



## Celebrates 65th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Peel celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 1963. Mr. and Mrs. Peel were married at Blackstock 65 years ago and they lived near Bethany until 1908, when they moved to the vicinity of Port Perry. In 1952 when Mr. Peel retired, they moved into Port Perry where they have resided ever since that time. They have two sons, Harry and Ronald, both of Port Perry, also four grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. On Saturday evening, Nov. 16th, Mr. and Mrs. Peel were entertained at a family dinner. They were also the recipients of many cards and congratulations, and telegrams from Her Majesty The Queen, Premier Robarts, the Hon. M. B. Dymond and the Hon. Michael Starr.

—Star Photo

## Honeydale W.I. Plan Many Fall Activities

The Honeydale Branch met in the Parish Hall with Pres. Mrs. N. Williams in the chair. After the opening procedure, the visitors were introduced, and all present were welcomed.

The roll call was answered by each member stating what laws she would change, to better the lives of Canadians. Congratulations! members. It was well answered.

Two minute reports were presented by the following standing committee conveners: Mrs. V. Bell reported on a Horticulture meeting held recently, which several members enjoyed. Mrs. M. Hardy read a short paper on "Women in Canadian History". Mrs. W. Moase gave a brief history of the Port Perry Star, and mentioned the untiring efforts of the late Mr. Samuel Farmer and his family in publishing the paper for so many years. Mrs. S. Cawker read a letter from a Mrs. Homewood, who belongs to a sister W.I. in Lyndhurst, England. Mrs. Homewood told of many interesting ways of raising funds, in her letter, and sent best wishes to the Honeydale Branch.

We are pleased to announce Miss Alice Dodd and Miss Audrey Kent, are the new leaders of the 4-H Homemaking Club

in Port Perry. 16 girls are anxious to participate in the fall unit "Working with Wool".

Congratulations to Miss Mildred Martyn, of Prince Albert, who has won the Women's Institute Ontario County Scholarship. This amounts to \$100.00, and will help to further Mildred's education.

Miss A. Kent reported on Blackstock and Port Perry Fair exhibits, Honeydale winning 1st prize at both fairs. The Committee and those who contributed articles for the display, are thanked by the W.I., most sincerely.

The Short Course on "Copper Tooling" will be held in the Senior Citizens building, behind the Post Office, on Oct. 24-25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Those taking the course are asked to take a box lunch. For further information contact the committee—Miss A. Kent or Mrs. S. Naples.

A bus trip is planned for the Area Convention, on Nov. 7th. Kindly contact the convener Mrs. G. Barthau if you plan to attend.

An invitation from the Greenbank W.I. to attend the short course on "Creative Cookery", Oct. 8 - 9th, was accepted.

The convener of Resolutions Mrs. I. Fines dealt with the resolution, and members voted on same. Mrs. A. Prentice replied fittingly to the Motto, "Don't wait for Spring, do it now" Interesting readings given by Mrs. Fines and Mrs. Prentice brought the meeting to a close. Miss M. McLaren conducted a contest, the winner being Miss A. Dodd.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Fines and her group.

The Nov. meeting will be held Thurs., Nov. 14th. Members please note change of date.

Members will be working at the Cancer Dressing rooms each Friday, 2 - 4 p.m. Anyone interested in assisting in this very worthwhile project, will be welcomed.

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# "Hail and Farewell"

By M. B. Dymond, M.D.C.M. — M.P.P. Ontario Riding

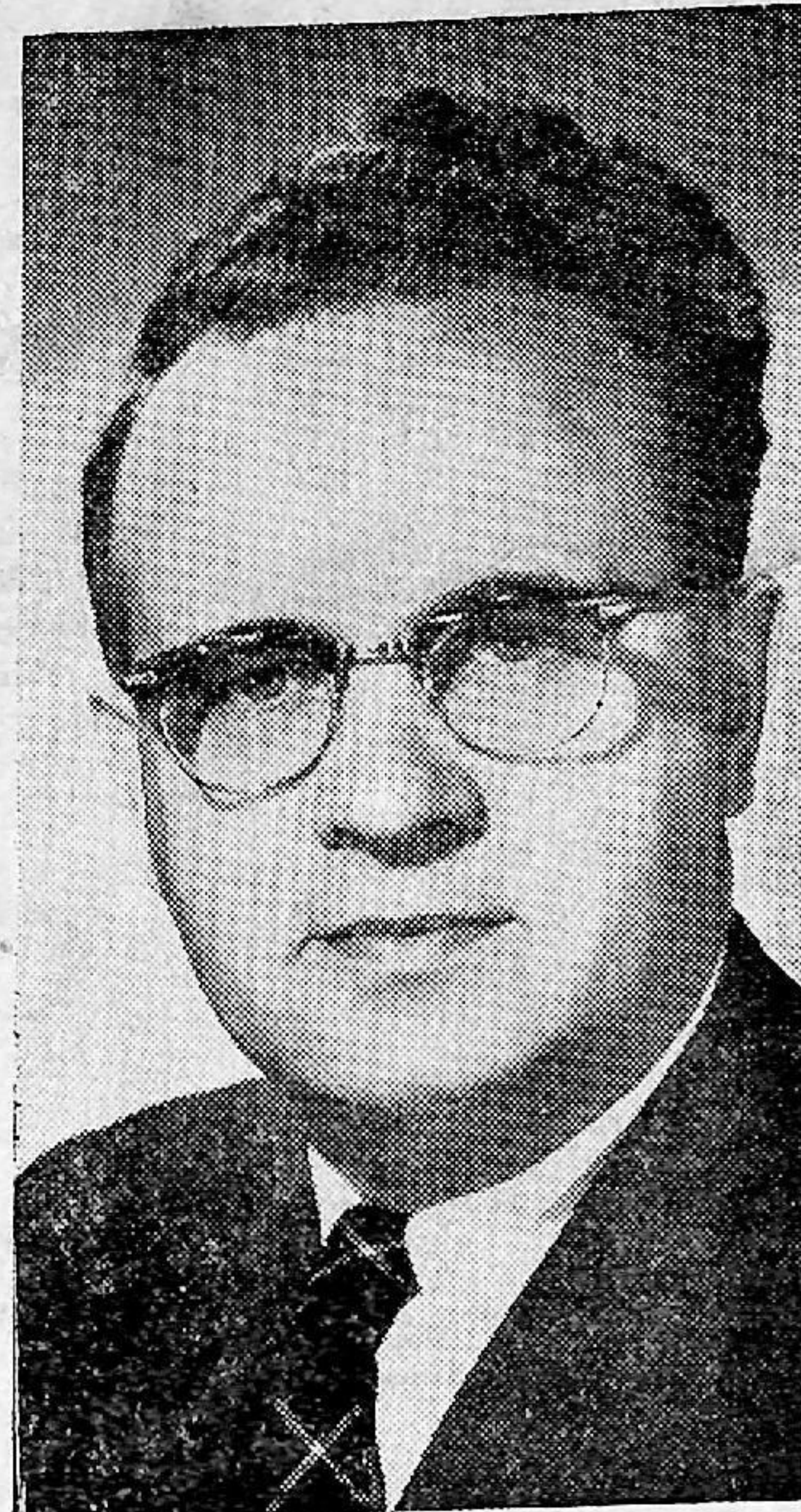
So accustomed have we, the readers of the Port Perry Star been to the idea that the paper was inextricably bound up with the Farmer family that it will be difficult to become quickly adjusted to the idea that it has passed into other hands. None-the-less, we do, all of us, most warmly congratulate the new publishers—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hvidsten on their acquiring the Star. We welcome them to our midst and wish for them all possible success in this extension of their operations.

