

## Burgessville News

BURGESSVILLE (C) — The ladies of the Burgessville United Church entertained Mrs. Hattie Chant to a farewell party and presented her with a gift prior to her going to reside at Woodingford Lodge. Hattie thanked all her friends for remembering her. A dainty lunch was served bringing the afternoon to a close.

Mrs. Merton Penny, accompanied by her brother Lorne Yeager, Woodstock, attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. George Crosier, Delhi, recently.

Mrs. Merton Penny was a dinner guest on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reeves, Norwich.

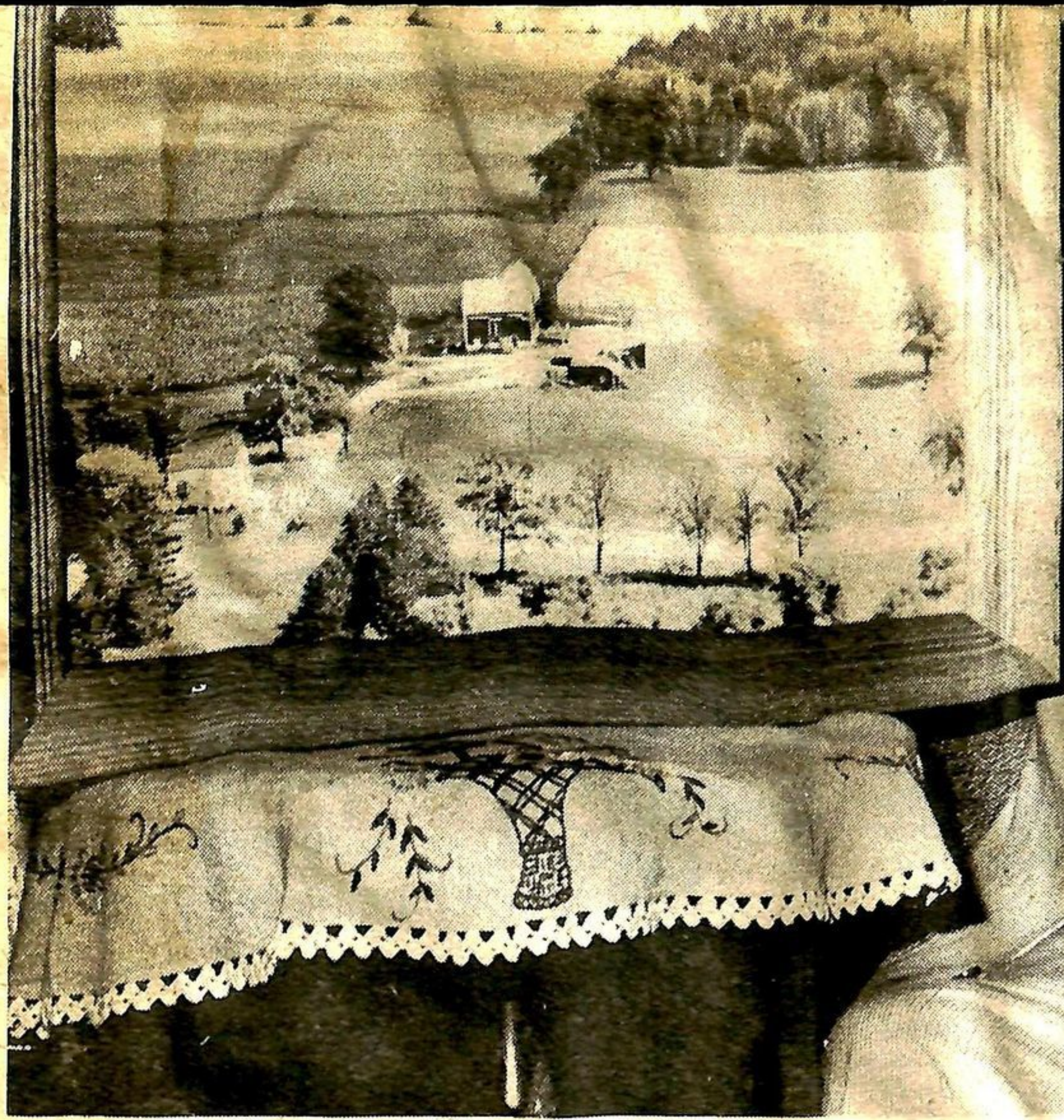
Mrs. Ross Johnson attended the Area Institute convention, held in St. Marys.

Mrs. Bill McMillen was the guest speaker at the Take-a-

Break meeting in the Baptist Church when she showed some of her buttons and gave their history.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Salmon spent Sunday with friends in Port Dover.

Miss Muriel Buckrell, Scarboro, spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Buckrell.



Jim Pollard displays a painting of the Pollard Brothers Dairy and Farm as it was in its days of full operation. Mr. Pollard, who celebrated his 80th birthday last Wednesday,

operated the dairy with his brother William for over 30 years.

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### Former dairy operator

# Jim Pollard has 80th birthday

Someone once said "age is a state of mind" and that is certainly true for Jim Pollard. Although Mr. Pollard celebrated his 80th birthday last Wednesday, October 17, he has the mind and wit of a young man.

