

1953

## NORTH HORTON

Dec. 3

Miss Frances Coyne and Miss Frances Stewart spent Saturday in Pembroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Burns and daughter Heather of Pembroke spent the weekend with Mrs. John Stewart.

Mrs. John Lowe of Appleton visited a couple of days this week with her daughter, Mrs. Murray Campbell and Mr. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Eady and daughter Marilyn, visited on Sun-

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day with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fraser at Shawville.

Mrs. C. Smith celebrated her 80th Birthday on Saturday. A family dinner was held in her honor by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and son Dale, all of Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Budd Smith and children and Mr. Wm. Reid, all of Renfrew, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Miller of Castleford.

# Highlights of 1953

## January

22 — A. McNab acclaimed Reeve of Renfrew at special Nomination meeting called after resignation of Reeve Moore.

## February

9 — B & P Club hold International Night at Hotel Renfrew; guest speaker Alfred Hall, Information Officer of the United Kingdom High Commission.

11 — Women's Hospital Auxiliary hold Charity Ball in Separate School Auditorium.

## March

5 — Barnet Block sold to Bea-mish Stores.

7 — McGregor Farm in Douglas razed by \$50,000 fire.

27 — E. Roy Sayles honored by The Mercury staff at dinner to mark formal retirement from newspaper field after 64 years of service.

30 — Donald Fleming, M.P. spoke at B & P Club dinner.

## April

10 — Jack Snow Jewellers open new Renfrew store, managed by W. G. VanSlyck.

14 — Six-year-old Judy McMahon loses leg in train accident.

16 — Special meeting of Council sees boost in tax rate—public school supporters up 5 mills; Separate school 8.5.

24 — D. W. Stewart and Dr. James Wallace honored in Pembroke as two oldest graduates of Queen's University.

## May

12 — One of most successful Hospital Days in history.

14 — Merchants announce most would close shop at 9 o'clock Saturday evening.

20 — Retirement of A. B. C. Throop as principal of Renfrew Collegiate announced.

27 — Dr. J. J. McCann nominated at Liberal Convention to represent South Renfrew.

28 — Council decides to try parallel parking for one year.

## June

2 — Coronation Day celebrated in Renfrew with flags, floats, parades and fireworks display.

10 — Spencer Church of Calabogie celebrated 103rd birthday.

12 — Dr. W. G. Blair, MP for Lanark spoke to Renfrew's P.C.'s.

21 — Business and Professional Women hold Regional Conference in Renfrew.

## July

1 — Renfrew Glen Motel opened for tourist business.

3 — Decision to widen Hall Street made at special Council meeting.

9 — Conservative Leader Geo.

Drew spoke in Renfrew.

27 — Official nomination papers filed by Honorable Dr. J. J. McCann, A. A. MacLean and Geo. Calver for August 10 election.

27 — Debenture issues of \$105,000 were authorized at a special Council meeting, \$93,000 for the addition to Queen Elizabeth School and \$12,000 for the completion of the Filtration Plant.

## August

10 — Majority of over two thousand returned South Renfrew's minister, Honorable Dr. J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue.

20 — Renfrew's Cabinet Minister appointed acting Prime Minister in absence of Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

## September

1 — Peter Vice won Rota Derby in Labor Day Sports Programme.

16 — Lt. Governor Louis O. Breithaupt and Mrs. Breithaupt entertained on occasion of official visit to open Fair.

15 - 18 — South Renfrew Agriculture Society celebrated Centennial Fair.

18 — Mayor of Ottawa Charlotte Whitton officially visits Fair.

22 — Announcement came from Councillor Newman that the Lions Club would sponsor School Patrols in Renfrew. P/C Tom Wark appointed in charge.

## October

10 - 17 — Renfrew business women celebrated Business and Professional Women's Week.

22 — One of worst wrecks in Renfrew's history claimed three lives, injured six.

## November

7 — Pedlow Block sold to Principal Investments, Ltd.

10 — CF-100 crashed near Che-neaux Dam.

10 — Council entered into agreement with Central Mortgage and Housing to build 30 new homes.

19 — One of the most modern A & P Stores in Ottawa Valley opened in Renfrew.

24 — Council decided to put matter of secession from the County to a vote of the people.

30 — Brig. J. A. Gillies, O.B.E. presents Coronation Medals to four men of the 59th LAA Regiment (L&RS) RCA.

## December

4 — New Maher Shoe Store opened in Renfrew.

11 — Mayor and Reeve receive acclamation; Mrs. E. Millar defeated in contest for Deputy-Reeve; three new councillors elected at Civic Election. Town of Renfrew decided they want secession.