frederick T. was the third son and was born 1858. He married Estelle Hallingstead and had one daughter Myrtle of Prince Albert Sask. They farmed the next farm to his father's loc. 2. After his first wife's death in 1899 he moved to Tottenham where he was reeve of the village. Some years later he married Ola Thomas. They had one son Kenneth. Frederick T.'s death came in 1932.

Florence M. B. 1861, D. 1949, was married first to Dr. A.C. Gaviller who practised medicine in Grand Valley. There were four children - Muriel, whose life was short; Dr. Chas. of Owensound; Claudia (Mrs. Dr. Wilford) of Toronto; and Evelyn (Mrs. Robt. Britnell) of Gormley. Mrs. Gaviller, after her first husband's death, married Mr. J. Yule.

Britton R. (Reverend) B.A., B.D., served in the United Church ministry for many years. He had, by his first wife Annie Campbell, a daughter Ruth. Fred and Mary (Mrs. J. Goodison) were children of his second wife Ruby Grey. Britton lived a short time in his 81 st. year, passing away in 1943.

Walter H. (Dr.) B. 1865, D. 1910, practised dentistry in Erie, Pa. His wife Lola Kaufman gave him a daughter Audrey and a son Homer.

The last daughter was Ida E. She married Dr. Wm. H. Philip. They lived for a short time in the United States, then returned to continue the practice of medicine in Toronto. Their two sons were Fred and Dr. Wesley, dentist. An account of Ida Strangways marriage was given in Kate Aitken's book "Never a Day so Bright". Ida lived until 1917.

The youngest son born 1869, was Wesley F. In 1896 he married Mary L. (Minnie) Philip, whom he had met at his sister Ida's wedding. They farmed the homestead on the sixth line until 1900 when they moved to Beeton where he had a hardware store. About 1912 he bought a farm north of the village, Concession 9 lot. He remained there until 1942 when he retired and moved into Beeton. The bridge over the small creek which runs through the farm was dedicated in his name. Township council members' names are also inscribed on the plaque. Mrs. Strangways was President of the Women's Institute (19 - 19 ) and from her interest and diligence the pillars and gates at the entrance to the Beeton Fair Grounds were erected to the memory of those who served in the war. They were both active workers in the United Church till their deaths in 1957 and 1938, aged 87 years. They had three children - Ewart; Creta (Mrs. R.R. Langford), both of Toronto; and Douglas of London, Ont. who died in 1951.

## Reminiscing On Early Beeton Days

By Jane Cole

The Presbyterian Church in Beeton was at early times situated near the site of the Presbyterian Cemetery on Main Street, near its old site here. The Rev. Wilson was in charge and Mrs. George Dixon was organist. The building was afterwards moved to a vacant lot between the present (1897) stave of Bruce Gould and W. Cobwell. When the present church was built, the old building was occupied as a furniture store by W. H. Mitchell, later it was used as a store house, and a few years later still, moved to the south side of Main Street where it is now used by the Townsville Township as an implement and storage shed.

The celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in Beeton was really something. A three band was engaged, and they played for more than two hours. The program started at 1:00 a.m. Yes, 3:00 a.m. with a grand salute, then came a Colonial Calisthenics procession and walk around. At 9:00 a.m. there was an open air concert by the Bands at 10:00 o'clock, a Cricket Match on the Agricultural Grounds this was followed by a baseball match. At 1:00 p.m. there was a Lawn Tennis tournament, followed by sports. At 2:30 a one mile bicycle race open to Beeton contestants only. This was followed by a one mile bicycle race open to all. At 3:30, horse race, Townsmeath and Appleton horses only, followed by open races. At 4:30, a football match, at 7:30 a Grand Concert by the Cricket Club and the AOWW in the hall. At 10 o'clock there was a magnificent display of fireworks with a Ballade American. After which everybody returned home, drove, spent and solemnly died.



Mr. and Mrs. Wesley F. Strangways

## 50th Wedding Anniversary

Family members are participating at a home luncheon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley F. Strangways of Beeton, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on February 14.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Strangways will be at home to friends and relatives. The couple were married in Grand Valley, among those expected to attend the celebration are three of the wedding guests, Mrs. E. L. Smith of Prince Albert, Sask., a sister of Mrs. Strangways, Mrs. E. E. Nicholson of Toronto, a cousin, Mrs. O. J. J. of Regina, a former school friend. Family

well-wishers will include their son Elbert, their daughter Grace, Mrs. E. H. Langford and their families, their daughter-in-law Mrs. Joan Strangways, mother of their son Douglas and her children, Miss Marie Strangways, a niece who made her home with them for many years, and one daughter, Mrs. John Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Strangways have lived in Beeton since 1908. Mr. Strangways was born in 1868 and Mrs. Strangways was born in 1868. They have three children, Elbert, Grace and Douglas. Mr. Strangways is a retired farmer and Mrs. Strangways is a retired school teacher.

*Mrs. Strangways died*

*Their home on Main Street, now occupied by Mr. M. J. Nicol*

## Mrs. W. Strangways Laid To Rest

Although only buried for about three weeks, Mrs. Lavinia (Mabel) Philip, beloved wife of Mr. Wesley Strangways, passed away at her home at Main St., Beeton, on Thursday evening, December 14, in her 81st year.

Born at Walsworth in Ayrshire, Scotland, in the year 1870, she was the daughter of the late James and Hannah Philip. She received her education at Walsworth and Grand Valley schools and Orangeville Model School. She entered the teaching profession and worked as in that vocation for four years.

She was married at Walsworth in 1890 to Wesley Strangways and came to Beeton in 1908. Mr. Strangways with his husband who was a farmer. Later she came with her husband to Beeton where she had remained up until her death.

The late Mrs. Strangways was an active member of Trinity United Church, as well as the various societies of the Church. She was a life member of Beeton Women's Institute and an active member of Beeton Horticultural Society. Also, she had belonged to Beeton and Beeton.

She never to mention her three surviving children, her son, Elbert, who is a farmer, and her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Smith of Prince Albert, Sask., who survives, as well as five grandchildren.

In June 1908, she celebrated with her husband their diamond wedding anniversary.

The funeral service was held from the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Thursday, December 14, with Rev. W. C. Gardner conducting the service assisted by Rev. F. Bunt of Toronto, a former minister here. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Clifford Gaslin, L. O. Thomson, Chas. Russell and George Clark of Beeton; William Henderson of Alliston, and Percy McCarty of Queenston, Ont.

The World, together with a host of friends in Beeton and community, extend heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Strangways and family in the loss of a beloved wife and kind and affectionate mother.



Mr. and Mrs. James Earl, pioneer of Townsmeath Township. Retired in 1908 and lived in Beeton until he died in 1936.

Lived in house occupied by Norland Laundry family until 1963.



## Biography of Wallace Downer

"Wally" Downer, candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario is the youngest of 12 children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Downer, Tully Township, Simcoe County (just outside the town of Penatungashene).

He attended public school in Tully Township, high school in Cookstown, the University of Toronto and Wycliffe College, from which he graduated in 1930. In 1930 he was ordained an Anglican clergyman. He served the parishes of Erie and Cataract before accepting a call to the Church of the Epiphany in Scarborough, where he remained until 1955, when he became rector of the parish of Dunroon where he still serves.

He married Phyllis Palmer of Toronto in 1934. They have three sons and two grandsons.

With his sons, he owns the insurance agency of Downer and Downer, Ltd., at Collingwood.

He has taken an active interest in community and political affairs since his student days, when he sold ice to pay his tuition fees. In 1937 he attended the Winnipeg convention when the Honourable R. B. Bennett was chosen leader of the Conservative Party. Mr. Downer is also an active member of Kiwanis and the Canadian Legion.

In 1933 Mr. Downer was elected to the Ontario Legislature for the riding of Dufferin — Simcoe. He was re-elected while overseas in 1945, again in 1948 with a majority in every polling sub-division, and repeated this success in 1951, 1955 and 1958. (Of the 90 members elected in 1957, Mr. Downer is one of only four remaining in the House at this time).

He became chaplain of the York Rangers in 1932 and, on amalgamation of the Queens' Rangers with the York Rangers, he served as Padre to the Queen's — York Rangers. As chaplain with the rank of captain, he served with the active army during World War II in Newfoundland, North Africa and Italy. Following his overseas service, he became chaplain of the 49th Anti-Tank Regiment (now the 28th Armoured Regiment), the Grey and Simcoe Foresters, as well as the 18th Medical Company of Queen's Own.

Mr. Downer was elected Speaker of the Ontario Legislature in September, 1955, for the usual five-year term.

In December, 1957, he was appointed a delegate to the Canada Parliamentary Association attending the conference in New Delhi, India, and was also a delegate of the same organization at the conference held in Australia in September, 1959. He represented Ontario at the conference of the Assembly held at Ottawa in January 1960.

He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Royal College of Physicians of the International University of London, University of London, England, and the Western University of Chicago in January of 1958.

Also in January 1958, Mr. Downer received an honorary life membership in the press gallery of the Ontario Legislature, an unprecedented honour for the Speaker of the provincial House.

Premier Frost appointed Mr. Downer in January, 1960, as a Commissioner with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario.



## Beeton's Oldest Resident Laid To Rest Saturday Afternoon

With the passing of Daniel Webster Watson on Thursday, December 1st, "Pinky" has been written on yet another page of Beeton pioneer history. The late Mr. Watson was born on September 1866, on the north half of lot 16, concession 5, Tecumseh township. He was the son of Dr. James A. Watson (who was the first resident medical doctor in Beeton, or Clarksonville as it was then known) and Margaret Atkinson. There was in the family one brother Richard, who went to Chicago about 1890, and has since died.

The family left the district for a short time but returned when Daniel Webster was five years old, and Beeton has since been his permanent home. He attended school on the Dunham farm and was engaged in many activities. He was keenly interested in sports — bowling and figure skating as a young man. He was auctioneer for many years, served as constable, and on the volunteer fire brigade for 50 years.

Before the automobile era, he operated a livery stable, but chiefly was most actively engaged in building and carpentry. He built the corner house at Centre and Prospect Street, where the family resided for some years. At one time he worked for D. A. Jones, the "Bee King" and the acknowledged founder of "Beetown" now known as Beeton. The beautiful trees on Centre Street owe a debt to this fine citizen, for it was one of his duties as a land to water the saplings, and through the years he had watched them grow until the branches arched the avenue.

"D. W." as he was affectionately known, rode the first CNR train into Beeton, and he was a passenger on the last trip into the village a year ago. Mr. Watson was an active member of the Anglican Church, a staunch Conservative in politics and a member of the Orange Order for 70 years and a Mason for 40 years.

He was always greatly interested in all that concerned his native village. He served on the school board for some years and the present school building was erected during his term of office. The local Fall Fair was a highlight of the year and the late Mr. Watson had missed but two during his long life. His birthday and the Fall Fair dates were very close together.

Mr. Watson had been married twice, his first wife Minerva Irwin died in 1912. There were three children in this family, two sons Jim



DANIEL WEBSTER WATSON

and Ross both living in Beeton, and one daughter Margaret, now Mrs. Oliver English at Kitchener. His second wife Margaret Kearns predeceased him some years ago. Issue of his second marriage was Susan now Mrs. Lee Irwin of Beeton; Robert Kitchener at Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Don Barr (Georgina) of Wallaceton. Mr. Watson leaves 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was mentally keen but had been in failing health for the past year or so, he was in St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener, for less than a week when death came.

Funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. A. Anderson of Tottenham, and service was on Saturday afternoon (from St. Paul's Anglican Church here) in charge of Rev. H. T. Cathcart.

The floral tributes were magnificent and were distributed among the local churches, St. Anne's and the Orange Home in Huron.

Many friends from far and near gathered to pay respects to this grand gentleman of pioneer days. Mr. Watson was more than a citizen of Beeton, he was an institution.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Oliver English, Don Barr, Don Bargin, Wm. L. Watson, James English and Don Watson.

Flower-bearers were: Messrs. Wilfred Service, George Haines, Ted Dale and Alberg Bulman.

Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton, and members of L.O.E. No. 200 performed the last ritual to a departed brethren at the graveside.



St. Paul's Church (Anglican) has been in the hands of the interior decorators. The body of the church is tinted in two shades of warm beige, and the Chancel in the blue tones that bring out the beautiful coloring of the stained glass east window. For the first time we read the inscription. In memory of Minerva Irwin, wife of D. W. Watson, died January 1st, 1912, age 44 years. When we visited the Church today Mr. W. D. Watson who is 82 years young was busily engaged in varnishing pews and benches, and doing a wonderful job, working alone and liking it. The Guild donated \$1,000 towards this work, there still remains some things to be done, new lights installed and some changes in the chancel. The whole atmosphere is most restful.

### RECEPTION

I am very glad and happy to think I am about to reach my eightieth birthday and spared to live 74 years in Beeton, the longest residence here; the last one of the first Fire Brigade, over 60 years; oblate member of the King George's Celebration Committee; collector of taxes over 20 years; warden of St. Paul's Anglican Church over 25 years; on the School Board over 20 years; chief constable 40 years. So, God being my helper and guide, I want to meet you and all either in the afternoon, from 3 to 5 or evening, 7 to 9, and have a cup of tea and cake, also a piece of birthday cake. After that, 9—10, sing-song; 10—11:45, a little dance in the town hall; Saturday, September 28th.

D. W. WATSON





March 1957. Mrs. May Hurst  
with youngest grandson Ricky  
Mrs. H. was celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday March 3/57  
Mrs. Hurst

#### IDA MAY HURST 1887

After a long illness, borne with patience and fortitude, Ida May Hurst, passed away at Bond Haven Nursing Home, Bond Head, on Saturday, March 16th, her husband Thomas James Hurst, predeceased her 20 years ago.

Mrs. Hurst was born in West Gwillimbury 86 years ago and was the last surviving member of her family. For the past 70 years, Beeton was her home and during that time her quiet manner and kindly disposition won for her many sincere friends.

She was a faithful life member of the Royal Canadian Legion No. 421, and St. Paul's W.A. for many years and a constant church member until ill health forced her to stay indoors.

She leaves to mourn her loss in a loving mother, Russell and Jack of Beeton; Lillian, Brantford; Jim of Tottenham; Jane (Mrs. F. Barrett) of Beeton; Helen (Mrs. Shaw) of Toronto and Ruth (Mrs. L. Robinson) of Beeton, and Charles, deceased.

The funeral which was largely attended took place on Monday, March 18th from Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham. Rev. T. G. Gable conducted the service. Interment was made in Schomberg vault with burial in the spring to Trinity United Cemetery at Beeton.

The pallbearers were Messrs. John Summerton, Bill Hammett, Sam Bolton, John Paulson, Gordon Bray and Robert Reid.

## Tweedsmuir Book To Be Made By W.I.

(By Jane Cole)

Every community or settlement no matter how small or remote has its own personal story. There are hundreds of villages, like Beeton, scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Province, where adventurous souls came and pioneered through hardship and toil to make a new life in a new land, and thus blaze a trail for the sons and daughters of the future to follow. All have a wealth of material for factual records, but the trouble is time marches on, the pioneers go to their rewards and with them dies many a memory that might have been preserved.

It has taken a heap of living in this village of Beeton to bring it to its present level of development, and just as no community can live within, and to itself, and survive, so Beeton has sent its sons and daughters out to the larger fields of service, and as always there are those who are left to keep the home fires burning.

For the past two years communities are becoming time conscious. Centennial celebrations are all around us, communities are creating a background for the past and preparing for the future. The trouble is that in many cases a village history is obscure, records have been lost, antiques, portraits, paper clippings thrown out, thus making a complete authentic history difficult to obtain and assemble.

One effective way to collect and preserve the early history of a community is by assembling data for a "Tweedsmuir Book" and the local Womens Institute, under the leadership of Mrs. W. E. Kearns, has decided to do just that. The foreword written by Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of a former Governor General, will explain the aims and desires of this worth while project. This is the Foreword:

"I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays, homes are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely, sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Womens Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes and to see that water color sketches, and prints, poems and prose legends, should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the young-

er members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and the events which happened before they were born. After all it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories".

Well, there it is, and now the real work starts. The Institute at its last meeting in July appointed Mrs. Cole as convenor of a Tweedsmuir Committee, viz. Mrs. W. E. Kearns, Mrs. J. Camplin, and Mrs. W. E. Ritchie. This committee met on August 20th and preliminary outline of plans were made. The book is to be divided into two sections Historical and Current. The Historical section requires a map of the county showing our own defined borders, size, physical characteristics, natural resources, mines, agriculture, forestry. The Indians or any history pertaining to them or their habits within this district. The pioneer settlement and general development.

The Farm history, with names of owners, changes etc through the years, and especially century farms. Any items of interest and pictures.

The Village History, founders and development. Histories of the Church, library, schools, past and present Industries, clubs, Fraternal Organizations, Societies, Newspapers and Personalities. Persons of note who have made their contribution to the world in outstanding service or accomplishment, pictures and dates are wanted. Family Trees have proven interesting. The War Service of local men and women in war efforts, their rank, and picture if possible.

The Current Events include anything of note worthy of remembrance. The above is a bare outline of details. It is a community effort but should not prove too arduous if all will do their part. The back history is the more difficult, but there are still those among us whose memories are long and their vision clear to look back upon the years that have passed. They can help. And then there are those whose roots are deep down in the soil of their native village, a younger group, whose pioneer forebearers came in a spirit of adventure, faith and vision, to make a new life in a new land and left behind a goodly heritage, they too can help us.

Someone will have some ideas, members of the committee or the convenor will be glad of any help that can be given. We are trying to look back a hundred years or so ago, and we have to dig up facts here and there, it is a time consuming task. How nice it will be a hundred years from now when your childrens, childrens children, may by the turning of a page, read and realize what life was like in Beeton away back when the Village celebrated its first Centennial. Who knows, it may be a city by that time!



## Telephone Service Came To Beeton 75 Years Ago

Nov. 1961

Eight of 18 telephone men who were working in town (Beeton) this week passed west, seated in a four horse chariot, composed of a large lumber wagon, loaded full of poles, etc., necessary for their work at Dodd Head, Beeton and other places.

This construction crew worked hard all through the hot humid summer of 1886 to raise poles and string wires along the road as they ran. By fall, all was ready and all hands were welcoming the first telephone with a look of pride.

The 11 year old invention was still a novelty in most Ontario communities. In fact, the Bell Telephone Company itself was only five years old, but had already connected thousands of miles of long distance lines throughout the Ohio and Quebec countryside, including a line from Toronto to Newmarket as early as 1884 and on to Barrie in 1885. This enabled the Beeton extension, to be quickly made from Bradford and up to Alburgh.

At this time J. F. Darby had a jewelry store in the Watson block on the Main street in Beeton. Among his goods one day was placed an unusual looking object, which was "peculiar" in a different way. It was a primitive switch board bringing the magic of speech over wires to Beetonites.

News spread rapidly: soon the inquisitive were crowding into Mr. Darby's store to see for themselves whether the rumors were true. The more daring ventured up their chance to step up to the talking box on the wall and listen to the sound of the distant voice — and be convinced.

Attention was quick by Beeton for the pages of its illustrative telephone directory for the Bell's Ontario Department located three customers for the Beeton agency. Beeton Printing and Publishing Co., Centre St.

Darby, J. F. Jeweller, Main St. Macpherson, F. H., Printer and Publisher, Centre St.

For two years Mr. Darby divided his attention between his retail jewelry business and the demands of the busy little switch board, serving villages from the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on week days, 8 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, and 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 on holidays.

Then, F. H. Macpherson of the World Publishing House took over for a year two years, and the switchboard moved to the World building.

It was the first of several moves before the turn of the century for Beeton's central office. The year 1886 saw it transferred to the post office building, where it stayed until 1888, then went to the corner of Queen and Centre streets. Three years later it slipped over to Main street.

Old timer, essentially unknown David William Jones, whose an ancestor influenced the changing of their town's name from Clarkeville to Beeton. Youthful residents often come across a plaque erected in his memory, when enjoying their community park.

Internationally known as the "Doc King" in the nineteenth century, he also turned his creative to beautifying and bettering his village. In 1891, he bought the third local message for the Bell Telephone company.

Successive managers were G. F. Bennett, Frank Bennett, and, in 1896, W. J. Anderson. Also, a not very public and ticket agent for the C.P.R. Mr. Anderson formed his own private line, Anderson Telephone System, early in 1899 with the agreement not to connect his customers in Beeton.

That same year, another enterprising young physician, Dr. H. K. Brewster, decided to build his own telephone lines in order to serve his patients in the outlying rural areas.

Realizing the advantages of and competing with several other private systems in this district, he soon influenced the forming of the Beeton Telephone Company Ltd., to serve these rural customers by connecting with the Bell's exchanges at Beeton as well as the nearby communities of Alburgh, Bradford, Georgetown and Tottenham.

Provisional directors — W. O. C. Allen, baker; Andrew G. Gail, jeweller; D. S. Morrow, druggist; L. D. Cherry, hardware; and J. N. Landon, magistrate — called a meeting in Morrow's drug store on July 20, 1901, to adopt the Company's charter.

Shortly afterwards, at a general meeting of shareholders, W. J. Ashenbry, farmer, was elected president with fellow officers, Frank Wilson, vice president, W. O. C. Allen, secretary and Dr. H. K. Brewster, treasurer.

In two years time, Frank Wilson, a local farmer, took over the presidency, and rapidly secured his company for the next 27 years.

Thomas Hamwell retired as the Bell's agent in 1903. The year he left, the Beeton Telephone Company, looking for an office for their necessary decided to purchase from the Village of Beeton a building which had previously been used as a local power house supplying lighting service to the community. The Hydro had come to Beeton that year.

A proposal was made at this time as recalled by the late S. P. McDaniel, "In August 1903, I was called to a meeting of directors of the Beeton Company and representatives of the Bell Telephone Company, and asked to accept the

relationship and office manager, if the Bell Company would move the switchboard into the Beeton Company's office."

The suggestion was accepted, and the Beeton Telephone Company became local agent for the Bell. Mr. McDaniel also became secretary, treasurer of the Beeton Hydro System, and immediately assumed the duties of these three organizations from the same office until May 1, 1907, when the Bell Telephone Company purchased the entire system of the Beeton Telephone Company.

From only three subscribers in the first days of the telephone, Beeton now boasts a total of over 150 customers, who will soon be giving a last turn to their long familiar switch.

Disappearing also will be the old room voice of the local telephone operator. The personal touch will be gone from the telephone of Beeton.

"Each man in his time plays many parts. So did the chief operator. She did the talking for the emergency department, as is so the switchboard for most time relief or night relief, and the power around the building and tended the fire alarm bell, control, control of the long distance charges, attended the furnace, and did far too to settle disputes re. overcharges on party line connections, and put new lines on the board as required."

Villagers will indeed be stepping into a new era of telephone calling. During the telephone's infancy, the source of one to two hundred calls were the absolute limit for success in reception, and at times, even while during storms of adverse weather conditions, conversations were unsatisfactory.

By the turn of the century the range had been increased to 1,000 calls. This limit was gradually extended until 1916, when the introduction of speaker stations at intervals along the long distance lines to remove the voice currents, brought about a great improvement in quality and scope.

By 1905, calls could be made in any point in Canada and the United States, though service to places outside Quebec and Ontario was still only available over United States lines. The first all Canadian trunk continental route was inaugurated in 1903 with the opening of the Trans Canada Telephone System.

In the meantime, overseas radio telephone service between New York and London, opened in 1927, was gradually extended to other centres on both sides of the Atlantic.

The opening of the first transatlantic telephone cable in 1906 greatly improved overseas telephone service. Today Beeton customers can reach almost every country in the world by telephone.

### DIAL LAST FIVE FIGURES FOR LOCAL CALLS

After the change to dial on Nov. 1st, it will be necessary to dial the last five figures of the telephone number when placing a call. One Beeton telephone to an other. However, the full number should be used on long distance calls.

The full number will also be needed for local calls in both the business and residential areas.

The three consecutive will be included in the All Number Calling plan following the autumn. Under this plan, which will eventually embrace most telephones in Canada and the United States, telephone numbers will consist of seven figures rather than the two letter, five figure combinations which have, in the past, made up most telephone numbers under the dial system.

The All Number Calling plan (ANCC) has been introduced in 1955 with more telephone numbers for North America. The two letter, five figure plan provided some 240 or change designations (such as WA and MI) in each of over 218 numbering areas in Canada and the United States. These all figure numbers, available combinations in each of these areas have been in.

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A new era in telephone service in Beeton will be ushered in at about 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 6th, when the Bell Telephone Company's new dial office is placed in service.

Dial service will also be introduced by the Bell company in both Tottenham and Schomberg at the same time.

New seven figure telephone numbers will go into use in the three exchange areas coincident with the introduction of dial service.

These numbers will each consist of seven figures. In Beeton, all numbers will begin with the three figure code 729; in Tottenham they'll begin with 936, and in Schomberg they'll all begin with 009. In each case these three figure codes will be followed by four other figures.

In Beeton it will be possible to complete local calls by dialing only the last five figures of each number — that is, the figure 9, followed by four others.

However, in both Tottenham and Schomberg all seven figures will be required.

Long distance calls to and from Beeton will require the use of all seven figures.

The change to dial will be made with virtually no interruption in telephone service. Early Sunday morning was chosen as the appropriate time because normally there are few telephone conversations in progress at that time.

The actual changeovers will be made according to a closely coordinated procedure requiring split second timing to make sure that the period when all telephones are "dead" is kept to a minimum.

At a signal given when calling has reached a low ebb, a team of men wearing goggles will go into action at each old manual exchange to disconnect all the lines to the old switchboard.

The goggles are necessary because of the method of disconnection — tapes are strung behind the heat coils — little fuses that protect subscribers' lines from high voltage — so that the fuses can be ripped out by the thousands. This operation will require about 30 seconds.

As soon as the old exchange is "dead," signals will be given over a special telephone line to each new exchange where another crew will be standing in readiness to remove the "blocking tools" from the dial switching equipment. These tools, which are used to prevent the dial switches from working while the manual exchange is still in operation, are also attached to cords so that they can be yanked out in a few seconds.

Once the blocking tools are pulled out, the dial systems will be in operation. As the first callers dial, the dial switches will begin to click, connecting telephone calls in the Beeton exchange.

Following the dial conversion, there will be no operators located in Beeton, Tottenham or Schomberg. Long distance calls will be handled by operators in Newmarket. The Newmarket staff will also provide "information" service and give assistance to anyone experiencing difficulty in using the dial.

## New Era In Telephone Service

### Three Beetonians Were With It Back in 1885

It was "Telephone Night" in Beeton on March 4 and quite a number of Beetonians came to hear and see.

The film shown ranged far afield from telephones as it took a look back over the years at cars and clothes and those low, low prices.

The manager of Bell's Newmarket Area, H. B. Allan, talked about modern developments in communication and Bell service and, in doing so, also reviewed the early days of telephones in Beeton. Some older members of the audience could recall the days and the people he mentioned and for the benefit of who did not hear him, the historical portion of Mr. Allan's address is quoted below.

"Speaking of history, we consider ourselves to be real oldtimers as far as Beeton is concerned because we've been here a long time. In fact, when we first moved into Beeton, the company was only five years old and the telephone itself, invented just 11 years before, was still considered a novelty in most Ontario communities.

A line built from Toronto to Newmarket in 1864 was extended to Barrie in 1885. This enabled the Beeton extension to be made quickly from Bradford and up to Alliston.

At that time, J. F. Darby had a jewellery store in the Watson Block on Main street. It became

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the location of the first switchboard in town and crowds of inquisitive people came into his store to see if the rumours about this newfangled thing were true. Some of them were even daring enough to pick up the receiver and listen to the voice on the other end.

By December, the pages of the tiny directory that listed all of Bell's Ontario subscribers boasted three customers from Beeton.

Mr. Darby divided his time between his prosperous jewellery business and the demands of the little switchboard for about two years. Then F. H. McPherson, of the World Publishing House, took over for a four-year span, moving the switchboard to the World building.

Beeton's central office moved several times before the turn of the century. In the fall of 1889 it went to the post office building. In 1893 it moved to the corner of Queen and Centre streets. Three years later it hopped over to Main street.

David Allanson Jones, whose endeavours influenced the changing of the name of your community from Clarksville to Beeton, was named the 3rd local manager for Bell.

By 1900, Dr. B. S. Brewster decided he wanted to be able to call his patients in the rural, out-lying areas. As Bell's resources were so heavily committed to other urban areas, he decided he'd build his own telephone lines. He organized the Beeton Telephone Company and served the farm areas by making a deal with Bell whereby he built the lines and owned the telephones but the interconnecting of calls was done by Bell exchanges in nearby communities such as Alliston, Bradford, Cookstown and Tottenham. This arrangement continued right up to May, 1957 when Bell purchased the Beeton Telephone Company.

We've come a long way from these early days. Now, instead of turning the crank on the side of the telephone to get an operator, you have a dial system the equal of any in the world. And from those first three subscribers you've grown to the point where there are now some 800 telephones. That's just for your own Beeton exchange."



# Cooper-Weeks Limited Plant To Leave Beeton At Year End

Nov 10 1960

After operating a sporting goods manufacturing plant in Beeton for the past 34 years, Cooper-Weeks Ltd. have served notification to their employees here that the plant will be moved to Toronto on December 31st.

The removal of the plant to Toronto came as a bolt from the blue to the employees here when Jack Cooper, president of Cooper-Weeks Ltd., read the following letter to the Beeton staff at the close of the work day on Tuesday afternoon. The letter:

## "TO OUR BEETON EMPLOYEES"

"Immediately after Christmas we shall discontinue our Beeton manufacturing operation. This move has been under consideration for several years and now we feel we have no alternative. Here are the reasons which compelled us to make this move:

"1. Our old three storey plant no longer lends itself to efficient manufacturing and shipping.

"2. The low water pressure in Beeton has caused our fire insurance rate to be doubled this year.

"3. Transportation is becoming a bigger and bigger problem. Due to increased rates, our customers are asking for trade or pool car shipments and this means that almost everything we produce in Beeton must be shipped twice, once from Beeton to Toronto, then from Toronto to the customer.

"4. Competition from outside Canada, as well as within, forces us to operate as efficiently as we know how. This can be accomplished best by confining our sporting goods manufacturing in a modern one storey plant.

"All Beeton employees are invited and urged to transfer to this new plant located just off Jane Street on Alliance Avenue in Toronto. Don Conn will continue as your manager in this new plant.

"The plant is handy to reach from No. 400 Highway — a 45 minute drive is involved. Many of our Toronto employees take that long to get to work by local transportation. We suggest that car pools be arranged and that we all organize to get on as before to make Cooper

Weeks bigger and better than ever. In the process, don't forget 'The More You Care, The More You Share'.

"Work hours will be adjusted to allow you to avoid rush hour traffic.

"Some employees will, unfortunately, find it impossible to join us in Toronto. As you know we are extremely busy. Those employees who cannot join the Toronto staff, and who continue to cooperate with us by giving their best will receive—

"1. Pay for Boxing Day and New Year's Day

"2. Full vacation pay — two weeks or one week, whichever you would be entitled to by next summer.

"3. Profit Sharing to which you would be entitled if you remained with us.

"4. Redemption of your preferred stock at once, if desired.

"Don Conn or Martin Tobin or I will be pleased to discuss this matter with you. Let me assure you that, while it is necessary to consider the future of the Company, we desire, most of all, to do the right thing by every one of our employees.

"Sincerely,

JACK COOPER"

In the fall of 1946, Cooper-Weeks Ltd., Toronto, purchased the former Beeton town hall on Main Street, a three storey structure that had been erected in 1901, and commenced operations of manufacturing sporting goods with the slogan "Play Bob Cameron Brand," with Mr. Frank Ferrier as supervisor. The plant, which was to become Beeton's major industry was staffed by local labor and 12 to 15 of the original employees are still with the plant.

Cooper-Weeks Ltd., not only had a branch here but also operated a second one at Victoria Harbor which manufactured leather goods. In 1953, the Victoria Harbor plant was closed out and the machinery and raw materials used in the manufacture of wallets, billfolds, key cases, etc., was moved to Beeton. After a couple of years manufactur-

ing the leather goods here, that department was transferred to the main plant in Toronto.

The present staff of Cooper-Weeks Ltd. plant here consists of 51 employees which are mostly local except for some from Tottenham, Colton and the immediate district. At times during rush periods over the years, the staff here has reached 60 as well as a few part time helpers. However, a year round average of the plant was approximately 45 employees. If the present staff employed here continue on with the firm in its new Toronto plant, and there is little doubt but that they will after the year end, they will have to commute daily to Toronto.

During the 34 years' operations here, Cooper-Weeks Ltd. has had four supervisors, viz: Frank Ferrier (until a member of the staff); Peter Saunders, James C. Thompson (a former reeve of this village) and the present supervisor, Don Conn.

In conversation with Jack Cooper on Wednesday morning, he informed The Beeton World that he regretted very much the removal of the plant from Beeton but that this unfortunate situation that had arisen compelled the transferring of the plant to a new building in Toronto. Mr. Cooper also gave out the information that he had nothing against the Village of Beeton and had enjoyed the acquaintances made here on his numerous visits to the village as well as the cooperation received from village officials.

Mr. Cooper also stated that the new building to which the Beeton plant is being transferred consists of 21,500 feet on one floor and if an extension of the building is further required, it can be to the extent of 90,000 feet.

The citizens of Beeton regret the removal of this enterprising industry from the village. The loss of this industry leaves Beeton with only one manufacturing plant, Borden Metal Products (Canada) Ltd., situated within our boundaries. It is hoped that Beeton will be fortunate in having another industry locate here in the very near future.

William Patterson

William Patterson was son John Public came from King Township to the old line Township, just east of Cross Lake school. Their family name--

Annis Margaret who was born July 6, 1877, and graduated with high standing from the General Hospital in St. Thomas in 1905.

Mrs. M.W. Dennis went to Detroit, Mich. Herbert J. went to Brighton, Mich. William also went to Detroit.

Edna was a dress maker and went to Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. William J. went to Portland, Oregon, also in 1941.

Dr. J.W. Maxwell born May 15, 1888, attended Cross's School and graduated from Queen's University in Kingston. Maxwell served as an M.D. in Hospitals in Birmingham, Cairo and France. On his return to civilian life he began practicing in Glenora, Ont. where he married in 1920 to Alice Marie Kirby. In 1922 he went to Newell's etc in 1925 moved to Medicine Hat, where he practiced until 1944, when he moved away, leaving his wife, Grace, Margaret and son Russell. When he was a little boy his brother Henry was shooting wood. He kept saying his "feyar out, saying "you can't hit that," finally the feyar came off.

The feyar killed all the waterfowl around. Mrs. Patterson was once married. Her name was a lovely blue velvet dress and hat for William Hill. Mrs. Jackson Blackford. Henry worked at Dr. Two Falls. Mr. Patterson was a doctor.

William etc. Their son was in the Snow Field where Henry had his early experience. Mary was noted for blowing away of the huge willows that were in the Township near the early days.

Their father died here, but their mother, Annie and Edna all went to Medicine Hat.



**CELEBRATE 33rd  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross gave a dinner party for their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cross on Sunday, February 28th, on the occasion of their 33rd wedding anniversary. Present were all their family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williamson, Joan and Sylvia of Oakville and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and Larry of Toronto.

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**The Cross Family**

We are recording here a history of the Cross Farm, supplied by Mrs. Wesley Cross, to whom we are most grateful for her co-operation.

Robert William Cross was born in Arden, Ireland about 1790. He came to Canada before 1837, bringing with him his young wife Marion Wilson, and one child. They settled on lot 15 Con. 7 which they bought from the Crown, in 1824. There were eventually seven children in the family. The youngest son William, married Sarah Russell, the daughter of Christopher Russell of the 5th line Tecumseh. For a short time they lived on a farm near Cuckstown, but finally moved back to the old farm on the 8th line, - they had two daughters and nine sons.

The youngest son Herbert married Olga Henton of Albion. They made their home with his parents, William and Sarah Cross, until their death in 1917, when Herbert and his wife Olga went to live in Edmonton, Alberta.

Wesley George Cross was the eighth child of William and Sarah. He married Miss Mary (Marie) Josephine Wilson of Tottenham in 1904 and they bought the old farm. They have two daughters and one son. Helen (Mrs. G.M. Williamson), Weslene (Mrs. G.L. Jones), and Harry who married Miss Blanche Dale of Bradford. Harry and Blanche make their home on the original Cross Farm. This brings us to 1960, but we now digress for a period and go back to the year 1868 when the Cross family purchased the adjacent 50 acres, on the corner of which now stands S.S. #16 School. A small house too was built on this property facing the 8th line and this was occupied by a Mr. Patterson from Scotland.

In 1952 Harry Cross was walking across the field, when the ground gave way beneath him, and he found himself clinging to the edge of the old forty foot well, which was about half full of water, eighteen feet to be exact. His cry for help brought his father, who with the help of passers by, hauled his son to safety. It was a harrowing experience. The well was again filled in and so far has shown no signs of underground shifting. There was an out of door bake oven on this property, built of stone, and it was here that neighbours came to do their baking.

In 1960 Harry Cross sold his farm to Mr. Tommy Somers of Toronto. Mr. Keith Drury, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Drury, who worked on the farm with Harry for the past three years continued to work on the farm for Mr. Somers for four and a half years until Tommy Somers Jr. was married. Keith Drury then secured a job with the Township of Tecumseh.

Wesley George Cross died Nov. 23, 1959, in his 84th year.  
Mrs. Wesley Cross died June 13th, 1960, in her 80th year.  
They are buried in Trinity Cemetery, section, Unit.

## Shower Held For Mr. and Mrs. R. Pegg

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pegg, who were married June 26th, were the guests at a community shower, given in their honour, in Beeton Community Hall, the evening of July 30th.

The large number of friends gathered for the occasion, danced to the music of Elmer Overland's orchestra from Orangeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Pegg received a Lazy-Boy chair and a purse of money. The presentation address, read by David Ferrier, was as follows:

Dear Catharine and Ron: We are here this evening for this presentation to show a tangible display of our affection and esteem for you.

Catharine, you are by no means a stranger to most of us, since you went to Banting Memorial High School. We feel that, with your charm and dignity, you will make a good partner for Ron.

Ron, you have left your mark on this community, not only by being active in sports, but by influencing and moulding young athletes. You have not only helped these young people, but also coached them to championships in baseball and hockey. Ron, you were also a leader in Church work. Not only Superintendent of the Sunday School, but you were also an elder of Trinity United Church. So, with these things in your favour, we feel that Catharine has chosen an equal partner.

To both of you, we wish much success and happiness for the future.

Signed — Your many friends of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Pegg thanked all who were present and those who had contributed to the evening, but did not attend. Mr. Pegg appeared overwhelmed, saying he had not anticipated so large a demonstration of the feeling of his home town folk. He also expressed regret to be leaving Beeton, even for a time.

The most enjoyable evening's finale was a palate teasing luncheon, to which all did justice.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th 1963

RGH 20TH. 1884

## GOLDEN WINNERS

Saturday eve was a happy day with the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Nichol. It was the anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Nichol, which took place just 30 years before, and the occasion was made one of great rejoicing and festivity. Mr. Nichol is 74 and his good wife 71 years of age. They have had 11 children, four sons and seven daughters, all of whom are still alive and well. The sons are married and five of the daughters. The number of grand-children present were 30 and one great-grandchild—the daughter of Mrs. A. Cummings. The total number of relatives present was 45 and what a rather unusual occurrence is that were these—Mr. Bullman, of Toronto—was one of the first arrivals to arrive here. About two o'clock of the evening gathered in the parlour of the Queen's Hotel, where the celebrations met—Mr. Barker being a son-in-law of Mr. Nichol—and Mr. and Mrs. Nichol were each presented with valuable easy chairs upholstered nicely in hair cloth and very comfortable for an old couple. The following address was read by Mr. Kellam—son-in-law—and was responded to by the Rev. Mr. Campbell for the sad gentleman and lady.

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**WEEK-END AND HOME PARENTS:** We, the children, read children's great-grand-  
daddy and I think, have met on this  
subject, due to maintain the Fifth  
thousandth of our savings, being our

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speech and song in abundance, as did also Mrs. M. Francis. After this ceremony was over one of entertaining commenced and shortly afterwards dinner was announced. In the dining room were two tables stretching the whole length of the apartment hall, and these were soon filled, while at the head of the room at a smaller table sat the happy couple who were enjoying this tribute of affection from their children. At the right hand side sat Mr. Campbell, and at the left Mr. Burke, while the bridesmaid of young age sat facing the bride. A good time at the tables had been spent (the couples being gotten up in good style) the brides cake was enjoyed and passed around to the company. It was really a treat to see the happy couple surrounded by their children, and all having such a good time. Though Mr. Nichol had been quite unwell during a great part of this winter, he is now in first class health, and both he and Mrs. Nichol give promise of yet living many years.

Mr. Nichol took great pleasure in his jovial way of relating reminiscences of his younger days, and he left himself quite a young man again to leave his family all about him as to golden times. At the celebration of a "golden wedding" is an uncommon occurrence, the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nichol will be pleased to learn that they have been spared to see it. It is a happy thing, and we hope that the celebration will be a happy one.

## APPENDIX

Deane's Black-bellied Tern.—Two still readily possible that the specimens this afternoon are bottled for their approval.

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Now the success of a business Proposition  
rests upon you, and your partners in life,  
and upon your children.

And when we have arrived our journey by the will of God may be attended a humble submission to His kingdom, whose empires, death and life are unknown, and enjoy that long and happy of love turned for the great.

## A Heavy Agenda At Beeton Women's Institute Meeting

It was Historical Research men, and Mrs. Cole was in charge of this portion of the meeting. Some interesting items were received for the Tweedsmuir book among them the newspaper account of the death of D. A. Jones, dated 1910, also a photo of an interesting Church group showing Mrs. Wootley, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Kettle, Mrs. J. Robinson, Mrs. Halbert, Mrs. Strangways, Mr. Halbert, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Parkhill, Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. "Peggy" Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Will Robinson and Mrs. Reynolds. Then there was a picture of a very smartly uniformed band (the Boston Band) taken on a lawn beside a large brick house with a church on the verandah. Then there was a photo of a group of very handsome young men in the uniform of what might be a lacrosse team. It was taken at the time when hair could be worn parted in the centre with safety and without comment. These players were not identified as yet. Mr. Nicol brought in a newspaper clipping from The

The World of March 29th, 1884, bearing an account of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Macdonald, they celebrated this event with their four sons and 21 daughters, all alive and well, there were 32 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild present as well as a bridemaid of 50 years ago, a Mrs. Ishman of Toronto. The celebration was held in the Queen Hotel and the couple were presented with two easy chairs upholstered in hair cloth very comfortable for an old couple. (The writer has memories of hair cloth. It was called horse hair and was quite the thing in those days, and how those tiny spikes poked and tickled the bare legs of a child when set upon a cushion.) Mr. Campbell and the Rev. Francis were the spectators. It was interesting to contrast style and manner of the written address and the reply, & the manner today in which this is done. Trunks is the same but in such different clothing. Another clipping received was a newspaper clipping and photo of Miss Bertha Reynolds another Beeton girl who carved an important career for herself in the big city. This was related that Bertha had been principal of Hester How School for two years.

The meeting came to a close with The Queen and Grace. It was so near St. Valentine's Day, the hostesses had decorated for the occasion with red hearts and roses and conversation blenders and red candies were much in evidence. The hostesses were Mrs. T. Harvey, Mrs. E. Harvey, Mrs. J. Wright and Mrs. Cole.



## Surprise Party On 40th. Anniversary

(By Jane Cole)

On Thursday, February 7th, the 40th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amey on the 7th line of Tecumseh was celebrated by a surprise party given in their honour by their daughter Margaret, Mrs. Ernest Hannah. It was a surprise party in every sense of the word as Mr. and Mrs. Amey had been away visiting in Scarborough for some time and only returned home on Thursday to find the home in gay and festive glow.

Mrs. Hannah had succeeded in getting together a group of old friends, all members of a former Bridge Club, and when felicitation were over the party settled down to enjoy a chat and bridge. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pickett of Dryden; Mr. and Mrs. James Burns, Erieview; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Spencer, Barrie; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hamilton, Collingwood; Mrs. C. Lloyd, Montreal; Mr. Harry Kladsen, Scarborough; Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. F. Spencing, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Puchnie; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. S. Bell; Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Kearns and Mr. and Mrs. N. P. McDonald. High scores for the ladies went to Mrs. Burns, and for the gentlemen to Dr. Spencing.

After bridge, refreshments were served and the wedding cake (baked and iced by Mr. Hannah) was cut in the traditional manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Amey received many beautiful gifts, including a ornate clock, aluminium tray, cups and saucers, card table, electric coffee maker, glasses, silver tea spoons, etc.

Dr. Holmes took colored movies of the party, and so will be preserved the memory of a very happy evening.

### WOMAN COUNCELLOR

In keeping with the march of time, Beeton elected to office as Councillor its first woman member, Miss Anne Withoughby. She has just returned from her first public official duty as delegate to the Good Roads Convention which met in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto recently. She was the only woman among over 1000 registered delegates.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1957

## Beeton W.I. Banquet Guests To Celebrate 60 Years Of Growth

The Associated Country Women Institute birthday programme which of the World an organization of will be heard on radio and TV, rural women that had its beginnings 60 years ago in Stony Creek, a Southern Ontario hamlet, today boasts a membership of 8,000,000 around the world.

Beeton branch of the Women's Institute is a part of this thriving organization and on Tuesday evening the members of the WI entertained their husbands and guests to a turkey banquet in Community Memorial Hall here in celebrating 60 years of continual growth of an organization that has attained outstanding accomplishments. There were about 55 present who sat down to a bounteous and delicious banquet served by the Trinity United Evening Auxiliary members.

Seated at the head table were: Mrs. L. Rae, president; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ritchie; Mrs. W. E. Kearns, Miss Myrtle Strangways; Dr. and Mrs. F. Spencing; Mr. and Mrs. N. P. McDonald; Jake Summerton; Reeve T. E. Little and Mrs. Little; Mr. and Mrs. S. Dobbs and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright.

Opening the program, Mrs. L. Rae addressed the gathering. In her opening remarks, she was pleased so many were in attendance and hoped that the occasion would be a memorable one for all. Mrs. Rae gave a brief resume of the Women's Institute since its inception and how it thrives without assistance from anyone in more than a half century of existence and how the organization has advanced in its efforts in the fields of humanity, charity, education and getting things done. "The Home and Country" is the motto of the W.I. Mrs. Rae introduced the head table at which were seated a past district president and past president, Mrs. F. Spencing, and a past district vice-president, Mrs. N. P. McDonald, and the life members of the Society, Mrs. W. F. Strangways, Miss M. Wallwin, Mrs. W. E. Ritchie, Mrs. A. E. Hooper, Mrs. Harry Camplin, Mrs. Laura Wiggins and Mrs. J. S. Dobbs. They were all present except Mrs. Strangways, Miss Wallwin and Mrs. Camplin.

Mrs. A. R. Ramsey proposed the toast to The Queen.

N. P. McDonald proposed a toast to Beeton Women's Institute and in his remarks, recalled the forming of an Institute in Beeton 60 years ago by Mrs. Kate Aitken. He spoke in glowing terms of the local organization in fulfilling many worthwhile ventures and accomplishments in the community.

Mrs. W. W. Cole made a brief reply in thanking Mr. McDonald for his meritorious remarks on the local organization.

Mrs. J. A. Wright proposed a toast to the husbands, friends and guests to which Dr. F. Spencing duly responded. In his remarks, Dr. Spencing congratulated the Beeton W.I. on its splendid accomplishments during the past 60 years.

Mrs. Vince Polesley favored the gathering with two well rendered solos, "Bless This House" and "Perfect Day", with Mrs. M. Reynolds playing the accompaniment.

Reeve T. E. Little congratulated the Beeton W.I. for its various phases of work in the community in his brief remarks.

Miss B. Reynolds of Toronto and a native of Beeton, who joined the Society last year when she was a guest speaker at a W.I. meeting here, was present and in well chosen words stated how pleased she was to be back in Beeton on such a memorable occasion. She wished the W.I. continued success in the future in carrying out community welfare work.

Rev. G. W. Gardiner stated that he was happy to share in the celebration of the Women's Institute and wished the Society members continued success in the years to come.

Mrs. S. Dobbs thanked the Evening Auxiliary members for serving such a delicious banquet in a most capable manner in which Mrs. E. Wood McCague, president of the Evening Auxiliary made a fitting reply.

Mrs. W. E. Kearns gave dates of



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## Celebrates 92nd Birthday

There has been little "You and Cat" gossiping, and more the "Afternoon" gossip, since the start of a "celebrated" portion of your life. This seems truly to apply to some of those young adults in Beeton, who appear to be under a law of sodium growth and development, and yet have their roots deep in a creative serenity that baffles the jaws and rock it cill of present day living.

Mrs. William Lilly celebrated her 92nd birthday on Monday, June 1st, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Denny in Alliston, she came to Beeton 25 years ago, and two years later came to the home of William Lilly in her present home. Mrs. Lilly's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baker, reside with her. Mr. Lilly died in 1920, he was born in Tennessee, lived there for 25 years.

Mrs. Lilly has three sons, Edgar T. of Toronto, Kenneth of Welland, and Lloyd of Toronto. She also has three daughters, Pearl (Mrs. Nival) of Toronto, Gladys (Mrs. W. T. Baker) who resides with her mother in Beeton, and Kathleen (Mrs. William H. Crow) of Puckin Creek, who was unable to be present for the birthday festivities. There are also 12 grand children, and 30 great grandchildren. Thirty members of the immediate family gathered in Beeton at the Lilly home and partook of the birthday dinner in her honor.

Mrs. Lilly is a life member of the Afternoon Auxiliary of Trinity United Church and a member of that body for over fifty years. Many members of the Auxiliary called on Monday afternoon to offer congratulations and good wishes. In the evening the Beeton Beetonians came in a body to sing Happy Birthday. Gifts, flowers and cards were received from Vancouver to the Cape and as far south as Texas.

Mrs. Lilly is in remarkably good health, and goes around right fit with a little help from her cane. She reads the newspaper and takes a lively interest in all present day topics and especially the coming election. She maintains the attitude of the present day middle-aged looking in vigor. They seem to have a vision of statements and details. She is a life long conservative. Mrs. Lilly is a lover of music and flowers and she still plays the piano for her own amusement. If she has any regret it is that she is no longer able to engage actively in Church work.

The original farm of 400 acres has been divided and sold, but here in the Lilly homestead north Beeton the green has been found a sign of Canadian life.

BEETON P.A. LAST AT

## Beeton's Oldest Citizen Passes

Following a paralytic stroke two weeks ago, Beeton's oldest citizen, Mrs. William Lilly, passed away on Tuesday evening, July 2nd, in her 92nd year. Up until that time, she seemed well contented her 92nd birthday a month earlier, had been in good health despite her advanced years.

Kathleen Denny, daughter of the late Thomas Denny and Mary Ann Lindsay, and beloved wife of the late William Lilly, was born on June 1st, 1862 in Beeton, Ontario, two years before Confederation. She was the second child of a family of seven. In 1882 she came with her parents to reside in Beeton and in December of the following year was married to William Lilly. The ceremony being performed at the late Rev. Thomas Campbell, the Methodist minister in Beeton at that time.

Following their marriage, they lived near the farm of her late husband's father, the late Alexander Lilly, 8 of lot 16, sec. 8, Township 10th, Range 1st, north of Beeton, where he at one time had resided from his father, William Lilly, Sr. The family was very religious a devout Quaker. This has been her home since the death of her husband 24 years ago.

The late Mrs. Lilly gave considerable of her time to church work and was a valued member of Trinity United Church. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary and a life member of the Women's Missionary Society. Her other interests were centered on her home and family with a keen interest in flowers and gardening. She was a talented pianist and enjoyed playing the piano right up to her 92nd birthday.

The deceased, although a non-quaker, retained her family ties until the time she was stricken prior to her death. Being a good reader, she kept up with the times of the day. In politics she was a Conservative.

She is survived by three sons and three daughters, viz: Edgar T., (Husband) Mrs. F. Mann and W. Lloyd of Toronto; (Gladys) Mrs. W. T. Baker of Beeton; E. Kenneth of Welland; and (Kathleen) Mrs. William H. Crow, Puckin Creek, Ont. Her eldest son, Harold A., predeceased her in 1906. One son, Mrs. H. W. Fletcher of Hamilton, 18 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held on Friday, July 2nd, with a private service at the home and a public service at Trinity United Church with Rev. G. W. Gardner conducting the services. During the service, Mrs. E. H. McKelvey and Mrs. Marjorie Ebdley rendered the comforting hymn, "Blessed be of God's whom" hymn. Burial was made in the family plot in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

The pallbearers were six grandsons, Messrs. Winston Law, Donald Lilly, James Lilly, Alex. Lilly, Robert Lilly and Donald Lilly.

The flower-lancers were: Maude Lloyd Lilly Jr., Roy Lilly, Herbert Lilly, William Law, George McCague, Kenneth McCague, J. MacIntosh, Vart Stewart, Wilfred Wilson, Fred Barker, Basil Thompson, Whitney Thompson, William Allen, Jack LeGault and Earl Hammett.

Beautiful floral tributes received included Trinity United Church congregation, the W.A. North 14th neighbors, the Davis Bros. Company of Montreal, and the Beeton Bowling Club.

## Former Resident Laid To Rest

Mrs. William Thomas Baker was taken to the York Central Hospital on March 21st, and death came peacefully the following day.

Born in Beeton on March 29, 1890, Mary Gladys was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Lilly. She and Mr. Baker were married on December 22nd, 1909.

Mrs. Baker lived all that was beautiful, had a keen appreciation of good music and was herself an accomplished pianist. A hobby she thoroughly enjoyed and shared with her husband was gardening. Though she had been in failing health for some time, she retained her vivid interest in these pursuits and current events.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Baker resided with the latter's mother, Mrs. Elmore Lilly, on the family homestead, located on the north side of Lilly St., Beeton, which was purchased by William Lilly. They took up residence in Richmond Hill in 1952.

Surviving the loss of this gracious and beloved woman are her husband, two sons, Ralph Lilly of Mordville, Quebec, and Harold William of Richmond Hill; seven grandchildren, viz: Glenda, Lynn, Dorothy Anne, Mary Eleanor, Judith Haines, Beverly Joan, Valerie Jean and Christine Ellen; all the daughters of son Ralph, viz: sisters, Rita (Mrs. F. Nival) and Mrs. Marion Kathleen Baker, both residing in Toronto; two brothers, Edgar T. and Lloyd of Toronto.

Mrs. Baker was predeceased by her daughter, Marion who died in infancy and brothers Harold and Kenneth.

Mrs. Baker's body rested at the Anderson Funeral Home at Tottenham, surrounded by the flowers she loved. Rev. G. F. Saunders, incumbent of 194 Avenue United Church conducted the funeral in the Chapel on March 25th, and interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton followed.

The pallbearers were six of Mrs. Baker's nephews, Winston Law, Kenneth Houghton, Charles Baker and Robert, Donald and Donald Lilly.

Among the many floral tributes were those from Duncan R. Barry and Associates, Gaspe Copper Mines and David Biscuit Company, Toronto.

## Careers for Women

Small Town Gal Runs  
Big City Public School

BERTHA REYNOLDS

By KAY SANDFORD

A childhood impression of a school principal, a person pictured as elderly, strict and dominating would be knocked into a cocked hat by a glimpse of Bertha Reynolds, principal of Hester How School on Elizabeth St. Bertha is a good-looking woman in her early thirties. She looks more like a model than anything else—and certainly is a far cry from the average conception of a school head.

A teacher with the Toronto Board since she was 18, this

advantage of being a teacher, "who could ask for more than a 15-month year, a five-day week, 10 days' holidays at Easter and Christmas and two months in the summer," she asks.

"Teaching offers so many opportunities for self-improvement," Miss Reynolds said. "If a teacher doesn't make something of her life then she has nobody to blame but herself. She certainly can't say she hasn't got the time."

## Should Important

For the past few years most of summers have been spent in courses at the University of Toronto and at the Conservatory of Music. She thinks that music is very important for a teacher because it introduces a cultural aspect into the lives of many children who wouldn't otherwise get it.

Miss Reynolds was hesitant when asked at what age a teacher should marry. She thinks that the day is coming when the working year will be so shortened that we will be forced to work past our best years to attain security.

"If teachers' minimum salaries were raised there would be a lot more young women entering the profession," said Miss Reynolds.

And even when the maximum is attained, it is never the wealth one dreamed of in her youth.

Miss Reynolds believes that a school teacher has just as many opportunities for marriage as other women. She says many of the "old maid teachers" would be done away with if more boards of education would wipe away the attitude that a married teacher is an offender against the school system.

REPORT OF BEETON  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Report of Beeton Women's Institute  
Bess, buzz, buzz, buzz, hum, hum, hum!  
Here we are again, we said we'd come!

Dear President and ladies all, I pray  
you lend an ear  
To what the Beeton Busy Bees have  
done throughout the year!

For some time now we've had a fund  
increasing by degrees  
For a memorial of our boys who fell  
across the seas!

This year we felt the time had come  
to make our dream come true,  
And so to gain what yet we lacked  
we early tried to do.

To Alliston we took our play; three  
looking sales we gave;

A tag-day added to our gains, though  
work it did not save;  
And on the royal natal day, and also  
at our Fair.

We served refreshments in the park  
to the crowds gathered there,  
The schools of towns and country  
round most kindly did combiar,

And underneath our awnings put on  
a concert fine;  
Then our collectors went around, in  
town and townships too.

And by these means our funds in-  
creased in dollars not a few.  
And then we planned, discussed, and  
thought until our hair turned gray.

But granite pillars for our park final-  
ly gained the day;  
A thousand plus some more they cost,  
and beautiful they be,

And there are carved the names of  
those who died for liberty.

Upon Thanksgiving Day we held a  
meeting in the hall,  
Invited were ex-service men, with  
others great and small.

Our M.P. and our M.P.P. and local  
clergy, too.

Fold tribute to the memory of our  
brave men and true.

Then to the park went all the crowd,  
the pillars were unveiled;

The scene you must imagine, for my  
words they quite all have failed!

But other things have claimed our  
care, so pray you listen still!

To a gift for Mrs. Faris, we subscrib-  
ed with right good will.

For Tubernary hospital we paid our  
dollars five,

And to Toronto dollars ten, that the  
sick poor might thrive.

The K.W.A. again asked help, we sent  
a goodly haul,

It brought much comfort to poor  
homes, in answer came the tale.

Two families in our own town got  
bedding, too, and clothes,

So children warmly clad went forth  
to brave the winter snows.

The inmates of the County House, one  
hundred and more,

Got candies as an Easter treat, and  
gave us thanks galore.

An exhibit at our Fall Fair of antique  
objects rare

Attracted many visitors, whose inter-  
est centred there;

We had a clever lady, too, clearly to  
demonstrate

How we might beautify our cakes,  
and salads delectable.

And prizes we donated, according to  
our rules.

To several young contestants from  
surrounding public schools.

And now in February we have come,  
"Twas then we held our annual At  
Home!"

The Band, the Council, and our hus-  
bands there

Assembled, and enjoyed our dainty  
fare.

Each month we've held our meetings,  
and at each

Had programme good of paper, song  
or speech.

We thus report our doings, just to  
strive

To show we've not been dragged in  
Beeton lore.

—Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Adams.



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of the legends of the village. Three churches were built there — the Anglican, the Presbyterian across side by side with it, and the Methodist Church down Centre Street. And it was this same D. A. James who planted Chinese Sapples here one and in the other with an intention of food supply, so that in the early summer it was a deep cool canyon — in the autumn it was a blaze of yellow and scarlet. Our church services were held in the afternoon, since our members had three appointments: morning, afternoon and evening, and for our family Sunday was quite a day — indeed it started Saturday night when we were all thoroughly awakened — no further sleeping was then the other into this house.

At — there was something real special. Anniversary Sunday, as always came on the 30th of May, was celebrated with two services morning and evening. Old friends, neighbours, some for the whole life visited with their relatives, and the meeting service was just a little like an Old Day's Remembrance, but in the night service, which I think none of us will ever forget. Our church was lit with candles, and

own, when we see the soft golden radiance. Always  
with that integration song, "This  
is Mine," and that too was a 15-  
— suddenly there all large  
looking into a golden glory that I  
think none of us will ever forget.  
In these modern days, when cer-  
tainly there is so diverse and all-  
comprehensive, we sometimes forget  
that Canadians, in their earlier  
days, found their world within  
the 150,000,000 comprising the  
the Church which has attended

## 1957

Almost how she got into radio, Mrs. Allman says in the July issue of *Chatsheet* magazine: "I got into radio by fluke. While I was holding a cooking school in Clearwater, the manager of the local radio station wanted to see my economics commentator last fall. He demanded and looked for me, and to ask me to do a broadcast. And that was how I got into radio . . . on a lark."

Miss Aitken was born in Kilmarnock in 1881. She took up nursing as a profession, graduating from Hamilton Hospital in 1907. In 1915, she joined the Army Medical Corps as a Nursing Sister, serving in England and in front-line hospitals in France, and received her discharge in 1920.

Miss Aiken was pre-deceased by two brothers, Louis and Henry, and by four sisters, Martha, Edna, Ella and Minnie.

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MEMORIES of 1957

The world awaits another year  
With hope and joy, and yet with fear,-  
For fifty seven was racked with strife,  
With talks of peace, and conflicts rife.

The year was full of big surprises,  
Contradictions and compromises,-  
Dynasties fell, and new ones ascended,-  
Quickly to have their positions contended.

Suez gave Britain cause for alarm,  
And did the U.N. irreparable harm;  
France had more trouble with Algiers,  
But managed to elect six Premiers.

The Khrushchev and Bulganin pair  
Worked evil from their Kremlin lair;  
They talked of peace and co-existence,  
But quickly killed Hungarian resistance.

June the tenth. was a momentous day  
When Canadian voters had their say,  
The man they picked- John Diefenbaker,  
hailed as the Tories emancipator.

The Liberals lost their St. Laurent,  
He said he was retirement bent;  
His successor is, we all surmise,  
like Pearson with his Nobel prize.

All baseball men gave hearty thanks  
When Milwaukee finally beat the Yanks,  
And Hamilton proved that they were best,  
When they took the Grey Cup from the West.

Wall Streets nearly ran amok  
When President Eisenhower had a stroke;  
John Foster Dulles just once more  
Took us to the brink of war.

The Queen and Prince paid us a call,  
And many attended a stately ball;  
Canadians really meant no ill  
When we referred to them as "Liz and Phil".

The big event of fifty seven,  
A Russian Sputnik roamed the heaven;  
But the U.S. folks were not amused  
When their vaunted Vanguard blew a fuse.

So fifty seven, farewell to you,  
Let's see what fifty eight can do;  
We pray to God that strife will cease,  
For the world just wants a year of Peace.

Harold L Parker

*Read from minutes  
of the I. Current Events  
Group*



## D-Day In Cookstown Recalls An Early Era

A dial telephone system was placed in operation at Cookstown about 3 a.m. Sunday.

By 1888, when telephone service first came to Cookstown, Ontario, the village was slowly being honeycombed with long distance lines and telephone exchanges were found sharing quarters with prize cuts of beef at grocery stores and partially hidden behind shelves of Lady Fishburn's Vegetable Compound at local pharmacies.

A public telephone was installed in C. J. S. Banting's implement shop on Queen Street 74 years ago and Mr. Banting became the first local manager here for the Bell Telephone Company.

With the turn of the century, Mr. Banting's brother Thomas, who was both jeweller and optician for the village, assumed the managerial duties, a post he held for the next 15 years, and plans were underway to establish exchange service.

By December, 1902, negotiations had been completed, additional subscribers found and a small switchboard, the size of a lady's shoe box, installed in Mr. Banting's store. Telephone exchange service was thus established.

The first list of Cookstown subscribers appeared in a Western Ontario directory for September, 1903. (Direct telephonic communication at this time was possible with all the principal cities, towns and villages in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario and half of the United States) within a range of 1,000 miles.

A turn of the crank on the Blake telephone that were in general use at this time and the switchboard gave service between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Three boxes mounted on a board of walnut or mahogany comprised the Blake set. The largest box contained the magneto generator and the receiver hung from it. The middle box had a hole in it instead of a mouthpiece. The lowest box contained a battery which supplied the talking current.

Telephone numbers were generally considered unnecessary in those early years as the local manager knew all his subscribers by name.

"I want to talk to Dr. Sawbones and I don't care what number he has." "I don't want to talk to a number. I want to talk to the butcher." "Don't try to number Sally when you operate the switchboard." "Connect me with Maggie Tibbits."

Typical were these remarks made by subscribers when the telephone industry was in its infancy.

A group of local men from Cookstown and from various outlying areas such as Thorntown, Newton Robinson, and Bond Head, banded together and formed the Cookstown Telephone Association prior to 1911, connecting their lines to the switchboard at the Cookstown exchange.

This company as well as several other privately owned systems throughout the district amalgamated in 1911 to form the Boston Telephone Company with headquarters at Boston.

At a general meeting of the shareholders held on July 24, 1911, the following officers were elected: W. J. Abernethy, president; Frank Wilcox, vice-president; W. O. C. Ahern, secretary and Dr. R. S. Brewster, treasurer.

Frank Wilcox was elected president in 1913 and served in this capacity for some 27 years. He was followed by James Jardine, Harold Dunham and Dr. S. R. McKelvey in 1937.

An independent company, the Boston system operated service station lines which connected to the Bell's switchboards at Boston, Alliston, Cookstown and Tottenham until the sale to the Bell company in May, 1937 when about 1,000 subscribers were brought into the Bell network.

Mr. Banting's wife, Lillian took over the managerial reins of the telephone office in Cookstown in 1917 and was succeeded by Milton H. Leeson in 1924.

Following Mr. Leeson as branch manager was William H. Hughes in 1926, Charles Nixon in 1928 and J. J. Harman in 1931.

At present Mrs. Elizabeth Coburn, chief operator and a staff of six girls round the clock service to Cookstown subscribers.

A milestone in the telephone history at Cookstown occurred in 1948 when the 100th telephone was installed, 44 years after exchange service was first introduced.

Long distance service was first available in 1903, when a line, constructed a year earlier from Barrie to Newmarket, was extended to Cookstown. This line passed through Alliston, Beeton and Bond Head. A similar line from Newmarket to Toronto gave connection on the long distance network to Windsor and Detroit in the west and Montreal and Kingston in the east.

The introduction of dial telephone service will soon enable Cookstown subscribers to participate in the continent-wide long distance program — Direct Distance Dialing.

## Cookstown Holds Inaugural Meeting

Cookstown became an independent village on January 1st and the new Council, the first for the village, was sworn in by Judge D. F. MacLaren, Q.C. of County Court at Barrie. The simple and impressive ceremony was conducted before close to 100 citizens and was attended by the Reeves of adjacent townships.

Last Tuesday evening was an historic occasion for Cookstown. It marked the installation of its first Reeve and Council, for Cookstown is now an independent, self-governing village. The ceremony took place in the town hall, with the council and guests of honour seated on the platform which was gay with beautiful arrangements of flowers sent by the Towns of Bradford and the Townships of Gwillimbury and Simcoe.

As was proper, Reeve Ian Wilson opened the proceedings, introducing Reeves Hughes, Page, Abernethy and Cochrane of West Gwillimbury, Esq. Teemuth and Little of Simcoe, Judge MacLaren of County Court and Cookstown's Clerk, Mrs. Russell Caldwell.

Judge MacLaren then installed the Reeve and the councillors, Louis McEwen, John A. Edney, Eldon C. Neilly and Norman F. Broley. Each man took an oath to serve the community without fear or favour and that he would not benefit substantially directly or indirectly from his position. In each case the Judge read the oath, which was repeated after him, before the installation paper was signed.

Mrs. Caldwell then read a telegram of good wishes and congratulations from Mayor Kinzie of Barrie. Mr. Evelyn, the village auditor was introduced and, as well as wishing the new village and its council all success, he presented the village with a handsome gavel and block for council meetings.

Greetings then followed from neighbouring Reeves, Township Clerks, other officials and friends. Each conveyed the same sincere message of goodwill, good wishes and congratulations to the village upon its new status. Among those who spoke were Reeves Hughes of West Gwillimbury, Reeve Page of Esq., Reeve Abernethy of Tecumseh, Reeve Cochrane of Beaufort, Mr. Evans of Bradford, who had handled the legal aspects of the Village's incorporation; Dave McMaster, Ex-Warden George Link, W. Campbell, clerk of Simcoe; Fred Hunter, County Clerk; H. Bell, Clerk of Esq., Mr. Smith; H. Goss of Simcoe; the Clerk of Bradford and some others. All wished Cookstown and its new Council every success in their incorporation for the future.

## Celebrate Golden Wedding on Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammell, lifelong residents of this community, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on Main St. on Tuesday, June 3rd. During the afternoon and evening over 130 guests called to offer their felicitations to the couple who have travelled life's journey together for half a century.

Charles Hammell was born at lot 4, con. 8, Tecumseth, on the farm now occupied by Vern McQuay, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hammell. After attending Hammell's and Beeton schools, Mr. Hammell returned to the farm and was a successful farmer where he remained until 1924.

On June 3rd, 1908, Mr. Hammell was united in marriage to Anna Gertrude McDermott, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDermott, who also resided in Tecumseth township, with the late Rev. W. G. G. Dreyer performing the ceremony.

Since 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Hammell have resided in Beeton in three different locations, first on Main Street, then Patterson Street and now in their new home erected three years ago on Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammell have a family of two sons and both reside in Beeton, Earl and William. There are four grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hammell are in good health. Mr. Hammell is secretary-treasurer of Beeton Public School Board and also assists his son Earl in the real estate and insurance business.

At the anniversary on Tuesday, the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Anglican Church catered in their usual capable manner for the occasion. The three-storey cake was made, iced and decorated by Mrs. Earl Hammell, Mrs. William Hammell and Mrs. Shale Irwin. Mrs. J. A. Wright, sister of the bride, and Mrs. H. R. Choate, sister of the groom, ably assisted in the activities.

A very beautiful guest book was made and arranged by Mrs. Ross Watson. Among the gifts received by Mr. and Mrs. Hammell were a basket of 50 golden roses from the family; a basket of golden mums, gladioli and carnations from St. Paul's Anglican Church; a bowl of golden mums and roses from Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDermott; a bouquet of carnations from Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Holmes, and a vase of golden mums and roses from Mr. and Mrs. Alton Anderson, Tottenham.

Besides the large number of cards received was a congratulatory telegram from Rev. A. W. Downer, M.A., Duffield-Simcoe.

Among the relatives from a distance were Rev. W. S. Irwin of Toronto, uncle of the groom; Dr. E. Flath, brother-in-law of the groom, and his daughter, Mrs. Rafflaub, of Toronto; Mr. A. L. Whitelaw and daughter Mrs. Thompson of Toronto; Mrs. H. Wallwin and daughters, Mrs. H. Miller and Mrs. Leslie of Oakville; Mr. and Mrs. S. McCarty of Queenston; Rev. and Mrs. A. Logan, niece of the bride, Jarvis; and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hammell of Bradford.

Unable to attend the anniversary celebration were Mr. Justice D. C. Wells and Mrs. Wells; the groom's sister, Mrs. T. E. Reynolds and Mr. D. W. Watson, now of Wallaceburg.

During the intermission from 5 to 7 p.m., the family attended a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church, administered by Rev. R. G. Matthews.

Many beautiful gifts were received from guests attending from Bond Head, Bradford, Toronto, Tottenham, Barrie, Orillia, Oakville, Queenston and Athlone.

The World takes this opportunity of conveying to Mr. and Mrs. Hammell its heartiest congratulations.



# BEETON RESIDENT PASSES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

After a lengthy illness which confined her to St. George's Memorial Hospital, Alliston, for over a year, Mabel Selby, beloved wife of Wm. Robert Selby, M.D., passed away on Monday morning. She was in her third year. Mrs. Selby was very active with many societies and organizations in the village. Funeral services were held at the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Wednesday afternoon with interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

*She was a most gracious lady*

# SURPRISE PARTY ON THE BIRTHDAY

Selby Dobbs, of Tecumseh Street, S., was the guest of two out in June 10th, in the Opera House Hall, Beeton, at a surprise party given by his family, to celebrate his 75th birthday, the actual date of which is June 14th.

The large company included Mr. Dobbs' two sons and three daughters with their wives and husbands, seven of his 15 grand children, also relatives from Toronto, Wroxeter, Ladwell and Palmerston, and local friends and neighbours.

One son, Sgt. George Dobbs, had just returned from Egypt after a United Nations Force. He arrived in Egypt a short time before the Peace Keeping Force was ordered out by President Nasser.

Mr. Dobbs was obviously delighted by the number and variety of gifts he received, and all enjoyed the ample repast of refreshment and cold cuts, catered by the family, with the help of some friends.

We join in wishing Mr. Dobbs many happy birthdays.

# Mrs. Selby Dobbs Laid To Rest

Death came quietly and suddenly to Margaret Henderson Dobbs, wife of Selby Dobbs in the Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Monday, September 10th. Mrs. Dobbs had been hospitalized only a few weeks, and in serious condition since her admission.

She was born and raised in Wexford, Ontario, daughter of Catherine and David Henderson and was one of five children. — Thomas Henderson who died in the spring of 1901, Rev. A. L. Henderson of Edmonton, Alta., Elizabeth (Mrs. May) who teaches in the High School in St. Catharines, and Stewart Henderson who died some years ago.

The late Mrs. Dobbs came as a bride to Beeton 21 years ago, settling on the old Evans farm, and later on the farm adjoining. Thomas and three daughters were born to the Dobbs family — George, a member of the local war, municipal and fire committees, and worked in Chatham, B.C.; Sandy, in the civil service, coming to London, Ontario (Mrs. H. K. McLeod) on the teaching staff in Southern Ontario; Mrs. Jean, the Mother residing in Beeton, and Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Adams) and living in Toronto.

Mrs. Dobbs was perhaps one of the best known and certainly one of the best loved citizens of Beeton. She was active in all the activities of her Church (Trinity United) President of the Wives and was organist for many years. She was a life member of the Red Cross and deeply interested in all its activities. It was her helpful kindness and friendly generous disposition that endeared her to her friends and was remembered to all who knew her.

A private service was held at the home on Wednesday noon and at 2:00 p.m. in Trinity United Church where Rev. E. J. Willis had charge of the service. A eulogy by Mrs. Dobbs and Mrs. Ray Hoover, the "Good the Sunset," and a beautiful hymn of Mrs. Dobbs "O God, be kind," was rendered by the choir with Mrs. Fackler at the organ. After interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton, a high tea was served for the church organization to visiting friends and relatives.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. James Campbell, Robert Adams, Jack McMillan, Ross Watson, Joseph Wilson and Elmer Williams.

The flower women were: Mrs. J. J. Campbell, a silent tribute to the high esteem in which she was held. The flowers were placed by D. K. Harvey, Mrs. H. K. McLeod, Bert Wilson, J. J. Campbell, Frank Linn, Jane Campbell, and Dr. Don Mercer.

Interment was in Trinity United Cemetery with Mr. A. Anderson of Beeton in charge.

# And the Band Played On Many Years Ago in Beeton

By H. J. Wilson  
Recent news out of Ottawa has brought back from over half a century back, memories of a play put on by a local group in the old Beeton Town Hall. Some may not remember the old hall so, well I do not know what happened to it; perhaps it happens to both things and people, its time has come out at least it had served its time well. The lower floor had several divisions which served at various times as fire hall, farmers' market, dance, chess room, band room and dressing room for the open air rink which was just behind. The upper floor had a roomy and well appointed stage and dressing rooms, the auditorium would seat about 400 people and had a sloping floor. This was fine for the concerts, such as the annual fall fair concert which was always the highlight of the season, but not so good for the dances. The Town Hall dances were usually held there, they could not have used so much was in those days. The little spot to a boy like me was the little gallery over the front entrance. It was big enough for the band and seldom used for anything else, perhaps because it had to be reached by a ladder, fine for us boys, may be not for old men with big bass drums and drums.

