

# On The Main Street

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with Ford Moynes

Norman W. McGill whose funeral took place from the Mackey Funeral Home on Thursday at 11 a.m. was one of the best known and highly respected of the McGill clan in the Janetville district of Manvers Township. For several years past he had lived in the City of Ottawa where his only daughter, Mrs. Orville Hancock resides. He had a long and good life of ninety-two years. He was born on a farm in the Janetville area, attended school and grew up to manhood in "the Rolling Hills."

The late Norman McGill was a successful farmer and he took an interest in the life of the community, especially in sports. He was a member of Janetville's champion baseball team in the early Nineteen Forties when he was associated with Oswald McGill, Dr. Paul, Louis McGill, Bob Burns and others.

However, it was in the year 1904 that the late Norm McGill made a name for himself

as a baseball player when he played first base for the Lindsay Redbirds, champions of the Midland Baseball League, which included Peterborough, Port Hope, Cobourg and Lindsay. Team mates included Bill Cinnamon, Herb Workman, Curly McLaughlin, George Miller and Bill Stalker, with Wm. Simpson, owner of the Simpson Hotel as Manager.

The late Mr. McGill was a follower of the Liberal party in politics, and in religion was a member of the United Church.

He was predeceased by his wife, the late Marie Nugent of Lindsay, several years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss, one daughter, Mrs. Orville Hancock (Lorna) of Ottawa. Mrs. Hancock is the wife of a Lindsay boy, who holds the position of Public School Principal.

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The new partners in the Lindsay Monumental Works recently forsook the one hundred year old building on Cambridge Street for the new operation on William Street North, and it is of interest to note that a closed box was found in the attic of the old shop and on being opened there was disclosed a skull and bones and close by was a replica of an ancient wooden article known as "stocks".

The original "stocks" were used many years ago as a means of cruel punishment, when the victim's head was locked in one opening and the hands and arms in two other large holes.

It is stated that these ancient replicas were once used in a local Fraternal Lodge in the exemplification of a degree.

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In early frontier days pioneer settlers named small settlements after Biblical character. Mr. Jasper Forman volunteered the information that many years ago Palestine, north of Hartley, was once a small but wide awake hamlet with an hotel, a couple of stores, a number of dwellings, a church and school house. For many years the burg had a hard hitting, fast yielding baseball team. In fact Hartley, Glenarm, Woodville, Cambray and other small but lively places all had good baseball teams.