

Farmhouse Wall Yields Antique Items

When the sheathing on the farm house of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Thomas was torn off a couple of weeks ago preparatory to applying new siding, a number of relics of an earlier period were uncovered in the walls of the building.

Included in the collection of antiques were a green glass bottle with glass stopper, with no identifying marks, but visibly an antique. Other items were a handmade Indian moccasin; a child's shoe rubber of unusual decorated styling; a home-crafted skinning knife; an elaborate end clasp from a man's braces, bearing the inscription "Temple Bar;" a child's stocking in tan shade with not a thread broken, despite the years it had rested in the wall; a jar ring with flanges, apparently to aid in opening, and a spool of J. & P. Coates thread and thimble; badly crumbled copies of The Advocate, dated Mar. 11, 1873, and Toronto Globe, of Nov. 3, 1875.

The cache also included a cotton bag of gunpowder. When a match was touched to a sample, the powder merely sizzled.

Wife and Family Made Term Possible, Warden Tells Banquet

Bruce County Warden Harvey L. Davis and Mrs. Davis, of Elderslie Township, were hosts on Friday night to more than 200 guests for the annual warden's banquet, held in the Elmwood Community Centre. Members of the House of Commons and Ontario Legislature, members of county council, county officials, Elderslie Township Council, their wives and a large gathering of friends attended and partook of a dinner featuring Bruce County beef, served by an Elmwood ladies' group. The head table guests were piped into the hall by Pipe Sgt. Bill MacDonald of Paisley. Reeve Archie McKinnon of Culross Township said grace.

Reeve Alex Lamont of Sauguen Township, a member of the warden's committee of county council, presided for the program, which was marked by a note of informality.

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Mr. John Walpole of Elderslie held an auction sale on Monday and they will be moving to Chesley where they have bought a home.



VERN EMKE

WALKERTON — Verne Emke, reeve of Chesley, has been acclaimed Warden of Bruce County. He was unopposed at Monday night's inaugural meeting of the 1973 council.

Former Resident Here Mrs. Warren McGill Dies In Her 81st Year

The death occurred Saturday July 8, in Chesley Nursing Home of Mrs. Warren McGill, a former resident of the village and mother of Clarence McGill of town. She was in her 81st year.

Mrs. McGill was the former Jennie Margaret Fenton. She was born November 2, 1891, at Gillies Hill in Elderslie Township, a daughter of the late William Fenton and Mary Bowie Fenton.

On March 20, 1912, she was married to Warren McGill, and they resided at Gillies Hill until coming to Paisley in 1922. They lived for a brief period in Hanover, then returned to Paisley, until going in 1926 to Chesley, where Mr. McGill died in March, 1962, and Mrs. McGill had continued to live. She was a member of Chesley United Church.

Mrs. Russel Brown

PAISLEY — Mrs. Russel Brown, 83, a resident of the Paisley area for all her life, died Friday at the Bruce County General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

The former Annie Fraser, she was born in Dunblane near Paisley, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser. Mr. Fraser was one of the first pioneers in Elderslie Township.

Mrs. Brown was predeceased by her husband Russel Brown and is survived by a daughter Alice, Mrs. Keith Weeden of RR 3, Paisley, two grandsons and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Brown for many years attended Knox United Church in Paisley.

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.

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.

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, W.P.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; tots 5 and under, Geo. Oswald, Frank Hammond; boys 15, M. Sweiger, 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.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO April 2, 1903

The program for an "Old Folks' Concert" in the town hall listed the following local residents as participants: Rev. C. E. Stafford, Messrs. Jas. Hyde and Jas. Bryce, Mrs. Charles Kissack, Mr. Frank Neelands, Mr. E. Dickenson, BA, Mr. Rowe, Rev. Dr. Ross, Mr. David Thompson, Mr. Frank Carter, Mr. Frank Strachan, Mr. Robert Scott, Mr. E. Burrows, Mr. Robt. Lindsay.

Mr. T H George reports a farm sale in Elderslie. Mr. Ed. Dudgeon disposing of lot 27, concession 9, to Mr. Oscar Lloyd. 1904

Mr. Neil McAlister paid \$6,500 for the Lachie Munn farm at Gillies Hill. His brothers Archie and Malcolm who intended going west, will work the place.

There were 30 births, 30 deaths and 15 marriages registered in the municipality of Elderslie in 1903.



On Mission

Bradley Sweiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sweiger of Chesley, Ont. has begun a two-year term of Voluntary Service with the Mennonite Board of Missions, Elkhart, Ind. He is a member of the Hanover Mennonite Fellowship, Hanover Ont.

Mr. Sweiger is serving his term as an orderly at Maple Lawn Homes, Eureka, Ill., retirement center administered by the Health and Welfare division of Mennonite Board of Missions.

Mr. Sweiger is a graduate of Chesley District High School, Chesley, Ont. Before entering service he was employed as a farm hand by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snider, Chesley, Ont.

Currently more than 270 youth through senior adults serve in 50 locations in Canada, the United States, Puerto Rico and Jamaica in the Voluntary Service program of the Mennonite Church, offices in Elkhart, Ind., Phoenix, Ariz., and Salunga, Pa.