There are some black spots in my memory of this particular occasion. The play was a melodrama with its heroism and villainy, but I can't recall the actors. There were two Hammet girls, I remember killed her I used to jump when we sometimes when she taught the entrance class in Beeton School and Father must have been the other, the rest I probably did not know. I think I can remember most of the band. There would be Winnie Coburn, Edna and Kerwood Lily and my father as cornet. Jack Cook, clarinet, Walt Benrose, baritone, Edna Hammet and Owen Haines, slide trombone; Jim Young, Wm. Robison, Walter Burton, probably horn; Dan Watson and Lou Coburn, drums; Harry Kline and George Baycroft playing Tuba while I had the small Tuba, even I was almost as big as I was. There were probably others whom I cannot remember.

We were to provide music before the curtain rising and between acts. Everything was going well until the third act. Sister Lily, who was conducting at that time, informed us that this was the end, we were to play, saying, "We had only one piece of sacred music." What a Fiasco! We have to Jesus, we played it over, all three times. It must have

taken longer to see the stage for this important act, for we saw words from behind the scenes that they were not ready, we like little children, we played it through once more. Came another agonizing stand from back stage, "not ready yet." What were we to do? We agreed that there was only one thing for it, play it again. I have no recollection of anyone offering to take up a collection. The curtain did finally rise, the last act and it was the old old story, the heroine married to a scoundrel. When an opportunity seemed to arise for her to get free she refused to take it in spite of all the pleas of her friends. She said, and her words, words which I had never heard before, still ring in my ears, "I married him for love." — H. J. Wilson

## Life Long Church and Society Worker Laid To Rest Saturday

Funeral service was held in Trinity United Church here on Saturday afternoon for Miss Myra Wallwin, a lifelong resident of this district with Rev. F. Bunt, a former minister in Beeton, now of Toronto, officiating. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

pallbearers were Messrs. Earl Hummel, Dr. S. R. McKelvey, Har. old Watson, Basil Thompson, Albert Sulman and John Nozwell.

After a short illness, Annie Almina Wallwin, passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. F. J. Chasidy, Long Beach, on Wednesday, January 21st, where she was residing after her removal from Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston. After disposing of her home on Centre St. in November she had planned on residing in Toronto but the day of her departure she suffered a paralytic stroke which necessitated her removal to hospital. A party had been held for her on November 28th to celebrate her 85th birthday as she was one of Beeton's most beloved citizens.

As stated above, Miss Wallwin had always lived in close proximity to Beeton. She was born on the third line of Tecumseh township in 1871. During the years 1877-88 her father, Mr. Edwin Wallwin, carried on a butcher business in Beeton. Following this, the family lived on the 41st line of Tecumseh and later on the eighth line just west of Beeton on the farm now occupied by Mr. Jack Stodwell, where she spent 65 years. After her farm home was destroyed by fire, she came to reside in Beeton.

The deceased was an ardent church worker in Trinity United, formerly Methodist Church, with her chief activity centered in the Sunday School where she taught for more than 17 to 23. She began with a boys' class, then organized a large class of young ladies and after that a Junior Bible Class of both young men and young women. This accomplished lady sang in the church choir for 50 years and for many periods was regular organist of the church. Another chief interest of the deceased was the Women's Missionary Society of which she was a life member.

She was a charter member of Beeton Women's Institute and was on the Park Board when the Village of Beeton purchased the property for the present beautiful and spacious park. Miss Wallwin was a leader in the Red Cross during World Wars I and II and the first lady director on Beeton Fair Board and worked in this capacity for 30 years. She was also enthusiastic flower gardener.

Miss Wallwin's real and enthusiastic for everything fine, helpful and uplifting was her treasured goal. Whatsoever her hands found to do she did it with her might. It very truly can be said of her as in words of a woman in the Book of Proverbs: "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised, give her of the fruits of her hands and her own works praise her in the gate."

The deceased is survived by a brother, Walter Wallwin of Beeton.

## Mrs. Edward C. Bell Laid To Rest

A sad death occurred on Thursday evening, April 30th, when Mrs. Edward C. Bell, one of Tecumseh's lifelong residents, passed away at her late residence, Main St., Beeton, after a three week's illness. She was in her 83rd year.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Emma Leont Leatherland, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Leatherland of Schomberg. She was a faithful member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, a life member of St. Paul's W.A., a fine neighbour and a woman devoted to her family and home.

On June 30th, 1864, her husband predeceased her, and an only son, Milton, was laid to rest on June 4, 1908.

Mrs. Bell's death is mourned by her two grand-daughters, Mrs. Bruce Gould of Beeton and Mrs. Marie Kirby of Keweenaw, and their families, also a sister, Mrs. Norman Walker of Toronto.

The funeral service, which was largely attended, was held in St. Paul's Church, Beeton, on Sunday, May 2nd, and was followed by interment in Trinity United Cemetery. The Rev. R. Matthews presided over the services. The pallbearers were Messrs. Mrs. Mitchell, Ed. Murray, Truman Bell, Ben Brown, Howard Hamilton and Edward Bell. The flower-bearers were Messrs. Alton Gilmour, Lindsay McGuire, Bruce Gilmour, Orest Baxter, Alvin Ferguson, Gordon Baxter, Ross Gould, Ross Thompson, Edgar Ritchie, Allan Lender, Karl Bruckman, Roy Devall and Elwood Nichol.

The floral offerings were Gate-Ajar, Bruce and Doris, sister Edna, Teddy, John and Larry, sons, Bill Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. F. Brown, Baskett, The Neighbours, family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, sister-in-law May Bell, sister Eva, Dorothy Taylor and family; family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter, Calahan, Plant, Lindsay McGuire, Baskett, Marie and Jimmy, Mrs. Steve Gould, Rita and Ross, Mrs. Mabel and family, St. Paul's W.A., Ed. Verne and family, Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, The Holmes Family, John Vance and family, Gladys and Earl Hummel, Mr. and Mrs. Merland Landry, Grace, Betty and Bill Cain, Roy and Amy Devall and Helen Caburn, Marini and Cecil Reynolds and Maids and Edgar Ritchie.

Friends attended the funeral from Hamilton, Toronto, Chatham, Alliston and Cocketown.



**MRS. WM. NICHOL LAID  
TO REST AT BEETON** *12/25/21*

There passed away at her home, 204 Stubbard Ave., Toronto, on the 18th of February, a former resident of Beeton, Mrs. Charlotte M. Nichol, wife of the late Dr. William Nichol, in her 77th year.

The late Mrs. Nichol, a daughter, and the last surviving member of the family of the late Stephen H. and Jane Washburn, was born near Bond Head, at what was then known as Washburn's Corners, on Nov. 7, 1842. With her family she moved to Beeton in 1874, and in 1882 was married to Dr. William Nichol, who for a period of over forty years, prior to the family moving to Toronto, practised in Beeton and vicinity.

Mrs. Nichol was a member of St. Paul's Church, and an active member of the Guild, during her residence here.

Surviving members of the family are: Gordon W. of Beeton, Howard W. of Regina, Mrs. W. M. Gordon (Ruth) of Guelph, Maurice Alfred and Mrs. G. R. Souls (Grace) of Toronto.

Predeceasing her, besides her husband, were a son, Fred T. and three daughters, Clara, Mary and Ethel.

Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, Beeton, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 21st, with interment in the family plot in Trinity Cemetery.

**FORMER RESIDENT  
PASSES AT WINNIPEG**

Mrs. Ella Maude Walker of 214 Campbell St., died Wednesday, November 30th, at Winnipeg General Hospital. Born in Clinton, Ont., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Aitken, Main St., Beeton. She received her education in the local school. She later attended MacDonaid Hall, Guelph, graduating in Home Economics. She had resided in Winnipeg for the past 20 years. She attended Manitoba School of Arts for a number of years, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, George N., retired manager of Royal Bank, Portage and Maine branch, Winnipeg; a daughter Anne (Mrs. Robert H. Tivy) New Glasgow, N.S.; a son, George A., Port Arthur; six grandchildren; two sisters, Miss Minnie Aitken, Beeton and Miss Elizabeth Aitken, Winnipeg; a brother Henry of Streetsville. She was predeceased by two sisters, Bertha (Mrs. Walter Kearns) and Edna, and one brother Louis.

Funeral services were held at 2:15 p.m., Saturday, December 1st, in the A. B. Gardiner Funeral Home. Rev. Dr. H. S. Bach officiating. Burial took place in Green Memorial Park Cemetery, Winnipeg.

*Gordon Nichol  
gave the picture  
of Portrait of Lake  
"D.A. Jones" for the  
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## Celebrated 90th Birthday This Week

A resident of Beeton for over half a century, Walter Stewart, who makes his home with Mrs. M. Simpson, Main Street, celebrated his 90th birthday quietly at the home of his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunsen, Tecumseh town, on Tuesday, October 23rd.

Mr. Stewart has been a lifelong resident of the community having been born on the 7th line Tecumseh in the year 1870. He came to Beeton in 1903 and has been a constant resident ever since.

Mr. Stewart has two sisters, Mrs. Anna Bradley of Bond Head, and Mrs. Mina Colwell of Bowmanville.

## ST. PAUL'S CHANCEL GUILD ELECT OFFICERS

Rev. R. T. Culbert conducted the meeting of the Chancel Guild of St. Paul's Anglican Church, November 21st. The election of officers resulted in the following slate: President, Mrs. E. R. Holmes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Hammett; Conventor, Mrs. W. W. Cole. The Altar work for December was divided among those present, as no one had been appointed for that month's work. Plans for the future work were discussed, and a meeting will be called in January for the appointment of monthly workers. Wednesday before Christmas is a general cleanup day and as many members as possible are asked to come and help. A general discussion and question period followed which was very helpful and enjoyed by all.

## NEW SIGN FOR LIBRARY BUILDING

Since the Public Library Board took over the former Telephone Office on Main Street, some time ago as its permanent quarters, there was never a sign erected to denote it was the Public Library.

However, last week a sign "Beeton Public Library" in large aluminum wooden letters was erected on the building by Ken Kelly and greatly adds to its appearance and to strangers its location.

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## Large Number School Children On Parade

Close to 300 urban and rural school children from 22 schools took part in the school parade at Beeton Fall Fair on Wednesday. This parade which had become larger year after year, dropped off slightly this year, due to the fact that West Gwillimbury which contributed about 10 schools is now a consolidated area and the children from these schools did not take part. The largest contingent was from the home school, Beeton, with 140 children, followed by Bond Head with nearly 80 and Lloydtown with close to 40. Schomberg public school did not take part in the parade this year.

Adjala had seven schools and Tecumseh with 12.

The high standard set by all the schools which was the most colorful or any parade to be seen here, made it a difficult task for the judges to arrange them in order of merit. The marching this year was good and it was in this race way that the judges had a most difficult time in making a decision.

The schools marched in the following order:

SS No. 2 Adjala; SS No. 5 Adjala; SS No. 6 Adjala; SS No. 8 Adjala; SS No. 9 Adjala; SS No. 14 Adjala; SS No. 1 Tecumseh (Maple Grove); SS No. 2 Tecumseh (Rich Hill); SS No. 7 Tecumseh; SS No. 3 Tecumseh (Pondville); SS No. 9 Tecumseh (Hamsville); SS No. 10 Tecumseh (Cross); SS No. 11 Tecumseh (Wilcox); SS No. 14 Tecumseh (Ham); SS No. 15 Tecumseh (Sand Hook); SS No. 17 Tecumseh (Nobleton); SS No. 19 Tecumseh (Beeton Junction); SS No. 24 Tecumseh (Cloverdale); Lloydtown; Bond Head and Beeton Public School.

The prize winners:

Best Banner — SS No. 6 Adjala; SS No. 17 Tecumseh; SS No. 7 Tecumseh.

Best Marching — Beeton P.S.; SS No. 19 Tecumseh; SS No. 11 Tecumseh.

Best Banner, Marching and General Appearance — SS No. 11 Tecumseh; SS No. 17 Tecumseh; SS No. 9 Tecumseh.

Winner of the Beeton Hotel Shield — SS No. 11 Tecumseh (Wilcox School).

## Beeton's First Reeve Was Simcoe Warden

Thomas Atkins, Beeton's first municipal magistrate, died at the age of 59 in the year 1888, according to an article handed into The World office this week by an interested citizen.

Mr. Atkins was born on October 14th, 1827, in the Old Fort, Toronto. Two days after the arrival of his parents on Canadian soil, and was thus in his 6th year at his death. His father, an Irishman, settled in the township of West Gwillimbury a year or two later, and here the deceased continued to reside until 1870 when he removed to Beeton. For more than 30 years, Mr. Atkins held various municipal offices.

Commencing with the post of assessor and collector, Mr. Atkins took step was a seat at the West Gwillimbury Council Board. In 1862 he was chosen deputy reeve of the council — this being the year prior to that in which the people elected their deputies as such. He continued to act as councillor until 1879 when he defeated Mr. Thomas Parker in a contest for the reevehip. This position he occupied until the close of 1874 in which year he was warden of the County of Simcoe. Owing to the stand he took in connection with the railway bonus by-law, he was not sustained at the polls on seeking re-election after five years' service.

When the incorporation of Beeton was mooted he was appointed assessor by the County Council, and on the passage of the by-law became the first reeve of the Village of Beeton. During his two years tenure of office he did much for the young municipality and Beeton lost much by his demise. His path from the outset was beset with difficulties, but by prudence and fortitude he overcame them all. Like all public men he had some who were opposed to his plan of administering the affairs of the corporation, but his honesty of purpose enabled him to meet all criticism without fear of the result.

As a father, he was kind and indulgent; as a friend, warm-hearted and faithful; as a citizen, courteous and obliging. His position as a public official caused him to have many enemies — if we can call those who bitterly differed from him in opinion, enemies — but there are none but would have liked to see his life prolonged into further usefulness.

Mr. T. H. McCracken now living at Caledon East is a grandson of the late Thomas Atkins.

Since the late Thomas Atkins became the first reeve of the Village of Beeton 72 years ago, Beeton has been served by 19 Reeves of which the late John Carlton presided for 22 terms of office.



## Mr. and Mrs. McGill Findlay Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. McGill Findlay celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home on Main Street, Saturday, September 25th, 1965.

This festive day was marked by a 5 p.m. collation for Mr. and Mrs. Findlay and 36 relatives and friends in St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, prepared and served by a group of the Guild members. Rev. T. Gracie, rector, proposed the toast to the guests of honour and this was replied to by Wm. Findlay of Fergus, a nephew of Mr. Findlay.

From 7 to 10 a.m., the bride and groom of September 22nd, 1915, received their friends at an open house at their Main Street home. The living and dining rooms were decorated with streamers and bells and made more attractive by seven beautiful, gift bouquets. Numerous cards, including one from Rev. W. A. Downer, MPP, were displayed atop the TV set and piano. A framed message, expressing congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years, was received from Premier Robarts on behalf of the Ontario Government.

The three tier wedding cake was made by Mrs. Rowbotham and iced by Mrs. Harold Findlay. The bell which decorated it, was the one used two years ago on the wedding cake of the Findlays' granddaughter, Mrs. G. Millap of Creemore, the former Miss Joyce Rowbotham.

Mr. and Mrs. Findlay's daughters, Mrs. Gordon Drury, Boston and Mrs. Wesley Rowbotham, Tottenham, and their sons, William of Tottenham and Harold of Tecumseh township, were present, together with members of their families and 18 other relatives. Over 100 signed the guest book, which was the gift of small great granddaughter, Glenda Millap.

A number of lovely and useful gifts will provide lasting mementoes of this joyous occasion.

The refreshments for the evening reception were served by members of the family, with Mrs. Wm. J. Frizzell, sister-in-law of Mrs. Findlay and the wives of five of Mr. Findlay's nephews, alternately presiding at the tea tables.

Guests were from Kingston, Fergus, Peterborough, Markham, Woodbridge, St. Marys, Brantford, Meaford, Collingwood, Creemore, Walters Falls, Bognor, Chatsworth and Mono Mills.

Mr. Findlay came to the Boston area over 70 years ago, when a young boy, from Walters Falls in Grey County. He left in 1906 to pursue his occupation as a barber, which he pointed out required great care when giving a shave, as the customer might suddenly twitch or move, but the barber would be blamed if a cut resulted.

Mrs. Findlay was a resident of Bognor, about five miles from Walters Falls. The couple met at a dance when Mr. Findlay was visiting relatives. Following their marriage, they resided in Georgetown, where Mr. Findlay had purchased a barber shop. In 1916, they moved to Creemore, where they operated a combined grocery, confectionary and bake shop.

In 1922, Mr. and Mrs. Findlay returned to this area, purchasing a farm on the 7th line of Tecumseh township, where their son, Harold and his family, now resides. They moved to the Village in 1952 to a home on Patterson Street, remaining there until 1963, when they took up residence in their present home.

Mrs. Findlay is an Anglican and a member of St. Paul's W.A. Mr. Findlay attends church with his wife, though he is a Presbyterian.

Mr. and Mrs. Findlay recalled, with smiles and laughter, the simple pleasures of days gone by. With no television or radio, it was the custom for groups of young people to participate in providing their own entertainment. Of the years when their four children were growing up, they have happy memories of visits to and from neighbours, especially in the long, winter evenings.

We add our congratulations and best wishes to all those received by this obviously happy couple.

## Celebrate 57th Anniversary July 65

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Thomson, Main Street, marked the completion of 57 happy years together on Saturday, June 26.

Mr. Thomson was born in Scotland and came to Boston in 1889. He served on the Toronto Police Force for 31 years, retiring in 1936. When asked if he had had any particularly interesting experiences during his years of service, Mr. Thomson admitted he had been injured during a bank holdup, which occurred at the corner of Church and Wellesley Sts.

Mrs. Thomson was born at Athlone in Adjala township and was brought to Boston when six months old. She was the former Gertrude Tomlinson, whose family owned and operated the Queen's Hotel at the north east corner of Main and Centre Streets. This building is now owned by Mrs. Dorothy Simpson and occupied as apartments.

When retirement permitted them to return to Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Thomson had the existing structure removed from the Thomson family property and replaced it with the home which is now the residence of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Holmes on Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson sold this in 1943 to the late W. W. Cole and Mrs. Cole, who now lives on Tecumseh Street South. At that time they had their present bungalow built.

Mrs. Thomson is afflicted with arthritis, but keeps her compact and comfortable home in immaculate order. However, this condition does prevent her from going out as much as she otherwise might.

It was easy to see that Mrs. Thomson's interests are centred in her husband and home. Mr. Thomson's hobby is gardening and he enjoys reading his daily and weekly paper — particularly while in Toronto, he said. The Boston World was eagerly looked for, as it was like receiving a letter from home. Interested in sports, he played baseball and football as a boy in Boston. Mr. Thomson's admiration of those who have done well in the sporting world was evident when he mentioned knowing the Conacher — Lionel and Charles. He said they were nice boys, though Lionel was given to playing hockey — more interested in the activities in Jesse Keesham Park than in school. He also expressed his admiration for our own budding young athletes.

Asked about the changes he noticed in Boston, Mr. Thomson said there have, of course, been many, but he is most impressed with the streets — once paved, years ago, a mudhole. There are more houses now but he thinks little increase in population.

In reminiscent mood, Mr. Thomson recalled that one village had once had four hotel four blacksmiths, a grist mill on Queen Street, a choppin mill on the Centre Street property now occupied by Mrs. C. Wray, a sawmill where Ernest now resides on Tecumseh Street North and later another where Applebell Orchard now flourishes. He also recalled frame building in the Park which housed the skating rink — it goes without saying, an artificial ice.

Mr. Thomson is a man of impressive stature and manner. He continues to operate a car and, though he is not fully recovered from the illness that hospitalized him for two months just over a year ago, he gives no impression of ill health.

To this delightful couple, we extend warm wishes for many happy years of continued life.



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## MY HOME TOWN

In compiling the Thompsonville Book for the Women's Institute in Beeton, copies of material were kept on file waiting to be put into a scrap book. This file has been loaned on numerous occasions to enquiring students and always returned intact. On one of these loans the student (identity unknown) left in the file a draft of a composition on Beeton. It was interesting, so here is the composition entitled "My Home Town."

"Beeton has been my home town since birth. Within our community both village dwellers and farm folks have every essential for a full and active life. There are three churches, the village school, the Community Arena and Park, industry and a variety of stores, restaurants, etc.

Life in Beeton in the early days was a line of gradual unfolding with the passing years, and ever widening horizons. Progress has stepped up with each succeeding decade, from the single wheel bicycle to power-driven four wheel cars, the beginning of the telephone 75 years ago to the present day dial system, from one room schools to centralized elementary and high schools. The churches in our home town were built about 1880 and 1900 — they have been greatly modernized and moved to different sites. Many years ago my home town was called Clarisville. In 1879 the village was renamed Beeton. The man responsible for this was D. A. Jones who started the bee industry in Canada with 100 swarms of bees. He also ran a factory for making bee keepers' suits. He was called the Bee King from which the name of Beeton was derived. Mr. Jones died in 1910; his portrait still hangs in our public library. As you drive down Centre Street in my home town you will see an avenue of beautiful maple trees, nearly all of these were planted by Mr. D. A. Jones. In 1888 a acre home was built in our village for the senior citizens of Simcoe County. Ten years ago a new hospital wing was added and the old section modernized.

In my home town we have had an annual fall fair for over 100 years. It has become one of the better fall fairs in our Province, this is due to being situated in the centre of a flourishing farming area. The Ontario Black and White Show is one of the highlights, closely followed by the Home Show, and beef cattle. We also have an Amusement Day for all the 4-H Club projects.

For recreation we have our Memorial Centre built in 1947 after the close of the Second World War. A few years later artificial ice, and loud speaker system was installed. This took the place of the open air rink which was behind the old town hall. Our village has produced many hockey teams, some of which have won Provincial Championships, and Pennants and Cups are on display.

In connection with our Arena we have a fine hall for all kinds of entertainments, also there is a public library with a wide selection of books. Our library has been active for over 75 years. This room also serves as the Village Council Chamber.

During the summer months our centre of attraction is in our Community Park, with its excellent baseball diamond, race track, bowling greens, children's playground, and beautiful tree shaded area for picnics and reunions.

In summing up I am proud of my home town and the people who helped and are working still to make it a healthy and wholesome place in which to live.

## Natural Gas For Beeton and Alliston

Because a thriving new industry decided to "look with gas," two more Ontario communities — Alliston and Beeton — will receive natural gas service this fall. J. C. McCarthy, vice president and general sales manager, The Oxtown Gas Company, announced today.

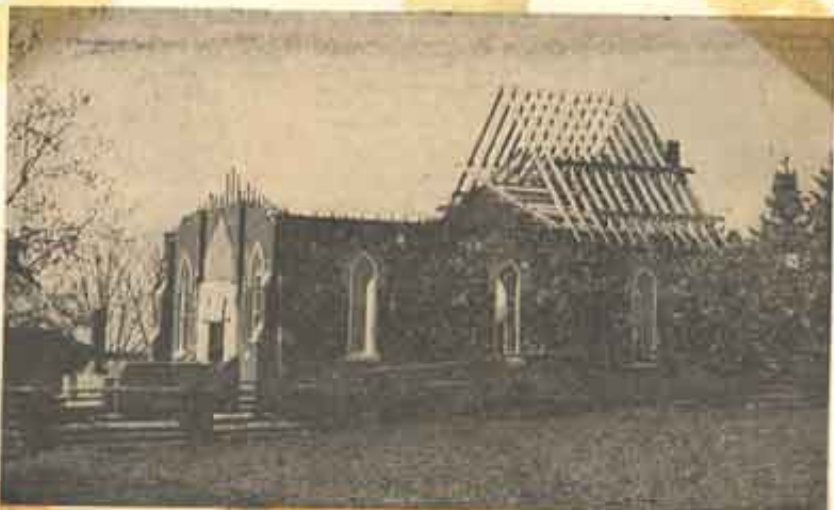
The industry, Solida Sherris Horey Limited's latest installed gas to plant in Alliston, will use about 250,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas annually for processing and space heating. This deal will make it economically feasible to build a transmission line from Consumers' Gas Co. at Simsbury to Alliston, Mr. McCarthy said.

Construction of the 18 mile, eight inch line will start immediately and natural gas will be available to homes and industry in Beeton and Alliston in time for the next heating season.

W. M. Kelly, vice president and general superintendent of distribution, announced start of construction of a 35 mile, eight inch transmission line from Arnprior to serve Renfrew and Pembroke. It will be completed about mid August, when Consumers' Gas will convert gas meters appliances in these communities from propane air to natural gas use.

A gas line will serve the big Dominion Manganese plant 12 miles from Renfrew.

Mr. Kelly said that four contractors are working on the Pembroke line — Corcoran Construction Limited, R. B. Semerville Co., Mid Canada Contractors and F. E. Blue Limited.



THOMPSONVILLE CHURCH 1880 - 1966

The property was bought by Thompsonville Orange Lodge, who resold the building for removal in order to provide a

parking area for the L.O.L. half immediately to the west. Demolition had reached this stage on May 1st, 1966.



## Mrs. Edith Hooper Passes Suddenly

Mrs. Edith Hooper departed this life suddenly on September 30th in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston.

Born at Dundalk in September, 1896, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lonsdale, who moved to a farm on the 11th line, Tecumseh Township when Mrs. Hooper was a little girl, she attended the Junction Public School.

In June 1908, she became the wife of Albert E. Hooper of Ingleswood at her farm home.

For the first six years of their life together, the Hoopers farmed at Ingleswood, then moved to the 11th line home where they were married. In 1941 they came to the Village to reside on Queen Street.

Mrs. Hooper was a life member of Beeton W.L. belonged to the Beeton Horticultural Society for many years and as to the Beeton Horticultural Society she was able to local convener for the S.C.N.E. All her life, she had been a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Mrs. Hooper is survived by her son, Earl of Orton; two daughters, Mary (Mrs. Ed. Cuppage) of Orillia and Ruth (Mrs. George Mayberry) of Beeton; nine grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Slaughter, Toronto and Mrs. Elsie Van Zanten, Detroit, Mich.

The funeral service on Oct. 2nd was in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, Alliston with Elder Melville Russell from Toronto officiating and interment in Alliston Union Cemetery.

Palbearers were Roy Armstrong, Harold Rutledge, Robert Christie Sr., Ernest Tammen, Harold Long and Joseph Wright.

Flower bearers were Edgar Ritchie, Robert Rutledge, Evelyn Dale, Gordon Nichol, and Margaret Magloighan and Carol Ferrier.

## JOSEPH McDERMOTT LAID TO REST

Joseph William McDermott died in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on December 17th, after an illness of several months. He was in his 81st year. The funeral, on December 20th, was from the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham with interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Mr. McDermott had been a long time resident of Beeton, his home being on Centre St.

## Obituaries

### MISS IRENE BARTON

Miss Irene Barton, who departed this life in the early hours of November 23rd, in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, was born in March 1898, in the 8th line Tecumseh township farm house which remained her home until her untimely death.

Miss Barton attended Hamilton's Public School and a private school in Toronto, where she took a home economics course.

A member of Trinity United Church, Beeton, and prior to Church Union, a Methodist, Miss Barton was active in the women's organizations, but avoided being an office holder.

Miss Barton was required at home, first to assist her parents, later to make a comfortable home for her brother, Fred. She supervised and participated in the housekeeping activities until stricken with a coronary attack on November 21st.

Miss Barton is survived by three brothers, Ernest of Saskatoon, Sask., Harold of Toronto and Fred of Beeton; five nieces, Myrtle (Mrs. D. Edos) of Milford, Sask., Olive (Mrs. L. McMinis) of Toronto, Marjory (Mrs. R. Fitzgerald) of Toronto, Shirley (Mrs. D. Fahlgren) of North Bay and Mary Lou (Mrs. E. Miller) of Winnipeg; six nephews, Thomas and Milton of Bounty, Sask., Thomas of New York City, N.Y., John of Port Arthur, John of Beeton and F. H. of Beeton.

The funeral service in the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel, Tottenham, on November 25th, was conducted by Rev. D. K. Byrd, incumbent of Trinity United Church, Beeton. Interment followed in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Palbearers were Vernon McQuay, Allan Glasford, Elgin Blakely, Henry Williams, Lorrie Williams and Wm. J. Watson.

Honorary palbearers were Edgar Williams, Jackson Glasford, Selby Dobie, W. C. Hammett, Dr. S. R. McKelvey and H. S. Kouris.

Flower bearers were Clarence Watson, Earl Hammett, Melvin Lindsay and Clayton Hammett.

### LLOYD GEORGE SMART

Lloyd George Smart passed away suddenly at his home on Main Street, Beeton, on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 1963. Lloyd George Smart, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Smart of Beeton.

Born at Beeton on August 17th, 1923. As a boy he lived on the farm east of Beeton and attended Crans' school.

In 1943 he joined active service in the North Shore Regiment and went overseas to serve in England and France, where he was seriously wounded, returning home in December, 1944.

In June 1945, he was married to Shirley LeVano of Toronto, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Bill LeVano of Beeton. They were married in St. Chad's Anglican church, Dufferin St., Toronto.

They later moved to Beeton where he had a small trucking business before taking a job at Camp Beeton as stationary engineer, where he has been employed for the past 16 years.

In October, 1964, he suffered a heart attack and was in the hospital for a month and since that time has had medical care.

He is survived by his 2 children, Bonnie and Bradley of Huntsville. Brother Donald of Weston, sister Helen (Mrs. E. Allen) of Weston, Nellie (Mrs. C. McCarroll) of Toronto, Doris (Mrs. R. Craven) of Beeton. A brother, Bill, predeceased him in February, 1963.

The Royal Canadian Legion No. 421, Beeton, of which he was a member, held a service on Friday evening.

Funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham. Rev. G. Bell of the Presbyterian church conducting the service. Interment in St. Andrew's Presbyterian cemetery, Beeton.

The palbearers were Lloyd Robinson, Ed. Boynton, Leo Catania, Norman Dungey, Fred Bannister, Stoney Wilken.

The flower bearers were Lloyd Richardson, Bill Hammett, Stuart Macdougall, Gordon Nicol, Earl Hill, Art Poincaré, Crosby Speck, Russell Byrt, Vern Coleman, Louis Caplan, Bruce Coleman, Walt Sumner, Tom and Stan Black.

## Edward Cain Passes Suddenly

On Thursday, November 11, in Simcoe Manor, Beeton, Thomas Edward Cain, a familiar figure on our streets, passed away suddenly in his 62nd year.

He was the first son of the well-known pioneer family of the late Thomas Edward Cain and Esther Melinda Hannah. He was born on January 8th, 1904, on the family homestead in Tecumseh township, and lived most of his life there. He belonged to the Thompsonville United Church and took a great interest in the affairs of the community, and in sports.

After illness, and retirement from farming, he took up residence in Beeton at the Simcoe Manor where he was a very active resident, in activities, helpfulness and companionship. He developed talent and gained much admiration for his handiwork art of weaving and cane work.

He is survived by wife Grace, son William of Schomberg, two grandchildren and a brother Robert of Aurora. He was predeceased by his sister Lyla in 1932.

Rev. Shilton of Alliston conducted the funeral services on Saturday, November 13th, at the Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Roy Reynolds, Jack Reynolds, Bruce Gould, Ross Gould, Ernest Elliott Jr. and Dr. S. R. McKelvey.

Friends and relatives were present from Detroit, Hamilton, Meaford, South River, Tottenham, Beeton, Oshawa and Toronto.

The beautiful floral tributes and the numerous friends and acquaintances paying their last respects bore witness to fond memories throughout his lifetime.

## RELINQUISHES ACTIVE MINISTRY DUTIES

Rev. and Mrs. Angus C. S. Smith have relinquished the active duties of the United Church ministry, and have retired to Severn Bridge, Ont. Mr. Smith was born in Beeton the son of Angus Smith, a Beeton harness maker. He received his public and secondary school education in the old Beeton school.



## Many Communities Were Hard Hit By That Hurricane Hazel

In various hamlets, villages and entire towns about as far as Schomberg, Midleton, Lloydminster, Portageville and also in our own district of Tecumseh, Essex and West Gwillimbury townships, Hurricane Hazel last struck about 20 days ago left heavy damage and destruction in its wake.

According to the Toronto Daily Star reporter of last week, who had made a tour of these areas, we report in account of what he found in those places affected by flood waters.

The loss of livestock, alone in these stricken areas has been appalling. Chickens, geese, swine and more, as well as large numbers of cattle, all disappeared in the raging torrent. Dams burst, bridges buckled and roads filled in about the struts. It is hard to believe as many families could move from a minor source. Each village, without fail, has a creek, and as a rule these creeks are well-batched, but they really went to the verge from a 24-hour downpour of rain.

Among all these smaller communities Schomberg was hard hit and took it on the chin and the Main Street in this the industrial village was a nightmare with its lot of water tumbling through streets, breaking windows, snapping trees and joggling cars as if they were ocean slicks.

The damage estimates for Schomberg are \$400,000. It's almost living can be found in this appalling devastation. It lies in the people themselves. For in some had the flood left them their work to go.

Battalions of volunteers have been on the job, sweeping up, repairing sidewalks and making homes available. Work has progressed to the point where a casual visitor wonders if the flood had been this way at all.

"That's what worries me," said Trevor Graham, an owner. "At the flood relief meeting at Woodford, Wednesday night, one man was surprised to hear we had been affected. I wish he could see the mattresses, lumber, store goods, five kitchen tables and more than two stoves for more than a mile." Trevor and his brother, Bruce, are co-owners of a lumber yard which has been in the Graham family since 1923. This plant sits on the creek when recent rains. What's left is a diamond. Workmen were busy stripping racks of cement which had been under water several hours. They weigh a ton. They are useless.

"We'll be lucky to resume business by 1955," said Trevor. "We have 20 machines in our wood-working plant which must be re-tooled. We are still looking for lumber, and what we have found is warped. We have 12 men and I wish we had more. There is plenty of it."

The need for more voluntary labor was voiced by Albert Moody, commissioner of Schomberg, who was driving a tractor on a road out last.

"After the flood, 30 men came over from King and Oak Ridges," he said. "Other people promised to send workers but they never came. We also need money. We can't buy doors and windows and repair sewers without help."

Before the flood the lot held 20 cars, including three new trucks. These were all swept away. Four or five cars to run half way up a nearby hill. They are filled with mud, with shattered windows and dented sides.

"I tried to drive some cars to safety," said Cecil Maynard, the owner. "When I reached the lot I was swamped."

Schomberg will come under the Holland Marsh Emergency Flood Relief. But local residents wonder how long it will be before any money is allocated in their direction.

"We were fortunate because we live here, but in Schomberg," said Ed Maynard. "We are unfortunate in that nobody seems to worry about our situation. We do not need to help ourselves but."

Some communities don't rebuild at all completely without assistance.

Another area which is drying itself out lies farther north off Highway 11, where five persons were drowned in their cars. The seven-Boston and Cookstown, two creeks converged with the North-wassa river with disastrous results. All told, 31,000 acres in Tecumseh township, almost all rich farm land, were under water. This figure is now reduced to 4,000 acres with more soil disappearing each day.

"The road from Boston to Thornton is 14 miles long and it has eight washouts," said Mr. Harvey. "That gives some idea of our situation."

There have been meetings at the Tecumseh township office, with representatives from the provincial departments of health, highways and agriculture on hand. The loss of livestock is considered particularly tragic.

"All day Sunday there were dead cows being stopped by the dam at Kitchener," said Mr. Harvey. "For a farmer, a night like that is hard to take."

What is encouraging is that families in the stricken areas are working hard and showing will, determined not. For them the flood was a horrible experience which is best forgotten. They look on the brighter side and because this is a rural area where community spirit means something, those that suffered losses have their neighbors stand by.

"It was really something," said Hal Metcalfe, a young-looking farmer whose land was completely surrounded. "As long as I live I won't forget spending the last day and having water push in, so taking on the fight on the cows' backs, in safety, and sitting in the house, wondering if we would all drown."

Metcalfe waded through waist-high water to round up his herd. He saved 36 cows in the barn. All survived.

He pointed to the field where 21 sheep were mauling each other.

"Until yesterday that grass was still under water," he said. "Now these sheep came out alive. It's a mystery. I tried to find them but the water got too deep. They must have swum around until their feet reached bottom."

He says repairing fences will keep him busy until the snow flies.

"I'll build tall fences, using logs that were washed up on my land from other farms," he said. "That's fair because other farmers will be using mine."

His neighbor, Doug Jobb, just 24, lost 24 head of cattle, which were in a field that couldn't be reached. His concern will be compensation. He is worried whether farmers who lost livestock will be paid outright or only for the carcasses which have been found.

"After the Winnipeg flood, farmers only got paid when they salvaged dead livestock," said Metcalfe. "If it happens here, Jobb will be ruined. His cows could be anywhere. A searching party went out today to try and find where they had gone."

Rubber boots are essential. There is mud everywhere. Tractors have bogged down in the fields and there are large ponds of water which stubbornly refuse to budge. By next Monday, farmers hope they will be able to move freely. Meanwhile in groups they convene on one farm and then the next, to clean out barns, remove furniture, restore machinery etc.

And despite the odds, these days still get around. Ken Filbey, a farmer whose horse almost disappeared under water was driving a light panel truck with two milk cans in the back. He saved his 18 head of cattle. He hopes to start milking milk again next week.

"On Friday night, I thought my cows were lost," he said. "They were in the barn with water up to their shoulders. There was no place to move them. So I left them there. I went back to the house because I was worried about my family. Water was coming in

the kitchen. In one hour it was two feet. We moved upstairs and I turned off the power so it wouldn't explode. We sat in the dark. It got pretty bad, just sitting. That was an awful experience."

The Filbey farm was in the center of the flood. At 2 a.m. Saturday morning, with no lights and no sound from the silent water, a herd of three adults and 11 children huddled together on the second floor. An oak wall slumped on all sides. They watched and down, praying the levels would get no higher.

"When I came downstairs, my furniture was ruined but that didn't matter because we were all safe," Filbey said. "I waded through a field to a neighbor's and we tried to line up a bus. We finally did on Sunday. We went to the town and pulled the cows through the water until they were behind the motorboat in a ditch. There we had a tow truck, which pulled them again until they got to the land. That's how I saved my cows. They were under water all night."

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## School Area Board Set Teachers Salary

The Tecumseh Township School Area Board met in regular session at the Secretary's home at 1:30 p.m. with all members present but Trustee Ira Matson.

The chairman, Frank Lisk, called the meeting to order and asked for the minutes of the previous meeting which the secretary read.

Ernest Irvin and Rose McClain: That the minutes as read be adopted.

The correspondence was read and considered.

In answer to a letter from the Tecumseh Teachers, they were given permission to close schools at 2:00 p.m. on March 22 as they were having a very special speaker at their Teachers' meeting.

The chairman reported that at the Feb. 1st, Tecumseh Council meeting, the Council had unanimously voted in favour of raising \$240,000, by debenture, for the building of Central Schools in the Township of Tecumseh.

Our Public School Inspector, Mr. Clark, met with us to discuss our Central School project. It was discussed whether it would be better to build two six room schools or one twelve room school. It was decided to discuss this with the Department of Education in Toronto. An appointment for the Board to meet with them on Monday, Feb. 22, was secured.

The Simcoe County Trustees' and Ratepayers' Association asked our Board to take part in a panel discussion in Codrington School, Barrie, on March 9th, on "Progress and Development Toward Centralization of Schools in Simcoe County". The Board agreed to do so.

Ernest Irvin and L. R. Copeland: That we revise our Teachers' Salary Schedule to be—

Minimum Salary for Temporary Certificated	\$2700.00
Minimum Salary for 1st or 2nd Class Certificated	\$3100.00
Annual Increment (up to Maximum)	\$200.00
Experience (up to 3 yrs.)	
Annually	\$200.00
Maximum	\$4500.00

Ernest Irvin and Rose McClain: That the following bills be paid: H. C. Scott, fuel \$156.50; Alliston Farmers Co-op, fuel \$206.33; Bell Telephone Co., \$21.60; H.E.P.C. \$415.00; S. G. Walker \$21.00; Dept. of Education, \$2.00; H. Shinton, \$1.58; H. Fitzlay, wood, \$27.50; O. W. Pettit, \$119.50.

Three accidents to school children were reported since last meeting.

L. R. Copeland and Ernest Irvin: That we adjourn.

## Little Red Schools Disposed Off

With Central Schools now in operation in Tecumseh township — one in the North and the other in the South — Tecumseh School Area Board have disposed of nine little red school houses and properties within the township.

As a result of the recent offer for sale of the 16 schools in the township by tender, the following properties have been disposed of: SS No. 1 (Maple Grove) brought a price of \$1,500.00; SS No. 2 (Rich Hill) \$2,000.00; SS No. 4 (Schomberg North) \$2,150.00; SS No. 7 (Wilkesdale) \$1,600.00; SS No. 8 (Parsville) \$1,000.00; SS No. 9 (Hemlock) \$1,019.00; SS No. 15 (Grand Brook) \$2,000.00; SS No. 14 (Clowerdale) \$650.00; SS No. 17 (Nicholson portable school) \$2,332.00.

Although tenders were received for the remaining eight schools in the township, the Tecumseh School Board decided not to sell the buildings and properties at a recent meeting for the prices submitted. There are eight properties still remaining to be sold but just what the Area Board intends to decide upon remains in a balance.

The schools and properties remaining to be sold within the township are as follows: SS No. 3; SS No. 5 (land only); SS No. 10 (Cross); SS No. 11 (Wilcox); SS No. 13 (Maple Hill); SS No. 14 (Ross); SS No. 17 (Nicholson); SS No. 19 (Boston Junction).

Just what procedure the School Area Board will take in the disposal of the above properties is a matter left entirely up to the members. New tenders may again be called and also real estate firms may be contacted to dispose of the properties.

The Area School Board, according to the chairman, Frank Lisk, would like to dispose of the remaining buildings and properties as soon as possible.

TOBER 10TH, 1937

## Village Clerk Tenders Resignation

The Village Council met in the Council Chamber, Monday, October 7th. Owing to the absence of Reeve T.E. Little, who is ill in Allister Hospital, Coun. Pegg was asked to preside. All members of Council were present. Meeting opened with prayer, after which minutes of previous meeting were read, and adoption approved. Correspondence was tabled for discussion.

Motion was passed granting Reeve Little leave of absence, and a message sent with wishes for his speedy recovery. Mr. Gray, who recently purchased the Dufort property, waited on Council to enquire who was responsible for cleaning the ditch adjacent to his property. The bank was rotten away by erosion and needed attention. After much discussion Council agreed to go and inspect the premises. The Village and Hydro accounts were presented and ordered paid.

A letter was read from Mr. W.H. Robinson, the village clerk since 1914, tendering his resignation. Council took effect December 31st. Council accepted with sincere regret. Advancing for a successor was mentioned but nothing definitely decided. Notice will appear in the press announcing the end of day-light saving for 1937. Other matters were held over pending the Reeve's return.

Meeting adjourned to meet again November 10th.

## VILLAGE OF BEETON

At the request of the Council of the Village of Beeton, the Ontario Water Resources Commission has investigated the possibility of installing within the Village a sewage works project to serve a major part of the Village and now proposes to construct such works at an estimated cost of \$223,565. This amount will be borrowed from the Ontario Water Resources Commission and will be repaid over a period of thirty years.

The project will consist of the following works:

The installation of sanitary sewers to be constructed as follows:

On Centre Street from Young Street to Maple Avenue.

On Main Street from Levee Street to Patterson Street.

On Prospect Street from Tremmish Street to Centre Street.

On Queen Street from Centre Street to Patterson Street.

On Maple Avenue from Centre Street to Patterson Street.

On Tremmish Street from Prospect to approximately 504 feet South of Main Street (South Village Limit).

Estimated from Centre Street to approximately 275 feet West of Centre Street, including building sewers from the Main sewers to the street line.

### COLLECTOR SYSTEM

The estimated annual cost of the project is \$22,827, which includes debt retirement, interest, reserve for contingencies and operating cost.

It is proposed to raise this sum as follows: \$17,611 by a frontage rate of .84c per foot on all lands which abut on the work or connect to the sewers; \$3,639 by a connection charge of \$17.58 and \$1,610 by a surcharge of 30% of the water bill.

In computing frontage rates, provision shall be made for the exemption or partial exemption from a full frontage rate and for the termination of such exemption or partial exemption in the following manner:

(a) In the case of lots situated at the junction or intersection of streets or highways all flank lots will be exempt from frontage rate.

(b) In the case of lots that are triangular or irregularly shaped, an exemption or partial exemption may be made from the frontage rate chargeable thereon sufficient having regard to the situation, value and superficial area of such lots as compared with other lots to adjust the frontage charge on a fair and equitable basis.

(c) In the case of lots that because of the nature of the terrain or the situation of the sewer do not derive the same benefit as other lands abutting on the sewer, an exemption or partial exemption may be made from the frontage rate chargeable thereon sufficient having regard to the benefit derived as compared with other lots to adjust the frontage charge on a fair and equitable basis.

(d) In the case of lots that for any reason are wholly or partly unfit for building purposes, an exemption or partial exemption may be made from the frontage rate chargeable thereon sufficient to adjust the frontage charge as compared with that of lots fit for building purposes on a fair and equitable basis.

The exemption or partial exemption shall be made by deducting from the total frontage of the lot liable for the said frontage rate so much thereof as is sufficient to make the percentage reduction, but the whole of the lot shall be charged with the said frontage rate as reduced.

On the basis of these figures a house having a frontage of 50 feet and a water bill of \$20.00 would pay the following amount annually after connection has been made to the system:

50' frontage at .84c	\$42.00
Connection charge	17.58
30% surcharge on water bill of \$20.00	6.00
	\$65.58

### PROVINCIALY OWNED TREATMENT FACILITIES

In addition to the foregoing charges, the sewage works users will be required to pay an estimated charge of 36c per 1,000 gallons.

Based on the following:

day 100 gallons  
Average flow per capita per  
Average persons per home  
2.5

A typical home will pay \$40.00. This charge will be imposed as a surcharge of 230% on the water bill. Note that the water bill of a typical home is \$20.00.

### TYPICAL HOME TOTAL OVERALL ANNUAL CHARGE

Collector System (estimated)  
above \$ 65.58  
Sewage Service from Provincially owned works 40.00

\$115.58

Any ratepayer may within 7 days after the publication of this notice sent by post paid to the Clerk of the Village of Beeton at the address given below, a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval on the imposition of the special rate.

The Ontario Municipal Board may approve the said special rate and may approve the said works, but before doing so may appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections will be considered, but notice of such hearing will be given only to those persons who have given notice of objection as provided herein above.

All plans, reports and estimates may be inspected at the office of the undersigned during business hours.

Dated at Beeton and Here published this 20th day of April 1937.

WM. L. WATSON, C.E.  
Treasurer, Village of Beeton  
Box 130, Beeton, Ontario.

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A. L. FACHNIE

## Personality Sketch

(By Mary M. Smith)

Alexander Lemnox Fachnie is a meticulous man in every area of his life. Varied interests and abounding energy made living an exciting challenge, until a heart attack, six years ago, rang a warning bell and brought about a slower pace.

Mr. Fachnie was born near the Village of Maple Valley in Nottawasaga Township, the youngest of six boys and three girls to a family whose ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of that area. Of United Empire Loyalist stock from Michigan, originally settling at Beauséjour, in the period 1812-15, they came to Upper Canada about 1888, taking up land in Grey County on the town line of Simcoe County. Even to this day the descendants of these early settlers are referred to as Quebecers.

The Fachnie family is rooted in Scotland, to which country it is believed, one, Fachnie, came with St. Columba in 563. He devoted his life to preaching the Gospel and it is possible his followers called themselves Fachnieys and those of this name are their descendants. As is so often the case, it is difficult to ascertain when the spelling was changed.

Mr. Fachnie's parents were married at Duntroon in 1873, his mother being the daughter of Villiers Cripps, born in Canada in 1828 and departing this life in 1911. The quite enormous family Bible in Mr. Fachnie's possession is about ninety-five years old.

At the tender age of five, A.L., as he is called by his friends, entered the Maple Valley Public School, which was opened in 1898 and continued its service until this year when it was closed. When he was nine the family moved to the vicinity of Dundas and the young boy trekked three miles to the school in that place. In 1910 his formal education was interrupted, as his father did not believe in schooling. A.L. then worked in the family lumber mill and yard as jack of all trades.

On the death of his father in 1911, the family removed to Creemore, where Mr. Fachnie completed public school. He then attended Collingwood Collegiate Institute until 1916, when, only two or three months before his graduation, he enlisted in the High School Battalion of the 201st Canadian Light Infantry, formed by Col. W. J. Hagerty, Principal of Harbord Collegiate, Toronto. This unit failed to reach strength and was broken up. A.L. thereupon transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, with which he remained until June 1919. While in this service, he

New Camels and Dolphins, which appear small and fragile when compared with today's aircraft. He went overseas on the S.S. Canada, a converted cattle boat, which had started its career as a troop ship, carrying the Canadian contingent to the Boer War in 1900-1902. He returned with the rank of lieutenant on the S.S. Megantic. During his air corps service, Mr. Fachnie was severely injured in a plane crash in October, 1918. Recovery required a period of eleven months.

Resuming civilian life, A.L. completed his high school education. There followed three years as an apprentice in pharmacy in Toronto, then to the University of Toronto, from which he graduated in 1924 with an Pharm.D. degree. For the next year, he was employed by Tamblin Drug Stores. He remembers that the transition from the life of an officer to that of an apprentice clerk was quite a jolt.

In 1921, Mr. Fachnie married Miss Dorothy Marion Mair of Collingwood, who died in 1948, leaving her husband and five children, two born before the Beeton days, three here. In July 1959, A.L. remarried, the present Mrs. Fachnie being the former Miss June Baker of Toronto.

In 1928, he came to Beeton, purchasing the business of D. S. Morrow. He will never forget September 10th of that year, when his cash register rang up his first sale as an independent business man. It was quite coincidental, but our final interview with Mr. Fachnie occurred on September 9th, when, at the close of the business day, he had completed forty years as a member of our business community, to make him part of it longer than anyone else presently in business here.

In 1933, when the late D. W. Watson was the local Police Force, Mr. Fachnie's store was robbed by five armed men from the Toronto area. Exchanging shots with the thieves, he wounded one so as to knock him out, but not injure him seriously. A.L. was unhurt, though among his mementoes of the occasion are the shells and bullets fired and a package of absorbent cotton, through which an assailant's bullet passed, also a glass showcase was punctured. Two of the desperadoes were captured, the stolen car and loot recovered. Dr. S. H. McElvey playing an important role in their capture. These men were sentenced to five years and ten lashes. A third man was apprehended a year later. In 1944, eleven years after this episode, Mr. Fachnie received a letter from one of those involved in the robbery. The

writer was then in the Canadian Army, stationed in England. He expressed his regret for the trouble he had helped to cause and appreciation of the lesson he had learned.

Mr. Fachnie has made numerous changes in his store over the years. There are many who will remember the three stall, ice cream par which occupied one front corner of the premises until 1961. It was removed at that time, as other businesses provided this convenience for customers. Some may remember the large, stuffed owl which kept watch over the store from atop a signpost. Touching it sent clouds of dust over everything and this was one of the first things A.L. removed.

Fascinated by machinery, he remembers that the first physical punishment he received at school was because he had played hockey in tide on a traction engine, used for ditching. He recalls that the first steam engine, used for this purpose, was horse drawn.

Mr. Fachnie, at age seven or eight, was taken into the bush by his father. One family holding was about 1,400 acres to be instructed in the proper use of five arms. At that time there was no closed season, except for deer. This early training developed a love of hunting and fishing. He acquired his first bicycle by selling the pelts of mink, racoon and muskrat he had trapped.

In 1911, his mother bought him a motorcycle, which he kept in the back kitchen. In jokes, it is always the woman driver who takes out the rear

wall of the garage, but A.L. admits he almost took out a wall of this room with his motor cycle. His first car was a Model T Ford 1913 vintage and complete with oil lamps. Mr. Fachnie has a picture of this marvel of engineering, parked outside Casa Loma in Toronto, the castle then nearing completion.

A.L. recalls that during his early residence in our Village, radio was in its infancy and he frequently visited his friend, Robert Riddell, who was the first in Beeton to own a radio. To hear the broadcast of the hockey games. The radio of that day was a far cry from our present compact sets. A.L. does not remember the set, but does remember the sound emanated from a large horn. Those were the days when Amos 'n' Andy held their audiences spellbound and Madam Queen was Andy's current 'right o' love. At that time Mr. Riddell resided on the farm now owned by F. G. Hawton, today he lives in one of the large homes on Centre Street.

Another recollection of the Village at that time is the sight of rather large herds of cattle being driven along the Main Street. It is not difficult to realize that crossing the street would present some hazards. The C.P.R. Station with its large and numerous cattle pens was a busy place. Trucks have taken over so much of the business that this railway station has been closed.

Saturday night, by tradition the time when farmers and their families went to town, Beeton was a really busy place. There was lack of parking space for the numerous horse drawn buggies. The Methodists (now United) and Anglican churches had shade for the convenience of their congregations and these would be filled to capacity.

A.L. is a collector of many things, which is quite evident in both his town and country homes. In both, the old and new are belted to create a comfortable setting, which is obviously enjoyed. The country home is between 125 and 150 years old and one of the finest examples of early Canadian architecture in this province. The exterior has been covered by modern building materials, but the interior shows the massive logs from which the structure was built. The huge fireplace of field stone is the central feature of the large living room and suggests cozy hours of relaxation.

Among his collection of books, guns, rifles, etc., is a 19th year old hunting rifle, complete with powder horn, bullet moulds and lead melting tangle. Treasures of special interest are completely different. One, which belonged to A.L.'s father, is the mummy type used by cattlemen, in the old days, for driving stock and was, originally, the roof of a tree. The object is doubly so, compact, beautifully made, with many limitations, from a propeller blade of a plane used in World War I and, therefore, known as a prop cane. Another collection piece is a London and York stage coach built from the reign of George III, made of copper. During our first interview, Mr. Fachnie wished to refer to the two volumes of A History of Simcoe County by A. F. Hartley and was much distressed to find the second volume was not in its place, nor was it found after some searching. Presumably, this book was lent to some one, who failed to return it.

Proud of his hunting ability are the pelts of a moose bear and two caribou, which A.L. shot in 1953 at Iron Bridge, 28 miles west of Blind River. These are hung on opposite walls of his den. Hunting has not engaged his attention for some years, but he loves a hunting trip. Despite his enjoyment of the hunt, Mr. Fachnie deplores the killing of rare wild life just for the sake of killing.

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A.L. has one of the finest private collections of early pharmaceuticals and equipment in Ontario, some being over 100 years old. In the early days of pharmacy, those of this profession advertised their calling by the display of large, spherical bottles filled with coloured water and Mr. Fachnie has some of these, still containing the coloured liquid. A number of

the old time drugs bear Biblical names, such as manna, incense and myrrh.

A.L.'s interest in aircraft, roused by his own flying experience, has remained constant, as evidenced by the scrapbooks of early planes and the magazines on modern craft, which he has in considerable number.

In the Creemore days, Mr. Fachnie took an interest in tennis and played baseball with the Creemore Greys, as pitcher or shortstop. There were no organized leagues, the various teams competing among themselves for fun. A teammate, who was breaking into the game shortly before A.L. left Creemore, was our Editor K. J. Carleton. Mr. Fachnie also played a little hockey. At a later time, he was an ardent lawn bowler and helped to organize and build the present greens in Beeton Park. With G. W. Nichol, he gave the numbered markers their first coat of paint.

A.L. served for 10 years on the Beeton Public School Board being chairman for one year. He was a member of Village Council for three years, tried for reeve, but was defeated by

the late John Carleton. This finished his active interest in municipal politics.

In 1946, Mr. Fachnie helped to organize the Four Freedoms Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Beeton, and became a charter member, being the first treasurer, an office he held for many years. Others who aided in the organization of this Branch were Bruce Gould, Harold Ellison and John Randle. The latter no longer resides in this community.

A.L. is proud of his long membership in the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

The Bank of Canada, formed in 1933, was privately owned prior to being nationalized and Mr. Fachnie was among its original subscribers. He has the Subscribers List for October 1934, which proves that large numbers had faith in this fledgling bank.

Of the nine Fachnie children, A.L. and one sister are living. Mr. Fachnie's immediate family comprises his wife, five children and eight grandchildren. He has a complete record of his own life in photographs and points with smiling affection and pride to what he refers to as his Rognes' Gallery — pictures of his children.

Mr. Fachnie would like to retire, but finds himself in a

somewhat difficult situation. The successful business he has nurtured for the past forty years, with its large stock, will not be easily disposed of — it is doubtful that any young man would have the capital to take over such an establishment.

We wish A.L. continued enjoyment of his family and many interests and hope he will realize any unfulfilled ambitions.





Also brought forth was a trophy, presented by The Royal Bank of Canada in 1922 for the best Herd of Beef Cattle, Beeton Agricultural Fair.

Mr. Riddel recalled that D. A. Jones was purported to be the bee king of the world and that he caused to be built the seven buildings on the north side of Main Street from the present Beeton Hardware east to the Rutledge Department Store. The Hardware and Bank buildings of today, were hequeathed to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

In his youth, Bob played a little baseball, and retains an interest in all sports, listening to radio broadcasts of games. There is no television in this home, for Mr. Riddel's sight began to fail in 1899 and now he has little left. However, in talking with him, one is not conscious of this.

In 1927, the Riddels moved to the Centre Street residence, which they purchased from the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hammell, who in turn bought the Riddel farm. The first owner of this house was Dr. White side, later Dr. Tamblyn and then Dr. Law occupied these premises. Dr. Law's son in law, Rev. Dryer, also owned the property.

Mr. Riddel's ability to exercise has become limited, as his heart is not what it once was, therefore, he no longer takes walks about the Village.

We asked Mr. Riddel if he had any comments on modern trends or the young people of today. With a most infectious laugh, he recalled that, when he was a youth, his elders were sure the young were going to the dogs and he sees no change in this outlook!

We wish Mr. Riddel much continued enjoyment of his home, radio, old friends, and the reminiscences of the past which obviously delight him and, some of which, he kindly shared with us.

J. Downey, C. Shinnerson, E. Wallwin, W. Marlin, F. McCarthy, C. Stevens, J. N. Mitchell, J. Riddel, W. McAdam, — Owens, G. W. Brant, Robert Lilly and S. Rainey.

These names had been obtained by the unnamed reporter of that day by going to the barn and, with some difficulty, finding them cut into one of the timbers. Some of these surnames are still familiar to us and all will recall memories to many.

The farm where all this activity took place is the one adjoining the Village to the south now owned by F. G. Hawton. Indeed, part of the south side of our Main Street was taken from the Riddel property, which was formerly owned by Mr. Riddel's maternal grandfather, whose name was Mustard. Great grandfather Mustard was a United Empire Loyalist, a veteran of the War of 1812, who fought under General Sir Isaac Brock at Queenston. Mr. Riddel's father came to this country from Scotland about 1854.

The Riddel children learned their three R's in Dunham's School, situated on the 8th line farm now owned by Howard Kitchener. This building was later moved farther east and across the road to become Cross's school. With the introduction of the two Central Schools in January 1961, this structure was purchased by C. S. Lamb and converted to a dwelling.

ROBERT RIDDEL

## Personality Sketch

(By Mary M. Smith)

It was a pleasant, sunny day in early November when we approached the large home on Centre Street, set well back from the street, so that the verandah looks out on a sweep of well kept lawn. A light touch on the door bell brought instant response, an appointment having been made, and we were ushered into a small, square sitting room, comfortably furnished in the style of some years ago.

We had been admitted by Miss Winnie Abrams, who has been Mr. Riddel's housekeeper for almost eight years. Taking a seat on the Chesterfield, it was noted that it was placed against a fireplace, obviously never used, but having a beautiful mantel on which were displayed various knick knacks.

The soft whirr of an electric razor came from another room, therefore, we had a few minutes to observe our surroundings. The adjoining room, gained through French doors, hung with heavy drapes, is the dining room. A number of pictures on the walls proved to be Scottish scenes and groups of people. Two were of special interest — one, the face of a young man with luxuriant dark hair parted in the centre which Miss Abrams told us was of Mr. Riddel when a young man. The other was a view of our Village from the heights of the hills of what was formerly the Riddel farm.

We observed a part of a newspaper on a chair, yellow with age and disintegrating — their proved to be a portion of a copy of The Beeton World, which, though we could find no date, was possibly that of June 1921. It contained a list of names of some of those who had participated in the raising of the frame barn on the Riddel farm in 1868.

At this moment, a tall man, neither under nor overweight, impeccably groomed, entered the room and we met Robert Riddel for the first time.

One of his first remarks was that he had celebrated his 83th birthday a few days before, on October 31st. It was difficult to believe this erect, quietly composed man could have lived so many years.

The Riddel family comprised three boys and three girls, the three oldest were born in the original log house, the others in the frame house which replaced it — Mr. Riddel being one of the latter.

Naturally, we asked about the old newspaper and were advised that the thirty names were only half of those who took part in raising the barn in 1868. It was customary to have two sides each with a captain, and endeavouring to raise their half in faster time than the other. The names listed were these: — F. Robinson, Captain; W. Willoughby, Neil McDermott, Thos. Hanna or Harrow, James Downey, R. Dunham, R. Steele, W. Evans, R. Binner, M. Bond, — Root W. H. French, W. Stevens, F. Deane, W. Smart, D. Mitchell, J. McMillan, W. A. Cummings.

Some of the young Riddels later attended Beeton Public and Continuation School, erected about 1881 on the site of the present building. It was destroyed by fire about 1917 and, for several years, some classes were held in the Main Street building, now occupied by a farm machinery dealer, Herbert Lick, and others in the Queen's Hotel. The present school was built in 1922.

Mr. Riddel related, with considerable details of a trip to Toronto when he was twelve or thirteen years old. His father and brother, together with the late J. T. Barton, father of Fred, took three loads of barley to market in the City, where the price was higher. Each load contained 100 bushels. They started their journey just after midnight, made stops at Bradford and Aurora to rest and feed their horses. The following night was spent at Hogg's Hollow, and in the morning they proceeded to the City, to a point near the St. Lawrence Market, where the grain was unloaded. The homeward trip began in the afternoon and, without the load, did not take so long. His father feared the boy might go to sleep and fall off the wagon seat, therefore, made him lie down on the rear wheel's floor. He did sleep and knew little of the thunder storm which forced the party to seek shelter in sheds at Bradford. Rather than disturb the sleeping boy, his father removed his coat and covered the slumberer with it. When the boy did awaken, he saw a crook taking telephone poles and knew he was near Mr. Riddel's.

It was near Mr. Riddel's when the crook saw that street cars in the City were horse drawn. One of the young Riddels stated, but remained a close family until death brought separation. Bob, as he is known, an old friend, is the only one left.

Many of the past are among Riddel's memories. In the fall of 1892, a small lake was located where A. L. Fach's drug store is now, and owned by Mrs. Watson, mother of the late D.W., was gutted in the fall of the same year. Then the conflagration which destroyed so many of the business buildings of that day. Those who believed their homes were in danger, placed their houses and belongings on that portion of the Riddel farm behind what is now the drug store.

Valence Hoover's garage is situated where that fire began. The present structure was merely the Methodist Church was then further west on an Street, immediately to the east of where Mr. and Mrs. R. Hammel now reside, and is moved to its present location.

In 1903, a fire destroyed the building where the Fachman's and, flower, hardware and flourish behind their guarding iron rail fence. This had been occupied as a hardware store by the late Walter J. Bell, who had, a short time before, moved his business to the north side of the street — the property, now vacant, between the Rutledge Department Store and the Tecumseh Grill. This blaze started in the tailoring shop of James Young, above the vacant hardware store. Also destroyed was Pringle's Dry Goods, situated where Leonard Catania now does business.

Mr. Riddel recalled that the Beeton Waterworks Department was instituted in 1893 and has changed little over the years.

Bell Telephone came to the Village in the late 1880's, but it was not until 1909 that rural homes had this means of communication. Then the Beeton Telephone Company, Avonlea, this service and continued to do so until the 1950's, when it amalgamated with the Bell system.

In the fall of 1894, electricity was introduced. This was some years before the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario came into existence. Beeton's source of power was contained in what is now the library building on Main Street and energy was simply generated by burning coal. Street lights went out at midnight — guests who remained late required lanterns to light their home. The Riddel farm was not equipped with electricity until after the Riddels left it.

Mr. Riddel told us the year 1898 also saw the construction of Sincere Manor, and he was present for the laying of the corner stone in the spring of that year. Col. Tyrrell, from near Bradford, being the honours. The Village contracted to supply the Manor with water and electricity for some twenty years — the water supply is still obtained from our Corporation.

We had previously learned that Mr. Riddel had the first radio in Beeton and asked him about it. He told us he purchased it in the autumn of 1924. It was a four tube Westinghouse, which cost at least \$250.00 — a lot of money in those days. It was battery operated and required both a ground wire and aerial. Tubes and other parts were contained in a box like cabinet about two feet long by nine inches high and nine inches wide. Sound reached the listeners by way of a large horn or ear phones, the latter could be used so as not to disturb others who did not wish to listen. Bob has the horn and earphones — these would surely qualify as some type of antique.

Mr. Riddel is, and has been all his life, a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He has a photograph of the women of the WMS of 1904. It was fascinating to read the names from the past and realize these women, with their dresses and blouses having full, long sleeves and neck bands fastened with a brooch had served the Church of that day. Going over the names, which will bring fond memories to some — Messdames Robert Scott, Sam Smith, John Munroe, A. W. McDonald, Dunn — wife of Dr. Dunn, Wallace, McPherson, T. Bell, L. Richardson, M. Martin, H. Mitchell, Arthur, D. A. Jones, W. J. Bell, Joe Hill, McConnell — wife of the minister and Miss M. Sauri.

Mr. Riddel gave high praise to Mrs. Scott, and recalled the various socials she sponsored to raise money for the work of the Church.

The Riddels were among the first to raise pure bred cattle in this area. Bob recalled rising at 2 or 3 a.m. to take care for showing at Fall Fairs in Alliston, Cookstown, Schomberg and Bradford. The system was to walk with the herd to direct its progress. The Riddels raised Shorthorns, shipping them for sale, mainly to Toronto by CNR and CPR. Mr. Riddel did not mention the numerous prizes won by these cattle, but Miss Abrams produced a cushion, the cover of which is made up of red first and blue second prize ribbons, awarded by the Bradford and West Gwillimbury Agricultural Society from 1904 to 1907. It was obvious these were not all, but all which showed the year, and the cover could contain.



## GORDON W. "Chief" NICHOL

# Personality Sketch

(By Mary M. Smith)

Gordon W. (Pat) Nichol's portly figure is a familiar one on the Main Street of our Village, as he views the passing scene from a doorway or Rotary bench. He always wears some head covering and observes the disappearing courtesy of tipping his hat to women.

Born in a house on Centre Street, which was later burned located where Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Foster now reside, Mr. Nichol, at the age of about 10, moved next door to the home previously occupied by his maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. S. Washburn, both then deceased. This house is now occupied by Mrs. Annie Banister and her son Kenneth.

Mr. Nichol was the second child in ten, having four brothers and five sisters. His father was active as a veterinarian for some 45 years and owned one of the first cars to chug its way about our streets — a Model T Ford. A team of horses and two cows were kept and the youngsters delivered milk morning and evening, which sold at 3¢ a pint or 3¢ a quart. Pasturization was in the future and so were milk bottles — the milk was conveyed in pails, with the desired quantity being poured into the customer's container.

Among the memories of these boyhood days are the peeling and quartering of apples, which were then strung and hung about the kitchen to dry. Producing apple trees still grow on this property, but it is unlikely they are those from which Mr. Nichol picked fruit.

Another recollection was of the extra Sunday ice. Weighing grove, where J. S. Gray now has his home, being flooded to provide skating. Spring skates, which were attached to ordinary shoes by means of clamps, and spring were the order of the day. These were put on in the warmth of a bonfire and were hard on shoe heels, often ripping them off. The boys played hockey just for fun, without organization or any pressure, other than natural desire to win.

Beeton spared no effort to welcome Milton Kearns home from the Boer War (1899-1902). Most residents were at the CNR station to meet his train. They had placed an armchair throne on a flag and burning decked wagon, which was drawn by a team of horses, whose hair had been carried to gleaming whiteness, tails braided and harness decorated. With the Beeton Brass Band playing stirring airs, they marched in triumphal procession to bring their hero to the Town Hall for a civic reception. (Now the Cooper Weeks Ltd. building on Main Street.)

Mr. Nichol also recalled, for the 1914-18 conflict, army volunteers doing their two weeks' summer training in the Park, which would be filled with tents. Target practice was carried on at the flats located just south and west of the village — property now owned by Mrs. Jean Service. A number of housewives baked pies, cakes, buns, etc., which the children sold to the men, and for a change from army meals. Pies brought the magnificent price of 10¢ each and buns were 10¢ a dozen. Rather wryly, Mr. Nichol remarked that the vendors considered they were making money.

Mr. Nichol attended Beeton Public School on the site of the present building, but destroyed by fire. He did not like the classroom and was what today would be classified as a dropout. In this he was unlike others of his family, who numbered two civil engineers, a physician, school teacher, stenographer and a nurse in their ranks.

Needless to say, when he left school, he was expected to go to work. His first employment was with Wm. McCulloch, who had the contract for carrying mail, express and passengers from the CNR station. The horse-drawn bus would accommodate 14 or 15 passengers and for this work, Mr. Nichol received the magnificent sum of 50¢ per day.

Later he drove a team and wagon, hauling bricks used in the construction of Samco's Manor. This structure was completed in 1890, which sets the date of this activity. The bricks were made from local clay by the Beaton Brickworks, located where Arthur Hagerman and family now live. This industry was lost to the village when the supply of clay dwindled and the Beaton retired because of age.

Another early employment was for the CNR, when the survey was being made for the line which runs a little distance west of the village. This work occupied him for about two years.

An incident which occurred in these years was that of the Nichol family being quarantined with measles. If he entered his home, Mr. Nichol would have had to share this fate, so he took up residence in the Queen's Hotel at the north-west corner of Main and Centre streets. A shared room with board was obtained for the princely sum of \$3.50 per week.

Next he laboured for Camp & Strangways, who were butchers and conducted their business from the premises now occupied, still as a butcher shop and grocery store, by F. E. McFadden, run by Wm. Campbell and Elwood Strangways. This business kept him busy, as it had two covered wagons delivering meat and groceries to

in areas which included Mount Pleasant, Newton Robinson, Thompsonville, Pennville, Lorton, Colgan, Atholville and Hochley. It was sold to Charles Allison and Mr. Nichol was employed by him for about 20 years.

It was customary to use the slaughter-house in its present location on the northern edge of the village, most nights, when two to five beef cattle, one or two pigs and one or two calves would be butchered. The carcasses were dressed and taken to the store early next morning. Mr. Nichol ruefully commented that more work was done before breakfast, than many now accomplish in a day. It was necessary to provide more meat in summer than in winter, when many farmers butchered their own and beef rings were common. Hand grinding sufficient raw meat for 50 to 100 pounds of sausage was really hard work, as will be realized by anyone who has attempted to put even enough for a meat loaf through a mincer.

Dates are not one of Mr. Nichol's strong points, but he remembers prices with exactitude. There was a time when beef steak was two pounds for 25¢, a whole beef liver sold for 10¢, a tongue for 10¢ and a beef heart for 10¢ or 15¢. Potatoes were 25¢ a bag and one year 15¢. His first suit, three pieces and tailored to measure was purchased from a tailor in Newton Robinson for \$11.00.

Having learned the business, Mr. Nichol took over on his own for a few years, but changing conditions created an unprofitable situation and in the early 1930's he sold his business to Carl Campbell. He was the first in Beeton to put in a walk-in freezer — the box is probably still being used, though the freezing equipment may have been removed. The original installation cost \$550.00. Prior to that, ice was cut during the winter from Bailey Creek, just north of what is now the home farm of Wm. Dorsey, north of the village. At that time this was a considerable stream and 1,200 blocks, two feet square and the depth of the ice were cut, hauled and stored in an ice house behind the store. The ice was shrouded in sawdust, which was obtained from a saw mill on the present site of Applefield Orchard. A layer of sawdust was laid, then blocks of ice with snow between the layers and the top layer covered by about a foot of sawdust and the same amount packed between the ice and the walls of the building. In warm weather, the gable ends of the ice house were removed, circulation of air kept heat from building up. When the refrigerator required more ice, it was necessary to wash off the blocks and by means of a pulley convey them to the required position.

Mr. Nichol's next venture was to open a store for the exclusive sale of Couch's Dairy products. This was in the building now housing the Beeton Food Market, owned and operated by Leonard Catania. The food lockers, which were dismantled a year ago, were installed during his tenure. He carried on this business for about 15 years.

In 1910, Mr. Nichol became a member of the Beeton Volunteer Fire Brigade, was made Chief in 1935 and held this post until 1960. It was from these 25 years that he received the title of Chief, by which he is

still addressed and referred to. This gave rise to an incident, which was both serious and amusing. A function in the Community Hall had been catered for by one of the groups of hard working women, who add so much to the success of any of these undertakings. Among the equipment brought downstairs, was an electric tea kettle, which the owner, Mrs. E. R. Holmes, saw being taken by a stranger. Asking help of Earl Hammell, they dashed to the culprit's car to find the doors locked. Undaunted, Mrs. Holmes pointed to her kettle and Mr. Hammell turned to see Mr. Nichol standing in the doorway, addressed him as Chief and requested assistance. The guilty occupant of the car, naturally thought this meant police chief, so surrendered his lock and begged that no charges be laid. None were.

Mr. Nichol proudly displays his fifty year pin as a Mason and until about 15 years ago, was a member of the local Orango Lodge.

For about 50 years, he has been operating the weigh scale. Originally, this was located on the east side of Centre Street beside the Queen's Hotel, moved to the west side where the Rutledge Department Store now is. It was finally moved to its present location on the east side of the Beeton Food Market. With the introduction of bigger and longer trucks, its use has declined, as it is capable of weighing a maximum of 12 tons.

In the days when coal was drawn all summer to fill storage facilities with the next winter's supply, this scale was kept busy. The late W. J. Bell was the coal merchant, selling this portion of his business to the late Mrs. Palmer. Donald Palmer, son of Mrs. Palmer, carries on the tradition by supplying the needs of those who still use this type of fuel.



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When Mr. Nichol's father retired in 1925, he and his wife moved to Toronto and Chief went to live in the — boarding house — then owned by the late Mrs. Martha Creighton. Since her demise, some three years ago, Mr. Nichol has continued to live in the same large Centre Street dwelling, now owned by Mrs. Creighton's son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Elier son Dale, who have improved it and, quite recently, added most attractive awnings to make the side verandah an inviting retreat.

Mr. Nichol was a lawn bowler and, though he has relinquished active participation in this sport, he has been, and is, greenskeeper for the Beeton Lawn Bowling Club for six or seven years. The present greens are located in the south west corner of Beeton park, but years ago were on the northwest corner of Patterson Street, across from what is now Coburn's Garage.

In 1952, Mr. Nichol accepted the rather thankless task of Bailiff until someone else could be found to fill this office. He continued for 12 years and was then free of it only because the local Division Court was discontinued.

Chief was for a number of years connected with the Beeton Agricultural Society as chairman of the Race committee.

For many years he was a member of the May 24th Celebration Committee and served one year as president.

He has been among the efficient ticket and money handlers for hockey games and other events for a long time.

Though a member of an Anglican family, Mr. Nichol attended Trinity United Church and performed the duties of an usher for some while.

Other memories of things long past, included the time when a tamarack swamp existed on the 10th line of Tecumseh township and village residents purchased half an acre, felled the trees and drew the logs to their homes, where they were reduced to stove length by a buzz saw. There remained the task of splitting and piling this firewood, a formidable undertaking of which we know little.

The last toll gate in this area was located between Bradford and Holland Landing, over 60 years ago. The charge was 5c for a single horse and 10c a team. Mr. Nichol chuckled at the thought of how busy the gate keeper would be in such a location, with today's traffic.

Mr. Nichol recalls an occasion when he took a wagon load of groceries from the Beeton

CNR Station to Hockley and was unable to return for three days because of a cloudburst. A man and his wife who had sought shelter under a bridge were swept away by a three foot wall of water.

During the first World War beef hides sold for 45c a lb., calf hides for 90c a lb. In 1923 and 24 such hides could be purchased for 3c and 11c per lb. Mr. Nichol also remembers buying and selling beef cattle for \$3.00 per cwt. and pigs for the same amount. A haircut and shave in Coburn's Barber Shop cost 25c, 50 years ago. This shop was housed in the Queen's Hotel, later moved to where the 5c to \$1.00 store now does business on Main Street.