Mr. Pollard has led an active life of farming and working in the Pollard Brothers Dairy until it was sold to Silverwoods in 1966. Now retired he lives across the road from the site where the dairy once stood.

Sitting with Mr. Pollard in his kitchen last Wednesday, he reminisced about the days when he and his younger brother William operated the dairy here in Norwich.

Although the dairy is no longer in existence, having been replaced by a fertilizer plant, it was a well-known landmark in Norwich for over 30 years. Mr. Pollard and his brother went into the business in 1930, at first selling raw milk produced by their own dairy herd.

New government regulations eventually stipulated that milk be pasteurized so the brothers installed a pasteurizer in 1939. The business branched out and William enlarged his delivery route to include the Burgessville, New Durham, Kelvin and Hatchley districts. A cold storage plant and an ice machine were installed with the dairy in 1937.

Jim Pollard was born in North Norwich within one mile of his father's birthplace. His great grandfather came over from Halifax, England in the year 1844. A grocer and tea merchant in England, Joseph Pollard, a widower, made the trip with his two daughters Sarah and Catherine. Sarah died on board ship at Quebec.

Joseph Pollard's son George, (Jim's grandfather), was attending boarding school in England the time but joined his

father in Canada in 1847. The Pollards were one of the early Quaker families to settle in the Norwich area.

George eventually moved down to the area of Quaker Street where the Farmers Elevators now stand.

In 1914 Jim Pollard's father John moved the family to the farm on which the cold storage and dairy were later located. A while before their parents moved to the farm Jim and William had begun developing the Ayrshire herd started by their father.

The brothers continued in the Ayrshire tradition with the milk sold by the dairy being strictly Ayrshire milk. William and James originally handled only the milk from their 17 cows in the dairy but soon were taking in milk from other farmers. Eventually only one-fifth of the milk handled was their own.

Mr. Pollard remembers well the days when milk was sold for 10 cents a quart. As competition increased, the price even went as low as 7 cents a quart. But as the competition went under the price came back up to 10 cents where it remained for a number of years. This of course was during the depression, said Mr. Pollard, and there were some customers who could not even afford 10 cents a quart.

Mechanization gradually came along and the work that was once done by hand was done by machine—the milking of the cows and the washing and filling of the bottles. Mr. Pollard said his work day usually ended about 10 p.m.

In 1966 the Pollard Brothers Dairy was sold to Silverwoods with the cold storage being sold in 1968.

Norwich hasn't changed so much in population since those early days but it was quite a going concern at that time, said Mr. Pollard.

Mr. Pollard and his wife Annie can take life easy now. The day of his birthday was rather quiet but family celebrations took place on

the weekend before and after his 80th birthday. All the children and grandchildren were on hand to make the celebrations complete.

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*Dec. 5/79*

BURGESSVILLE (C) — Mrs. Bill Clark accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hoover spent Friday at the home of the latter's sister Miss Jo Clutton, Oakville.

A dinner party was held recently in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hoover's and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhill's wedding anniversaries. Attending the dinner at the Homestead restaurant were Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Parkhill, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sackrider, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mighton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Storey, Mr. Fred Sullivan and Mr. Tisdale. Following dinner they returned to the home of Lloyd and Dorothy Sackrider for an evening of cards. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are celebrating their 53rd anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Parkhill their 43rd. Congratulations to both couples.

Mrs. Jim Weathersten, Paris, was a recent guest at the home of Mrs. Merton Penny. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hughes and Carmen, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McFarland attended a pre-Christmas party on Saturday night at

the home of Misses Janet and Vicki Hughes, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Yeager, Woodstock spent Sunday at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Merton Penny.

Mr. Morrison Hoover and son David spent Wednesday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hoover.

BURGESSVILLE (C) — Group three of the Burgessville United Church Women met at the home of Mrs. Clifford Walpole in Woodstock for their November meeting. One member was absent and one visitor was present.

Due to the absence of our leader, Mrs. Morley, the commentary on the Scripture "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us", was read by Mrs. Parkhill. The thought was expressed that roses can grow among weeds, so we can serve Christ regardless of our environment.

Mrs. Bertrand read "The Gift of Forgiveness", Mrs. Penny's selection was "The Tapestry of Life" and Mrs. McMillan chose "Outlook."

A Prayer on the Square" was given by Mrs. Walpole and Mrs. Kelly read "Praise is like Perfume". Mrs. Parkhill's choice was "A Healthy Prayer".

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with exchange of gifts at our December meeting and arrange our part of the Christmas program for the general United Church Women, instead.

Quilt blocks were pieced after which the hostess served lunch.

The next meeting will be on December 12 at the home of Mrs. Parkhill.

### Our Wisdom Corner:

Failure doesn't mean we are inferior.

It does mean you are not perfect.

Failure doesn't mean you have wasted your life.

It does mean you have a reason to start afresh.

Failure doesn't mean you should give up.

It does mean you must try harder.

Failure doesn't mean you'll never make it.

It does mean it will take a little longer.

Failure doesn't mean God has abandoned you.

It does mean God has a better idea.