

# The Newcastle Independent

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## Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Hare spent the weekend in St. Thomas where they visited with their son Dr. Jack Hare who is confined to his bed with pleuritis.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pearce and family and Mrs. H. R. Pearce visited with Mrs. W. E. Hockin and family at Camp Borden on Sunday, Mrs. Pearce remaining for a visit.

Mrs. Stella Anderson is a patient in Memorial Hospital, Bowmanville, following an operation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Buxton and Patricia and Mrs. W. J. S. Rickard visited with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pearce and Mrs. H. R. Pearce on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Anderson and Richard of Oshawa, visited with the Dr. Butler's on Sunday.

Through the co-operation of manager George Graham and the weatherman with Arena helpers local youngsters (and some oldsters) have been having a fine time skating and playing hockey during the past week. Too bad it is necessary for the weather to become disagreeably cold for all before the kids can have their fun.

Mrs. Floyd Butler assumed her duties as Clerk and Treasurer of the village at the council meeting on Monday evening.

## Celebrate Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Couch, Sr., Newcastle, were feted by friends and neighbors last Saturday evening, Jan. 9, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. They are pictured above on this happy occasion.

## Tribute to Helena Coleman, Poet Native of Village of Newcastle

(By Elcie Pomeroy in the Globe and Mail)

The poet, Helena Coleman, died in Toronto, Dec. 7, and with her death is broken the last link with Canada's first school of writers, the grand old group of the 60's. Born in Newcastle on April 27, 1860, the only daughter of the Rev. Francis Coleman, Miss Coleman maintained her customary vigor until she was almost 90. The death of a niece, Helen Coleman, in September, 1949, who from childhood had made her home with the poet and her brother, Dr. A. P. Coleman, the eminent geologist, was a blow from which she never rallied and which resulted in the prolonged final illness.

Miss Coleman's chief characteristics were courage and modesty. Stricken with polio when she was but 11, she could walk only by her aid of two crutches—her helpers she called them. Yet the infirmity in no way interfered with an extremely active life. She was always ready to travel. Few Canadian women became so intimately acquainted with life in European and American centres. Often a visitor at the home of her youngest brother Lucius in the early days of Alberta, she explored every part of the large ranch on horseback. Even a little mountain-climbing she enjoyed with her brother whose name lives in one of the Rocky Mountains. At Pinehurst, the Coleman summer home among the Thousand Islands, she was always ready to take charge of the row-boat. About 20 years ago, however, she felt obliged to lay aside her helpers and become resigned to a wheelchair. Resigned is not the correct word. The visitor always left with a feeling of admiration for the occupant—never pity.

For a number of years Miss Coleman was deeply interested in music. The gold medalist when she graduated from the

Ontario Ladies College, Whitby, she was at once taken on the staff as head of the department of music. She continued to hold this position for 12 years except for one year when she took a post-graduate course in Germany.

"Songs and Sonnets," her first book, was published in 1906, under the auspices of the Tennyson Club of Toronto. It was with the greatest difficulty, however, that Miss Coleman was persuaded to allow her name to appear. When "Marching Men" was published in 1917, patriotism overcame her modesty. The book appeared under her own name and by her free will.

From the standpoint of financial success Miss Coleman's stories were vastly more important than her poetry. For many years her work appeared in all the leading American magazines, but always under a pen-name. The fact that Paul Reynolds was her agent speaks for itself. He was only interested in authors whose stories commanded top prices. In 1920, a collection of these stories appeared in the United States under the title, "Sheila and Others." The writer could never tell Miss Coleman that a copy of the volume had fallen into her hands and that at least one pen-name was no longer unknown.

But to the end Miss Coleman remained chiefly interested in people. Capri was a vivid memory largely because of an unusual woman who was also visiting there at that time. One of her happiest memories concerned a visit to Bermuda. On the street she met a young mother and her beautiful year-old babe who held out his arms to the poet. "Will you give him to me," exclaimed the proud mother. "My greatest compliment," said the poet, and then added in a commanding tone, "the only one I want recorded."

Many other compliments have been recorded—compliments regarding both the woman and her poetry which critics claim has a permanent place in our literature. But today friends in all parts of Canada who had become a symbol of the philosophy expressed in the following beautiful lines:

More lovely grows the earth as we grow old,  
More tenderness is in the dawn-ing spring,  
More bronze upon the black-birds' burnished wing,  
And richer is the autumn cloth-of-gold.