During the time Mr. Nichol operated the outlet for Cousin's Dairy products, he was involved in the apprehension of an arsonist. The Queen's Hotel was vacant, having been purchased by a man named Wolfe (?), who said he was going to manufacture horse collars. He had increased the insurance on the building and insurance company representatives came to inspect the risk. They contacted Chief, who was caretaker, to gain entry. They found several piles of straw ringed with dixie cup like containers, filled with gasoline and candles ready to be lit. After several trials, the would be fire bug was sentenced to four years in prison.

Mr. Nichol observed that conditions have much to do with a man's success or lack thereof. To illustrate this, he told of Mr. Allison purchasing wool and storing it in the basement of the Main Street building where the Tecumseh Grill is now. This was during the first War and the wool, kept for one year, was sold at great profit. Mr. Allison also bought sugar and realized at least 100 per cent gain on his investment. When Mr. Nichol purchased stocker cattle at the Toronto market in the late 20's for 6c a lb., believing the price could go nowhere but up, held them until the following autumn, then sold them for 3c a lb. This, after feeding them over the winter and renting pasture for the summer.

The interview with Mr. Nichol provided a glimpse at a way of life which is now part of our history, so numerous have been the changes of the past fifty years. His recollections will stir forgotten memories for some, for others they will be as new as the tales of King Arthur's Knights.

Mr. Nichol's mother lived to be 97 and there appears to be no reason why Chief cannot match this. Apart from a hearing difficulty, sometimes more apparent than others, he is hale and hearty.

We wish him continued good health, to long enjoy the harness races, baseball and hockey games, which give him much pleasure.



# VALTER J. STEWART Personality Sketch

(By Mary M. Smith)

Walter James Stewart is, he believes, Beeton's oldest citizen having been born October 25, 1870.

A gentleman who is delighted to have visitors and to talk with and see people on Main Street, Mr. Stewart walks, with a cane, from the comfortable and immaculate home of Mrs. Dorothy Simpson to the shopping area. Most days of good weather find him in one of three places, the 5c to \$1.00 store, the Tecumseh Grill or the Rotary bench beside the Rutledge Department Store.

Born on the 7th line Tecumseh township farm now occupied by Earl Mitchell, Mr. Stewart attended a school situated on what is now the Kitchener farm on the 8th line and one in the Village, in the building on Main Street, now the John Deere Machinery Warehouse and Sales Office run by Herbert Lisk.

His father died when he was four years old and he had to leave school to help on the family farm. He was the oldest of two boys and three girls. His brother, Nathaniel, father of Earl, Norval, Mrs. George Lisk and Mrs. Pearl Kearns, died in May 1899. One sister, Mrs. Annie Bradley of Bond Head, also was young.

Mr. Stewart recalled that when he was eight years old, the log barn was replaced by one of frame construction. The barn, raising which brought the community together, occurred on a day when it rained all morning, but cleared to permit the work to be done. It is not difficult to imagine the anxiety attendant by the rain of those who had prepared vast quantities of food to satisfy the hungry men after their labours.

In 1896, Mr. Stewart married Charlotte Ferguson, a Beeton girl, who lived only five and a half years. It is not unreasonable to suppose that today's knowledge of medicine could have saved her life. Attempting to round up her young turkeys during a rain storm, Mrs. Stewart became wet and a cold developed, from which she did not recover. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart's daughter, Irene, died in 1940, never having married.

Mr. Stewart spoke of the fire which destroyed many business properties on the Main Street of our Village. Occurring in 1888 or 9, it started in a large dry goods store, situated where Wallace Hoover now does business. It was suspected that the owner had started the blaze, but this was never proven. The building in which the conflagration began, together with the Baxter House, a hotel next to the east, were completely destroyed, as were other places of business on both sides of the

street. Among them were a sawmill, more operated by a man named Dwyer and Scott's grocery store, located on the south side of the street. Mr. Scott was the father of the well known Mrs. Kate Aitken. Others were a tailoring establishment run by James and Benjamin Washburn, son of Gordon W. Nichol and the Coulter House here.

Mr. Stewart remembered a spirited election campaign, when Walter Fenton much desired to be Reeve of Beeton, but was defeated by G. T. Somers. Mr. Somers' brother, Frank, was editor of The Beeton World for years, sold the paper to a man named Davis, who was succeeded by the late J. J. Cook and then to our present editor, K. J. Coulton.

About 1902, Mr. Stewart moved to the Village, where he worked for the Beeton Livery for 11 years. This was owned by Wm. McCune, who sold the business to the late D. W. Warren. For 10 years, he was employed by Benjamin Dorsey, a contractor for the building of bridges. For three to four years, he laboured for Dr. S. R. McKelvey, who he owned the farm now that of F. G. Hawson. Mr. Stewart voluntarily spoke of Dr. McKelvey with real appreciation of him as a good employer. He also spent three and a half years, buying cattle throughout the Muskoka area. His recollection of those years was one of pleasure and profit. He retired in 1943.

Born to an Anglican family, Mr. Stewart began attending Sunday School at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church when there was no Sunday School teacher at St. Paul's — at least not for boys of his age. He later joined St. Andrew's, where there for some eight years, and remains a member. He was engaged in the construction of the present church building, drawing stone by team and wagon for its foundation. When the structure was completed, there was no more wage, so great had been the contributions and free labour of the congregation.

Mr. Stewart remarked that Beeton had been a thriving Village, there are more people now but less business. Once there were three or four blacksmith shops, four hotels and a millinery store among other establishments. A large sawmill and lumber yard did much business when the Anglican Rectory is now located, the premises extending to the south.

He remembers when farmers bought salt by the barrel and sugar was sold by the hundred weight. In those long gone days one merchant gave a bag of sugar free with a relatively small order. It appears that in canning buying is not a new idea.

Mr. Stewart recalled with pleasure a three and a half month trip he took west in 1906 when he journeyed as far as Banff, Alta. A return ticket to Edmonton, good for three months, cost \$42.00. When the city of Calgary, Alta., now exists, there was no home. On the city limits of Regina, Sask., he could have purchased 160 acres, a quarter section in western prairie, for \$24.00 an acre. A year later, he received a letter to say this same land had been bought for \$100.00 an acre. So fortunes are won or lost. He did not like the heavy gumbo clay, but the alkaline water, which causes many visitors, much distress, did not bother him.

Other reminiscences included the building of the CNR line, about 1880, when the first train to travel the distance to Hamilton was a free excursion trip, also there was a flag station at the 7th line.

Mr. Stewart has vivid memories of the Queen's Hotel, north east corner Main and Centre Streets. It was built for Charles Baxter, who ran it for some years. The bricks used in its construction were dipped in a solution which gave it the appearance of having been painted. A large barn occupied the spot between the Hotel and the present John Deere building. An ice house, situated between the Hotel and the present, was now occupied by F. E. McFadden, was, each spring, the repository of two railway freight cars of ice brought from Harris. The Coulter House required a like amount. The

Queen's provided good meals and consequently had a large clientele.

Mr. Stewart has never smoked but at one time took an odd drink. He felt it did him no good so he gave up what some consider a vice, others a luxury and still others, a necessity. He recalled a time when liquor sold for 5c a glass and the bottle was set on the bar for the customer to help himself, a la western movies and TV programs. A schooner of beer was also sold. That really was a long time ago and for those who are wondering — a schooner was a tall glass. Liquor and beer, both, were supplied in barrels. He remembers less drinkiness than there now.

Mr. Stewart has been a guest at all the Rotary luncheons, the Old Times Nights and most enjoys them. There was a time when he played bridge, but not now, but he still enjoys reading. He would like to see our Centennial Celebration in 1967, when he will be almost as old as our country.

Our best wishes to Mr. Stewart, that he may more than fulfill this wish and continue to be favoured with his present good health.

## Walter Stewart Celebrates 95th Birthday

### CELEBRATES 95th BIRTHDAY

Walter J. Stewart received visits from members of his family to mark his 95th birthday on Monday, October 23rd.

Nephew Earl and Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Norval Stewart and niece, Mrs. George Lisk were morning visitors. Evening dinner guests at the Main Street home of Mrs. Dorothy Simpson, where Mr. Stewart resides, were his sister, Mrs. Annie Bradley and niece, Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, both of Bond Head together with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Colwell of RR 1, Beeton.

On Sunday, Mr. Stewart was the guest of nephew Harold and Mrs. Dunham in Newmarket. On Wednesday, he was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lisk 8th line Tecumseh township. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Norval Stewart completed this family gathering.

Gifts and numerous cards will remain as mementoes of this milestone in Mr. Stewart's life. We add our congratulations and best wishes.

## Walter Stewart Passes Suddenly

Walter James Stewart peacefully departed this life suddenly on December 28th, at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Simpson, Main Street, where he had resided for the past five years. He had spent a happy Christmas Day with his nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Stewart, their children and grandchildren, Tecumseh township. He was in his 95th year.

Mr. Stewart was born in 1870 at the Tecumseh township farm home of his parents, George Stewart and Annie Finlay. He attended public school at Dunham's School and in Beeton.

In 1896, Mr. Stewart married Miss Charlotte Ferguson, who predeceased him in 1902. Their only child, Irene, also predeceased him in 1940.

Mr. Stewart was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are our sister, Mrs. Annie Bradley of Bond Head; four nieces, Ruth (Mrs. George Lisk), Pearl (Mrs. Kearns), both of Tecumseh township, Vera (Mrs. Latimer), Oshawa, and Elva (Mrs. Wm. Sutherland) of Bond Head; five nephews, Earl and Norval Stewart of Tecumseh township, Harold Dunham, Newmarket, Eric Colwell, of Bonnaville and Gordon Bradley of Bond Head.

The funeral service on December 29th, was in the Anderson Funeral Chapel, Tottenham with George Bell, incumbent of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton, officiating. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Palbearers were Earl and Norval Stewart, Gordon Brad-

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## DR. S. R. McKELVEY

# Personality Sketch

(By Mary M. Smith)

Stanley R. McKelvey is a Boston boomer, who, as having, what can only be described as, a full and interesting life. He has the far-reaching personality of one accustomed to making decisions and getting things done and, on occasion, may be slightly impatient.

Born in Adela Township, the seventh child in a family of 12, Dr. McKelvey attended the Adela and Mono Union Public School, Alliston, High School (pre-dating Banting Memorial) and the University of Toronto from which he graduated in 1924 as a Doctor of Veterinary Surgery.

The accomplishments of the McKelvey family, who can lay claim to two veterinarians and three druggists, is all the more remarkable when it is learned that the father of this large brood was taken from them when the youngest child was only two years old. The mother, not only maintained but improved the family farm and successfully raised her numerous progeny. Doc, to those who know him well, says mothers such as he have gone out of style.

Working his way through college led to many interesting and diverse experiences. One summer he sold road maps, — the selling was easy, but delivering and collecting payment presented some difficulty. More than once Dr. McKelvey went west to work on the prairie farms of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. He has memories of being as busy as a bee at home for the day's ploughing, which commenced at 7 a.m. and continued until the desired number of furrows had been turned. One autumn it was impossible to complete the thrashing because early snowfall stalling of the soaked grain. Remembering the following spring, he helped to chop out snow from the furrows. These only were left to the harrow, who suffered no ill effects.

A number of the large thrashing crews, which were necessary to cope with the bountiful harvest of grain, Dr. McKelvey drove a heavy team from the fields to the nearby elevators, earning \$10.00 per day. These thrashing outfits were complete with thrasher, coal, water and cook house, for some reason called a cook car, on wheels. His steady team was selected to draw the cook car with its burden of breakable dishes and swinging pots and pans.

He commenced with much feeling on the size and voracity of the prairie mosquitoes — and gathered they like him, but the feeling was not mutual.

After graduation, Dr. McKelvey came to Boston, where he practiced his profession until 1947. In 1934 he married Mabel Hammell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hammell. Their first home was the large house on Main street now known as the Urbanski Apartments. Later they lived in the house on their farm, now that of F. G. Hawton and adjoining the village to the south, until the house was destroyed by fire in 1939. They then moved to the Centre Street home now owned by F. E. Parsons.

On July 1st, 1947, Dr. McKelvey became superintendent of Simcoe Manor, where he, his wife and two daughters, Ruth (Mrs. Kenneth Kelly) and Joan (Mrs. H. E. Platt) took up residence. It was at this time he gave up his practice as a veterinarian. In March of this year Dr. and Mrs. McKelvey moved to their present Main Street home, previously owned by Wm. Ritchie and in the process of being built when Dr. McKelvey came to Boston in 1924. This home has been modernized, but retains much of its older charm — blue rail furniture in the dining room graced with lovely china plates and linen knicks, the kitchen and bathroom are strictly 1960's vintage.

Dr. McKelvey has served and is serving his community and province and, therefore, his country in various capacities. He has been a member of the Boston Agricultural Society and Fair Board since 1925, was first vice president for 12 years, he came president in 1941 and held that office for six years.

In 1939 after the outbreak of the Second World War, it was proposed that the Boston Fall Fair be discontinued for the duration — it was at the time in financial difficulty. The proposal was defeated and Dr. McKelvey with the late Fred Parsons, then secretary of the Fair Board, guaranteed a loan, which kept the Fair in operation. Chuckling at this memory, Doc confessed he had no money at the time.

Dr. McKelvey has attended the Annual Fairs' Association Convention held in February in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, every year since 1928. In the early years it was unusual to have a large suite, where many dignitaries and others were entertained — hardly necessary to mention prices were quite different than those of today. In 1942 he was president of the Ontario Fairs' Association. In 1964 a Past President's Association was formed and tireless Doc was elected president. In office he accepted the understanding it is for one year only.

In 1938, Dr. McKelvey entered the wheat crop competition, which has been conducted every year since then. In 1939 this illustrious man was president of District 5 Georgian Bay Fairs' Association. In 1941 — and him lead in the formation of the Calf Club, which grew to be the largest Black and White Holstein show in Simcoe County, now one of the features of the Boston Fall Fair. The Calf Club held its first anniversary banquet in the Orange Hall, Centre Street in 1944 and has been an annual event since that time. He has been a Canadian National Exhibition Board member for some years and a Director for five more — this post he still holds.

Dr. McKelvey served as a member of Village Council in 1945 and was Reeve in 1946 and 1947. He became a member of the Boston Community Memorial Centre Board in 1947 and was chairman of that body from then until 1954.

A Mason since 1928, when he became a member of Spry Lodge, Boston, he is past president of this, his home Lodge and Very Worshipful Sir of Grand Lodge.

Dr. McKelvey is past president of the Ontario Home for the Aged since the 1953-54 year of that organization.

A Charter member of the Rotary Club of Boston, he was president in the 1956-57 year and has attended a number of Rotary International Conventions — Golden Anniversary in 1955 in Chicago, Ill., and in 1957 went to Dallas, Texas. There everything, including the traffic, was air conditioned. Walking on the hot pavement was a source of foot trouble.

Dr. McKelvey became a member of the Boston Volunteer Fire Brigade in 1920, was treasurer in 1930 and holds that office.

Now in his third year as a member of the Boston Public Library Board, he has been chairman since his appointment to this Board.

Dr. McKelvey is now in his second year as a member of the Ontario Telephone Services Commission, which is the Government body having jurisdiction over all independent telephone services.

A member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dr. McKelvey taught a Sunday School class for four or five years, and was an elder for 15 or more years.

The McKelvey clan had its own baseball, softball team and Doc played a first baseman and catcher. In 1923 he organized a girls' softball team and succeeded in producing a championship combination. Some of the members of this aggregation were: Bertha (Bub) Haycroft, Vera Watson, Doris Williams, Lillian Westlake, Edith Hammill, Olive Haycroft, Margaret Watson, Joyce Reynolds, Margaret Fildes and Ethel Lick.

These names were taken from a photograph of that time and most of them have since married and are living in widely separated areas. Dr. McKelvey took up curling for some time, but just couldn't find time to continue with it.

In our interview, the Doctor was not asked about the changes he has witnessed, quite obviously they would be numerous. However, he was asked when he acquired his first car — in 1924, a Ford runabout, the convertible of the day, which could only be used during the summer months. Where some cars were made by home and cater, when possible — on roads were cleared of snow.

Recalling some moments of the past, Dr. McKelvey told of the great celebration which occurred on May 24th and later on June 3rd, when the birthday of the monarch's birthday was celebrated. This holiday has been discontinued in Canada for some years. It was a great day of horse races, ball games, etc.

Doc also remembered with obvious delight, the 1950 Inter-national Plowing Match, held at the Airport — now part of the Crown holding, north of the village. He was in charge of the reception, entertainment and banquet for the occasion. The women's organizations of the three British churches, Anglican, Presbyterian and United, combined forces to serve a piping hot turkey dinner to 1,200 guests in the Arena. A number of dignitaries were in attendance, including the then Premier of Ontario, Hon. Leslie M. Frost.

Seeing Dr. McKelvey today, with so much accomplished, it is difficult to imagine him slackening the pace he has set or even thinking of retirement, which he professes he is not, for he appears to have boundless energy, enthusiasm and many more dreams to realize.

With his young grandson and granddaughter, Brock Kelly and Kelly Platt, he is the pet uncle of the loved and loving grandparent, obviously delighting in their abundant vitality, which matches his own.

We wish Dr. McKelvey the realization of his dreams and much enjoyment from life with his lovely lady in the midst of their children and grandchildren, whose lives are anchored in the gracious home with its pleasant and uncluttered rooms and delightful verandah.



## GARNET PEGG

# Personality Sketch

(By Mary M. Smith)

Garnet Pegg is a contented man, who has always worked hard and has no desire for inactivity.

Born in Scott Township, Ontario County, he was one of six boys and one daughter completed the family. The farm on which Mr. Pegg grew up consisted of three hundred acres.

His public school education was obtained at Sileam school, two and a half miles from his home on a road mostly lined on either side by bush. Garnie, as he is known by his contemporaries, then attended Mount Albert High School.

For three years, Mr. Pegg worked on the farm of one of his brothers. In 1922, he married Miss Pearl Boden and purchased her father's Whitechurch Township farm.

In December, 1928, Garnie and his brother, Stanley, who had learned the art of baking in Mount Albert, bought Art Carlton's grocery and ice cream parlour business, also the bake shop at the rear of the store. As the grocery business increased, the ice cream parlour portion was discontinued. Mr. Pegg still owns the bake shop building, while Eve's Shop occupies the store premises. Mr. and Mrs. Pegg, with their two daughters, moved to Beeton in 1929.

Having no business experience, Garnie recalls that he was completely lost when he first took his place behind the counter. A memory of that occasion is of a former customer telling him it was obvious he came from a farm, as he was not stingy with string.

Mr. Pegg used every means to become acquainted with the residents of the village and area and this, combined with hard work, resulted in a successful business. It was not unusual for him to present new residents with a complimentary loaf of bread. No doubt this brought business he would otherwise not have had. In the early 1940's, brother Stanley's health failed and Garnie took over as sole owner.

Frequently the hour of rising for another day's work arrived about the time Mr. Pegg was able to go to bed. This is understandable when it is learned that an average day began at 7 a.m. with the preparation of orders and loading for delivery. At 9 a.m. deliveries to some 75 out of town customers commenced. On his return, village orders were dealt with, followed by taking bread to Simpson Manor. Work in

the bakery occupied any time left 'til 6 p.m. Serving in the store and a meal took another hour, then back to the bakery until 10 or 11 p.m. After this the day's bookkeeping had to be done.

The store always opened at 8 a.m. and three nights a week was not closed until 11 p.m. or midnight and if customers were in a talkative mood, it might be 1 a.m. On these open nights, Mr. Pegg sold hot dogs for the convenience of his customers, there being no restaurants.

During each week, bread was delivered to Tottenham, Schomberg, Lloydstown, Newton Robinson, Heckley, Athlone and Cullgan. In winter these trips sometimes had to be made with a horse-drawn sleigh when snow made roads impassable. Some farmers would telephone in grocery orders and such were delivered between the places of call.

All members of the family made a contribution to the success of the business. For several years, when they were

without a clerk, Mrs. Pegg took charge of the store and helped at other times. The children helped by slicing bread, wrapping it, also buns and cookies. Later they took their turns as clerks.

Garnie recalls that when he started in business, bread was baked in a double loaf which sold for 20c. It was delivered to the stores hot, neither wrapped or sliced. He also remembers there were two country stores where the bread was wrapped in newspaper. With all our present rules of hygiene, one wonders how the human race survived, making it possible for us to be here!

Mr. Pegg's first bread wrapping machine was designed by himself and made by the late Joseph Akitt, who was the local plumber. His first bread slicer was turned by hand and cut one slice at a time.

Another recollection of those earlier times, was of receiving eggs from farmers in exchange for groceries. This entailed further work, as about one hundred dozen eggs had to be caddled after the other work of the day was finished.

With a wry smile, Garnie said things taken for granted years ago, would be considered hardships today. As an example, he told us of taking bread to Simpson Manor on a large hand sled because the snow was so deep a horse-drawn sleigh could not get through. So on the days of snow ploughs, the late

Wm. Hammell would pack the snow around the store and make a path with a team of horses and a land packer.

Mrs. Pegg also recalls that the condition of Beeton access roads was so bad in the spring that it was necessary to have a car or truck pulled in and out by horses.

Many will remember that Saturday morning brought a cheerful representative from Pegg's grocery to take orders. This service began when many households had no telephone. Mr. Pegg chose a likeable lad for this task of soliciting orders, then delivering them by means of a small wagon, for which the boy made a top. The youngster's earnings were determined by the value of the orders, being on a commission basis. This practice was maintained throughout the years. As one boy went on to other things, another was found to take over and the Pegg children took their turn as the years went by.

Garnie has grim memories of the depression years, when to be out of work was the fate of so many. He told us of one man, with a family, who received 25c. a day for cleaning up the village dump and this was his only income. It was not unusual for parents to beg for credit in order to have food for their children and some of the money owing as a result has never been collected.

The war years brought other problems, rationing being one of them. Without the necessary coupons, customers could not purchase butter or sugar. The merchant could do nothing to assist in this matter, for without the coupons he was unable to replenish his stock. Government inspectors made sure the public was not being overcharged. Gasoline was also rationed and new tires were unobtainable if the vehicle was used for delivering to customers.

Mr. Pegg made a practice of looking after the store himself during mealtime hours. He recalls an unpleasant occasion, when two men entered and requested a gift of food. Garnie gave them a loaf of bread and wished someone would come in as he did not like the questions they asked—was there a local police office, jail, etc. The situation was relieved when Mr. Pegg's brother arrived, the men left, leaving the bread behind.

Garnie reminisced of the days when dried fruits, sugar, spices, soda biscuits and other items came in bulk and were weighed out according to the customers' requirements. Vinegar came by the barrel and was sold in pints, quarts or gallons. Creamery butter was not available and the dairy butter was kept in the basement, refrigerators being still in the future. Obviously, it could not be

kept too long. During the canning season, some three hundred baskets of fruit would be set out in front of the Village Stores. An attraction for the children was the candy display. Garnie wryly remark-

ed that a penny would buy as much candy as 5c will today. Other price comparisons—bananas, three dozen for 25c and tins of tomatoes, corn or peas, three for 25c.

When one views the choice of laundry products of today, it is difficult to imagine having to choose between two soap powders, Princess Flakes or Super Soda. Bar soap was mostly used—Comfort, Fels Naptha or Sunlight.

Mr. Pegg vividly remembers the disappointment the local merchants experienced in 1950 when the International Plowing Match was held north of the Village. A rush of business had been anticipated, but it dropped below normal. Again, there was a wry smile as Garnie commented that the only rush he experienced was in cooking turkeys—215 in the one week.

In 1938, after 30 years as a merchant, Mr. Pegg sold his business and so there passed from the Beeton scene the last of the old time stores, with its personal service and an atmosphere of an earlier day.

Garnie's active participation in sport was mainly concerned with soccer. He played for a Godwood team in 1923 and, with a dry chuckle, he recalled he received \$100.00 plus expenses and considered it a lot of money. After coming to Beeton, he organized a soccer team which played against Paigrove, but was disbanded, as there were not enough teams to form a league.

He remembers horse shoe tournaments, when Beeton engaged Alliston and Mount Albert in combat. The score of action was the lot on Main Street, owned by Mrs. Dorothy Simpson, where farm machinery is now displayed. This was lit at night by means of lights on a beam supported by a pole. A group of 20 or 25 would gather to participate or watch their in participate or watch.

Another memory was of the street dances held on Main Street after the pavement was laid in 1922. Mr. Pegg helped to organize these festive occasions and sold hot dogs outside his store.

A member of Trinity United Church and a Sunday School teacher for 10 years, Garnie's one wish was to be Superintendent of the Sunday School. This ambition was realized in the late 1940's and early 50's.

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## Personality Sketch Garnet Pegg From previous page

He introduced the gold pins and bars worn by some of the young people of the Sunday School. Mr. Pegg much enjoyed organizing plays for the Sunday School and other organizations.

Garnie served our community as a member of Village Council for several years.

Mr. Pegg recalled, what were for him and his family, unforgettable occasions, when they attended the funeral service for Sir Wm. Mulock in Newmarket and that of William Lyon Mackenzie King in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

Garnie remembers Beeton having more business establishments and services than it has at present. Among those no longer here, were a flour mill, two bakeshops, a dentist, an undertaker, a shoe repair shop and a fish vendor, known as the "fishman." This man had no store, but peddled fish from house to house in the Village and throughout the countryside during the winter months. Today we have one barber, years ago there were three. There was also a livery stable, which, of course, became obsolete.

Mr. Pegg says only 11 Beeton homes are occupied by the same families who lived in them in 1929, when he came here.

Since selling his business in 1958, Garnie has been employed as a baker at Camp Borden. He will retire on December 14, 1965, but has no definite retirement plans. He thinks he may take a rest for the winter, but is sure he will then have to find some way of filling his time with a worthwhile activity.

We wish Garnie many happy and fruitful years to enjoy retirement and his family, which consists of his wife, three daughters — Bernice (Mrs. Joseph Jerry) Centre Street, Beeton; Marion (Mrs. Edward Jerry) 8th line, Tecumseth township and Norma (Mrs. Elmer Thompson) of Tottenham; two sons — Ronald of Newmarket and David at home and nine grand-

children



## Ronald Pegg Has Been A Real "Home Grown" Product

(By Mary M. Smith)

Ronald Pegg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Pegg, Main Street, is what might be termed — a home grown — product, in which we may feel pride and satisfaction. He was born here and lived here, except for the time spent at university. Now, he is leaving our community for a time at least, and will be greatly missed.

Known to everyone in the town, he is a well known, cheerful, friendly young man who has achieved much and given satisfaction of his time and ability to work with and encourage the youth of this area.

When interviewing Ron, it became evident that he has at all ways been industrious. As a boy he cut grass, worked at Apple dell Orchard, read light novels, went the rounds on Saturday mornings to take orders for his father's grocery store and as a student in the family book shop. There are those who still can insist on the conscientious way in which he performed his tasks during this period — all ways the objective was to do the job to the best of his ability.

Church activities are one of his primary avocations. A member of Trinity United Church, he has served as a Sunday School teacher for seven years, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent another seven, a member of Session for three years, President of the Young Peoples' group, one and has undertaken the Sunday school on numerous occasions. He was also at the age of 12 and 13 a member of the Trail Hangers, a Boys' Club of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church — for one year he was President, the other Secretary. In this phase of his life, Ron did those who most influenced him were the late Mrs. Edward McCune and L. O. Thornton of Centre Street.

Ron's interest in sport led him to play hockey at the high level and juvenile level for three years and juvenile baseball for five years. He was a member of the 1954 baseball team which was the South Simcoe champion ship. When he ceased to be a player, he turned to umpiring coaching and managing. As an umpire, he called the balls and strikes for the girls softball team for two years and for the intermediate baseball team for one year.

Ron coached junior hockey for four years. In which time his team was once an Ontario finalist and once Ontario Little NHL champion. For six years he coached the

Squirts and they took the Ontario Little NHL championship in 1960-61. Juvenile team, received his services for two years and won the Ontario OMHA championship for the 1961-62 season. With Robert Karledge, Ron brought Pee Wee hockey to Beston and with Jim McKay inaugurated the Squirt team.

As a manager, Ron gave his attention to juvenile baseball for two years — the 1956 winning the South Simcoe championship. With Earl Collins he brought Pee Wee and Junior baseball to our area in 1957 and in 1958 they formed a Junior team.

Needless to say, Ron attended Beston Public School and Bancroft Memorial High School at Alliston. On leaving high school it was his intention to enter the ministry and he attended Bob Jones' University in Greenville, SC, for one semester. That which caused him to change direction was the fact that the late Miss Ann Willoughby, then a member of the Beston Public School Board, suggested him as a substitute teacher. Ron says he enjoyed the experience, but after a while thinking he would never want to be a teacher. However, three months later he enrolled at Western Lutheran University for an Arts Course, majoring in history, from which he graduated with a BA degree.

He is now back teaching at BMHS at Alliston for four years and for the past year has been Acting Head of the History Department — the Department Head being on a sabbatical. During this time, he again turned his attention to sport, coaching the BMHS Junior Soccer team for three years. In two of those years, they won the Georgian Bay Secondary School Association championship. One of Ron's students, expressed surprise that Ron will no longer be on the staff of BMHS. This member of the student body appreciated the fact that Ron does not sidestep questions. He answers them or, if he is not sure of the required information, asks the question to see him after dismissal and they can find the answer together. This is a wonderful tribute to Ron, both as a teacher and a man.

Last Saturday, June 26th, Ron added another role in his many he has filled, when he was married in Alliston to Miss Catharine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Williams of Alliston.

Mr. Pegg is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario where he took an Arts course, majoring in physical education and graduated with a BA degree. Both Ron and his wife will be attending the Ontario College of Education in Toronto for summer courses. Mr. Pegg's eight weeks of study will be to complete a course for her high school teacher's certificate. Ron will be taking a Specialist's Course in history.

In September the newlyweds will take up residence in Newmarket to teach at Huron Heights High School. Ron will be History Department Head and his wife will teach physical education.

It is quite obvious that Ron has never been idle, he has given much and consequently received much. As he leaves the area, we would like to thank him for contributing so much to the spiritual and physical development of so many. Having given so much here, we know he will have a great deal to offer to the life of the young people and others of Newmarket. He takes with him the best wishes of all for much happiness in his new estate and continuing success in his work with young folk.

Congratulations Ron and to your Catharine — all good wishes for many happy years.

## S. S. Honour Ron Pegg

Ronald Pegg was honoured by Trinity United Church Sunday School on Sunday evening July 11th. Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent for seven years and a teacher for an equal number, Mr. Pegg was presented with a handsome brief case as a memento of these years, with the gratitude of fellow teachers and members of the Sunday School.

The presentation address was read by Albert Fullman and the gift presented by Miss Sylvia Lisk, themselves teachers for some time. For those who were not present, but would be interested, the address was:

Dear Ronald: When we learn that you were leaving us for a time, we experienced a feeling of selfish dismay — much as the people of Israel must have when Moses was no longer there to lead, encourage and with immense patience, deal with the lack of understanding and slowness of heart which characterized them and is common to us. However, quiet reflection made us realize that you have served your apprenticeship well and are now being led to further service. We can only trust that a Joshua, we know not of, will rise among us.

It may never be known how great a harvest will result from the good seed you have sown, not only among us, but in the community in which you have given so much. We hope the lack of expressed appreciation will never lead you to become discouraged — don't forget we didn't give full voice to ours as long as you remained with us.

We assure you you take with you our most sincere good wishes and our prayer that you may continue to be an instrument in God's service for all that is good and noble. May God's richest blessing be yours in the spiritual realm, the physical and the material. We wish you all joy and comfort with Catharine, as you go but want together to build a new family unit, made happy with mutual love, understanding and the support one gives to the other.

Please accept this brief case as a memento of the time you have worked with us so diligently.

Mr. Pegg thanked the givers, commenting on how useful the brief case will be to him, as a teacher and as a pastor. He is working in the Sunday School and wishes the teachers and members continuing success in their efforts.

His own Class had previously presented Mr. Pegg with their gift of ruff links.

## OUR FAMILY

My mother is a proud old gal,  
But, she does not, I never had such a gal.  
My father is a dear old guy,  
He gives us everything from money he has.  
My sister Marion is kind-hearted and fat,  
She likes pets, especially our dog "Pat".  
Nanna, the youngest, is a sweet little dear,  
So innocent and pudgy, with nothing to fear.  
And now myself, you should meet me,  
For the sweetest thing you ever did see.  
"Pat," our dog, is black and white,  
And with out out, he would like to fight.  
"Kitty Rink," the cat, is a cute little thing,  
He sits up on the chair as if he were king.  
— By Ronald Pegg, 14 years of age.



PINE GROVE FARM  
NORTH HAVY 18TH CONG. TOW.



JANE ELIZA TEBART AND GEORGE HAYES  
AND GRAND-DAUGHTER GLENORA  
NORTH HAVY 18TH CONG. TOW.



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EDWY TEBART  
HAYES B.A.  
2ND PRIZE  
CLASS 1915



MARY ANN ALMA



CECIL TALMADGE  
HAYES B.A.  
2ND PRIZE  
CLASS 1914





KATHLEEN, WALLACE & MARGARET  
HAZEL, GLENN & WILMET HAYES



WALTER RINE LOG  
FROM HAYES FARM

LADDIE WALLACE & WILMET  
HAYES



S.S. #6 MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL  
1941

Back Row

- 1 Jack Connor
- 2 Earl McLean
- 3 Leroy Mitchell
- 4 Gene Darling (Teacher)
- 5 Kathleen Hayes
- 6 Jean Mitchell

Middle Row

- 1 Edwin Matthews
- 2 William Brown
- 3 Mary Boyle
- 4 Audrey Mitchell
- 5 Harold Graham
- 6 Harold Connor
- 7 Glenn Fough

Front Row

- 1 Helen Stewart
- 2 Jim Stewart
- 3 Ruth Fough
- 4 Joe Williams
- 5 Glenn Hayes
- 6 Edna Mitchell

Miss Owens took  
walked & kept  
across the main  
street in Berlin



JUNE 3, 1910



Wm. HAYES



MRS Wm HAYES  
(NEE MARGARET WARD)



MR & MRS. ROBERT HAYES.



MR & MRS ALBERT HAYES.



MR. & MRS SAMUEL HAYES.



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MARY ANN (MAY) HAYES II.





DABBS HOMESTEAD 1921



R.N. ELIZA EVANG. FOSTER  
1896-1930  
BABY JIE DABBS



MARY, MA & MRS THOMAS DABBS  
SEADY & GEORGE 1921



JIE & JOHN DABBS



GEORGE & ALICE DABBS

Margaret, Alice  
New Elder and  
Mary 1920





ROBERT BANTINGE HOUSE  
LOT 15, CIR 9, JENNINGS  
(HOME OF WM DERMOTT)

Missionary in  
Landing



MISS ANNIE GORDON  
(MRS SAM HAYES' SISTER)



1914  
MR. & MRS. JACK BRETHET  
25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



MRS EDWARD BELL  
MRS ALBERT HAYES

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ALBERT HAYES  
EDWARD BELL  
SELBY EVANS



MT ARARAT LODGE.

Back Row Left to Right.

Ed Bell, Wes Bell, Cecil Brethet, Ark  
Roberts, Truman Bell, Simon Brethet,  
Richard Ransom, Colonel Hayes, Neil Taylor  
Earl Cook, Ansley Green, George Dettlake.

Front Row

Sam Abernethy, Edgar Smith, Charlie  
Broom, Edwin Latta, Jackson Straafner,  
J. F. Selby, Bill Fleming, Wallace Hayes,  
Russell Knight, Cecil Hayes, Gordon Best  
Ed Ellison & Ma E. L. Latta.



## Our Tribute To Dr. F. Spearing

Dr. Frederick Spearing departed his life on Sunday morning, December 20th, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, after suffering a severe coronary attack on November 20th, and a fall of damp bedding hung over our community and will not soon be filled.

Those who know Dr. Spearing want to pay their tribute to this most kind, thoughtful and unselfish man, who served this area for 47 years. In those years he gained the affection, respect and dependence of countless individuals and his colleagues held him in great affection.

To enumerate Dr. Spearing's innumerable acts of kindness would be impossible. It takes a great man, in any profession, to volunteer assistance when a colleague is engaged rather than himself, yet this is precisely what this man did, and this will never be forgotten by those concerned. His interest in and service to our hockey and baseball players was tremendous. No matter the hour, Dr. Spearing would attend any injured player without fee.

For some years Dr. Spearing had appeared frail, but his activity seemed to give the lie to appearance, as he continued to answer calls for help at all hours and under all weather conditions.

It may be said that he was the last of the old breed of family doctor, who added comfort, counsel and understanding to the dispensing of medicine, and we tended to take his presence and service for granted.

Without question, there are innumerable people who wish they had more fully expressed their appreciation to the good "Doc" who gave help and assurance in difficult times. We can only believe he knows how we feel and will accept the gratitude we were unable to express.

We ask Mrs. Spearing to accept the sympathy of all of us who, to some degree, share her grief.



**SPEARING MEMORIAL PRESENTATION**

Rueve Earl Brown of Beeton hands a cheque for \$250.00 to Jack Lewis, Chairman of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital

Board, as a memorial to the late Dr. F. Spearing. The presentation was made last week. (Herald Photo)

## DR. SPEARING PLAQUE NOW IN HOSPITAL

The Dr. Frederick Spearing Memorial plaque is now in place in the entrance hall of Stevenson Memorial Hospital at Alliston.

The plaque, with gold and engraving, is a scroll with the inscription: "This Plaque commemorates the gift of an electrocardiograph machine to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, as an affectionate memorial to the late Frederick Spearing, M.D., M.R.C.P., of Beeton, by his patients and friends residing in the Village of Beeton and the Township of Tecumseh and the Township of Adelaide, Ontario, County, who he served for forty seven years, 1914-1965." April 28, 1966.

## Dr. Spearing Memorial Fund Presented To Alliston Hospital

The Dr. Frederick Spearing Memorial Fund was presented to Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on April 20th, at the regular meeting of the Hospital Board.

In making the presentation, Beeton's Rueve Earl Brown spoke as follows:

"It is an honour for me, as the former Beeton of the Village of Beeton, where the late Dr. Frederick Spearing made his home for the 47 years he served our community and area to present to Stevenson Memorial Hospital this cheque, in the amount of \$250.00.

This is the gift of those who were Dr. Spearing's patients and/or friends, and is to be used to purchase an electrocardiograph machine to aid the Hospital staff in the treatment of those requiring this equipment. It is felt this will continue and extend the life work of this great and good man, who gave so much of himself, his knowledge and skill with unwavering devotion, for almost half a century to the residents of our area.

A memorial plaque will record, for all the foreseeable future, this tangible expression of the great affection in which Dr. Spearing was held by those of the Village of Beeton and Tecumseh and Adelaide town-

ships, who have made this gift possible.

"A list, containing the names of all who made this honour a reality, will be given to Mrs. Spearing as soon as the preparation can be completed.

"I would like to make one personal observation. I am impressed by the fact that this money was gathered without any expenditure from the Fund. Faithfully was handled by the plaque and personal service, and the generosity of E. J. Carleton, M.D., of The Beeton World, therefore, all who contributed are assured that their gift, in its totality, is contained in this sum."

John Lewis, Chairman of the Hospital Board, accepted this gift, voting on behalf of the Hospital and those who will benefit from this equipment, many thanks. Mr. Lewis advised that the Hospital is now becoming fairly well equipped due to other memorial gifts and the interest of individuals and organizations.

Mrs. Hazel Spearing was in attendance on this occasion, and gratefully expressed her delight in this Memorial to her late husband, and sincere thanks to all who made it possible by contribution and giving freely of time and effort.

**MEMORIAL TO DR. FREDERICK F. SPEARING, M.D.**  
Presented to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, Ontario, by the Village of Beeton, Tecumseh and Adelaide townships, and the Township of Tecumseh and the Township of Adelaide, Ontario, County, who he served for forty seven years, 1914-1965. April 28, 1966.



W. C. HAMMELL

## Personality Sketch

(By Mary M. Smith)

The Hammell family is one of those which has had a part in the development of this area. Five members of this clan coming from Ireland prior to 1837, and settling in Tecumseth township. They were: Wm. Sr., Wm. Jr., James, Henry and Patrick. Data on the distaff members are lacking.

The name was then spelled "Hammiel" and this is still used by some descendants, four being listed in the current telephone directory as living at Southampton, namely, Howard James, Lawrence and Neil. However, those in this area use the spelling "Hammell" and this will, therefore, be used for this narrative.

It is recorded that Wm. Sr., great grandfather of our subject, came to this community in 1827. He was one of two Home District Councillors for the Township of Tecumseth in 1842. He died March 1, 1854, at the age of 82.

Wm. Jr., grandfather of W. C., died February 10, 1893, and his widow on March 10, 1904.

Mrs. Hammell, for several years, wore a black widow's cap, but replaced it with a white cap, and from the time she was about 85, engaged in no more strenuous activity than knitting and sewing.

Thomas Hammell, our subject's father, sat in Simcoe County Council in 1900, and was County Commissioner when this Council had 18 members—quite a contrast to the present number of 33. His wife was the former Marion, daughter of Lloydstown. Thomas departed this life on September 17, 1929, his widow on March 30, 1943.

W. H. Hammell, uncle of W. C., was MPP for Cardwell from 1898 to 1899, being elected in 1898 and 1899. He did not contest the election of 1894. W.H. lived on the farm now owned by B. C. Bouchon.

William Charles, was born June 1, 1888, at the family home, Lot 4, Concession 3, Tecumseth township, one of the fourth generation to inhabit this area. He was the second child of four, having three sisters, two of whom are living—Ester, Mrs. Charles in Toronto, and Katherine, Mrs. Reynolds of Orillia.

Mr. Hammell is known to his many friends and acquaintances as Charlie, and will be so referred to here. He attended Hammell's School, the land for which was contributed by his grandfather. The building, at the northwest corner of the 8th line and Simcoe County Road No. 10, more generally known as the Allison Road, was purchased by Clarence Varcoe when the two central schools opened in 1901, made the one room schools obsolete. It has been converted to a dwelling. The youthful Charlie also went to Beeton Continuing School

On June 3, 1906, Mr. Hammell took for his bride, the stately and lovely Miss Gertrude McDermott, then residing on the 8th line farm now owned by Roy Armstrong.

Earl, the older of their two sons, was born in the home where his father first drew breath, and the younger, Wm., gave his first cry in the home on the adjoining Lot 5 now owned by Clarence Varcoe. The house was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

When he was married, Charlie rented Lot 4 from his father, who, in 1912, bought the insurance and telephone operator business from W. J. Anderson. The insurance business was later sold to the late W. E. King, and returned to Hammell ownership in 1951, when Earl purchased it. Mr. King being obliged to vacate this field having secured the position of Clerk—Treasurer of the Township of Tecumseth. Earl has succeeded in expanding the business, and added the func-

tion of real estate broker in 1935. Mr. Hammell is an accredited real estate salesman for his son, and attends at the office regularly.

In 1918, Charlie bought his father's 200 acre farm, and in the winter of 1919-20 acquired a sawmill, which he erected in the 46 acre bush. During that winter and the next, 900,000 feet of lumber was cut and sold to Peabody Lumber Company of Toronto, for \$94.50 per thousand mill run. Mr. Hammell drew attention to the difference to today's prices, when maple brings \$70.00 on the stump. Of the crew who operated the mill, he told the trees, and performed other necessary tasks, seven survive. They are: R. J. Watson, Fred Watson, C. E. English, Roy Hulman, E. McAdam, all living in Beeton; Clara Watson, residing in Tecumseth township; and Z. Hulman of Egbert.

In 1924, Mr. Hammell sold his holdings to Oliver McQuay, whose son, Vernon, now occupies the farm. The Hammells moved to the Village to the residence on Main Street, now known as the Urbanville apartment, from which Charlie conducted business as a driver. This continued until 1930, when depression prices made it impractical to continue. An average animal would not command a sufficient return to defray the expense of getting it to market. Accordingly, he moved to the farm he had bought in 1927—that now owned and operated by Wm. and John Mason, adjoining the village on the northwest—and rented the Village dwelling.

The depression years represent a period, Mr. Hammell, with countless others, remain here with no pleasure. Wheat brought the magnificent sum of 40c per bushel, potatoes sold for 10 to 15c for a 90 lb bag, and mixed grain was unmarketable. He recalled that millionaires became paupers overnight, and added that those born since the late 1830's have no idea what such a time is like and cannot know how quickly such a disaster can develop.

The Second World War brought the depression to an end, and as quickly as it disappeared money became plentiful. To illustrate the difference, Charlie told us of buying a young cow in 1933 for \$32.00. She proved to be a good producer, therefore, an asset. In 1951, when she was 10 years old, he sold her for over \$300.00.

Mr. Hammell is a life long member of St. Paul's Anglican Church. He remembers hearing that his grandfather was one of the most generous contributors to funds for the erection of the present Church building. The first service in the beautiful new structure took place in March 1890. At that time four babies were baptized: Miss Ethel Hammell, Charlie's first cousin, is living, the others are not. They were:

Wm. Hill, who became a railway dispatcher; J. J. Cook, who was for many years owner and Editor of The Beeton World; and Britton Wright, at one time in the insurance business and later Clerk-Treasurer for the Village.

Blue eyes glinting with the good humour which is their most frequent expression, though they can become keenly with indignation, Charlie recalled he and other family members walking two miles to attend services, this not of necessity, but simply because it was then considered the not mad thing to do.

He has served St. Paul's in the capacity of Peoples and Rector's Warden, sang in the choir until recently, and was, for 30 years, Vestry Clerk. With great pleasure and satisfaction, Mr. Hammell told us the sixth generation of Hammells is now attending this Church.

1953 saw this energetic and effervescent man retire from farming, and he and Mrs. Hammell took up residence in the newly built bungalow on Main Street, where he now lives alone, Mrs. Hammell having departed this life in July 1959. His home presents a happy mingling of the modern and not so modern. The piano is topped by photographer's pictures of members of his family—sons, daughters in law and grand-children, who number four—are a one great grandchild.

Chuckling heartily at his own joke, Charlie told us his nephew, to the east never speaks to him—this refers to the Bell Telephone Company automatic installation, but they are friendly and present a well kept appearance, as he forgives them their unfriendly attitude!

Mr. Hammell is a member of the Beeton Agricultural Society and has been for 50 or more years—he was a Director for some 25 of these years. Though he has been active in the Beeton Horticultural Society for a shorter time, about 15 years, it is one of his main interests, in which he has made a worthwhile contribution, while receiving great enjoyment from his participation in its activities. He was President of this organization for three years, and on retiring from this position, was honoured to use his own words, by receiving a diploma.

Mr. Hammell has the distinction of having served the Beeton Public School Board for 28 consecutive years, eleven and a half as a member, sixteen and a half as secretary-treasurer.

December 31, 1904, when the Board, and that of Tottenham, was integrated with the Tecumseth Township School Area Board. He recalls that he contested two elections and led the poll on each occasion.

Charlie's interest in sport is unabated. In his youth, he played baseball on the 8th line team which he remembers, was a good one, usually as catcher. He attends the games in which our young athletes are engaged, whether at home or as far away as Waterdown. He is also a keen follower of harness racing, attending events within reasonable distance and following others in the paper. He can recount the names and records of horses long since dead, their owners and drivers. On a recent occasion, Mr. Hammell, with G. W. Nicholl and Edgar Williams, paid a visit to the stables of Hon. Earl Rowe, our Lieutenant Governor, at Newton Robinson. This afforded much pleasure, seeing these sleek, well kept animals at close range—there are about 100 of them.

Everyone who knows Charlie well is aware that he is a supporter of the Liberal party. He had high hopes that the November 8, 1963 election would see a Liberal candidate returned for Dufferin—Simcoe. However seriously he may take his politics, he remains serene when his wishes are not fulfilled, and accepts good natured teasing with appreciation.

Recalling an election of the past, when his uncle W.H. was seeking to win the Cardwell-Simcoe Convention, the north-bound train arrived 40 minutes after the southbound, and his supporters were forced to leave early, therefore he lost to his opponent from Barrie. He ran as an Independent Conservative and won the election. When he was installed at the Walker House in Toronto, he was welcomed upon by a delegation, requesting support for his parti-



## W. C. HAMMELL'S PERSONALITY SKETCH

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ular wants. He answered the importunities by saying, "A Conservative I was, a Conservative I am I will not be a Reconstructionist, but I will do the best I can."

With another flash of the usual, infectious humour Charlie told us of the man who was engaged by a farmer to do some ploughing, who then complained regarding the lack of depth the plough reached, to be told, "You can't expect a man to plough very deep for 50¢ a day!"

Mr. Hammell spoke fondly of the winters when the flats were flooded and frozen, and it was possible to skate for miles. Needless to say, Sunday was differently employed than it is today. It was spent quietly, with regular attendance at Church services, the balance of the day taken up with a smoke, contemplation, or the family gathered about the piano or organ, singing hymns. One can therefore easily imagine how scandalized were the good folk by a lone duster who cavorted on Wright's pond — Lorne Street area.

Charlie well remembers when there were three hotels in the Village, the Queen's at the northeast corner of Main and Centre streets; the Commercial now the Beetonias; and the Station Hotel at the corner of Dayfoot and Stewart streets, near the CNR Station. All that remains of the latter is a depression in the ground and the concrete steps, overgrown with weeds and tall grass.

Further reminiscing about his grandfather, Mr. Hammell remembered being told that, though that gentleman owned 800 acres, he never possessed a watch. Also, he had chosen his land through literature, which described the varieties of timber indigenous to a given area. On clay ground, hard maple, beech, basswood and rock elm would be common, while sandy soil would produce mostly pine. Swamp land would be noted for cedar, tamarack, balsam and spruce.

Another recollection of the old days was that auction sales permitted purchases being made on credit. When these were first advertised as "cash only" transactions, it was thought this method could not succeed, yet it is now accepted without thought or question.

Mr. Hammell has a number of pictures, recording incidents of the past. There was a time when lovely Centre Street was the subject of a postcard, and this reveals the great arch of maples looking much as it does now when the trees are in leaf. One picture shows the late Wesley Strangways and Charlie's son, Wm., then a stripling in the process of harvesting a field of grain with a jeep tractor, which appears insignificant beside today's products. Also among his souvenirs is a book given to him, many years ago by his first cousin the rather flamboyant and much publicized mining man, Jack Hammell. This book narrates, in words and pictures much of Jack's early exploits, in the time when his first wife Eola (Evans), a Bolton girl accompanied him. Jack was the son of James Hammell, who sold his farm to E. Wallwin in 1886, and moved to Orangerville, where he operated a livery.

Charlie said the changes in farm procedures which have occurred in his lifetime are amazing. There was a time when the scythe was a tool commonly in use, and the old single share plough drawn by a team of horses and guided by the operator walking behind it, would now appear a rather comic antique. Yet, the days when this was in use when it required more workers to operate a 100 or 200 acre farm than is now necessary for a much larger holding, were by contrast, more leisurely relaxed and consequently, happy than is the present feverish pace required to meet the demands of modern living.

Mr. Hammell told us the high land, clay farms were once the most valuable, while those now being eagerly sought for sod, potato or tobacco production were "poor" farms, on which the owners barely succeeded in scratching out an existence.

Asked for his opinion of the current trend to expansion by going heavily in debt, Mr. Hammell said he hoped it will work

out for the eager, young farmers who are seeking to improve their situation and, at the same time contribute to the economic growth of our country, but he sees possible shoals ahead. Any recession could place such in a difficult position, even as similar but smaller spending of the 20's did in the 30's. He also questioned if they will ever be satisfied, but may continue attempting to gain more before solidifying their monetary position.

We asked Charlie if he had any unfulfilled ambition, and he answered "Yes." This is to attend the annual test for three year olds (harness, horses) the Hambletonian, held at Goshen, N.Y. However, he feels he has had a good life — it encompasses the reign of six monarchs, and three flags have been recognized by our country. It has been marked by the disappointments and grief common to all humanity, but it gives him happiness to see his children, grandchildren and great granddaughter enjoying comfort in this time so different, in many ways, from his own youth.

With regard to the flag controversy, Charlie expressed the thought that it is not so important what our banner is as what we are as a people. Each flag to which we have given honour, has served the period in which it was recognized, but he likes the idea of our country having a banner which is distinctive, and views it as a boon to our athletes and others visiting other countries, as it leaves no confusion in the minds of those not familiar with our history and development.

During the final month of 1963, Mr. Hammell was ill, causing concern to his many friends. Fortunately, this is in the past, and we wish him more years to enjoy his numerous interests and add to the pleasure of his family, friends and acquaintances, as he never fails to do, with a humorous anecdote or joke — his fund of these appears inexhaustible.



## Pack Community Hall To Honour Miss Georgina Barton 1968

Miss Georgina A. E. Barton was the guest of honour at a community reception in the Beeton Community Hall, on Friday, January 12th. Friends many of whom were former students from far and far, gathered to express to this well-loved music teacher, the esteem in which she is held. The crowd which filled the hall to capacity, included a number of well-behaved children so dear to the honouree.

Miss Barton, dressed in an ankle-length creation of black with silver sparkle top and black velvet stole, with a pale mauve orchid corsage, received, assisted by her brother and sister, John Arnold and Mrs. Marjory Prater of Toronto and Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Holmes of Beeton.

Melvin Mitchell, Chairman of the Miss Barton Night Committee, commanded the attention of the chartering guests, welcomed them, and introduced Rev. A. W. Downer, MPP for Dufferin-Simcoe.

Mr. Downer declared it was a great privilege and honour for him to be present, and assured his listeners that Miss Barton had contributed much to both this community and the Province. He could tell the story of her life, but that would take a long time — she has given so much to many parts of Ontario.

Miss Barton's intention was to become an opera singer, but throat trouble had necessitated a change in plan, and she turned to another phase of music. By so doing, she has provided one of the extras in life — music like flowers, is not an essential, but one of the extras which add so much to our enjoyment of life.

When she was forced to relinquish a singing career, Miss Barton was approached by the late Thomas L. Keeney, later to become Premier of the Province, to organize Peel County. Later, the Hon. Lincoln Goldie, Provincial Secretary, who was a good judge of character, and recognized real worth, asked Miss Barton to become Music Supervisor of the schools in Guelph where she remained for 12 years.

In the late 1930's, Miss Barton came to this area, and Mr. Downer recalled one of the first music festivals in Simcoe County, in 1938. This was conducted by Miss Barton, in Tottenham. "It was," said Mr. Downer, "a wonderful, wonderful occasion."

This community has benefited from the marvellous things Miss Barton has done, not in one area but many. She has contributed to the musical life of the churches and community gatherings as well as to the boys and girls for whom she opened the door to that magic, universal world of music.

Mr. Downer told his attentive audience, that Rev. Paul Switalski, Parish Priest at Caledonia, would have liked to come to the platform, but unfortunately, other duties forced him to leave early. The speaker took this opportunity to explain Mrs. Downer's inability to attend — he had to proceed to Toronto, immediately on leaving Beeton and would therefore be unable to escort his lady to their Dunrobin home.

In lighter vein, Mr. Downer related the tale of the small town which was blessed with four churches — Presbyterian, United, Anglican and Roman Catholic. The various ministers, parsons and clergymen were friends, enjoying their Friday evenings such as get together. All had the same ambition — to build a new church. Father Murphy succeeded, and the other three attended the initial service, but arrived late, to find standing room only. Father

Murphy observed their plight, and directed his rather deaf sub-deacon, to bring three chairs for the Protestant clergymen. The sub-deacon responded by requesting that all stand and give three cheers for the Protestant clergymen! Becoming serious, Mr. Downer declared three cheers should be given to Miss Barton, for her great contribution.

He continued, "We honour you tonight and this is overdue." Honour should be given to the living, rather than waiting for posthumous recognition. "We trust you will long be spared to live in our midst, in good health, and remain a blessing to all."

Again an infectious smile prefaced the remark "I have the same ambition as every other man present — to have as much fun as my wife thinks I am having. However, this is one of the most enjoyable evenings to be able to pay tribute to one who has given so much. Young people will never forget the kindness and generosity of a real benefactor."

It is a privilege to present to Miss Barton, a small token of our appreciation and affection.

The guest of honour was the recipient of a portable television set and the necessary aerial will be added. Mr. Downer also presented Miss Barton with an envelope, the contents of which he assured her, were to be used as she wished, and "God bless you always."

Miss Barton with great composure, but some emotion acknowledged the tribute expressed in word and gift, by saying this was a moving experience, but she had never expected, and no words could express her appreciation.

She spoke of how wonderful the girls and boys had been to work with, and how proud she was to be the music mother of so many who had made their mark, both musically and scholastically, in this and other lands. After naming a number of these now, in such diverse places as Spain, Japan and Africa, Miss Barton requested Miss Bertha M. Reynolds, a piano pupil of years ago and now Chief Counsellor and Co-ordinator Child Guidance Clinic, the Board of Education, City of Toronto, to come to the platform to speak.

Miss Reynolds remarked that many wonderful things had happened to her in her life. She had been fortunate to begin life in this community, blessed with wonderful parents, and at about age 8, had become a pupil of Miss Barton, who had done great things for this community. It was so much richer for her presence — for example, at the close of World War I, when the boys were coming home, tired, ill and disillusioned, Miss Barton had produced and directed HMS Pinetree, and the war-weary men danced and sang their way back in physical and mental health and good humour.

She recalled that Miss Barton had a studio in Baymont's furniture store, then occupied by the Walk-Run Shoe Store, where she went for lessons, and Miss Barton held recitals in which the participants thought they were good, enjoying an appreciative audience. "As I look at this gathering," she concluded, "I see beautiful faces of all ages, and I am so proud to be one of you."

Returning to the microphone, Mr. Mitchell gave recognition of the fact that some of those present, had travelled a great distance to honour Miss Barton.

In his turn, Mr. Downer proclaimed that Miss Barton had achieved immortality, for she will live as long as this community exists.

Mr. Mitchell then asked Fred Hunter of Barrie, recently retired Clerk of Simcoe County, to speak.

Mr. Hunter said that the Warden of Simcoe County could have presented him with a no more delightful task, than that of representing the Warden at the gathering of a grateful community, to pay tribute to one who has added so much to its life. While music was, at one time regarded as a frill to education, nothing could so brighten a school as having Miss Barton come to teach. He concluded, "I am pleased to offer to you the greetings of the Warden of Simcoe County, and, incidentally, join you in the retirement club."

Mr. Mitchell recounted the numerous letters and telegrams received. Most of these expressed regret at the inability of the senders to be present, and



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expressed wishes for many happy years, and that Miss Barton would continue to be an inspiration in the musical realm.

These letters and telegrams came from such personages as Hon. Earl Rowe, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; Senator Wallace McCutcheon; Sir Ernest MacMillan; Dr. David Ouchterlony, Supervisor of the Royal Conservatory Branches in Toronto; Judge James A. Clave of Barrie, and many others.

Then, the pent up emotion of the crowd found expression in three resounding cheers and a tiger for the guest of honour.

The Committee composed of Melvin Mitchell, Mrs. E. R. Holmes, Mrs. Robert Rutledge, all of Beeton; Miss Greta Kennedy of Colgan; Mrs. C. Abrams of Tottenham; and Mrs. Irwin Macphail and C. Hancoft of Tecumseh township, is to be congratulated on the efficiency with which it organized this oc-

asion of tribute.

Adding to the success were Mrs. W. W. Cole of Beeton; and Mrs. Francis Kelly and Mrs. Wm. Ronan Sr., both of Colgan who poured coffee; Dr. and Mrs. S. R. McKelvey, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sealy, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hannum, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hannah who circulated among the guests, assuring that all were welcomed; Miss Jane Abrams of Tottenham, who provided background organ music throughout the evening; the many who presided over the serving of delectable refreshments; and those who contributed sandwiches, cake and cookies.

It is desirable to delineate in some detail the background of the woman who could command such a spontaneous outpouring of affection, as was witnessed last Friday evening, and which she accepted with grace and poise.

Miss Barton was born not far from the scene of her most recent triumph, at Athlone in her grandfather's farm home, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George A. Barton.

It was while she was an undergraduate at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, that Miss Barton found it necessary to abandon her budding career as a concert singer. Knowing that a musical education was not available to most children in rural and some urban areas, she turned her attention to this field. In order to qualify as a music supervisor, she completed the Ontario Department of Education Supervisory Course.

Her first appointment was in Brampton, but in a short time, she was requested to go to Guelph. While there, she attended a summer course in administration and music appreciation at Columbia University, New York. For four of the 12 years, Miss Barton was in Guelph, she conducted an experiment with retarded children. This proved so successful that she was asked to contribute to an authorized text dealing with this phase of musical education.

For the next three years, Miss Barton was music convenor for the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, and acted as a consultant to music supervisors.

Returning to this area, in 1938, Miss Barton was engaged as music supervisor for the Tottenham School, added Col-

gan from 1939 to 1958, some of the Tecumseh Township Schools were added over the years and in 1959, the Beeton School joined the fold.

It is impossible to assess how many lives have been enriched by the influence and work of this one woman, during the 30 years she has been among us, and we add our good wishes to the others she has received for future happiness.

## Confirmation And Dedication Held At St Paul's Anglican Church

The Confirmation Service was held in St. Paul's Anglican Church on Sunday, May 20th at 11 a.m. The Church was filled to capacity and chairs were brought in and placed in the aisle and at the rear. Downstairs in the Sunday School room a loud speaker system had been installed and many of the late-comers had to move there. Mr. Vert Stewart was server, moving quietly about his duties, the Bishop's Chair was placed at the Chancel steps, the candles in their tall brass holders on the altar, were lit, the confirmation class, 26 in number took their places. The music was in charge of Miss Georgina Barton. The white surpliced choir processed down the aisle singing the hymn, "My God, Accept My Heart This Day." Following immediately after the choir came the pastor, Rev. F. B. Cooke, then the Bishop's chaplain, Dr. F. R. Holmes, bearing the jewelled pastoral staff preceding the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. F. N. Williamson.

The Bishop's message to the candidates was simple and direct. It was a significant fact that the Church was commemorating Whit Sunday, the fulfillment of the hope given the disciples by Jesus Christ, "that they should receive power when the Holy Ghost was come upon them." All are children of God, regardless of age, when our physical powers fail us we fall back on God. We believe in Him, but it is He who gives us the disposition and the power to believe in Him. God has given Himself to us in Jesus Christ and continues to give Himself to us in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. We do not assault the pinnacle of Heaven but it comes down to us. The Holy Spirit comes into the dark places and is given to us that we should be a witness unto Him. We may be a silent witness, nature is a silent witness, "while the earth remains, seed time and harvest shall not cease." This church is a silent witness that God is a rewarder of all who seek to do His will. People are witnesses, good, bad and difficult, and we must handle all with discretion.

The candidates coming before the Bishop for Confirmation were: Beverly Barrett, James Boyd, Henry Baycroft, Heather Baycroft, Mrs. Elsie Baycroft, Helen Baycroft, Mrs. Dorothy Butler, Harold Verbell, Clarence Drury, Joyce Dale, Norman Drury, Marjorie Evans, Doris Drury, Mrs. Joan Hunt, Mrs. May Heuchan, Mollie Lewis, Donald King, Gordon Mathews, Evelyn Munro, James Munro, Ian McLean, Sharon Palmer, Mrs. Melba Palmer, Mrs. Margaret Patterson, Earl Reid, Lloyd Robinson, Robert Reid, Betty May Robinson, David Whitelaine, Ruth Willard, Whitelaine, Ruth William, Stuart, Mrs. Joan Sock, Cecile Beck, Duane Speck, Mrs. Elsie Strachan, Constance Whitelaine, Judith, Mrs. Ann Cuthbert and Peter Thompson.

Gifts received and dedicated at this time were the Organ — "To the Glory of God in loving memory of Richard Stanley Douglass of Stanley, N.B. presented by his son Stanley T. Douglass." The Lantern, "To the Glory of God in loving memory of Edward Charles Bell presented by his wife Emma Louise Bell and his granddaughter, Doris May Gould." The Pulpit was given by Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Douglass. The Brass Candlesticks were given by Verland Stewart and Daniel Keenan.

The hymns during the service were "Breathe on Me Breath of God," "My God How Goodness is Thy Love," "The Church One Foundation" and the Recessional, "Oxford Christian Soldiers."

## Confirmation Service At St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's Anglican Church here was the setting for a Confirmation Service on Tuesday evening. The church was filled to witness the presentation of the candidates to the Rt. Rev. G. B. Snell, assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto. The members of the 1958 Confirmation Class were prepared by the rector, Rev. R. G. Matthews and presented to the Bishop in the following order:

Mr. Edward Beynon, Mr. Paul Coburn, Mr. Eric Stewart, Master Barry Stewart, Miss Joan Belford (Tottenham), Miss Georgina Barton, Mrs. Nettie Elman, Mrs. Shirley Patterson (Palgrave), Mrs. Beatrice Pettigrew, Mrs. Joan Rowley (Palgrave), Mrs. Eleanor Sargent and Mrs. Jeannette Stewart of Alliston.

Sunday, December 14th, will be the first Communion for the Confirmation class of Beeton and Tottenham, Sunday, December 21st for the members from Palgrave.

The Confirmation service at the Anglican Church is a confirming by the candidates of their baptism vows which were made on their behalf by the God parents.

In his address, the Bishop mentioned the whole family of God as seen in His Church, and how the members of the Confirmation class had been made full members of this family. He stressed the point that the church could not be maintained on the efforts of the clergy alone — the church must have the full support of all its members using whatever talents God has granted to them. The Bishop touched on the history of the Anglican Church which dates back to the First Century as well as the Book of Common Prayer which has been in its present form for over 400 years.

## Reminiscing On Early Beeton Days

(By Jane Cole)

The Presbyterian Church in Beeton was at early times situated near the site of the Presbyterian Cemetery on Main Street, near an old elm tree. The Rev. Wilson was in charge and Mrs. George Dickson was organist. The building was afterwards moved to a vacant lot between the present (1907) stores of Bruce Gould and W. Colwell. When the present church was built, the old building was occupied as a furniture store by W. H. Mitchell, later it was used as a store house, and a few years later still, moved to the south side of Main Street where it is now used by the Twentieth Township as an implement and storage shed.

The celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in Beeton was really something. A Brass Band was engaged, and they hoped for more to join them. The program started at 5:00 a.m. Yes, 5:00 a.m. with a grand salute, then came a Colonial Calisthenic procession and walk around. At 9:00 a.m. there was an open air concert by the Bands. At 10:00 o'clock, a Cricket Match on the Agricultural Grounds. This was followed by a baseball match. At 1:00 p.m. there was a Lacrosse tournament, followed by sports. At 2:30 a one mile bicycle race open to Beeton contestants only, this was followed by a one mile bicycle race open to all. At 3:15, horse races, Tecumseh and Adairs horses only, followed by open races. At 4:30, a football match, at 7:30 a Grand Concert by the Cricket Club and the AOWW in the hall. At 10 o'clock there was a magnificent display of fireworks with a Balloon Ascension. After which everybody tottered home weary, spent and deliciously tired.



# ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OBSERVES DIAMOND JUBILEE

Special Services Attract Probably the Largest Congregations the Church Has Seen—Fowl Supper Also Highly Successful 1937

On Sunday, November 29th, large numbers gathered at St. Paul's church, Beeton, to commemorate the laying of the cornerstone of that building 60 years ago. The services began with Holy Communion at 8.30. At 10 the Sunday School met and had a special collection towards the recent renovation of the Sunday-school room which has been much improved this



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEETON which marked its Diamond Jubilee by special services last Sunday.

in the contributions of generous members and tireless work of interested men and women.

At 11 a.m. the Ven. C. A. Munro, Archbishop of Winnipeg, was the special preacher. He emphasized the importance of fellowship in the Gospel. He implored the congregation not to come to church just because they had jobs to do, because of the social contacts, or for any other reason less important than the worship of God.

At 7 p.m. Bishop Beverley conducted the service of Confirmation. The church was packed and those who could not get in were accommodated in the Sunday-school room, where Mr. Norman Lee had installed a loud speaker.

Nine candidates were presented for Confirmation. They were: Mrs. C. Kelly, Mrs. E. Hammett, Mrs. R. Watson, Georgina Watson, Thelma Clifford and Verleah Stewart, Jack Culgan and Merrin Fish. The Bishop's message to those who had confirmed the promises made for them in baptism, and to the congregation, was that the Christian religion can be summed up in the text—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." He urged his hearers to try to understand such love and to make it the ideal for their own actions.

During the last war, he said, it was the custom in some American cities to put a lighted star in the window for each soldier who had given his life in service to his country. A father and small son were going along a street one evening and a child was interested in the windows with stars. There came a break in the houses. The little boy looked up and saw the Northern Star, and said: "Why, Daddy, God must have given His Son. Look at His star."

Some years ago, the Bishop continued, when learned men were collecting typical things of the 20th century to put at the base of Cleopatra's Needle in London, England, for future historians to find in case our generation were destroyed, they put in the monument some London newspapers, modern weights and measures, feminine cosmetics and so on. To exemplify the Christian religion of those times they took the text which the Bishop had taken for his sermon. They printed in every known language: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

The bishop congratulated the rector and congregation on the progress that had been made in the past and said how pleased he was to hear of their plans to preserve a rector's. He brought greetings

from the Archbishop, who had planned to be at the service, but who had been detained in the West.

Messages were read from Rural Dean P. N. Knight and the Rev. H. Bedford-Jones. The rector expressed the thanks of the congregation for the beautiful luncheon sent by Mrs. W. G. G. Dreyer, Mrs. W. Nichol, Mrs. Parsons, and Mrs. W. J. Marks.

Those assisting the Bishop in the evening were the Rev. W. G. G. Dreyer, rector 1901-10, and the Rev. C. R. F. Hearn of Bond Head. The choir sang anthems morning and evening under the direction of Mrs. E. Kelly, organist.

At the service were eight people who had been at the opening of the church in 1879. They were: Mrs. Catherine C. Wright, Mrs. Varner, and Mrs. J. A. Johnson; Messrs. D. W. Watson, Edward C. Bell, Wesley D. Bell, R. B. Wright and J. J. Cook.

Included in the congregation were many former members. Among them were Mrs. W. J. Marks, Mrs. H. E. Chasels, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. O. Holmes, Miss Bertrice Frost, Mrs. Catherine U. Frost, Mrs. H. J. Lee, Dr. Martha E. Lee, Mrs. O. J. McCallahan, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds, of Orillia; Mrs. W. E. Baycroft and Miss Blanche Baycroft, of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. E. Mayhew, of Schumberg; Mrs. A. J. Marshall, of Allandale; Mrs. J. A. Allen, of Bradford; Mrs. G. Hunt, of Guelph.

An interesting feature of the service was the presence of Mr. D. W. Watson, who also attended the opening of the church in 1879, and the confiding of his daughter, Miss Georgina Watson, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. D. Ross Watson, sixty years later.

On Monday evening a fowl supper was served. The tables were tastefully decorated with mums, silver ornaments and pins. There was an abundance of delicious food and about 300 people were served amply. Mrs. F. Spouting was the capable emcee. The guests were cooked by Pegg Brothers' Bakery. The beautiful Diamond Jubilee cake, which was given by Hannah and Evans Bakery, was cut by Mr. D. W. Watson, who added much to the occasion by his enthusiasm and cordialities.

Many rectors have come and gone in the last sixty years. Some remained longer than others, but all had the interest of the church at heart. Among them were: Revs. Thos. Hall, Gooden, White, A. C. Watt, Bean, Bell, Stibald, Nares, W. G. G. Dreyer, Lindsay, Lowe, Hattersley, Painton, A. P. Kennedy, Clarke, K. R. Hershey, Ellis.

The present rector is Rev. H. D. Cleverdon; wardens, M. C. Simpson and Earl Hammett; secretary-treasurer, W. E. King.

The rector, church wardens and congregation wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped to make their Diamond Jubilee such a success.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Beeton School Board was held in the Council Chambers on Friday evening, Nov. 24th, 1937. Members present were: W. F. Strangways (chairman), O. A. Spencer, W. C. Hammett, N. P. McDonald and W. A. Colwell.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Colwell-McDonald—That the minutes of the previous meeting, as read, be adopted.

Spencer-Hammett—That the bills and accounts amounting to \$674.27 be paid: Mr. Frost, \$123.00; Mr. Hunt, \$108.78; Mr. Hall, \$108.79; Miss Barrett, \$62.45; Miss Cunningham, \$72.75; Mrs. McKelvey, \$19; Miss L. Stewart, \$29.19; B. Thompson, \$47.50; Central Scientific Co., \$28.27; W. L. Jilly, \$18.60; water rates, \$20; total, \$674.27.

McDonald-Colwell—That the meeting adjourn to meet Thursday, Dec. 11th, at 8 p.m.—F. C. Pearson, Secy.

## Director of Simcoe County Museum Addresses Beeton W.I.

Beeton Women's Institute met in the assembly room, Community Memorial Centre, Tuesday afternoon, November 23rd, with Mrs. Lilian Hawton presiding. Opening exercises over Mrs. W. E. Kaurink, 208 Vener of Historical Research, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Ross Channon, director of the Simcoe County Museum, and recently appointed second vice president of the Ontario Historical Society's Museum.

Mr. Channon is a fluent speaker and combined with an agile mind took his listeners skimming over the centuries, making the serious pass all too quickly. A museum serves a three fold purpose — to collect and preserve such items as will preserve the way of life of the past, and also keep up with the march of time. In the second place a museum must teach — thousands of children have passed through the museum this year, and they learn much of history in a pleasant way than sitting down with a book and memorizing facts and dates. In the third place a museum is a tourist attraction, and this in Ontario, or anywhere is big business, statistically it rates very high. Mr. Channon interspersed his talk with many amusing and interesting slides. There are records of middle class clothes from Niagara being used in the treatment of cancer among the Indians. There is a Canadian gift shop in the Museum, souvenirs made in Canada by Canadians — and this year has cleared so far this year about \$2,000. The Archæology collects and preserves books, early documentary papers, advertising, anything that will shed light upon the way of life in a certain period. Nothing should be destroyed or thrown away before careful examination. He told of a "find" recently in a rock wall where ruins were cleared and made at a cost of \$10 a day — and there are now highways. He extended a special invitation to visit the Museum, November 23rd, when a new department will be opened to the public. Mrs. Cole, on behalf of all present thanked Mr. Channon for a most interesting and informative talk. Mr. Channon had to move early, and the ladies part of the meeting then proceeded.

Mrs. Parsons gave a report of the meeting in Oakdale, the first since the sixth district had been formed. Mrs. Watson will be in need of sports wear and pipe organ was for handcraft work by residents in Simcoe Manor. In lieu of Memorial Wreath for November 11th, a donation is to be sent to the veterans ward in Sunningbrook Hospital. It was also decided that we forgo the exchange of personal gifts at Christmas time, and send donations to the fund for Retarded Children in Alliston.

Invitation was received to a Desert Eucharist in Bond Head, November 28th, also the Workshop will meet in Oakdale on November 23. Mrs. Hardy reported on the Baby Clinic, and expressed her willingness to carry on this work. Mrs. Hunter reports on the luncheon on the Arona Board and she also tabled a report. Mrs. Wright read a summary of current events, local and abroad. The book was handed to Mrs. Cole for December events. Mrs. Lilian Hawton and Mrs. Drury were delegates to the Area meeting in Mimico. Mrs. Hawton read report. Warnings were given to con sider water supply in the district before purchasing electric washing machines. It was

also demonstrated that many items can be found, rather to satisfactory. Some fruit baskets are collecting and making presents. Price of drugs was discussed. Mrs. Jean Gault of Barrie urged members to spare an effort in beautifying the districts in which they resided. It was a two day session. 241 members registered. The Horticultural Society will hold a meeting in the Legion Hall on Tuesday, November 15th. There will be a demonstration making the Christmas decorations.

A very pleasant diversion was created by a sing song with Mrs. Hardy at the piano. Refreshments were served by ladies Mrs. Hutton assisted by Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. Luk and Mrs. Drury. It was good to have Mrs. Cullen back with us.

## Trinity United Ch. Dedication Service

Trinity United Church, Beeton, was filled to capacity for their Dedication Service on Sunday, November 23rd.

The newly renovated sanctuary which was a Centennial project is indeed beautiful and it certainly is rewarding to see the finishing touches on what so much time, talent, gifts and money has been spent.

A very impressive service was conducted by former members of Trinity United Church and Rev. W. M. Lee of Alliston presented the sermon, entitled "The Church of the Living God."

