

NICHOLS, JOY

Joy Nichols

## Teacher, proprietor of local bookstore

"Joy" Nichols was one of Belleville's best-known personalities in educational and literary circles.

It seems only a short while since she ran her Quinte Book and Gift Shop across from The Intelligencer on Bridge Street. Yet it was 1971 when she retired. For quite a while after that, though, the former teacher was a familiar figure in town.

Retired Toronto newspaper columnist Richard Needham often referred to Cyril Connolly's anthology, *The Unquiet*

Grave, and it was Miss Nicholl who ordered us a copy. We can see her now, checking her stock, tidying the shelves, or taking orders for books not in stock at her desk at the back of the store. The establishment is still there, but today it's a restaurant.

Margaret "Joy" Nichols, a native of Hamilton Township, was 96 when she died recently. She was laid to rest in Cobourg. Before opening her book and gift store in 1932, she had taught there, as well as in Brighton and Colborne.

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