

DEATHS and FUNERALS

JOSEPH ROY GRAVES

Joseph Roy Graves of 15 Main St. E., passed away on Monday, July 5th at the Woodstock General Hospital, in his 74th year.

Born in Teeterville, Windham Township, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Graves and farmed in that area until thirty years ago when he moved to Holbrook where he operated a general store for five years. Twenty-five years ago he moved to Norwich where he has since resided. He was an employee of the Pinkerton Hardware, the Martin Hardware and worked at the former Byers and Wenn firm as a carpenter until his retirement. He was a member of the Norwich Baptist Church and also served in the army during the First World War. Mr. and Mrs. Graves celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March of this year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Agnes McMullen; two daughters, Mrs. Fred (Helen) Thompson of Norwich, and Mrs. Bruce (Shirley) Pettit of Sarnia; a sister Mrs. William (Violet) Cole of Norwich; a brother Ensley of Scotland and five grandchildren.

Mr. Graves is resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence where the funeral will be held on Thursday, July 8th at 2 p.m. with Rev. R. D. Duncanson of Knox Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment will be in Norwich Cemetery.

CECIL McKAY DENNIS

Cecil McKay Dennis aged 83 years, RR 1, Burgessville, passed away on Thursday, July 1st at Woodstock General Hospital, following a short illness.

He was born at Burgessville, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis, and had lived on the farm where he was born as his father did before him.

Mr. Dennis was a market gardener and fruit grower. In

1935 he started a small canning factory at his home and canned apple juice. The following year he added the canning of tomatoes, and later fruits and vegetables, a business he operated until he was taken ill. He was a former member of the Burgessville Oddfellow Lodge also a former member and director of the fruit growers, and an adherent of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife the former, Maude Ethel Osmond; two daughters, Miss Margaret Dennis of London and Mrs. Fred (Eulalie) Buckrell of Burgessville; two sons, John of WoWodstock and Ronald of Burgessville; one sister, Mrs. Sidney (Eulalie) Hudgill, London. Ten grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

The funeral was held on Monday, July 5th at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence with Rev. C. R. Evans of 1st Baptist Church, Woodstock officiating.

The bearers were David Wilson, Alvah Lampman, Douglas Topham, Paul Fleming, Hugh Hughes and Charles Rockett.

Interment was in Burgessville Cemetery.

NORWICH (C) — Mrs. Scott Hastings received word on Wednesday, January 13, of the death of Mrs. Robert Mann who passed away in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Mrs. Mann was the former Delma Henderschott of Burgessville.

Delma Henderschott father Phillip Henderschott was Principal of Burgessville Public many years ago.

Medal Of Honor Presented

Peter C. Lemon

Peter C. Lemon, of National City, Michigan, a former Sergeant in the United States Army, received the highest award, The Medal of Honor, from President Richard N. Nixon, of the United States of America, at a ceremony held at the White House, June 15th, 1971.

He was one of seven men honored for conspicuous gallantry in Vietnam and received his award for acts he performed, while an assistant machine gunner with the First American Air Calvary Division in Vietnam, where he served from July 26th, 1969 to July 23rd, 1970.

According to his citation, his division was in Tay Ninh, near the Cambodian Border on April 1st, 1970 when the position was hit by a large enemy force. Under heavy fire by a superior opposing force, Sgt. Lemon retaliated with machine gun and rifle fire, and when the weapons malfunctioned, used hand grenades, and hand to hand combat to engage the enemy. Despite wounds from an exploding grenade, he turned back, carrying several buddies to safety.

Realizing a second attack was coming, he fought off the advancing enemy with hand grenades. Though he was wounded a third time, his determined efforts successfully drove back the enemy from the position. As stated in his citation, in action he managed to secure a working machine gun and rain fire on the enemy until he collapsed of multiple wounds and exhaustion.

Late last year, while stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest award for bravery in action at Vietnam. He also received two Bronze Stars, two Army Commendation Medals, a Purple Heart, two Vietnamese Campaign awards and the National Defence Award; also two Air Medals.

Peter, who is 21 years of age is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemon of East Tawas, Michigan. He was born in

Toronto and went with his parents, as a child to Tawas, where he attended school and graduated in 1968.

In 1969 he volunteered and entered the Army in February 1969, taking his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In July of that year, he was sent to Vietnam. On April 1st, 1970 after being wounded in battle he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. On December 4th of the same year he separated from the Army.

After his separation he met the former Diane Smith of Tawas City. They were married on April 11th of this year and are residing in National City.

Mr. Lemon's father, Charles, was a native of Norwich and served as a radio technician in the RCAF, overseas, during the Second World War.

Peter has a sister Judy, a teacher in the East Tawas Elementary Unit, and a brother Rick, 16, who is attending school. The entire family were flown to Washington for the presentation by President Nixon, and the dinner at the White House which was attended by the six other U. S. servicemen, who also received the Congressional Medal of Honor.