Rev. F. A. Burt read the Old Testament lesson from 1 Chronicles, chapter 29 and the lesson from the New Testament was read by Rev. E. H. Unstung and was taken from Revelation, chapter 7.

Silvertown United Church choir from Toronto added much to the service with their special music.

The presentation of the memorials was given by Mr. Robert Reid and consisted of the following:

Cross pendants — In loving memory of Thumasa Gayle Baker presented by mother, father, sister and brothers.

Pulpit — In memory of his grandparents, parents, and sister Violet presented by Mr. Cecil Reynolds.

Lectern — In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Luk presented by the family.

Pulpit Bible — In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bray presented by the family.

Antependia — In memory of Mr. A. E. Bye presented by the family.

Bible Stand — In memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dorsey and Ewart presented by the family.

Bibles (Communion table and pulpit) — In memory of Mrs. W. M. Mason by the Perry family.

Hymn Board — In memory of W. M. McKee presented by the family (North side of the church).

Hymn Board — Made and presented by the Rev. G. W. Gardiner (South side of the church).

Gifts presented to Trinity United Church.

The lights in each of the vestibules presented by Mrs. Cecil Reynolds.

Two speakers for the organ presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kelly. (These are to be installed in the near future.)

Glass Windows over the vestibule doors and other gifts presented by anonymous members of the church.

Kneeling Benches presented by Mr. J. Sumner.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving were given by Rev. Donald Joy of Central United Church, Barrie, who as chairman of Simcoe Presbytery brought greetings from it.

Following the service, lunch was served in the Sunday School room where many former members renewed acquaintances.

The congregation and particularly the committee members are to be congratulated on the completion of this very worthwhile project where all can join in worshipping God in such beautiful surroundings.

We trust that Rev. R. K. Burt will soon be restored to health and be with the congregation again.



# Beeton Fair Draws Crowds Of Over 10,000 In 109th Year

Although the skies were overcast and there was a sharp shower in the afternoon, the weather did not keep crowds from the 109th Fair at Beeton a week ago. The Fair opened until it closed yesterday. From the moment that there were crowds in every part of the fair grounds up to the way and in the exhibition halls. It is estimated that around 10,000 men, women and children turned out for this popular South Simcoe Fair which is one of the best in the whole district around.

Entries were high in all classes but the many in the heavy draft horse classes attracted special attention, especially the parade of eleven 4-horse rigs in the ring at one time. The Best Team ribbon went to Chas. Halliday of Chesley, for the Best Pair, to Jas. Howell, St. George, and the Best Six to Hughes Bros. of Stroud. These all had freedom to be proud of their entries.

Competition in the Black and White Show was exceptionally keen and entries drew special comments from the judges and

from Mr. Jack Fraser of Streetsville who is internationally known as a judge of Holsteins. Glenafon Farms took first place as Premier Breeder and Exhibitor as well as having the Grand Champion, Texas Cherry. The runner-up Premier Exhibitor was J. McCague and Sons and runner-up Premier Breeder was Don McNabb.

The Memorial Park was filled with livestock and implement displays and every exhibit drew its interested spectators. There was quality as well as quantity and comments were that it was one of the best showings ever at the Fair.

In the traditional manner, the first big event of the day was the parade of school children, led by the Aurora High School band. There were over 1,500 children marching from the Te-

rumesh schools, Beeton, Tottenham, Allala Central, St. James Colgate and Springdale Christian School, Bradford, the last two participating for the first time. Also, there were the tots from the Doll Kindergarten looking very sweet in flowered hats and white dresses for the girls and party hats and neat suits for the boys. First prize went to North Central Tecumseh; second to South Central and third to Allala Central.

The Fair was opened by Warden George McCague who spoke briefly, congratulating the people of Beeton for the fine Fair and saying, "I know of no later example of co-operation between urban and rural communities than Beeton and area around it." He said that he thought that the Doll Kindergarten deserved first prize and had the children brought

up onto the platform so that all could see them.

Dr. McKelvey was, unfortunately, unable to attend and it is the first time in many years that he has not been present. Harry Cross, the hard-working secretary, was there for the first time; in other years he has been so busy with work for the Fair that he has not had time to attend the opening.

Racing was, of course, a feature of the day and there was an excellent field in all classes. Competition was keen and came from many sources.

And speaking of horses, there were strong entries in the pony classes and Larry Ellis won a special trophy in the saddle pony class; presentation was made by Warden McCague.

Children and adults, too, found the enlarged midway a big attraction and it drew a steady crowd to its booths and rides. It was one of the best midway in recent years.

Moving on to the Arena, there were colourful displays of flowers, fine examples of needlework and cooking. A display of antique ovens of six Women's Institutes attracted much attention. The be-showed a variety of handicraft. In one of the commercial booths, Harvey Simpson of Tottenham, Ontario, on an antique rocker, wear-added a special interest by sitting a top hat which belonged to Mr. Totten who was a resident of Beeton who was a resident of Beeton.

The auction on Tuesday evening

was well attended and the draw winners were: Alvin Austin, Tottenham, \$500; Mrs. Donald Calhoun, RR 1, Beeton, \$500; A. G. Hunter, \$200; A. J. Reynolds, Newton Robinson, \$100.

The Fair came to an end with a dance on Saturday night. And so closed the 109th Beeton Fair—the best yet.

## Beeton Sewage Contract Awarded

A contract for \$244,000.07 has been awarded by the Ontario Water Resources Commission to Tripp Construction Ltd., of Port Perry, for the construction of a sanitary sewage system in Beeton. The work consists generally of the supply of labour, equipment and materials for the construction of 10,500 feet of sewer, a sewage pumping station, forcemains, and two waste stabilization ponds.

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## Early Days In Clarkesville-Beeton

(By Jane Crist)

Following an interview some time ago on Clarkesville-Beeton, early days, Mr. D. W. Watson had made some notes. Mr. Watson is out of town at present but his daughter, Mrs. Frown made his notes available to us. More will follow.

Says Mr. D. W. Watson:

We first lived in a house on Howe Pike Street in 1872, there were two families lived here, and we built the first drug store and telegraph office on one side, and the first book shop. On the other side was Dr. Watson and Michael Cunningham. The lumber was brought for \$3 per load. This building stood where Mr. Oliver McCague lives. Clarkesville stopped bringing pretty fast, the next building was three apartments, drug store, telegraph and book shop and hardware. The lumber then was \$3 per M.

Our first school was down on Mr. Gordon Bray's farm. It had two rooms. After a short while, one room was moved to Clarkesville and the other to Cross's Corner. Our first school still stands in the village and is the garage shop once occupied by the late Mr. M. Simpson.

The school had one room and one door and the first teacher was Robert McKay Gray. We attended this school while the new one was being built. I thought we had been there long enough and as I stumbled another led by the name of

Thurston to join me in a plan to get to the new school. So one night came through Clarkesville. (Jane

he and I staffed the chimney with straw and of course the smoke all came back in the room. The teacher thought we had better move at once, so we got to the new school next day. Two rooms were ready. I took care of the school for six years, and married the wood upstairs. One of our first teachers was Mr. Macpherson.

The first post office was on the corner where Mr. John Campbell's store is located—now in 1900 the Universal Store. It was a two storey building and over 100 feet long. The printing office was above and Senator Leman Jones with his brother D. A. Jones ran a grocery store on the ground floor for some time. The D. A. Jones Bee Yard was right in the village and also a big grape yard on the front street. It had a high board fence and a little narrow board walk 50 yards long to the next store. D. A. used to have at least 100 swarms of bees. I often went out and brought in a lot of honey in a day. D. A. used to take a car of honey to the Toronto Exhibition every year, and you could buy it in jars from 5c up. He also ran a large factory making all kinds of supplies for the Bee-keeper. Mr. D. A. Jones planted nearly all the trees in Beeton and I remember to water them over 60 years ago. He was called the Bee King through him we finally got our name Beeton. The first railway Beeton in 1877. The station was to be at Mr. Wright's hill, but D. A. Jones gave them the land for it (where it now stands) if they would build down there. The first paper was printed where Miss Anne Willoughby now lives. They bored for oil once in Beeton—but that is another story.



## Fair-goer for 50 years

Fred Apperly has been attending the Cookstown Fair since 1890. He says "I missed going a couple of times when I was a kid and money was scarce," and during the war years the fair was cancelled.

"I've probably missed about five years since I was ten," the retired Tecumseh farmer says.

"I've seen a lot of changes over the years. Most of them have been for the better.

"For instance now the Department of Agriculture does all the judging. That's a good thing.

"I remember the first year I showed something - it was a percheron road mare. Why, the judges didn't even look at it - they threw it out of the contest almost right away.

"I got a little discouraged with that animal and I sold it. And you know, the next year it was shown by someone who was, you might say, a little better known to the judges. I won't mention his name,

but the new owner of my percheron won first place with it.

"That was only one year after it didn't win anything!"

Apperly lives on the farm he worked for more than 50 years. The farm, on the 20th Sideroad near Tecumseh's 14th Concession, is now worked part-time by his daughter, and son-in-law, the Fred Elines.

"This area around my

farm used to be very political. We probably had more reeves, deputy-reeves and clerks from the dozen homes around here than anywhere else around.

"That may have made the fair a sort of clique-controlled event. You sort of had to be known around before the judges would take you seriously. Now that's all changed.

"You'd never get anything but local entries back

in the old days - now you get horses from as far away as Peterboro!"

Apperly has been involved with making the fair run smoothly since 1930. Currently on the track committee, he will help guide the preparation of the dirt oval for displays of trotters, carriages and ponies.

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## Senior Citizens' at Kingston

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Watson were the delegates from the Beeton Senior Citizens' Club to the Twelfth Annual

Conference of United Senior Citizens of Ontario Incorporated held at Queen's University Kingston, from August 24th to 26th. Mrs. James Aiken Sr. and Mrs. Della Voisin of the Beeton club also attended as guests.

There were 239 delegates and 443 visitors from the 139 clubs in Ontario at this conference which considered resolutions sent from the various clubs during the past year.

The highlight of the first day was a tour of Kingston, including Fort Henry, provided for the delegates and visitors with the compliments of the City of Kingston and the Province of Ontario.

On Tuesday, the Mayor of Kingston, E. V. Swain, wel-

comed those attending the conference.

Guest speaker Lawrence Crawford, Provincial Director of the Office on Aging, compared the present status of the elderly with that of the past. Years ago, family members remained in close proximity to each other, now they become scattered, as occupations and places of work are no longer stable. In the past, the elderly received respect and attention, but now the tendency is to forget them. Living styles have altered, and, in our present society, the onus for providing accommodation for the elderly frequently falls on the community.

Mr. Crawford stressed the need for members of Senior Citizens' clubs to reach out to others who are lonely, and the necessity for clubs to play a role in providing for the elderly.

He praised the Home in Unionville which combines a home for the aged with a day care centre for children. Some of the older people are able to look after the children, providing a much needed interest for the adults and equally much needed care for the youngsters. Mr. Crawford expressed the hope that more such dual purpose homes will be established in the near future.

## Farewell tea held for Little's of Beeton

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Little of Beeton were guests of honour at a farewell tea given by Mrs. E. B. Boynton at her home on August 25th prior to their departure for St. Catharines where they will live near their son, Robert.

Members of the Beeton Senior Citizens' Club, of which Mr. and Mrs. Little are members, joined with members of the Beeton Womens Institute, to which Mrs. Little belongs, and other friends, including Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Belford of Tottenham, to wish the couple happiness in their new home.

Rev. J. Cross, President of the Senior Citizens' Club expressed the regret all feel at parting with Mr. and Mrs. Little and the hope that they will enjoy their new environment.

Jacob Sunnerton, Vice-President of the Senior Citizens'

Club, presented a gift from the Club to Mrs. Little, remarking that if it was given to Mr. Little, he might spend it! Mrs. Little was, as always,

gracious in her reply, thanking all for their thoughtfulness and the friendship which has meant so much to her and her husband.

Also among the guests were Mrs. Little's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moore from Theford. The Littles and the Moires were married in a double ceremony on August 16, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Little came to Beeton in October 1950 from Ste. Anne de Belle Vue, Que., when Mr. Little retired as Water Services Supervisor with the C.N.R. Mr. Little served the citizens of Beeton as their Reeve for four terms — 1957, 58, 62 and 63.

## 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The family of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Crawley of Beeton entertained in their honour for their golden wedding anniversary a week ago Saturday when about 150 relatives and friends sat down to a golden wedding supper in the Beeton Arena. Mrs. Crawley was the former Stella Fisher and the couple were married on June 2nd, 1920, at St. Anne's.

When the guests had been seated at the tables, the "bride and groom" entered the dining room to the strains of the traditional wedding march. Mrs. Crawley wearing a floor-length gown of pale blue lace. Dinner music was played by three sons-in-law, Joe Edge, Bill Bryer and Ron Jardine.

Mrs. Crawley's sister, Mrs. Moore, helped to receive the friends who called after the dinner and later on there was a dance. The family picture shows sons Lloyd and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Crawley, and daughters Evelyn, Gloria, Mildred and Lillian.

After dinner, Bill Crawley, Jr., acting as master of ceremonies, introduced W. A. "Gus" Edwards of Mimico, long-time friend and former fellow-employee of the C.N.R., who reminisced and then proposed a toast to them. Bill, Jr. proposed a toast to "Mother and Dad" and a grandson, Greg Bryer, toasted the grandparents.



## QUEEN SENDS GREETING ON 100th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Robert Crumble celebrated her 100th Birthday last Tuesday, and she received a cable from Buckingham Palace with congratulations from the Queen, as well as a framed scroll from Warden George Davis. Many

visitors shared her centennial with her at a party in Simcoe Manor. Administrator for the Manor, Ed Boynton, proudly displays the gilt-edged birthday card.

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## 100 Years Young

Mrs. Robert Crumble, a resident of Simcoe Manor for the past 17 years celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, April 28th.

Mr. Ed Boynton, administrator of the Manor, welcomed approximately 50 of her relatives and friends on the memorable occasion.

George Davis, Warden of Simcoe County presented a framed scroll for Mrs. Crumble from the County to two of her daughters, Mrs. R. Dickson and Mrs. W. Bentley. Another daughter, Mrs. L. Ley and a son Mr. B. Crumble accepted a plaque presented by Reeve of Tecumseth, Mr. Harry Cross, on behalf of Mr. A. W. Downer, M.P.P. from the Province of Ontario. Telegrams of congratulations were received from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Mr. John Roberts.

The lovely little lady has, as mentioned, three daughters, a son, 15 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren. Mr. Davis led the singing of happy birthday and members of the family blew out the candles and cut the birthday cake for their centenarian.

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## Bond Head woman elected president of S. Simcoe W.I.

Mrs. William Sutherland of Bond Head was elected president of the South Simcoe District Women's Institute recently.

Mrs. Sutherland, a former president of the Bond Head W. I. succeeded Mrs. Gordon Mallon of Tottenham.

The new president was named at the district session held in Trinity Church, Beeton at which more than 100 delegates attended. Mrs. Gordon Drury, president of the Beeton W. I. greeted visitors.

Named first vice-president was Mrs. Don Morikman of Cookstown while Mrs. William Johnson of RRI Lefroy was picked as second vice-president.

Bradford W. I. is represented by Mrs. John Rumble of RRI Gifford who was returned as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Rumble was named Federated representative with Mrs. Norman Baxter of Everett alternate. Mrs. William Ingram of Lefroy was made district delegate with Mrs. William Sutherland, the president, named as alternate. The area convention will be held at Stroud next October.

Mrs. Cecil Reynolds of Beeton was appointed representative to the Federation of Agriculture with

Mrs. Elgin Connell of Fisher's Corners alternate.

Auditors appointed for the new term were Mrs. Roy Scales of RRI, Bradford, and Mrs. George Nesbitt of Gifford.

### NEW CONVENERS

Elected district conveners were: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. W. Trotter of Cookstown; citizenship and education, Mrs. H. Potter of Tottenham; home economics and health, Mrs. William Kelly of RRI, Cookstown; historical research and current events, Mrs. Elmer Woodcock of Bradford; Tuesday

curator, Mrs. Allan Corrigan of Alliston and resolutions, Mrs. Richard Davis of Tottenham.

Mrs. John Bell conducted the election and installation of officers. Greetings were extended from the area president, Mrs. Douglas Day of New Lowell; the area secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bibba Sutherland of Wysebridge; and three district presidents, Mrs. Joseph Lemox of Thornton for Simcoe - Kempenfelt; Mrs. Joseph Dumont of New Lowell for West Simcoe and Mrs. Phil Hushbrook of Eady for North Simcoe.



# The Beeton and Tottenham Cancer Society group meets



These happy members of the Beeton and Tottenham branches of the Canadian Cancer Society will help their fellow men. A meeting was held in the homes

Community Hall last week. They will be making contributions on April 10th. See the photo on page 6.

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1. Charles Dyer, 2. Mary, 3. John, 4. John, 5. John, 6. John, 7. John, 8. John, 9. John, 10. John, 11. John, 12. John, 13. John, 14. John, 15. John, 16. John, 17. John, 18. John, 19. John, 20. John, 21. John, 22. John, 23. John, 24. John, 25. John, 26. John, 27. John, 28. John, 29. John, 30. John, 31. John, 32. John, 33. John, 34. John, 35. John, 36. John, 37. John, 38. John, 39. John, 40. John

## BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MARKS 50th ANNIVERSARY

Nearly a hundred members and guests signed the guest book at the Beeton Women's Institute 50th anniversary meeting last Friday night, and were welcomed by president Mrs. Gordon Drury.

Five neighbour Institute branches (Alliston, Bond Head, Cookstown, Fishers' Corners and Tottenham) and five local women's organizations were represented. And the guest speaker was a former Beetonian.

Introduced by Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Miss Bertha Reynolds, recalled that as a girl she had benefited from Women's Institute courses in home nursing, cooking and sewing — in the days before these subjects were available in the schools. We were thoroughly taught, she recalled. "I could still deliver a baby although I do have a nervous breakdown at the thought of sewing on a button." "I have had quite a flax," she explained. "I had promised to work at our church bazaar for an hour at noon today; I wore the new hat I bought last week for this occasion and put it on a shelf behind me. When I was ready to leave my beautiful new \$22 hat was missing! Someone had sold it for 30c."

Miss Reynolds is chief attendance counsellor and co-ordinator, with the Toronto Board of Education. Her department has grown to 65 employees and they speak 42 languages. Succeeding waves of immigration have made this necessary. They vary: "first it was Hungarian, then Italian, Greek, then Portuguese, then Chinese and now, this year, the most immigrants are Spanish-speaking from South America."

Experience has shown that training in social work is invaluable in attendance counselling and "since 1961 everyone on the attendance staff has to have a master's degree in social work. I couldn't get a job in my own department if I were applying now". She added that "we are the only city in the world that has interpreter-counsellors (we had to invent the term)".

Recalling that it is not so much over a hundred years ago that the first free school was built in Toronto, for boys only; that it was another 20 years before it was thought that girls might attend; and that attendance was required for only three months (any three) of the year. Miss Reynolds pointed out also that truancy was punished by imposing a fine, and if they could not pay a fine, the children went to jail. It was not until 1912 that a juvenile court was established and in 1919 the reformatory laws were passed.

Over the years, many forms of aid and assistance have come into being: attendance scholarships, family allowances and so on. In Toronto, care can be

provided for children who are more than a mile from school, lunches can be provided in some cases, and the Board maintains a large used clothing depot.

"These are mixed-up times," she concluded, "but I cannot help feeling how much good will come out of this generation; I think we are doing a great deal to make lives better in the next generation."

During the evening Mrs. Vincent Fehley sang several solos, accompanied by Miss Georgina Barton (who also played the organ before the meeting opened and while refreshments were served later) and Mrs. Kettle gave two readings.

To Mrs. Harry Campin went the honour of cutting the birth-day cake. She is the only one remaining of those who attended the original meeting 50 years ago.

## BEETON W.I. CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Beeton Women's Institute celebrated its 30th Anniversary last month in the Community Memorial Hall.

Nearly a hundred members and guests were welcomed at the door by the President, Mr. Gordon Drury and as each signed the guest book presided over by Mrs. J. A. Wright, they were presented with a yellow flower to wear.

Five neighbour Institute branches, Alliston, Bond Head, Cookstown, Fishers' Corners and Tottenham and five local women's organizations were represented.

Mrs. Drury opened the meeting with O'Canada, the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect.

The secretary, Mrs. Truman Bell read the minutes of the first meetings of the year 1920 and named the members who joined the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. H. M. (Kate) Aitken. Mrs. Aitken who was unable to attend had organized the W.I.

Letters were read from members who were unable to attend the anniversary.

The members of 50 years ago wearing coronas who were present that evening were Mrs. H. E. Campin, Mrs. E. W. Kettle, Mrs. Elsiebeth Culgin and Mrs. A. V. Smith, and two Life Members, Mrs. W. E. Kearns and Mrs. W. W. Cole. A two minute silence was observed and an In Memoriam was read by Mrs. Drury.

Mrs. Drury then introduced Mrs. John Rumble of Gifford, a Past District Secretary-Treasurer and now our representative on the FWIO Board, who in turn introduced Mrs. Douglas Day of New Lenoir.

Area President of Simcoe City and Mrs. Keith Kneeshaw of Bond Head, District Secretary who also brought greetings on behalf of Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, District President of Simcoe South who was unable to attend.

Mrs. Cecil Reynolds introduced the guest speaker, Miss Bertha Reynolds, a former Beetonian, who recalled that as a girl she had benefited

from W.I. courses in home nursing, cooking and sewing—in the days before these subjects were available in the schools.

Miss Reynolds is Chief Attendance Counsellor and Co-ordinator of the Child Guidance Clinic, on the Board of Education in Toronto.

Mrs. Fred Parsons thanked the speaker and the hearty applause showed how everyone had enjoyed her talk.

During the evening, Mrs. Vincent Fehley sang several solos, accompanied by Miss Georgina Barton, who also

## District annual meeting W.I.

Last week 75 members of the Simcoe South District Women's Institute met in Gifford for the District Annual Meeting. The setting was the 100-year-old Gifford United Church, which was simply and effectively decorated with flowers of blue and gold, the Institute colors.

Mrs. Joan Rix, Home Economist with the Department of Agriculture, reported to the meeting on the home economics programmes available and spoke of the work of the 4-H Homemaking Clubs, 9 of which are sponsored by South Simcoe Institute branches.

Following a luncheon served by the ladies of the Gifford branch, the meeting was addressed by Mr. Arthur Evans, M.P.P.

A panel discussion was led by Mrs. Corinne Mallison, Past President for the district.

Local delegates were Mrs. Rhoda Thomson, Mrs. Edith Potter, Mrs. Ruth Abernethy, and Mrs. Mona Anderson.

Following the meeting was a sale of homemade baked goods.

The executive for the coming year is: President, Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, Bond Head; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Keith Kneeshaw, Bond Head; Federation Rep., Mrs. John Rumble Gifford; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Mona Anderson of Tottenham.

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*The Beaton Women's Institute  
invite you to attend the celebration of  
their 50th Anniversary*

*in the  
Community Memorial Hall  
on Friday, October the thirtieth  
at eight-fifteen p.m.*

*Guest Speaker: Miss Bertha Reynolds*

*Marjorie Drury, Pres.  
Box 72, Beaton, Ontario  
R.S.V.P.*

*Edna Bell, Sec'y.  
R.R. 1, Beaton, Ont.*

*Beaton W.I.  
50th Anniversary*

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*The Tottenham Women's Institute  
invites you to the Celebration of  
their 50th Anniversary  
at a Luncheon*

*in Fraser Presbyterian Church Hall  
on Wednesday, December the ninth  
at twelve-thirty p.m.*

*Guest Speaker: Mrs. Austin Zoeller  
President of the F.W.I.O.*

*Mrs. Rhoda Thomson, Pres.  
88 Queen St. N.  
Tottenham, Ont.  
R.S.V.P.*

*Mrs. Leonard Abernethy, Sec'y,  
94 Queen St. E.  
Tottenham, Ont.*



#### TOTTENHAM W.I. CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering in Tottenham's Fraser Presbyterian Church Hall on December 9th to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Tottenham Women's Institute. At the head table were, left to right:— Mr. Alton Anderson, Mrs. Alton Anderson, Mrs. Paul Tipping, Mrs. Geo. Parker, Mrs. Wm Sutherland, Mrs. Rhoda Thomson (Tottenham W.I. President), Mrs. Austin Zoeller (President of the F.W.I.O.), Mrs. Howard Campbell, Mrs. John Bunchie, Mrs. Leonard Abernethy (Secre-

tary), Mrs. M. Wynn, Mrs. G. B. Mallum. Seated next to the head table is Mrs. George Wice, a long-time member of the Institute. (Alliston Herald Photo)

#### BERTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS AT TOTTENHAM 50th ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. Marjorie Drury, Mrs. Edna Bell,  
Mrs. Muriel Reynolds, Mrs. Ada Watson,  
Mrs. Lillian Hawton, Mrs. Kay Parson,  
Mrs. Marion Watson, Mrs. J.A. Wright,  
Mrs. E.W. Kettle, Mrs. W. E. Kearns,  
Miss Lillie Bell, Mrs. Evelyn Aiken,  
Mrs. Belle Volson, Mrs. Jack Camplin,  
Mrs. Elizabeth Gulgin, Mrs. Hilda  
Ritchie, and Mrs. Grace McCormack.



## P.M. TRUDEAU SENDS GREETINGS FOR TOTTM W.I. ANNIVERSARY

"On the occasion of your Fiftieth Anniversary of the Tottenham Women's Institute I am very pleased to send to you my congratulations and best wishes." (Signed Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister.)

Although it arrived too late to be read at the luncheon, the above telegram from the Prime Minister of Canada was certainly one of the highlights of the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Tottenham branch of the Women's Institute.

On Wednesday, December 8th, members and former members of the Tottenham Women's Institute and 101 guests from other branches met together at a luncheon in Fraser Presbyterian Church to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Tottenham branch. The special guest of the afternoon was Mrs. Austin Zoeller of New Hamburg who is president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Following the luncheon which was served by the ladies of the church, Mrs. Rhoda Thomson, president of the Tottenham branch, introduced the head table guests and congratulations and greetings were given by Mrs. John Rumble, member of the Provincial Board of the FWIO, Mrs. Howard Campbell, President of Simcoe Area, Mrs. Wm Suther-

land, President of Simcoe South District, and Mr. Allan Anderson who brought greetings from Tottenham Council. A message of congratulations was read from Mr. John Roberts, MP for York-Simcoe. And from Santa Clara, California came best wishes from a charter member Mrs. W. J. Boddy, who also included a very generous gift of \$50. Unfortunately Mrs. Alice McCormick, the only other charter member, was not able to attend. All four life members were present at the luncheon: they are Mrs. Oliver Pettit, Mrs. W. Stilson, Mrs. P. Feeholy and Mrs. G. Wice. The many friends of Mrs. Wice were very pleased to see her again after her long absence. The Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. Paul Tipping, who had spent days going over the minute books of the past 50 years, had many fascinating items to read from days gone by. A musical entertainment was provided by the intermediate choir of the Tottenham Public School, led by Mrs. Glenda McGee, and the Grade Five dancers performed a sprightly dance.

In the course of her address, Mrs. Zoeller said that the Institute should be proud of past achievements, but must be aware that times have changed and that the Women's Institute must move with the times. She stressed the importance of each branch supporting Institute projects rather than other organizations and that new members of the community should be encouraged to come to meetings even if they can manage to do so only now and then.



### BEETON WI MEMBER IS COMMENDED

A charter member of Sunnyside Corners Women's Institute, Laura Wiggins still takes an active interest in the area of organization. She has been a member of Beeton Women's Institute for 40 years. Now a

life member in recognition of her services, Mrs. Wiggins (centre) is shown as she was congratulated by Mrs. Joseph Dunlop of New Lenoir (left), former West Simcoe presi-

dent, and by Mrs. Donald Barrie of Harris Settlement, former area president, when she attended 1979 convention at Club Pavilion, Orillia. (Exam-inee Photo)



### SIMCOE COUNTY WI EXECUTIVE

Newly elected officers of Simcoe County area Women's Institute were photographed following installation at a two-day conference held at Club Pavilion in Orillia. From left to right, front row: Mrs. R. W. Mignere of Mississauga, mutual vice-president;

and Mrs. Douglas Day of Tottenham, first vice-president; and Mrs. Douglas Day of New Lenoir, immediate past president. At the back are: Mrs. John Rumble of Orillia; Mrs. John Brown of Washago; Provincial Board of directors,

and Mrs. Norman Turk of Crown Point, as elected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Howard Campbell of Orillia was elected president, but missed the conference through illness. (Parker and Tuma Photo, Orillia)

## HOME NURSING CARE VISITS PROVIDED BY SIMCOE V.O.N.

The Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia Branches of The Victorian Order of Nurses amalgamated in January 1960 to form the Simcoe County Branch. In order to provide more efficient service to these areas the service was extended to the southern section of the county in October 1960, and to the northern section in July 1970. The entire county is now served by the V.O.N.

### Nursing Service

The Victorian Order of Nurses is a voluntary national visiting nursing service. The primary function of the Order is to provide skilled nursing care to patients in their own homes on a visit basis. This care is available to anyone in the community on a twenty-four hour, seven days a week basis, regardless of age, sex, creed or financial status.

The patients are those who need the professional services of

a nurse, but do not need to be in hospital. Among them are convalescents from an operation, an acute illness or an accident, the chronically ill and those with a terminal illness. All types of nursing care are given, e.g. baths, dressings, irrigations, intramuscular injections, etc. Patients may be referred to the Victorian Order of Nurses by the doctor, family, friends, hospital, health and welfare agencies. Every call is answered, but care is only continued when there is a physician in attendance. Visits are made to patients as often as required, and may be daily or two or three times a week, or even weekly or monthly for as long as care is needed.

The Victorian Order service does not duplicate the services provided by the Simcoe County Health Unit, but rather provides a different type of service. The Unit is responsible for a preventive health program, while the Victorian Order visits patients ill or elderly in their own homes and requiring continued nursing care.

### Personnel

Nursing staff employed by the Victorian Order of Nurses carry out their duties in accordance with the policies set down by the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada. The Simcoe County branch employs five registered nurses, three of whom are qualified in public health nursing. The nurse in charge is Miss Ann Henderson.

### Board of Management

The local Board of Management is made up of members who serve on a voluntary basis and are representative of the various areas served.

The Board is responsible for conducting the affairs of the branch in accordance with the policies set by the national organization, for financing the branch and for publicizing the service. Mrs. D. A. Harvie is the President of the Board of Management, Simcoe County Branch.

### Finances

The communities served by a branch are responsible for providing the necessary financing of the service. Financial support for Simcoe County branch is obtained from fees for nursing service, payment of service through the Homemakers and Nurses Services Act, which is administered through the Simcoe County Welfare Unit, grants of varying size from a number of municipalities, funds from the United Appeals in Barrie and Collingwood and from a V.O.N. campaign in Orillia. The main items of disbursements are related to salaries and transportation for the nurses.

### Nursing Fee

The fee is based on the average cost per visit which is computed annually by the local branch. Patients who are financially able to pay the full fee are expected to do so. If the patient is unable to pay the full fee, the nurse has a confidential discussion with either the patient or family regarding their income and expenses, and the fee may be reduced, or if necessary, waived entirely. Some insurance plans cover the cost of visiting nursing service. Care is never refused because of the patient's inability to pay.

The regular meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the home of Mrs. Harold Watson, The President, Mrs. Drury, opened the meeting with a Christmas poem. Motto: "Joy is in things, but in us." Joy is a thing of beauty, which lasts forever. Comments were given by Mrs. Wilf Watson.

Roll call was answered by the giving of \$1.00 each to the Retarded Children's Association at Alliston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and many reports given.

Business being completed, a Christmas program followed. Mrs. Vince Feeley sang a beautiful solo "I know that My Redeemer Liveth".

Mrs. Drury then introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Wm. Davis, Minister of Beeton Anglican Church. He talked about how Jesus was born 2,000 years ago in a manger. Together we are a family and at Christmas time we should try to recapture the birth and joy of His birth. We get so caught up with the giving of Christmas presents to our families, that we sometime forget the birth of Jesus. Each and every one of us should take a good look at our surroundings.

Mrs. Feeley sang "In Times Like These."

Mrs. Spearing thanked the speaker, soloist and hostess.

Mrs. Cecil Reynolds gave the report on current events, mentioning the wonderful display at the Winter Fair of turnips. These were grown by one of our local farmers, Wm. Dermott, 9th. Line, Tecumseh Township. Also, a movie is being made at Schonberg, and a new survey is being done of the Beeton flats. The meeting closed with "God Save the Queen" and "O Canada". Mrs. Watson and committee served a delicious lunch with Christmas cake and candy.

Achievement Day in Connection with "The Main Dish Meal" was held in Beeton on Dec. 3rd., with 45 Institute members present, Mrs. Joan Ritz opened the meeting. Re-

ports were given by each Institute member taking the course. These were very humorous. Slides were shown on "Cooking with Gas." At the conclusion, everyone enjoyed a cup of tea and a social hour was held. 1969

**SWINDLEY, Mrs. Alberta—**Passed away at Beeton Memorial Hospital, Beeton, on Monday, December 2, 1969, at 80 years of age. Mrs. Swindley was born in the town of Beeton, Ontario, and was the wife of the late Mr. Wm. Swindley. She was a member of the Beeton Anglican Church. Burial will be in the Beeton Anglican Cemetery. Friends are invited to the funeral service on Friday, December 5, at 10 a.m. at the Beeton Anglican Church. Friends are invited to the funeral service on Friday, December 5, at 10 a.m. at the Beeton Anglican Church.

**ROBSON —** suddenly at her home, Centre Street, Beeton, on Wednesday, March 25, 1970, Abba Irene Robson, daughter of the late Robert James and Mary Robson and dear sister of Mamie (Mrs. Ernest Harvey) of Beeton, in her 72nd year. Rested at the Thomas Funeral Chapel, Alliston, for service on Friday, March 27, Interment in Alliston Union Cemetery.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins, Beeton, invite you to attend open house in honour of their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., at their home on Prospect St. Please accept this as your invitation. No gifts, please. 1970 Nov 22

## Firemen meet

Recently the Beeton arena was host to the Simcoe County Firemen's Mutual Aid Association and 87 members were in attendance from all over Simcoe County. Three retired firemen were also in attendance, namely Gord Nicol, Wallace Hoover and Dr. S. R. McKelvey who have accumulated a total of 150 years of volunteer service in Beeton.

Guest speaker for the evening was E. Hicks, staff supervisor of the O.P.P. training college. Mr. Hicks spoke on the responsibility of citizens and policing of the villages.

The meeting ended with a lunch and refreshments were served by the Beeton volunteer firefighters. 1970

### Homemakers and Nurses Services Act

The Homemakers and Nurses Services Act is a provincial permissive legislation which provides for payment by the municipality of nursing service to those who qualify under the Regulations of the Act. Patients must be willing for the Victorian Order to refer their name to the municipality, as there is a needs test to determine eligibility. The Simcoe County Welfare Unit is able to claim a subsidy of 80% of the amount so paid in fees from the Ontario Department of Social and Family Services up to a maximum fee of \$4.50 per visit.



# Only way is UP for Millionaires

The Millionaires — Jack Hammell, Beeton; John Botly, Thunder Bay; Keith Hudson, London; and David Marshall, Toronto — played to capacity houses during their stay at the Nottawasaga Inn from August 24 to 29. On Friday night, they received a standing ovation and this was repeated on Saturday when late comers had to queue to gain entrance to the lounge.

Much has been said and written regarding the quality of entertainment this group provides and the versatility the young men display, but it is difficult to find words to adequately describe either attribute.

The group has 21 instruments plus a set of drums. Included are banjos, guitars, saxophones, trumpets, tuba, bag pipes and organ. Mr. Hudson is the master of the organ, while each of the others exhibit equal mastery of several of the other instruments. All vocalize to good effect, and their repertoire runs the gamut from blues to modern ballads.

Talent and much practice are two of the essential ingredients of this group's success. The obvious enjoyment these young men have in their work is infectious, resulting in rapport with their listeners.

Recently returned from a three month engagement at the Hacienda Hotel, Las Vegas, Mr. Hammell, leader of the group, told The News that, because they have an opportunity to hear some of the better artists, Hacienda audiences have a more developed musical appreciation than do some in Ontario.

Accustomed to much shorter engagements, the group liked the longer run in Vegas where there is much to do and see. Knowing what to expect, the young men will be prepared to stay longer next time.

Mr. Hammell said the Vegas experience had been musically beneficial because of exposure to original arrangements, and the group gained

confidence and poise. Ontario audiences are more attentive since the group's return and, therefore, more responsive.

The young men want to go back to Vegas — there is so much to learn, they like the climate, it is a happy place in which to work and living costs are moderate.

It was a nice break to return to Ontario, for there is more opportunity to rehearse. Apart from families and friends, they missed the green hills and trees of home, for Las Vegas is set in a basin of desert surrounded by mountains.

The Hacienda, with its olympic size swimming pool, golf course, numerous rooms and other facilities, is located on The Strip which is a small world of its own, separate from the business and residential sections of the city. Mr. Hammell said there is a certain air of fantasy about The Strip.

He was impressed by the

fact that older entertainers, such as Jack Benny and Jimmy Durante, continue to appear in clubs and prefer performing for live audiences who give them a good reception. He, too, likes a live audience and, at least for the present, has no special wish to record, though he agreed that records help to make artists more widely known.

When talking with Mr. Hammell, one becomes aware of a charming modesty and that, like every true artist, he will never be satisfied, but always striving to improve the quality of the music produced by himself and the group.

## Earl Hammell sells agency

After operating his insurance business for 19 years in Beeton, Earl Hammell has sold the agency to Ed McDermott of Loretto.

In 1951 Earl purchased the business from the late W. E. King who in turn had purchased the agency from the late Thomas Hammell in 1922.

The agency provides a well needed service for both farmers and local residents in the area.

Earl intends to take life a little easier now, however he will remain active in Real Estate.

Ed McDermott brings to the Village of Beeton a number of years experience in general and life insurance. The Beeton office shall remain open as usual and Ed will be on hand during the regular business hours.

## ANIMAL HOSPITAL MODERN IN EQUIPMENT AND DESIGN

Perhaps the finest and best equipped small animal hospital in Ontario was opened to the public in Beeton on Sunday.

Over 200 availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the building erected by Dr. E. H. Holmes, veterinary surgeon, who came to practise in Beeton in 1951.

Dr. Holmes did not do much in the small animal surgery during his early years here, it was mostly large animals from which he derived his income and his practise.

This spacious new structure, 64 x 24 feet, is for the needs of small animals, except for one room, which is set aside for pig

and calf surgery. There is a waiting room, examining room, small animal surgery rooms, five stainless steel kennels for convalescence or boarding, laboratory and dispensary rooms, and office.

At the rear is a garage which affords entrance to the pig and calf surgery room, and there is ample parking behind the garage.

Dr. Holmes has left no stone unturned in erecting this most modern and well equipped small animals hospital.

Those attending "Open House" held on Sunday afternoon and evening were served refreshments.

## Appledell Orchard sold - Orsi

Appledell Orchard has been supplying luscious apples to Beeton residents and others for many years since the first trees were planted by two Beeton men. As nearly as can be determined, the first planting was done 50 years ago by the late Jacob Hannah, and Fred Barrett recalls planting others about ten years later. At that time, the property was owned by Mrs. Kate Aitken, who later became a radio personality and author.

Apprentice has been ripe as

to the future of this beautiful landmark. The News contacted John Denny and was advised that Mr. Denny has sold the 22 acres to the Frank Orsi Construction Company. Until the property is divided into lots or construction begins, Mr. Denny will lease this property and continue to harvest the apples.

It is also understood that when building does begin, as many trees as possible will be spared to lend beauty to the new homes.

## Herb Lisk Sells Equip't Business

After 17 years of supplying John Deere farm equipment to farmers in this area, Herb Lisk, who operated the Beeton Farm Equipment, disposed of the business to Essa Tractor and Farm Equipment at Alliston last week.

The business closed its doors to the general public on Saturday and all the new machinery parts were removed to Essa Tractor last week.

Mr. Lisk and his helper, Boeden Best, are now employed with the Alliston firm. It also means another vacant building in Beeton.





MR. AND MRS. L. R. D. BUCHANAN

## Beeton Church Scene Of Saturday Wedding

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Beeton was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, September 6th, when Doris Marjorie Drury, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Drury of Beeton, became the bride of Lloyd Robert David Buchanan, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan of Laurel. Rev. Wm. Davis performed the double ring ceremony and Mrs. Laura Nichol of Beeton, soloist, sang "O Perfect Love" and the "Wedding Prayer" accompanied by Mr. Ken Inkster of Alliston.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a gown of white satin with lagoda french lace in the reddingot style, featuring coil neckline delicately trimmed with seed pearls and falling into a graceful chapel train. Her head piece of tulle illusion was caught to a coronet of seed pearls. A fair tier shoulder length scalloped veil fell from her head piece and she carried a cascade bouquet of red roses.

The matron of honour was Mrs. Joan Oliver of Newmarket and bridesmaids were Mrs. Diane Drury of Everett, sister-in-law of the bride; Miss Gwen Abernethy of Tottenham and Miss Carole Woodliffe of Weston. They wore identical gowns of mauve french lace over taffeta featuring empire waistline and carried cascade bouquets of mauve mums.

The best man was Bruce Buchanan of Laurel, brother of the groom, and the ushers were Clarence Drury of Everett and Keith Drury of Beeton, brothers of the bride and Ronald Torrance of Caledon, friends of the groom.

A reception for 120 guests followed in the Beeton Community Memorial Hall, catered to by the members of the church Guild. Mr. Clarence Ellison of Kitchener was Master of Ceremonies.

Leaving on a wedding trip to the West Coast and points through the U.S.A., the bride chose a coral suit and black accessories with a corsage of white carnations.

On their return the couple will reside in Orangeville.

Out of town guests attended from Port Perry, Lindsay, Toronto, Shelburne, Stratford, Clarkson, Kitchener, Guelph, South River, Mount Forest, St. Mary's, Brantford, Creemore and the surrounding community.

Prior to her marriage the bride was honoured at a Personal Shower in Toronto; a miscellaneous shower at the home of Gwen Abernethy, Tottenham; a miscellaneous shower in the basement of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton; and a party by the Department Staff of the Crown Life Insurance Company, Toronto, where Doris worked for the past six years.

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## James McGill Findlay

James McGill Findlay of Beeton died in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Wednesday May 20th after a short illness in his 81st year.

Born at Walter's Falls, Ontario, on August 3, 1889, he was a son of John Findlay and Elizabeth McCulloch. On September 22nd, 1915 he married Eliza Gowan Frizell of Bogor.

Following their marriage he bartered in Georgetown, later moving to Creemore where he operated a store and

bake shop. In 1922 he moved to the 7th line of Tecumseh Township where he farmed for 30 years, retiring to Beeton 18 years ago when his son Harold took over the farm.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Marjorie (Mrs. Gordon Drury) of Beeton, Mabel (Mrs. Wesley Rowbottom) of Tottenham, and two sons, Harold of Beeton and William of Tottenham. Also 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sisters, Margaret and Jessie and one brother, Alex.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, May 23rd from the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, conducted by Rev. Wm. Davis of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton. Interment in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton.

pallbearers were Jack Gray, Bill Brown, Harold Ellison, Norman Mitchell, Melville Taylor and Bill Forbes.

Flower bearers were grandsons, Douglas, Raymond and Eric Findlay, nephews, Jack Findlay of Fergus and David Findlay of Markham and a cousin David Wilson of Clavering.

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## BOND HEAD W.I. 50 YEARS OLD

Bond Head Women's Institute celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 2, in the Community Hall.

Mrs. H. Harvey and Mrs. Wm. Sutherland welcomed the guests and as they signed the register they were presented with a yellow rose. Over 90 members, past members and guests sat down to a delicious buffet dinner, convoked by Mrs. W. Hodgson.

Mrs. Stoddart read the minutes of the meetings in 1920. The first meeting (in June) was held in the basement of the Methodist Church and Mrs. Jamieson of Thornton who was District President at the time, presided. Mrs. Robt. Hayes of Lefroy acted as secretary. Mrs. W.J. Abernethy was elected president and Mrs. J. W. Stone secretary. In August, the local ladies entertained the members of Schomberg and James Mills Institute at the home of Mrs. Noble. (The James Mills Institute took in part of the Scotch Settlement.)

Mrs. Wm. Reynolds introduced Mrs. Wm. Sutherland who is now president of Simcoe South District. Mrs. Sutherland said she was proud to represent Bond Head on the Executive and welcomed Mrs. K. Kneeshaw, the new District secretary. Mrs. E. Lloyd of St. William Orler School brought her Grade 8 girls' choir who sang three numbers with Mr. McKelvey leading the singing.

Mrs. Phillips introduced Mr. Fred Cook, the speaker for the evening. He is a member of the Museum Board at Midhurst and said the Women's Institutes deserve a great deal of credit for the founding of the museum, adding that they had supplied three-quarters of the inspiration for the beautiful building. Mr. Cook, speaking on "Past, Present, and Future" gave many witty recollections of the past, told some jokes on his wife and others and commented that the young people of today are O.K. The hearty applause showed how everyone had enjoyed his talk.

Greetings were brought from Conlan's Hill by Mrs. Chubine from Cookstown by Mrs. Trotter, Fishers' Corners by Mrs. McVety and Tec-Wee-Gwill by Mrs. Bonenworth.

A social hour followed when old acquaintances were renewed and many viewed the Tweedsmuir History book brought by Mrs. Green.

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## Museum addition to open

The new addition to the Simcoe County Museum will be officially opened by Ontario Tourism Minister James Auld next Wednesday, June 17.

Mr. Auld will arrive at the Barrie airport and be driven by antique car to the museum located on Highway 26 north of Barrie. The minister will arrive at the museum at 11 a.m.

Bradford's Deputy Reeve Fred Cook is chairman of the county council museum and archives committee.

The public is invited to attend.

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## Beeton Bank Mgr Is Transferred

Mr. J. B. Dentinger, now on holidays, who has been manager of the Royal Bank in Beeton for the past three years, has been transferred to the Blind River branch, effective July 20.

Mr. Dentinger will be replaced by Earl C. Moyer of Uxgill, who this past week purchased the residence of Miss Donaghy on Tecumseh St. N. and will take up residence here on August 1st.

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#### HERE'S HOW IT LOOKED

Here is how Main Street West, Boston, looked last month just as construction crews started

to install curbs preparatory to paving.  
(Allston Herald Photo)

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#### UNVEIL PLAQUE TO REV. FRASER

Miss Fraser, grand-daughter of the late Rev. William Fraser stands beside the cairn erected in the Good Head Cemetery last week. On the right is Mrs. Green of Good Head who spearheaded the plan to place

the memorial plaque to Dr. Fraser on the cairn. Rev. Dahlin conducts the service on the rainy day.

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## Cairn unveiled honoring late Wm. Fraser, D.D.

The unveiling of a cairn and plaque in honor of the late Rev. Wm. Fraser, D.D., highlighted the annual Memorial service of Bond Head United Church cemetery on Sunday, June 13, 1960. The veil was removed by Miss Jean Fraser, of Orangeville, daughter of the late John Daniel Fraser and Martha McGee, and granddaughter of the Rev. Wm. Fraser and his wife Jane Geddie, who, with her brother Geddie has been a regular visitor at our services. The late Dr. Fraser made an outstanding contribution to the religious and educational life of this county. The engraving of his monument in the cemetery here reads in part as follows:

"Rev. Wm. Fraser, D.D., native of Nova Scotia, born May 19, 1806, died Dec. 25, 1898. Minister of First Presbyterian Congregation, West Gwillimbury, from Sept. 2, 1834 till Nov. 30, 1860. During much of this period minister also of Presbyterian congregations

in Tecumseh and Essex. For many years Clerk of Synod and also of the General Assembly."

It can be seen from his activities that the Rev. Dr. Fraser must have been a remarkable man. To have carried on farming, conducted regular church services in Bond Head, Tottenham and Cookstown, spent 21 years of this time as school inspector, married three times and raised ten children to become pillars of society, in addition to his duties mentioned above must be considered an achievement. Dr. Fraser gave the land on the corner of his farm for a church and cemetery and in 1837 a building was erected, photograph of which has recently come to light. This building served the congregation until 1872 when the large brick church was built with tower and tall spire, a most inspiring sight. The tower was constructed of such strength that it was evidently designed to carry a heavy bell, but the beautiful spire was removed after being struck by lightning which resulted in the death of a man who had taken shelter in the porch. When the church was razed in 1953 to make way for the present building, the stone tablet in the tower which bears the inscription "First Canada Presbyterian Church, W. G. 1872" was found to have engraved on the reverse "Cookstown Presbyterian Church, Erected A.D. 1872." This tablet has been incorporated in the memorial cairn which also carries a plaque to Dr. Fraser's memory, with which we had assistance from the Simcoe County Tourist Industrial Committee.

Among those present for the dedication ceremony besides grandchildren Jean and Geddie, were Dr. Freda Fraser of Comaught Laboratories; granddaughter, Dr. Gilbert Robinson, Vice President of Toronto University, grandson; and Dr. Donald Fraser, Hospital for Sick Children, great grandson. Also present was the Rev. Arthur Reynolds, till recently in charge of the archdeacon of the United Church of Canada, who had been born in Bond Head when his father Rev. C. W. Reynolds was

Methodist minister here.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church after the reception

in the church parlor. At this reception some of our guests spoke briefly, also everyone's thanks were

extended to the committee who had carried out the project with special thanks to Mrs. Green for her inspiring and untiring efforts. J.M.



GORDON NICHOL OF BEETON

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Judy Urbanski

Chief Gordon Nichol remembers when he earned \$1 a day operating a 20-passenger jitney in Beeton. And he was glad to get it.

Today the 82-year-old retired fire chief relaxes with his memories and love for a small town that he thinks is second to none.

Chief, as he is affectionately known, got his name from being Beeton's fire chief for 25 years and a member of the brigade for 50 years. He also served as bailiff for 11 years.

Gordon Wakefield Nichol was born in a house on Centre Street, Beeton in 1887 to Charlotte and William Nichol. He was the second oldest of a family of five boys and five girls, of which five are still living.

Chief attended Beeton Public School and at the age of 12 started to work for Mr. McCutcheon who owned the local livery barn.

He received 50 cents a day for driving "travellers"

from the C.N.R. station to the main part of the village in a horse-drawn carriage.

At an early age Chief was an excellent horseman and because of this ability was promoted to driving a 20-passenger horse-drawn bus, for \$1 per day.

He chuckled when he mentioned buying a full course meal for 25 cents. While driving for McCutcheon Chief drew bricks that built Simcoe Manor. He bought his first tailormade suit in Newton Robinson for \$12.

In 1928 Chief bought a butcher business from Charlie Allison, with whom he had worked for 15 years. His first year of butchering was very good, but depression years took their toll and after struggling for several years he sold out to Karl Camplin. After this venture he went into cattle droving but soon found that it was a non-paying business. He then began working with Cousins' dairy and stayed for several years. For the last few years the Chief's

activities have consisted of selling admission tickets at the Beeton Arena.

He is an avid ball fan and he and his friend Charlie Hamill can be found in the Beeton Park whenever there is a game. His love of horses also takes in as many racing events as possible.

A gentle smile, creased his face when he mentioned that his mother said she would live to be a hundred, but she died at the age of 97. "She was cheated of three years."

Chief has lived in the same rooming house for the past 30 years, which is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Dale, 45 of those years were with Mrs. Creighton (Mr. Dale's mother).

Chief Nichol, who will be 82 on May 26, has many cherished memories of his life in Beeton. The young and old of this community have the highest regard and greatest respect for this grand old gentleman. 1969



Women's Institute Membership List 1920-1920.

1 Mrs. H.W. Aitken Oct. 29, 1920.  
 2 Mrs. J.D. Williams " "  
 3 Mrs. J.I. Barton " "  
 4 Mrs. W.D. Morton " "  
 5 Mrs. W. Evans " "  
 6 Mrs. Matt. Martin " "  
 7 Mrs. M.C. Cornell " "  
 8 Mrs. W. Camplin " "  
 9 Mrs. E. Wallwin " "  
 10 Miss Myra Wallwin " "  
 11 Mrs. J.D. Smart " "  
 12 Mrs. M. J. Barton " "  
 13 Mrs. J. Wright Nov. 9, 1920.  
 14 Mrs. B.A.O. Hobbs " "  
 15 Mrs. W. Bell " "  
 16 Mrs. H. E. Camplin " "  
 17 Mrs. R. McDonald " "  
 18 Mrs. D. Watson " "  
 19 Mrs. Jas. Muller " "  
 20 Miss Mabel Soules " "  
 (Mrs. Wm. Ritchie).  
 21 Mrs. Robert Hill Jan. 11, 1921.  
 22 Miss Gladys Smart " "  
 23 Mrs. Smart " "  
 24 Mrs. Wm. Carr " "  
 25 Mrs. F. Hall " "  
 26 Mrs. A.E. Hayes " "  
 27 Mrs. Wilmet Hayes " "  
 28 Mrs. A.E. Hooper " "  
 29 Mrs. Austin Carr " "  
 30 Mrs. J. Rayner " "  
 31 Mrs. A.V. Smith " "  
 32 Mrs. Wesley Cross " "  
 33 Mrs. George Dobbs " "  
 (Mrs. Alice Green).  
 34 Mrs. D. Reynolds " "  
 35 Mrs. A. Kennedy " "  
 36 Mrs. Fred. Spearing Jan. 12, 1921.  
 37 Mrs. M.H. Hammett Jan. 15, 1921.  
 38 Mrs. A. Peggion Jan. 15, 1921.  
 39 Mrs. W.E. Kettle Jan. 16, 1921.  
 40 Mrs. Iva Palmer Feb. 8, 1921.  
 41 Mrs. S. Stone " "  
 42 Mrs. Wm. Hammett " "  
 43 Miss Ruby Martin " "  
 44 Mrs. Wm. Barton " "  
 45 Mrs. Milt. Reynolds May 8, 1921.  
 46 Mrs. G.E. Reynolds April 18, 1921.  
 47 Mrs. H. Elines " "  
 48 Miss Roxie Miller " "  
 49 Mrs. W. Hammett " "  
 50 Mrs. W.F. McDonald " "

51 Mrs. Chas. Lisk May 10, 1921  
 52 Mrs. Wm. Smart " "  
 53 Mrs. W. Carruthers " "  
 54 Mrs. Percy Sample " "  
 55 Mrs. Bacon Sept. 20, 1921  
 56 Mrs. Alex. Culpin Oct. 18, 1921

57 Mrs. W.F. Strangways  
 58 Mrs. K.F. Rogers  
 59 Mrs. F. Keys  
 60 Mrs. P.C. Pierson  
 61 Mrs. Elias Swales  
 62 Mrs. Thers Camplin  
 63 Mrs. Norval Neushan  
 (Mrs. Wm. Barton).  
 64 Mrs. Selby Dobbs  
 65 Mrs. R.J. Barton  
 66 Mrs. Humphreys  
 67 Miss Victoria Hill  
 68 Mrs. Robinson  
 69 Mrs. Ben. Parks  
 70 Mrs. Calhoun  
 71 Mrs. Russell Stone  
 72 Mrs. James Beaver  
 73 Miss Laura Johnston  
 (Mrs. Wilfred Brooks).  
 74 Mrs. Creighton  
 75 Mrs. J.W. McDermott  
 76 Mrs. Ripwell  
 77 Mrs. A.E. Atkinson  
 78 Mrs. S. Barrow  
 79 Mrs. W. Cave  
 80 Mrs. J.W. Fraser  
 81 Mrs. Herb. Manting  
 82 Mrs. Joseph Akitt  
 83 Mrs. S.H. McKelvey  
 84 Mrs. W. Nichol  
 85 Mrs. Emerson Dale  
 86 Mrs. Tom. Semons  
 87 Mrs. H.E. Clewardon  
 88 Mrs. G.A. Spencer  
 89 Mrs. Guntton  
 90 Mrs. Steve. Gould  
 91 Mrs. Patterson  
 (Mrs. A. Rooney).

92 Mrs. Harry Aste.  
 93 Mrs. E. Parkhill  
 94 Mrs. M. Kereley  
 95 Mrs. J.W. Vigors  
 96 Mrs. W.E. Kearns  
 97 Mrs. Jacob Sumner  
 98 Mrs. Ken. Brown  
 99 Mrs. Jack Bartlett  
 100 Mrs. C. Fickling

(Mayme Brown)

Women's Institute Membership List Continued

101 Mrs. H.A. Halbert 1943-47  
 102 Mrs. Geo. Hutchison 1945-  
 103 Mrs. Wilfred Service 1947-  
 104 Mrs. J.A. Gamplin 1947-  
 105 Mrs. Frank Ferrier 1947-  
 106 Mrs. F. Packham 1945-  
 107 Mrs. Kory Zufelt  
 108 Mrs. W.B. Ritchie 1947-1949  
 109 Mrs. W.W. Cole 1945-  
 110 Mrs. L.S. Thornton 1948-  
 111 Mrs. E. Leese-Loombs 1948-  
 112 Mrs. Ghent Gamplin 1948-  
 113 Mrs. Harold Pettigrew 1948-  
 114 Mrs. G.E. Rothery 1948-  
 115 Mrs. J.A. Wright 1950-  
 116 Mrs. Tom. Rutledge 1951-  
 117 Mrs. Laura Rae 1951-  
 118 Mrs. A.C. Renter 1951-  
 119 Mrs. J.C. Thompson 1951-  
 120 Mrs. Davidson 1948-  
 121 Mrs. Elwood Nichol 1951-  
 122 Mrs. Bert. Widdash 1952-  
 123 Mrs. A.B. Ramsay 1952-  
 124 Mrs. Tom. Little 1952-  
 125 Miss Marjorie Clezie 1952-  
 126 Mrs. Tom. Harvey 1952-  
 127 Mrs. Margaret Churchill 1953-  
 128 Mrs. WM. Bray 1952-  
 129 Mrs. Jim. Aiken (Sr.) 1953-  
 130 Mrs. Ken. Gould - 2-1975  
 131 Mrs. Frank Swindley 1952-  
 132 Mrs. W.T. Baker 1953-  
 133 Mrs. William Lilly 1953-  
 134 Mrs. Jackson  
 135 Miss Winnie Aitken 1952-  
 136 Mrs. D. Howe 1955-  
 137 Mrs. Frank Lisk 1956-  
 138 Mrs. Pearce 1952-  
 139 Mrs. Proudfoot 1952-  
 140 Miss Bertha Reynolds 1953-  
 141 Mrs. Cecil Reynolds 1953-  
 142 Mrs. W.J. Mason 1952-  
 143 Mrs. W. R. Gamplin 1957-  
 144 Miss Myrtle Strangways 1957-  
 145 Mrs. C. T. Porter 1944-  
 146 Mrs. Bert. Broderick 1946-  
 147 Mrs. Ross Watson 1951-  
 148 Mrs. Ernest Harvey 1946-  
 149 Mrs. Emerson McLean 1955-  
 150 Mrs. Wesley Varcoe 1945-

151 Miss Lillie Bell 1941-  
 152 Mrs. Fred. Parsons 1943-  
 153 Mrs. Gordon Hawton 1946-  
 154 Mrs. Trueman Bell 1948-  
 155 Mrs. Clifford Stephenson 1951-  
 156 Mrs. Chester Butt 1955-  
 157 Mrs. A.C.W. Soper 1952-  
 158 Mrs. Charles Lamb 1952-  
 159 Mrs. Jim. Currell 1953-  
 160 Mrs. Harold Elliott 1953-  
 161 Mrs. George Hardy 1944-  
 162 Mrs. B.A. Hye 1948-  
 163 Mrs. Lea. Beazer - 1945-1946  
 164 Mrs. Harold Watson - 1946-1947  
 165 Mrs. Wilfred Watson - 1946-1947  
 166 Mrs. Gordon Drury - 1946-1947  
 167 Mrs. Arthur Collier 1946-  
 168 Mrs. Earl Stewart 1946-  
 169 Mrs. Herb. Lisk 1946-  
 170 Mrs. Mary Bird 1946-  
 171 Mrs. Stewart McMillan 1946-  
 172 Mrs. Edgar Fitchie 1946-  
 173 Mrs. Della Voison 1947-  
 174 Mrs. Wm. McCormack 1947-1948-1949

175 Mrs. W. L. Burns Jan. 1975  
 176 Mrs. Emma Reynolds 1972-1975 moved to  
 Alliston  
 177 Mrs. A. McClellan 1975  
 178 Miss Louisa Agar 1975-79 moved to  
 Alliston  
 179 Mrs. Robt. McFarlane 1975 (1976  
 Oct. west 1980)  
 180 Mrs. John Braden 1946  
 181 Mrs. Warren Dickson 1976-1979  
 moved to Brampton  
 182 Mrs. Harry Brown 1977  
 183 Mrs. Art. Nagerman 1977  
 184 Mrs. Marie McCarthy 1977-80  
 185 Mrs. Geo. Mayhew 1978  
 186 Mrs. Willard Brown 1979  
 187 Mrs. John Maclellan 1979-80  
 188 Mrs. Rita Fields 1948  
 (Mrs. M. Stewart)



List of People Invited to Beaton W.I. 50th. Anniversary.

Mrs. H.M. Aitken	Mrs. Chester Butt
Mrs. H.E. Camplin	Mrs. A.C.W. Soper
Mrs. Wilmot Hayes	Mrs. Chas. F. Lamb
Mrs. Alice Green	Mrs. James Currell
Mrs. A.V. Smith	Mrs. Harold Ellison
Mrs. F. Spearing	Mrs. George Hardy
Mrs. E.W. Kettle	Mrs. E.A. Bye
Mrs. Iva Palmer	Mrs. Les. Beazer
Mrs. Milt. Reynolds	Mrs. Harold Watson
Miss Roxy Miller	Mrs. Gordon Drury (Pres)
Mrs. Elizabeth Gulgin	Mrs. Earl Stewart
Mrs. F.K. Rogers	Mrs. Herb. Lisk
Mrs. F.C. Pierson	Mrs. Edward Bird
Mrs. Thers Camplin	Mrs. Stewart Mc Minn
Mrs. Wm. Barton	Mrs. Edgar Ritchie
Mrs. Wilfred Brooks	Mrs. Della Volson
Mrs. S.R. McKelvey	Mrs. Earl Mallow
Mrs. Emerson Dale	Mrs. Wm. McCormack
Mrs. H.E. Cleverdon	Mrs. Wilfred Watson
Mrs. A. Bonney	
Mrs. J.W. Wiggins	Mrs. Wm. Sutherland
Mrs. W.E. Kearns	Mrs. Douglas Day
Mrs. Ken. Brown	Mrs. Joan Rix
Mrs. Jack Bartlett	Mrs. John Humble
Mrs. Wilfred Service	Mrs. Gordon Mallion
Mrs. J.A. Camplin	Mrs. Keith Kneeshaw
Mrs. Frank Ferrier	
Mrs. Kory Zufelt	Mrs. Vincent Pensley
Mrs. W.W. Cole	Miss Georgina Barton
Mrs. L.O. Thoraton	
Mrs. B. Pettigrew	Mrs. St. Peters
Mrs. C.E. Rothery	Mrs. Wm. Davis
Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. Basil Das
Mrs. Tom. Rutledge	Mrs. James Cross
Mrs. A.C. Bonter	
Mrs. J.C. Thompson	
Mrs. Tom. Little	
Miss Marjorie Glazie	
Mrs. Tom. Harvey	
Mrs. Jim. Aiken Sr.	
Mrs. Ken. Gould	
Mrs. Art. Collier	
Mrs. D. Howes	
Mrs. Frank Lisk	
Miss Bertha Reynolds	
Mrs. Cecil Reynolds	
Mrs. C.T. Porter	
Mrs. Bert. Proderick	
Mrs. Ross Watson	
Mrs. Ernest Harvey	
Mrs. Emerson Mc Adam	
Mrs. Wesley Varcoe	
Miss Lillie Bell	
Mrs. Fred. Parsons	
Mrs. Gordon Hawton	
Mrs. Trueman Bell (Sec)	

On The Occasion of The 50th. Anniversary  
of Beeton Women's Institute.  
Guests Names.

Mrs. Gordon Drury (Beeton W.I. Pres.)	Mrs. Edna Hounscome
Mrs. E.A. Eye	Mrs. Ernest Hodgson
Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey	Mrs. Walter Andrews
Mrs. Trueman Bell (W.I. Sec.)	Mrs. Jean Camplin
Mrs. Ernest Harvey	Mrs. Ted. Dale
Mrs. Arthur Hansen	Mrs. Edgar Ritchie
Mrs. Wm. Hiley	Mrs. Bill Coburn
Mrs. Allan Latimer	Mrs. Norval Stewart
Mrs. L. McMulkin	Mrs. Wm. McCormack
Mrs. Wm. Stitson	Mrs. Cyril Drury
Mrs. D.D. Hopper	Mrs. Norval Young
Mrs G.E. Rothery	Mrs. Dalton Jackson
Mrs. G. Peterman	Mrs. Stewart McMinn
Mrs. Gertrude Hancey	Mrs. Roy Dixon
Mrs. Ruth Abernethy	Mrs. Edgar Kneeshaw
Mrs. Rita Bishop	Mrs. Keith Kneeshaw ( District Secretary).
Mrs. E.W. Kettle	Mrs. James Cross
Mrs. Della Volson	Irene McMaster
Mrs Wilfrid Brooks	Lena Stephenson
Mrs. Oliver Pettit	Tencie Braden
Mrs Edith Potter	Mrs. Doris Gould
Mrs. Madge Hill	Mrs. Gladys Hammell
Mrs. Hilda Sherman	Mrs. Mabel McKelvey
Mrs. W.W. Cole	Mrs. Marion Watson
Mrs. A. Bauck	Mrs. Lenore Rumble ( Rep. F.W.I.O.).
Mrs. Aileen Culgin	Mrs. Kay Parsons
Miss Martina McGoey	Mrs. Ila Stewart
Mrs. Myra McAdam	Mrs. Ella Kearns
Marjory Crosbie	Mrs. Muriel Reynolds ( W.I. Treas
Mrs. Winnifred King	Mrs. Marjorie Fehsley ( Soloist)
Mrs. Florence M. Wood	Mrs. Ada Watson
Mrs. Jean Corrigan	Mrs. Edith Baker
Mrs. Lila Small	Miss Lillie Bell
Mrs. Core Barton	Mrs. Basil Thompson
Mrs. J. Townsend	Mrs. Beatrice Pettigrew
Mrs. Thera Camplin	Mrs. Helen Willis (Alliston Herald).
Mrs Velma McClain	Mrs. Marion Harper
Mrs. Elizabeth Culgin	Mrs. Urie Hall
Miss Bertha Reynolds ( Guest Speaker).	Mrs. Ida R. Smith
Mrs. Joyce Black	Miss Georgina Barton ( Organist).
Mrs. Mabel Bartlett	Mrs. J.A. Wright ( Guest Book).
Mrs. Mary Camplin	Mr. and Mrs. Ted. Smith.
Mrs. Ada Brown	
Mrs. McGill Findlay	
Mrs. Wilfrid Watson	
Mrs. Gordon Hawton	
Mrs. Douglas Day ( Area President).	
Mrs. Joseph Diamond (Fed. rep. Simcoe West).	
Mrs. Lewis Keilman	
Mrs. Irvin Hounscome	



# List of Officers from 1920--1970.

Boston Women's Institute  
Date of Organization-----October 29, 1920.

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1920	Mrs. H.M. Aitken	Mrs. W.D. Morton	
1921	Mrs. H.M. Aitken	Mrs. W.D. Morton	
1922	Mrs. J. Williams	Miss Habel Soules	Mrs. Matt. Martin
1923	Mrs. J. Williams	Miss Habel Soules	Mrs. Matt. Martin
1924			
1925			
1926			
1927			
1928	Mrs. F. Spearling		
1929	Mrs. F. Spearling		
1930	Mrs. F. Spearling (became District President).	Mrs. A.V. Smith	Mrs. N. Hauchan
1931	Mrs. A.V. Smith	Mrs. W.F. Strangways	Mrs. N. Hauchan
1932	Mrs. K.P. Rogers	Mrs. W.F. Strangways	Mrs. McDonald
1933	Mrs. K.P. Rogers	Mrs. S. Dobbs	Mrs. D.W. Watson
1934	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. J.W. Fraser	Mrs. D.W. Watson
1935	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. J.W. Fraser	Mrs. D.W. Watson
1936	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. J.W. Fraser	Mrs. W.F. Strangways
1937	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. J.W. Fraser	Mrs. K.F. Rogers
1938	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. K.P. Rogers	
1939	Mrs. H.D. Cleverdon	Mrs. S. Dobbs	{ Mrs. K.F. Rogers and Mrs. A.E. Hooper
1939	Mrs. Green secretary for War Work and formed the Red Cross.		
1940	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. J.W. Fraser	
1941	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. W.F. Strangways	Mrs. G. Spencer
1942	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. F. Pierson	Mrs. G. Spencer
1943	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. F. Pierson	Mrs. G. Spencer
1944	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. F. Pierson	Mrs. G. Spencer
1945	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	{ Mrs. F. Pierson and Mrs. H. Wapleay	Mrs. G. Spencer
1946	Mrs. H. Parkhill	Mrs. Wapleay	Mrs. A.E. Hooper
1947	Mrs. H. Parkhill	Mrs. J.A. Gamplin	Mrs. A.E. Hooper
1948	Mrs. H. Parkhill	Mrs. M.P. McDonald	
		Mrs. W.W. Cole	
		Mrs. F. Ferrier	
1949	Mrs. F. Packham	Mrs. F. Ferrier	Mrs. A.E. Hooper
1950	Mrs. H. Parkhill	{ Mrs. J. Summerton Mrs. F. Ferrier Mrs. W.W. Cole	Mrs. M.P. McDonald
1951	Mrs. W.W. Cole	Mrs. H. Patterson	Mrs. M.P. McDonald
		Mrs. W. Ritchie	
1952	Mrs. S. Dobbs	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. W.W. Cole
1953	Mrs. S. Dobbs	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	Mrs. W.W. Cole
1954	Mrs. J.C. Thompson	{ Mrs. J.A. Wright Mrs. Ramsay	Mrs. J.S. Dobbs
1955	Mrs. Laura Rae	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. J.S. Dobbs
1956	Mrs. Laura Rae	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. J.S. Dobbs
1957	Mrs. W.E. Kearns	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. J.S. Dobbs
1958	Mrs. W.E. Kearns	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. A.E. Ramsay

# List of Officers from 1920--1970

continued.

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1959	Mrs. W.E. Kearns	Mrs. J.A. Wright Mrs. Ross Watson	Mrs. B.S. Wildash
1960	Mrs. C.M. Butt	Mrs. G.T. Porter Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. B.S. Wildash
	(40th Anniversary.)		
1961	Mrs. C.M. Butt	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. Ross Watson
1962	Mrs. C. Reynolds	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. Ross Watson
1963	Mrs. C. Reynolds	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. A.E. Hooper
1964	Mrs. P. Parsons	Mrs. J.A. Wright	Mrs. C. Reynolds
1965	Mrs. P. Parsons	Mrs. Trueman Bell	Mrs. C. Reynolds
1966	Mrs. G. Hawton	Mrs. Trueman Bell	Mrs. C. Reynolds
1967	Mrs. G. Hawton	Mrs. Trueman Bell	Mrs. C. Reynolds
1968	Mrs. Geo. Hardy	Mrs. Trueman Bell	Mrs. C. Reynolds
1969	Mrs. Gordon Drury	Mrs. Trueman Bell	Mrs. C. Reynolds
1970	Mrs. Gordon Drury (50th Anniversary.)	Mrs. Trueman Bell	Mrs. C. Reynolds

## Life Members

## Passed Away.

June 10, 1952.	Mrs. W.F. Strongways	-----	1957
June 16, 1952	Miss Myra Wallwin	-----	1959
June 14, 1955	Mrs. William Ritchie	-----	1960
June 14, 1955	Mrs. A.E. Hooper	-----	1965
Nov. 8, 1955	Mrs. H.E. Camplin	-----	1976 Aug 6.
Nov. 8, 1955	Mrs. J.S. Dobbs	-----	1961
Nov. 8, 1955	Mrs. J.W. Wiggins	-----	1976 Nov 6.
June 13, 1957	Mrs. K.P. McDonauld	-----	1958
June 13, 1957	Mrs. J. Milt. Reynolds	-----	1973
June 13, 1957	Mrs. E.W. Kettle	-----	1976
June 13, 1957	Mrs. Alex. Culpin	-----	
April 12, 1960	Mrs. W.E. Kearns	-----	
April 25, 1969	Mrs. W.W. Cole	-----	1972

Mrs. J.W. Wiggins a Charter Member of Sunnyside Women's Institute.  
Mrs. H.E. Camplin a Charter Member of Beeton Women's Institute.

*Handwritten notes:*  
Mrs. J. Wiggins - Sept. 10/77  
Mrs. H. Camplin - 1972  
Mrs. J. Wiggins - 1977  
Mrs. H. Camplin - 1972



In perusing old files, and scrap books, and notes of anecdotes of bits and pieces, gleaned from wherever possible, we do come across some interesting, and ofttimes amusing facts. At present-day level we find the old problems with new faces, changed a bit, modified, perhaps solved a bit, but still we have them with us. Said the Preacher "The thing which hath been, is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done,- and there is no new thing under the sun! And it is very true, and if you haven't read Ecclesiastes lately,- please do so, for your own pleasure and gratification.

Lifelin Beeton in the early days was a time of gradual unfolding, a new country in which a standard of living was being evolved, with the passing years and ever widening horizons progress has been stepped up with each succeeding decade,- in fact we are at times a little breathless with stepped up tempo.

But to resume. Suppose we look at advertising. At the present day level it is high pressured in magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, posters, leaflets, dodgers, skywriting, brochures, campaigns, billboards, portable loud speakers, radio, and television,- black and white or many colored, all with the intent to stimulate our interest, perhaps into buying,- at any rate we are kept well posted as to what is new in the markets of the world. Years ago the newspaper was the advertising media, and a very limited number of publications found their way into our homes,- "Godsey's" "The Leisure Hour" or Family fireside. Beeton had its "Weekly Chronicle" the forerunner Beeton World, and still later the D.A. Jones "Bee Journal". Advertising was serious business,- local merchants vied with one another with catchy ads, upside down, sideways, small inserts in surprising-places places on the printed page. Then choice of selection was limited, today we are confused by too much choice. Very prominent were the health ads,- Cherry Pectoral, Shiloh's Consumption cure, Ayers Hair and mustache grower,- Dr. Chases ointment etc.. Today we have singing commercials, but how is this for a heavy ad. from an old magazine,-

"The morning sun with strong and vivid ray  
Drives from the earth the sullen mists away,  
So B.B.B. in strength and power grand,  
Doth rout disease and stay deaths heavy hand."

So much for Barock Blood Bitters, we take it today in modified doses. Beeton was meaning for a snodemaker and mender years ago, there is an opening for something of the same kind right now. The keeping of Sunday was a problem then, and in 1886 the railways cancelled all freight and other trains. Said the officials- Every man is entitled to 15% free sunshine and air and uninterrupted weekly rest. The fourth commandment is sacred in experience as well as in revelation. Here is where Christianity and materialism re- inforce one another.--Awai! well digger was fined \$13.18 for working on Sunday.

The weather was still a question of "Whether" then as now,-for the seasons still chased and overlapped one another. On May 24th. 1886 there was every sign of an early and glorious spring,- fruit trees were budding and blossoming, and temperatures had been high. On the 30th. came a killing frost,- it is said that an enterprising villager a Mr. Ben. Kelly, saved his garden crop, but it took 20 quilts and several flannel shirts to do it.

The licensing of peddlers was a problem then also,- and as there was no Better Business Bureau, the wily sales man with his useless gadgets, and schemes often faumped his way into the homes.

Today we hear about dogs running at large, - but the village had similar trouble long ago with the perambulating cow, - in spite of the pound. Bible reading in the schools was looked upon with suspicion. Barrie was asking for a hospital, Alliston for a High School. Hon. A.B. Hardy, Commissioner for Crown Lands met a deputation asking that an area in Nipissing be set aside as a park for the preservation of wild life. This is now Algonquin Park.

