

E.M. (Mac) FRASER

Edward MacLeese Fraser, better known as "Mac", was born Nov. 18th, 1922, on the Fraser Farm (Lot 1, Conc. 6, Ross Twosp.) on the Townline between Ross Township and Westmeath Township, now operated by an old school chum Osborne Bennett. His Father was the late Robert Alexander Fraser, who was born on the same farm. His mother was the former Agnes MacLeese, who was born at Forester's Falls on the farm now owned by Clarence Bilson.

Mac's father "Bert" as he was known to his friends, was the Chief of his particular Fraser descendants in Canada. The honour fell to his grandson David Alexander Fraser, son of "Mac".

Mac received his public school education at S.S. No. 15, Westmeath, and then went to Beachburg Continuation school for Grades 9 and 10, and to Forester's Falls Continuation school for grades 11 and 12, and on to Cobden High School for Grade 13. By this time the Second World War had broken out, and Mac entered the R.C.A.F. on April 4, 1941, and served as a pilot until April 5th, 1945, three years in Canada and one year in Great Britain. He attained the rank of Flying Officer. While training in Canada and stationed at Ottawa he was paying an aerial visit to his old home town of Forester's Falls, when he met with an accident on Feb. 12th, 1943, crashing his plane into the bush and rocks behind the village on the farm now occupied by Orin Waite. He sustained a broken collar bone, etc., but might have been killed.

He entered McGill University in 1945 upon his discharge from the R.C.A.F. and took accounting and Business Administration for two years. He then took a position with a Public Accountant in Ottawa for two years. He was then given the position of Clerk-Treasurer of the County of Renfrew in the year 1949, a position he still holds. He was also elected President of the Ontario Good Roads Association in 1960 for a one year term. On May 2, 1963 he accepted the nomination of the Renfrew North Progressive Conservative Association as a Candidate for the Federal Election which was held April 8, 1963. He was not successful polling 9,000 votes to the winners 11,000.

Mac was married in April 1943 to Marian Gertrude Bell, daughter of David Nelson Bell and Fannie Gertrude Bell of Forester's Falls, Ont. They have two children, David Alexander age 13, and Helen Gertrude Age 17. The Fraser family were residents of Renfrew County through three generations to date and up to 1941 in the Township of Ross.