



Marjorie and Hector Fraser celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, May 10, with a family dinner at the Holiday Inn, Owen Sound. The couple has two daughters, Mabel, Mrs. Alan Cook, and Jean, Mrs. Bill McDougald, of Tara, and one son, Jack, of Port Elgin.



Friends, family and members of the South Saugeen Women's Institute gathered Friday to pay tribute to the founding member of the institute. Helen Black celebrated her 95th birthday and was showered with good wishes at the Saugeen Memorial Hospital. With Mrs. Black (centre) are her daughter, Jean Black (left) and Rae McIntosh.

Harron gets OMB post

Gary Harron, reeve of Amabel Township, is leaving 13 years of municipal politics this fall, for a job with the provincial government.

Harron, 45, a prominent local Progressive Conservative, who ran for the PCs in Huron-Bruce in the last provincial election, was appointed to the Ontario Municipal Board, effective Dec. 1. He will deal primarily with assessment appeals.

Harron said he is "very, very pleased" with the appointment to the \$55,000-\$60,000-a-year job, but said he leaves municipal politics with "mixed emotions". Municipal politics has been good to him, he said.

One of the active promoters of the proposed Bruce Energy Park, Harron said he would have liked to push it some more, stating he expects some major developments to occur in the near future.

But Harron said he probably got the job because of his experience in municipal politics and other provincial agencies. He is also a member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Harron was Bruce County warden in 1978 and is chairman of the county economic development committee.

He will not run for re-election this fall. He will also step down from the NEC and as head of the economic development committee at the end of November.

Harron is a native of Elsinore, where he still operates a beef farm with his wife Yvonne. They have two daughters, Tammi, 19, and Lisa, 12.

The new posting may involve moving closer to Toronto, but no decision on that has been made.

The Plants' Appreciation Night

On Friday night a large crowd was in attendance in the Curling Club to give a "Thank You" to Harry, Dorothy and Audrey Plant for their many years in the grocery store business.

Ross Aiken was chairman of the programme and did a great job with his "jokes" and ad libbing. Solos were sung by Jackie McCulloch, Merri Lynn Aiken and Jamie Gordon. Shanno Cox a piano solo. Readings were given by Mrs. Eida Tolton and Mrs. Mae Aiken. Mrs. Lois McCulloch and Mrs. Ruth Jewel sang a duet, Miss Barbara Eby a Scottish dance, Mrs. Dow Phillips sang accompanying herself on the accordion, Bob and Marlene Crossley and family sang several numbers, Mrs. Bernice Gowan and Mrs. Helen Cox acted a comedy "Plant's Store in 2002".

Harvey and Dorothy Plant were presented with a picture and Audrey a silver bracelet and ear ring set. The Music Making Mums played for the dance that followed the programme.

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- Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wade and family in the death of Mrs. Wade's mother, Mrs. Chatterton, who passed away last week.

South Saugeen Women's Institute

Mrs. Mel (Helen) Black, Port Elgin, was honoured on Friday, March 26, when members of South Saugeen Women's Institute visited her in Saugeen Memorial Hospital. The occasion was to mark her 95th birthday on March 27.

Mrs. Black has compiled a long and close association with

the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. In 1947, while residing on the 4th Concession of Saugeen Township, she was instrumental in organizing the South Saugeen branch and served as the first president. Prior to that, she was associated for 30 years with the White School branch.

South Saugeen proudly presented Mrs. Black with a Life Membership in December 1957, in recognition of her leadership and dedication. Multi-talented, she entered a Tweedsmuir Contest in 1961, composing words and music for an Institute song and won honourable mention in the provincial competition.

Prior to her retirement to Port Elgin, many an Institute meeting and social occasion in the community of South Saugeen was highlighted with her lively violin music.

She maintained a keen interest in the work of the local 4-H clubs, and was ever ready to lend a helping hand in any projects undertaken by the branch.

This gracious lady, 95 years young, truly personifies the Institute motto, "For Home and Country", as her contribution of time and talent has indicated.