Today every one in public office receives knocks or bruises, there are no exceptions, if criticisms were made out in the open they could be dealt with, but the whispering campaigns seem more rife today, by contrast we came across the following, - Sometime in the early 80's a gang of men under the superintendence of John Willoughby were busy repairing and laying new wooden sidewalks in the village. Every man that passed had something to say. Said John O'Brien "You'd be better employed digging out the ditches and let the water out of me cellar." Harry Fry, - "The old planks would do for a walk on Stovepipe." Dr. Livingstone, - "It would be better if you'd leave them planks half an inch apart. D' ye see?" Joel Rodgers, - "Now boys I want you to leave enough ends to make a good set of steps for my door." J. Stewart, - "Well boys that's a protestant looking job." Sam. Smith, - "A man like you ought to use a heavier hammer and save time." W. Camplin, - "That plank you are putting under those sleepers will rot." John Sprowle, - "Why don't you take the old nails out of them planks and use them. It would save a lot." John McGarry, - "If you'd lay 'em length wise you'd make a far better job." J. Chapin, - "By ginger, two of the laziest men in town." and so on and on.

The most important happening in Beeton in 1890 was the building of a beautiful new church. The Presbyterian followers in the Village of Clarksville worshipped at Ellisons which was part of the pastoral charge of Rev. Wm. Frazer who retired in 1856 and the Rev. F.B. LaFayette was inducted as minister. Early in 1860 the Presbyterian congregation of Clarksville was formed and a building was located on the site of what is now the Presbyterian Cemetery. The opening services of this early church were conducted by the Rev. Frazer and Rev. Dr. Jennings of Toronto. The Rev. La Fayette continued in charge until 1868 and was followed by Re. Jas. McConnell in 1874, - then came the Rev. D.H. McLennan in 1882, the Rev. Thomas Wilson in 1886 and the Rev. J.D. Duncan in 1890. For some time prior to 1890 there had been many discussions as to the advisability and ways and means of erecting a new church suitable for the steadily growing congregation. In January 1890 the annual Congregational meeting was held, just a handful of people in attendance, - the weather was cold, and the heating equipment of the old building anything but adequate. After the business meeting the men gathered around the old stove and the favorite topic of a new building was discussed. The result of that stove side chat was that \$2100. was subscribed there and then towards the project and this was augmented by many donations later. The new church became more than a topic piece, - it was a reality. A building committee was organized with William Smart as chairman, - J.A. McPherson Secretary, - members and promoters Matthew Martin, James Martin, James Hiddell, A.W. MacDonald, Henry Mitchell, and D.A. Jones, - with Samuel Smith as Treasurer. The committee consulted Mr. Ayresworth, a prominent Toronto architect and the plans he submitted were accepted, and the building contract was let May 15th, to Levi MacCall.

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The plans were publicly displayed, and the usual comments were floating about, - "Why a round church" etc. etc. It was something quite unique. The building was to be 70 feet long and 50 feet wide, with a 40 foot ceiling, three large ventilators to be operated by cords leading to the bell tower, the floor sloping from the entrance to the pulpit, behind which was seating capacity for 30 choir members. Mr. Mitchell donated the choir chairs and the glass for the windows was donated by McCosland Stained Glass Works of Toronto. Two Copp Furnaces were installed in the large airy divided basement. Many hours of free labor was given by members and friends, and the ladies had the responsibility of the interior furnishings. The new Presbyterian Church was formally opened for worship Sunday May 24th. 1891. Anglican and Methodist congregations joined in the service of praise. The Rev. William Fraser (retired) was present, and the Rev. R.P. McKay of Toronto preached the first sermon in the new edifice, taking as his subject "The whole armour of Christ." The Church stands today a building dedicated to the service of God, a building brought into being by an abiding faith and courageous determination.

In the past many requests have been made to the Eton Public Library for any books on local history. At one time we had nothing to offer, and we realized something had to be done, for events, unrecorded, old or new, are soon forgotten. So we collected data from any available sources and this has appeared from time to time in the press, a few old pamphlets and books from this jumble, the library is preparing a scrap book containing records of any early events which can be found, and so are able to supply some information of early history. Requests have come from students in teachers training school in Toronto, and now we can give them something, but we must have something we can loan to the inquirer, but it is not complete.

The Tweedsmuir Book under the auspices of the Women's Institute, is a record of early history, but work progresses slowly and it is not available to the general public. The Institutes Current Event book is a sure way of keeping track of local happenings. One Hundred years from now the W.I. Current Events will make interesting reading for the generations following us.

Two years ago the local Women's Institute under the leadership of its President Mrs. W.B. Kearns decided to take steps to preserve the early history of the Village by assembling data for the Tweedsmuir Book. An article appeared in the "Eton World" under date August 29, 1957, outlining the idea behind this project. At that time we pointed out that the Tweedsmuir Book was a community effort, and help was solicited for facts and dates, - histories of the Churches, Schools, Library, Industries, (past and present) Clubs, - Fraternal organizations, Societies, - persons of note, - any who have made their contribution to the world in outstanding service or accomplishment. And we wanted pictures, family trees, records of war service of local men and women, and so on. There has been some response to the appeal and much research work has been done. Digging up general history of a century or more ago is a time consuming job, but thanks to the committee and interested friends much material has been collected.

We are going to consider for a time Public Libraries in Ontario, our own here in Eton in particular, - and the part they are called upon to play in recording histories of earlier times. The local Library has been active for the past 72 years, and came into being as a result of a meeting called and presided over by Mr. Whitesides. The meeting was called to discuss plans for the formation of a Mechanics Institute. Mr. C. Boyd of Toronto addressed the meeting, - a subscription list was started and a Provincial Association formed, - articles of incorporation signed and registered. Messrs. G.I. and J.B. Macpherson manager of the Eton World, was appointed to the purchasing committee, and books were first issued in May 1887.

### A Library at Moose Factory

Miss Grace Crooks, acting on instructions from Mr. Angus Nowat, went from the Orillia Library last September 1936 to open a public library at Moose Factory. She says to get there you travel to Cochrane, then board the Ontario Northern, - known as the Polar Bear Express for Mooseonee, a distance of 180 miles, and the journey takes 6 to 8 hours. There is no road other than by rail and the train stops whenever or wherever people want to get on or off, or the children want something. The train goes three times a week. Mr. Nowat wrote on the platform there were 60-70 Cree all ages and sizes, - and sexes who come to greet the train. And trucks and snowmobiles running on mud, and be sure to ask the R.C.M.P. how to get across to the factory.

However Miss Crooks was met by Mr. Wheatly, Principal of the Indian Residential School and he had the school launch to take them across the Channel some 5 miles to Moose Factory, which is on an island in the Moose River and 12 miles from its mouth at James Bay. Moose Island is about 5 miles long and 2 to 3 wide, about 1000 inhabitants, 80% Cree.

Hudson Bay Company is the only store and owns most of the island, and its history goes back to 1673, when the post was built. There is a new hospital, 250 beds, - a residential school up to Grade 6, St. Thomas Anglican Church 107 years old painted white with red roof and spire. Altar cloth is moose hide embroidered with beads, parish hall and biscoops house, - a R.C. Church, - the village of small wooden houses which is the Reserve of the Moose Band of Cree. The white painted houses near the hospital are residences of the staff. Then there is the Day School attended by 180 white and Indian students.

As result of several visits by Mr. Nowat and talks with Mr. Jim Harvey Indian Affairs, the Bishop, Mr. Wheatley the teacher arrangements were made for a library to be established. Miss Bea Evans went as assistant to Miss Crooks, and 1664 books, chairs a desk, and adjustable shelves all finally arrived. Two rooms in the Community hall were to be used, and Mrs. Nellie Davies appointed librarian. Carpenters had finished the rooms with plywood, - and painted them. Books were placed on the shelves, - a library committee set up. Schools were visited, and the proper care of books was stressed. Open houses lasted one week. The children came in scores. They sat on the floor and in the hall.

Their books were Horton Hatches an Egg, - Old, - Book of Archaeology, - The Picture History of Canada. ( We have the 3 volumes). Natural History, - Paddle to the Sea, - Millions of Cats, - Curious George, - The ten Ki Ki, Jack and Beanstalk, Pimochio, the biggest bear, - your children and your childrens children who have visited this library have heard all these stories.

It is told the adult Indian had little chance of reading since leaving school, but they came too, and so you know their choice of books, - The Dictionary, - a beginners book of chess, - Childbirth without fear, - a book on Canadian law, the poems of Helen Nash, - and the novels of Nevil Shute, - The Dog who wouldnt be, - the Lamp is Heavy, - a kings story by the Duke of Windsor, and Heyerdahls Aku Aku.

This library is the beginning of a service to the whole of James Bay. Books have been sent by plane from Moose to Ft. George 300 miles up James Bay. Children at the Residential school remain in residence from September to June, and they are brought in from far away districts, so have a different back ground from the children who live on the island. Choosing books and stories was difficult for children who had never seen city or town, they know aeroplanes and boats, but not cars, or trains or machinery, to them the wild animals and birds are food. They have never seen a farm or T.V. few movies and very little radio. The little girls liked Madeline, - the large Moose book was a great success, and Curious George was a knock out. Well Moose Factory has its library, - a step forward in education, and recreation. There is talk of the Ontario Government making Mooseonee a seaport, - if so it will mean progress and opportunity for the Indian and better still assimilation.



An article appeared in the Ontario Library Review for 1954 written by Jean R. Adams, Librarian in Welland Public Library. He details happenings which made them step up local history. It seems a teacher came in and asked for some old time pictures of Welland. Off hand there was nothing to offer, but a frantic search was made, which produced a consolidation of ill assorted junk. From this a Jubilee History of Thorold Township was made, supposed to contain some snap shots of Welland. It was all poor material, spotty and uncertain, - so it was decided to do something about getting it properly organized.

First they dealt with the material they had, put in order anything on hand for local history. They came up with the Welland County Historical Society Papers, - Cruickshanks Documentary History of War of 1812, History of Welland County by Rice. They gathered official histories of the industrial plants, churches and material on the Welland Canal.

One of the chief sources of information was the Welland Tribune which goes back to 1860. (WE go back to 1884 in the Boston World). Result of all this is that Welland now has an active local Historical Society, which handles all material of this nature.

The County Historical Society has taken a new lease on life under the leadership of Gerald Nash, The Assistant County Crown Attorney. Appointees were made to collect pictures, which could be donated outright, or loaned for copying. All pictures are carefully documented with subject matter, dates, names and names of donors noted.

A picture collection is a sure way of preserving the past. Use was made of a tape recorder when visiting old timers for memory accounts of events in the past. So often memory leads them down paths and by paths, and they are inclined to ramble, with a tape recorder it is possible to obtain a controlled rambling, and much valuable information can be collected in this way. Amusingly he writes of their prize picture, an old tintype showing the Merritt brothers, looking down into the old canal. This was found in the ladies room of the local hostelry, - another picture called Gross Street, shows the main street of Welland now a busy thoroughfare, with a cow standing in the centre gazing at an old barn. Welland is solving its problem of ancient local history collecting and apparently have a good time doing it.

53 Government Rd. Toronto 18

Dear Mrs. Cole, -

In reply to your letter of Jan 5th. Here are a few facts which may be of use to you.

The original buildings on Main Street, north side from Centre St. west to the street which runs to the school have all gone except the little cottage at that corner. They were all frame or rough cast except one brick store and dwelling. Fire was responsible for most part, there were two great fires. On the south side of Main Street all buildings were burned from what was Miller's Butcher store to Centre St.

None of the people who occupied these buildings are now in Beeton except Mrs. Norval Haugan whose home stands on the ground where the grandfather lived.

If you so desire I would let you have the names of the folks who owned the places that have gone.

After the two great fires it was decided to obtain a waterworks system. As you know it is a gravity system and the water is high grade in purity.

There are several of the outstanding citizens of to-day who were born in Beeton. Mrs. Kate Aitken whom I saw on T.V. this evening.

The Everall Knitting Factory once employed a number of people. There was a Cheese Factory in the early days on the same street nearer the Fair Grounds.

The lady Mrs. Seale of 204 Stiphens Ave. mailed me a copy of your booklet on the History of the Agricultural Society not long ago. I found it interesting. My father was Henry Mitchell. Dan Watson taught me to skate. The rink was the old building in the Fair Grounds used at Fair time for the exhibits. Your description of the rink which was near the Methodist Church fitted that old building, camp and all.

I am an old lady now past 83 years, and am tired to-night. I will be leaving Feb. 1st. for Florida. If you wish to write me please do so before that date.

Wishing you success with your undertaking.

Sincerely Yours

Frances Hill.

Notes on Motto Given by Mrs E.A. Cole

Let us treasure with pride the memory of our pioneer ancestors.

In commenting on this "motto reminder" I would like to say that one of the most comprehensive, thumb nail sketches of the highlights of Canadian history, from earliest days to the present time, is to be found in the Monthly Letter, dated March 1967, sent out (free) by the Royal Bank of Canada, - and is entitled "I think to Hanscher". During my years as Librarian I valued these letters as a source of information and reference, and I am still on their mailing list. This special number of March 1967 was a delight to read. There are times, when looking back, we seem to have been muddling along, but reading this thesis we realize we have accomplished many things and we look back with a feeling of thankfulness and pride.

In the Legislative Building in Charlottetown, N.E.I. (which by the way is the oldest settlement in Canada) there is the room where the delegates discussed the Union of British North America, - and a plaque on the wall reads "In the hearts and minds of the delegates who assembled in this room on September 1st. 1864 was born the Dominion of Canada." Articles of Confederation were signed later. In this Centennial year we must remind ourselves once more, that we too are pioneers, and face a great responsibility for the future welfare of Canada as a whole. Our nation will progress only in proportion to the ideals, industry, co-operation, tolerance and understanding of its people. We revere the past, we honour the present, and look forward with an abiding faith to the future.

Just a moment more, we want to be relaxed before our cup of tea, so following the train of thought suggested by Mrs. Wiggins' item for the Tweedsmuir Book, - here are a few lucas, and some funny items picked up along the research road. Just now Superstitious are we, even remotely, - do you ever read the horoscope notes in the daily press, and think that sometimes they applied all right. Any of you a February child, born up to Feb. 19, then this applies to you, maybe, -

By those who in this month are born  
No pen save garnets should be worn.

Born after the 19th.

These souls will always find  
Sincerity and peace of mind  
Freedom of passion and from care  
If they the amethyst will wear.

How often do we hear these clichés, - Events come in threes, - Touch wood, - Sing before breakfast, cry before night, - itchy palm receive money, itchy feet soon travel, and so on.

Now in conclusion here is a true story. It happened to a Boston man, maybe it has a moral, I would not dare say.

It happened in front of the old post office on Centre Street. This man believed the old saying "See a pin pick it up, all the day you'll have good luck!" There it lay a nice bright pin and of course true to his convictions he stooped to pick it up. Whilst stooping his hat fell off and rolled merrily into the street. Nothing was paved then. Still crouching, his eye on the pin he reached for his hat, a suspender button took off, - his collar unsewed to the strain split open, - and tragedy his store teeth recently inserted at a cost of \$18. fell out rolled into the street and broke, well there it is, - the price of a pin.



Alex Totten in 1835 came from County Armagh, Ireland, and started a store on Con. 3, lot 6. In 1840 he married Isabella, daughter of John Williamson of Ferry's Corners or Newton Robinson. New settlers came and settled near Alex. and a village developed and a post office was opened in 1858, and the name given to it of Tottenham, in honor of its settlers. The village applied for incorporation in 1884. John Thomas Smith was appointed enumerator the proposed village limits contained 792 names and the council incorporated it with John Philip Himes as the first returning officer. The first Reeve elected was George A. Nolan in 1885.

The earliest settler was James M. Tegart, 1823 who settled on Con. 4, lot 8. A cemetery was started there about 1828 and many of the old settlers lie buried there. Mr. Tegart died March 7, 1881 at the age of 80. In 1825 Hugh Semple came from Scotland and settled on Con. 4, lot 7 and died here in 1882. His eldest son Andrew became member of the Dominion House of Commons.

James White was an early settler, a native of County Down, Ireland. He died in 1846.

Among the early pioneer settlers we find the names of  
 James Bateman Con. 4 lot 4, Charles Brawley con. 4 lot 6;  
 John and Gilbert Coffey con. 4 lots 22 and 23. Andrew Gerawell con. 4  
 lot 4. Elijah Collier con. 4 lot 11 Robert Gaultier con. 4 lot 20.  
 John Dillane con. 4 lot 10 Adam Dunning con. 4 lot 1.  
 Thomas Dunning con. 4 lot 12. Alex. Greenaway con. 4 lot 6.  
 William Hall con. 4 lot 12. William Hemmell Jr. con. 4 lot 4.  
 William Hampton con. 4 lot 15 George and Thomas Hayes con. 4 lot 7.  
 William Hignays con. 4 lot 9. William Hollingshead con. 4 lot 13.  
 Dan. and Robert Martin con. 4 lot 9 and 19. Peter Killory con. 4 lot 5.  
 Edward Morris con. 4 lot 8. John McLauchlan con. 4 lot 6.  
 Patrick Macmahon con. 4 lot 3. Angus Penfield, Hugh and William  
 Richardson, John Richardson, Peter Rush, Hugh Semple, Robert and  
 William Thompson, James Tegart, John Totten, Thomas Worthington.

George Hollingshead born 1830 in the Twp. Tecumseh.  
 34 lot 12 con. 4 in 1881 farm was valued at \$12,000 150 acres.

Fred. Ashbaugh born in Canada 1816, came to Tottenham in 1868.

Sam. Douglas born in Twp. 1838, owns 100 acres con. 5 lot 4 value \$6000.

Francis C. Callaghan former License Inspector  
 N. 5 con 4 lot 3, 150 acres.

Every community or settlement no matter how small or how remote has its own personal story. Tottenham, Pelgrave, Pennville, Fisher's Corners, Bolton, Seaton, any of these villages have a wealth of material for factual records. Pioneers now living could tell us much of the early local happenings that they or their fathers experienced before them.

The trouble is time marches on, pioneers go to their rewards and with them also goes a memory that might have been preserved. Take Anne Wilkinsons Lions in the way, the story of the early settling of Bond Head and the Oiler family. One recent reader told me she recognized so many familiar stories, and also she learned that her Great grandmother was tried there for witch craft.

People who know Toronto will find much of interest in the book Toronto by Katherine Hale, - Burton's Sense of Urgency, The Story of a merchandizing venture, The Robt. Simpson Co., - and Flora Eaton's Memory Wall and Kate Aithens Never a Day So Bright.

Many of these stories are centred about a particular and familiar locality and are fascinating even to a stranger and must be of so much more interest to the native sons and daughters. It has taken a heap of living to bring your village of Tottenham to its present level. Imagine life here a hundred or so years ago. No electricity, therefore no every day appliances, no railroads, no telegraphs, no telephones, no motor cars, no representative government, no Atlantic steam service, no nylon, viacore, cambric, fibre glass or any of the wonderful new materials we have today.

It was the old story 120 years ago, cotton, silk, wool, linen no more. The things we take for granted today, would be for the old timers miracles. A year ago a tableau was presented here written I believe by a Mrs. Morrow. It portrayed in tableau, and recitation the part woman has played in the development of this country. Personally I have forgotten practically everything on that programme but the quiet drama of those moving figures as they stepped out from the pages of history, their story was bound up in our own experiences, and we were a part of their life. Our villages are the feeding presses for the larger centres of service, we send our sons and our daughters out to the world at large, and we who are left keep the home fires burning.

In May 1885 the Annual Spring Show of the Tottenham Independent Agricultural Society was held. Prizes for imported Draft went to Fleming Bros., - Cooney and Carmichael, - K. Tekart.

General Purposes, -

Cassidias-Draft, - George Morrow, - Joshua Wilson, - James Riddell.

Canadian Draft, - Richard Treacy, - Wilson and MacBeth, - John Moyland.

Carriage, - F. Campbell, - Roadster, Booth and Vogen, - W. Howard, - Wilson and MacBeth.

Bulls, Joseph Hollingshead, and J. Riddell, of Beeton.

In February (Thursday VII) 1886 Fire destroyed the Treacy House and store occupied by Brown Bros. and Son, General Dry Goods. The building was owned by John Kidd of Athlone and was insured for \$3000. Mr. Richard Treacy who occupied the Hotel loses about \$1500, no insurance and Brown Bros. loss is about \$6000, and is covered. Mr. Kidd is replacing the building with a structure three stories high and extending around the corner. In 1886 Tottenham had 8 general stores, - 8 druggists, - several grocery stores, and book stores.

In April Brown Bros. leased the Potter Block for a term of five years. 130,000 brick for the new Kidd building are on the site for rebuilding.

Dr. Atkinson purchased the DeLamer property for \$5,275 and is offering it for sale in lots.

We also read that Mr. Thomas Williams is moving into his palatial residence on Queen street north. The people of Colman have lost an obliging neighbour and Tottenham gains a good citizen.

1886 Taxes are 22 mills on the Dollar.

Plans for the new English Church are under way.

October 1886 Foundation for the new English Church is completed.

Nov. 13, 1886 corner stone was laid for English Church by Rev. Bell.

In 1886 monthly fair were held in Tottenham, sale of cattle, etc.



Mr. Cassia Hughes editor of the Sentinel was married Sept. 25th. 1886 to Miss F. Morrison. There was no paper that week.

Shares are being offered at \$10 each for a park. \$1500 has already been subscribed. Officers are President--George Legart,-- Vice-President-- T.R. Carnishael,-- Treasurer-- Dr. McKenna,-- Secretary-- M.J. Casserley.

Instruments for the Tottenham Band were received in March 1887.

In April 1887 the T.O.O.F. held its 65th. Anniversary by having open lodge and a lunch.

Things never seem to go smoothly in Russia, the following is clipped from an old file of 1891.

The Czar and his family had been contemplating a visit to Moscow for some time, but just as they were about to start, rumours of dynamite along the route upset their calculations, and the picnic was declared off. It is hard to say which must feel the more miserable in Russia, the oppressor or the oppressed but if there ever was a benighted and utterly miserable country since the world began it is Russia.

Again a note from 1891,-- Mr. Crocker of Orillia has invented a new typewriting machine, with which he hopes to make a fortune. The machine can be turned out for \$25, is servicable and has many good points. Mr. Crocker is anxious to start a joint stock company for the manufacture of the machine.

Also for 1891,-- A new sewing machine by A. Jones of Cardiff has no shuttle or bobbin. The thread is supplied directly from two ordinary spools, and sews through the assistance of a rotary looper. It is vastly more simple than any other sewing machine. Whatever became of these inventions.

Monday January 3rd. 1927, a hockey game between Tottenham and Beeton,-- Tottenham won 7 to 1. Herb. Norton of Alliston was referee,-- On Tottenham team Goal was Hockwell,-- Defence-Hamilton and Magee,-- Centre Anderson,-- Right Wing- Goddard,-- Left Wing - Hastings,-- Subs- Walken and Goddard.

J.J. McKnight was elected Reeve. Miss Victoria Milligan held a seat as Councillor, along with W.J. MeLenn,-- P.R. Keogh, Peter McGoey, Harold Strangways. A few years ago the village elected Mrs. J.R. Williams, the first woman councillor in the country. The school trustees A.E. Worruce,-- George Butt and C.A. Weaver.

In March 1927. Mr. Alex. Hughston advertised that he had completed the alterations to his mill and was ready for business.

A Tennyson evening was held in the United Church,-- Rev. R.W. Beveridge lectured on Tennyson,-- and Miss Jean Arnold of COokstown and Miss Mary Henderson gave readings. The quartette at Sunday service was made up by following gentleman, Messrs S.J. Napier, C.A. Weaver, Dr. Clariage and Dr. Wood.

16 April 1927 Charles Magloughlin, - purchased the Nelson Block and will erect an up to date garage. Some time ago he purchased the Church back of the Black Horse, and he will use the brick from it for the construction of his garage.

In June 1927 we read that television, once a dream is now a fact. In time millions may watch the inauguration of a governor general or a champion foot ball game. Television is a System of transmitting Synchronously a voice and a picture of the person speaking.

Miss Leona Charlebois of Toronto spent a few days with her grandfather, Postmaster Casserley at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

Two Meetings of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church, Speakers were Rev. Savage, - Roach, - Walter MacLennan, - Orr, - Wilkinson and Campbell. There was grand music by the choir.

They believe in large families in the 1800's. We read a report of a reunion at the residence of Mr. J.A. Brown of Tottenham. There were present 7 daughters, - the youngest being 34 and the oldest 61, - also three sons, the youngest 40 and the oldest 51. Mrs Brown is hale and hearty, 79 years of age, - she is Grandmother and Great Grandmother to 91 descendants.

In 1885 a new brick schoolhouse was being erected in Tottenham.

There were two debating societies in Tottenham.

A Grand concert was held in the R.C. Church in Nov. 1885, proceeds to go to the building fund.  
The new R.C. Church was opened in Feb. 1886.

Mr. G. Robinson is starting a henery and has purchased choice fowl from Mr. A. Maynard.

Good butter sold for 10 and 12 1/2 cts. per pound.

#### Tweedsmuir History Report

Branch .....Barton, Ont. .... South Simcoe.

By Mrs. W.W. Cole.

Copy sent to  
Mrs. Corrigan,  
Barrett, Ont.

October 11th, 1966 Tweedsmuir History meeting was held in the Community Hall. Members of Tottenham, Bond Head and Geoketown Institutes were our guests. A display of Antiques was on view, and pages of the Tweedsmuir History were also shown. The collection of photographs proved of great interest. Mrs. Jessie Hankman of Geoketown was guest speaker and demonstrated the art of turning lumpy marshmallows into miniature life like flowers. Three of our Charter Members were present. Mrs. Harry Campbell, Mrs. E.W. Kettle and Mrs. Alice Green.

Mrs. Alice Green has been most helpful in supplying us with pictures and histories for the Tweedsmuir Book. We were in communication with Mrs. Annette Leitch of Toronto, Editor of the Historical History of Haryana. We were able to secure pictures and material for this publication.



### The Taylor Family

Harry Ann Dugget and David Fenn came from England. When they were first married, they settled on the 11th concession of Tecumseh Township. Mrs. Fenn died in 1910, she was 89 years of age, and was laid to rest in Boston Cemetery.

A daughter, Louise, married George TAYLOR of Tecumseh, and they lived most of their lives on the 6th. and 11th. concessions. There were two children, one son George Henry Taylor who married Miss Sarah Jane Bruce daughter of William Bruce, who came to Canada from Ireland with his parents and brother Thomas, her mother was Miss Sarah Pierson. Thomas Pierson and Mary Ann Ferguson, were her parents. They came from County Tyrone, Ireland, to Canada in 1811 to Anna Mills where her father married on weaving.

The Piersons had six girls and two boys. The girls were Margaret Stone, Mary Ritchie, Annie Gay, Sarah Bruce, Elizabeth Little and Martha who remained single along with one brother Robert who never married, her other brother John married a Miss McGill. The Pierson family lives on Lot 15, Concession 6 Tecumseh.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor Sr. Daughter Mrs. Cameron Schuchman, lives in Toronto in 1966. Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor Jr., lived for a short while in Tottenham and on the 6th. Concession. They later lived on the 6th line, then on the 7th line on the farm now owned by their son Melville. The last years of their life was spent in Barrie.

There were three children- Melville, Tecumseh, Irene ( Mrs. Douglas McEachow), West Swillbury and Kathleen of Barrie. Melville married Miss Corie Westlake, and they have Donald and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. McEachow have a son Bruce of Stayner and a daughter Mrs. James Thompson of Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce's family were besides Mrs. George Taylor, Charlotte who became Mrs. James Wells of Tottenham, and William who married Elizabeth Penfield, of Penfield.

Mr. William Bruce Sr. died in 1929, age 89 years and is buried in Mt. Taggart Cemetery, Tottenham, and his wife died in 1909.



### The Henry Robins Family.

This is 1907, and 100 years ago it is recorded that Henry Robins lived on Lot 14, Concession 8, Tecumseth, we are also told that he helped the Spreule men of Beeton to thresh for the farmers. He married Miss Sarah Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hayes, and was born on the fifth line north of Tottenham, Ont. After living in Beeton, where their family were all born, they went west for ten years, then came back to Toronto, where they spent the rest of their lives. They belonged to the Methodist Church. They are buried in Toronto. Mrs. Sarah Robins passed away August 22nd, 1925, in her 80th. year. She left two brothers and two sisters--

Mrs. Corbett of Shelburne, Ont.

Mrs. Brothers in Buffalo.

Robert Hayes at Riverview, Ont.

Tom. Hayes at Rosvain, N.Y.

Henry Robins died in 1929 in his 88th. year.

The family consisted of --William J. Edward, Samuel W. Robert Arkells, Ethel, and another daughter Winnie whom I believe is still living.

- 1- William or Billy left Beeton to take care of horses which he purchased from the Strangway farm on Tecumseth's 6th. line. He spent some time working with horses, training them, and selling them. In 1895 he joined the Fire Department in San Antonio. In 1910 he was made Captain of a Nitrate Plant. In 1918, he was made Fire Chief. He died in 1947, leaving one daughter and two grandchildren.
- 2- Edward went to Alliston to live. He also was very fond of horses. He married Miss Ella English, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John English, from the 11th. line Tecumseth. She had three sisters and two brothers-- Mrs. Percy, of Toronto, Mrs. W.J. Anderson of Tottenham, Mrs. B. Hoey of Alliston, George English of Toronto and John English of Beeton. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Robins had three sons-- Elmer, Kenneth and Herman.
- 3- Samuel married Miss Jennie Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ramsey of Tecumseth. They had one daughter Mildred, who passed away when quite young. Sam. has a bike shop on Main Street, Bk120N, for some time, then changed to become a brakeman on the C.P.R. He was there until he met with a very serious accident. While coupling cars he slipped under the wheels, resulting in the loss of his left leg. He continued in office work for the C.P.R. in Toronto, until he received his pension. He was always cheerful and had many friends. He died in Toronto, Sept. 2nd. 1949 at 74 years of age.
- 4- Ethel the eldest daughter married M. Connahan. She died not long after her marriage, about 1923. There were no children.
- 5- Winnie Arville married Sanford Addison Warner of Winnipeg. They had five daughters and two sons,--Addison of Winnipeg, Harold of Columbus, Ohio., Mildred - Mrs. Leslie Cook, 2nd. Mrs. L. Clarke, Ruth, Mrs. K. McBride, Meta Mrs. Tom. McDonald, Inez lat. Mrs. Bill Todd, 2nd. Mrs. W. Dunlop, and Grace Mrs. W. Spencer. <sup>13</sup>Mrs. Bill Davidson. Winnie Warner died Feb. 14, 1948 and M. Warner died in 1949.



David Evans and Ann Wilson. Parents of Selby.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby Evans came to Lot 9, con. 7, Tecumseth, at Beeton from East Gwillimbury in 1834 with their Baby Robert who was only a few months old. Mrs. Evans was formerly Katharine Briggs. They had three boys and five girls. All were born on the Evans Homestead but Robert.

Robert Evans married Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, from the farm where Simcoe Manor is now.

Lydia Evans married John Miller. They had

1 Frances Lydia married Thomas Hobbs, born in 1859.

2 Walter G. Miller of British Columbia

After Mr. Miller's death Lydia married James Foster. They had

1 Dr. Selby Evans Foster, of Sandwich, Ont.

2 Annie Evans Foster married J.G. Wallace of Lockwood, Sask.

3 Victor Evans Foster

4 Eliza Evans Foster B.N. Born in 1876 and died in 1956.

Kate Evans married George Irwin, they had two girls and four boys.

Abigail Evans married John Irwin (George's brother). They had four boys and six girls. Mrs. Ben. Watson was a daughter.

John Evans married Eliza Miller. They had four girls and three boys and lived in Gorrie.

Jane Evans married Thomas Keffer M.D. of Maple and they had eight girls and five boys.

Walter Evans born in 1845, married Isabella Evans of Queensville, and remained on the homestead in Beeton. They had

1 Walter of Chicago

2 Merritt of Aultville

Both boys were in the First World War and their names were on the Honor Roll. Walter Evans Sr. died in 1932 and Mrs. Evans died in 1939, both eighty eight years of age.

Ann Evans the youngest member of the family remained single.

The Henry Robbins FAMILY continued.

Robert Arkelle Robins was born in Beeton March 20th. 1881. He went to school there, and at the age of thirteen, he went to work for Mr. John Brathet. The next year he went to Mr. Sam Ward's. When they moved to Beeton in 1919, he came with them. He drove a green truck first for Bowes' and then for Cousin's Dairies. He was a member of the Anglican Church, a life member and Past Master of Mt. Ararat L.O.L., also Past District Master, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. During the last few years he had both legs amputated due to a gangrene infection. He died August 31st. 1960, at the age of 79 years, and is buried at St. John's Cemetery with the family who were so kind to him through the years.



Ark. Robins

In the year of our Lord 1834, Samuel Ward with his young wife Mary Wilkinson with baby Margaret left their native Armagh, Ireland and migrated to the new World, there to found a new home and seek fortune. On arrival in Canada they settled on freehold land in Tecumseh Township, Concession 6 lot 17, and on this farm their family was born. This property was later taken over for the erection of St. John's Anglican Church. The family then moved to Concession 4 Lot .

We here list the family of Mary and Samuel Ward.

Margaret Ward born in Ireland 1834. She later became Mrs. William Hayes. (No connection to Wilmot Hayes).

Thomas Ward born 1836. He with his father and brother were active members of the Orange Association. Thomas became Sergeant Major of the 35th Battalion. He died in 1884 of appendicitis.

Elizabeth Ann born 1840. She was deaf and died in 1912.

Samuel Ward born in 1841 and died in 1927 in Beeton Main St. West.

Jane Ward married William Goodfellow of Bradford in 1862, and in 1912 they purchased Mr. Thomas Lennin's home on Main Street Beeton, and moved there. Mr. Goodfellow died in 1919, and Mrs. Goodfellow in 1933. They are buried in the "Auld Kirk Cemetery in West Gwillimbury".

Ellen Mary Ward born 1846 and died in 1938. (Lived in Beeton with brother Samuel).

William Ward died when 4 years old.

Samuel Ward with his sister Ellen Mary resided on the farm on the 4th. line of Tecumseh, - south of Fenville. After many successful years of farming the property was sold and Samuel and Ellen Mary came in 1890 to reside in Beeton. They knew Beeton well and Ellen Mary often recalled incidents of the early life when living on the 7th line. Matches were unknown, and she told of going to a neighbour to borrow live coals with which to rekindle a fire.

It is interesting to record here that Arkell Robins, a well known figure in and around Beeton for many years, was with the Wards since 1895, and came with them when they took up residence in Beeton. And it was here that Ark, as he was known, lived until his death, when an auction sale was held of the property and contents.

A cousin of the Ward family visiting in Beeton recently recalled the Funeral of Mary Wilkinson Ward in 1888. It was a largely attended and she remembers the men wore crepe draped around their hats. All members of the Ward family, with the exception of Jane Ward Goodfellow and Margaret Ward Hayes, are buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Mary Ellen continued to reside in the house on Main St. after the death of her brother Samuel in 1927.

Arkell Robins remained a close member of the family until the death of Ellen Mary in 1938. A Credence Table in St. Paul's Anglican Church was Dedicated in her memory.



## GOODFELLOW

In 1825, William Goodfellow was born on the first farm west of Bradford. He was a son of John Goodfellow and Catharine Tivy, and was the eldest of a family of nine sons and two daughters. The others were - Thomas, James, Adam, Peter, Susannah, Joseph, Robert, Samuel, John, and Anne. Both girls married a Mr. Paris, of West Gwillimbury Township/. Peter was a Presbyterian minister in Nova Scotia.

When about twenty-one years of age, William started farming at Lefroy an occupation which he followed for thirty years. When he retired, he moved to Bradford. He married Miss Maria Willoughby, of Newton Robinson, a daughter of John Willoughby, and a sister of Mrs. Alexander Totten of Tottenham. William and Miria had one son, George, who passed away with diptheria at the age of eleven years. Miria died in 1880.

In 1882, William married Miss Jane Ward, daughter of Samuel Ward and Mary Gilkinson. Jane had three sisters and two brothers - Margaret who married William Hayes, Elizabeth, Thomas, Samuel, and Ellen Mary of Tecumsehh.

In 1912, they bought the property owned by Mr. Thomas Lannin, on Main St. Beeton, they spent the rest of their lives there, Mrs. Goodfellow's niece Miss Mary Ann ( May ) Hayes, came with them, took care of them, and nursed them when they each had a broken leg. Mr Goodfellow was a staunch Liberal. They all took a keen interest in religious and Church affairs.

Mr. Goodfellow passed away in August 1919, <sup>94 years of age</sup> and Mrs. Goodfellow in January 1923. They are laid to rest in the Cemetery at the " Auld Kirk" Presbyterian Church in West Gwillimbury Township.

In some records, we find that John, William's father came to Canada from Rockinghamshire, Scotland, in 1816 to Markham Township. He received a grant for land, June 16th 1819. at Bradford.



## HAYES

Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes, were both born in Ireland in the county of Armagh. Mr. Hayes's parents were Robert and Betty, and they settled in Albion, near Caledon East. Robert and Betty had three sons Robert, Wilson and William and one daughter Eliza Jane who died in her seventeenth year in 1846. She and her parents were buried in Providence Cemetery, in Albion township.

Robert Hayes and his wife lived in the Dundalk area, in Gray County. Wilson lived in Bruce County near Lion's Head. William Hayes's wife was the former Margaret Ward. She came to Canada in 1834, when she was a baby, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ward. Mrs. Ward was Miss Mary Wilkinson. The Wards settled on Lot 17, in the 6th concession of Tecumseth. Years later the farm was known as the Glebe farm for St. John's Anglican Church.

William and Margaret were married by the Rev. F. Osler in 1857. They went to Albion to live where five of their children died in infancy. The remaining members of their family were Robert, Samuel, Albert, Mary Ann (May) and Eleanor Margaret who married John Brethet of lot 19, con. 5, Tecumseth.

In 1882, they moved to lot 12, concession 7, on the seventh line, south of Beeton, where their house was burned. Later they moved to Essa where Mr. Hayes died in 1898. Mrs. Hayes died in 1916, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Brethet. They were buried in Beeton Presbyterian Cemetery.

Mr. Hayes and his three sons all belonged to Mt. Ararat L.O.G., and the family belonged to the Presbyterian church.

Their son Robert, born in 1858, a very quiet and kind person, lived at home until he married Miss Mary Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins of Hookley, she had seven brothers and six sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes lived on the seventh, ninth and fifth lines before going to Saskatchewan, there they settled near Kindersley. Their family were born here --- Ida, Mrs. J. Landon, of Drumhellar, she had ten of a family. Three boys in the War, one son and a son-in-law paid the supreme sacrifice. Lolo, Mrs. R. Burt, both are deceased, they had a son and a daughter, Marguerite, Mrs. J. Flower. They live in Kindersley, and had no children. The only boy, Walter lives in Sovereign, and he has a family of three sons and two daughters. Robert died in 1935, and Mary in 1959 aged 93 years. She was very smart to the very last.

Samuel, the second boy, was born in 1860. He became a shoe-maker, he served an apprenticeship in shoe-making in Caledon East, Cookstown and Tottenham, before he married Miss Martha Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon of Williamsburg. Martha had three brothers and two sisters. They lived in Cookstown for a short time first, then they settled in Beeton. Their home and shop were destroyed in the big Beeton fire, in October, 1892. They built again on Main Street, and spent the rest of their lives there. Sam or "Uncle Sam" as he was called by many, possessed a genial disposition, was tactful and courteous in business, and won a large circle of friends. They took a keen interest in church and public affairs. At the age of 58, Mr. Hayes died suddenly, in West Toronto Railway Station. That was in 1918. Mrs. Hayes died suddenly at the home of her niece, Mrs. M. Gordon, in Toronto. They are laid to rest in Beeton.

Albert Edward, born in 1871, in Albion, he followed his father and brothers in church and Orange affiliation. When he was living in Essa, in 1905 he married Miss

Edith Donaghy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donaghy of Momo Road. She had three brothers, and three sisters. They settled in Beeton and Albert worked with Mr. Aiken at his Flour Mill, and later with Mr. B. Heuchan.

There were no children. Mrs. Hayes took an active part in the church and Orange Association. Mr. Hayes died in 1947, in his 76th year, and Mrs. Hayes in 1959, in her 85 year. They took a great interest in their garden and flowers.

Mary Ann or May, born in 1862, also took a great interest in Beeton. She lived with her parents, until her brother married, then she took care of her Uncle and Aunt, Mr and Mrs William Goodfellow, in Bradford for a while and then in Beeton. A willing worker, always kind and ready to help where needed. She passed away at the home of her sister Mrs. Brethet, in Bond Head, on July 26th, 1934, age 72 years.



Sergt. James Jenkins.

Mr. James Jenkins, worked in Beeton, in Mr. Sam. Hayes's shoeshop, for a number of years. Then had his own store or shop in Bond Head.

This was taken from the Beeton World, "Sergt. James Jenkins," formerly of Beeton, in a letter to Mr. Sam. Hayes states he is now at Avismore, Invernesshire, Scotland, rescuing soles of members of the Forestry Brigade. Being a good shoemaker, Mr. Hayes is sure Mr. Jenkins is the right man in the right place.

Later: Regarding the death of Sergt. James Jenkins, this was recorded in the Hartland (Exm) papers and refers to the funeral of the deceased. The funeral of the late Sergt. Jenkins took place at Hartland on Saturday last. Deceased had been in the Canadian Military Hospital, Taplow, Bucks. some considerable time, suffering from bronchitis, but was able to write his sister, Mrs. Bond, within a day or two of his death; indeed, she received a letter from him only an hour before the telegram announcing his death. Deceased, 47 years of age, was the third son of the late William and Maria Jenkins, bakers, and about 25 years ago commenced on his own account in the Market Square. Later he emigrated to Canada, where he enlisted, working at his trade.



*Sergt. James Jenkins*



*James Jenkins Sam. Hayes.  
who  
lived and worked  
with  
Sam. Hayes  
for years.*

### THE Hayes Family Tree.

In 1799 Thomas Hayes was born at Kinnegoe, County Armagh. In his teens he joined the Militia and at twenty he married a Miss Bennett. A large family was resultant from this union. Thomas Hayes belonged to both the Masonic and Orange Orders.

In 1830 Thomas accompanied by two brothers and his own family of nine emigrated to Canada and settled in Tecumseh on part of Lot 7, south side of 5th concession line. The two brothers and most of his own family took up land in Western Ontario in the area roughly from a line from Brampton to Sarnia and extending north to and including the Counties of Bruce and Grey.

One son Sam settled on lot 5 south side of the 7th concession line, and there he helped to establish the Orange Lodge. Thomas Hayes lived to 103 residing in later years with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Speare of Moorefield, by a second marriage. He rests in Palmerston Cemetery.

George Hayes Sr. second son of Thomas obtained the Crown Deed of Lot 11 south side of the 6th concession line. He was married to Ann Weatherhead of Loggill, County Armagh. They had a family of eleven and here in the original log house George Sr. was born in 1850 and here he resided during the greater portion of his lifetime. George married Eliza Jane Tegart, granddaughter of the original J.M. Tegart, early pioneer of the Tottenham area. On the Tegart homestead an early Methodist meeting-house was built. Close by, the first white, to die in the township, was buried, the present site of Mt. Tegart Cemetery.

While in his early twenties George Hayes cleared the land, removed the stumps, blasted and hauled off large stones, and drew cord-wood to the neighbouring villages. He was tax collector and councillor for nine years, reeve for three. Mr. Hayes was an active member of Boston Methodist Church, a Past District Master in the Orange Order, and a staunch Conservative.

There were five children,

Walter Hayes, the eldest died when a year old.

Edwy Hayes, a University of Toronto graduate was drowned in Muskoka at the age of 23.

Wilnot Hayes still residing on the old homestead belonged to the militia in the early 1900's. In 1919 he married Hazel daughter of the late John and Eleanor Margaret (Hayes) Brathet of the 6th concession line. A family of four has blessed this union, Margaret Leach, Kathleen McKnight, Wallace Hayes and Glenra McCague. All are married and have families to keep alive the memories of their ancestors. Wilnot and Hazel worship at Tottenham United Church. Wilnot is a member of the Session and was president of Mt. Tegart Cemetery board for over forty years. Hazel too is active in various women's organizations.

Upon conclusion of World War I in 1918, Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes purchased Lot 23, Con. 5, a Carswell property moving there in the spring of 1920. Alma and Cecil accompanied their parents. Alma departed this life Easter Sunday 1927.

Cecil Hayes, the youngest in the family, attended school at S.S.B.6 Mount Pleasant and Tottenham Continuation, going on to take his B.A., at University College, Toronto, in 1914, with the intention of studying law at Osgoode Hall. In October he signed up for active service with the Governor General's Body Guards, leaving for overseas in February 1915, with the Mounted Rifles, later transferred to Heavy Artillery and then to Anti Aircraft as Range Finder. He was with the Occupational Army in Germany after the signing of the Armistice in 1918, and returned to Canada in May, 1919. He was treasurer of Ford Road United Church for 9 years, and a Past District Master in the Orange Order.



The Hayes Family Tree continued.

Mrs. George Hayes took a keen interest in her church and in the community. She passed to her reward November 2nd, 1936. George Hayes died July 12th, 1939 just five days short of his eighty-ninth birthday.

In 1941 Cecil married Myrtle Jane Fox of Acton. Owing to ill health they gave up farming in 1943. On selling the farm they moved to Victoria in 1946 where he worked with the Department of National Defence for 13 years. In 1961 and 1962, he and his wife enjoyed an eight month sojourn in the British Isles, visiting the birthplace of his great grandparents, all four came from County Armagh, Northern Ireland. He was an active member of the United Church and Red Cross Society in Bond Head. Life member of Mount Ararat L.O.L. and a Conservative in politics.

Cecil Talange Hayes born Jan. 6, 1891. Died Nov. 14, 1966  
Buried in Bella Coola Cemetery, British Columbia.

Myrtle Jane Hayes died March 1, 1967, buried in Bella Coola Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmet Hayes sold their farm and moved to Alliston in 1964. In October 1969 they celebrated their 50th. Wedding Anniversary with their family and sixteen grandchildren. They are members of St. John's United Church in Alliston.

July 10, 1948. Eleanore Margaret Hayes -- Clarence Walter Leach  
1950 David Ross Leach  
1951 Debbie Leach  
1954 Sheila Margaret Leach  
1957 Susan Dawn Leach  
1959 Janice Elizabeth Leach

June 29, 1948 John Wallace Hayes--<sup>(1)</sup> Barbara Suzanne Kearns  
(Died May 12, 1951.)  
1950 Bobby Hayes (Mt. Pagart Cemetery).

Jan. 7, 1956. John WALLACE Hayes--<sup>(2)</sup> Margaret Grace Burrows  
1956 John Scott Hayes  
1958 Glenn Suzanne Hayes  
1959 Heather Janette Hayes

Oct. 21, 1950 Kathleen Elizabeth Hayes-- Thomas David Donald McKnight  
1952 Christopher McKnight  
1954 Anne Elizabeth McKnight  
1958 Patricia Lynn McKnight

June 14, 1958 Glenn Ethlyn Hayes-- John Brian McCague  
1960 Kelly Suzanne McCague  
1961 Tracey McCague  
1965 John Joseph Edward McCague

Yesteryears of Round Head Area  
As through a five-year old's eye,-

By Cecil Hayes -  
1964.

Now, will you come with me and meet some of my acquaintances of yesteryears; some of the older folks and how they appeared to a child of six or eight towards the close of the past century, not forgetting that we, in our turn, might appear just as peculiar to the little tots of our generation.

First, there was Mr. A----- who lived back of us. He was a fairly tall man with pink cheeks and long white hair. Once a week, with great regularity, he would ride along the bush trail on his old white nag. He went to a neighbor's a mile down the fifth concession line for a jar of buttermilk. How he did like buttermilk. Upon his return journey he would tie his horse to the lane fence, come into the house and, after the customary greeting, which included comments on the weather and a statement concerning his state of health, he would search his vest pockets, invariably producing a stick of liquorice. Handing it to me he would say, "Take this my boy," some day, some day you'll rule the seas, that you will." Sixty-five years later, I am sorry to admit his prediction did not come true.

Next, we met Mr. B----- of medium height, broad, with a large moon-like face, long hair, well over his coat collar. He wore a large brown double-breasted three-quarter coat with great brass buttons. I always liked to see him come and count out twenty large coins to Father. Alas, the gold did not remain for long with Father. Always it had to be paid to a third party. Mr. B--- always brought to mind the story of King David.

Another visitor was Davey D---, a little man with a small nut brown face, small keen eyes, close cropped hair. He always wore a dark brown, close ribbed cardigan, each small pocket held five huge plums and always did when plums were in season, so of course, Davey was an always welcome entreat. Poor Davey was subject to fits and aroused our sympathy. The older boys teased him, and how he would chase them, jerking stones at them as fast and straight as from a rifle. Davey had a nick name for the neighbors. "Mr. Cord, with whom he lived was "Gourley," Albert Allen, a huge conklin youth, was "Samson," Mr. Jeffery was "Jarvis," my father was "We Georgia," Joseph Bramham, an expert at handling the scraper, was "Joe, the scraper man."

Then, too, was Ned Innis, whom our black and white collie always welcomed with a certain plaintive bark. Ned wore a three-quarter length black frock coat, a wide-brimmed black soft felt hat and carried a cane. Respecting him as a Quaker, he was one of our more distinguished guests. In this category was Joseph Allison, a tall ex-pedagogue of excellent seamanship.

There were the ladies, "God bless them." Two elderly ladies drove over yearly. They dressed in black with lace collars and cuffs, bonnets with long ribbons. After the conversation waned a little, I would serve them the rosiest apples I could find. Shortly, the more talkative one would untie her lace handkerchief and would give me a shiny, small Victorian five-cent piece. (Nothing so vulgar as a nickel in those days). The other lady followed suit with a large ten-cent piece. I always welcomed them and, of course, liked them both. She gave me the ten-cent piece, a little bit more.

Ann Wiley, a very distant relative, I was told, visited us three times a year. She had hair, not Auburn, not a fiery red, but an in-between tinge, knotted in a tight bun at the back of her head.



She was ruddy-faced, and had freckles. She would sail up to her side, run her fingers through my hair, saying, "Poor wee Tenzel, I have something for you." Her hands would search through the many folds of her voluminous skirt for a certain mysterious pocket from which, at last, a bag of candy was forthcoming. On the second day of her stay, she would take affront at something Mother or Father had unwittingly said, and a real huff would come. "I'll never come back here again," and out she went she would go, invariably forgetting her umbrella or a pair of rubbers. Arriving at the roadway, she came back for the forgotten article and often made up again.

THE VERY IMPORTANT lady in the village bake shop kept such wondrous candies, I would stand before the big show-case starry-eyed. Six pennies would buy only six candies but each one was as large as five or ten cent one you buy today. Though spoken of as a kindly woman, I thought her rather sharp. While in consideration of my selection, I was suddenly startled by, "What'll you have? uh! uh! uh!" in a rather shrill voice. A sharp chin and long nose came well over the show-case. "Please, two caramels in shiny paper, two peanut chews and two bull eyes." Upon receiving the candies, I made a hasty retreat.

My Great Aunt Sally, whom I didn't see very often, seemed a great personage to me. She was fairly tall, wore a black dress trimmed with white lace and a white lace cap. Her long clay pipe intrigued me, so I needs pick it up - but use to me! It fell upon the floor. It broke into three pieces. Yes, I had no right touching it. I was in her bad graces. What could I do to make amends? Father came to my rescue and soothingly said, "Never mind, come with me to Tottenham." After a nice ride behind the wheel, Joe, he purchased not one but six clay pipes at Hannell's store. Best of all, Aunt Sally was my friend again.

There were various peddlers and yams, travellers of the road, the hoboes of bygone days, all intrigued me. Mr. Billy Johnston, with a peg-leg came around with his one horse wagon, filled with shiny tinware, pails, colanders, funnels, etc. One third down the lane, he would blow his horn. Collie, too, announced his coming with a special bark. How welcome it was to see him hand some shiny utensil to Mother! I recall the sturvy Armenian pedlars, who went around on foot, carrying two great packs, one so thick and bulging with dry goods, everything seen in a dry goods store, seemed to be there including kerchiefs, towels, aprons, shirts, dresses, hose, and lingerie. The other case contained combs, knives, cutlery, jewellery, and pipes. How appealing they were! The housewife purchased, as also did the hired man. "Buy a pipe, Mr. John, buy a nice pipe. This one I brought especially for you." One Armenian came all the way from Rich Hill, some three miles away, minus his smaller case of jewellery. After displaying his dry goods to Mother, he missed the case and accused her of taking or hiding it. He rolled over and over in the laneway. "I'll take my life," he said. At last, Mother persuaded him to retrace his steps to the last purchaser and there, sure enough, he found it.

A gentleman of the highway came one Saturday afternoon when we children had been left alone. A little afraid we locked the front door and secured the kitchen door with a pair of scissors in the keyhole above the latch and hid ourselves in the cloak room to await the visitation. A rap on the kitchen door. No answer, two minutes passed, another rap, we kept silent. At last, he retreated but some one coughed. He came back and waited for fifteen minutes this time. Upon going out, he slammed the wood shed door, and a huge clothes boiler fell from its accustomed rail to the floor, and again he came back. Another long wait, and then he departed, this time for good. What a relief!

One Friday evening, I met a knight of the road as I was passing the old McCurey homestead. He approached from the opposite direction and would never have passed as one of "Robbie Sang." He had a knotted red kerchief upon his head, a pack on his back, barefoot, boots slung over the left shoulder, a crooked stick in his right hand. He had a long stubble for a beard. Would I be brave and meet him on the roadway? He looked at me and that was enough. Over the rail fence I scrambled, and ran faster than ever before. Upon seeing he was not following me, I regained the road. The palpitation had stopped and life was all rosy again.

What a figure and character was our Public School Inspector, the Reverend Thomas McKee, tall and dignified! He had something of the Tennysonian look, and his having worn the cloth did add to his dignity. Then, too, he wore a swallow-tail coat. He would knock on the school house door and immediately enter. "Good morning, Miss Blank." Sitting on a chair on the platform, he would have the teacher continue with her class. Apparently closing his eyes and twiddling his thumbs he missed not a thing. Did I say closing? He had a tall memory and would often pick on a certain pupil, after-time after time, and a regular pantomime would ensue. Some detested him. I liked to see him both come and go. Down toward the door he strode, each footfall a word of farewell, reverberating about the room. "And I wish - you - every - success." Upon one occasion, a hefty young teacher took exception to his remarks or to his technique and did bodily eject the not-so-esteemed Public School Inspector from the room. Upon his first visit to another school, I remember, the following dialogue, "What did you say your name was?" The teacher replied sedately, "Miss Hattie Tremear." "Miss Metrier." "No Miss Hattie Tremear" she again said, her voice rising slightly. "But have you no other name, Miss Metrier?" "Indeed Miss Tremear." She snapped back, "Hattie Maude Tremear." Miss Tremear became one of his most esteemed and respected teachers.

We have seen how very loyal to the Crown were the early settlers of Tecumseth Township, of how they rallied together to stamp out the Rebellion of '36 and '37 and later the Fenian Raids in the 60's. So, too, at the turn of the century during the Boer War. Most of us can recall the magnificent effort of our citizens during the First and-Seees Second World Wars. Enthusiasm reached a fevered pitch. As a child of eight years I delighted to play "Soldiers" and along with other children endeavoured to emulate Roberts, Kitchener, Buller, French, Baden Powell, and, of course, Our own Colonel Otter. Hodder RIVER, Ladysmith, Kimberly, Mafeking, Bloemfontaine, we all enthused over. Boston sent Milton Kearns; Tottenham, William Semple. Well do I recall Semple's return, of his being shouldered by the cheering throng and carried through the village, while the band played "Rule Britannia," and "Soldiers of the Queen" and his being presented with a gold watch and chain.

What a great heritage, what a noble example these early pioneers have bequeathed the future generations! May we never forget their great sacrifices and achievements, their clearing of the land, and building houses, and, above all, the high standard of the ideals and morals they set for us- truly a noble heritage and one that must be appreciated, safeguarded and maintained by their descendants through the decades and yes- the centuries yet 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 author).



### The Dobbs Family.

George Dobbs married Alice Crofts, their son Thomas Joseph Dobbs, was born in 1859, in Beeton, Ont. He married Miss Eliza Scott, of Beeton, and they were married only a short time when she died.

In 1867, he married Miss Frances Lydia Miller, who was born in Beeton, in 1860, the daughter of John Miller and Lydia Evans.

Selby Evans married Katharine Briggs, they had Lydia Evans and Walter Evans Sr. and were among the earliest pioneers, who came to Beeton from Queensville in 1834.

Mrs Dobbs' brother Walter Oscar Miller, learned his trade in Beeton and became divisional superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Nelson, B.C. Their father John Miller died, and their mother married James Foster, of Fordwich, Ont.

1 Mr. Selby Evans Foster of Winton.

2 Annie Evans Foster married J.G. Wallace of Luckwood, Sask.

3 Victor Evans Foster

4 Eliza Evans Foster of Fordwich. Born in 1876 and died in 1956.

She trained in the Fergus Hospital and became a Registered Nurse. She lived with the Dobbs Family for some time.

The Dobbs children were-

George Wesley Crofts Dobbs, born in 1888. In 1916 George was timber inspector in Northern Ontario, he lost all his belongings in the big fire there. On May 5th, 1920 George married Miss Alice Irene Brethet, daughter of John Brethet and Eleanor Margaret Hayes, both of Tecumseh Township. Their only child George Thomas Joseph (Joe) was born June 22nd, 1922, and on July 26th, 1922, George passed away very suddenly. He had taken an active part in Church and Masonic work, and a short time before had been appointed an elder in the Presbyterian Church, Beeton.

Mary Dobbs married Percy Lorne Whitely, B.A., B.C., of Toronto, and they went there to live. Percy died in 1962.

Elis Dobbs passed away in infancy.

James Selby Dobbs, on June 16th, 1923, married Miss Margaret L. Sanderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Sanderson of Wroxeter. They had two boys and three girls. Mrs. Dobbs died in 1961, in Beeton.

1 George Dobbs

2 Sandy Dobbs

3 Eleanor Dobbs married E.K. McKinnon who died Dec. 21, 1968.

They had Donald Neal and Katherine Gladys.

4 Marion Dobbs married Jack McMaster who died Dec. 20, 1969.

They had John McMaster

Judith Ann (Judy) - Robert Dale Kirby.

Robert McMaster

Bradley McMaster

Mary Ann McMaster.

5. Elizabeth Dobbs - Robert Conrad.

1 Robert Steven Thomas

In February 1913, the Dobbs Family moved from Wexie, Ont., to the Evans homestead at Beeton. Thomas Joseph Dobbs passed away in 1935, and his wife in 1936. They are all buried in Beeton.

## HISTORICAL NOTES RE THE LILLY FAMILY TREE

After coming to Canada from Northern Ireland with their parents in 1832, Robert and Alexander Lilly moved from Little York, now Toronto, to the Township of Tecumseth in 1839. They cleared dense forest for farmland on adjoining crown grants of 200 acres each in an area that is now at the north edge of Beeton, Ontario. Robert Lilly was killed in 1869 when a boulder that he was attempting to move from a hole rolled in on him.

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The Rev. Canon Osler who married Alexander Lilly and Mary Atkinson at Bond Head, Ontario on December 14, 1854 was the father of Sir William Osler the famous surgeon, medical lecturer and author of medical textbooks.

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Before emigrating to Canada, William Lilly had a small holding at Drumconready which is between two and three miles west of Maghera in Northern Ireland. In the census returns for the County of Londonderry in 1831 the William Lilly family of Drumconready Townland is shown as 3 males, 5 females, 8 Presbyterian. The three males would likely be William Lilly and his two sons Robert and Alexander.

In the Maghera Parish Registers the birth of Robert son of William Lilly and his wife of Drumconready is shown for 14 February 1821. The birth of Alexander in 1825 is not recorded. Civil registration of births was not compulsory in Northern Ireland until 1864.

Records show that Henry Lilly of Drumconready was likely a brother of William. Henry prospered in later life as he increased his holdings from 4 acres in 1828 to 27 acres and a house valued at £19 15s. 0d. in 1859. In 1828 William held a total of 10 acres 3 roods 17 perches, four years before he emigrated to Canada.

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Robert and Alexander Lilly were 18 and 14 years old respectively when they started to clear land in the Township of Tecumseth, Ontario.

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When William Lilly and Eleanor Beatty were married in 1883 food prices were quite a bit less than they are now. The following items were written on a piece of paper by Mrs. William Lilly (Eleanor Beatty), and the list was found among some newspaper clippings: butter 12-1/2 cents per pound; eggs 20 cents per dozen; dried apples 5 to 6 cents per pound; chicken 5 cents per pound; turkey 8 to 9 cents per pound; fall wheat 75 cents per bushel; potatoes 25 to 30 cents per bushel.



## Notes on the Lilly Family.

William Lilly, born in Northern Ireland ( Ulster) 1791, -died in Beeton Ontario, September 30th 1881. His wives name is unknown. She died in 1805 from tuberculosis contracted while nursing a neighbour in Muddy York, later Toronto. they came to Canada in 1832, settling first in Muddy York. There were two sons Robert and Alexander and five daughters.

Before emigrating to Canada, William Lilly had a small holding at Drumconree which is between two and three miles west of Maghera in Northern Ireland. In the census returns for the County of Londonderry in 1831 the William Lilly family of Drumconree Downland is shown as 3 males, 5 females, 8 Presbyterians. The three males would likely be William Lilly and his two sons Robert and Alexander.

In the Maghera Parish Registers the birth of Robert is recorded February 14th. 1821, and the birth of Alexander in 1825 was not recorded. Civil registration was not compulsory in Ireland until 1864. Robert was 18 and Alex. was 14 when they started to clear the land in Tecumseeth Township. This 400 acres was obtained from the government, 200 acres for each of his sons. Alexander had the farm which was later the William Lilly farm. Robert Lilly had the farm that is now ( 1964) owned by Seders.

Robert Lilly born February 14, 1821, at Maghera Northern Ireland, married Dorothy Scott and he died April 27, 1869. They had 4 children.

- 1 Mary Ann Lilly married John Reynolds.
- 2 Isabelle Lilly married Robert McVeigh  
1851-1882.
- 3 Alexander Lilly married Phoebe Dugan  
1857- 1888.
- 4 Elizabeth Lilly married William Peters  
1859-1938                      1853- 1910

Alexander Lilly born March 18th. 1825, at Maghera in Ireland, died at Beeton October 10th. 1911. He was married by Rev. Canon Oiler near Bond Head Dec. 14th. 1854 to Mary Atkinson who was born in Tecumseeth Township May 31st. 1834, died in Beeton April 26th. 1910. Many were the hardships as the land had to be cleared. Stories are told of Alexander riding horseback to Hoggs Hollow, for supplies, - they made their own candles, maple sugar and syrup. Mary Atkinson his wife wove cloth and made clothes for all of the children, - she made a dress each year for each of her five daughters by hand, no machines in those days.

Alexander Lilly and Mary Atkinson family listed below, -

Sarah, - born Beeton Jan. 10th, 1856, died 1929 Montreal. Buried beside her husband James Samuel Hill 1850- 1925.

Mary Ann, - born Beeton Nov. 7th, 1857, - married 1st James Anderson 1846- 1880, and 2nd. Christopher Dixon 1852- 1932. Mary Ann died at Dresden Nov. 3rd. 1929.

Hannah, - born Beeton May 11th 1860, died at the Pas Manitoba 1928, buried at Manitoba Man. Hannah was married Dec. 19th by Rev. Thos. Atkinson to A.J. Dixon born May 20th 1856 and died in May 1911.

William,- born Beeton May 9th 1862. died Beeton March 8th. 1927.  
William was married in Beeton Methodist Church Dec. 12, 1883,  
to Eleanor Beatty born at Sheldon Monro Twp. June 3rd 1865,  
died Beeton July 2, 1957.

Jonathan,- born Beeton Dec. 13th, 1864. died at Pleasantville N.Y. 1944,  
married Annie McFarlane who was born in Collingwood, she died  
in Pleasantville N.Y. 1951. An only child Florence died in  
1954 aged 61 years.

Eliza , - born Beeton Sept. 25th 1867, died at Arcola, Manitoba 1923.  
Eliza married Joseph Millsap, - no issue.

Martha Jane,- born Beeton April 26th 1870, died in Beeton 1937. Married  
Thomas Thompson, a widower with three children.

Robert,- born Beeton Nov. 12th 1872, died at Dauphin Manitoba April  
1914, buried in Beeton. Married Gertrude Wallwin, born at  
Beeton March 2nd 1876, died Beeton Feb. 24th, 1943.

Robert Lilly and Alexander Lilly had five sisters namely---

Elizabeth Lilly -Robert Mitchell  
Nancy Lilly - H. Hopelan  
Mary Ann-- Detweiler  
Wannah Lilly--- W. Wilson  
Margaret Lilly--- Rodell

William Lilly born May 9, 1862 married Eleanor Beatty born June 3, 1865  
died May 7, 1927. DIED July 2, 1957

family listed below

Harold Alexander Lilly married Olivia Rose Johnston  
April 3, 1885 Nov. 27, 1887  
July 30, 1936 Dec. 2, 1931

Thomas Edgar Lilly married Mary Marjorie Harley  
Feb. 25, 1887 Jan. 21, 1899

Mary Gladys Lilly married William Thomas Baker  
Mar. 20, 1890 Jan. 10, 1876-1923

Rhena Eleanor Lilly married 1 John Wesley Law  
April 10, 1892 May 23, 1889 --July 19, 1920  
2 Frederick J. Nixon  
May 7, 1889-- Dec. 17, 1951

Robert Kerwood Lilly married Jessie Elvira Welch  
July 16, 1894 Jan. 29, 1911

Lillian Lloyd Lilly married Freda May McGayue  
Nov. 20, 1900 Mar. 8, 1909

Greta Margaret Kathleen Lilly married Willard Earl Barton  
Aug. 21, 1903 Jan. 21, 1898-Oct. 12, 1967





Billy Hill, age 11 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill, St. Paul's Anglican Church Choir boy. Billy sits in the same seat his grandpa sat in for over 50 years. I have been in this choir over 40 years, doesn't seem possible looking back.

Radge Hill.

### The Hill Family.

This is the account of the early arrival and settlement of the Hill Family in Tecumseh Township as told to the Tweedsmuir Curator by Radge, wife of the late Gordon Robert Hill.

William and Dr. Mary Hill came to Canada in 1823 from Queens County Ireland, bringing a two year old Robert. They settled first in Tecumseh Township Con 5 Lot 20 near Bond Head, land was cleared and a log house built for shelter. Dr. Mary visited her patients throughout the countryside, following lanes and trails and travelling on horseback. Of this first farm portions were given to sons and land was also sold for construction of the C.N.R.

Robert Hill, son of William and Mary, born 1821, in Queens County, Ireland, married December 29, 1841, Elizabeth Armstrong, daughter of James Armstrong, Bond Head, ceremony being performed by Rev. Featherston Osler. Robert and Elizabeth lived on the farm Con. 5, Lot 4 for 22 years, moving in 1861 to Con. 8, Lot 8 until his death in 1863. Elizabeth died in 1878. A son Robert John carried on the farm. He married Mary Ann McClinton. Their son Robert Gordon Hill married Radge Withington on March 5, 1927. They have one son James on the farm and a daughter Alice (Mrs. H. Goodman), and a son William Gordon deceased, in 1951. Gordon Hill died in 1963.

### The Mitchell Family.

The Tweedsmuir History is a record of the pioneer life in the villages throughout Canada. Early family records are especially interesting. The story of the Mitchell family is supplied by Mrs. Frankie Mitchell Hill, in Toronto.

Robert Mitchell, of County Derry Ireland was coachman for Lord Maxwell and eloped with the Lord's daughter. Three sons were born to them, and when they were young men their father brought them to Canada. When he had settled them he returned to Ireland.

Henry Mitchell, the eldest was located in Cayuga, in the Lake Erie district.

John Mitchell settled on a farm near Orangeville.

Robert Mitchell Jr. located in Markham, but later moved to Tecumseh Township, 9th. line, where he lived until his death. His house was taken down when the C.P.R. passed over the site in later years. Robert MITCHELL married 1st. Miss Elizabeth Lillie

2nd. Miss Rebecca Johnson.

He took part in the Rebellion of 1837, -Mrs. Hill recalls seeing his uniform and his son Tom, had his musket.

The first Methodist Church in Beeton was on the site now occupied by Mrs. Albert Hayes and Mr. Earl Hammell's new home on Main Street. The organist was Mr. W.G. Stephens and his wife was choir leader. At that time the choir was in the gallery, which was built especially for that purpose. There were three Benting Ladies in the choir, daughters of Mr. Benting who built the house occupied by Mr. Nichol on Centre Street before the Church was built.

In those days there was a long couch and two chairs against the wall facing the gallery and the pulpit was just ahead of the couch. After some years the change was made and the choir and pulpit placed as it is today. The choir leader then was Mr. J.R. Croft, a barber. He chanced to be in Beeton, and attended a church service, he possessed a very good voice, and although he was a stranger, he was approached after the service, and as he was looking for a place to locate, he was prevailed upon to stay, and he was choir leader for a long time.

When the Church was on Main Street prior to 1878, the Rev. Gee had charge of the pastorate, he lived in Bond Head, one of the Sunday School teachers was Miss Belle Lilly.

The Presbyterian Church was near the site of the Presbyterian Cemetery, Main Street west, Rev. Wilson was in charge and Mrs. George Dickson organist.

There was a kindergarten, or classes held for the small children in what was then known as the old Court House. This comprised the properties occupied by Miss Violet King and the McCague residence on Centre Street, these buildings were joined, and the classes were held upstairs.

Angus Smith Saddlers Shop on Main Street, South West of Centre St. had one son Angus Smith a Minister.

Caretaker of the Methodist Church was Mr. Robins, the father of Mr. Arkell Robins. Mr. Robins Sr. resided in house owned by Mr. Varcoe presently occupied by Mrs. Ruth Hayberry.

G.R. Clark was married to an aunt of Mr. Harry Beyeroff. They had one daughter Irene, who became the first woman councillor in Edmonton.

The Old Bank building on Centre Street was built by Rev. Crystal. He lived in part of it and bank occupied its quarters.

Mr. James Lowery, the first blacksmith in Beeton, located at the fire hall and Mr. Pattigrews residence on Main street, had a daughter Lella, and it was she who took charge of Miss Wallwin's kindergarten. They both found picture carrying most interesting.

The Grand Trunk Railway was at that time being built and across the road from the old courthouse, was the house where the "navies" boarded. These were the workers on the Railroad.

The public school was at the junction, and Hammell's School, where the teacher was a Mr. Adkins, who lived in the property now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay. The Adkins had two sons, Tom and George.

Mr. Stephens the organist in the new Methodist Church kept store where the old post office was located and where the Electric store is on Main street and owned by Bruce Souls.



When Mr. D.A. Jones first came to Beeton he operated a Printing Office at the north west corner of Centre and Main street. He afterwards went into the Ice business. Between this corner store and the Bruce Gould property was a deep gully, and swamp land and willow growth extended north and west from the residence occupied by Miss Anne Willoughby, Centre and Prospect. This was filled in by D.A. Jones before building. There was a narrow bridge across the gully, which may be recalled by some of the older citizens.

The first grist mill was built by Mr. Harry Hunt on the site of the property now occupied by Mr. Agar,- Mr. Agar also built the Hooper residence,- he married a Miss Bessie Wright.

We read that the years 1901- 1902 was a growing time in Beeton. Not an empty house or an idle man in the town. More businesses would locate if houses were available. Beeton has one of the finest water works system both for domestic use and fire protection and the purest water in Canada. The Electric system is all that could be desired and cheapest to users in the Dominion. The town owns both the water works and the light plant. The rate of taxation is as low as any neighboring village and they have nothing to show for their rate.

The flour mill , bootery factory and woollen mills are running full time and demands for their produce is increasing. The live stock markets and grain markets are flourishing and a new creamery has started up,- and in the spring of 1902 granolithic sidewalks are to be laid and the streets will be much improved.

Beeton had a Chinese Laundry in 1901- 1902. Wing Sing at the corner of Queen and Centre Street,- he promises good service and clean laundry.

In 1902 Boer War casualties were coming in, among the names of wounded we came across Milford Elwyn Kearns, dangerously wounded,- next of kin Mrs. Kearns , Beeton.

Our home was built in the year 1932, by a well known and respected resident, Mr. Norval Haughan. The lot was purchased from the late Mr. Bobbe Sr. Mrs. Laura Wiggins.

An old astrologer, referring to St. Paul's Day ,January 25th. in olden times, very strictly observed, says:-

"If St. Paul be fair and clear,  
It promises them a happy year;  
But if it chance to snow or rain,  
Then will be dear all sorts of grain;  
Or, if the wind do blow aloft,  
Great stirrs will vex the world full oft;  
And if dark clouds do muff the sky,  
Then fowl and cattle oft will die."

Beeton 1963.

Laura Wiggins.

Mr. Harry Gamplin built his home in 1924 and moved into it in February 1925.

It was built by Mr. Norval Haughan and the lot was purchased from Mr. Roland Hill.

Report of  
50th Anniversary Celebration of Women's Institute at Guelph.  
By Mrs. A.R. Halbert.

On Wednesday June 18th, at 9:30 A.M. I left with Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. J.A. Camplin and Mrs. Andrew to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Other delegates who attended from Seaton were Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. W.P. McDonald, Mrs. Sumner and Miss Dorothy Sumner.

It was an ideal summer day and we enjoyed very much the trip to Guelph via of the Rockley Valley, Orangeville and arriving shortly after eleven o'clock, we had a very appetizing dinner at the Douglas Tea Room, after which we drove up to the O.A. College. All buildings were open to the public and we had ample time to visit some of these, also the green houses.

At 1:30 p.m. when guests and delegates congregated on the campus in front of the Administration Building, it was evident that the crowd was much larger than was anticipated. It was estimated there was an attendance of 12,000 women, the vast majority of whom had to stand on the green lawns surrounding the platform through all the afternoon's program.

The regular trains and two specials had disembarked their load of Institutess, and hundreds of motorcars and a hundred busses had brought their quota. Several delegates had made the journey by air, some came from New Zealand.

A flight of low broad steps leading up to a white pillared platform, in white and green colors made a very effective stage, with a background of tall elms and maples, and bushy ever greens, and decorated with the Union Jack and the flags of all the Provinces in the Dominion.

Thanks to the loud speakers, all could hear every part of the program. Mrs. Hugh Summers, President of the Ontario Federation of Women's Institutes, very graciously presided, and greeted the vast audience and the distinguished array of guests on the platform. These included the Presidents of six Provinces who brought short messages of greeting from their respective Provinces, also thirteen Charter Members of the original Institute at Storey Creek.

Mrs. Cameron Bow, Dominion President, who was mentioned in the King's Birthday list, was present and spoke briefly. She said "The time has come to broaden our thinking, to go beyond home and country, and remember we are citizens of the world." A message of congratulations was read from Hon. W.L. McKenzie King. Premier Drew brought greetings from the Province, and congratulated the Institutes on what they had done to raise the level of happiness and well being in the farm homes of Ontario. Mayor G.L. Rife also spoke a few words of welcome. Agriculture Minister, Thomas M. Kennedy declared that no organization means so much to the welfare of the people of this Province. Mr. A.R. Reak, President of the O.A.C. made a warm speech of welcome.

Miss Anna Lewis, director of the Institutes, declared that when the country women of the World work together for the common good, they can determine the direction of human history.

All followed with great interest the historic drama on the stage which portrayed the founding of MacDonald College at the O.A.C. through the urgency of Mrs. Hoodless, and the generosity of Sir William McDonald of Montreal; the sending out of the first lecturer and organizer, Miss Laura Rose who as Mrs. Stephen, was present and who later gave a very splendid address. She is now in her 82nd year but has not lost her old time enthusiasm.



Report continued.

Then followed the formation of Provincial and Dominion Federations of Women's Institutes; the carrying of "the light" to England by Mrs. Alfred Watt; and to Scotland by Miss Emily Guest; the receiving of tributes from Prime Minister Baldwin, and their Majesties, the King and Queen; the formation of the Associated Country Women of the World and final episode, - looking to the future, in which Miss Anna Lewis, the young director of the Women's Institute Branch of Ontario gave a stirring message on the theme "Youth carries on."

