

Mr and Mrs W.H. McEown 19
1872.Later moving to Town.Emma Elizabeth Smith, Mrs Ms Eown, came to Canada when 8 years old, in 1872. The Smiths settled on a farm at Deer Lake .Wm. and Emma were ma ried and lived in Huntsville, then moved to Bracebridge., lived in the house now owned by John Flynn. Later they moved to the farm .Lot 9 con. 5 where they lived until their/fr death. Wm. died in 1932 aged 73. Mrs Mc Eown died in 1947 aged 83. They had ten children, 5 girls and 5 boys, all living at the time of the death of their parents. Clarence the youngest lives on the farm.



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Muskoka Juvenile Court Begins of 1951

The Dominion Government has proclaimed the Juvenile Delinquents Act, a Federal statute, to be in force in the District of Muskoka. It was already in force in some of the neighboring areas, including the Counties of Simcoe and Ontario and District of Nipissing.

In Muskoka, as in all other areas where that Act is in force, juveniles will henceforth be tried in the Juvenile Court instead of the Police Courts. A juvenile is anyone under the age of sixteen years. To a slight extent the new system widens the classification of "juvenile" in that the age is now ascertained as at date of offence whereas previously it was reckoned as of day of trial. Therefore it is possible that a defendant who is over sixteen may be tried in Juvenile Court for something he or she is alleged to have done while under that age. Previously it sometimes happened that a defendant was tried as an adult, because of being sixteen years old by court day, for an offence alleged to have been committ-

ed while still under that age.

Gordon H. Aiken, Barrister-At-Law, of Gravenhurst has been appointed Juvenile Judge; this appointment, which is made by the Ontario Government, was made some time ago, as previously recorded in The Gazette, before the new Juvenile Court was ready to function.

Besides having exclusive jurisdiction with the Police Courts where adults are charged with having committed crimes against juveniles. It will apparently be in the discretion of the Crown Attorney and the police which court to proceed in where the latter type of charge is laid.

The new Juvenile Court will have facilities, which the Police Courts never possessed, for investigating the background of defendants before they appear in court and for checking up on them while on suspended sentence. For first offences, the Police Courts almost always turned the juveniles loose on suspended sentence and from then on the courts paid no attention to their conduct, the Police Courts having no set-up for such purposes.