

Grant of '384,898 is promised for new Belmore arena

Howick Township is to receive a Wintario grant of up to \$384,898 to aid in the costs of replacing the Belmore arena and community centre, the culture and recreation ministry announced recently.

The grant is the largest among 15 announced for Huron County. Several grants are going to Wingham groups.

The Wingham tennis club is to get \$6,500 for the construction of new tennis courts and repairs to existing ones.

The First Wingham Scout Troop will receive \$1,365 to cover the costs of transportation to Canadian Jamboree '77 in Prince Edward Island and a further \$746 to aid in the purchase of new

camping equipment.

The minor baseball association in Wingham will get \$722 to assist it in purchasing new softball equipment.

Other grants include \$62,500 toward the costs of building a new grandstand in the Clinton Community Centre Park; \$7,502 for the Blyth Centre for the Arts, to help with the costs of a visiting artists program at Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia; and \$5,000 to Blyth for its centennial celebrations.

The grants are made from proceeds of the Ontario Lottery and are intended to provide support for cultural and recreational facilities in the province.

Belmore celebrates opening of complex

BELMORE — Every person who ever lived in or near Belmore seemed to be at the official opening of the Belmore Community Centre and arena complex. The grand opening began with free skating and open house on the afternoon of Saturday, January 28th.

After the cocktail hour and some words of welcome by Barry Mulvey and grace by Rev. H. Park Belmoreans, dressed in their finest, dug into the most delectable meal ever prepared by the Belmore catering service. The menu included succulent roast beef, baked potatoes, corn nibblits, buttered rolls, salads galore topped off with cake and

ice cream for dessert.

After dinner Barry Mulvey introduced the head table and Earl Fitch presented photo albums of the demolition and construction of the arenas to the members of the building and finance committees. Remarks from guests were heard by the spectators while they were seated on the stands overlooking the ice surface. Each guest extended his congratulations to the area residents on their fine arena, and explained his part in the construction.

This was followed by a dance by Drumlin in the hall. Winners of the Belmore Loto draw were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Montgomery.

Funeral Sunday for Mrs. W. Darling

Funeral and committal service was held Sunday at the Davidson Funeral Home, Gorrie, for Mrs. William Darling of Gorrie. Dr. Hugh Davidson officiated. Spring interment will take place in Wroxeter Cemetery.

Mrs. Darling passed away Friday, January 13, at the Wingham and District Hospital following a brief illness. She was in her 84th year.

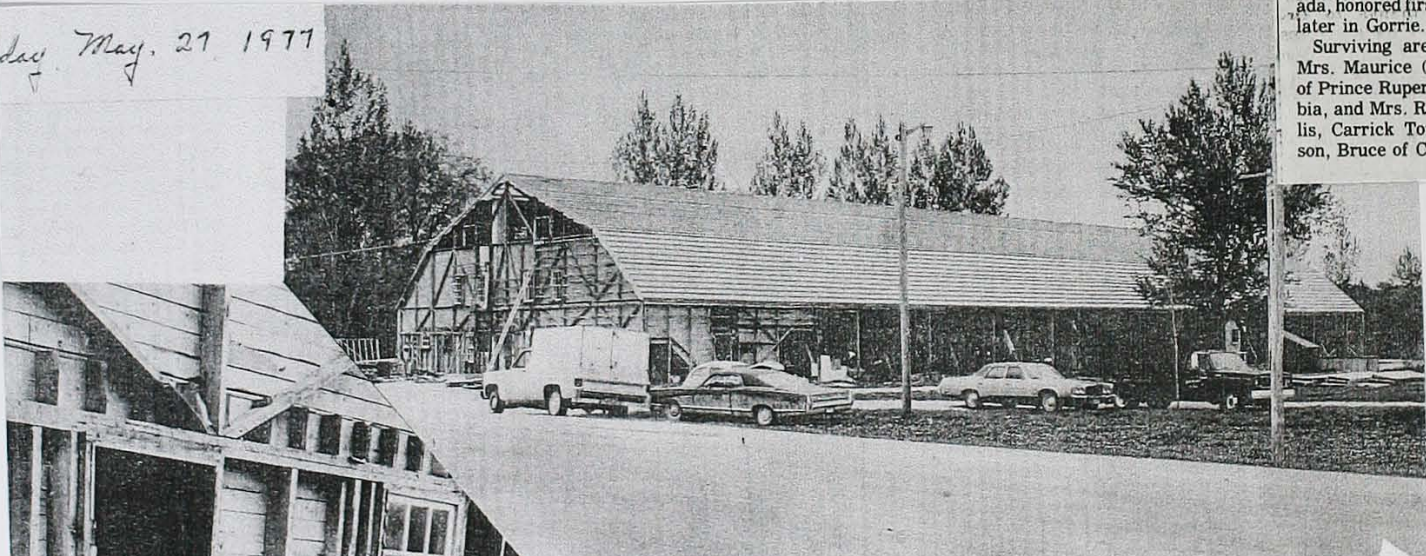
Born in Howick Township, she was the former Myrtle Edna Galloway, a daughter of the late David Galloway and Elizabeth Miller. She was the last surviving member of her family, having been predeceased by three sisters and two brothers.

Following her marriage to Mr. Darling in the village of Belmore, they farmed in Carrick Township until their retirement to Gorrie in 1961. He passed away in April 1964.

Mrs. Darling was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Belmore, and later Knox Presbyterian Church, Gorrie. She was also a life member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, honored first in Belmore and later in Gorrie.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Maurice (Lillian) McNabb of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and Mrs. Robert (Beth) Inglis, Carrick Township; and one son, Bruce of Carrick Township. 1978-

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Bye tender accepted for Belmore arena

GORRIE — Howick Township Council had "conditionally" accepted the \$620,000 tender of Harry Bye Construction of Mount Forest for the construction of the Belmore arena-community centre complex.

The tender, chosen from seven received, is conditional upon the receipt of government grants and other money equal to "at least" the amount of the \$620,000 bid.

The township has received word that a Wintario grant in the amount of \$371,565.32 has been "conditionally approved" by the government for the complex which will house a community centre, arena, and possibly separate curling facilities as well.

Township Clerk Wes Ball said on Tuesday that Mr. Bye has

Contract awarded

GORRIE — Howick Township council has authorized a contract for the new Belmore Arena.

Harry Bye Construction of Mount Forest was the successful bidder and work on the \$620,000 project is expected to begin shortly, with completion planned for late October or early November.

The arena replaces a 27-year-old structure considered unsafe by the province. The township hopes that all but about \$200,000 for the project will come from various grants and the remainder will be paid for out of private funds which now total \$114,000.

Council also informed a Kitchener area man that he could not put a holiday trailer temporarily on a lot in Wroxeter because it is against township policy. Council acknowledged that while a trailer is not considered a mobile

Winners in Loto

BELMORE — Doris Hayes of RR 1, Wroxeter, won \$1,000 in the October draw of the Belmore Loto, while David Carson of RR 1, Listowel, won the \$500 prize in the early bird draw.

The loto is sponsored by the Belmore Chamber of Commerce, with one draw per month for \$1,000 and the additional early bird draw for tickets bought before Oct. 15.

turnout of volunteer workers was recorded the weeks at the Belmore Arena. The workers had a