In the grand finale, the whole company of performers, with Mrs. Hoodless, in dramatic impersonation representing the past, and Mrs. Hugh Summers typifying the future, assembled to hear a 50th Anniversary message from her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, herself an Institute member and in conclusion the Lord's Prayer and the National Anthem.

This Pageant entitled "Let there be Light," - produced by Brownlow Card, and music by Horace Card can only be described on one word, Wonderful. It depicted the growth of the Institute from its origin to the present time.

There was an intermission during the afternoon at 4 o'clock when sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee and ice cream, were generously served. At this time the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Premier Drew arrived and many of these present had the pleasure of meeting them. Shortly after 7 o'clock in the evening the motor cars and buses began to depart, and the delegates and guests started on their homeward journey.

A comparatively small number had still one event on the days agenda, - the 50th Anniversary dinner held in the Administration Building of the C.A.W. with Mrs. Hugh Summers presiding, a toast list full of good words and appreciation; songs by Colin Gray, and the cutting of the Birthday Cake to the tune "Happy Birthday to You." This pleasant ceremony was performed by Mrs. E.D. Thompson, the oldest Charter member of the Stoney Creek Institute.

I wish to thank the Beeton Women's Institute for making it possible for me to attend this notable celebration. I only wish that many others of our members had been privileged to attend.

9 Junn St. Barrie  
March 24, 1962.

Dear Mrs. Cole:

In replying to your letter, I am afraid that I cannot give you much information re library.

My husband, Fred Pierson became Librarian in 1922, when the previous Librarian and Post Office Assistant, Marion Pierson went to Toronto in 1922. Later he became Secretary- Treasurer, The Chairman of the Board, at that time was the Reeve- Reeve G.E. Reynolds and later, John Carleton. ( Mrs. G.E. Reynolds was Mrs. Jack Campbell's father.) The library was in a room behind the Post Office and was open from Monday to Saturday (inclusive) from 10am. to 4.30 p.m.

When the library was moved across the street to the store next to Mr. Pegg's Bakery, all records and books, which were audited each year, were given to the Library Board. Mrs. Colwell became Librarian - but library open only Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Britton Wright and Rev. A.P. Kennedy were two members in 1922. I think that Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Jack Campbell or Mrs. Ernie Kearns could give you information better than anyone I can remember.

I am sorry that I cannot remember more- but if I do remember or find out any information or data on its history, I shall write you.

Yours very Sincerely,

Anne Pierson ( Mrs. F.O. Pierson )

Mrs. W.H. Cole,  
Box 33,  
Beeton, Ontario.

Beeton Agricultural Society

Dear Mrs. Cole:

We regret the delay in answering your letter of August 17th., but this may be explained by the fact that a search had to be made in our records which, to say the least, are not very complete. I rather think you will need to depend on some of the old timers for information in preparing the history of the society. In the early days there was a county society and we assume the headquarters would be Barrie, but there is evidence to show that as early as 1845 there were township societies. As proof of this we quote from the Annual Report of the Agriculture and Arts Association - 1870:- "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 manufactures. The Society held its Spring Show in the village of Dond 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 section are beginning to appreciate the breeding of good stock, as they find it pays best. Our Fall Show was held in the village of Clarksville, on the 8th., of October, 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 pretty 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 out 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."

In Report of Board of Upper Canada, 1858-59 we came across the following:- "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 was strictly illustrative of this fact, particularly in regard to horses. In this class there was great competition and the stock of superior character.

From a statistical point of view in 1854 the Tecumseth Society had 39 members. Subscriptions and entry fees were 18£, 14sh., and 11½d.; Government grant 12£, 17sh., 5½d.; receipts 31£, 12sh., 5d.; paid in premiums 18£, 10sh., 4½d.; general expenses 3£, 7sh., 5d., and the balance on hand 8£, 14sh., 5½d.

You will, no doubt, have the names of some of the early officers. Only the treasurer's name appears in our records. We have nothing prior to 1895, but that year treasurer was W.H. Hamell and he was succeeded by G.T. Somers in 1898. Frank Somers took over in 1904 and he was succeeded by W.J. Anderson in 1907. In 1912 Thomas J. Hamell was appointed and carried on until 1923. John Carleton was elected that year and the Minute Book will show how long he held the position.

It would seem up until 1907 the society went under the name of Tecumseth and was listed in the electoral district of Carleton which included Albion, Bolton and Caledon. From 1907 on it has been identified as Beeton Agricultural Society.

I am sorry we have not more information and that we cannot be of greater help to you in your effort to prepare a history of the organization.

I am looking forward to being at the Opening of the Fair and to meeting my many friends in South Simcoe.

Yours very truly,

*F.A. Lashley*  
F.A. LASHLEY,  
Director.



## THE NEW WOMAN'S CONCERT

The concert on Friday evening last was a credit to the ladies who managed the affair. The attendance was fairly good and the audience seemed to enjoy the programme provided. Miss Irene Clark filled the chair in a graceful and dignified manner. The judges were Mrs J.H. Croft, Mrs G.L. Somers, Miss Boyd, Miss Pingree, Miss Maggie Croft, all of whom wore long dark cloaks and had their hair hanging loose and powdered. The ushers were Miss Edith Charles, Miss Bertie Macpherson, Miss Mattie Wright and Miss Frankie Mitchell, while Miss Gordon and Miss Maude Smart looked after the door and the cash. The concert opened with a quartette by Miss Gaviller, Mrs Mayo, Mr. Mayo and Mrs J.H. Croft. Miss Clark then delivered a short address in which she claimed that women was capable of filling any sphere of life. Six gentlemen - Dr. Jar, Dr. Billings, A.V. McDonald, G.F. Somers, Joseph Brown and J.H. Crofts were called to the platform and allowed to try their hands at sewing on buttons. The prize a hand mirror was awarded to Mr. McDonald. Then followed a solo by Miss Gaviller and a humorous recitation by Miss Brown of Keeneville. The latter was encoored and gave a very pathetic piece.

Messrs G.H. Clark, T.F. Chapin, Thomas Young, Nathaniel Stewart, Albert Mills and W.E. Boyle were invited to the platform, given paper, scissors and a pencil and told to cut a pattern of the latest style dress above. The prize was a washboard, was awarded to Mr. Mills, but he noticed that when the washing was to be done later on Mr. Mills was no where to be found. Another quartette Miss Gaviller, Mr. Mayo, Mrs Mayo and Mr. Croft and a recitation by Miss Jennie Haggison were then given, after which messrs J.H. Bateman, John Stewart, G.H. Reynolds, F.I. Somers and G.H. Mitchell tried their hand at trimming cake, Mr. Reynolds taking the prize, a scrubbing brush. A solo by Mr. Croft and a quartette ended the first part of the programme.

At intermission refreshments, consisting of coffee, cake and sandwiches, were served. The waiters were Messrs Herb Martin, G.H. Reynolds, James Young, John Somers, Dr. Dunn and F.I. Somers, who wore white aprons and white caps. The second part of the programme commenced with a solo by Miss Gaviller followed by another quartette., Messrs W.H. Camplin, Dr. Dunn, H.K. Stevens, James Monaghan, John Somers and J.L. Charles then gathered about the table and for ten minutes puzzled their brains in writing recipes for making chicken salad, vegetable soup and Christmas cake. The gentlemen were all so chicken-hearted to touch the first subject, but Dr. Dunn got a really big dog for Christmas cake and Mr. Somers a large bar of soap for vegetable soup. A tableau entitled, "The new woman at home", was next. When the light blazed up it revealed a lady sitting in ease and luxury reading a newspaper, while in another room a baby was vigorously crying and a man was busily engaged at the washbasin and trying to rock the cradle at the same time. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing "God save the Queen. Miss Gaidler presided at the piano during the evening. The gross proceeds amounted to \$19. 20. The hall was nicely decorated, and the piano used for the occasion was kindly loaned by Mr. E. Egan, of the Queen's hotel.

Taken from an old Boston World.

# Mrs. Ella Watson Marks A Century Of Life

Sept 8/66

Mrs. Ella Watson, of 3449 Grove ave., was 100 years old last Thursday, September 8. She was given a tea by Mrs. James Patrick and Mrs. Neul Blackburn for the occasion. The party was held in Piper House of the First Methodist church of Berwyn, 34th st. and Grove ave., and 75 friends gathered to extend birthday wishes to her.

**GREETINGS** came to her from President Lyndon B. Johnson, Queen Elizabeth II of England, Prime Minister Lester Pearson of Canada, Illinois Governor Otto J. Kerner and Mayor George Dolzai.

The mayor presented Mrs. Watson with a charming arrangement of red roses, and U. S. Rep. Harold Collier of 10th, sent her a potted plant of yellow chrysanthemums and a message of congratulations.

A three-tiered birthday cake in pink and white surmounted the color theme of the tea table.

**THE PROGRAM** included a vocal selection by Hedwig Reichhold, "You'll Never Walk Alone," and "Song of Life." Mrs. Alfred Frechberg composed and read a poem in honor of the occasion, entitled, "To A Lady."

The entire group serenaded Mrs. Watson, singing, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Happy Birthday." An overflowing basket of birthday cards and gifts was presented, by Mrs. Virgil Phillips, from the group.

Mrs. Phillips says, "Her many friends look upon this remarkable little lady with a great deal of warmth and affection. Her formula for her long life is: Follow



Mrs. Watson, celebrating her 100th birthday last Thursday with a party given her by 75 of her friends, prepares to slice her birthday cake.

good living habits and observe the Golden Rule."

**MRS. WATSON** was born in Beeton, Ontario, in Canada. She came to Chicago in 1891 and to Berwyn in 1941. A widow for 34 years, she had one son, Herbert, who died in 1939.

Her only close living relative is one grandson.

While living in Beeton, Mrs. Watson was organist

at the Methodist church for 18 years, and also won several prizes for her paintings.

Mrs. Watson has her apartment, does her own cooking and cleaning. Her leisure hours are spent by reading, watching television, crocheting and visiting with her many friends.

She is a member of the First Methodist church and attends services when weather permits.

Mrs. R.A. Watson, Mrs. Fenton.

Mrs. Ella Watson of Berwyn, a suburb of Chicago, Ill., celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 8, 1966. Mrs. Watson is the widow of the late Richard A. (Dick) Watson, brother of the late Daniel W. Watson, of Beeton. They were born on Lot 18, con. 5, Tecumseh, where Mr. Irvin Watson lives in 1966. Mrs. Richard Watson before her marriage, was Miss Ella Fenton, born in Bond Head, in the last house on the street going south. At that time it was white frame, with green shutters; the church was next door, next to that the parsonage.

Mrs. Watson's mother was born in Beeton Robinson. Her maiden name was Eliza Ann Long. She married Ella's father, Walter Fenton, when she met when he was contractor for her father, Mr. Sam Long. Their home was on the 6th line, where Mr. Charlie Wilcox lives now, and Mrs. Watson said the last time she saw it, it looked in good condition.

Her father was first a contractor, and then he took position with Joseph Fleury, manufacturer of farm machinery in Aurora; he was with them for about thirty years. There were three in the family, two girls and one boy, all born in Bond Head. Mrs. Watson thinks it was about 1875 that they moved to Beeton, to the house where Mr. W.C. Leams lives now. They were members of the Methodist Church, and both girls sang in the choir. The organ was put in the church in memory of Miss Addie Fenton, her sister. Mrs. Watson was organist in Beeton for fifteen years, she also won several prizes for her paintings. She moved to Chicago in 1893. She has been a widow for thirty-four years, she had one son who died in 1950. Her only relative living, is her grand son. She had one brother Herbert, who passed away in 1937, in Grillsia. Her father died suddenly in 1900, her mother in 1918, and her sister Addie in 1944.

Her formula for a long life is follow good living habits and observe the Golden Rule.



## Centennial Comm. Making Plans

The Tecumseh-Boston Centennial Committee held its second meeting in the council chambers, August 30th at 8:30 p.m.

Most who attended the first meeting were present and the Committee received additional members. These were: J. S. Gray for the Boston Horticultural Society; Howard Archibald to represent St. Paul's Anglican Church; Mrs. J. Fred Dale from the Royal Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. Frank Lisk representing Guides and Brownies; and John Rutherford for the Boston Skating Club. Mrs. F. G. Hawton was away, but her place was taken by Mrs. F. E. Parsons.

After some discussion, it was decided that benches and washroom facilities near the ball diamond should be added to the Centennial project.

John Rutherford, Renford Long and R. J. Sealy were appointed to meet with the Township and Village councils to discuss price estimates for the proposed additions to the Park facilities.

A Subscription Committee was appointed with R. J. Sealy as chairman. The setting up of such a committee suggests the raising of funds, and, of course, this is an inevitable part of any undertaking. However, it is hoped the organizations represented on the Centennial Committee will realize their presence is wanted and needed for more than a donation — however welcome that might be. If any organization wishes to arrange some event to raise a contribution for the Centennial project, this would not take from their present commitments. In this connection, it was suggested that the Centennial Committee might engage some well known artist or artists to appear here, possibly next summer, for the purpose of aiding its own cause. There will be more on this later.

Donald King had the appointment as Publicity Manager added to that of Secretary.

It was subsequently learned that the Village Council has asked Triton Engineering to submit a plan incorporating the proposed additions to the athletic facilities.

The Village has, for some years, had in its possession portraits of Sir John A. Macdonald, the father of our country, statesman and prime minister from 1867 to 1873 and 1878-91, when he died in office; and Sir Wilfrid Laurier who was prime minister from 1896 to 1911. These portraits are to be restored and will be hung for the Centennial celebrations. It may be that there are other portraits or good sized pictures of pioneers and/or early office holders of this community in existence and a place might be found for these. Anyone having such portraits or pictures is asked to contact the committee.

Some plans and a date of dates for the celebrations have been discussed, but no decisions have been reached. As to the date, July 1st was suggested and the further suggestion was made that it would be good to have the big celebration day fall on the date of Boston's incorporation as a Village. It is known this occurred in 1884, but the exact date has to be learned before it is known if it would be suitable.

The planning for this celebration will require much thought, imagination and the full co-operation of all in our community if the occasion is to be what it can be.

Any organizations not yet represented on the Committee and wishing to take part are asked to contact the chairman, Earl Brown or the secretary, Donald King.

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## Our Centennial Celebration

The Boston-Tecumseh Centennial Celebration of June 16, 17 and 18th will provide three days of varied entertainment. Among the attractions will be a parade, complete with floats, and automobiles of yesterday; square dance competition; a mammoth field day, when the pupils of the four Tecumseh Township School Area schools will demonstrate their athletic prowess; a fireworks display; and a baseball tournament to inaugurate the use of the lights for the baseball diamond in Boston Park, there being the Boston-Tecumseh Centennial Project. With the reputation enjoyed by the ball teams playing under the Boston banner, this tournament should be a must for all devotees of this sport.

This festive week end will be the culmination of much planning and effort on the part of many, and it could well become "Old Home Week" for no doubt, a goodly number of former Boston-Tecumseh residents will return for this gala occasion.

Come one, come all — on June 16th, 17th and 18th, all roads lead to Boston, where not only Canada's birthday, but the Village's 83rd will be celebrated.

## 125 Years Old Last Month

The County of Simcoe came into being as an organized electoral district in 1843. By an Act of Parliament provision was made for the establishment of municipal councils in every district of Upper Canada, beginning in 1842 and sitting four times a year.

At that time the County of Simcoe formed a part of the Home district, with representatives attending sessions at Toronto.

On January 11, 1843 letters issued under the great seal of the province were issued, declaring the County of Simcoe to be thereafter a separate district by the name of District of Simcoe. The first council meeting of the county subsequently convened on February 14, 1843 and Amosling Irving was made the first warden.

The council was in session for four days during which various committees were named and recommendations made.

Among the petitions received was one from a mail carrier asking for advice regarding mail delivery in view of the fact that the people of Medonte, Orillia and Oro, had failed to clear the roads and render assistance in forwarding the mail.

At the May quarter session John McWatt was appointed first clerk, holding the position now held by Mr. Gordon Watson.

—Slayner Sun

### Troops Pass Through Boston

Not since 1804, when the 20th Battalion, under command of the late Col. Tyrwhitt, spent two weeks under canvas on the Agricultural grounds here, has Boston assumed such a military appearance as was evident on Monday morning when one hundred and fifty mounted troops, fully equipped, from Camp Borden, passed up Centre and Patterson streets en route to Schomberg vicinity. They attracted much attention. Those who came up Patterson street continued south up the hill, while the others went east along the eighth. It is reported that between 2,000 and 3,000 troops were in Schomberg vicinity on Monday. On Tuesday the "big drive" started back towards Alliston and Camp Borden. It was expected that the "enemy" would be encountered at several points when sham battles would take place. Some citizens of Boston reported noise of a battle in progress near the town in the early morning hours on Wednesday. The route taken on the return trip was through Tottenham. The troops passed through that town on or about Monday noon. The mounted troop which passed through Boston spent Sunday night camped in Jack Runnells' bush, a mile and a half south of Boston.

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# A Glance At Beeton Hockey Past And Present

(By Mary M. Smith)

A new hockey season is underway and it is interesting to note the success Beeton teams have enjoyed since the Arena was built in 1948-49, the Grand Opening being on December 29th, 1949, and artificial ice installed in January 1954.

In the years since 1949, many of our teams have reached the playoffs and nine pennants hang in the Arena to remind us of our championship teams.

Several boys who played their youthful hockey here have been selected to go on to higher calibre teams. Paul Sinclair performed with Toronto St. Michael's and Brampton and is presently with the Kimberley Dynamos of the Pacific Coast League. Maurice Clifford played Jr. B hockey for a number of years particularly with Weston Dukes. James Pendergast went on to Intermediate A hockey with Bradford in the 63-64 season; 64-65 he was with Newmarket as was Paul O'Leary which was Sr. A calibre; this season Jim is with Barrie, also Sr. A. Garry Boyce played Jr. C. for three years. Ken Kelly played Intermediate A with Lindsay for two seasons, Intermediate A and B with Bradford for several seasons and Sr. A with Newmarket for one season. Wayne Carleton went to Unionville and Toronto Marlboros in Jr. A and expects to return to action in the near future, after being sidelined since last spring with an operation and rehabilitation due to a knee injury suffered while playing baseball in the summer of 1964.

This year, four erstwhile Beeton players, John Boyce, Gary Carleton, John Gould and Jim Rutherford are playing with Aurora Tigers, a Jr. C team. Ron Crawley also signed with this team, but has been sidelined by a knee injury. Rutherford alternates in goal with another player and has performed well. Carleton and Gould on forward lines have each scored 7 goals in 7 games, plus a number of assists. Boyce on defence, has 3 assists. The team has engaged in 8 encounters (as of November 27th), won 5, tied 1 and lost 2. This team will be using Beeton Arena ice for practices in the near future, which could afford an opportunity for those who wish to do so to see them in action.

This is an enviable record for an area with a limited amount of talent to draw on due to population. It is indicative, not only of the accomplishment of the players, but of the interest and devotion of adults who have helped and encouraged by giving time to manage an coach teams, provide transportation and attend games.

Unfortunately, since the advent of television, attendance at season games has dropped, even some parents of players failing to give moral support by appearing. This lack of interest is not confined to this area, but this offers no excuse rather, an added reason why we should give full support to our youngsters, to show that we are genuinely interested in them, not merely paying lip service to this area of activity.

The record is proof that the boys give their best, as do managers and coaches, but they all want and need the support of parents and friends. To provide the necessary encouragement, transportation and equipment is a large order for a community of many interests, where everyone is involved in more than sufficient activities, but it is a most worthwhile one. When our youth is engaged in a healthful sport, from which they learn much more than the mere mechanics of a particular game, they are not finding time hang heavy, which may lead to trouble.

It may sometimes appear that too much emphasis is placed

on participation in sport. However, it must be remembered that this requires top physical condition and, without this, top mental and moral condition may be lacking. Sport is not only a muscle builder, but a builder of character. Develops the ability to meet adversity well and respect for good physical and mental condition, both of which are necessary to meet all the demands life makes of everyone of us.

Certainly, there is more excitement in attending a playoff game, but the youngsters need support during the season to reach such heights of accomplishment and without it they may fail to provide the satisfaction and pride in games beyond the regular season. It is, therefore, important that all who can possibly attend, do so.

Championships are a matter of civic pride, but the most important thing is for our youth to be engaged in a worthwhile activity which helps them to learn some of life's great lessons — good sportsmanship and the art of getting along with others, even the ability to be good losers.

It is hoped the 1965-66 season will be a memorable one, whether or not any of our teams reach the playoffs. It can be, but only with the cooperation of all.

## HOCKEY

Our village is decidedly hockey minded, we have three good teams and some splendid games have been watched. The Rev. F. B. Cooke is President of the Hockey Association. The Rev. D. G. Gault is coach of the Midget O.M.H.A. team which is sponsored by the local branch of the Canadian Legion. Norval Stewart is manager. The Midgets have played 11 games, winning 3 and tying 2. On Friday Feb. 25 they played Beaverton on the home ice, the first game of the playoffs, and finished 3 goals to the good. The return game will be in Beaverton Tuesday, March 1. The Intermediates with George Lisk as Coach and K. Zuffelt manager are eligible for the playoffs as they defeated Stroud. They have already met Bolton in the first game, on Bolton ice, the return game is played on the home ice tonight. The Juveniles C, managed by J. H. Lavin with Frank Lisk as Coach are out of the running, having been defeated by Bradford. There is another season coming and lots of opportunities ahead. The Arena is equipped with dressing rooms and showers, there is a snack bar, hot coffee and cold drinks, run entirely by voluntary workers, the ladies of course, and it has been a pretty steady job. There is also a check room in charge of the Beeton Women's Institute.



## ANNUAL BANQUET

Of Beeton Agricultural Society a  
Very Enjoyable and Profitable  
Entertainment

For the past five years the Beeton Agricultural Society has taken an active interest in club work for the boys and girls of South Simcoe and while some societies, because of the war, ceased operations the directors considered this training as vital for the future that they increased their efforts. As a tribute to the boys and girls who had worked so hard to achieve success and also as a round-up of the most successful year thus far the Society invited them to be their honored guests at a banquet in the Orange Hall on Wednesday, December 6.

The tables were arranged in the form of the letter U and the boys and girls were seated together on the inside. They were a fine looking lot of young manhood and womanhood and would compare very favorably with any such group in any organization. They seemed to have a quiet assurance, no doubt acquired from their frequent meetings and their visits to other centres, such as Guelph and Toronto. Five clubs were represented at the banquet—the Holstein Calf Club, Alliston Potato Club, Beeton Grain Club, Ivy Beef Calf Club, and the Barrie Poultry Club—most of the winners in each one being present. If these maintain their interest in the land and its products, they should exert a very valuable influence in their communities in the years to come.

After a sing-song led by Don Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. McKelvey at the piano, the chairman, Dr. McKelvey, called upon Mr. F. A. Lashley to introduce those at the head table: Mr. J. J. E. McCague, the well-known Holstein cattle breeder; Mr. C. D. Graham, director of Agricultural representatives; Mr. P. C. Pierson, secretary-treasurer of Beeton Agricultural Society; Mr. Harry Stewart, vice-president of the Holstein Club; Mr. Isaac King, president of the Crop Improvement Club; and Mr. George Ferguson, reeve of Beeton, who later welcomed the guests to the village.

Mr. Don Taylor, assistant agricultural representative, who has charge of the club work, introduced the girls and boys present and, as each stood, he told what award each had won during the year, or what each was interested in. These young people and their instructor certainly deserve credit for what they accomplished in their own communities, at Guelph, where they competed with all the other clubs in Ontario, and at Toronto, where they exhibited against seasoned adult showmen and beat them.

Mr. P. C. Pierson distributed the prizes won by the members of the Holstein Club, and, as he knew each contestant or the parents, all were greeted with appropriate remarks as they came forward. This year the girls begged to be allowed to enter and one of them, Leila Cochran, won the first prize.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. C. D. Graham of Toronto. He addressed his remarks particularly to the boys and girls, congratulating them on what they had achieved during the year and paying tribute to their instructor in making their success possible. He thanked the Beeton Agricultural Society for the paramount place they were giving to this junior work and their ambition to make their fair a show window for agriculture. He assured the young people that the future post-war planning began with them, and, if their elders failed, they must assume front-line leadership. They must have knowledge of modern methods, and their club work gave them valuable training in organization, concentration of effort, and the ability to work with others. He called upon them to accept the challenge of the new year for greater effort and higher achievement.

The chairman then called upon Mr. J. J. McCague, who gave a most interesting account of his trip to South America when he was invited by the Holstein breeders of Chile to act as judge at their national fair in Santiago.

Mr. Harry Stewart, Lefroy, on behalf of the Holstein Association of Simcoe County, and Mr. Isaac King, for the Crop Improvement Association, expressed their pleas-

ure at being present and congratulated the club members for their work.

Mr. Gordon Brethet expressed the thanks of the gathering to the lady directors of the fair for a very enjoyable meal, capably served, and Miss Wallum replied with a few apt remarks, bringing to a close a very profitable, interesting banquet.

# Once A Buzzin' Industry Beeton Now A Sewin' Bee

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By JAMES EMERSON  
Telegram Staff Reporter

Beeton, March 3.—With only one full-time factory operating, Beeton is hardly a hive of industry. But it once was an industry of bees.

Back in the days when it was Canada's largest exporter of honey, this serene village of 800 used to be called Beeton. The bees, the "h" and the man behind the industry have long since passed away.

Where once the summer hum of bees was heard, the rattling hum of sewing machines takes its place.

The village's main occupation today is the manufacture of sporting goods, leisurely employed at Cooper Works, most of them women, sleek and beaming trucks, shoulder pads, leather gloves and pants and boxing gloves for distribution across the country.

## FATHER OF BEEKEEPING

In an unmarked grave in the Presbyterian churchyard lies the father of beekeeping in North America—D. A. Jones.

The cooperative effort of D. A. Jones in his home town is today a matter of concern to Beeton old-timers who recall that his extensive work during his lifetime is to be recorded in his memoirs in London, England, and in Cornell University, U.S.

About the middle of the last century, Jones, whose brother, George Lewis Jones, once operated the general store and post office in Beeton, set out with the intention of one of his bees to found a beekeeping empire.

He crossed the Middle East, through Palestine and Iraq in search of queen bees to improve the Canadian strain.

## SCATTERED FLOWER SEED

He once published the only weekly bee journal in the world and—his legacy—Appleshed farm—used to scatter flower seeds through the streets for the benefit of his winged workers.

Beeton's early history, before the Jones era, is somewhat vague in the minds of old-timers. A search of yellowing files in Ken Carleton's Beeton World failed to yield any conclusive record.

A search in the memory of John Cook, 76-year-old former editor of The World, proved more fruitful.

"It used to be called Clarksville," said Mr. Cook. "But the way I understand it there was another Clarksville somewhere and they used to get the two mixed up."

"One day the people here had a meeting and decided since



40 miles from Toronto.



## God Remembers

An old village landmark, this Presbyterian Church was built in 1890. The father of North American beekeeping lies in an unmarked grave in the churchyard.

our place was famous for the honey we would call it Beeton."

Mr. Cook, who started work at The World at the age of 18, used to make \$5.50 a week by selling eggs by hand all day. In 1912 he bought the weekly and was its editor until 1950 when he retired.

Beeton's accomplishments are not all in the past. Knitting the industry of Beeton into the past, 800 enterprising citizens more recently accomplished a remarkable feat for a community so small.

It stands today as an 800,000 Memorial Hall and arena. It houses a library, recreation hall, council chamber and an art gallery on a surface 340 by 23 feet.

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Mr. Stanley McGowan, mayor of Beeton for the first two years of the project, recalls how everyone in the community pitched in with

convincing and holding hands, etc., to get money together.

Since taking over as mayor of Beeton Mayor (James Cook) is busy for the time being with his duties as mayor. Mr. McGowan has had to give up his political career. But he hasn't relinquished his community spirit.

"All the work done at the arena—with the exception of the caretaker—is done on a voluntary basis," he explains, pointing out a list on his office wall detailing who is to do what in the present year.

Such enthusiastic backing has had its effect on the younger generation in Beeton and last year the Junior 8 team brought home the provincial hockey championship—the first ever won by a Beeton team.

In Beeton there are no more bees. But things are still humming.



## Reminiscing

John Cook, retired editor of the Beeton World, sits silent in his room where the World, which he ran for 34 years. Now at 76, he wonders why no one visits him.

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## A Street That Forgot

Main street of Beeton shows no trace of the village's past glory as Canada's largest exporter of honey. Only the name—shortened from Beeton—reminds the villagers of those bygone days.

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# **The Belle For Round One**

Delphine Speck tries out some boxing gloves and shoulder pads from the sporting goods factory where she runs a sewing machine. Beeton's only full-time industry, this factory has 70 employees, three-quarters women.

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## 1956 Gordon Smart Laid To Rest Here Sunday

Funeral services on Wednesday morning, December 28th, at 10 a.m. were held at the corner of Main and Centre streets here, for Gordon Smart, 77, died in Tassara General Hospital on Thursday night, December 28th. An autopsy performed on Friday indicated the deceased died from a hemorrhage of the brain.

After finding the deceased in the parked car where he had spent the night in sub-zero weather, he was removed by police to Barrie where he was examined by a doctor and later was removed to Tassara General Hospital for medical attention.

Born and raised in Coburnville, the late Gordon Smart was the son of Mrs. William John Smart and the late Mr. Smart. At the age of 12, he came to Beeton with his parents and attended Hamletville and Beeton schools.

On leaving school the deceased took a mechanical course and was employed at Simpson's Garage here for some time and later was employed by Cousin Darcy of Aurora. After leaving the employ of the dairy he again resumed the occupation of mechanic and worked for Coburn's Garage.

In 1942, Gordon Smart joined the armed forces, enlisting in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and later transferred to the RCE-ME, serving in Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany and held an NCO's rank during his army career. Receiving his discharge from the armed forces after his return to Canada in 1946, the deceased returned to the employ of Coburn's Garage and later with the Ontario Hydro.

In 1946, he was united in marriage to Rhia Brown of Schumacher and they resided on Prospect St., Beeton.

Following the death of the late Fred Pearson, the deceased became the postmaster in Beeton from 1949 until 1953. Since that time and until his sudden demise, he had been employed at Camp Beeton and various garages in and around Beeton.

In religion, he was an adherent of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and in politics a Liberal. Basketball was his favorite sport and he was quite active on the diamond with Beeton teams.

He is survived by his wife and mother, Mrs. W. J. Smart of Barrie, also two sisters, Isabel (Mrs. Charles Brown) of Bond Head, and Georgina (Mrs. W. E. King) of Beeton.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held at the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Sunday afternoon with Rev. P. B. Cooke, conducting the service. The funeral service was also under Canadian Legion auspices when Four Freedoms Branch No. 431, Beeton, performed the last rites at the graveside to a large crowd of friends. Interment was made in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton.

## Nonegenarian Laid To Rest 1965

William Edgar Ritchie died in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on May 24th, after an illness which had required him to be a patient in Bond Haven Nursing Home, Bond Head, for one and a half years.

He was born on October 25, 1874, at Guilford, and was educated at the St. Peter's Convent School in West Gwillimbury township.

Mr. Ritchie farmed in the townships of West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth until 1947 when he took up residence in Beeton in the Main Street home now that of Dr. and Mrs. S. R. McKelvey.

In 1907, Mr. Ritchie took for his bride Miss Jennie South and of Bond Head, who departed this life in 1932. He remarried in 1937, taking to wife Miss Mabel Soules, of Tecumseth township. This second union was dissolved by the death of Mrs. Ritchie in 1950.

Originally of Presbyterian persuasion, Mr. Ritchie became a member of the United Church with the coming of Church Union in the 1920's. He was a member of Bond Head United Church, but, of course, transferred his membership to Trinity United Church, Beeton, when he came here to live.

Joining Spay Lounge A2 and AM No. 384 Beeton, in 1923, Mr. Ritchie became a Master Mason.

He gave much time to the service of the community, being a trustee on the Wilcox School Board and later its secretary-treasurer. He was a member of the Tecumseth Township Council for a number of years, and, for a short time, was a Beeton village councillor.

The Beeton Horticultural Society had Mr. Ritchie as an active and interested member for some years. Also, he was a Director of the Beeton Agricultural Society from 1933 to 1941 when he became First Vice President, holding that office for five years.

Mr. Ritchie was active with the Beeton Lawn Bowling Club for some years, and for a time was a fan of local hockey teams. However, he gave little attention to pro hockey, certainly never following the teams via television which attention he disliked.

Surviving this nonegenarian are his daughter, Muriel (Mrs. Cecil Reynolds) of Tecumseth township, and son, Edgar of Beeton, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A Masonic service was conducted in the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel, Tottenham, on May 26th, and the funeral service followed on May 27th, also in the Chapel, with Rev. D. K. Byrd, incumbent of Trinity United Church, Beeton, officiating. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

## 1964 FREDERICK G. BARTON

Frederick George Jackson Barton, who died in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on April 19th, was born April 21, 1895, in the 8th line Tecumseth township farm house which was his home at the time of his death.

Mr. Barton received his education at Hammett's School, a short distance from his home.

In 1915, he went to Bount, Sask. where his brother, Ernest, had been farming since 1912. Mr. Barton purchased a half section of land (320 acres) from the Hudson Bay Co., not far from his brother's holding. In 1923, it became necessary for him to return home to assist his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barton. His brother, Ernest continued to operate his western property for some years.

Mr. Barton remained on the home farm with his sister, Miss Irene, who predeceased him on November 23rd, 1965.

Mr. Barton was greatly interested in horses, and derived much pleasure from his Clydesdales. With these he captured prizes at the Beeton Fall Fairs of years gone by, as they were proudly driven before judges and spectators, wearing brass mounted harness. This harness remained in Mr. Barton's possession until a few years ago.

The Barton family were Methodists but with Church Union became members of Trinity United Church, Beeton.

Mr. Barton is survived by his brothers, Ernest of Saskatoon, Sask., and Harold of Toronto; five nieces, Myrtle (Mrs. D. Edo of Milford, Sask., Olive (Mrs. L. McMillan), Toronto; Marjory (Mrs. R. Fitzgerald), Toronto; Shirley (Mrs. D. Fahlgren) of North Bay and Mary Lou (Mrs. E. Miller) of Winnipeg; six nephews, Thomas and Milton of Bount, Sask., Thomas of New York City, N.Y., John of Port Arthur, John of Bolton and F. H. of Beeton.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. D. K. Byrd, incumbent Trinity United Church, Beeton, in the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel, Tottenham, on April 22nd. Interment was made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Palbearers were: Elgin Blake, Allan Glassford, Vernon McQuay, Lorne Williams, Wm. J. Watson and Henry Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. S. H. McKelvey, D. K. Harvey, Edgar Williams, W. C. Hammett, R. S. Kearns and Solby Dobb.

Flowerbearers were: Thomas Baker, James Heuchman, Stanley Elmer, Jos. Irwin and Clarence Varcoe.



## Jackson Glassford Laid To Rest

A well known resident of the Beeton area, Jackson Glassford passed away suddenly at his home on Wednesday, September 21st, at his 75th year.

The late Mr. Glassford was born in Caledon Township on March 10, 1894 and resided there until November 1933 at which time he took up residence in his present home in Tecumseh township until the time of his untimely death.

The deceased took an active part in many community activities. Mr. Glassford served as a member of the Church Board for a number of years in each of the respective communities. He was Past Master of both Spy Lodge No. 265, Beeton, and the Orange Lodge at Caledon, and an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Glassford was one of the original members of the Tecumseh Township Area School Board, and retired after serving in the position of chairman.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lillian Bell of Beeton, sons, Allan et. home; Bruce of Toronto; daughters, Frada (Mrs. Joe) Goshen of Detroit, Mich., and Marion (Mrs. John) Badyk of Schenectady, N.Y. and three sons, Thomas J. and John (Mrs. J. Jackson) both of St. Catharines; Michael (Mrs. L. Carter) of Shikarae and Susan (Mrs. G. McDonald) of Durham and six grandchildren, Donna, Janice, Gary and Susan, Glenn and Cheryl and Jacques and Rodyk.

A Masonic service was held Friday evening, September 23rd, at the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, Rev. H. Dahlin conducted the funeral service, at Bead Head United Church, on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. September 24th. Interment was in Trin By United Cemetery, Beeton.

The pallbearers were: Geo. Link, Clarence Watson, Dr. E. R. Thomas, Ernest Trathen, Hilbert Robinson and Cliff Ford Bell.

The flower bearers were: Leona Bell, Gordon Speers, Harold Atkinson, Everton Carter, Edward Murray, Charles Noble Maxwell, Mitchell and Cyril Greenham.

## Mrs. Edward Ellison Laid To Rest 1966

On April 22nd, after a period of two years of frail health, Nettie Leona Holmes, widow of the late Thomas Edward Kill, son passed away quietly at the home of her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Westlake at lot 13, con. 4, Tecumseh township.

Mrs. Ellison was born in Dalhousie on June 7th, 1884 and was in her 82nd year. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Kirk and Charles Henry Holmes, spent some of her childhood in Albion attending Public School there but spent most of her youth in the vicinity of Beeton and had many happy memories of friends and good times enjoyed in this locality. She also spent a number of summers in the Muskoka area and had many stories of the Muskoka Lakes and the resort districts.

She enjoyed travelling immensely and has travelled by train to the West Coast several times and on October 8th, 1912, married Thomas Edward Ellison in Calgary, Alta., at which time they were both employed in Alberta. Mr. Ellison in Calgary and Mrs. Ellison in Banff. They returned to Ontario by train in the spring of 1916, settling in West Gwillimbury township, later to King township and finally in 1919 they came to Tecumseh where they lived as farm folk until they moved to Beeton in 1952 purchasing the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Reynolds on Centre Street.

Mrs. Ellison remained in her home after her husband's death in July 1964 until a few weeks prior to her death. She was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and was also affiliated with and a member of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, keeping up this association from former years.

Mrs. Ellison is survived by three children, Margaret (Mrs. Garnet Westlake), Harold of Beeton and Oscar of Mitchell, one brother, Almas in Edmonton, Alta. and nine grandchildren. Her husband, Edward Ellison, a daughter Marjorie and two sisters, Andie of Meigs, Man., and Florence of Toledo, Ohio, and two brothers George of Beeton and Oscar buried in France, predeceased her.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Thos. Grace on April 26th, at 2:00 p.m., in the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, with interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton.

The pallbearers were: D. N. Harvey, Laurie Brandridge, George Forbes, Norman Mitchell, Harold Findlay and Gordon Drury.

The flower bearers were Rod Ellison, Bob Ellison, Doug Ellison, Albert Sheppard, Sid Kearns, McGill Findlay and Earl Brown.

## Gary Kelly Laid To Rest In Beeton

Gary Kelly died on December 19th, as the result of an accident. He was born on February 10, 1943, in Toronto. In 1963, the family came to reside in Tecumseh Township, and Gary attended Mount Pleasant and Hammett Public Schools, and Banting Memorial High School, Alliston. For the past eight years, he was employed by Bode-Try Novorise Limited.

In December 1963, Mr. Kelly married Miss Betty Mae Mitchell of Beeton, and in 1965, they purchased a home on Tecumseh Street, South in Beeton.

Mr. Kelly is mourned by his widow, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Kelly of Tecumseh Township; sisters, Olive (Mrs. James) Elmer of Scarborough and Barbara (Mrs. Earl) Collier of Beeton; brothers, Robert, Toronto; Gordon, residing in Montreal; David and John, both of Ontario; Samuel of Brampton and Kenneth, Roy and William, all of Beeton. His father, John Kelly, predeceased him in 1961.

The funeral service was conducted in the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel, Tottenham, on December 22nd, with Rev. D. E. Ryan, incumbent of Trinity United Church, Beeton, officiating. Interment followed in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Mr. Kelly's brothers, Robert, Gordon, David, John, Roy and Samuel were the pallbearers.

Flower bearers were: Robert Kaffelge, Albert Bolman, Gomer Beder, Frank Link, Gordon Andrews, Donald Luff, Stanley Spurr, Walter Swanton, John Crumack and Leslie Dunlop.

## Feb 15 1962 DANIEL ROSS WATSON

Suddenly at his home, Centre St., Beeton, on Tuesday, February 6th, Daniel Ross Watson, beloved husband of Marion Johnson, and dear father of William L. of Beeton, James Daniel of Orillia, and Maureen (Mrs. Don) Bergh of Leamington, leaving a number of five grandchildren; brother-in-law of James of Beeton; Margaret (Mrs. Oliver) English of Kitchener; Mrs. Ruth Lewis of Beeton; R. Kitchener of Vancouver, B.C. and George (Mrs. Don) Barry of Wallaceton.

Passed at his late residence, Centre St., on Thursday, February 6th. The service in St. Paul's Anglican Church, was conducted by the Rev. H. T. Caffrey.

The pallbearers were: Maureen Barry, William, Lloyd Smart, Earl Stewart, Jim English (father), and Grant and David, McGee. The floral tributes were very numerous and beautiful. Maureen Barry, William Strachan Jr., Jack Burdette, Sidney Kearns, George Haines and Alfred Stoddard acted as floral bearers.

Interment being in the family plot in the Trinity United Cemetery.

The deceased was the son of the late D. W. Watson, and Maureen Ryan and was born in Beeton in the year 1894. He was a veteran of World War I, later working 20 years at Camp Borden before retiring on January 2nd, 1960. He was an active Peoples' Warden in St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Relatives were present at the funeral from Kitchener, Wallaceton, Toronto, Barrie, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Knapton, West Lorne and surrounding district.

## Former Resident Called By Death

A former resident of this village for half a century was called by death at his home in Harrogate on Friday in the person of Frank Edward Clarke. He was in his 96th year.

Born in Birmingham, England, in the year 1872, he emigrated to Canada in 1900 and settled on Patterson St., in Beeton where he resided until 1901, when he went to live at Harrogate. He is survived by one brother, Alfred J., of London, Ont.

The late Mr. Clarke was brought to Beeton for burial and was interred in Trinity United Cemetery on Monday afternoon with Rev. R. G. Matthews conducting the committal service.

Twenty-one persons there now are registered in Canada for 1966, giving those were recorded in 1964.



# REV. R. F. WALSH

During the season of Christmas joy the festive spirit in Colgan was considerably dampened by news of the death on Christmas Eve of a former, he lived pastor of St. James Church, Colgan, also of St. Francis, Tottenham and St. Mary's, Achill. — Rev. Robert P. Walsh, who spent 22 years here.

Father Walsh passed away on December 24th at Providence Villa after a lengthy illness. When deceased left Colgan after 20 years as pastor he was given a warm and fervent farewell by parishioners, friends and school children. In answer to the words of heart felt sorrow and appreciation of him at his departure, he very humbly responded in these words of humility — "These are not the things I have done that I should have done — but you have said the things and so Colgan's beloved Father Walsh has passed to his eternal reward."

The funeral took place on December 27th from St. Paul's Church, Toronto on the 62nd anniversary of his ordination. More than fifty priests and a large gathering of friends attended.

The Mass of Concelebration by Archbishop P. F. Pocock, Monsignor Ralph Kinn and Father E. J. Pate, G. W. O'Brien, E. J. Mahoney and S. P. Chivello. Interment was in the priest's plot in St. Augustine's Seminary. May he rest in peace!

# Beeton Barber Was Killed Saturday

Thomas C. Kitchen died on Nov. 20th, as the result of an automobile accident, which had no witnesses. It is believed this occurred somewhere on Highway 27, but the exact location is not known, nor is the cause of the accident.

It has been reported that Mr. Kitchen was treated at York County Hospital, Newmarket, then removed to Toronto General Hospital, where he died of a skull fracture.

Mr. Kitchen, who was 48 years old, had served Beeton town and some women for over 15 years in his capacity as a barber. He was employed for a short time by Wm. Stickles, then opened his own shop in the building owned by W. A. Colwell, since purchased by Max Wilson. In November, 1963, he purchased the building which houses the present barber shop from Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gould.

For the past few years, Mr. Kitchen had acquired antiques of every description — many of these he kept, regarding them as an investment.

Though most Beeton residents knew Mr. Kitchen, he made no close friends, being rather reticent and reserved, but had quietly and unobtrusively given understanding help to a number of young boys who were finding the transition to manhood difficult.

Mr. Kitchen's body rested at the Butler Funeral Home in St. Catharines, the funeral being on Tuesday.

# JAMES STUART THOMSON

James Stuart Thomson died at his Main Street home here on November 15th, after almost two years of declining health.

Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1878, Mr. Thomson was eight years old when brought to this country by his parents. He attended Beeton Public School.

Mr. Thomson became a member of the Toronto Police Force in 1905. On his retirement, after 21 years service, he and Mrs. Thomson returned to Beeton.

In June 1907, Mr. Thomson took for his bride, Miss Gertrude Tomlinson, who was born in Adolph township, but had been a Beeton resident since she was a few months old, and had been one of her husband's school mates.

Mr. Thomson was a Presbyterian until about a year and a half ago, when he embraced Roman Catholicism, this being his wife's faith.

Mr. Thomson is survived by his widow, three nieces and two nephews.

Rev. Father Paul Mitalah of St. James Church, Colgan, conducted an inter-faith service in the Chapel of the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Friday evening and the funeral service in St. James Church on Saturday morning, also in interment in Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton.

pallbearers were Messrs. Francis Nichols, David Thomson, Roy Armstrong, Edwin Latta, John Pickett and Gerald Egan.

# Wesley Baker Laid To Rest

Wesley Baker died and duly at his Tecumseh township home on August 3rd. Born in Plymouth, Cornwall, England, on November 3rd, 1890, he came to Canada with his parents, the late Albert and Grace Baker, in 1912.

Prior to taking up residence in Tecumseh township in 1923, the family lived first at Elia, then Conced, Weston and Islington. Due to these several moves, Mr. Baker attended two or three public schools.

Renowned for his diligence as a farmer, which occupation he followed all his life, Mr. Baker had not been a member of any organization, but was an adherent of Trinity United Church, Beeton.

Mourning the grievous loss of their brother are Rosa (Mrs. Loren Shindlow) of Nobleton; by Mrs. Reginald Bickton of Beeton; Lewis and Harry, who lived with Wesley; Thomas, also of Tecumseh township; William of Rexdale; and Gilbert residing at Netherhill, Sask.

The funeral service was conducted in Mr. Baker's home by Rev. D. K. Byrd, incumbent of Trinity United Church, on August 6th, with interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

Pallbearers were Harry Cross, Truman Bell, Gordon Bray, Edward Jerry, Gordon Drury and Duncan McVane.

Flowerbearers were Roy Armstrong, Edgar Williams, Wm. J. Watson, Charles Kinn and Clare Holmes.

# Four Killed In Highway Crash

Four persons were killed on Friday night and two critically injured when a pickup truck and a car collided five miles northwest of Brampton.

Killed in the accident were William E. Beardon, 68, Coldwater, driver of the truck; Ray H. Mason, 57, Tottenham, driver of the car; Mrs. Ethel Walton, 70, Tottenham, Mason's mother-in-law and a passenger in his car; Mrs. Dianne Bradley, 21, Palgrave, Mason's daughter and also a passenger. Mrs. Bradley was expecting a baby next month.

Mason's wife, Doris, 43, and Mrs. Bradley's husband, Murray, 21, are in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. Both are in critical condition.

Mr. Beardon, Mr. Mason and Mrs. Walton were dead in the scene, and Mrs. Bradley died an hour later in hospital. — Toronto Star.

# VIOLET BLANCHE KING

Funeral service was held at the Thomas Funeral Home in Alliston for Violet Blanche King who passed away at Stevenson Memorial Hospital at Alliston on December 23rd.

Miss King was the elder daughter of the late Isaac King and Victoria Hill. She was born in Tecumseh township on the farm presently owned by Mr. James Hill and moved into the Village of Beeton at an early age then settled on the King farm on the north line for many years.

She moved into the village again about 28 years ago and bought the Silas Wray home on Centre Street where she resided until her death.

She was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church at her life and was a staunch Conservative.

She was predeceased by her sister Beatrice (the late Mrs. Edward Appleton) and only brother Elwyn.

She is survived by one niece Beatrice (Mrs. Elwyn Corbett) of Harris and one nephew Donald King of Beeton; also two granddaughters — Elaine (Mrs.

# FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AT RICHMOND HILL

Just as we are to press, it has been learned that Mary Gladys Lilly, beloved wife of William Thomson Baker of Richmond Hill, passed away on Friday, March 22nd at the York Central Hospital at Richmond Hill. She was a former resident of Beeton.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Ralph of Mississauga, Quebec and Ronald of Richmond Hill, seven grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Frederick Nixon and Mrs. William Darwin and two brothers, Lloyd and Edgar Lilly all of Toronto.

The funeral will be held from the Anderson Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Monday with interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

# JANE RIDDEL LAID TO REST

There passed away at her home on Centre Street, Beeton, on Friday last week, a highly respected resident in the person of Jane Riddel, in her 88th year. A brother, Robert, who resides in Beeton is the sole survivor to retain her loss. The funeral was held on Monday and interment made in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

# WILLIAM SMART PASSES FORMER ENGINEER

Tecumseh people were shocked to hear of the sudden death of William Smart on Friday afternoon, October 25.

Mr. Smart, a veteran of the First World War, was the village's engineer for a good many years. Although retired he still had the makings of the municipality at heart and was a fan of the figure wherever the Ontario Commissioner was doing any work.

The funeral was held on Monday at the Anderson Funeral Home, with interment in Beeton Cemetery.

The community extends sincere sympathy to Mrs. Smart (the former Elizabeth Wright) and their three daughters, Rose, Pauline (Mrs. Ray Adams) and Jane (Mrs. Bob Macdonald), all in Toronto.

# MRS. A. E. HOOPER PASSES SUDDENLY

It is with sadness we report the sudden death, this morning (Thursday) of Mrs. A. E. Hooper, Queen Street. Mrs. Hooper had been taken by ambulance to Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, and died shortly after arriving there. All our sympathy goes to Mrs. Hooper's family.



## Assuming Holiday Air and Dress

Beeton is assuming a holiday air and dress, in the week end, designed to especially celebrate Canada's 100th birthday. Drawings, some banners and places of business are sporting flags and decorations.

A. L. Fachnie, our local pharmacist, has placed in one of his display windows, a number of interesting mementoes of the past.

Five leather uniforms are among this collection. There is the Red Infantry uniform worn from 1867 to 1900; Royal Flying Corps 1914 — 18; RAF 1919 — 25; RCAF 1925 — 47; and United Nations' Force, Egypt, 1950 — 67. These are owned by members of the Fachnie family with the exception of the United Nations' Force uniform which has been loaned by Private Lloyd Richardson of Tecumseh Township.

Still in the military mood, see the RFC dress field boots of 1914 — 18 vintage; a gas mask of the same period; picture frames made from poplar, the top the bow of a propeller from a Sopwith Pup fighting plane in use in 1918, with a thermometer mounted on it; pictures of planes flown from 1915 to 1918, and modern fighters and transports; a bayonet and scabbard of 1913 vintage, used in conjunction with the Ross Rifle; personal articles and badges of units in which Mr. Fachnie served during World War I.

Then there is the London — York stage coach, been driving back to 1775 when King George III was the reigning monarch. A number of coats in common use in apothecary shops, 100 years ago, and samples of drugs of the same period, provide a marked contrast to present appliances and drugs.

Finally, there is the radio speaker horn which was part of the first radio owned by any Beeton resident. It dates back to 1920, and was shown in Mr. Fachnie, by the late Robert Elliot.

A collection of mementoes, weekly used working tools and other items which were in everyday use in pioneer days, that have been placed in the window of Earl Hammett's bookstore and Red Ed's office by the teachers and pupils of Tecumseh North Central School.

Yet another collection, quite different than either of the others is contained in one of the windows of the 5c. to \$1.00 Store, owned and operated by Fred and Clara Adams. This features fashion of yesterday and textbooks used in "Little Red School Houses."

It will probably be a long time before such reminders of Canada's past, will be seen again, outside a museum.

## See The Queen While On Vacation

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Holmes arrived home from their far holiday on February 18th, to receive a warm reception from family and friends, but a frigid one from the weather. It was in uncomfortable contrast to the balmy temperatures of 75 to 85 degrees they had been basking in.

Continuous rain fell for three days during the first week of their stay, which is most unusual. Clearing came and royal weather greeted Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, as did the island's yachting community. Their craft, with Dr. and Mrs. Holmes aboard one of them, met the Britannia to provide an honour guard for the entrance to the port of Bridgetown, and set the tone of the tumultuous welcome the royal couple received every where.

Mrs. Holmes was able to see the Queen and Prince at close range. She says both look as they do in pictures, but these cannot do justice to the Queen's beauty, or Prince Philip's winning smile. Dr. Holmes took pictures which he hopes will turn out well, for such are not acquired every day.

Altogether, their vacation contained a good rest with excitement, and proved completely enjoyable.

## ENJOYED HOLIDAY IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lisk, Maple Avenue, with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wake of Ruessmont, left here on February 18th, for a motoring holiday to Florida, and returned on February 20th. They were favoured with pleasant weather, low temperatures being in the 80's.

One of the highlights of their southern visit came in Fort Meyers, where they witnessed the "Edison Pageant of Light." This annual spectacle takes place at night on the birthday of Thomas A. Edison, who, among other things, invented the electric light bulb. The parade was made up of 100 floats — bands and floats. The party also enjoyed a guided tour of Edison's home, which is kept exactly as it was when he was alive.

## SKIING HOLIDAY IN THE LAURENTIANS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. David Senly chose a Laurentian, skiing holiday, from which they returned on February 22nd.

Mont Tremblant, some 80 miles north of Montreal, provided excellent skiing. Certainly, there was no danger of being without snow — temperatures were 30 and 40 degrees below zero.

The footsore thoroughly enjoyed their strenuous, yet relaxing, vacation.

## Teacher, Student And Runner

Alvin Runnalls, Tecumseh Street South, a teacher who joined the staff of the Beeton Public School in September, is by avocation a long distance runner. He hails from Manton Island, where his interest in this sport was developed in high school.

Mr. Runnalls has competed in two meets since coming here a six mile cross country run often round the hay rack, which, on October 30th, the Ham as an annual event with a distance of 19 miles. He hopes to work up to the marathon distance, which is 26 miles.

Mr. Runnalls said much hard work is required — one or two hours a day should be given to running — but there is great satisfaction in accomplishment, with the added pleasure of maintaining good physical condition. In trying to obtain the necessary practice, he runs in Beeton Park, the Village streets, country roads and across country.

On Thursday evenings, Mr. Runnalls joins the other members of the recently formed Alliston Track Club for practice. On these evenings he, with the help of parents who volunteer their time and cars, takes 20 or more public school children from Beeton to Banting Memorial High School, Alliston, for instruction in physical education in that school's gymnasium by one of its physical education instructors, Mr. Yankoff. This will be of advantage to the children taking part as they will not enter high school with no preparation for these activities which has previously been the case.

Another activity in which Mr. Runnalls engages, is helping with the boys' work of Trinity United Church, Beeton. All this suggests a busy life, but in addition he is taking a winter university course, as he works to his BA degree.

We wish Mr. Runnalls joy and success in his varied interests, which obviously make for a full and satisfying life, with no time for boredom.

E. J. CARLETON, Publisher

## Girl Guides Attend Church Service

The Beeton Girl Guide Company and Brownie Pack observed "Thinking Day" on February 20th, by attending Church service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton.

District Commissioner Helen Lisk spoke to the girls, outlining for them the purpose, beginnings and development of the Guide Movement, and telling them something of the lives of the founder, Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Baden-Powell.

Mr. Bell, incumbent of St. Andrew's, took for his sermon topic, "What can we give to God?" He made his remarks particularly applicable and interesting to his young listeners, as he explained what the Guide Motto, "Be Prepared," and that of the Brownies, "Lend a Hand," should mean to each girl.

On February 22nd, an annual ceremony for Brownies was conducted by District Commissioner Helen Lisk in Trinity United Church, Beeton, Sunday School room.

Those enrolled were Joanne Aikm, Terry Brown, Bridget Girard, Cathy Graham, Daryl Lake, Linda McFadden, Sharon Reynolds, Kristine Sage, Karen Waldstein and Sharon Wakelin.

A Golden Bar Ceremony was held to present this Bar, in recognition of having passed a certain number of tests in Patti Boyler, Heather Bulman, Nancy-Lou Gault, Kim Gesssey and Paulette Grondki.

A one year Service Star Pin was presented to Marilyn Bushford and Bonnie Brown.

The Brownies engaged in the Thinking Day Ceremony, in which each girl lights a candle for a Brownie in some other land. "Thinking Day" is observed annually on February 22nd the birth date of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

Luncheon was served to her with a satisfying conclusion to a joyous evening.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH FAMILY

Mrs. Bella Watson of Loritto celebrated her 52nd birthday on Sunday, November 21, at the residence of her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lisk, Maple Ave., Beeton. Those present were Mrs. Watson's family of seven were all present, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Norval Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Harvold Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Herb

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Lisk, Mr. and Mrs. William Colburn, Mr. Vernon Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson of Belleville.

Twenty-five were present, including a number of grandchildren. A lovely buffet dinner was served and a most enjoyable time was spent.



## Telephone Service On Increase Here

MONTREAL — In its 1965 annual report, issued Tuesday, the Bell Telephone Company of Canada shows a net growth of 24,988 telephones, the greatest annual increase in its history. This brings the total number of telephones it has in service to 4,678,000.

This expansion was reflected in Beeton, where a total of 42 telephones were added to service. H. B. Allan, Bell Canada manager for the region, said that 434 telephones were in service here as of December 31st, 1965.

The company's net income for the year 1965 totalled \$88.5 million, equivalent to a rate of return of 6.6 per cent on total capital, or \$2.92 per share. This compares to a rate of return of 6.2 per cent and earnings per share of \$2.71 in 1964. After payments of dividends to the company's 214,000 share holders at the annual rate of \$2.26 per share, the balance of 72 cents per share was retained and used to expand and improve service. Of Bell Canada shareholders, 97.5 per cent live in Canada and own 94 per cent of the stock total.

In 1965 the company reached an agreement on revised contracts for three unions representing 30,000 employees. As a result, wages increased substantially. In 1965 total payroll was \$200,226,641. As of December 31, 1965, Bell Canada employed 38,320 men and women.

Capital expenditures to improve and extend telephone services amounted to a record-breaking \$242.5 million during 1965, including the establishment of 12 new exchanges, many of them in remote areas which had formerly been with out local service.

The report also stresses the importance of consistently good communications in the non-urban areas served by Bell Canada. "In a mobile society such as ours, people tend to expect the same high level of service wherever they may be. In view of this, the company made significant progress in major programs designed to extend the availability of urban-type telephone service in non-urban areas."

In the five years from 1960 through 1964, the company spent \$136 million on service improvements in non-urban areas, and it plans to invest even more in the next five-year period.

The report points out that individual and two-party services were made available in 255 communities which previously had only multi-party service as the standard offering. Many local calling areas were extended and 16 exchanges converted to dial. More than 99 per cent of the company's telephones are now dial operated and conversion of the remainder is planned for the near future.

## The Exhibition Poster B2. 1967

One of the rarest items on display at the Beeton Agricultural Society's Fall Fair on September 26th and 27th, was an advertising poster for the "Annual Carleton and Tecumseh Branch Agricultural Societies and Fall Fair" held in the "Town Park, Beeton" on Wednesday and Thursday, October 11th and 12th, 1961.

The blue and red lettering on a white background, is surrounded and bordered by a design which adds to the attraction of the poster. It is the only copy remaining of the poster which was printed in Tottenham. It announces that this Exhibition was open to the Beeton, offered prizes amounting to \$2,200.00; that arrangements had been made with the Northern and North Western Railways to carry 3d values, stock and articles to and from the Exhibition at half fare. In addition to some of the classes still common to fall fairs, was a musical competition for which there was a special prize. Perhaps, the most significant proof of how much things have changed, was the price of admission — 15c.

Four names appear at the bottom of this poster — Thomas Phillips, President, Carleton, Kenneth Smith, President, Tecumseh Branch, W. H. Hammit, Treasurer, and W. H. Dickson, Secretary.

This poster was found in a Cookstown attic, and presented to Harry Cross, Secretary, Treasurer of the Beeton Agricultural Society, who had it framed to preserve it for many more years.

## Work Progresses On Beeton Road

Work has gone well on the mile section of road leading into Beeton from No. 13 County Road (Hammell's Corner) and basing is well under way.

The road will be 38 feet from shoulder to shoulder, with a 22 foot traffic lane in the centre. It is planned to hardenface this road next year. Paving is expected to be done when the new Highway Link is carried through Beeton itself, as it is not economic to let a contract to asphalt only one mile.

There are plans for Beeton main street to be made into a highway link, but this is understood, is waiting until final decisions are made as to storm and sanitary sewers.

Some soil was "blasted" from a farm south of the road and now stakes are placed there. The County Engineer's office reports that these are to establish the grade for levelling off the land so that it can be put back into use after removal of the soil purchased by the County.

This road work is being done by the County.



PRIME MINISTER PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU

who led his Liberal Party to victory on Tuesday, securing 154 seats, the first full majority in the House of Commons since 1962.

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## Action Against Unlicensed Dogs In Beeton 1966

The regular meeting of Beeton Village Council was held in the Clerk - Treasurer's office on September 12.

Beeton Agricultural Society President John Mason, and Treasurer Harry Cross, attended to request permission to close off certain streets, for the period of the Beeton Fall Fair. Permission was granted.

Leonard Gossia appeared to ask that remission be given to the provision of more lighting at his corner, if changes in lighting are made. He also requested that the proposed new sidewalk to the east of his property, be left until he has completed intended renovations. Council is giving these matters full consideration.

Clerk William L. Watson submitted a report, prepared by Garret Page, regarding unlicensed dogs, and the Clerk was instructed to notify all dog owners who are in arrears by registered mail or personal service, that Sept. 22 is the deadline for paying dog tax. After that date, further action will be taken.

It was resolved that Council endorse the resolution of the Beeton Council, which was an endorsement of the Thorold Council's resolution, that 50 per cent of the cost of education, be borne by the government. (Beeton World)

## WEIGH SCALES REMOVED FROM OUR MAIN CORNER

The weigh scale has been removed from the southwest corner of Main and Centre Streets to the Dayfoot Street property of Donald Palmer, who has maintained the scale for the past few years and now takes possession. Mr. Palmer assures that the scale will still be available to all who wish to use it.

This is the fourth location for the scale in its over 50 years history as part of the Village economy. Too small for today's larger vehicles and loads, it has not been extensively used for some time. This, together with the parking problem on Centre Street South, made its removal desirable.

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## OLD QUEEN'S HOTEL HAS BEEN SOLD

The old Queen's Hotel at the northeast corner of Main and Centre Streets has been purchased by F. Kreuzer of Weston from Mrs. M. C. Simpson. Mr. Kreuzer will take possession October 1st. This building was purchased by Mrs. Simpson and her late husband in 1917.

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## GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

John Ellison Westlake, B.A. Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Westlake of Tecumseh township, near Beeton, has completed the four year course and received a Degree of Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Toronto at Convocation Hall on June 1st. John also received the prize given by the Ontario Chapter, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers



JOHN ELLISON WESTLAKE

for the best Thesis written this year pertaining to that field of work. John was formerly an honour student at Banting Memorial High School, and is at present with the RCAF at Galt, Manitoba, training as an officer and pilot.

A number of relatives and friends gathered at John's home on Sunday, June 5th prior to his departure to Galt, to offer congratulations and to wish him well in his future studies.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED NEXT WEEK

The annual World Day of Prayer will be observed this year on February 25th. In Beeton, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be the host for a gathering at 8 p.m. All are welcome, both men and women, and our young people.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. John Murray, wife of the Presbyterian Minister in Calcutta East, who was formerly a missionary in India.

At the close of the meeting, the company will repair to the Church Hall where light refreshments will be served. This will provide a further opportunity for fellowship, the fostering of which is one of the objects of this Day of Prayer.

## Ruth Connell Top Public Speaker

The Public School Speaking Contest, sponsored by the Simcoe County Trustees and Ratepayers Association, was won at the County level by Ruth Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Connell of Tecumseh township and a pupil at Tecumseh North Central School.

Ruth received the George Johnston Shield and a cash award given by the Association. Paddy Tucker, a pupil at King Edward School, Barrie, placed second and third place went to Lauree Tourond, who attends Frederick Campbell School, at Camp Borden.

The ten School Inspectors in the County were all represented by one contestant, and all entrants received a Certificate of Honour and a book of their choice, given by the Association. Despite the inclement weather of November 26th, the auditorium of Hillcrest School in Barrie was filled to capacity as parents and friends attended to give encouragement to their entrants. A bus load went from North Central to give Ruth moral support.

Our congratulations to Ruth and best wishes for the Zone finals early next spring. The Zone comprises Bruce, Dufferin, Grey and Simcoe counties.

## GARNETT PEGG NOW RETIRED

Garnett Pegg, who since 1958 has worked as a civilian employee, in the capacity of baker, at Camp Borden, retired on December 14th, to a life of leisure. Those who know Mr. Pegg will realize this will not long satisfy him, and will be expecting the spring of 1966 to bring an announcement of some new activity on the part of this man who has known in his busy hard work and long hours.

Whatever his decision, we wish Mr. Pegg many happy years to indulge his avocations, some leisure and his splendid family.

## ST. PAUL'S GUILD HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton, Guild members held their Christmas party on December 6th. The 18 women present dined sumptuously, having a turkey dinner at the Tecumseh Grill.

Repairs to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Boynton's Main Street residence room, they spent a pleasant time engaged in games, raffles and an exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Wm. Kettle donated a colourful and useful braided rug to the Guild each year. The members purchase tickets on this rug and a winner is drawn for. This year, Mrs. James Thayer was the lucky girl.

## RUTH CONNELL AGAIN WINS TOP HONOURS

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Ruth received the George Johnston Shield and a cash award given by the Association. Paddy Tucker, a pupil at King Edward School, Barrie, placed second and third place went to Lauree Tourond, who attends Frederick Campbell School, at Camp Borden.

The ten School Inspectors in the County were all represented by one contestant, and all entrants received a Certificate of Honour and a book of their choice, given by the Association.

Despite the inclement weather of November 26th, the auditorium of Hillcrest School in Barrie was filled to capacity as parents and friends attended to give encouragement to their entrants. A bus load went from North Central to give Ruth moral support.

Our congratulations to Ruth and best wishes for the Zone finals early next spring. The Zone comprises Bruce, Dufferin, Grey and Simcoe counties.

## ATTEND GRADUATION OF NEPHEW

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Macdonald, of Hillcrest, attended the graduation of their nephew, Donald Lilly, who received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Thursday, June 23rd. They also attended the Garden Party given by the Law Society of Upper Canada in honour of the graduates on the lawn of Osgoode Hall.

## ATTENDED ORA FALL BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Frank Lisk attended the Ora Fall Board meeting at the Ontario Education and Leadership Camp on Lake Couchiching during the week end and also at this camp there was a Seminar for the Recreation Chairman for all Simcoe, North York and Ontario counties.

## PURCHASES EIGHTH LINE FARM

Allan Glassford, a prosperous farmer in Tecumseh township, purchased the 150-acre farm recently from Clarence Watson, lot 20, con. 7, Tecumseh. This is the former William Ritchie farm. The farm is situated directly across the road from the Glassford farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson will remain on the farm for the time being.

## Gar. Hall Heads '69 Beeton Fair

Around 65 people attended the Beeton Agricultural Society's annual meeting a week ago, Monday night and elected Garfield Hall as their new president. He first long moves up to the 1st vice-presidency.

The Society is in good financial shape, probably the best in its long history, and the prize list will be enlarged (bigger prizes and more classes) for this year's fair, September 23 and 24 are the dates set. A delegation to the convention of agricultural societies in Toronto later this month will line up the midway attractions and shows for the night performances.

The stock barn built last year was a much needed addition to the fairground facilities and it may be that a second will be put up this year.

Mrs. Harold Watson heads the women's division the 1969, with Mrs. J. McDowell as recording secretary.

## AGAIN CONFINED TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ross Watson of Centre Street, is once more confined to hospital, this time the Toronto Hospital, this time the Toronto General, where she was admitted on December 28th, and will shortly undergo surgery for a second leg bone graft.

Mrs. Watson was severely injured on May 13th, 1962, and since then has co-operated with her doctors in a battle to restore her badly broken leg to usefulness.

This past summer, she and her medical advisers were hopeful that she would, in a short time, have the full use of her injured limb. However, one week after the operation, this made it impossible for the leg to bear her weight. For over a month, she bore the discomfort and pain of another heavy cast, which, it was hoped, would bring about the desired result. Unfortunately, it did not and she has to submit to this further surgery.

No one can fully realize what this time of inactivity and suffering has meant to this erstwhile most active woman.

It is our hope that success may attend this latest effort, and that, though much time will be required, this woman's great courage and faith will be rewarded.

WATSON — Don and Mary Corillas are happy to announce the birth of a son, David Glen, art. A brother for Larry and Jimmy. In Royal Victoria Hospital on February 17th, 1968.

BERGIN — Don and Marlene are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, a sister for Ann Louise, on March 2nd, 1966, in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston.



## Simcoe Manor To Fraser Pres. WMS 75th Anniversary

Reporting to Simcoe County Council on November 27th, the House for the Aged Committee has recommended that a new home be built to serve the needs of the western section of the county.

Council approved the committee's recommendations for alterations to be carried out at Simcoe Manor, which will provide 15 more beds at an estimated cost of \$35,000. It is proposed to remove the upstairs section formerly used to accommodate living in help by installing an elevator (\$17,000) and making other alterations estimated at \$10,000, plus \$2,000 in architects fees.

Department of Welfare officials have also approved of the plan, provided only semi-furnished residents are accommodated in the new rooms. The committee has recommended that sufficient money be used from the sale of the farm to pay the county's share of the cost. The province pays half.

The committee has been conducting investigations into the need for a third home others are at Beeton and Fenstanton since 1904. In Collingwood alone, they found there are 819 persons over the age of 70 years, 385 people between 65 and 70, and 581 people between 80 and 85.

The committee also reported there are 68 persons in Notingham township eligible to make application to live in a home. 37 in Wasaga Beach, and that there are approximately 100 persons presently being maintained in nursing homes in the county.

Council adopted this report and also two others by the same committee. One of these gave the total net receipts from the sale of three farms, and farm stock and implements in connection with Simcoe Manor at Beeton as \$61,404. The committee recommended that this money be kept in a reserve fund until required for expansion of the home or homes.

Net receipts from the sale of farm implements and live stock was given at \$14,170. The three plots, all in Tecumseh township, brought \$28,000, \$20,000 and \$3,100, respectively, for a net of \$47,222 after expenses.

—Alliston Herald.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of Fraser Presbyterian Church, Yorkton, was celebrated in the church on Monday evening, June 27th, 1966.

The president, Mrs. Geo. Fairbairn, welcomed the guests from local societies who had come to take part in the celebration of this important event.

The meeting opened with call to worship and a Psalm selection.

Mrs. Bell gave a brief history of the Society from its beginning in 1891 and sum of the participants from then until the present time. She said the WMS has always been a vital part of the church and a church with and a WMS is at a disadvantage.

A quartet of junior members of the church sang the anthem, "How Great Thou Art," with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Mallin.

The guest speaker, Miss Margaret Webster, BA, principal of Ewart College, Toronto, was introduced by the president. Ewart College is for the training of missionaries, churchwomen and those interested in other branches of Christian work in the church. Miss Webster thanked the Society for their invitation and said she was pleased she could accept, not only because she is greatly interested in such subjects but also because it had given her an opportunity of visiting through the home.

The scripture lesson, Luke 10: 1-12 was read by Mrs. Webster, the subject of her talk being "Christian Vocation." She paid tribute to the teenage quarters and expressed the hope that they would seriously consider taking up Christian work as their vocation as the world today is badly in need of them. She told us that our first work was with teenagers and they will always have a very special place in her memory.

Following the worship service, we were invited to the church school room where refreshments were served from a buffet table catered by a birthday cake in the shape of 75, made by a member, Mrs. Murray Graham. The cutting of the cake was done by Mrs. Joe. Don, and all was passed by Mrs. L. Leggett.

Our minutes, the Rev. George Bell, was present to bring congratulations and welcome the guests. He called on Mrs. Adams, president of Barrie Presbyterian who brought greetings.

Mrs. Geo. Abernethy expressed the thanks of the guest societies for their relation to attend this most pleasant event and said how much they had enjoyed Miss Webster's very fine talk.

## THE BEETON WORLD, BEETON, ONTARIO

### PUBLISHER PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY PROMOTION

(Barrie Examiner)

BEETON (Said) — "We do not feel we should be given any particular credit — we just do our best," said K. J. Carleton, publisher of The Beeton World, one of Simcoe County's oldest weekly newspapers.

An enthusiastic booster of Beeton, Mr. Carleton took over the 87 year old weekly about 15 years ago. Mrs. Carleton helps him out on the paper and also is lavish in her praise of Beeton.

Civic leaders and business men of this community gave the paper and its publishers considerable credit. Several spoke of the value of a newspaper to any community. As a paper devoted entirely to local and area news, The Beeton World serves a most worthy purpose in this South Simcoe village.

One of the county's oldest villages, Beeton probably is best known to most outsiders as the home of Simcoe Manor, one of three county operated homes for senior citizens.

Beeton has other attractions, including a good community centre, which is the main life

providing considerable recreation.

## Return From Trip To Sunny South

Mr. and Mrs. George Lish and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stewart who left here on January 28th to motor to the south, arrived home on February 15th. They escaped the wind and snow storm which blocked highways, managing to keep ahead of it. By the time they reached Florida, the for a long chilling cold spell was over and sunny days with temperatures in the 70's prevailed, though nights were cool enough to make heating a must.

Five or six days were spent with Mr. and Mrs. Edie Lowering, whose Canadian home is in Coldwater, on Bokalis Island. They enjoyed fishing in the Gulf and were amused at the antics of the playful dolphins, cavorting near their boat.

A visit to Sugarland Ranch at Clewiston, which combines a sugar plantation and cattle ranch, proved interesting, but rather overwhelming. This ranch is six miles square, the home of 7,000 cattle of several breeds — Brahman, Charolais, Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn. Here, the party saw the sugar cane brought from the fields to the refinery and the processing. This huge building of the U.S. Corporation, with surrounding properties, has 65,000 acres in sugar cane. 7,000 tons are processed daily to produce the one and a half million pounds shipped in the same period.

For Mr. and Mrs. Lish this was the third southern holiday, the first for the Stewarts, but all equally enjoyed it and look forward to future trips.

### CHRISTMAS TREES MADE BY LOCAL LADY

The beautiful gold Christmas Trees displayed this week in the windows of Beeton Hardware and Rutledge Dept Store were made by Mrs. H. Ellison, Church Street. They are one of the many Christmas decorations demonstrated at the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Christmas workshop.

### ANDREW McCAGUE LAID TO REST

There passed away in St. Steven's Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Saturday, July 23rd, Robert Andrew McCague, a highly respected citizen of Beeton in his 75th year. Dear father of Greenville, Pauline (Mrs. Fred Stewart), Ruth (Mrs. Leo Cretanis) and Arlene, all of Beeton, and Bernice (Mrs. Elvin Fienberg) of Toronto.

There was a funeral service at the Thomas Funeral Chapel, Alliston, on Tuesday afternoon with interment at Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

### DEATHS

WILLIAM J. GERRARD, 64, died at Toronto on Wednesday, January 3rd, 1966. Gerrard (John) belonged wife of the late Dr. Wesley Wellbourn and daughter of Gladys (Mrs. F. Cassel) of Lake Beach and Elizabeth (Mrs. J. Clemmens) of Barrie. Sister of Gladys (Mrs. J. Hedges) of Colborne and Ethel (Mrs. A. J. Gould) of Port Hope. Predeceased by one son, John E. Also survived by 3 grand-children and 7 great-grand-children. Burial at the Sunnyside Funeral Home, 143 Broad St. Barrie, for service on Saturday at 11 am. Interment in Sunnyside Cemetery.

### FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AT THE MANOR

Miss Minerva Harmon of Cookstown passed away at Simcoe Manor, Beeton, on Wednesday, October 12th. Miss Harmon was a resident of Beeton for many years before moving to Cookstown. Funeral service was held on Friday at the Hughes Funeral Home in Cookstown. Interment was in Trinity United Cemetery in Beeton.



