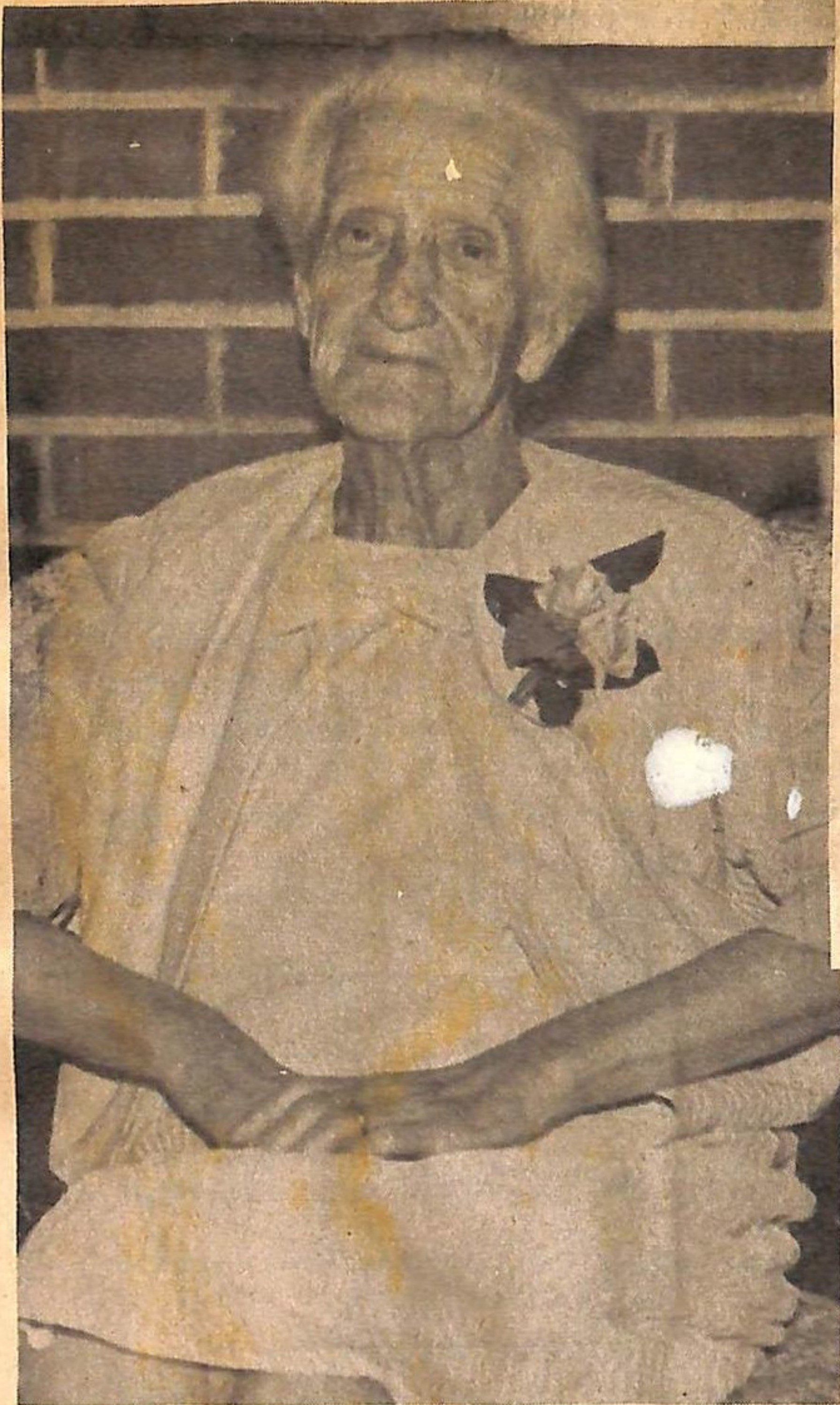


Celebrates 98th Birthday



Mrs. David Wittig celebrates her ninety-eighth birthday on Thursday, September 3. A resident of Fairhaven Nursing Home, Mrs. Wittig is looking forward to the event and is in fine spirits. Any of her friends who wish to convey greetings may visit her on Thursday from two to five in the afternoon or from five to eight in the evening.

Caught in Lively tornado Emmertons escape injury

Jeff and Timmy Emmerton went for a trip uptown with their father to get eggs last Thursday morning and it was a trip they will probably never forget.

Vacationing in Lively, Ontario, just outside Sudbury, Jeff and Tim were playing outside in a tent where they had slept when their father Ron Emmerton of Huron Terrace here in Kincardine told them to hop into the car for a ride up to the store.

Ten minutes later disaster struck and the tent in which the boys had been playing was buried beneath downed hydro wires and debris from a nearby garage which was demolished by a tornado-like storm which struck the town.

The severity of the storm can be imagined by Ron's account

of houses being torn in two, boats hurled three blocks, garages being lifted completely and cars being overturned. One man was killed when a house trailer turned over on him after he had sought shelter behind it and hundreds were injured, some seriously.

Ron and Lois Emmerton and their sons, Jeff, eight-years-old and Tim, five-years-old, arrived in Lively on Tuesday for a holiday with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Bell. Mrs. Bell is Ron's sister Joyce, formerly of Kincardine and Chuck is a former Tiverton resident.

Shortly before eight-thirty on Thursday morning, Joyce discovered she was out of eggs and sent Ron to the store. On the way out, Ron roused the two boys who had been sleeping out overnight in the tent. They travelled about four blocks to a shopping centre when the storm struck. Seeing the impending danger, Ron drove his small car, a Volkswagen, between two large trucks parked on the shopping centre lot. Fortunately there was no serious damage done in the vicinity of the shopping centre.

Back at the Bell residence, Mrs. Emmerton was dressing when she heard the shouts of Mrs. Bell and other guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hadley of London. The sound of breaking glass reached her ears as the large picture window in the

front of the house blew in. In the next four minutes, the occupants, showered with glass, and dragged to the basement and witnessed one of the most devastating storms to strike in Ontario. Every window was blown in. The garage adjacent to the house was demolished, the family boat lifted the entire length of the property and the tent where the two boys had been playing was buried with debris.

After the storm passed over, Ron's first concern was for the safety of his wife Lois and the others at the Bell home. Due to downed hydro wires, poles and tree limbs, it took him fifteen minutes to reach the home. On the way he witnessed damage to hundreds of homes and saw many injured.

Back at the Bell residence, Mrs. Emmerton was frantic with worry over the safety of her children and although it was only about fifteen minutes until they returned unharmed, she said it seemed like hours.

As the injured were being taken to hospital and the damage surveyed the sun came out and it was a beautiful day, all but overlooking the tragedy which had taken place in those few brief moments.

On his return to the Bell home Ron was forgiven for one mistake, he forgot to get the eggs.

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An old-time threshing is depicted in this photograph taken a few years ago in the Glamis area. Only two members of the crew have as yet been identified. Standing on the feed table with his arms crossed in the dark shirt is Joe Ferris and on the right, with

his hand on the wheel, is Jim Ferris. Anyone knowing any others can let us know at the News or phone Mrs. Hilda Downey in Tiverton.