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FORD WENT TO ENGLAND

A number of Lindsay's most eminent citizens figured in the news during 1970—many through death.

The year claimed the lives of many citizens of note, from the sudden passing of jeweller George G. Beall in February to the death early in December of the gracious former first lady of the province, Mrs. L. M. Frost.

A happier event placed Dr. R. M. Parker in the limelight during March. He received the Canadian Red Cross Society's highest award for service at the annual meeting of the local Red Cross branch, and was further honored with floral tributes from his Lindsay co-workers. Speaking to the gathering, Dr. Parker told of his first contact with the Red Cross in Cairo, Egypt, in 1915, when he was one of

a group assigned to salvage and store supplies from the Canadian Red Cross which had become damaged in transit. Later during the First World War he was assigned to guard rain-soaked Red Cross supply tents in France.

Dr. Parker retired this year as chairman of the local Red Cross blood donor clinics, and was succeeded in that capacity by Dr. M. J. Ormerod.

June brought the retirement of W. S. W. Breese after 34 years at LCVI, 10 years as principal of the collegiate.

Numerous tributes were paid Mr. Breese, a man immensely popular with both teachers and students at LCVI, and in September at the LCVI commencement exercises he presented the diplomas to "my graduates".

Succeeding as collegiate principal was Stuart Howard.

May 8 brought the sudden death in Montreal of **Norland** businessman Lorne LeCraw, a member of the Victoria County Board of Education. He was 49.

A veteran of two World Wars, Reuben Ford died April 1 at the Ross Memorial Hospital just before he could be presented with a Royal Canadian Legion certificate of merit. The award arrived in Lindsay only two days before his death.

Before the year ended, Mr. Ford was joined in death by two of his contemporaries: Jasper Forman, also a veteran of two great wars and,

winner of the Distinguished Conduct Medal twice, and of the Military Medal, and First World War veteran Art Beal, who had been a close personal friend of Sir Sam Hughes.

One of the last connections with Sir Sam was severed in December with the death of Gertrude (Carew) Frost. Dignitaries from across the province gathered in Lindsay to join her husband, the former Ontario premier, for the funeral on the cold, gray and blustery afternoon of Dec. 5, 1970.

In November came the passing of prominent businessman John Tangney, a partner in one of the longest-established businesses in Lindsay, Tangney Furniture; and of Dan McQuarrie, teacher, farmer, Presbyterian home missionary, Lindsay industrial commissioner, and founder of the Victoria County Historical Society.

In July, Dr. William Schwarz died. He was a prominent industrialist in both the U.S.A. and Canada and a resident of Lindsay since 1944.

A plaque in the Lindsay Hydro office pays tribute to another Lindsay resident, one who is living to appreciate the honor. The hydro building was named the J. G. Baldwin Building in June "in grateful appreciation of more than 30 years devoted civic service as a hydro commissioner."

After 45 years in the teaching profession, Eldon Detman retired as principal of the Leslie Frost Public School this year, and staff and students paid a surprise tribute to him at an assembly in June.

One of the last women-deputy-sherriffs in the province retired after 20 years of service to Victoria County. Mrs. Betty (Puffer) Pinn was succeeded by Donald G. Bearss who moved to Lindsay from Toronto.

In Haliburton, a former Federal Conservative member for the Victoria riding died in April. Clayton Hodgson, father of present MPP Glen Hodgson, died at age 74.

At about the same time a 13 year old Lindsay girl died and gave life to a Roman

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MR. AND MRS. BREESE HONORED

Catholic Priest in Toronto. Marlene James, whose name is commemorated in the Marlene James Youth Park in the town's east ward, lost her

life in a car-bicycle accident. Her heart was donated to Rev. Edward Madigan.

And 1970 saw the fulfillment of a life-long ambition for beloved citizen and veteran newspaperman Ford Moynes. Returning from his long-awaited trip to England Ford reported that it was all he had hoped for and wrote glowing accounts of his tour in his "Post" column, On the Main Street.