One sixth of the fully manufacturer foreign textile products entering Canada come in without payment of duty.

## Standing Committees Appointed at Village Council Inaugural Meeting Waterworks By-law Read 2nd Time

The inaugural meeting of the Newcastle Village Council was held in the council chamber of the Community Hall on Monday evening with Reeve John Rickard presiding and all members in attendance.

The Reeve called upon the Rev. D. D. Dewdney, Rector of St. George's Church who addressed the members briefly and invoked the blessing of God upon their deliberations throughout the coming year. The new member of council, Douglas Cunningham was welcomed by Reeve Rickard who expressed the hope that he would derive pleasure through his service to the community.

In addressing the council, Reeve Rickard asked for the same co-operation he had received in former years from members of the council and stated that the following members would serve on the standing for 1954 (first named in each case to be chairman): Finance, Coun-cillor J. H. Jose; Property, Coun. F. G. Couch; Roads, Coun. Ross Dickinson and Doug. Cunningham; sidewalk, Coun. D. Cunningham; Relief, Coun. J. H. Jose and Reeve Rickard; Fire, Coun. F. G. Couch and D. Cunningham; Industrial, Coun. R. Dickinson and J. H. Jose; Civil Defence, Councillors F. G. Couch, R. Dickinson and D. Cunningham. Councillor J. H. Jose was appointed Newcastle representative on the Memorial Hospital Board. Mr. C. R. Carveth was re-appointed for a

three year term on the Memorial Library Board, Councillor J. H. Jose was appointed Building Inspector and Councillor F. G. Couch, Weed Inspector for 1954. Councilors Couch and Dickinson were appointed council representatives to the Board of Management of the Newcastle Community Memorial Arena.

It was announced that a Public Meeting for the purpose of electing two members to the Board of Management of the Newcastle Community Hall would be held on the fourth Monday in January. (January 25th).

Building permits were issued by council to Mr. C. R. Knox for an addition to his Restaurant and to Mr. Everett Joll for the construction of a new home.

First and second reading was given a by-law authorizing the issuing of debentures for the installation of a municipal waterworks system. The by-law will now be sent on to the Municipal Board in Toronto for approval, after which a vote of local property owners is necessary before final passage of the bylaw.

First and second reading was given to a bylaw appointing Mrs. Floyd Butler, clerk and treasurer of the village with her office to be set up in the community hall in what is now known as the Police Office.

As the result of a request from the Ontario Municipal Association, Council voted an increase in salary of council members of \$300 a year be paid.

## Newcastle Reeve Elected 1954 Pres. Northumb.-Durham Apple Growers At Trenton Convention Wednesday

Delegates to the 43rd Annual Convention of the Northumb.-Durham Apple Growers' Association which met in Canterbury Hall in Trenton on Wednesday, Jan. 6, thought they were dreaming when the secretary read the minutes. It was a few moments before they realized that H. Morley Webster, Brighton, was reading remarks of the Convention of 1930, which was held in Trenton. Not since Feb. 19, 1930, when the 19th Annual Convention met in the old Trent Theatre, had the Association convened in Trenton.

In his introductory remarks, retiring President Clayton Maguire, of Trenton, told an audience of over 150 which packed the hall, that the Association had placed an exhibit at the Plowing Match in Cobourg in 1953, and thanked Apple Growers' Association which had arranged it. The association's finances were reported to be in a healthy condition, with a balance of nearly \$550.

Speakers of the day had to address the audience as "Lady and Gentlemen," as one man, Larry Burt, of Brooklyn, had brought his wife.

First speaker of the day at the session which began at 9.45 a.m. was G. C. Chamberlain, of the Laboratory of Plant Pathology at St. Catharines, Ontario. Mr. Chamberlain dealt with the subject: "Fungicides for Scab Control in 1954." No ideal fungicides and insecticides have yet been developed by the agricultural chemical industry, the speaker said. The Laboratory at St. Catharines has a Miosh apple orchard devoted to the development of fungicides. Two things are kept in mind in attempting to check apple diseases. One is the protection of fruit against scab, the other is the eradication of scab when it occurs.

**Develop Materials**

To this end, the speaker contended, attempts are being made to develop materials which will be highly toxic, of high persistence, capable safe mixture with insecticides and safe for both trees and operators of apple orchard sprayers. He discussed the best types of sprays, pointing out that care was the need in timing their use and in covering trees completely if the spray was to have its fullest possible effect. Since 1953 was a particularly bad year for apple scab in the St. Catharines area

due to excessive rainfall and low spring temperatures, an excellent opportunity was afforded to study the value of fungicides under the most difficult of conditions. Experiments with eradicants were particularly successful, Mr. Chamberlain said. He felt that apple growers would do well to seek technical advice in connection with spraying.