Publishing a "Weekly" is no new venture to Peter and Leila—they have been publishing our neighboring Uxbridge Times-Journal for some years and doing it successfully—so successfully, in fact, that they have been the recipients of several Awards and for a variety of aspects of Weekly Newspaper production.

There are those who feel the Weekly has no real place in the chain of communication media of our present time. I suggest such contention is based on a quick, thoughtless assessment of the situation. Indeed I would be closer to the truth were I to say such statement is made out of ignorance, for any regular subscriber to the Weekly newspaper knows full well that few words in it are ever left unread—and oftentimes it is read and re-read. It goes far beyond its immediate local sphere of influence. Here again, many who have left the home base to seek "new adventure" or even to build a career, still "take" the local paper as an effective and continuing link with home, with friends and acquaintances of childhood and early life. It, the newspaper, became a weekly visit back home, or a weekly visit into the reader's home, bringing sometimes happy news, sometimes sad; giving rise to fond memories or to a sense of nostalgia but always reminding the reader of his roots and beginnings.

In the matter of news, the weekly wields an influence far larger than often thought. Not pressed by the need for "sensationalism to sell papers" the Editor can and usually does weigh carefully, the opinions he or she offers. So many of us look to the paper to help us reach our conclusions, form our opinions, on many questions of the day. This puts a great responsibility on those who write and publish the newspaper and the Weekly Editor, at any rate, is at one and the same time placed in an enviable and difficult position. It is to their credit, generally, that good thought, common sense, and well balanced judgment are usually reflected in their Editorials. Our new publishers and Editors have demonstrated already they are fully possessed of all the good attributes needed by a Weekly Editor to provide and sustain readership interest.

I know it will be a source of great pride and satisfaction for Port Perry folk to welcome back one of "our own boys"—William Harrison (or Bill, as he is well known). Bill learned the printing business in Port Perry—he began an interest, I believe, under the late Mr. Samuel Farmer, who started the family tradition of our local paper. For a man of his relatively few years, he is a veteran in the newspaper field and all of his time has been with the weekly. To Bill will go every good wish for his



success and the success of the "New" Star.

It is an inexorable law of life that we rarely say "Hail" without an accompanying "Farewell". So it is now that in "Hailing" the new publishers and Editors, we have to bid farewell to the former ones. And for Port Perry that will not come readily or be easy. The late Samuel Farmer was a notable and highly regarded figure in the Weekly newspaper world and he reached that place of eminence through his own hard work and studious application to duty. Speaking to Editors, and I think to Weekly Editors particularly it is hard to escape the feeling that the paper is more than a business—a livelihood—it is a part of the family, part of themselves. In this, Mr. Farmer was no exception. A man of strong convictions, he never flinched from standing by them even though they were not always popular. With a strong sense of fairness, most tolerant in his approach, possessed of a deep social consciousness, he tried always to present the news as he saw and interpreted it. He left a mark that will not soon be erased.

But "The old order changeth, yielding place to new" and so it is that a new era begins for the Port Perry Star.

May it continue to keep us all well informed on matters of local interest, particularly—and may it make still further contribution in the field of the "Weekly Newspapers". Its past will not soon be forgotten—I predict for it a bright and successful future. This prediction is, I know, the hope and wish held for it and for its new publishers and Editors—Peter and Leila Hvidsten and Bill Harrison—by all the present readers and indeed all of us living within its sphere of influence.

Sept 26 '63

Aug '63

## Ontario County Junior Farmers On Bus Tour

The Junior Farmer Bus Tour to Eastern Ontario and Quebec is being held this year from Sunday, August 18, to Saturday, August 24th.

This bus trip is sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Junior Farmers' Association.