

# Highlights of 1954

## January

14—It was announced that arrangements had been completed between Messrs. J. Parker & Son, Trenton, Ontario and M. J. O'Brien, Ltd., whereby the former had leased a portion of Renfrew Woolen Mills for purpose of establishing a custom dyeing and finishing plant in Eastern Ontario.

21—Requests for raises by town employees refused; firemen withdrew requests in view of depressed labour conditions in Renfrew.

29—Renfrew Motor Sales, Ltd. moved to new headquarters on Highway 17.

## February

9—Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada, spoke at the B and P Club International Night.

13—One of Renfrew's most colourful men, Ex-M. P., Isaac E. Pedlow died in 94th year.

25—William D. Powell of Renfrew received appointment as sheriff of Renfrew County.

## March

6—Operations at Black Donald Mines completed after 50 years of graphite mining.

7—The Hon. Dr. McCann and Mayor John T. Moran poured tea at first men's tea ever held in Renfrew, sponsored by St. Paul's Men's Association.

11—Council asked Federal Government for aid in increasing employment in Renfrew.

23—Collegiate Board offered teachers \$300 raise, effective September, 1954.

## April

6—Tax rate went up 5 mills for Public School supporters and 7 mills for Separate School supporters.

11—Mrs. Catherine Doherty spoke on Communism and on her Friendship House at Combermere to open meeting of B and P Club.

## May

1—H. M. Garvie moved from store on Raglan street after 44 years in the same building.

9—Moderator of the General Assembly Rt. Rev. William A. Cameron spoke at the Presbyterian Church on its 28th. anniversary.

14—Renfrew's first Drive-In on the Burnstown Road opened.

17—Postal delivery inaugurated.

28—Hi-Way Drive-In on Highway 17 opened with Canada's first wide screen, a panoramic 75-ft. screen.

## June

5—Switch-over to dial telephones in Renfrew.

12—Twenty-eight American Editors, on tour of Ontario, stopped overnight in Renfrew and were entertained by Board of Trade and Town of Renfrew.

20—Week-end reunion of 240th

Battalion held here.

25—Hospital Board raised their rates.

28—R. O. McFarlan, Director of School of Public Administration at Carleton College spoke at Rotary Club Ladies' Night.

## July

12—Hundreds of Orangemen gathered in Renfrew to celebrate the twelfth of July.

29—Douglas Moore opened new fur salon.

## August

18—W. J. Styles, well-known local newspaperman died in his sleep.

## September

5—New Pentecostal Church dedicated.

6—Brockville Girls' Band highlighted Labor Day celebration here.

9—Dr. F. G. Robertson, Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, spoke at Victoria Hospital Nurses' Graduation.

15-18—101st Renfrew Fair attended by over 26,000.

28—Council decided to retain Ontario Provincial Police for another year.

## October

1—Reeve Allan McNab was elected to head Eastern Ontario Development Association, Zone 1.

8—Industrial Commission set up by Council to seek new industry.

15—Canadian Players did two-night production of "Saint Joan" here.

15—Mayor Moran officially opened the new Moran Heights development.

21—Hon. Robert Winters, Minister of Public Works spoke at meeting of South Renfrew Liberal Association.

27—James W. Baskin elected to head South Renfrew Progressive Conservative Association.

## November

17—Senator J. J. Connolly spoke at St. John Bosco P. T. A. meeting.

18—D. Leo Dolan, Director of Canadian Travel Bureau spoke at open meeting of B and P Club.

19—Dr. M. M. MacOdrum, president of Carleton College, spoke at Collegiate commencement.

## December

3—Walkers Stores, Ltd. resumed business in modern new building, part of block still under construction by Principal Investments, Ltd.

7—County Council decided on Renfrew as site for new Home for Aged.

9—D. W. Stewart, Jr., in a landslide vote defeated Mayor John T. Moran, Mayor of Renfrew for six years. One of the largest slates ever to run for Council, there were 14 this year in the running.