A panel discussion followed in which questions relating to the growth, processing and marketing of apples were asked by delegates and answered by the following panel of experts: Don S. Blair, officer in charge of the Smithfield Substation; Prof. C. E. Kelly, Department of Botany, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; A. Oughtred, Chairman of the Apple and Vegetable Growers' Association; E. G. Paige, Associate Director of Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa; D. W. Williams, District Inspector, Provincial Fruit Branch, Toronto; H. Morley Webster, Brighton, Fruit Field man.

One of the main points discussed was the retail selling of apples, in which Mr. Williams said that the Government is careful to see that a good grade of apple goes to the public. Some complaints about prices being too high had been received he said, and this was under study by the Department.

**Noon Banquet**

The Convention moved to the Masonic Temple for the noon banquet. The ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star of Trenton prepared and served the dinner. Cold meats, salads, scalloped potatoes, apple tarts, and pie were in abundance, with other items too numerous to mention, filled the beautifully decorated tables. Flowers adorning the tables had been donated by Colin Crews, well known local business man.

After introduction of guests at the head table, which included the Executive of the Association and various visiting speakers and panel experts, the assembled guests and delegates were entertained by Al Harvey, famous Canadian radio and stage entertainer. He clasped himself as a farmer and apple grower; he said he had one acre in Pickering Township. Mr. Harvey sang several comic songs, accompanying himself on piano

and ukulele. He was received with great enthusiasm.

It was remarked that the Association had met in Hastings County, and Trenton in particular, partly because it has several local members and partly in order to move about and acquaint other apple growers with its work.

Worthy Matron Mrs. Reginald Mills responded to a vote of thanks to the ladies for the excellent dinner.

Door prizes valued at \$50 were drawn for and given to lucky ticket holders. The prizes were donated for the purpose by various industries allied with the apple growing industry. Winners and prizes were:

Alton Hadley, Belleville, 24 quarts of Marvube oil, by Imperial Oil Co.; James Finlan, 1 carton Parathion; 1 50-lb. bag wettable sulphur by CIL; Dawson Beebe, six 80-lb. bags AA quality 10-5-10 fertilizer, by Agriculture Chemicals Ltd.; Jack Hillier, Trenton, Credit note for \$15 by Lewis & Son, Ltd., Grimsby; Clayton Maguire, Trenton, two 35 pound bags of Kolo 100 spray, by Niagara Brand Spray Co. Ltd.; B. Isaac, Warwick, one case Gentox S-50 50 per cent DDT powder, and one case Orchard Brand Lead Arsenate, by Nichols Chemical Co. Ltd.; Andrew Gunyon, Trenton, one 5-gallon can Crag Fruit Fungicide by Green Cross Insecticide, Toronto; Calvin Hughes, Credit note for \$15 on Oakville Wood Specialties Ltd.; Basil Brooks, Trenton, one 65-lb. can Colsol, by N. M. Bartlett Manufacturing Co., Beamsville, Ont.; Russell Osborne, Newcastle, one case Parathion 5% Chetate spray, by Dow Chemical Co. of Canada Ltd.

## Tyrone Couple 50 Years Married



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burgess, Tyrone, are pictured before their three-tier wedding cake at the celebration which marked the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married 50 years on January 6th. A gathering of friends and relatives was held on Saturday evening, Jan. 9, at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bryan, Oshawa, with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allison, Oshawa, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker, Janetville, with Mr. and Mrs. G. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Greer and girls with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, Bowmanville, Miss Isabel Carter, Toronto, with Mr. and Mrs. Carter.

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Mrs. Eleanor Beebe, Morrish, spent Sunday, Jan. 3rd with Mrs. C. Meneilly and family.

We are pleased to hear Mr. Bert McCalm who has been on the sick list is now better.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McHolm spent Sunday, Jan. 3rd with their son Don, and family, Newcastle. Congratulations and many happy returns of the day to Mr. McHolm who is celebrating a birthday shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kesner saw the old year out with Fred and Hilda Raby.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Earl and family, Ida, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Earl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Irwin.

Miss Lillian Gravelle, Port Hope, spent Sunday with Mrs. Meneilly and family.