## Our Tax Load Again Is Made Heavier

(By Mary M. Smith)

Ouch! This was the initial reaction to the Ontario Budget of February 9th. Digesting what this will mean brought a feeling of despair to those on fixed and/or low incomes. For the retired, it will mean more belt-tightening, and some have long since reached the point where there is nothing else they can do without. Those with young children, dreaming of some day owning a home or bettering present living conditions have received another blow to their hopes. Once more the gap between the haves and have nots has been widened, for while all pay an equal amount, those with less money will be able to purchase less, while the haves can continue their present standard of living.

Unfortunately, this is only the beginning, for producers and distributors will, in all probability, pass their increased costs on to the consumer, even adding a little more to make their profit greater. This may be done by means of a rise in price of the commodity or, if the price remains the same, the quantity will be reduced. This method is already being used in some instances. As the effects of this are felt, salary and wage earners will ask for more, and renewed demands will be made for enlargement of existing pensions, and the vicious circle will go on and on until some crack appears in the facade of our credit-oriented economy and the structure totters — may even collapse.

It was revealed that the production gain in Ontario in the past year had been larger than anticipated. There was a time when we were told such gains could mean tax relief, but it appears to have the opposite effect. Why then was the British Columbia Government able to give its people a lowered tax burden?

All are aware that more and more demands are being made on governing bodies. Constantly the cry is heard that some such body should be responsible for this or that, but do they have to attempt to satisfy all these demands, with little regard for those who must pay for their satisfaction?

Education costs take the single greatest portion of tax dollars. Education is most necessary, but one suspects our present worshipful attitude is neither good nor desirable. To insist that young people remain in school for a certain number of years, regardless of their ability or desire to learn is unrealistic. Not only does it make necessary more and more classrooms, transportation facilities and teachers, but the students who cannot or do not want to learn are those who most frequently exhibit undesirable behaviour attitudes and cause disruption of discipline.

Under our present system, university education is appreciated by most who acquire it. However, if it became available (not free, for someone must pay) to all without their realizing its cost there would be more occupying space and staff, but it is suspected the results would not justify the expense, which defies the imagination when an additional classroom to an existing, modern school costs about \$25,000.00.

It is frightening to hear that youngsters in primary grades are so disturbed by the thought of higher learning that they require tranquilizers. This means that by making education and so-called culture a fetish, we are destroying our children in the years which should be the happiest and most care-free.

It is more than disturbing to realize that some regard this latest assault on the taxpayer as an opportunity for them to make demands, which would, if made at all, have been less. It should be noted these are not among the numbers who

might be considered unable to know what the result of such action will be. On the contrary, some of them have university degrees, which we are told are so all important. However, a degree does not necessarily bring ordinary good sense and thought for others to its possessor.

More and more social security measures are being proposed. These may be desirable, but if made compulsory detract from the freedom of choice which is a mark of a democratic society. The trend is to place people in neat little packages — teen agers and senior citizens, to term hated by some — with no regard for individual behaviour, needs or preferences. It has, heretofore, been possible for personal initiative, common sense, experience and the will to work to lift some from poverty to a comfortable state, and in so doing contribute to the growth and betterment of our country. Will this be so in the future? Even now many heads of families find it necessary to take on additional money earning labours beyond those of their regular jobs in order to provide for those depending on them. It might be argued that these are only the unskilled, the uneducated. While this may be true, it is also true that they are performing necessary work. Would they be paid more for the same type of work if they had a degree? In this time when all logic has ceased, this could be. It is accepted that wives and mothers work outside their home. With all these efforts, many can only maintain present standards.

What effect does this have on the family? Children see little of either parent in those years when they most need the companionship, interest and guidance of both father and mother. Parents are apt to be tired, therefore, cranky when they are at home. They come to be regarded as little more than cash registers by their offspring. This may well have a bearing on the numbers who behave in an undesirable manner, for it is a sure way of gaining the attention they need.

It is quite possible the price we are paying for the luxuries which have come to be regarded as necessities is far too great. We have possessions undreamed of by our forebears, holiday trips are taken for granted by more and more of our people, but are we happier than were those who had less, but did have time to know each other, to truly enjoy the simple pleasures available to them?

There remains a nagging doubt that any measures taken by administrative bodies will succeed in accomplishing their professed purpose, but they may well destroy much that is good in our society. Present trends will have the ultimate result of reducing us to working for an impersonal body which does out to us what it decides we should have, again, regardless of the fact that individual needs differ greatly. This will stifle initiative and create an even more apathetic society than we already have.

If so much government direction and control is necessary in these days of greater employment and what should be a time of larger opportunity than ever before, how did our country arrive at its present state without such interference?

Surely, it would be better if our elected representatives turned their energies to halting the inflation which can eventually destroy us as it has others, rather than giving it impetus.

What can we do about all this? We can make our employees — those we gave power to represent us — aware of our wishes.



## Civic Betterment Corner

No undertaking can flourish without enthusiasm and hard work on the part of those responsible for its success. In some instances, one sure, a stifling apathy and a desire to let someone else do the job. This results in a few being overburdened, while others, who may be members of a given committee, contribute little in either effort or ideas. In time, this has the effect of killing a worthwhile venture for the few zealous ones lose heart finding it difficult to battle the strange lack of interest and, at the same time, attend to their own task.

Frequently, there is agreement that this or that would be a good thing to do, but none on how it may be accomplished with the result — the flower of the idea is frost-bitten and its fruit follows. Sometimes, there are wet blankets who decide a suggested project is too ambitious — they are afraid to dream of great things and work to realize them. What if they do fall short of their ambition? They will have gained experience, learned much and something good will result.

It is not unknown for an organization to be launched with great fanfare and many members — the emphasis always being on numbers. Committees and sub-committees are set up, but no progress results. This can be brought about by lack of fervour, fear of offending someone, and, in some cases, the carrying criticism of those unwilling to act, but finding fault with those who try.

There is nothing new about this situation, for the Biblical story of Gideon and his army illustrates it perfectly. First, those who were afraid were told to go home and more than two-thirds of the company departed. The ardour of those who remained was tested — if they paused to drink from a stream, they were sent home. This reduced the number from 10,000 to 300. Only those who satisfied their thirst as they continued on their way were permitted to carry out the task before them. (Book of Judges, Chapter 7).

It is, therefore, obvious that the few should not be discouraged by the defection of the fearful and those who give less than their best effort.

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From time to time an outcry is made regarding the possible adverse effect on youthful minds of certain types of television programmes — usually those which feature violence as part of their story. The majority of viewers are, of course, aware that what they are seeing is fiction put in motion, and right and justice prevail against heavy odds.

News media — city newspaper, radio and television — give much space to reporting the undesirable activities of that portion of our citizenry who place themselves among those sought by law enforcement bodies. The nature of the act, the manner in which it was performed, the names and ages, when known, of the perpetrators are all publicized. In some instances, particularly the average grown man who had served a long prison term for the murder of his wife, and, on being released, had returned to Toronto, verged on the disgusting. He received the treatment normally reserved for nervous fibres are to be copied — does this then suggest that this man is worthy of emulation? If so, we have sunk to a new low.

The effect of all this, which is real, on impressionable young minds is, apparently, not considered in the effort to report what may be sensational, but, nevertheless, undesirable. If it was written as a novel, it would be shunned in many places.

Unfortunately, teen-agers have been lumped together as though all behaved in the same way. This is, of course, far from true. Most of our young people are normal, ambitious and hard working, seeking only to adjust to a complex, fast moving and bewildering society being created by modern science and technology. These receive little attention, being taken for granted, unless they succeed in some sport that their names become household words. However, not all can qualify for such recognition, nor would it be good for our future welfare if we produced nothing but athletes.

The others who receive publicity are the small percentage who violate the bounds of acceptable behaviour. Is their need for attention so great that they use this means to get it, forgetting the awful consequences?

It would be most refreshing to have our news media turn their attention to the activities of our youngsters which do not result in "rambles." In this field, the local weekly newspaper may be the last media medium to stress the good and drive a veil of silence over the wrong doing. For this reason, if no other, it deserves the support of the community for its role enough to have its own paper, in long as it observes the good taste.

## NEW STAMP IN MEMORY OF FIRST CANADIAN GOV.-GENERAL

The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.C., C.M., Canada's first native-born Governor-General, will be commemorated on a 1¢ stamp to be released by the Canada Post Office on 28th February.

Twenty-four and one-half million of the new issue, designed by Prof. Inge von Moodsen of Agincourt, Ontario, will be printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co. Ltd., Ottawa, using a combination of the steel engraving and lithographic processes. An engraved portrait of the late Governor-General, printed in dark brown, occupies the upper half of the vertical 24 mm x 40 mm stamp; wording in a lower area, printed by lithography with dark brown lettering on the olive green background, has "Vincent Massey" and the years of his birth and death "1887-1967" arranged in two lines immediately

thereunder is "Governor-General" placed on two lines to the left and "Gouverneur Général" similarly arranged to the right; immediately below are the years "1952-1959" indicating Governor-General Massey's prolonged term of office. A dark brown denomination "6¢" to the upper right of the portrait and "Canada" in white on a dark brown box at the base, completes the design.

Customary first day cover services will be provided by the Postmaster, Ottawa 2.

Born in Toronto, Ontario, on 28th February 1887, Mr. Massey assumed his duties as personal representative of the Queen on 28th February 1952; the distinction with which he acquitted himself resulted in an extension of the customary five-year term to just over seven years, the longest of any person in such a capacity. His precedent, succeeding Massey as first Canadian-born Governor-General had been preceded in 1920 by his appointment as the first Canadian Ambassador in the United States of America. Mr. Massey lived to enjoy all but a few hours of his nation's historic Centennial year; his death occurred on 28th December, 1967.

At one time the President of an industrial enterprise bearing his name, Mr. Massey was active in divergent fields. During a time as a member of modern history at the University of Toronto, an institution he was later to serve as Chancellor, he supervised the building of Hart House, a gift from his family to the rapidly expanding seat of higher learning. In the 1914-1918 war he served as a staff officer in Military District 2 and later as Associate Secretary of the War Committee of the Cabinet. In the 2nd World War he was contributing his diplomatic skill and knowledge as Canadian High Commissioner in London. He also served as a member of delegations to the League of Nations and to the United Nations Assembly.

Mr. Massey chaired the Royal Commission on the National Development of the Arts, Letters and Sciences which resulted in the widely-read Massey Commission Report of 1951. He had the satisfaction of being the first Governor-General to fly over the North Pole and, some six weeks before the end of a life laden with well-deserved honours, he was among the first Canadians to be inducted as Companion of the new Order of Canada.

## Civic Betterment Corner

Prejudice — pre-judgment — does untold harm, and despite the efforts made in eradicating it through education, it remains a festering sore in most societies.

Nearly all individuals are prejudiced for or against something or someone. As the word suggests, this has nothing to do with facts or logic, but may have no basis other than emotion — like or dislike for a person or an ideology.

Unfortunately, prejudice does not remain the property of the one who develops it, but is learned by others through the speech and action of the one who holds it.

Children are not born prejudiced against their fellows, this they learn — usually from parents first, later, as their circle widens, from others.

Prejudice affects the relationship of people one to another, communities to others, and between countries. This is, too frequently, the only basis for discussion, which may well lead to disastrous results.

It is, therefore, most important that all examine carefully the reason for their opinion of another person — a faith not their own, even those of race or race. Is the opinion based on knowledge or more prejudicial hearsay, which is spread by unthinking, but often cruel words, which once spoken can never be recalled? The one who hears unfavourable opinions expressed has a duty to try to learn if they are well founded or not. If they are, it may act as a safeguard, but, if based only on prejudice, can result in character assassination, which is a form of murder, though seldom thought of as such.





Mr. and Mrs. [Name] and their children, [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name], and [Name].  
 Taken at the [Name] home, [Location], [Date].

## Beeton Women's Institute In Its Forty-Third Year

At the February meeting in 1923 of the Beeton Women's Institute, Mrs. Wiggins gave the story of the start of the organization in Beeton which is in its 43rd year, and her paper is as follows:

On October 29th, 1920, a group of women under the leadership of Mrs. H. M. (Kate) Aitken assembled in Beeton for the purpose of organizing a local Women's Institute. Mrs. Greer of the Department of Agriculture, addressed the gathering. She stressed the need of this type of community work, and told of the growth of the organization throughout the rural areas of the province. The result of that meeting was as follows: Mrs. H. M. Aitken was elected president; Mrs. J. D. Williams, 1st vice president; Mrs. Matt Martin, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Morton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. William Campin, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Evans and Miss Wallwin, directors.

The first meeting of the new organization was held at the home of Mrs. Aitken on November 9th, 1920. Twelve members were enrolled at this meeting. Mrs. Aitken spoke of the advantages to the community of such a society, built up upon a foundation of mutual assistance and lack of unkindly criticism. A discussion followed as to future work, and it was decided to secure a meeting place for the Institute. A room was secured adjoining the post office from Miss Marion Pierson who was then post mistress, at a rental of \$7 per month. Relief work came up for discussion and it was decided that the Wednesday evening of Christmas week there would be a community tree, presents to be sent to the Children's Aid Society at Paris, and the local children would be trained for carol singing. At the December meeting there was discussion on Child Health and Welfare, and Dr. Spearing was asked to have the government send two nurses for a demonstration clinic to be held the week following Christmas.

On January 18th, the club room was open to the public, there was a sale of home baking followed by a Victrola concert for the children in the evening. Each member was asked to contribute a chair. Mrs. Ethel M. Chapman, Institute journalist from the Department addressed the meeting on "The Possibilities of a New Institute." She suggested the establishment of a school nurse and a dental clinic, and also advised that the Institute concentrate on those things that need a woman's influence—the home, the school, public health and the welfare of the young people.

At the February meeting it was decided to hold a sale of home baking twice a month as a means of raising funds, and each member to contribute a cup and saucer. Mrs. A. E. Hooper was appointed to represent the Institute in connection with the advisability of the appointment of a public health nurse in the district. At the April meeting arrangements were made for a baking sale and pan cake supper on Referendum Day, April 18th, 1921. Mrs. Aitken went into the details of the Simcoe County Historical Pageant. This included a garden and programme of Sports, and in the evening Miss Chapman took charge of the pageant which was in the form of tableaux, and the lighting was in the charge of Mr. H. C. Lacey.

The Institute also assisted the Girl Guides in the installation of a water fountain in the School, and also donated \$15 to purchase a coal oil stove for the school. Mrs. Greer conducted a vegetable canning demonstration at the home of Mr. Aitken. The booth operated at the fall fair netted the Institute \$15.47. In October 1921, Rev. Lovering of the local Methodist (now United) Church and the Rev. McFaul of the Presbyterian Church addressed the Institute on the "Development of a Community." This was followed by open discussion. Mr. Lovering was appointed convener of a community council to be made up of members of other societies. Mrs. Aitken and Miss Wallwin were delegates from the Institute.

A cooking class was held in November, with 20 taking the course. The same month, Mrs. William Todd of Orillia, the newly elected president of the Dominion Federated Women's Institutes addressed the open meeting in the Methodist Church basement. She presented for consideration: 1st the necessity of a medical certificate to be shown before marriage, and 2nd the right of a woman to vote on municipal and school matters; 3rd how we may help our sisters in the north and 4th the necessity of unity in the province. This was followed by a piano duet by Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Brewster. A public meeting in the evening was addressed by Mr. Segsworth and Dr. Reynolds of the Ontario College. During his address Mr. Segsworth said: "Education, school buildings, teachers and curriculums are important, but most important is the child, and we should place values so as to bring out the best in our children and thus build up our nation. Education should teach skill in the every day tasks." Dr. Reynolds stressed the difference between a community and a neighborhood. A rural community should be proud to be so called, and the village or town in the centre should be in no hurry to be called a city, thinking thereby to gain dignity. The town should serve the community, supplying mechanics and the people's needs. The community should serve the town, building a place of recreation and social life for the

people. Dr. Reynolds deplored the fact that as Canadians were producing but few mechanics, and allowing foreigners to come in and take our heritage while our boys and girls worked in stores. We need mechanics and must have them, so why burden a boy or girl with a University education when their talent lies in a trade. Our schools should develop the work of the hand as well as the work of the head.

At the January meeting of 1923 arrangements were made for an old fashioned supper. Mrs. Spearing gave an address on "The Prevention of Disease," and also gave a motto: "What cannot be cured must be prevented." Miss Wallwin spoke on "New Year's Resolutions." At this meeting it was decided that Mrs. Pankhurst of England be asked to speak to the afternoon session of February 7th. Mrs. Pankhurst accepted the invitation and a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Aitken and an opportunity given the ladies to meet this distinguished visitor. A very pleasant afternoon ended all too quickly. Mrs. Pankhurst addressed a meeting in the town hall in the evening, assisted by Dr. Bates. Arrangements were made for a singing class and a lecture on English literature each alternate Tuesday evening. The singing class conducted by a teacher from the Conservatory of Music in Toronto as well attended; and a concert was held in the town hall. The literature class, though interesting and instructive was not so well patronized. A sewing class was held with an attendance of 13 coached by Miss Petty of Guelph.

After serving as President of the local Institute for 13 months, Mrs. Aitken resigned to become the first president for the County of Simcoe.

The following is the membership list for 1920-21: Miss Wallwin; Mesdames H. M. Aitken, J. D. Williams, J. D. Barton, W. D. Morton, W. Evans, M. Martin, M. C. Campbell, William Campin, J. D. Smart, R. J. Barton, J. Wright, R. A. O. Hobbs, E. Wallwin, Wilma Hayes, A. E. Hooper, A. Card, J. Baynes, A. V. Smith, Wesley Cross, George Dobbs, W. Benrose, N. P. McDonald, Charles Lisk, William Smart, W. Carruthers, P. Serrae, W. Bacon, A. Culgin, Miss M. Soules, Miss Gladys Smart, Miss Ruby Barlow, Mrs. H. Miller, Mesdames V. J. Bell, H. E. Campin, R. McDonald, D. W. Watson, J. Mullen, Robert Hill, Mrs. Smart, Mesdames William Carr, Fred Hall, Albert Hayes, J. Reynolds, A. Kennedy, William Nicol, F. Spearing, W. H. Ham-

rell, A. Preatie, E. W. Kettle, L. Palmer, H. Stone, William Hammett, M. Reynolds, William Barton, G. E. Reynolds and W. H. Elmes.

Many of these original members have passed on, others have moved away.

Those who are with us still are: Mesdames H. E. Campin, Wilma Hayes, A. E. Hooper, Wesley Cross, Ansley Green, F. Spearing, E. W. Kettle, L. Palmer, Wilf Mitchell, Milton Reynolds and A. Culgin.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Summer Season Has Been an Ever-remembered Busy One, and Also Brought Many Changes

The summer season of 1948 has been an ever-remembered busy one for Boston Women's Institute. The July meeting was a quilting bee at the home of Mrs. Joan Bartlett. Here also the campaign was planned for the free chest x-ray survey, which was held in Boston auditorium school July 29th and 30th. This was one of the busiest seasons of the Institute. Mrs. Kirtin's story reading helped refresh the somewhat, and our luncheon, Mrs. Bartlett, assisted by Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Campbell, served a much appreciated afternoon tea. In August the meeting was held in the memorial park, to which the Hillsborough Women's Institute has moved. About thirty members came for the first time. It was a perfect day for a picnic, and the luncheon provided by members of both Institutes was much enjoyed.

The summer season has also brought changes. Mrs. Spencer has left us for her new home in Haverhill, she being not so far from Boston, we look forward to having many visits from her. Due to the passing away of Mrs. Pearson, our committee for many years, Mrs. Pearson has also left us for her new home in Port McNicoll. Our devoted committee and prayer as with Mrs. Pearson, who displayed such courage and endurance during her husband's long illness. Work in the institute and time for her to all members, and we shall think of her often in a very special way. Mrs. Pearson was much pleased with the beautiful quilt now presented to her by the Institute, and Mrs. Spencer also was delighted with the Donation basket given to her in recognition of her long association with us.

A splendid box of food, between and between is now on its way overseas. We are most grateful to the people of Boston and surrounding for their generous response to this cause. Our appreciative thanks also go to Mr. J. J. Gough, who as kindly permitted us the use of his office as a meeting place.

The regular September meeting was held on Tuesday, 14th, at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson in Copley street. The president, Mrs. Parkhill, was in the chair, and 15 members present. The guest speaker was Mr. Phoebe from the Children's Ark in Collegeport. He had with him a moving picture film showing the institution and surroundings of childhood which have much more than in later years. Some ten were accompanied by "Daddy". Mr. Phoebe discussed this attitude and stressed the positive construction method of leading the child and how very much of ignorance and self-expression. He also stressed the thoughtlessness which parents are often depicted when they seemingly put aside the first child when a second baby comes into the home. A child has to be left lonely and lonely for many years of its existence and sharing. It was a splendid constructive lecture. The first story of the time was taken up by the members for sewing work at the coming fall time. This is quite an interesting, but it is too early to start and the Institute will be able to see how much has been done.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

### MEETING

The December meeting of Boston Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Milton Reynolds on Tuesday, 18th ult., at 2:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Institute ode, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The Christmas carol "On Come All Ye Faithful" was sung. Correspondence was read. This included letters of thanks from members of the community who were remembered in prayers and letters, and also a letter which the name of an Institute in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, England, which our Institute will adopt. Gifts of food and good-will clothing will be presented at each meeting and sent to our volunteer Institute for distribution in their community.

The treasurer's report showed a very substantial balance. Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Thompson were appointed to see a cupboard and chairs from Margaret Spencer.

The motion of Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Thompson, it was decided to remember the sick and our community at Christmas. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Hooper were appointed to buy winter gifts. Cards were sent. Our new member, Mrs. Thompson, then told us of Christmas in the mission field in India. In that country, isolated place, 47 miles from where people, and at first not found in the language they celebrated the Christmas with only the few we do and probably a great deal more reverence. Even their Christmas cards were signed by everyone in the past office before they were sent. For a time a three lamp was made beautiful with one horn and ornaments. Early Christmas morning the Christmas gifts for a service for two years. Everyone takes part and the singing is very low. In the afternoon they have the Christmas tree and Santa Claus is there. Afterwards sports of all kinds, especially archery, are engaged in. Then guests, their only meat, are prepared and cooked for the dinner at night. Excessive brings his own dish, and the natives of the country eat gracefully and cleanly with their hands. After singing carols and prayer Christmas is over. We were all impressed by the love Mrs. Thompson has for the people of the mission field, and hope that our community has as much friendliness and kindness for all people as that far-away community in India.

A tale of Oases was given Mrs. Thompson. The roll call was answered by gifts from a high point.

Hostesses, Mrs. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Service, High-burn, and two visitors were present. Motion: It is better to give than to receive. We it is not the gift but the giver that is blessed.

It was with regret that the Institute accepted the resignation of Mrs. McDonald as secretary. She found the work too much to carry and Mrs. Ritchie presented herself as the balance of the year. The meeting closed with prayer, and afternoon tea was served by our hostess, Mrs. Hutchinson, assisted by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Thompson.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Held Last Meeting of 1948, After a Year of Many Activities and Much Good Work Done

The Boston Women's Institute was entertained by Mrs. Thompson on Tuesday, December 14th, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The meeting was held in a smaller room adjoining the large Sunday-school room, and was set with colored streamers, Christmas balls, evergreens and stars, with jolly old Saint Nicholas bringing gifts from jinnies stretched along the walls. There were twenty-five members present, with four visitors, including the Rev. R. and Mrs. Duke. The Institute president, Mrs. Parkhill, presided and Mrs. Turner, who is filling the post of secretary for the balance of Mrs. Ritchie's term, read the reports and minutes of the previous meeting. Plans were set in motion for the Christmas and New Year's activities and gifts. There is to be a decorating contest in January. Santa Claus will come to the Institute in late November to have a young woman dressed as a young girl, and a good dresser and leader. It is felt such a group could be of much use in the community—would have as much to give and much to give.

The report of the Boston Co-operative Medical Service was read. This is a comparative new venture in group insurance. It paid out over \$1,000 in claims, and hence has been a success. It is a non-profit organization and accepted premiums go towards increased benefits to the insured.

Another beautiful quilt has been made and completed this fall and will be a box of good clothing has also been donated to the Boston Women's Institute, donated by the local Women's Institute.

The Rev. R. Duke, minister of St. Andrew's, addressed the gathering. He contrasted Christmas giving with Christmas giving, and stressed the remarkable fact that so many of us think and speak of Christmas giving as merely an exchange of gifts. The true Christmas gift is when we give with no thought of return. God gave His Son to the world at Christmas. The first Christmas gift to us was Jesus Christ, who gave Himself, in His life and in His death. This was the true gift, given freely for the love of all mankind, with no thought of reward. God as loved He gave. The wise men brought Christmas gifts. They brought their gifts to the Babe Jesus—born in a lowly manger, of a peasant mother. He had nothing to give them in return, but they saw in Him a fulfillment of prophecy, and they had come and bowed to the Christ. When we give our gifts we should give them in honor to Christ. When we receive our gifts we should think of Christ, from whom we receive the greatest gift we have. This is the true spirit of Christmas: that we give without any expectation of return, even as Christ gave Himself so freely for us. The Institute much enjoyed this timely message. Under the strain of second-day living we are so apt to forget these truths.

Mrs. Brown sang the beautiful "Holy Night", and after giving credence to this part of the meeting was brought to a close with the benediction by Mr. Duke.

The annual Christmas box of mysteries, gifts informed with and wrapped, was then brought in and each member found a package from its dark recesses. The selection hostesses, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Reynolds, helped to serve the afternoon tea. And to the last meeting for 1948 was brought to a happy close.

## Women's Institute Held Annual Christmas Eve "Holy Night"

It was a gala occasion in Boston's Grand ball on Tuesday evening, March 18th, when the local Women's Institute entertained husbands and visitors at their annual "Holy Night". Mrs. Parkhill was hostess of the evening to whom fifty husbands, husbands and visitors. Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. R. Duke (St. Andrew's), Mr. John Carlson and Mrs. W. L. Little (the same being unable to be present), Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Coombs, Councilor Anne Williamson, Miss M. Ashton, and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Spencer, who came down from Haverhill for the occasion. The long U table was most artistically decorated, the table scheme being given in honor of St. Patrick, and fully displaying under its border of green cloth to see. After supper there was a program and program. Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, being planned for the evening "God Save The King" was sung as the hymn to welcome and husbands, to which Mr. McDonald presided. The music of Madame Brown and Cullen were much enjoyed, as also was the reading by Mrs. Kirtin and Mrs. Reynolds, who gave us a new story on "Solomon". Rev. F. H. Coombs, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Spencer and Rev. R. Duke all participated in the program with a few words and stories. Mrs. W. E. Coombs conducted a musical unit, and Mrs. Parkhill presented an interesting list of tidbits. The program closed with Miss Arthur's presentation of 20th anniversary of the Key to the Future Reserve, which is now interesting to see a Women's Institute was organized. It was an evening of happy fellowship.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

July May Meeting at Home of a  
Fuerste Popular Mission, Mrs.  
G. A. Spencer, Home of Bartle  
1894

Completes Another Year of Many  
Activities and Useful Work—  
Mrs. Packham the New President  
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Women's Institute Meeting

## INSTITUTE MEETING



and 14th Ave.  
the Women's Insti-  
tute county got under  
at Baptist Church, Barrie,  
October 30th. Mrs. H. B. Parkhill,  
president of the Hezra branch,  
with three delegates, attended the  
opening day session and brought  
back reports of the work that is  
being accomplished by this great  
organization in Canada, United  
States and abroad.

Miss Anna P. Lewis, director of  
Women's Institutes of Ontario,  
told of the party of Canadian and  
American Institute members, under  
the able organization of Mrs.  
Morden, which this past summer  
visited the British Isles, Norway,  
Denmark, Sweden, France, Ger-  
many—in all twenty-three coun-  
tries. The idea back of this con-  
ference is to contact the rural  
women of these communities and  
thus establish an understanding,  
tolerance and respect for each  
other's ideals and ways of life. If  
we know a people better we will  
know the nation better and, ground-  
ed together in an associated  
women's world, all might work to-  
gether for peace. The party was  
enthusiastically received wherever  
it went, and Canada should be  
proud that this movement of the  
Women's Institute started first in  
this country.

In Roskingsladre, Scotland,  
the conference was entertained by  
the daughter-in-law of Lord Milne,  
a former Governor-General of  
Canada. Here each guest received  
a spray of white hawthorn and  
tossmary. Miss Lewis showed in-  
teresting souvenirs and samples of  
handicraft, beautiful blue coasters  
from Copenhagen, dolls in native  
costume, and a small whittled  
wooden horse from Sweden. A  
similar horse is to be found in  
every Swedish home. It is  
legendary, and symbolizes home  
life and happiness. Going through  
Germany the party was saddened  
by the sight of so much terrible  
destruction—grim reminders of  
the ruthlessness and savagery of  
war. Local newspaper accounts of  
the meetings were at times smil-  
ing, as the expressions used were  
so foreign. For instance, one  
paper expressed its thanks: "The  
Canadians went down our throats  
like a hot potato." And again, "I  
treasured them (the Canadians) just  
like our own chickens." Both very  
complimentary! The Conference  
feels that much good has been ac-  
complished by this personal con-  
tact. The women showed more  
keenly interested in politics than  
our Canadian women. For in-  
stance, in Oslo there are eighty-  
four members in the council and  
twenty-one of these members are  
women. The chief interest of Nor-  
way and Sweden is Social Service.

Mrs. H. E. Fraser gave a report  
on Agriculture and Canadian In-  
dustry. She said the farmer feels  
them all and, while there was a  
shortage in farm labor due to  
higher wages being paid in basic  
industries, the New Canadiana fill-  
ing the gap and is bringing us a  
knowledge of handicraft and songs  
for good measure. Education,  
conservation and beautification  
were playing their part. Films  
showing the manufacture of rayon,  
corn broom, ink and other essen-  
tials had been used to advantage  
by many groups. The work of the  
junior members was highly com-  
mendable.

Mrs. Dulcie of Gifford told of the  
work of this group, and Miss Ruth  
Shaver reported a most successful  
year in junior work. One hundred  
and sixty girls had made sleeping  
garments under her supervision.  
There was also a display of  
pyjamas and house coats. A free  
radio service is being offered the  
Institute by the Barrie broadcast-  
ing station.

Mr. Tregier spoke on the Child  
Health crusade sponsored by Ot-  
tawa.

Mr. J. R. McCarthy, inspector  
of public schools, Toronto, ex-  
plained the proposed revision of  
curriculum in the schools in On-  
tario. The plan calls for a co-  
ordinating curriculum with teach-

ers' co-operation, and local com-  
mittees appointed to study indi-  
vidual local needs. The last change  
was in 1937, and the Department  
feels there is need for further  
changes, keeping in mind the fact  
that progress marches on only  
when the children excel their par-  
ents. Questions and discussion  
followed his address.

Mrs. Wanda Millar of Severn  
Bridge sang the beautiful number,  
"Bless This House," and as an en-  
core gave an amusing descriptive  
song, illustrating the difference  
between a song and an anthem.

A short memorial service was  
held during the morning service  
for members of the various groups  
who had passed on, the most re-  
cent being the secretary of the  
Beeton Institute, Mrs. J. Sanner.  
Mid-day lunch was served by  
the ladies of the First Baptist  
Church. Some of the members  
visited the museum. Here there  
was a good display, but quarters  
around a rifle crowded.

The Beeton delegates felt they  
had spent a very busy but worth-  
while day.

## Rev. D. E. Willis At WI Christmas Meeting

Despite inclement weather num-  
bers of the Beeton Women's Insti-  
tute turned out in goodly numbers  
to attend the Christmas meeting on  
Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. D. E. Willis was guest  
speaker, and his theme was Christ-  
mas Carols and he traced their his-  
tory and stories of their wide ob-  
servance, from the year 1221 to the  
present time. Not all carols have  
a religious theme. "Deck the Hall  
with Holly," and "Wassail Wags" are  
secular carols related to the Christ-  
mas season. The religious theme are  
devoted to the birth of Jesus, the  
Virgin Mary, Shepherds, and Wis-  
emen, and are sung in many lan-  
guages. "O Come All Ye Faithful," is  
attributed to Francis of Assisi has  
been translated into 120 languages  
and dialects. "Good Christian Men  
Rejoice," sung in Sweden and Ger-  
many, these two were originally in  
Latin. From the French we have  
"Noel," "Silent Night" was first  
played in 1816 in Austria, then in  
Leipzig and in 1864 in Berlin when  
the royal command was that it be  
played in the churches. Charles  
Wesley was a most prolific writer  
of hymns some 6,500 are attributed  
to his pen, also the well loved  
carol, "Hark the Herald Angels  
Sing." Mrs. Alexander wrote sev-  
eral hymns and the carol, "Once in  
David's Royal City." From the U.S.  
we have the carols, "Thine Came Upon  
the Midnight Clear" and "We Three  
Kings of Orient Are." Mr. Willis  
told the story of Philip Brooks vis-  
iting the place of the Nativity in  
1865, and returning the same eve-  
ning to the village, quietly and  
under the stars of Bethlehem. From  
this experience came the carol,  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem." Mr.  
Willis' address was most interesting  
and all too short.

Mrs. Butt presided at the meet-  
ing, with Mrs. J. Wright as record-  
ing secretary and Mrs. E. R. Kearns  
corresponding secretary. For the  
second year there was no exchange  
of personal gifts, but each member  
contributed \$1.00 and it was de-  
cided to send the amount gathered  
this year to the Scott Mission in  
Toronto. There was a contest to  
stress the fact that labels should  
be used on all produce. Small por-  
tions of apples, flour, baking soda,  
corn starch, etc. in small plastic  
holders added; were passed a-  
round to members to identify by  
sight and smell. Nobody was fur-  
thering 100 per cent. One member  
had four right guesses, another two.  
Ye wrote had a name for all 10  
but only one right. It would be  
extremely interesting to have had  
any one of the members in the lot  
then preparing a meal. Agreed  
"That everything bear a plainly  
marked label."

Mrs. Butt brought to the atten-  
tion of the meeting a project in  
which the Institute might take part  
in a small war in bringing handi-  
crafter to the residents of Beacon  
Manor. Mrs. Butt, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs.  
J. Campbell and Mrs. Watson, formed  
a committee to meet with Mrs.  
McKelvey to discuss the plan. Ac-  
cording to a presentation was made to  
Mrs. B. Braderick who is leaving  
on December 26th for South Sta.  
Mans, Ont. Their address will be  
351 Nelson Street.

## Women's Institute Held Annual Husbands' Night

It was a gala occasion in Beeton  
Orange hall on Thursday evening,  
March 8th, when the local Women's  
Institute entertained husbands and  
visitors at their annual Husbands'  
Night. Mrs. Parkhill was hostess  
of the evening to about fifty men-  
bers, husbands and visitors. Among  
the guests were Rev. and Mrs. R.  
Duke (of Tottenham), Mr. John  
Carlton and Mrs. W. L. Lill (the  
recess being made to be present),  
Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Cooke, Coun-  
cillor Anne Willoughby, Miss M.  
Atkins, and Mr. and Mrs. G. A.  
Spencer, who came down from Bar-  
rie for the occasion. The long U  
table was most artistically decorated;  
the color scheme being green in  
honor of St. Patrick, and fairly  
glowing under its burden of good  
things to eat. After supper there  
was a singing and program, Mrs.  
J. M. Reynolds being pianist for  
the evening. "God Save The King"  
was sung as the toast to Canada  
and husbands, to which Mr. Mc-  
Donald replied. The duets by  
Mentones Brown and Cuthbert were  
much enjoyed, as also was the read-  
ing by Mrs. Keille and Mrs. Rey-  
nolds, who gave in a new plant an  
"Elevator." Rev. F. B. Cooke, Mr.  
Carlton, Mr. Spencer and Rev. R.  
Duke all contributed to the oc-  
casion with a few words and stories.  
Mrs. W. E. Kearns conducted a  
musical quiz, and Mrs. Parkhill  
presented an interesting list of  
trivia. The program closed with  
Miss Atkins' presentation of his-  
tory slides depicting life in Japan;  
also a few slides on the Kyoto In-  
dian Reserve, where it was in-  
teresting to note a Women's In-  
stitute was organized. It was a  
meeting of happy fellowship.



## Beeton W.I. Had Guest Speaker At Fortieth Anniversary Tuesday

The fortieth birthday celebration of the Beeton Women's Institute was held in the auditorium of the Municipal Community Hall on Tuesday evening, October 11th. The tables were attractively decorated, and presented a picture of white with gleaming silver candelabra with blue and gold candles, and harmonicas spelling out the good fruits of the earth, surrounded by colored maple leaves. Bouquets of autumn flowers decorated the platform, and tables, and much credit is due Mrs. Ross Watson and her helpers for their thoughtful efforts. Mrs. Watson is president of the Home Economics and Health Committee.

The president, Mrs. C. Butt, opened the meeting with "O Canada," followed by The Ode and the Mary Shaver Collect. Mrs. J. Wright, the recording secretary, read the minutes of the first meeting of the Institute, which was held in the home of Mrs. "Kate" Ashton, and the names of first members were recalled. The names of Mrs. F. Spence, who was stationed at the office of District President, was called but she was not present. Mr. D. W. Was was received congratulations from the Institute. Mrs. Spencer, the District President from Toronto, spoke lastly. She was accompanied by her daughter, a talented musician, who delighted the audience with two piano selections, "Moonlight Sonata" and a Chopin Fantasy. Teddy Gault was very good on the guitar, and played three old tunes, "Church in the Wildwood," "Tree Age Walks" and "Two Gals in Town." Mrs. Bradburn, secretary of programs and public relations, asked that Mrs. Hooper introduce the speaker of the evening, Mrs. E. E. Armstrong.

Mrs. Armstrong took her place in the office, and in the past chairman of the Ontario Federated Women's Institute. Her topic could be called, "Education for Living." In her opening remarks, she said: "To be able to read well, to write well, and to speak well are the fundamental necessities of education." She deplored the fact that so many students failed in Grade 12 English — the English language is our heritage. There is a return now to the phonetic system, for there are many children who cannot spell or read by sight. Some teachers this year are teaching writing. And what of speaking, we should build up an understanding of the meaning of words by a study of sentences.

Speaking of leisure time so much of which has been brought about by labor union — these have done so much good for ourselves, but leisure time must be used for a purpose. All must work for it as the purpose of life, to develop the soul, the manliness and the love of the city. Labor is our great function and privilege. So much that is truly great has been achieved by the so-called poor men of the world, restraints are good, but they had values. The home has the greatest responsibility, and this is shared by the school and the church.

Mrs. Cecil Reynolds thanked the speaker and the meeting closed with The Queen.

Then followed the social and there were representatives from: St. James' Anglican, the members and judges, and Guides, some could not come owing to previous commitments.

The generous birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Wesley Cross and Mrs. N. Campbell, two of the sixty members. In fact Mrs. Barry Campbell was the first standing secretary.

It had been hoped that Mrs. Kathleen Ashton would have been a speaker, but a letter from her was read, in which she regretted and explained that she had to attend a wedding of the O.R.C.

There is change of the arrangements for the next year, and a very successful evening.

## Beeton W.I. New Slate of Officers

Twenty-four afternoon, April 9th, was the final day of reckoning for the 1959-60 year for the Beeton Women's Institute. Mrs. Cecil Reynolds was in the chair and the meeting got under way at 2:00 p.m. Reports were given by the standing committees: Mrs. Gladys Campbell reported on the Baby Clinic in February 1960: 2 small pox, 10 babies and 5 pre-school children. In March, needles were given for 5 small pox, 10 needles, 10 babies and 5 pre-school. Mrs. Hooper assisted at the clinic in preparation, etc. There was expressed that the recent cut in the government grants would not affect this important work, which is so necessary to the health of the community. Mrs. Reynolds, Stevens and Hooper are in charge of the lunch.

A Banquet will be held in the Community Hall on April 25th. Refreshments will be served and the price is \$5. Co-chairs are Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. Butt, Mrs. Madam, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Bell. All members are asked to assist. A donation was sent to the Alliston Home and School Association towards the banquet to be held at the Beeton Women's Institute.

Mrs. Stevenson gave an interesting report of the District meeting in Cookstown. The subject of social duties in Ontario came on her discussion. Co-chairs and I was suggested that Institutes have a qualified speaker or better still a lawyer speak at one of the meetings on this topic. Mrs. Stevenson listed articles required for the refurbishing of the Adelaide Lodge home. Top ends of bookcases were dealt with and then Mrs. Reynolds announced the meeting open for the election of officers for the 1960-61 season. Mrs. Kearns presided for this session. Mrs. Truman Bell acted as secretary. Following are the officers for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds; 1st vice president, Mrs. Fred Parsons; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Truman Bell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Wright; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Kearns; Treasurer, Mrs. Hooper; Public Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Cole; District Director, Mrs. Truman Bell and Mrs. Lamb; Branch Directors Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Little.

Committee Conveners — Baby Clinic, Mrs. Gladys Campbell and Mrs. Hooper; Agriculture and Canals Industries, Mrs. Stephenson; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. F. Parsons; Public Relations, Mrs. Truman Bell and Mrs. Lamb; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. W. E. Kearns; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. G. Hawton; Curator, Mrs. G. Hawton; History, Mrs. W. W. Cole; Remembrance, Mrs. E. Nichol; Mrs. A. C. W. Super and Mrs. McAdam; Resolutions, Mrs. Hooper; Planning, Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Stephenson; Auditors, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Harvey.

Mrs. J. A. Campbell was appointed as representative from the In-

## Beeton W.I. Hold Monthly Meeting

Mrs. Fred Parsons presided at the evening meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute on Tuesday, June 9th, in the room at chambers here. July and August will be holiday months for the Institute except for a proposed bus trip which was estimated to be an annual summer event. This was discussed, but the pressure of spring activities, outdoor garden work, and indoor housework seemed to preclude in the minds of the members as no decision was reached. Arrangements are to be made at a later date.

Mrs. Gladys Campbell, who is in charge of the Baby Clinic, sponsored by the Institute, gave her report for May. 17 needles were administered, 12 smallpox vaccines and three pre-school children received attention.

Mrs. Truman Bell gave a report of events, and happened at the 53rd annual District Women's Institute which met in Toronto in May. Nothing has been definitely decided regarding the Centennial project.

Mrs. Lillian Hawton, secretary of the standing committee for Home Economics and Health, introduced her first speaker for the evening, Miss W. E. Kearns, dietitian at the North York Branson Hospital. This fine hospital located at 555 Finch is supported by the Seventh Day Adventists and new additions are in process of building. Miss W. E. Kearns discussed the value of balanced food, for bodily health and requirements. She illustrated her talk with charts showing proportionate food values and also the necessity and value of a good breakfast.

The next speaker was Mr. Hayward, whose reputation is in the Branson Laboratory. His interest is centered on cancer — its early detection. One should not fear the result of taking action about any abnormality which appears on the body in many cases there are not malignancy, and a patient's mind can be set at rest.

Mrs. Truman Bell thanked the speakers for their time and interest in coming and presenting these timely facts and warnings. Almost a pleasant surprise and diversion was the song by Master Larry Wilson, the 23rd psalm accompanied on the electric guitar by Mr. Jack Hamnell and set to music of The Happy Wanderer.

A visit over the program brought the evening's activities to a close. Mrs. C. Lamb was hostess and her assistants were Mrs. F. Parsons, Mrs. T. Bell and Mrs. G. Hawton.



## Beeton W.I. Has<sup>25</sup> Colourful Meeting

After a week's postponement members of the Beeton Women's Institute met in the pleasant atmosphere of the Public Library, on Main Street, Beeton and yellow mums decorated the tables and a surprise came in the form of a visiting praying mantis — he stayed for duration and is now happily settled in the syringa growing at the library door.

The meeting opened in the usual manner, Mrs. Parsons, presiding, and as Mr. Boynton was present in the interests of the Arena Board, she suggested that he speak before the regular business proceeded. Mr. Boynton outlined the progress of the work done in remodeling the kitchen in the Community Hall, so far the cost has amounted to \$587.00. The Rotary Club had donated \$100. toward this, and as the Institute had promised support, he asked that they consider making their contribution now. After a short discussion Mr. Boynton was assured a cheque for \$100.00 would be mailed to the Board.

A warm welcome was extended to Mrs. Marion Watson who was present after a painful absence of 41 months. Mrs. Reynolds spoke of the sudden passing of Mrs. Hooper who for so many years had been a faithful and willing worker not only in the Institute but in many activities of the Village life — a moment's silence was observed.

Mrs. Gladys Camplin reported on the Baby Clinic, September 27th, seven needles, and October 18th, 12 needles, three vaccinations and three pre school children received attention.

An invitation was received from the Arts and Crafts to attend the Art Show in Stainer, October 24th. Also an invitation to the local Horticultural Society, films to be shown in November in the Legion Hall.

Plans for a Christmas Play were reviewed briefly. Mrs. Parsons (with Mrs. Hawton as alternate number) were voted as delegates to the Area Convention in Cookdown, November 19th.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Kearns, convener of Historical Research. She gave a comprehensive review of the highlights in the life of the late D. A. Jones, founder of the Village of Beeton.

During refreshment preparations Mrs. Parsons conducted a memory testing round-a-lay contest, the winner being Mrs. Jack Camplin. During the half hour of tea and chatter around miniature hallowe'en candles were passed around.

The hostess was Mrs. Nichol and assistants Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cole.

## meads Beeton W.I.

Beeton Women's Institute met Tuesday afternoon in the Council Chambers. It was a spring like day and the attendance was very gratifying. The meeting was taken up chiefly with gathering up tag ends of past years business and so prepare for the incoming officers. Conveners of standing committees handed in reports of activities and these will in turn be forwarded to the district conveners. The Treasurer's report was well received and Mrs. T. Bell listed the work accomplished by the Institute the past year. Other matters pending were laid over for future consideration.

Mrs. F. Sperring was invited to preside for the election of officers. A pre-prepared slate was presented to the meeting and after a few minor changes met with approval. Election results as follows:

Past President, Mrs. F. Parsons; President, Mrs. G. Hawton; 1st and 2nd Vice, Mrs. J. A. Wright and Mrs. Bosser; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. Bell; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Reynolds; Press Secretary, Mrs. W. Cole; Branch Directors, Mesdames E. Nicol, T. Little and J. A. Wright; District Director, Mrs. F. Parsons; Committee Conveners — Baby Clinic, Mrs. G. Camplin and Mrs. J. Camplin; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. F. Parsons and Mrs. C. Reynolds; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. C. Reynolds; Public Relations, Mrs. W. W. Cole; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. W. E. Kearns; Tweedsmuir History, Mrs. W. W. Cole; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. H. Watson; Remembrance, Mrs. E. McAdam and Mrs. Nicol; Resolutions, Mrs. J. Camplin; Pianists, Mrs. C. Reynolds and Mrs. G. M. Hardy; Auditors, Mrs. W. E. Kearns and Mrs. W. W. Cole; Arena Board, Mrs. Bosser. Installation service followed and a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Sperring for her help in this part of the program.

The balance of the meeting was taken by Mrs. Hawton who has hereby launched on her two year term of office. Request was granted Mrs. Cole to purchase a loose leaf Scrap book, a Current Events book is also to be purchased. Events for March were written and given by Mrs. Cole. No definite arrangements were made for the April meeting. It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Marion Watson with us.

Hostess for the social hour was Mrs. G. Hawton, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Wright, Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. Little.

## Women's Institute Regular Meeting

The members of Beeton Women's Institute assembled in the Sunday School room of Trinity United Church on Tuesday, April 19th, for their annual dinner, served this year by the Audrey Bunt Evening Auxiliary. This was followed by a business meeting with the newly appointed president, Mrs. Lillian Hawton in the chair and Mrs. Truman Bell, secretary. The roll call was answered by the paying of fees. Mrs. Bosser commented on the notice and as Institute representative to the Area Board reported on meetings she had attended.

A Salvation Army pick up will again be sponsored this year. It will be some time in May so watch your Beeton Week for notice of definite date. There was a busy time at the Baby Clinic, March 11th and April 19th. Mrs. Gladys Camplin has been in charge of this work for some years. Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. Nicol, and her granddaughter Ruth Connell delighted the members with her carefully prepared speech and timely topic "The Drop Out." Mrs. Parsons gave a report of the happenings at the 8th Simcoe meeting of Directors, main topic under discussion was the formation of the new district now known as "X" — plans were also formulated for the District Annual in Alton, May 27th. Here the roll call will be answered by a showing of antiques on a display table. The safety organization, which collects data of accidents in the home and out, will be represented by Mrs. Wilfred Sperry. A questionaire is supplied and findings are used for statistical purposes.

The curser read a letter from Mrs. Adelaide Leitch, editor of the new pictorial history of Simcoe County, to be published by the County of Simcoe for the Centennial year 1967. She asked for pictures of historic subjects in Beeton area, and especially of D. A. Jones and if possible the bee yards. These are urgently needed if Beeton is to have a place in the new history, and she certainly deserves one. Extreme care will be taken of any pictures which are loaned for this project, and will be photographed and returned to the owners. Pictures may be given to the local Tweedsmuir Curator Mrs. W. W. Cole, who will keep record of same, or you may contact by telephone 729-2528. This is your opportunity to show we really have created a background.

Mrs. Cecil Reynolds played two lovely old songs "Dumpty Boy" and "Goodnight" which brought the meeting to a close.

Mrs. Wright thanked the ladies of the Auxiliary for their hospitality.

## Beeton W.I. Christmas Party

The Beeton Women's Institute held their regular meeting Tuesday evening, December 14th, and being the Christmas season, a festive atmosphere pervaded the aid council chambers. An exchange of gifts had been arranged and the centre table was bedecked with many gayly wrapped gifts. Mrs. Bosser was responsible for the beautiful arrangement of red carnations.

Mrs. Bell, a former resident in Beeton and one time president of the Institute, paid a surprise visit and greeted many old friends.

Business matters were rapidly disposed of. Reports were given by Mrs. Gladys Camplin on the Baby Clinic; Mrs. McAdam the Remembrance committee; Mrs. Reynolds outlined current events for November to December 14th; and Mrs. Parsons, a delegate to the Area two-day Convention, briefly outlined the proceedings. Mrs. Bosser was appointed to represent the Institute on the Area Board.

The high spot of the evening was the beautiful song by Mrs. Gladys "Bethlehem Blessing" to Rubenstein's Melody in F, accompanied by Mrs. McKelvey. Later Mrs. McKelvey and Mrs. Gladys led in carol singing.

Interesting moving pictures taken by Mr. and Mrs. Parsons on their holiday abroad were shown and viewers were taken on a whirlwind tour through Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Rome, France, England and Scotland. Mrs. Reynolds thanked Mr. Parsons for his time and effort and helping to add to the evening's pleasure.

Refreshments were served by hostess Mrs. W. Camplin, assisted by Mrs. T. Harvey.



## W.I. Hold Christmas Party

The spirit of Christmas surely invaded the gloomy precincts of the much used Library and Council room here, when the local Women's Institute held its annual Christmas meeting. The president truly achieved magic with a gaily decorated tree, and a carefully planned seasonal programme. After opening exercises, treasurer's report and Mrs. Wildosh's report on the Baby Clinic — heavy business was pushed to the back limbo of matters to be thought about later, and members just gave themselves up to the occasion.

Rev. R. G. Matthews, rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton, was guest speaker. He traced the story of the Christmas season from earliest times down to the present. It has come to mean many things to many people, but Christmas really means all Christianity joined together in the birth of Christ. Christmas cards, comparatively new ideas originated in England (about 1863), the small red-breasted robin and the holly were so often found on the early cards. Boxing Day dates from the time when the priests in the early churches had boxes placed in the churches where members deposited gifts and these were distributed to the poor the day after Christmas. The idea of the Tree comes from Germany as does Santa Claus, who is associated with the Saint Nicholas. On Christmas Eve in Germany real candles are lighted on the tree (which has been treated to make fireproof) and St. Nicholas visits the homes to distribute the gifts. Christmas is really a religious holiday — it is also a commercial enterprise. At the present time orders are being placed for the Christmas trade of 1950. There is nothing wrong with this, but as Christians we must remember that without Christ there is no Christmas, only a time of celebration. By recognising the birthday of the Christ Child, we have our own personal Christian celebration. Mr. Matthews told of the movement in Regina "Bringing back Christ into Christmas" a few years ago when some 60 students in raincoats and sunshades over heavy winter clothes, in weather at five degrees below zero, marched through the Main Street of Regina to the Cathedral, singing Christmas Carols. Mr. Matthews said he did not know just what they really accomplished, but when they reached the Cathedral their group was some 300 strong and at least 200 busy shoppers had stopped to think about Christ, and the meaning of Christmas. Mr. Matthews invited his hearers to the candlelight service and the midnight communion Christmas Eve, providing there was no communique service being held in the church of their choice. Mrs. Jim Alden moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Matthews.

Mrs. Wildosh and Mrs. Little set out for Santa Claus in distributing gifts and a very happy time was spent during the two hours. Mrs. Kearns thanked all who had helped make the meeting a success and reminded her hearers of the Christmas gathering for the Silver Jubilee party, on Thursday evening.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING OF BEETON W.I.

The Beeton Women's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Watson on Tuesday evening, September 12th with 22 in attendance.

The president, Mrs. G. Hawton, called the meeting to order. Comments on the motto: "If you wish to get thinner diminish your dinner," were given by Mrs. Beaver. The roll call was answered by showing a sample of your hobby. A committee was named to look after the Antique Display at the Beeton Fair. Mrs. Kettle read a letter from the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, which is the original home of the Institute Founder, thanking her for a braided rug which she had donated to the Home as her Institute Centennial Project. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Kettle started making rugs in 1947 and since that time has braided over 200 rugs over 50 of which she has donated to different organizations. Current events were given by Mrs. McAdam.

The program on Home Economics and Health was then turned over to Mrs. Harold Watson who gave a very fine demonstration on how to cut, arrange and decorate a cake in the Centennial Emblem, representing all the provinces. Tickets were sold on the cake which was won by Mrs. Cole, who decided to have it sold by auction and was bought by one of the members.

Mrs. Watson then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. David Sealy, who continued the program on Health in her very interesting and capable manner.

After giving us many suggestions and health rules to follow, on first aid, Mrs. Wright thanked Mrs. Sealy and Mrs. Watson closed with a contest.

Refreshments were served including a piece of cake, similar to the one mentioned above. The hostesses were Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Hardy.

## W.I. MEMBERS HAD BUS TRIP TO AGINCOURT

Beeton W.I. organized a bus trip for members and friends to Agincourt to attend Roy Ward Dickson's Take A Chance television programme on Friday evening, Sept. 24th, 1950.

Thirty-six Village and area residents much enjoyed the experience. They found that Mr. Dickson and his staff create a family atmosphere and provide considerable amusing entertainment not seen and heard by home audience.

Mrs. Ronald Lisk, 8th line Tecumseh Township, was the winner of the door prize. To her delight and that of the whole group, this was a water softener.

The party made a stop at the restaurant on Highway 400 for refreshments to put the frosting on a fun-filled evening.

## Area W.I. Societies Entertained Here

Members of Bond Head, Cookstown and Tottenham Institutes were entertained by the local branch in the Community Hall Auditorium on Tuesday evening, October 11. President Mrs. Lillian Hawton presided.

Two young ladies from Tottenham, Miss Maria Mallon and Miss Janet Abrams in costume and pigtail, sang duets, "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard" and "Memories" accompanied by Mrs. Hardy rendered "A Dutch Thanksgiving" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." The offerings of these young people were much enjoyed, they left in the early evening as school home-work had to be done.

The roll call was to be answered by the display of an antique as a table had been arranged showing these articles. They were most interesting and included a huge dish, over two hundred years old to a tiny snuff box of the seventeenth century. The Tweeds mill History was also shown, the collection of photographs proved of great interest. Mrs. Roy Dixon of Bond Head paid a doubtful tribute to the "Back-Sent Driver" in an amusing reading — Mrs. Kettle's reading was in serious vein reminding all of the many blessings we are apt to take for granted.

Mrs. Cole introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Jessie Monkman of Cookstown. We felt most gratified in having this lady as our guest speaker, and a demonstrator in the creative art of turning an interesting lumpy marshmallow into miniature life-like flowers in natural color and shadings. In serious vein she outlined a "Code for Life" — which is really putting into our every day life the Christlike principles. Several members read fully Corinthians 1:13. Mr. Monkman had brought with him a box of the marshmallows flowers she had made and members were invited to come and select one as a memento of the evening.

During the "Over the Tea Cup" period Mrs. Hawton announced that there were three charter members of the Beeton Branch present, Mrs. Harry Campbell, Mrs. W. E. Kettle and Mrs. Alice Green, the latter now in Bond Head. It was good to see our two hardy pioneers, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Bradley, and to have them with us again, also Mrs. Alice Green, who has been most kind in supplying pictures and material for the Tweeds mill History.

Mrs. W. J. Wiggins was presented by the Institute with a plant of yellow mums. The occasion being her 66th birthday.



## BEETON WOMEN'S INST FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held in the home of Mrs. George Hardy on Tuesday afternoon, February 13th, with 21 members and visitors in attendance.

The president Mrs. G. Hawton opened the meeting. Comments on the motto "Support Canadian Products and Canadian Industries with Support. You were given by Mrs. G. Hawton. The Roll Call was answered by singing "A New Product from the Greenery Sheet and Mr. Hawton to it." Reports were given and a nominating committee named to look after the election of officers before the next meeting. Current Events were given by Mrs. Cole.

In the absence of Mrs. Fred Parsons, the program on Agriculture and Canadian Industries was turned over to Mrs. G. Hawton who introduced Miss Joan Warner, Home Economics of Alliston. Although the day was rather warm, Miss Watson had everyone "Spring into Spring" with her colorful display of fabric and fabric which she explained and passed around for everyone to see.

Mrs. Harold Watson thanked the speakers and refreshments were served. Tea hostesses were Mrs. G. Hardy, Mrs. G. Hawton, Mrs. Little and Mrs. Jim Alken. Mr. Herb Lusk kindly offered her home for the March meeting.

## BEETON WOMEN'S INST MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held in the home of Mrs. Herb Lusk, Maple Ave., on Tuesday afternoon, March 12th, with 21 members and visitors in attendance.

Mrs. George Hardy opened the meeting in the absence of Mrs. G. Hawton. Some interesting comments on the motto "You are Never too Old to Learn" were given by Mrs. J. Wright. The roll call was answered by "What is it for the Feet are Freezing." Several year by reports were given and plans made for a Reception Army Cadet in April.

The next regular meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury, Maple Ave. The hostesses were Mrs. E. M. Adams, Mrs. T. Bell, Mrs. W. W. Cole and Mrs. G. Drury assisted by Mrs. H. Lusk.

In order to arrange the 50th anniversary for the 1902-40 ses- sion, an executive meeting was held in the home of Mrs. George Hardy on Friday afternoon, March 22nd and a pleasant half hour was spent over the program.

## COMPLETES MECHANICAL APPRENTICESHIP

Forry Colman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Colman, Centre Street, has successfully completed his apprenticeship and final examinations and is now a certified machanic.

## Beeton Institute Elects Officers

The March meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held in the Community Memorial Hall on March 11th with 27 members and visitors enjoying a pot luck luncheon.

Comments on the motto were given by Mrs. R. Watson and the roll call was answered with a criticism of the year's programme and suggestions for improvement. Current Events were given by Mrs. G. Hawton.

As this was the annual meeting the election of officers was up for revision and the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Sporing who conducted the elections and installations.

The new president is Mrs. Gordon Drury, the 1st vice-presidency is as yet unfilled; 2nd vice-president is Mrs. Jim Alken, 3rd secretary, Mrs. Thomas Bell and treasurer, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds.

1969

## Beeton W.I.

"Many people are so busy addressing cards, doing up parcels and preparing food that they give a sigh of relief and forget the real message of Christmas, the birth of Jesus," remarked the Rev. Mr. Day, who spoke to Beeton Women's Institute at their December meeting. "Many churches do not have Christmas eve services," he added, "so let us this Christmas make room for the Christ child in our hearts."

Two sides to Mrs. Vincent Pehaley, a review of current events by Mrs. Jim Alken and comments by Mrs. Thomas Bell, on the motto, made up the balance of the programme. Members answered roll call and giving a dollar each to the Retarded Children's School at Alliston. Mrs. Harold Watson was the meeting's hostess.

1968

## Travelling Talk At Beeton W.I.

When Beeton Institute had their April meeting in the Community Centre, several members told of the things they had seen and enjoyed on recent trips. Mrs. Lusk talked of Bermuda, Mrs. Alken of Florida where she toured the space centre at Cape Kennedy; Mrs. Watson of a visit to Ottawa and to Old Fort Henry at Kingston.

In dealing with the motto, Mrs. Earl Stewart remarked on the fact that friends did more visiting among each other in the days when transportation was harder to come by; now everyone finds time hard to come by.

The Branch is making plans to celebrate its 50th birthday in September.

1970

## Beeton W.I. Met At Mrs. Drury's

Mrs. Wilfred Watson read a paper on the motto (The mind is like a parachute, it works better when open) and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds reviewed current events when Beeton Women's Institute held their September meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury.

Mrs. Fred Parsons was in charge of the program which concerned Safety.

1972

## Laughing helps you stay young

The November meeting of Beeton's W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Cecil Reynolds. The meeting opened with a remembrance poem by the President.

The motto for the meeting was "We don't stop laughing because we grow old - we grow old because we stop laughing; we should always take things as they come with a smile because it is much easier to laugh than frown." The above comments were given by Mrs. Kettle.

Roll Call - Childhood memories of my Common-

ity. This brought back many memories to everyone present. Mrs. H. Watson gave a report of the arts convention held at Orillia on Nov. 3 and 4. The convention is to be held in 1971 in Alliston. Also attending the convention were Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. J. Campbell and Mrs. Drury.

It was moved that we send a donation to Sunbrook Hospital.

Plans were made for our Christmas meeting to be held on Tues. Dec. 8, at Mrs. Harold Watson's home.

Mrs. Gordon Hawton gave a report of the District meeting held at Cookstown. Mrs. Parsons was appointed to the arena board. Mrs. Hawton took the programme on Historical Research and spoke on the Bruce Trail.

Current events were given by Mrs. Parsons. Mrs. Reynolds played a game called "Somewhere a voice is Calling." The meeting closed with the Institute Grace. Lunch was served by the hostess and her committee.

1970

## Mrs. G. Mallion Re-elected Head S.S. Institute

The annual reports of the 14 local Women's Institute branches represented at the South Simcoe District annual meeting, held at Newton Robinson on May 22, showed a very active year and Mrs. Gordon Mallion, of Tottenham, was given a second term as president.

Dean Crawford, head of George

an College, was the main speaker and Mrs. C. Reynolds also spoke on her year as the representative to the Federation of Agriculture.

Tec-We-Gwill Institute were hosts for the occasion and served luncheon and tea, for around a hundred guests. The Tec-We-Gwill girls entertained with two musical numbers.

Other members elected to the Executive for this year are Mrs. Wm. Sutherland (Good Head), 1st vice-president; Mrs. D. Mochman (Cookstown), 2nd vice-president; Mrs. John Rumble (Gilford), secretary-treasurer, with Mrs. R. Davis (Tottenham) as assistant.

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LIST OF FORMER MEMBERS BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES  
Mrs. C. H. Sanderson, left, Mrs. R. J. Brown, third from left chat with friends

1965

## Severn Bridge Institute Celebrates 50 Years

SEVERN BRIDGE — Mrs. J. W. Wiggins of Hillcrest Lodge in Orillia, who served as secretary when the Severn Bridge Women's Institute obtained its charter on May 21, 1915, sat the cake Wednesday when the group celebrated its 50th anniversary. The WI hall was alive with chatter as 130 people, including 14 members, former members and guests, reminisced over happy days with the WI during the open house celebration.

Mrs. Wanda Miller of Gravenhurst, a past member of the WI here and former district president of East Simcoe WI, chaired the program. She entertained everyone with anecdotes on the past.

Mrs. Lee Davis, president, welcomed guests and three charter members present, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. R. J. Brown and Mrs. Charles Sanderson, all of

Orillia were recognized. Three other charter members, Mrs. Edith Fletcher of Orillia, Mrs. Ed. Manson of Eganville Falls area and Mrs. Lawrence Cooper of RR-1 Wainago were unable to attend. Past presidents and secretary-treasurers were also honored.

Representatives brought

gifts from six area branches.

Books containing minutes of the past 50 years, lists of names of members through the years, a display of various work done by the WI and other things were viewed by the guests. A lunch including a huge birthday cake concluded the evening.



MRS. DAVIS, MRS. WIGGINS CUT CAKE



RECALL 1915 MEETING  
Memories at the Women's Institute, Women's  
1965.







## CELEBRATE 67 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

The William J. Hounsome's celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary at a small party last week. Mr. Hounsome commented that, "I've gone with her since she was 14, and I'd do it all again, with the same girl too." The couple have 17 grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren.

Up until 18 years ago, they had a 100 acre farm in the Bradford area. Mrs. Hounsome attributed their long-lived happiness to "good clean living, and being agreeable as much and as often as possible."

WITNESS PHOTO BY DAMPHEN

1970

## Three area men drown in boating mishap

A boating accident on Lake Simcoe near Jackson's Point on August 21st brought grief to homes in Beeton, Alliston and areas when three young men were drowned.

Garry Palmer, an Alliston resident since his marriage to Miss Barbara Breedon, two years ago, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Palmer of Beeton. James Breedon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Breedon of Schomberg, was the brother-in-law of Garry Palmer and formerly lived in Beeton. John Murray, who was living in Scarborough, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Murray of Alliston. Mr. Murray was married a year ago to Miss Dorothy Brown of R.R. 1, Alliston.

R. G. Loin of Alliston, owner of the ill fated boat, was able to swim to shore. His pleas for help resulted in the rescue of Donald Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson of Cookstown.

## PROPERTIES SOLD—

Mr. George Ferguson's Centre Street residence was sold last week to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bayley of Markham.

Mrs. Edith Gietling's bungalow on Centre Street has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McClain of Tecumseh township.

Miss Anna Robinson has sold her Stewart Street home to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lawrence Brandridge, presently of Toronto.

Fred Barron's 40-acre farm has a new owner in Elynn Bakely of Tecumseh township. Mr. Barron and his sister, Miss Irene Barron, will continue to live in their home.

Robert Stafford's farm on Concession 8 of Tecumseh township has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. John Kowalski of Elyria township.





### KETTLES CELEBRATE 60

Mr. and Mrs. William Kettle celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday night. A festive dinner was enjoyed by

more than 50 friends at the party held in Beeton's Community Centre.

WITNESS PHOTO BY TUNNEY

Dec 1970



### CELEBRATE DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. William Kettle, Beeton celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 5th, at their home and with a reception at the Community Hall. They are both long-time Beeton residents. Mr. Kettle, who is 92, came to Beeton in 1906 and his wife, who is nearing 91, came a year later. They were married in Toronto and after a visit to England returned to Beeton in 1911, where they have lived ever since. Mr. Kettle recalls that in those days there were about the same number of stores in the village as there are now but that there were three hotels, three blacksmiths' shops and a wheelwright. Their son Ernest with his wife and son Kenneth, and their daughter Isabel (Mrs. Lepard) and her husband were present on Saturday to welcome the many relatives and other guests who came to bring their good wishes. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kettle are very well and active.

1970

### Celebrate Diamond Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Kettle, Beeton, Ontario, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, December 26th, 1970, at their home and with a reception at the Community Hall. Mr. Kettle came to Beeton in 1906 and his wife a year later. They were married in Toronto and after a visit to England returned to Beeton in 1911, where they have lived ever since. Their daughter and son, both married, live in Toronto.

Mr. Kettle is an active florist and a long time member of the Beeton Horticultural Society. He has also won many ribbons for showing his fowl at fairs, including Alliston, Brampton, and Berrie, as well as the C.N.E.

Mrs. Kettle is a charter member of the Beeton Women's Institute and attended its 50th. anniversary October 31, 1970. That evening she entertained members and guests by giving a humorous reading. Mrs. Kettle has braided over 125 rags and many have been donated for prizes. She also delights her friends by writing poems for special occasions, as well as giving humorous readings at meetings.

The following poem was written by Mrs. Kettle, who is 90, to her husband who is 92, on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

#### The Diamond Wedding.

Sixty years we have been together,  
My wonderful man and I.  
Through dark and stormy weather  
He is always, by my side.

We have had our ups and downs,  
As most people do.  
But by helping one another  
We have managed to pull through.

Now I wish for all of you,  
A happy married life.  
The years go so quickly by  
There is no time for strife.

I do not want to tire you,  
With a long tirade.  
Just think of each other  
And you will have it made.

Life is full of joy and sorrow,  
Many trials you may meet.  
So, heads up and face the future  
Take the bitter with the sweet.

Now I think I'll end this rhyme,  
I'm sure that you will think that it is time.  
May the One above keep you in His care  
Your joys and sorrows He will share.

Now I'll say Au Revoir to all of you,  
And don't do anything I wouldn't do.  
44 years roll by one by one  
May comfort be given for duties well done.



## History of The Bell Family.

On February 16th. 1887, the first Deed for the 100 acre farm, south half of lot 16, Concession 8, was made out to Edward Bell, Sr. who came from Ireland. He was born Sept. 2nd, 1791. He married Olivia Johnson and died Nov. 3, 1887 at the age of 96. His wife died Nov. 10, 1887, at the age of 77. They had seven children namely---Richard, Edward, Ann, William, Eliza, Henry and Louisa.

Richard Bell married \_\_\_\_\_ and has two children.

- 1 Wilfred Bell farmed north of Newton Embury and has two boys, Earl farms across the home place.  
Ivan is an Agriculture Representative.

- 2 Belinda Bell married Thomas Robinson. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1960. Their family---

- 1 Irene Robinson (Deceased)
- 2 Edna Robinson ( Mrs. F. Welch )
- 3 Mildred Robinson ( Mrs W.F.S. MacLaren )
- 4 Marjorie Robinson ( Mrs. K. Guzman )
- 5 John Robinson His son Wayne Robinson is noted for his ploughing ability at 17 years.
- 6 James Robinson (Deceased)
- 7 Thomas Robinson
- 8 Roger Robinson (Deceased)
- 9 William Robinson.

Hobbie Bulford is a great grandson of Belinda Bell.

- 3 Ann Bell married \_\_\_\_\_ and settled in Linvale area
- 4 Eliza Bell married \_\_\_\_\_ and settled in Clinton area.
- 5 Henry Bell married \_\_\_\_\_ and settled in Essex Township.
- 6 Louisa Bell never married and died early.

- 7 Edward Bell Jr. born Sept. 2, 1841. Married Susan Fanning and took over the home farm when his father died. They had Edward, Annie, Wesley, Lillian and Herbert.

Edward Bell born Oct. 31, 1868, married Emma Leona Netherlands, on Oct. 28, 1896, and farmed on the 9th. line of Tecumseh Township, later moving to the 8th. line, now known as the Glassford Farm, before retiring to Boston. His only son Milton predeceased him on June 5, 1938.

Milton Bell married \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ Henson

- 1 Doris Bell married Bruce Gould ( 1909- 1989 )  
(a) Edward Bruce (Ted.) Gould married Linda Jean Shaw August 29, 1970.

- (b) John Milton Gould  
(c) Larry Stephen Gould

2 Marie Bell married..... Kilby.  
Edward Bell died June 4, 1954 and his wife Leona died April 30, 1959.

Annie Bell married George Sutherland of Avening.  
Lorne Sutherland (Deceased)  
Russell Sutherland (Deceased)

Lillian Bell married Joe Murray of Alliston.

1 Eddy Murray married Verna Reid (in 1918)  
(a) Allen Murray - Allen Brownhead of North Bay (Mining Engineer)

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(b) Lloyd Murray (Land and Forest Dept.)  
(c) Ruth Murray (in Alliston Bank)  
(d) Harold Murray (at home)

2 Mable Murray-- Max. Mitchell  
(a) Nervyn Mitchell

(b) Gerald Edward Mitchell- Jeannie Lee May 27, 1961.  
1 Philip Dean born Feb. 23, 1966.

Herbert Bell married Mae Sewer of Owen Sound. No family.  
He was willed the home place but decided later to go to work in Toronto as a carpenter. He rented it to Brulays from Bond Head, but his brother Wesley who was farming the now Stewart farm bought it, to keep it in the Bell name.

Wesley B. Bell married Margaret Jane Anderson, a teacher from Relesay in Mono, who was teaching at Wilson's School. Their family Eva, Lillian, Wilson, Edward, Hazel, Victor, Wilmet, Trieman, Clifford, Isabelle and Ann.  
Mr. Bell born July 29, 1873, and died January 1951.

1 Eva Bell died, sealed when a teenager.

2 Lillian Bell (nurse) married Jackson Glassford of Caledon.  
Jackson Holmes Glassford born March 10, 1894.  
Died Sept. 21, 1966, in his 73rd. year.

They farmed in Caledon Township until Nov. 1938 when they moved to the Wilson Bell's farm on the 8th. line of Wilmot Township.

(a) Allan Glassford married Doris Ritchie, a teacher.  
1 Donna Leanne  
2 Janice Ann  
3 Gerry  
4 Susan

(b) Frieda Glassford married Joe Cannon (Brick layer of Detroit)

(c) Marion Glassford married John Rudyk of Schomberg.  
1 Cheryl Ann  
2 Jacquelyn Lillian.

(d) Bruce Glassford married Marilyn Gilbert, of Bond Head.  
1 Freda Deanna

3 Wilson Bell died as a baby.





Treasonant  
 Bell's  
 farm  
 home  
 Lot 16, 12th. Ave.  
 Leo Township



Lora Bell  
 with grand daughters  
 Tracy & Paula White

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Bell Family Continued.

- 4 Edward Bell married Ethel Corbett, worked in Toronto as a carpenter.  
No children. Ethel died. Living at Glasford's.
- 5 Hazel Bell married Borden Penny.  
No children. Live in Orangetown.
- 6 Victor Bell married Rita Huse.  
Was in the Air Force. Post Master of Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia  
until retirement, now living in Bridgetown, N.S.
- 7 Wilnot Bell left home at 16 to make his way in the world. Never was  
heard from.
- 8 Clifford Bell married Ethel Johnson of Minesing, a teacher, and he  
worked on Great Lakes Steamers for a few years.
  - (a) Glenn Bell a Lawyer
  - (b) Ross Johnston Bell
  - (c) Frank Clifford Bell
  - (d) Jack Bell
  - (e) Valerie Bell
  - (f) Graham Bell
- 9 Isabelle Bell married Sherlie Noble of Bond Head. They farmed for a  
while on the 5th. line of Tecumseh Township, then moved to Toronto.
  - (a) Eva Noble married Brian Brambrough, living in Beeton.
    - 1 Scott Brambrough
    - 2 Kim Brambrough
  - (b) Elsie Noble married Jack Johnston, live in Powassan.
    - 1 Kathy Johnston
  - (c) Mary Noble married working in Kodak.
- 10 Ada Bell married Jos Duffy.
  - (a) Rita Duffy married Graham Wein
  - (b) Bill Duffy
- 11 Trueman Bell married Edna Johnston, a teacher from Bolton.  
He got the farm when his father died.
  - (a) Muriel Bell married Ken. White of Nova Scotia. They were in a  
Toronto Apt. for a time and Ken. worked in a Grocery Chain Store.  
Then bought a home in Brampton and he works in Carling Brewery  
warehouses.
    - 1 Tracey Lee White
    - 2 Paula Fay White
  - (b) Margaret Elizabeth Bell married Anthony Coop, June 6, 1970.  
They live in East Toronto, he works in Northern Electric and  
Margaret works in an Insurance Office.
  - (c) Lerne Edward Bell is boarding in Stratford with sister Muriel  
and working in New Holland Implements in Brantford.  
*Married Barbara and Harold Palmer.*



Bell Family Continued.

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These are the folk that were born on this place in 134 years making it one of Simcoe Centennial Farms.

This farm consisted of 100 acres, but now in 1971, the Ontario Hydro bought 11 acres for a Sub Station, leaving us with 89 acres.

At one time the house set on an angle but was straightened and a cellar dug under it. The summer kitchen came out to the east of the house. This was torn down and rebuilt at the back.

There was a large wide veranda all around the outside of house. The outside door way to the cellar was filled in with clay. There was a large cement tank in the orchard where the water for the house was pumped from the windmill below the barn at a spring. Now the hydro pumps it direct to the house.

