

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 7, 1921

While driving home late last Friday night with a horse and buggy, Wilfred Grant met with an experience that he won't want to have duplicated during the remainder of his lifetime. As he came opposite D. McKenzie's on Goldie Street, his horse suddenly lurched off the road and fell across the sidewalk. Jumping out of the buggy, Wilfred immediately grasped the horses head in an endeavor to assist the beast to its feet, as being a dark night he could not see what the trouble was. However, in groping in the darkness, his hand came in contact with an electric wire and he immediately became aware of the actual trouble and danger, and wasted no time in removing himself from the scene of the accident. Upon arousing the residents and procuring a lantern, it was found that the horse had been killed almost instantly. There had been an unusually strong north wind that night and two poles supporting the electric wires had been blown down over the road, with the above mentioned result. The fact that Wilfred happened to be wearing rubbers and gloves at the time probably saved him.

### 1961

Don McDermid has purchased lot 16, Con. 6 from Mr. Francis Legge.

### Mrs. A. Ewart

Mrs. Archibald Ewart, 88, died Sunday at the Petersen Nursing Home, Owen Sound, where she had been a patient since September.

Mrs. Ewart was the former Edith Alice Muir, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Muir. She was born in Elderslie Oct. 24, 1883. In 1929 she married Archibald Ewart of Elderslie Township and they moved to Owen Sound. He died in 1952.

Mrs. Ewart was a member of Geneva Presbyterian church and later of St. Andrews in Owen Sound. She was also a member of Jubilee Rebekah Lodge in Chesley and then the Rebekah Lodge in Owen Sound.

Mrs. Ewart is survived by a brother, Russell of Chesley.

She was predeceased by a brother and a sister.

Funeral service was held Wednesday from the Emke Funeral Chapel, with interment in Chesley cemetery.

E. Thursday, March 10, 1972

### SEVENTY YEARS AGO

March 20, 1902

Cantire: Mr. S. Muir gave a bumper housewarming on Friday

## An Old School of Frame

Cameron McIntosh

North of Chesley, in Bruce County,  
Stood an old schoolhouse of frame  
In a splendid farming district  
Where brave men and women came  
In the forties and the fifties  
To make for themselves a name.

This school was in Union Section  
Since homes in both Bruce and Grey  
Came together for their children  
That they might not fall a prey  
To an education hodge-podge  
Down life's ever winding way.

Here the Hares, Buggs and Thomsons,  
Maxwells, Blacks, McKinnons too,  
Legges, McDonalds, Kyles and Oswalds  
Pollocks, Moores and Ewarts grew--  
Helped to build a County famous  
Line the old up with the new.

The McCannells lived here also  
In the piping days of old  
And the Steinhoffs, Orrs and Caldwelles,  
Crerars and McNeils, all told,  
When there were no jets or autos  
And no world wars hot or cold.

Boys and girls were these of promise,  
Them through all age groups we taught,  
For four years saw them make progress  
And their youthful spirit caught  
As they climbed to higher levels  
And fame to their County brought,

This wood fabric stood for decades  
But as years rolled on apace  
Built there was a modern structure  
With a new brick look and face  
On this old well known corner  
That looks earth beyond and space.

New techniques and teachers' Unions  
And wage schedules at long last  
Should indeed prove a great blessing  
Not as in the uphill past  
When our teachers taught for nothing--  
Slaves to every whim and blast.

All these names and others also  
Writ large in our country's lore  
Shall live on as we more mighty  
Grow from sea to sea and shore--  
Roll our rugged frontier northward  
Where our future is in store.

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### CONESTOGA GRADUATE

Miss Margot Ruthven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wallace Ruthven, RR 2, Chesley, graduated earlier this month from Conestoga College of Applied Arts and Technology, Kitchener. Miss Ruthven obtained a degree in criminology from the community and family studies program of the college.

So with plant anew and faces  
And a past historic bright  
Coupled with a vision splendid  
Wherein might is built on right  
The new school should like the olden  
Help bring in the larger light.

But we ask where are the children  
Whom we taught long years ago?  
Echo answers some still linger  
On this mundane orb below,  
While gone others have far Westward  
Where Valhalla waters flow.

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## Former Resident Feted On Ninetieth Birthday

About 50 relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Weeden on Sunday, to honor Sterling Fraser, a former Paisleyite, now of Port Elgin, on his 90th birthday.

Mr. Fraser is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser of Dunblane. After completing his education at Dunblane School, Mr. Fraser apprenticed in the barber trade with the late William Scott, then went to Western Canada, where he practised his trade in several centres.

Returning to Paisley in 1920, he entered into a partnership with his brother, Clarence, to operate the Fraser Hardware, now the Dryden Hardware. Later, he had his own business in Windsor and Blenheim. In 1957 he retired to Port Elgin.

Always interested in music, Mr. Fraser still plays violin with the Port Elgin senior citizens' orchestra. He has been a member of both Ahirom IOOF and Aldworth Masonic Lodges of Paisley for over 50 years.