The lights are on again at Hill-top Service Station. The Gerow family returned on Sunday from three weeks in the sunny South. We're sorry Old Man Winter gave them such a cool reception on their return.

Home ownership made a big advance in Canada from 1941 to 1951. At the latter date 65.6 per cent of homes were occupied by owners.

## G. Tracy Manes Passes at Leaside

Son of former councillor H. T. Manes of Newcastle and brother of Mrs. Reta Embley of this village, G. Tracy Manes Leaside passed away suddenly on Sunday from a coronary thrombosis at his home in Leaside in his fifty-sixth year.

Like his father, the late Mr. Manes took a keen interest in civic affairs and served as Mayor of Leaside for three years in addition to six years on the York County council during his terms as Reeve and deputy Reeve of Leaside. This experience won for him his appointment to the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board.

Mr. Manes served overseas in the first World War with the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was a past president of the Leaside Lions Club, president of the National Bowling Council of Canada, vice-president of the Leaside Progressive Conservative Association and chairman of the Board of Management of the Leaside Memorial Gardens.

He was a former member of the Earl Gray Orioles and Williamson Rd. playground baseball teams. He was a member and coach of the Massey-Harris and Yorkminster softball teams, organizer and first president of the Leaside Baseball Association. In connection with sports he will be remembered by local citizens for his coaching of the Leaside Lions Bantam team which played two exhibition games with the local bantam team last summer.

The late Mr. Manes was a member of the Yorkminster Baptist Church and a Past President of the York Bible Class.

He leaves his wife, Elsie Rice Manes, his father, H. T. Manes and one sister, Mrs. Reta Embley.

The sympathy of their many friends in Newcastle will be with Mr. Manes and Mrs. Embley in their time of bereavement.

## Mrs. Fred Souch Dies Result of Street Car Accident in Toronto

Toronto newspapers on Saturday stated that the 70th-traffic fatality for 1953 in that city occurred on Friday with the death of a native of Clarke Township, Mrs. Leona Payne, widow of the late Frederick Souch, aged 76 years, who was living on Neilson Ave., Toronto.

Her passing made the 1953 total of traffic deaths one higher than the figure for 1952. The accident which caused her death occurred Dec. 4.

Mrs. Souch collided with an eastbound street car on College St. near McCaul St. as she was running across the street, police said. Removed to Toronto General Hospital, she was found to be suffering from a fractured skull and internal injuries. The street car was operated by Harvey Haney, 26, of Ivy Ave.

## BURKETON

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hudson, Peterboro, and Mr. Nelson Hudson, attended the funeral of the late Mr. J. W. Bradburn, Jan. 4th. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Bradburn and relatives in their bereavement.

Mr. Gordon Munro, Hamilton, is the school teacher at No. 7. Miss Marlene Bishop, Maple Grove, is with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ribey as clerk.

W. A. will be at Mrs. Les Argue's, Jan. 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Van Dam, with relatives in Oshawa recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams with Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grace with Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Bowmanville.

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Woman's Missionary Society of the Newcastle United Church which met in the Board room Thursday, opened with an inspiring New Year's message by President Mrs. W. F. Rickard.

The devotional service, featuring the theme "The Church—An Image of the Kingdom" was conducted by members of Mrs. George Allin's group with Mrs. Baskerville reading the Scripture lesson followed by a reading by Mrs. Allin and prayer led by Mrs. Tombs.

A lovely vocal duet, with Mrs. C. A. Cowan accompanying, was presented by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. McMullen. Mrs. P. Hare gave a reading stressing the need of help for the Korean people.

Chapter of Study Book, "Where'er the Sun" was presented by members of Mrs. Allin's group.

Annual reports showing a prosperous year were presented.

**Mr. and Mrs. S. Allin Hosts to Merry Married Couples' Club**

Members of the Merry Married Couples' Club of the Newcastle United Church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Allin on Wednesday evening. During a short business meeting conducted by President Don Jose, a resolution was passed authorizing the purchase of a picture screen for the Sunday School room.

Stan Allin, convener of January meeting, took charge of the following program of entertainment presented by members of the club, which included instrumental duets by John and Wilma Scott and Bill and Jack Allin; vocal quartette composed of Mrs. F. McMullen, Mrs. Marlow Hancock, Brenton Rickard and Stan Allin; reading by Mrs. Gordon Martin and a recitation by Mrs. Don Jose.

A short quiz contest was conducted by Frank McMullen after which delicious refreshments were served.