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AB WYLDS TAKES LONG LOOK AT DISTRICT CENTENNIAL YEAR

Well it is now the new year, 1968. Canada's Centennial Year, 1967, has passed into history. Everyone says it will be long remembered. Many from this district have visited Expo in Montreal - both privately and as part of a group, such as the Ripley District High School in June and the Agricultural Societies for Bruce and Grey in October. It will be remembered for its new songs, for its world crises and many other things.

Locally it will be remembered as a poor year for the farmers. They were plagued as well as all the rest of us by continual wet, disagreeable weather. The haying season never ended. It just merged with harvesting. Even the fall work was hampered. What a disagreeable day that last Saturday in September was for the Ripley-Huron fall fair. Thus the local fair on this Canada's centennial year will be remembered here for its "lousy" weather. Ripley and Huron had a big centennia l parade and sports day on Civic Holiday in August. 1967 was a year of elections - Ontario with Murray Gaunt, Roger West, both of Wingham and Jack Pym of Kincardine the candidates in this riding. Then municipal elections were held in both Huron township and Ripley village.

But above all this centennial year will be remembered here as the year of tragedy. Death seemed to be ever present, whether from natural causes or accidents and many persons are gone from the community. On the tragic side there was the train - bus crash on that wintry night, Monday, February 20, claiming W ayne Courtney, Ken Pillen, and Blain Courtney, all of Pine River. Then the double drowning in Lake Huron at the foot of concession six at Gordon Emmerton's Beach on Wednesday afternoon, June 28, taking Ron Cliffe of London and Jane Pollock of Ripley.

Again tragedy struck when the bulldozer upset on Joe Forster in British Columbia in mid-summer. Early fall saw a tragic car - truck collision near Wes Smith's place on the fifteenth south take the life of Joe Scott. Early December the tragic death of Murray Elliott occurred during the evening chores at his father's barn halfway between Ripley and Holyrood.

Then just before Christmas George Ferris died as a result of a fall in the "Pickle" barn on the same eighth concession east of Ripley.

Indeed this community will remember centennial year. Everyone's new year wishes must surely include one that 1968 be free of tragedies here.

Above is Janie, Age 14

To - Jane Pollock

No one knew what Janie
Had in mind that tragic day,
When she left the shore to help Ron
From the tub in which he played.
She went in line of duty
She did not stop to think
How the water might imprison her,
How it might make her sink.
And now she's gone to Heaven
For she was never bad,
She's happy with the angels,
While we on earth are sad.
I saw her in a dream last night,
Her vision was quite clear,
She smiled and then spoke softly,
My heart bece me choked with tears.
Tell Daddy I still love him -
Tell Mommy not to cry,
Tell Barry, Keith and Connie
I'm watching them on high.
And then she seemed to disappear,
The room grew dark and cold.
She left our earth leaving memories
Of her love for young and old.

Susan Elliott