At first there was a wood clap board siding on the house but it was changed to the insulated brick.

This is the third set of barns. The first ones over the fence from the present ones in the corner field on a knoll. The next were two small barns L shaped with a small pig pen at the end.

On June 5th., around 1945 fire started from unknown causes at 3 o'clock in the morning. A quantity of stock lost their lives.

The Preston Company built the present barn. The big ones was built by Serb. Bell.

Thus the years pass and changes are made in the place.

Given by Mrs. Truman Bell.

## At "United by the Spirit" Meeting, Beeton "WE DON'T KNOW WHAT REAL POVERTY IS": REV. HOWSE

Here in Canada we have no conception of what real poverty is. We don't know what real slums are. Here there is running water, light and welfare. Do you realize that there are a hundred countries in the world where the annual income is less than \$100 a year, and hunger is a constant companion." So spoke the Rev. Earl Marshall Howse at the "United by Spirit" service on Sunday in Beeton Central School. "In Bombay there are bundles that look like rags along the streets in the mornings. They are bodies of men, women and children. In Calcutta, one million people have no homes at all, any more than the wandering goats. They are born, live and die on the streets. We have no concept of the look of poverty, the smell of poverty," he went on. "In China there have been famines for hundreds of years in which millions died. Other countries have had disasters taking terrible tolls of lives. The rest of the world did little. Now," said Mr. Howse, "there is world-wide consciousness of the need in Pakistan and world resources are being brought to

bear to help those in need."

The Rev. Howse was pitch hitting for Dr. McClure, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, who was unable to come because he was taken ill on Saturday evening. Mr. Howse, preceded Dr. McClure as Moderator and is now Minister at Bloer St. United Church, Toronto, where Dr. McClure is a member.

Mr. Howse spoke also about Dr. McClure's eventful life of service and about the growth of the World Council of Churches. "I have just come back from Japan where practically all religions of the world met in a spirit of unity," he ended. "This meeting is a movement toward unity. The percentage of Christians in the world is getting smaller, due to population growth in areas of other beliefs, and may soon be as low as ten percent."

The meeting in Beeton, which filled the school's auditorium, is a part of the movement "Christian Unity in Action" which sprung from the concern for it by "encouraging the existing spirit of co-operation and Christian

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## "WE DON'T KNOW WHAT REAL

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unity in the churches of each area, the local one being that of Colgan, Beeton, Schomberg, Palgrave and Tottenham", as the Rev. Basil Doss, of the Tottenham Presbyterian Church, explained at an earlier meeting of clergy and laymen.

Arising from that meeting it was the one in Beeton. "United by The Spirit" and with special emphasis upon emergency relief for Pakistan.

All the area churches shared in this ecumenical service: Rev. J. Cross, Beeton United Church; Rev. Basil Doss, Presbyterian minister serving Tottenham, Beeton and Schomberg; Rev. Fr. Paul Sevitalski serving the Roman Catholic churches of Colgan and Tottenham; Rev. George Saunders, Tottenham and Rich Hill United Church and Rev. J. Cross, of the Anglican churches in Beeton, Tottenham and Palgrave. The choirs of these churches also joined at the service.

Rev. George Saunders led in a under the direction of Gordon Mallon. Mrs. Janet Tipping was piano accompanist.

The service itself was simple and dignified, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Basil Doss, who is, himself, a Pakistani.

There was a word of welcome and then the hymn "Come, let us sing of a wonderful love".

Meditation of the divinity of the Church of Jesus Christ. Another hymn and three Bible readings by laymen, with interludes. Between the first and second readings, Mrs. Roberts rendered the solo "Come unto me all ye that labour", and, between the second and third, the anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd" by the choir of St. Francis Church, Tottenham.

Following the talk by Rev. Howse, Fr. Sevitalski lead the gathering in a Profession of Faith.

Offerings from the morning services of all churches concerned and many organizations were presented, along with that taken at the meeting. As of Monday, collections amounted to over

\$800 and more contributions are expected. Lowell Tipping of Fraser Presbyterian Church, Tottenham, closed the offertory prayer with Schubert's "Ave Maria" as a trumpet solo.

Joint, responsive prayer was led by the Rev. J. Davis, with the response being, "Keep us, O Lord, in your love".

A general commitment, earnestly prayed by Rev. Doss and the congregation was followed by the closing hymn, "We are one in the spirit".

On all sides there were expressions of deep feeling about the unity of the meeting.

## JOINT SERVICE SUCCESSFUL

The first joint services for all faiths was presented in the Tecumseh Central School Auditorium in Beeton last Sunday.

The Ministries serving the communities of Beeton, Colgan, Tottenham, Palgrave and Schomberg sponsored the one day event and their guest speaker was Dr. H. H. Howse, ex-Moderator for The United Church of Canada.

A joint inter-church gathering idea first originated several weeks ago to promote a better understanding of all faiths and a richer and more promising future for humanity. The proceeds totalled \$900 and will be turned over to the Christian people of East Pakistan who were hard hit following the recent cyclone.

Over 300 people attended the one day Ecumenical service which took place on the final day of Christian Unity Week which had started Jan. 17th.

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OUR MEN FOR EDUCATION

Maurice Patton (l) representing Ward 4 and Frank Prothero (r) representing Ward 2 on the Simcoe County Board of Education are caught in a cheerful mood with Chairman Morley Ford

(left centre) and Vice-Chairman John McCollough (right centre) at the inaugural meeting of the Board on January 12th.

(Allison Herald Photo)

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## November activities at Beeton Manor

November has been a month of extremes of weather. There were several lovely crisp fall days at the beginning, when some of the residents went out walking. The grass was still as green and lush as it was in June. Then came a period of fog and rain when it was wise to stay inside. At the end of the month, there were a few days of white glistening snow, which turned the view from every window into a Christmas scene!

It has been a rather quiet but busy month. On Sunday the 7th, we had a Remembrance Day Service which stressed the sacrifices of two great wars.

The same week we had an evening of movies which included "The Calgary Stampede", "A Country Fair", and "The Discovery of Insulin".

On November 13th we had a visit from a group of young people who came from a neighboring town. They were interested in starting crafts in a home in their locality. They were young and enthusiastic, and it is so nice to see these young people, some of them teens, interested in helping older folks to put in the long winter days. Another evening of movies brought us "A Western Cattle Ranch", "All About Flowers", and "Down in the Mines." All were very interesting.

On November 15th, we were visited by a group from Orillia Hospital School, who entertained the residents, with a concert of modern and comic songs. They were under the direction of Miss Donna Armstrong and would have to be seen and heard to be appreciated. This was the highlight of the whole month, and was greatly enjoyed.

On November 16th and 17th the Manor was visited by Miss Sally Weir, who is the Superintendent of adjutants in homes for the aged. She is from the department of Social and Family Services for Ontario. Our adjutant here is Mrs. Edna Vernon who teaches all kinds of small crafts, and does a great job of therapy for many who need her generous help.

### NEW FACES

We have three new residents this month: Mrs. Margaret Groombridge of Alliston, Mrs. Goddard of Alliston, and Mr. Harry Blackwell of Schomberg.

The nursing staff has been increased by three - Mrs. Eva Power of Loretta, Mrs. Margaret McAllister of Beeton, and Pat Bolton of Alliston. Mrs. Coleman is also back on the nursing staff, after a month's leave of absence with a back injury. There has also been one addition to the nursing

staff, in the person of Mrs. Barnes of Loretta.

On Nov. 28th the residents council held their monthly meeting and many things were discussed, and several projects put before the council. These will be reported later as they come into action.

Christmas is on everyone's mind these days, as it means a great deal to older people who are confined to a home. It is the

big occasion of the year, and a welcome break in the routine. Decorations are being made in the craft room in readiness, and we hope all the anticipations will become a reality for our folks here.

Many enjoyed our regular monthly bingo game this month and received suitable prizes.

Our number of residents remains stable this month at 108.

## SIMCOE MANOR NEWSLETTER

(By Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins)

The residents had a rare treat early in December, when they were exposed to an evening of the silent films. To see the antics of W. C. Fields, and Charlie Chaplin, once again, brought happy memories to many who remember them from years ago.

The first Friday of the month brought our Presbyterian neighbours from Rexford to pay us a visit. The men, women and children put on a Christmas entertainment, consisting of carols, tris, monologues and children's choruses, which were a delight to listen to. Their Minister ended the evening with words of encouragement and spiritual grace.

On December 10, more of our friends came in, from Adjala, Tottenham and "The Ridge". They provided a variety of musical numbers, on many different instruments. It was a happy and informal evening ending with Christmas carols.

On Sunday, the 13th, the Rev. Mr. Cross brought his Beeton United Church choir to the Manor to sing Christmas hymns with us, also one lovely solo.

The next day, from Everett, Eric Gallagher and Mr. Heza entertained with violin and accordion solos, carols, old time songs and a sing-song.

That same week, Ann Marie St. John, who was appearing at the Holiday Inn in Barrie, came to visit and charmed the residents with her singing and playing. There were Scotch and Irish airs, folk songs of Newfoundland, and modern numbers.

On the twentieth, the Rev. Mr. Davis of the Anglican church, conducted the Christmas service, with some of his young people providing the music.

That night the Hi-Teens from

Tottenham presented a Christmas skit with musical numbers.

On Monday a large number of school children from Beeton, accompanied by three teachers, sang carols in the T.V. room and through the halls of the hospital wing.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Mrs. Vernon invited the craft class downstairs for games and tea and Christmas cake.

Christmas dinner at Simcoe Manor, was enjoyed on Wednesday, in order to give as many as possible of the staff, an opportunity to spend Christmas day with their families. The residents were gathered in three dining rooms and were served a dinner of great abundance and excellence. Our compliments to the cooks and our thanks to all the workers, who made it such a satisfactory feast. On Christmas day there was another fine dinner, with chicken and Christmas pudding.

On December 27, a large number of his relatives gathered at the Manor for the party in honour of Mr. James Anderson's 88th birthday. There was a large birthday cake and the cameras were busy. Mr. Anderson was born in Mann Township but lived in Alberta for 28 years and his four children all live on the west coast. One sister-in-law came to the party at the Manor where Mr. Anderson has been for the past six years or more.

Two new residents have joined the Manor family. They are Mrs. Weir, from Tottenham, and Mr. Sam Conn.

## SHOP BEETON

Yes, Beeton's streets are finally done.

So come on over, have some fun.

Take a look at our MONEY TREE

And maybe get your shopping free!

Yes, just drop in and say hello!

To any of the places listed below.

And they will give you a ticket free.

Another chance on our MONEY TREE.

Ted's Barber Shop	Michael's Haberdashery
Style Lounge	Catania's Grocery
Coin Laundry	Beetonia Hotel
Jane's Boutique	Beeton Hardware
Beeton Sewing Centre	Eve's Shoppe
McDermott's Insurance	McFadden's Butcher Shop
Judy's Country Kitchen	

Royal Bank of Canada

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## Paving begins on Main St.

The progress of Beeton's Main Street project has been much slower than was anticipated. The preliminary work is, however, completed and paving began yesterday, September 1st. The shopping area receiving first attention.

Preliminary work included the asphaltting of the boulevard portion of driveways, which will be a boon to pe-

destrians and will help to keep the new pavement free of gravel carried from driveways by rain or wheels of vehicles.

It is hoped there will be sufficient pride in the Village's revamped main street to cause a cessation of the littering which has been a problem for some time.



### "NO MONEY IN A LOAF OF BREAD"

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hill have closed their Newton Robinson Post Office and general store because it lost money during the last six months. Hill says residents don't buy much from a convenience store because supermarkets are more popular.

WITNESS PHOTO BY TUNKEY

### MRS. MARGARET GERTRUDE MADILL

One of Bond Head area older residents, Mrs. Margaret Gertrude Madill passed away quietly at the home of her son William on Feb. 12, 1971 in her 82nd year. She was born in Tecumseh township Aug. 2, 1879 the daughter of William and Eliza Harvey. On Feb. 22nd, 1900 she married Irvin Madill of Maitland Township and moved to Lot 5 Con. 9, West Guelphbury Township where they lived for four years before moving to the present home, Lot 24, Con. 4, Tecumseh township in 1914 where her husband predeceased her Jan. 30, 1943.

The late Mrs. Madill has always been an Anglican and a member of Trinity Anglican Church, Bond Head, for over sixty years. She is survived by her son William, two grandchildren Margaret (Mrs. Allen Lennock) of Portmores and Bruce Madill of Richmond Hill; and four great grandchildren, Wendy and Michael Lennock and Danny and Cheryl Madill. Also surviving are two sisters Nellie (Mrs. G. Gilbert) of Allison, Ontario, (Mrs. B. Thompson) Boston, also a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Harvey, Boston. Predeceasing her were infant twin sisters Jennie and Annie, two brothers, William and Ernest and an older sister Amanda (Mrs. R. Murday). Rev. Herbert Bull conducted the funeral services at Trinity Anglican Church, Bond Head with interment at Adolph Union Cemetery. Pall bearers were: William Orr, Mel Brodwin, Murray Ross, Keith Knedshaw, Jack Armstrong and Jack McLean. Flower bearers were John Hartman, Jack Robinson, Lorne Harvey, Edgar Knedshaw, Mel Taylor and Gordon Bradley.

### BRADLEY -- At York

County Hospital, Newmarket on Monday, November 9th, 1970, Annie Matilda Stewart of Bond Head, beloved wife of the late James Bradley in her 96th year. Dear mother of Gordon and Elva (Mrs. William Sutherland) both of Bond Head; loving grandmother of Mrs. William Brethet, Mrs. Bruce Davey, Mrs. Paul Coburn and John Sutherland; also survived by eight great grandchildren. Resting at Lewis Funeral Home, Bradford. Funeral service on Thursday, November 12th at 2 p.m. Interment St. John's cemetery, Tecumseh.

(45-a/c)



### PRESENTING THE FIRST LADY

Mrs. Stewart, mother of Warden Stewart, and Miss Elizabeth Matheson, his fiancée, are presented to county council to Mrs. George Davis.

(2nd from left) who was First Lady last year. The newly elected Warden looks on.

(Allison Herzog photo)

1971



# Grand Concert

under the auspices of  
King George's Celebration Committee

—in the—  
**TOWN HALL, BEETON**

—on—  
**Saturday, June 2nd**

*approx 1920*

## PROGRAMME

1. Quartette....."Fondle Belled".....Mauder  
CECILIAN MALE QUARTETTE
2. Monologue....."A Trip to the Old Country"  
J. BROGDEN TAYLOR
3. Solo....."Come to the Fair"  
F. G. ROBERTS
4. Pianologue.....MISS LILLIAN BUTT
5. Quartette....."Hymn Before Action"  
CECILIAN MALE QUARTETTE
6. Character Sketches.....J. BROGDEN TAYLOR
7. Duet....."Love and War"  
W. R. EDWARDS and W. R. CUSBY
8. Solo....."There's a Land"  
CLARENCE BRYAN
9. Pianologue.....J. BROGDEN TAYLOR
10. Quartette....."Andie Louie"  
CECILIAN MALE QUARTETTE
11. Selected.....MISS LILLIAN BUTT
12. Sketch....."The Quack Doctor"  
J. BROGDEN TAYLOR
13. Quartette....."Good-bye"  
CECILIAN MALE QUARTETTE

ACCOMPANIED—MISS LILLIAN BUTT

Admission, 50c. Concert to commence at 8.00 p.m. Plus  
of Hall at Fichels's Drug Store.

R. B. LAW, Pres.

N. P. McDONALD, Sec.

GOD SAVE THE KING

# KING'S BIRTHDAY CONCERT

Under the auspices of King George's Celebration Committee  
**THE GEORGIAN PLAYERS**

of Beeton present the three-act play, entitled  
**"Welcome Home, Jimmy"**

In the Town Hall, Beeton, on Friday, June 2nd, 1922

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mrs. Brooks.....	Mrs. T. R. McCaw
Louise Brooks.....	Mrs. C. E. Dutcher
Allie Thomas.....	Mrs. R. F. Burton
Peggy Summers.....	Miss Pearl Train
Melinda Bristol.....	Miss Beatrice Ritchie
Valentine Gardner.....	Dr. D. C. Hattie
Charlesfield McWayne.....	Mr. Grant Gilbert
Danny Banks.....	Mr. Fred Ritchie
George Pierce.....	Mr. H. Carnahan

## SCENE OF PLAY

Sitting Room in the Home of Mrs. Brooks on Coal-  
brook Farm.

## QUARTETTE

Soprano.....	Mrs. Maud Train
Alto.....	Mrs. E. F. Burton
Tenor.....	Mr. T. R. McCaw
Bass.....	Mr. W. A. Valentin
Pianist.....	Mrs. J. A. Kerr

Chorus and songs from mixed quartette between acts.

General Sale: 50c. Price of Hall at Fichels's Drug Store.  
Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Concert to commence at 8 p.m.

R. D. Law, President

R. B. Wright, Treasurer

N. P. McDonald, Secretary

GOD SAVE THE KING

# PROGRAMME

—of—

## REGINALD STEWART

THE EMINENT PIANIST

Wednesday, November 28th

AT 8.30 P.M.  
TRINITY C HURCH BEETON approx 1924

Fugue in G Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Bach

Ballade in A Flat \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin

Etude in F Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin

Berceuse \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin

Etude in C Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin

Etude in Thirds \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin

"Minute" Valsh in D Flat \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin

Polonaise in A Flat \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin

Minuet from 'L'Arlesienne,' Bizet-Rachmaninoff

The Hurdy-Gurdy Man \_\_\_\_\_ Goossens

Love Song \_\_\_\_\_ Stojowski

The Music Box \_\_\_\_\_ Liadow

The Juggleress \_\_\_\_\_ Moskowski

Rhapsody No. 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Liszt

Reginald Stewart records exclusively for the  
Welte-Mignon Co. of New York.

Heintzman & Co. piano used.



# Simcoe Area Women's Institute Held 46th Annual Convention at Alliston

Simcoe Area Women's Institute 46th convention was held at St. John's United Church, Alliston, Nov. 18th and 19th. Theme — To stand together, we have to understand together.

Mrs. Howard Campbell, area president, was chairman and led in the opening exercises and the "In Memoriam."

Mrs. Norman Tuck, area secretary-treasurer, read the minutes, treasurer's report, and correspondence. Mrs. M. Spangley gave the auditor's report. Mayor George McCague welcomed the women to Alliston.

Mrs. Austin Zoeller, provincial president, brought the group up to date in several matters of interest. The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario is planning to purchase the Erlend Lee House at Stony Creek. This is actually the home in which the constitution for the WI was signed, and where the first meetings were held.

Since the 75th anniversary will be in 1972, it is hoped that each branch will have a special program sometime in February

to mark this day.

Mrs. Zoeller spoke of some of her activities while she was attending the A.C.W.W. conference there.

Consumer's reports were given in the form of a panel discussion.

The Home Economist, Miss Gordie and Miss Vanden Bosch, set up a display of crafts and talked about the importance of leaders of 4-H clubs.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan spoke about the Twentieth Century Historian and how they could be used for important information by the Board of Education. There were six workshops in the area, earlier this year.

Mrs. Gordon Mallion, first vice-president, was chairman for the afternoon.

First Speaker was Mr. A. Ironside, member of the Simcoe County Historical Assn. He paid tribute to the Women's Institutes for their contribution to local histories and their work with the County Museum at Midland.

The Provincial Board Direc-

tors, Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. John Rumbler, had a talk on "How to be a Good W.I. Member."

The scholarship report was given by Mrs. Earl Scott. The scholarship winners for 1971 are Mrs. Fern Warner, Dunrobin, and Miss Angela Marley, Thelston.

On the second day, Mrs. R. W. Maguire, second vice-president, was chairman. After the opening exercises, Miss Helen McKerracher, director of Home Economics, was the speaker. She talked about leadership and the necessity of having leaders in organizations.

In the afternoon the ladies were privileged to have Mrs. R. C. Moffat of Guelph speak on the United Nations. Her topic was "What Is This World Coming To?" At the close of her address, she rendered several musical selections on her miniature carillon.

A map of Simcoe County was on display, with each branch attending the convention being marked with a penny; each district was a different colour. Missing were 14 branches. Attendance for Tuesday was 185 and for Wednesday there were 169.

Officers elected for 1972 were: Pres. Pres., Mrs. Douglass Day, R.R. 2, New Lonsdale; President, Mrs. Howard Campbell, R.R. 1, Shady Bay; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Gordon Mallion, Tottenham; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. W. Maguire, Mimmsing; Sec. Treas., Mrs. Norman Tuck, R.R. 1, Barrie; Public Relations, Mrs. Howard Geier, Wyecroft; Provincial Board Directors: No. 12 — Mrs. John Brown, Box 68, Walsby, Altonara — Mrs. John C.

## A HELPFUL HINT FROM THE HOME ECONOMIST

Anyone who owns a freezer knows how handy they can be for stocking up on home crops of meat and food produce. They can also be used other ways to save you time. The next time you make a meat loaf, or casseroles, or fish or vegetable potatoes, make enough for two. Take one out of the oven before it is completely browned but is partly cooked, let it cool quickly, then wrap for the freezer. The same can be done with fish shells — these can be frozen baked, or unbaked, filled or not (check your books to see if filling freezes well). Label each package as to what it contains, and the baking temperature and time required. Some other "quick tricks" — freeze lemonade cubes so that when you next mix up some lemonade flavour won't be diluted as the ice cubes melt. Freeze grated orange rind — its ready to use when you're baking, straight from the freezer. Freeze raisins before chopping them — its much easier and they stick less to the knife when it is slightly oiled. Bread can be buttered and frozen. When ready to use, spread sandwich filling, wrap, and by lunch time you have really fresh sandwiches, tasting as if they were just made minutes before.

55 yrs., Oshawa, No. 14 — Mrs. John Rumbler, R.R. 1, Gifford, Altonara — Mrs. Gus Nesbitt, Gifford.

Conveners of Standing Committees: Agriculture & Canadian Industries, Mrs. Wilbert Trotter, Cookstown; Resolutions, Mrs. John Bell, Collingwood; Education & Cultural Activities, Mrs. Carl Ashley, Inverness; Citizenship & World Affairs, Mrs. W. L. Hart, Walsby; Family & Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Tom Morrison, Hillsdale; Curator of Twentieth Century Historian, Mrs. Allan Corrigan, R.R. 1, Kyreth.



## AREA WI OFFICERS DISCUSS 1972 CONVENTION PLANS

Members of the executive of Simcoe Area Women's Institute are shown as they discussed proposed changes in plans for 1972 two-day convention which is to be held in Centre Square either at Mimmsing or

Elmvale, instead of morning and afternoon sessions, the opening day's program will cover the afternoon and evening. Earlier October dates were chosen rather than

November. Shown from left to right were Mrs. Douglas Day of R.R. 2, New Lonsdale, 1st president; Mrs. R. W. Maguire of Mimmsing, vice-president; Mrs. Gordon Mallion of Tottenham,

hon. vice-president; Mrs. Howard Campbell of Gifford, president for a second term; and Mrs. Norman Tuck of Oryen Hill, secretary-treasurer. (Eugene Thoen)

## Provincial Pres. Speaks At W.I. Area Convention

The 46th Simcoe Area W.I. convention held here last week provided many highlights but none more interesting than the address given by Mrs. Annie Zoeller, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Next February 19 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of Women's Institutes. Mrs. Adelaide Huddell, who saw so clearly the need for women to make greater efforts outside their homes, was the founder and the first institute was formed in Stony Creek.

To mention just one of the benefits that we all now take for granted said Mrs. Zoeller, the pasteurization of milk was brought about by the efforts of the new organization.

From this humble beginning, the idea has spread all over the world. In 1930, Mrs. Alfred Watt, of Collingwood, was instrumental in the formation of the Associated Country Women of the World and was its first president.

Mrs. Zoeller this year attended the world conference of the ACWW in Norway, where 1,200 countries were represented. Only one of those countries (Japan) did not speak English.

Each W.I. branch makes a small annual gift to the ACWW, to be used in helping the work in underprivileged countries. Also, the Ontario organization sponsors a student and the girl chosen this year was from Turkey. (Mrs. Zoeller displayed an embroidered table cloth which the scholarship winner had sent to say "thank you".)

"It is hard for us", Mrs. Zoeller commented, "to realize just how fortunate we are in Canada, but by continuing to carry on as we are doing, we are placing our feet firmly on the pathways of progress."

BIG AUDIENCE HEARS ABOUT

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES AND WORK OF UNITED NATIONS

"Less than a hundred years ago there was slavery in Haiti. You can still see the old slave quarters, with the chains on the walls. Bluebeard's lookout from which he watched for his victims. There, in Haiti, women walk and work while men are idle. Think of the difference here!"

"In Canada women have the vote but how many got out to vote in the last election?" Mrs. R. C. Moffat, Quebec, Secretary

for United Nations, asked the large gathering of women who attended the Simcoe Area Women's Institute 46th Convention at St. John's Church, Alliston.

"Remember, it is only a year ago that women in Switzerland got the vote. It is only recently that right here in Canada, in Quebec, that women won the right to hold property if they inherited anything before that, it became the husband's property." She stressed, "Our freedom calls for our service" and then went on to speak about the work of the United Nations. "The world body of the W.I. (the Associated Country Women of the World, ACWW), are a consultative body to United Agencies. It has no vote but has a voice."

She spoke briefly on each one. "The Food and Agricultural Organization works to fight starvation. One may send fish to the hungry but it is more important to help people to fish and thus provide a livelihood. For instance, research on rice and grain by the Department of Agriculture has resulted in finding ways to produce more and better crops. As an example of what can be done, Dr. A. Kingscott, a specialist in parasitology, from the University of Guelph went out to the Philippines under the Organization which has its headquarters in Rome (the U.N. is not all centered in New York). There he worked with a local veterinarian and I want to make clear that the government concerned pays half the cost of this service."

After explaining how men and water buffaloes worked for long hours in water in the rice fields she told how Dr. Kingscott was able to find the cause of liver fluke in the buffaloes which was killing them off. "He found that these beasts eat forage growing in the water and so eat snails which caused the disease and was able to put forward treatment ideas. He also wrote a textbook on the subject and was able to arrange to get more textbooks (old and new), on veterinary science from Guelph so as to strengthen the weak local school library."

Among other things, she said that in the Philippines there are 37,000,000 people but only 3500 milk cows and that Germany had contributed \$100,000 to help the fight against liver fluke.

She spoke of the work of the World Bank which has invested huge sums of money to help underdeveloped countries to develop their resources.

The World Health Organization is working to try to find ways to control world population. "We think of the teeming countries like India and China but never think of the problem in Canada," she said and went on, "That organization works constantly to combat malaria, cholera and other diseases."

Speaking of UNESCO, she told how children in Haiti do not have to go to school at all, and how UNESCO is trying to overcome illiteracy. "Here we take education for granted by helping to train teachers and sending out teachers to do the training," she pointed out and then spoke briefly on the other U.N. Agencies with which the ACWW works.

Mrs. Moffat ended her talk with an appeal to work for the United Nations and to fight for it as it is now used to peace.



## SIMCOE AREA WI OFFICERS RETURNED

Mrs. John Sumida (left) of R.R. 1, Collingwood, was vice-president and Mrs. Galar of Wyndale

showed public relations officer by Simcoe Area Women's Institute delegates at annual meeting held in Alliston. Mrs.

Sumida and Mrs. Galar were shown planning plans for new letter. (Examiner Photo)



## EVERETT W.I. MEETINGS

Everett Women's Institute met on May 12 at the home of their new president, Mrs. Harry Middlebrook, with the District president and secretary, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Kneeshaw present from Bond Head.

Mrs. Sutherland installed the new officers and later told some of the highlights of the PWIC conference in Winnipeg.

Reeve James Wales spoke on several problems in Toronto Township and answered a lot of questions.

The June meeting was at the home of Mrs. N. and Mrs. J. Baxter on the evening of June 9. Conveying everyone's thanks for her excellent support of the Branch for 34 years, Mrs. George Jaffray presented a Life Membership certificate to her aunt, Mrs. Cecil Gallagher, and the Life Member's badge was pinned on by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eric Gallagher. Anne Marie and Louise Gallagher sang two songs which all enjoyed.

Mrs. N. Baxter was presented with an Institute cup and saucer to mark her three years as president, and Mrs. H. Collins gave a splendid demonstration of flower-arranging.

On May 26, around 90 members of 13 W.I. branches came to Everett for their South Simcoe District annual meeting. The speaker in the afternoon was the Rev. Victor Moras, from Cookstown, and his topic was "citizenship".

THE members of Fishers Corners Women's Institute invite the ladies of Bradford and District to join with them at an afternoon tea and celebration of their 50th anniversary, to be held in Sir William Osler School, Thursday afternoon, July 22nd, 1971, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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### The Cookstown Women's Institute

invite you to the celebration of

their 70th Anniversary

in Cookstown Public School Auditorium

on Wednesday, July the seventh

at two p.m.

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Austin Loller

President of the I. W. O. C.

Mrs. Wilbert Trotter, Pres.  
Cookstown, Ontario  
R.S.V.P.

Mrs. Hector Smith, Sec'y  
Cookstown, Ontario

### "ACCESSORIES FOR THE HOME" SUMMARY DAY (CHURCHILL)

The Churchill W.I. Branch was the host for the Summary Day for "Accessories for the Home" on Thursday, April 22.

This project was sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food and was open for any ladies organization to take part.

Each of the nine groups set up very interesting displays of the cushions and home accessories that they had made during the course. Miss Jean Armour, Home Furnishing Specialist from the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food in Toronto who taught the ladies at the training school, gave comments on the cushion displays.

The highlight of the afternoon was a home tour. The ladies who opened their homes for the group were

Mrs. Mac Stewart, Mrs. Keith Sinclair and Mrs. J. Walker. Cote, all of Churchill. The ladies also attended the tour and found these homes to be full of original decorating ideas.

Miss Lillian Sloan, Churchill, was the official chairman for the Summary Day.

After the home tour, the ladies enjoyed tea and cookies at the Churchill Hall.

### "ACCESSORIES FOR THE HOME" SUMMARY DAY (COLLINGWOOD)

Over 75 ladies attended the Summary Day for the project "Accessories for the Home" held at All Saint's Parish Hall, Collingwood on Wednesday, April 21, 1971. This course was sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food and was open for any ladies organization to take part.

Each of the eleven ladies groups that took part set up a display of the cushions and other home accessories

that their members had made during the course. These groups then each made a report and presentation of what they had learned during the course as part of the afternoon programme.

Mrs. William Carewell, Home Economics teacher at Collingwood High School, presented many interesting ideas on color schemes, background ideas and furniture arrangements for the home. She showed an interesting filmstrip to accompany her ideas.

Miss Jean Armour, Home Furnishing Specialist from the ODAF in Toronto who taught the course to the ladies at the training school, gave some comments on the cushions that were on display.

The chairman of the Summary Day Committee, Mrs. Dennis Smith, Sunnyside Corners W.I., kept the programme lively and interesting.

The ladies enjoyed a dessert tea at the end

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# Simcoe Manor Newsletter

By Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins  
Did somebody mention winter?

We have sure had every kind of it, so far this year, sleet, ice, rain, wind and snow storms, not to forget plugged up highways.

Movie night the first week of February brought us "The Fishermen of Portugal," W. C. Fields in "The Shop Keeper," and "Water Devil."

On February 10th, the inmates of Bond Head and Beeton, entertained at the Manor. They presented a very amusing skit called "Wanted, A Wife." There was also a large group of school children singing choruses. Treats were given out to residents.

Another evening of movies showed us "Western Wheat Farming," "Flowers," "Caterpillars and "Trees."

On the 12th, the snowmobile safari took place. This is described in the verses included. The next week was nothing but snow and more snow, keeping most of the residents indoors.

On the 18th, the teachers of the upstairs Craft Room gave us a nice birthday party. This is a monthly occasion, to remember the birthdays of all those whose birthday takes place in the month.

The Kooky Karmen Tack Shop is now open for business every afternoon for two hours. A nice new sign has been installed and we will sell candy, cookies, drugstore items, the residents' needs and smokes. Also some crafts. We are all very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to get this project started, and especially to Vera McCullough and her friends who gave their time and efforts to collect the funds for the first outlay.

Thanks also to Mrs. Audrey Bevington, who has done a great deal of ordering and shopping for us. We hope the patients and staff will take advantage of this shop, as well as visitors who come in.

Pancake Tuesday, was not forgotten at the Manor, and delicious pancakes were served for supper.

We wish to thank Rev. Cross and Davis of Beeton who are in every Sunday to bring up

the Church service, occasionally having to walk to get here.

Three new residents are welcomed this month. One lady, and two gentlemen.

## "SAFARI"

By Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins  
On a cold and frosty afternoon  
A February Day;  
A group of speedy snowmo-

biles  
From the Manor rode away,  
They carried precious cargo  
Of Old Folks young at heart;  
And others who were not so

old.  
But wished to take a part.  
They were all tucked into  
blankets  
To keep them snug and warm  
And wore the snowmobilers  
suits.  
The winter winds to turn,  
The Manor station wagon  
Accompanied the group,  
And several cars and nurses  
It was a merry troupe.

They flew along the snowy  
trails  
Exulting in the speed;  
And when they reached  
Loretta House  
It was ready for their needs.  
They warmed themselves  
around a fire  
When they were all inside;  
And had some good hot coffee  
With hot dogs on the side.

There were lots of jokes and  
laughter  
For all were full of cheer;  
And also, if they wished it  
A glass or two of beer.  
And then again the homeward  
trip  
In heavy falling snow,  
Which made them look like  
snowmen  
All moving in a row.

There were some good red  
noses  
And faces all aglow;  
But all said they would go  
again  
If they got the chance to go.  
It made them all feel young  
again.  
Regardless of their age;  
This snowmobile safari  
Of a modern day and age.

## SIMCOE MANOR NEWSLETTER

By Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins

The first entertainment in March was some thrilling movies of skiing and surf-surfing and then on the fourth, a group of residents and staff went to Alliston to see "Snowboat" in the high school auditorium. Many thanks to those who provided cars and free tickets.

St. Patrick's Day was a really happy one. The kitchen planned and served special meals in the spirit and colour of the day. In the afternoon the Cocktown Maple Leaf Club came to entertain us with songs, mouth organ music and an amusing play, "A Day off at the Old Ladies' Home".

On March 15 a representative of the Bell Telephone Co. showed slides of the Bruce Trail and, three days later, a group went to Toronto to see a show put on by the Beaver-Bills Class of Westmoreland Church. The reports

One new incident has come in the Manor this month. Mrs. Marling from Cocktown, and we hope she will be happy with us.

## SIMCOE MANOR NEWSLETTER

By Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins

April is a fickle wench,  
To-day she kisses you with sun,  
To-morrow's rain your feet will  
drench  
And turn to snow before it's  
done.  
Yes, April is a fickle wench  
And how she likes to have some  
fun.  
She blows the hat right off your  
head  
With gusty breath and icy ton-  
gue;  
But then she brings spring flow-  
ers out  
And causes maple sap to run.  
She greens the grass around  
your feet  
To prove that winter's race has  
run.  
Yes, April is a fickle wench,  
But how we love to see her come.

Allison ladies came to visit on April 8th. They put on an entertainment and treated the residents to ice cream and cookies. The regular bingo was enjoyed on the 16th and an afternoon of movies on the 21st.

The residents' council of the Manor held a meeting on the 19th, with a business discussion first. Then we were joined by Mr. Royton, The Administrator, to discuss our Open House and tea on May 28.

Our new Activities Leader has started an art class. Those of us participating enjoyed it very much and hope there will be more in attendance soon. In this connection, two groups have visited the McMichael Conservation Collection of Art, at Kleinburg where there are over 600 paintings on display, including a large number by the Group of Seven.

The Springdale Choir of Hal-

for us on April 22. It was beautiful Easter music and it was a joy to hear and their minister spoke on the Message of Easter.

The party for all those in the Manor with April birthdays was held on the thirtieth in the Craft Room upstairs. Mrs. Crumlie was 101 this month.

New residents who have entered the Manor during April are: Miss Panny Smith (St. Paul), Mrs. Ida Jane Reid (Barrie), Pearl Couits (Bradford), John Guthrie (Beeton) and Ben Hensham (Beeton).



## SIMCOE MANOR NEWS

By Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins

There were bingo games twice during May. The residents enjoy these games and the winning of the small prizes provided.

On May 14th several cars took our people to Tottenham to see three short plays put on by the Village Players. Our activities leader, Mrs. Whitson, had a part

in one of them. All had a fine time and enjoyed the performance.

The big event of the month took place on the last Friday. This was our annual open house, tea, bazaar and bake sale. It was a very successful day and brought out a large crowd of friends from the surrounding countryside. The staff and residents worked very hard for this event and we give our thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

We finished off the last weekend in a competition. Miss Whitson, who is in charge of crafts, entered a goodly number of our hand-made articles at Schomberg Spring Fair and brought home three first prizes, one second and two third prizes.

Welcome to Simcoe Manor to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Little, formerly of the Holly area, Mr. and Mrs. Aldon Moore, of Innisfil.

## BUSY JULY AT SIMCOE MANOR

by Mr. Vearl Coutts

The start of the holiday season cramped our social activities at the Manor, however the nice weather and enjoying Albert's beautiful flower garden kept us well occupied all month.

We were entertained July 14th by The Buttermilk group. The seven university students included three boys and four girls. Their program was very much enjoyed by the residents.

On July 31st Mr. Boynton arranged transportation for nine of us to attend the Steam Show at Cookstown. We enjoyed the show very, very much and greatly appreciated the complimentary tickets donated by the Show's management.

A birthday party was held Friday afternoon to celebrate the birthdays of eleven of our residents.

After a few party games,

cake and lemonade was served to the forty or so residents who attended.

New residents at the Manor are—Percy Hawkes and Thomas Barnett.

Bereavements—Mrs. Ethel Goddard, Miss Amelia Wilson and Mr. Aldon Moore.

Some adjustments have been made in the Manor's staff. Mrs. Carol Davison will be our new secretary and Mrs. Audrey Harrington, the former secretary will be in charge of Crafts and Social Activities. Mrs. Margaret Hannah has been placed in a new position as housekeeper.

We wish these staff members success and happiness in their new positions.

## SIMCOE MANOR NEWS

By "Zarge"

June has been an eventful month at the Manor. At a public meeting, held early in the month, an Auxiliary was formed and it is hoped many neighbours (both men and women) from the surrounding area will join.

June 6th was the annual Shut-in Sunday, sponsored by the churches in Barrie and held this year in the beautiful new St. Mary's Church. A bus-load of Manor residents, and three wheelchair patients as well, attended.

Later that week, friends from Gifford came with a bus to take a number of people for a drive and, on arrival back at the Manor, provided fabulous refreshments at a party for all on the lawn.

A bus trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village, pictures shown by the Rev. Mr. Davis, another lawn party, during Senior Citizens Week, and entertainment by Grades 7 and 8 children from the Beeton School were other highlights of the month. And everyone was delighted that the women who had sent handicraft exhibits to the Aurora Fair won two first prizes, two seconds and a third.

There were just two birthdays to celebrate in June, those of Mr. Little who was 94 and Ronald Lagace, 56.

Six students are working at the Home for the summer: Mary Lynch, Anne McKnight, Diane Woodrow, Brenda Kearns, Gail Cumberland and Darlene Fralick.

## Manor blesses Good weather

August was very kind to us at the Manor. When the weather was good we had something to do all the time. There were always some who played lawn bowling, shuffle board and croquet.

On August 10 we attended a senior citizens' picnic in Orillia and we all had a good day. The senior citizens' parade was worth the trip in itself. We took our lunch and good old Albert Hulman had gone the day before with tables and chairs and at the same time picked a nice, shady place for us to rest and have lunch. Several wheel chairs were taken for those who were unable to get around as easily as the rest of us.

The Women's Institute from Churchill and Cookstown came August 12 and fortunately brought us an indoor program as it rained all day. The program and lunch were just out of this world, but then the Women's Institute always gives us a nice afternoon.

Mrs. Allen came in one forenoon recently and played the piano for a sing-song and the residents fully enjoyed every minute of it.

Last night, the last day

of August, we had a corn and wienner roast in front of the main entrance and approximately 60 residents and a few staff members attended. There were wheel chairs galore in front of the Manor. A good program supplied by local entertainers was very much enjoyed.

Church service each Sunday at 9:30 is always very well attended.

We had 13 birthdays during the month and rather than have a small party for each one, we had one big party and a good time was had by all residents who were able to attend. We would run out of room if we tried to list the names of all those who have just passed another milestone.

New Residents: Mrs. Helen McGill, Mr. Reginald Hubertfield and Mr. Winston Ellis.

Residents who passed away in August: James Anderson, Thomas A. McDonald, Thomas Barnett, and Ernest Eastoff.

## NEWS FROM SIMCOE MANOR

by Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins

This exceptional month of October has given us some very fine days of fall sunshine.

On three successive Fridays a group of our wheel chair patients were taken for a walk in the fresh air. They visited the homes of three staff members for afternoon tea. Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Davis of the nursing staff and Mrs. Polkinghorne, wife of our night watchman were the hostesses. Mrs. Shirley Watson was the busier for last Thursday's tea.

Due also to the mild weather and absence of frost, we have enjoyed green beans, tomatoes and cucumbers, fresh from the Manor gardens. The flowers and lawns are still quite beautiful.

A number of friends from Fisher's Corners spent an afternoon entertaining us with songs, games and old time music which we enjoyed very much, including a lovely lunch.

The son of our Crafts and Activities Director, Mrs. Audrey Bevington, met with a nasty accident recently. The Residents and Staff of Simcoe Manor have been much concerned for Audrey and her family. We are glad to

hear that the young man is making good improvement.

On the afternoon of October 27th, the Ontario School Choir from Orillia came and sang for us. As usual these well-trained young teenagers were in top form.

Also on the 27th a meeting was held for all those interested in our Home Auxiliary. They discussed ways and means of helping at the Manor and we will be hearing more concerning this generous group later.

You will notice that the October news is being written by the former correspondent, Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins. Mr. Veart Conits who has been sending in the reports lately passed away very suddenly in Alliston Hospital. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

Mrs. Ellen Walt aged 96, recently became a great grandmother for the first time. At present Mrs. Walt is in Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie for a period of special care but we hope to have her back with us soon.

Voting at this month's elections was made easy for the Residents, as we had a

polling booth right here in the Manor. Many took advantage of the privilege of casting their vote.

Our new residents have been welcomed to the Manor this month. Mr. Arthur Hal-Bell, Mr. Frederick Bradley, Mr. Elmer Thompson and Mr. John Pinkall.

Those who passed away during the month are: Mr. Veart Conits and Mr. Samuel Conn.



Entertainer Gary Coburn, visited Simcoe Manor Nov. 15. His repertoire of songs from England, Ireland and Scotland amused and entertained all the residents. Mr. Coburn is presently engaged at the Continental Inn in Barrie. He plays a number of musical instruments as well as one of his own invention. Pictured above are Mr. Coburn and some of the Manor residents.

## Entertainer visits manor

The first part of this dark and rainy month was lived up to movies, Bingo and Carpet Bowling.

\*\*\* Gary Coburn, who has been entertaining at the Continental Inn in Barrie, spent an afternoon at the Manor. This versatile and entertaining young man played and sang a large

number of songs — English, Scottish and Irish, and songs from the "Gay Nineties" up to the present. He played a variety of stringed instruments, including one he had built himself. He played his hand-made instrument by using his feet, and thus accompanied himself. We certainly enjoyed his program and hope he will make a return visit.

\*\*\* On Nov. 18, the Home Auxiliary held a euchre party at the Manor. It was well attended and sixteen tables were playing. There were several prizes and a lucky draw prize. There will be another euchre on Dec. 7. In connection with the euchre

party there was a sale of crafts and articles donated by the auxiliary.

\*\*\* On the last Monday of the month, we had our regular birthday party for the residents who were born in Nov. They included Mrs. Mary Watson, Ben Bevington, Mrs. Phyllis Frankland, Robert Dawson, Miss Edna Woods, George Goodwin and William Barnet.

\*\*\* The new arrivals in Nov. were: Harry Wright, Emerance McAdam, and Victor Matthews.

\*\*\* We are sorry to say that Mrs. Elsie McNabb passed away at the Manor at the age of 90.



# What will I do with '72

## What Will I do With '72

The Old year's gone.  
We're glad it is through.  
So we say good bye  
And phooey to you.  
But what will we do  
With the brand New Year?  
Let's face it with courage  
And not with fear  
If each one tried  
To do what is right.  
And not be afraid  
To put up a fight.  
We could look this new year  
Right in the face  
And feel proud to belong  
To the Human Race.

December is a busy month at the manor and this year was no exception. On the 17th the Auxiliary held a euchre party in the dining room. There was a good attendance, with 17 tables playing.

A great many of our neighborhood friends always wish to show their goodwill towards the residents at this time of year. Among these folks this year were: Everett Institute, Loretto Institute, Baxter Institute, the Gifford Old Time Players, a group of dancers from Aurora, and the Catholic Church Choir from Bradford came in for an afternoon or on an evening during December and put on a variety of entertainment. We wish to tell these folks how much we appreciate their thoughtfulness and good wishes.

On the 14th, a number of residents were taken to Newmarket Plaza for a Christmas shopping trip, which they all enjoyed.

On the 15th, the staff held their Christmas party. It was well attended and a happy time was the result.

On the 23rd, Mrs. Audrey Bavington, our Craft Director, treated many of us to a lovely afternoon in the Craft Room. Mrs. Bowman, Audrey's mother, sang for us and helped us to enjoy Christmas Carols and a delicious lunch.

In the midst of all the Christmas festivity, the birthday party was held for a large group of residents. Games and birthday cake were the order of the day.

On the 24th, the Manor held its Christmas Day, and all residents were served a beautiful Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Our thanks and our compliments to the cooks and all who helped.

At the end of another year, we would like to express our thanks to all the staff -- nurses, maintain-

## BY Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins

ance men, cleaning, kitchen and office staff, who all contributed so much to our care and comfort at the Manor.

During the month we had four new residents: Mr. William S. Robinson, Mr. Jan Siervogel, Mr. John

Wardley and Mr. Edward Webber.

We are sorry to report the death of five of our residents: Mrs. Bortha Hunt, Mrs. Charlotte Carr, Mr. Benjamin Heuchan, Mr. William Robinson and Mr. Fred Badyk.

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#### JENNIE GORDON L.O.B.A. 407, BEETON

Taken at the 50th anniversary dinner on October 3: (front row) Mrs. W. Service, Mrs. G. Gillham, Mrs. G. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Ireland, Mrs. F. Allan, Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. J. Wagg, Mrs. R. Lightfoot, Mrs. H. Carter. (Standing) Mrs. D. Boyd, Mrs. H. Watson,

Mrs. F. Dermott, Mrs. W. Broome, Mrs. J. Thew, Mrs. E. Cave, Mrs. L. Abernethy, Mrs. G. Schacter, Mrs. Wm Westlake, Mrs. D. Anderson, Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. E. Corbett, Mrs. J. Bartlett, Mrs. R. Long, Mrs. N. Martin. (Absent, Mrs. D. Cave.)

(Photo by F. Carney)

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#### WHERE WORDS BECOME NEWSPAPERS (THEIRS AND OURS)

Correspondents for the Bradford Witness and some of their counterparts from the Alliston Times toured the modern newspaper production facilities in Bradford last Thursday. The ladies were shown the intricate methods of publishing a newspaper. In the picture taken in the page-layout room are (from left front): Miss Irene McMaster from Cookstown; Mrs. Girvan Sawyer, Gifford; Mrs. Eva Jackson, Bradford; (middle row) Mrs. Pat McKelvey for Mansfield;

Mrs. Kay Patton, Alliston; Mrs. Ernest Hodgson, Bradford; Mrs. Doris Townsend, Bell Ewart; (back row) Mrs. Donna Sleshock, Schomberg; Mrs. Jean Samter, Churchill; Doreen Exton of Rosemont, and Gerry Barker, editor of the Witness. In the background are two members of the staff, Bob Fraser, commercial printing foreman, and Eric Devantier, camera technician.

WITNESS PHOTO BY HARB McCONNELL

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Wait signing the register after their wedding in Bayview United Church on September 25th. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Beattie, Snyper, Ontario and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wait, R.R. 3, Tottenham, Ontario. They are making their home in Newmarket, Ontario.

## Pegg - Watson Wedding at Bond Head

Tall standards of white chrysanthemums, pink carnations and holly decorated Bond Head United Church for the December 17 wedding of Louise Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Watson, R.R. 3, Tottenham, and David Thomas Haddon Pegg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Pegg, of Boston. Both the bride and groom teach in Tecumseth Central School.

The Rev. Jas. Cross, of Beeton, and the Rev. H. Doshin performed the evening ceremony. Mrs. Brydon Lloyd was the organist and Mrs. Allan Orr sang two solos.

Pearl heading trimmed the high collar and deep cuffs on the long, full sleeves of the bride's white pique de soie dress, which had a short train. A satin bow and white flowers held her fluffy shoulder-length veil and her pink and white bouquet contained sprigs of holly.

Two of the bride's sisters were attendants, Margaret as maid of honour and Judy as a bridesmaid, and the second bridesmaid was a cousin, Catherine Fila, from Maple. They wore long, purple velvet dresses, with matching hosiery in their hair and carried white bouquets with holly.

Mr. H. Pegg came from Fitchburg to be his brother's best man and Norman Harvey and Tom Watson, brother of the bride, were ushers.

Following a reception in the Community Hall at Bond Head, Mr. and Mrs. Pegg left on a short wedding trip, and are now living on R.R. 4, Alliston.



Pegg - Watson Wedding at Bond Head Photo by Fred Carney



## PRACTISING ENGLISH

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Sedgewick, of Beeton, were the hosts of Francine Gagnon, of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, for eleven weeks this summer. Francine came to Beeton to improve her English so that she may be completely bilingual.

(Alliston Herald Photo)



## Former Tecumseth Couple Celebrate Diamond Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watson, who farmed for many years in the Penrille area, on the 5th line of Tecumseth, until they moved to Barford eleven or twelve years ago, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary quietly at their home on Christmas Day.

A family party had been held earlier in their honour. They have two daughters, Mrs. Grant Barker (Nils), of Bramford, and Mrs. Jim Austin (Mildred), in Alliston, and three sons living

at R.R. 2, Tottenham. There are twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Watson was Alice May Hammond, from the Arthur area, before her marriage, and had a brother, William Hammond, living in Tottenham.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson received many cards and letters from friends and neighbours in Bond Head and Tecumseth communities as well as telegrams from the Queen, the Prime Minister and Premier Davis.

# Read on the 5th.

Allan Alexander Read, archdeacon of Simcoe and rector of Trinity Church, Barrie, was elected a bishop suffragan for the diocese, October 22, 1971. The final vote for Read was 137 clerical votes and 256 lay votes. A majority in both orders was required.

The election occurred on the fifth ballot but the trend was apparent from the second. On the first ballot Archbishop G.H. Johnson led the clerical vote with 42 and Archbishop Read the lay vote with 109. After that Read led in both orders and on the fifth ballot gained a clear majority.

Nineteen priests were nominated for the position but from the beginning three archdeacons, Read, Johnson, archdeacon of the diocese and R. P. Dem, rector of St. Paul's, Elmer St. E., were the real contenders. All three had figured prominently three years ago when Lewis Garnsworthy was elected suffragan. Bishop Garnsworthy continues in office, seen to be joined by Allan Read.

The date of the consecration will depend upon arrangements to be completed between Bishop Snell and Archbishop W. L. Wright, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

The special session of synod required for the election began with Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 10 a.m., the diocesan being celebrated, assisted by Bishop Garnsworthy, F. R. Wilkinson

and H. R. Hunt, The Chancelor, Dr. R. H. Soward read the Lesson.

Voting arrangements were in charge of D. C. MacIntosh, diocesan secretary-treasurer, A. A. McMichael, lay executive officer, Mrs. A. R. Haddel, Office supervisor and Miss M. J. Carson of this paper. The Rev. William J. Rhodes and Mr. David Caughell were scrutineers.

In a characteristic acceptance speech Archbishop Read expressed his thanks to synod for the confidence shown in him, his "horror" at the prospect that he should and his trust in the Lord who has seen him through up until now.

Changing fashions in priestly garb caused confusion. A number of clergymen turned up in muffs and in the course of the voting in the cathedral two members of the laity were seated with the clergy and went unrecognized. When they were given clergy ballots some mild furore arose among those who witnessed the error. No harm, however, was done.

Cynics differed as to the effectiveness of the new system of electing which for the first time made use of a Nominations Committee to receive nominations and provide basic data about each candidate. There was considerable surprise that there were as many as 14 names put forward and a realization that so many names made it impractical to give more than the simplest biographical information about each man.



The Ven. Allan A. Read



## SENIOR MEMBERS RECEIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP'S

Following the presentation of Life Memberships to the Tottenham Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, four members present for the occasion shown above are left to right: Cliff Coffey, Garnet Breedon, Tim Wilson and Tom Marsden. Looking on was Tottenham Reeve Ralph Hutton, Legion Zone Commander Denis Ralph and Rev. Wally Downer, Dufferin-Simcoe M.P. (Photo by Carney)

## LEGION PRESENTS LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Tottenham Legion's newly completed lounge was filled with approximately 200 guests shortly after 8:30 p.m. last Saturday and at 9:00 p.m. a meeting was held to honour senior members.

Among the guests at the head table were the Rev. Wally Downer M.P.P., Zone Commander Denis Ralph and Tottenham Reeve Ralph Hutton.

Following the ceremonial marching on of the colours by the Colour Party of Denis Chapman, Tony Donaldson, and commanded by Sergeant

Arms, Merve McDowell, senior members to receive life membership were presented.

The members so honoured were Tim Wilson, the secretary-treasurer, Garnet Breedon, Cliff Coffey, Tom Marsden, John They, Wm. Carroll and James McVeigh.

John They, Wm. Carroll and James McVeigh were unable to attend but James McVeigh's daughter accepted the award on his behalf. The awards were presented by Denis Ralph assisted by

branch President Wm. Carney.

The Rev. Wally Downer, in a short speech, outlined the work of the Legion and spoke of each recipient and their contributions to the Legion and the community. He finished his speech by saying, "If I were asked to propose a toast to these men it would be—May they live as long as they want and not want as long as they live."

The meeting ended with a standing ovation for the new life members.



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The Rt. Rev. Henry R. Hunt, MA, DD

## BISHOP HUNT PREACHES AT CHURCH'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

St. Luke's Anglican Church, Pinkerton, is 100 years old and, months ago, preparations began for marking the occasion, a week ago last Sunday.

To Mrs. Borden Andrews fell the work of gathering addresses and sending out invitations. She must have done her work well: one guest came from Denver and many others from considerable distances. From Victoria, B.C. came a telegram, from Canon F. Salmon, rector from 1911-15.

The Rev. H. Donaldson (1850-33) returned, from Delhi, to preach at the morning service which 202 people attended. About

50 of them appeared in Centennial dress and the arrival of Ken Woods, Bradford, by horse and buggy and "Butch" Reynolds, Bond Head, in a 1930 Chevrolet added to the celebrations. Mr. Donaldson also dedicated a "centennial tree" (a flowering crab).

A marquee had been set up on the church grounds and there luncheon was served.

Filling his last official engagement before his retirement, the Rt. Rev. H. R. Hunt, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto, preached in the evening. Archdeacon and

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## BISHOP HUNT PREACHES AT

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Mrs. Read came from Barrie and the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Adam (1937-81), from Peterborough.

Mr. Peter Hawker has written a history of St. Luke's (which is associated with St. John's, Cookstown). As his book relates, Pinkerton (Pinkerton's Corners), at the junction of concession 11 and the 5th sideroad in West Gwillimbury, recalls the name of Matthew Pinkerton, a surveyor, who settled in the area before 1837. Land for the church was deeded by Eli Law. (There was also, at one time, a hotel at Pinkerton's Corners).

Pinkerton church (a frame building) was built by John Merrick of Newton Robinson. Perched on posts, its floor was very cold and drafty until some time later the stone foundation was put in. There was a bell-tower

but no bell in it. Mr. Hawker relates that Dr. Strange, who was running for Parliament, wrote to enquire what kind of bell the parish would like. The reply was "as big as you like to pay for". But the bell never came and Pinkerton still has no bell.

In 1914, the church was turned and renovated, with electric lights put in. (The bricks were delivered for \$12 a thousand.) In 1963 electric heating was installed.

The present rector of St. Luke's is the Rev. V. Morse, Rural Dean. Appropriately, for the Robinson name has been associated with the Pinkerton Church since before the first building was erected, the Rector's Warden is Keith Robinson. Mr. Hawker, author of the booklet from which these historical notes have been taken, is the People's Warden in this centennial year.

# Radio's beloved Mrs. A. keeps herself busy in retirement

*For more than 25 years Kate Aitken set a pace unequalled by any other career woman. Suzanne Morrison talks with her in another of a series of interviews.*

A cross-country link between 1,300,000 Canadians broke June 28, 1957.

That day the inimitable Kate Aitken, better known as Mrs. A., retired without explanation to her regular radio listeners.

As a woman-broadcaster without peer, she left a career which spanned 25 years and took her 2,000,000 miles through 54 countries.

This globetrotting career woman was involved in major newsbeats and a dozen different careers that less enterprising women would have tackled one at a time.

## Devoted grandmother

Although the list of her pursuits seems endless, it includes being women's director of the Canadian National Exhibition, fashion expert, culinary whiz, businesswoman, food consultant, government bigwig, (conservation director during the war), newspaper columnist, TV panelist, club speaker, champion of the home and author.

Without offering an explanation for her retirement, Mrs. Aitken told a reporter at that time, "Just say I'm unpredictable. That I never did have any business sense, that I'm probably making a mistake."

Now 72 and a devoted grandmother to nine youngsters, Mrs. Aitken continues to be active in a wide variety of interests. She has even managed to turn retirement into a career.

## Back to university

In a recent interview in her Streetsville home, she remarked: "I enjoyed every moment of my career and I'm still enjoying it."

She has been an early riser all her life and continues the habit. Up by 7 a.m., she first scans the newspapers and then devotes the morning to writing.

A prolific writer, she has published about 50 books to date, and her current topic is Canadian etiquette. "It is extremely interesting because etiquette has changed so," she said.

As typically unpredictable as ever, Mrs. Aitken returned to university this fall and she spends each afternoon

working on material for a contemporary novel course. "I went back because I love reading and I love to learn," she explained.

Each Saturday, she assumes the role of a volunteer for the women's auxiliary of South Peel Hospital and distributes magazines, newspapers and travel brochures to the bed-ridden.

"One of the most exciting things we did was to distribute seed catalogues and people who had never gardened were mentally growing cressanthemums," she said.

Mrs. Aitken's varied life reads like the pages of a novel, but this heroine has been intimate friends with royalty and known the pathos of war on the Korean front lines.

The common touch and the smalltown girl from Beeton has never left her.

The daughter of a storekeeper in a family of seven, she grew up in a community where the library, church, skating rink and dance club meant a great deal.

"Because we were a big family we were involved with everything," she recalled.

All of the clerks lived in her father's home.



HER WORLD TODAY: BESIDE HER FAMILY University, writing and volunteer work interest her



"At every meal there were about 25 of us, so I was really born with a mixing spoon in my hand," she said. At the age of 10, the future Kate Aitken first felt the writing urge.

"There was a little paper called 'The Boston World' and I used to write ads for my father's store," she said. Another break officially launched her career.

### Memorable interview

A flour firm had sent her to the Maritimes to conduct cooking schools and while there the woman commentator for the local radio station broke her leg.

"There was no one to do the broadcast," she recalls. "I was in the midst of demonstrating seven-minute icing but they sent a car down for me and I did the broadcast. It all came so quickly that I just continued giving the icing recipe."

Returning to Toronto, Mrs. Aitken started regular broadcasting over station CFRB.

Of all her memories, the one she considers the most humane that stands out concerns Queen Elizabeth while on a Canadian tour prior to becoming queen.

The late King George was ill, and Mrs. Aitken left a City Hall reception early to do a broadcast. Because she was mentioning the reception and the king's illness both Elizabeth and Philip listened to the broadcast.

"The next day at a reception at the government buildings Elizabeth said, 'Thank you for the kind words you spoke about my father the king.'"

"This is one thing that I never forgot because she had tears in her eyes. That to me was such a daughterly, not an official, recognition of the father to whom she was devoted."

### Women broadcasters

Mrs. Aitken is still keenly interested in the business of newsgathering and future opportunities for women broadcasters throughout the world.

The situation women broadcasters face in Canada is "deplorable," she said, but comparatively, Norway recently reduced its staff of women commentators while Australia increased its.

Women have very little influence in broadcasting in France, yet they have an enormous influence in Britain, she said.

"In Canada, the situation is deplorable. Women have as keen or keener sense of news values than men. They

have a more intuitive sense of values which helps in the evaluation of news and how it affects, not one individual, but the whole family of humanity.

"But the basic issue is that no woman fits in with the backroom boys—she's out of place, out of context and they have no sympathy with her.

"You can beat it in two ways: by an intelligent approach or by being as rowdy as the boys, and that's out."

Today, Mrs. Aitken lives quietly in her home at Sunnybank Acres which overlooks a woods and brook. A blanket of snow in winter makes the eight and a half acres of property look like a Christmas card. In summer, the gardens are full of bloom.

She is a few steps away from the home of her daughter, Mary, and five of her grandchildren, and she frequently visits the nursery school run by her daughter beside her home.

Her other daughter, Ann, heads the English department of Brock University in St. Catharines.

"I'm very proud of both my daughters because they are contributing to society," she says.



KATE AITKEN, GLOBETROTTER CAREER WOMAN  
Her varied assignments took her to world news centres

## Kate Aitken Was Woman of Many Careers

Boston's most famous daughter, Kate Aitken, died on Saturday, April 31.

Born Kate Scott, in Boston where her family ran a general store, she had taught school, worked for the Dept. of Agriculture, operated a poultry farm and a home-canning plant with her husband, H. M. Aitken, conducted the first cooking school at the CNE and became the director 1939-1952 of the Women's Division.

Her radio work in 1934 and her daily broadcasts were famous for the next 23 years. Great traveller, she was said to have logged over two million miles. She was also the author of eight books.

In recent years she had lived south of Stouffville. Her husband died in 1982.

Mrs. Aitken's funeral was held in Mississauga on Thursday and her body was brought to Boston for burial.

**AITKEN, Kate Scott**—At the Windsor Hospital, on Saturday, December 11, 1987, at her 82nd year, Kate Aitken, nee Scott, wife of the late Henry Marshall Aitken, died. She was the daughter of Anne (Mrs. C. M. Thompson) of London, Ont. Mrs. Aitken is survived by 11 grandchildren, living at her home, "Sunnybank Acres," 2211 Mississauga Rd., N.W., and Tuesday morning at 11:30 a.m. There is a service at 1:30 p.m. at the St. George's Presbyterian Church, 100 Dundas St. W., Mississauga. The service is at 1:30 p.m. Interment in Green Hill Cemetery, Boston, Ontario, upon arrival at motorcade. Burial 2 p.m. Arrangements by the Rev. Father's Home, Mississauga. For information, please call 277-2727.



### WINNER AND LOSER

1971 Warden Bruce Stewart hands the gavel and keys over to the newly elected warden, Lloyd Fritcham, Reeve of Sunnydale. Below, Jim Wales of Temoranito, the loser in the county race, smiles broadly at the camera. WITNESS PHOTO BY BARB MCCONNELL.







Mrs. Eldred Holmes & friend

## Friday no longer soup day for area veterinarian

BY Brenda J. Kayes

In 1948 it was tough for Eldred Holmes, his wife and baby to live on \$108 per month while he went to Guelph to study veterinary medicine.

They lived modestly. Eldred worked as a waiter at a country club and collected left-over sandwiches which were the basis for a small occasional party. With a large turkey frame obtained from the same club, Anne Holmes, Eldred's young wife, would ingeniously schedule meals which lasted almost a week. Friday was soup day.

In 1951, the Holmeses begged, borrowed and set themselves up in a veterinary practice in Neoton. Today Dr. Holmes has a practice that is well-known and has taken 20 years to build. Dr. Holmes expanded and modernized his veterinary hospital in hopes of having his 21-year-old son, Clare, go into partnership with him. Clare has the same love for animals and an outgoing personality that his father displays.

With Clare, animal medicine is first in attention. Clare himself comes

next, then the girls," Dr. Holmes laughs.

A life pattern will fall into place for him once he becomes a vet and goes into the business with his dad. Clare has been attending Guelph for the past three years, getting his B.Sc. in agriculture.

Dr. Holmes says that there is an overwhelming backlog in his small animal practice and elsewhere in Ontario and Canada.

"Lack of facilities to train students inclined toward this field is a big problem," says Dr. Holmes.

"Lots of students are discouraged in waiting to get entrance into one of three vet colleges in Canada. One is in Quebec and is entirely French, one in Saskatoon and one in Guelph. The O.V.C. in Guelph has facilities for only 70 students per year. Determined Canadian students are forced to seek out training in England or Australia rather than wait a year or more to be accepted in a Canadian University.

The Holmes hospital has a medical dispensary as large as a drug store, containing some \$15,000 in drugs, stainless steel surgery, isolation ward, two

examining rooms and an impressive laboratory with an incubator and an operating room for pigs.

Dr. Holmes' day begins at 8:45 a.m. with the full morning taken up with visits to area farms.

The doctor transports his facilities in a mobile clinic completely equipped with refrigeration for medications. He receives additional calls while away from his office on a two-way radio hookup with his home office. The radio channel is a private wave length licensed by the Department of Transport which is used exclusively by veterinarians.

The large animal practice makes up 70 per cent of his work, although this is on the decline," says Dr. Holmes.

This is due to a few reasons. Farmers are selling off their land for residential properties. In addition, Dr. Holmes' program of Herd Health will area farmers enables the farmers to care for minor sickness, and the program lessens sickness in general within a farmer's herd.

Dr. Holmes incorporates this Herd Health program, ten years ago and it has been most successful.





## Toronto Man Killed At Work In Beeton

A routine cleaning job turned into hideous tragedy in Beeton last Friday when Angelo Farrugia was dragged to his death by a grain auger at the Beeton Elevator Co. plant.

The 25-year old Farrugia and another Toronto employee of Maple Leaf Milling were cleaning the interior walls and bottom of a large grain storage silo when the grisly accident happened.

Apparently, Farrugia slipped and fell into the auger tunnel. His co-worker tried desperately to pull him out but could not. Nor could he reach the switch in time to stop the machinery.

The auger dragged Mr. Farrugia all the way through to the wall shaft of the elevator.

Tottenham firemen were called to the scene, Alliston OPP and the coroner, Dr. D. W. McFarland, investigated. There will be no inquest.

**HUNT** — at Simcoe Manor, Beeton, on Thursday, December 23, 1971. Bertha Frances Howard, wife of the late Charles Hunt and dear mother of Violet (Mrs. James Aikins), Nora (Mrs. William McKay) and Howard, survived by four grandchildren and five great grandchildren; in her 81st year. Rested at the Thomas Funeral Chapel, Alliston, for service on Monday, December 27; interment in Alliston Union Cemetery.

**ROBINSON** — At Simcoe Manor, Beeton, on Friday, December 24, 1971. William Smith Robinson, beloved husband of Ellen Connell and dear father of Hilbert of Alliston; step-father of Luella (Mrs. Stewart Dermott) of Alliston, grandfather of Douglas of Alliston, great grandfather of Anne and Richard; brother of Annie Robinson of Beeton and Mrs. Elsie Carleton of Cobourg; in his 93rd year. Rested at the Thomas Funeral Chapel, Alliston, for service on Monday, December 27; interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

## W. J. WOOD, FORMER REEVE OF ESSA DIES IN 97th YEAR

The death of William (Billy) J. Wood last Thursday at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, in his 97th year, brings to a close a lifetime of service to the community.

Mr. Wood was a member of a pioneer family in Essa Township and for many years before his death he lived on the Stevenson Farm on the Base Borden Road, which had been owned by Mr. T. P. Leblanc with whom Mr. Wood had been associated for many years.

Active in both civic and farm affairs, Mr. Wood helped to form the Alliston Co-operative many years ago. He was president of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture in 1944 and also served for some years as zone representative for the Cream Producers Association. In 1960, he defeated Louis Trux (now township Road Superintendent)

for the reevehip of Essa Township and served for four years. The year in which he took office was the Centennial of Essa Township and Mr. Wood took a leading part in organizing celebrations.

Just this autumn, Mr. Wood sold most of the Stevenson Farm property to Harry Vanderzagt.

His funeral was last Friday, from St. John's United Church, Alliston, with interment in Alliston Union Cemetery. Besides his widow, who was Bertha Langford, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Stephen A. (Elsbeth) Milne of Barrie and Mrs. Allan (Jean) Corrigan of Everett. He was the grandfather of Dr. William Milne of Hamilton and great grandfather of Stephen, stepfather of Mrs. George (Margaret) Durward of Simcoe, and Dr. Arthur Langford of Lennoxville, Que. A sister, Florence Wood of Edmonton also survives.

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### WILLIAM J. WILSON

William J. Wilson of Loretto died suddenly at his summer home, Oakview Beach, Wessaga, on July 18, 1971. Born in Deseronto July 25, 1907, he was educated in Copper Cliff, Colgan, and St. Michael's College, Toronto. He owned and operated Loretto Hotel and General Store for 16 years, and continued in the general store business as well as being postmaster at Loretto for 37 years. Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Mary, and eight children, Jack, Gregory, Madelyn, Marian, Paul, Zita Ann, James and Joan as well as 32 grandchildren. Mr. Wilson was predeceased by his father, Wm. James Wilson. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Teresa Wilson, and his brothers, Joseph, Fr. James C.S.B., Fr. Clarence C.S.P., Thomas, Patrick, John (Dr. J. K. Wilson); his sisters, Madeline (Mother Pauline), Gertrude and Margaret. A commended requiem mass was offered at St. James' Church, Colgan, on Wednesday, July 21, by his brothers, Rev. Father Clarence Wilson C.S.P., Rev. Fr. James Wilson C.S.B., and Rev. Fr. Paul Switalski P.P., Rev. Fr. Joseph Mazka P.P., Rev. Fr. Michael Martell O.S.A. The pallbearers were Francis Kelly, Patrick Keogh, John Hoan, Edward Morrow, Austin McKenna, Don Bergin. Interment took place in the family plot at St. James' Cemetery, Colgan, Ont.

### HARRY W. POTTER

There passed away at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on April 8, 1971, a son of one of the pioneer families of Tecumseth Twp., Harry W. Potter of Tottenham. The only son of John Potter and Margaret McCartney, he was born on the same farm to which his grandfather had settled when coming from Ireland. On October 28, 1931, he was married to Edith Watson, a daughter of another Irish pioneer family from nearby Loretto. He operated the family farm until 1962 when he sold it to Mrs. Reta Gill of Scarborough and moved to their new home he had built on Richmond St. E., Tottenham. He is survived by his widow and an only sister, Margaret (Claridge). Rev. Basil Daa, Presbyterian minister of Tottenham, took charge of the funeral service which was held from the Anderson Funeral Home to Mt. Tegart Cemetery where he was laid to rest in the family plot on Saturday, April 10. The pallbearers were old neighbours and friends of the deceased, Paul Pickett, Vincent Eagan, Clifford Coffey, Herman Patterson, Wm. Prest, and Greg. O'Leary.

After a lingering illness, John Edgar Kellington died in Orangeville hospital on Aug. 5th, in his 87th year. Mr. and Mrs. Kellington bought the Porter house in Beeton a couple of months ago and while his wife resided here, Mr. Kellington was confined to hospital during that time. The funeral was held on Aug. 7th from the Anderson Funeral Home in Tottenham with interment in Rockwood Cemetery.



EMERSON DALE

## Contacts 'hams' all over world

With his little Yorkshire terrier, Emerson Dale is a familiar figure in Beeton. Before he retired, Emerson was an electrician, but now much of his time is occupied with his amateur radio set. He can and does make radio contact with other "hams" all over the world, but maintains a more steady contact with his radio friends in Ontario. His wife, Marion, whom he married in Baltimore, Maryland, communicates regularly in Toronto.

His daughter, Jane, married another Emerson, who is now superintendent of Beeton in Port Credit, and has two children. His other son, Emerson (Yankov), is married with three children, and is the general manager of Lohmar in Georgetown. His younger son, married an actress,

girl, Ann Thompson, they live with their two children in Toronto, where both are

orthodontists. Emerson Dale is especially proud of the fact that Mr. Dale and

his wife won forty-five out of forty-five scholarships between them last year.

## \$21,170 BID GETS BEETON WELL JOB

The \$21,170 bid of Van den Boom, of Notions, for drilling etc. of Beeton's new well, was accepted by Beeton Council on Monday night. It was the lowest of the three tenders received.

Triton Engineering estimate that the total cost of the new well will be \$100,700.

Izzy Hunt, who is now developing 12 lots on Centre St., wants to go ahead with the remaining 41, but Council told him they could not approve that at present.

Two large trees on Prosper St. are to be removed.

## CAR WASH FOR BEETON

Beeton is to have a new two-bay car wash. The cement block structure, 30 x 30 feet, is now under construction at the rear of Strichen's Garage and service station on Main St., who will operate it.

It is expected to be ready for operation by May 1.

## New Tecumseth offices are credit to township

"One of the finest municipal offices I've ever seen", was the comment by a widely travelled municipal official, when speaking of the new Tecumseth Township Offices in Beeton.

They are very different to the old ones and combine good planning with most pleasing decor and furnishing. The old, drab building was gutted inside and has been extended 7 feet to the front and about 15 feet to the rear. This makes it possible to have the large council chamber, with its massive board table and modern chairs, at the back with a separate entrance to it so that the front office

section can be closed off by shutting the door. Both entrances, in office and council chamber, are on the east side of the building which is white with green trim. There is to be a sign across the front and a flag on the pole at the northwest corner.

Wide steps lead up from the ground-level main door to the lobby, carpeted in soft green, pattern "wall to wall". At the top of the steps, to the left is Clerk Arnold Meredith's office which is large and comfortable, paneled in oak and with the

same carpet design but in a gold tint. On his modern desk is a clock and pen stand presented to him "in appreciation" Committee of Adjustment, West Gwillimbury, 1964-70.

The general office is divided from the lobby by a counter. It has the same carpeting as the lobby and the same dark walnut paneling. The staff of Mrs. Velma Webb, Mrs. Caroline Stewart and Mrs. Jane Berry have modern efficiency desks and other equipment. A door leads to stairs to the basement. A passage at the back serves the big vault, the washrooms and council chamber.

The Council Chamber is also paneled in dark walnut and is well-equipped with chairs for visitors. Its carpet is red, but the same design. Council meetings are on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

All windows are large, sliding type and covered with most attractive curtains.

A second washroom and a new heating system were installed as part of the modernization. The total cost of re-construction, furnace and furniture has been about \$18,000. The contractor was Gifford Contractors. Tecumseth taxpayers may well congratulate themselves upon their new municipal offices.





At Bill Robinson's Birthday Party , 1896.

1- Aldo Lilly, 2- B. Gilroy 3- Etta Lilly Houchan 4- Gertie McDermott  
 Hammell 5- Mrs. Dunham Sr. 6- Mrs. Wm. Cross 7- Mrs. George Beyerhoff  
 8- Mrs. W.J. Robinson 9- Mrs. Wm. Hayes 10- Mrs. George Broome 11- Mrs.  
 Charles Broome 12- 13- Mrs. W. Irwin 14- Mrs. Alex  
 Stevenson 15- May Hayes 16- Mabel McDermott Milligan 17- Ella Mullen  
 18- Ethel Robinson Cowan 19- Mrs. Robert Hayes 20- Lolo Hayes 21- Ethel  
 McDermott 22- Emma Patterson 23- Edna Miller 24- Ida Robinson 25- Roba  
 Broome 26- Ella Robins Crew 27- Clara Robinson 28- W.M. McDermott  
 29- Bill Beyerhoff 30- Mrs. Aaron Gilroy 31- George Beyerhoff 32- Ida  
 Hayes 33- Gertie Robinson 34- Jennie Dunham 35- Edith McDermott  
 36- Pearl Sheridan 37- McGill Findlay 38- Eddie Ellison 39- Walter  
 McDermott 40- James Edginton 41- Billie Robinson 42- Joe McDermott  
 43- Russell Patterson 44- Herbert Lynn 45- Henry Patterson 46- Edgar  
 Robinson 47- Annie Miller.