

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

July 11, 1917

The union Sunday school picnic in John MacDermid's beautiful woods at Gillies Hill Wednesday afternoon drew 1200 people. The program included addresses by Reeve Cass, C. J. Halliday, S. Winch, Wm. McDonald, M.F.P., and Rev. Mr. Wilson; selections by Salem male quartette, music by a string band, solo by Miss Alma Fraser, club swinging by girls, stirring tunes by Piper McKinnon. William Pearce occupied the chair. Winners of the races were: Boys 10 and under, Jos. Oswald, John Oswald; girls, Jessie Milne, Annie Milne; boys 12 and under, Clarence Hammond, Harvey McGill; girls, Marjory Hopper, Olive Martin; lots 5 and under, Geo. Oswald, Frank Hammond; boys 15, M. Swelger, Ed Tanner; girls, Mary Hopper, Isabel McKay; young men, John Thompson, Wat Miller; officers and teachers, Rev. Wilson, Stephen Winch; girls' 3-legged race, Janet McCannel and Isabel McKay; single men, Wat Miller, Laur Winch, John Thompson, Arch Ewart, won the relay against married men, Vic Tanner, John Davis, Jos. Dudgeon, John Buchanan; single ladies, Misses Tanner, McLaughlin, Blue and McKay, won relay against married women, Mesdames Maxwell, Crawford, Robb and Hopper; married men's race, Oscar Lloyd, William Maxwell; fat men's race, Alex Marshall, J. C. Milne.

1892

The Williscroft Cheese Factory made 425 lbs. cheese during June.

Mr. Allan Thompson had a good sale Saturday. His cattle were of good grade. Hay crop sold at \$3.30 per acre.

J. E. Price has also bought a bicycle with pneumatic tires. It rides with so much ease that he went to Elmwood and back in an hour.

Robert Snell of Williscroft has a champion goose, it having laid 43 eggs this season.

Mr. Bearman of Scone has bought a cream extractor. By emptying milk into it the cream comes out one spout and the skimmed milk out of the other.

1912

It is proposed to establish free rural mail delivery over two more lines in Elderslie over the 6th and 8th concessions.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

August 22, 1912

Cantire: The long-expected, long-delayed telephone has at

last been put in operation, and Cantireites have for the present forgotten the years of isolation and all the other ills attendant on rural life, and subscribers now confidently hope that the genial local agent will display that same patient, long suffering spirit when he makes his collections for the Bell Co.

ELDERSLIE COUPLE HONORED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO RESIDE IN PORT ELGIN

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, who have resided on lot 18, concession 7, Elderslie, since 1935, were honored by friends and neighbors at a presentation party at the Oddfellows' Hall in Chesley on Friday, August 11. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have moved to Port Elgin.

Highlight of the evening was a presentation to the honored couple. Harold Sloan was chairman for the evening. Mrs. Percy McCoy read an address and presented Mrs. Martin with a corsage and Mr. Martin with a boutonniere. They also were presented with an upholstered recliner chair and cake plate.

Elderslie names Brian Beech as road superintendent

Brian Beech, 22, of Saug- een Township, was appointed Road Superintendent of Elderslie at the township council's regular meeting last Monday night. Selected from nine applicants for the position following interviews the preceding week, Mr. Beech succeeds the late Alex Ewart, head of the road department for 37 years prior to his death last May. His appointment was confirmed by by-laws.

250-Acre Elderslie Farm Changes Ownership After Almost 50 Years

A notable farm property transfer has been completed, with the sale of their 250-acre holdings in Elderslie Township by William and Richard Middleton.

One unit of the property, lot 10, concession 6, has been in the family name since purchased by William Middleton in 1923. Two additional units have since been added to the holding, lot 10, concession 5, having been purchased from the late A. D. MacKay in 1938, and lot 9, concession 6, from the late Donald Darroch in 1947.

The Middletons disposed of lot 10, concession 5, on May 1 to Willard Calhoun. Two other units, lot 10 and the east half of lot 9, concession 6, have been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Harrison of Selkirk Ont., near Lake Erie. The new owners, who have two daughters and one son, took possession August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Middleton will reside in the former John Walpole home on lot 13, con., 7, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Middleton will farm on RR 4 Elmwood.

Ruthven - Crawford

The wedding of Bonnie Crawford and David Ruthven took place in St. Andrews Presbyterian church, Kitchener, November 4th 1972 at 7 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Crawford of Kitchener Ontario.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ruthven, R.R. 2 Chesley Ontario.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. Finlay Gordon Stewart. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The maid of Honour was the bride's sister Miss Betty Crawford of Kitchener. And

Johnathan P. Weller

Johnathan Phillip Weller, Age 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weller, R.R. 3, Chesley, passed away at his home on July 25, 1972. He attended Elderslie Central School.

He is survived by one sister Sharon, and two brothers, David and Stephen all at home. He is also survived by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Weller, Arstein; and Mr. and Mrs. Gillard, St. Thomas.

Funeral Service is being held in the Enke Funeral Home on Thursday, July 27 at 2 p.m. with burial at St. Andrew's Cemetery.

Mrs. David Ruthven

CHESLEY - ^{Lat. Dec. 23/70} Funeral services will be held Wednesday in Kitchener for Mrs. David Ruthven, 26, of Gillies Hill, who died Saturday at the General and Marine Hospital in Owen Sound.

The former Bonnie Lynn Crawford, she was born and raised in Kitchener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Crawford. She had been employed at the Kitchener Children's Aid Society.

She married David Ruthven of Elderslie township Nov. 4 and the couple resided at Gillies Hill.

She is survived by her husband, mother and father, of Kitchener, and two sisters, Donna, Mrs. Ron Nancarrow of Petawawa and Betty, at home.

the bridesmaids were the grooms two sisters Misse Margot and Dayle Ruthven, both of R.R. 2 Chesley.

The Groomsman was Mr. Robert Ruthven, brother of the groom of R.R. 2 Chesley. The Ushers were Mr. Jerrold Hill of Guelph and Mr. Mitchell Powell of London.

The reception was held at Stones Old Castle Inn, Kitchener following the ceremony.

The couple went to the United States for a honeymoon and will later reside at R.R. 2 Chesley.

1942

August 13

Lieutenant Jack Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Green of Elderslie and a graduate of Chesley High School, whose career in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve was reported in the Enterprise last week. An officer on Canadian corvette, he recently spent a leave with his relatives in Elderslie, the first time in 16 months that a leave was long enough to permit him to make a trip to his native heath.

PAISLEY AREA PROPERTIES CHANGE OWNERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fink have sold their farm, lot 5, concession 4, Elderslie Township, to Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Gibbons of Port Hope. The new owners plan to take possession May 1, 1973.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

A splendid watering trough has been put in position near Rae's bridge by W. Rusk. A subscription was taken up to defray the expense of piping the water from a spring in J. P. Rae's field to a point beside the road.