

Elderslie Council in new chambers



Meeting in the new township building for the first time on May 2, Elderslie Township council members and officials made plans for the official opening of the combined garage, maintenance and office building. The men are, from left, standing: Robert Crerar, Jack Cumming, Carman Fullerton and George E. Maxwell; seated, Alex Ewart, road superintendent Harvey Davis, Reeve and 1972 Warden of Bruce County and Ross Wagner, clerk-treasurer.

Cooper Award to Warden Davis given at Bruce O.F.A. banquet

Harvey Davis, Warden of Bruce County, was given the Tommy Cooper Award, as over 200 members of the Bruce County Federation of Agriculture held their semi-annual meeting at the Elmwood Community Centre on Wednesday, June 13. The 13th winner, Mr. Davis received the award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to agriculture and rural living.

Mr. Davis is married to Reta Maxwell and they have three teenage children, all very active in farming activities. Warden Davis is also Reeve of Elderslie Township, President of the Bruce County Beef Improvement Association, and very active in the local co-operative Bruce and Ontario Beef producers and the Grain Board.

Lawrence Phillips of C.F.O.S. the selection chairman of the Tommy Cooper award committee presented the award to Harvey Davis and Bill Wolfe presented a miniature trophy, in recognition of his work in the agriculture field and in rural living in the past year. Mr. Davis a farm critic with a demanding voice in behalf of the farmers' problems faced each year. Warden Harvey Davis was picked for this award, over, Murray Fraser, of Dundalk considered for his contribution in agriculture as president of Grey County Federation of Agri-

culture; Ronald Shaw of Markdale, picked for his work as president of Grey County Junior Farmers and Dennis Eagles of Meaford, Mrs. Francis Boyle of Ripley. Mrs. Carmen Hamill, Chatsworth; Mrs. Karl Klages, R.R. 5, Owen Sound and Mary Silverthorn of Woodford.

This award is presented annually by the Sun-Times and Radio Station C.F.O.S. of Owen Sound in recognition to agriculture in both counties in memory of T. S. (Tommy) Cooper of Markdale, who was agriculture representative for Grey County for 40 years.

Rodger Schwass of Toronto and a native of Bruce County and former Farm Forum Associate, spoke on the many changes that have come about in agriculture in the past 20 years, telling the audience that they may be baffled at times by these changes. As the cities become larger and the population increases these problems are bound to shove north, even into Grey and Bruce counties. As they face the future, much thought and preparation must be made to improve the farmers future and would mean more planning, sometimes getting very little recognition for our work, but it would be laying the cornerstone for the exciting expansion in agriculture. in the next 20 years.

1972

Lifetime Resident Of Elderslie Township John S. MacDermid Dies

A well known area resident, John Sheldon MacDermid, in his 73rd year, passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 1, at his residence on lot 15, concession 9, Elderslie Township. 1972.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacDermid, he received his early education at the Gillies Hill School and spent his entire life on the family farm in Elderslie Township.

In 1928 he married Aileen Tanner of Elderslie Township. He also is survived by two sons, John R. and Donald, of Elderslie and (Susan) Mrs. James Cochrane of Toronto; one sister, (Maesie) Mrs. George Hilts of Owen Sound, and two grandsons, Peter and Paul MacDermid.

Mr. MacDermid attended the Williscroft Baptist Church until its closing in 1960, at which time he became a member of Paisley Baptist Church. He was a member of the choir and a deacon at the time of his passing.

Rev. Elmore Young, assisted by Pastor Ed Catto, officiated at the service held in the Hope funeral home, Paisley, on Monday, with burial in Chesley Cemetery.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

August 15, 1912

Mr. David Milne and bride of New York city are here on their wedding trip, visiting his parents and friends.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

July 4, 1917

Piper Dan McKinnon, the tall, grey-haired Highlander who has been agitating the air hereabouts with the skirl of the pipes during the last few days, is an old-time resident of the 10th of Bruce. About 40 years ago he was known as "Thresher Dan." His home is now at Bolton. His Celtic blood was roused to respond to the call to arms, but since he couldn't do that, he is doing his best to assist in Red Cross work by piping and speechifying at entertainments. He will be at the Elderslie picnic at Gillies Hill this afternoon.

Gillies Hill: The Presbyterian garden party was held on the grounds of John Eson, formerly the home of John McLaggan, who for many years was an honored elder and leader of praise when the congregation worshipped in the old Tp. Hall. Like so many rural congregations, Gillies Hill has suffered by removals to the West. Some of those who are striving to keep open this place of worship are the Sloans, the Tullys, Thomsons, Caldwelles and McGills on the 7th; Ruthvens on the 8th; Bells, Blues, Reids, Winches, McConnachys, Johnstons, Gowanlocks and Esons on the fourth. Three years ago this small congregation built a neat church costing nearly \$2000, and this year the indebtedness has been reduced to \$100.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

July 11, 1912

The Gillies Hill Presbyterian Church garden party at Mr. John Eson's on Friday evening was again a great success, the total receipts amounting to \$127. The program included numbers by Miss Cruickshank of Dobbinton, Miss Johnston of 4th concession, Miss Cora Fisher of Paisley, Mr. Harry Stevens of Chesley, the Gillies Hill choir, Rev. E. J. McEwen of Paisley, Mr. Wm. McDonald, MPP, of Chesley, and the Paisley military band organ.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reid of Elderslie recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. July, 1972.

There were two surprise parties held in their honour.

On July 16, the Keith family gathered for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Keith of Unionville. Present for the occasion were the Reid's five sons, Ron, David, Keith and Bob. Also present was Ian, his wife and his son from Vancouver.

On July 19, friends and neighbours from the 2nd and 4th Concessions of Elderslie gathered at the Reid home to present Mr. and Mrs. Reid with many lovely gifts and good wishes.