

We are now at the beginning of a New Year, 1971. Let us review a few of the events of the year 1971 which has just passed into history: **January 23**, Fire destroyed the main building of Baird's Lumber Co. on Queen St. East, St. Marys; **Feb. 20th**, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Towle went on a trip to Japan, visited Expo 70 and also travelled to other places of interest; **Feb. 28th**, Brown's UCW catered to the Oxford County Ayrshire banquet held in Brown's United Church; **March 6**, World Day of Prayer service was held at Brown's United Church, with ladies from Wellburn and North Nissouri churches as guests; **May 13**, Linda Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Martin, graduated as a registered nurse's assistant at the nursing assistant centre, Sanatorium Road, London; **August 6**, Brown's Men's Club held a successful barbecue. **August 17**, Dr. J. C. Hackney, formerly of St. Marys, passed away suddenly at Hazelton in British Columbia. **August 24**, After 97 years of operation, the Avonbank Cheese and Butter Co. was sold. **November 4th**, Brown's UCW held a very successful bazaar. **November 8**, The 109th Anniversary of East Nissouri was celebrated. Rev. Fred Potter, pastor of Stone Church, Toronto, was the guest speaker. **Nov. 26th**, The annual dinner for the staff and correspondents of the Journal-Argus was held in St. Marys United Church. **Dec. 3rd**, A Christmas dinner was held at Brown's to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Brown's United Church Women. May the New Year bring peace and happiness to you all.

Mrs. T. L. McMurray believes in keeping up with the times and recently celebrated her 59th wedding anniversary by going snowmobiling with her granddaughter, Paula Williams. Mrs. McMurray is 81 years young and thoroughly enjoyed the outing.



"IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT" LANDS IN DOWNIE — Alister McIntosh and daughter Mary examine a United States weather balloon which landed in a field behind the McIntosh home on January 7th. Alister at first thought the deflated balloon was a man lying in the field so the weather gadget was a welcome relief. The "Redrosonde" operates from a height of 17 miles and consists of the box of electronic gadgetry held by Mary, plus parachute and balloon held by her father. The U.S. weather officials do not want the equipment returned when found outside the U.S.A. so Mary will take the entire equipment in for scrutiny by the Collegiate geography department. Incidentally, the "flickering light" a part of the instrument box, may be an explanation for most of the unidentified flickering lights in the sky noted quite frequently over the past number of years. *Jan. 13, 1971*

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SNOWMOBILES BY THE HUNDREDS invaded Thorndale for the big Winter Carnival over the past week-end. A small section of the line-up waiting for their race category may be seen in this picture.