

The Easter Bunny lives

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The Easter Bunny is residing in Burgessville. At least one of his star helpers is.

Dorothy Pilkey, formerly of Tillsonburg, has been creating decorative Easter eggs at her home in Burgessville for the past three or four years. But what began as a fun hobby has grown into a major undertaking that consumes several hours a day during the weeks prior to Easter.

The recipe for the large, cream-filled, chocolate coated eggs was given to Mrs. Pilkey by her sister-in-law and after perfecting the

egg, she went into its production on a major scale.

The last two years she has been placing her eggs in the local restaurant in Burgessville for sale and this year will also put them in the local grocery store in Burgessville as well as a restaurant and a retail outlet in Norwich.

One year Mrs. Pilkey, who also drives a rural mail route, put them into the mailboxes of her older retired mail receivers to give them an unexpected, but much enjoyed, Easter treat and to let them know they were being thought of. She said she usually

creates about 100 of the eggs but will probably make 200 eggs for sale this year. She also gives many of them away, too many, says her daughter Tammy who enjoys sampling the defective eggs her mother considers unworthy for sale.

So popular are her Easter eggs that in the weeks prior to Easter, people begin asking when she'll be making them again.

"People get to expect it," she said.

The process of making the eggs, which ingredients include a blend of icing sugar, corn syrup and butter

for the filling, shaped like an egg and coated in chocolate with decorative icing roses, is a tedious and time-consuming one, but one Mrs. Pilkey enjoys. It takes about three hours to do one batch, she said, but as she goes on she improves her time and technique.

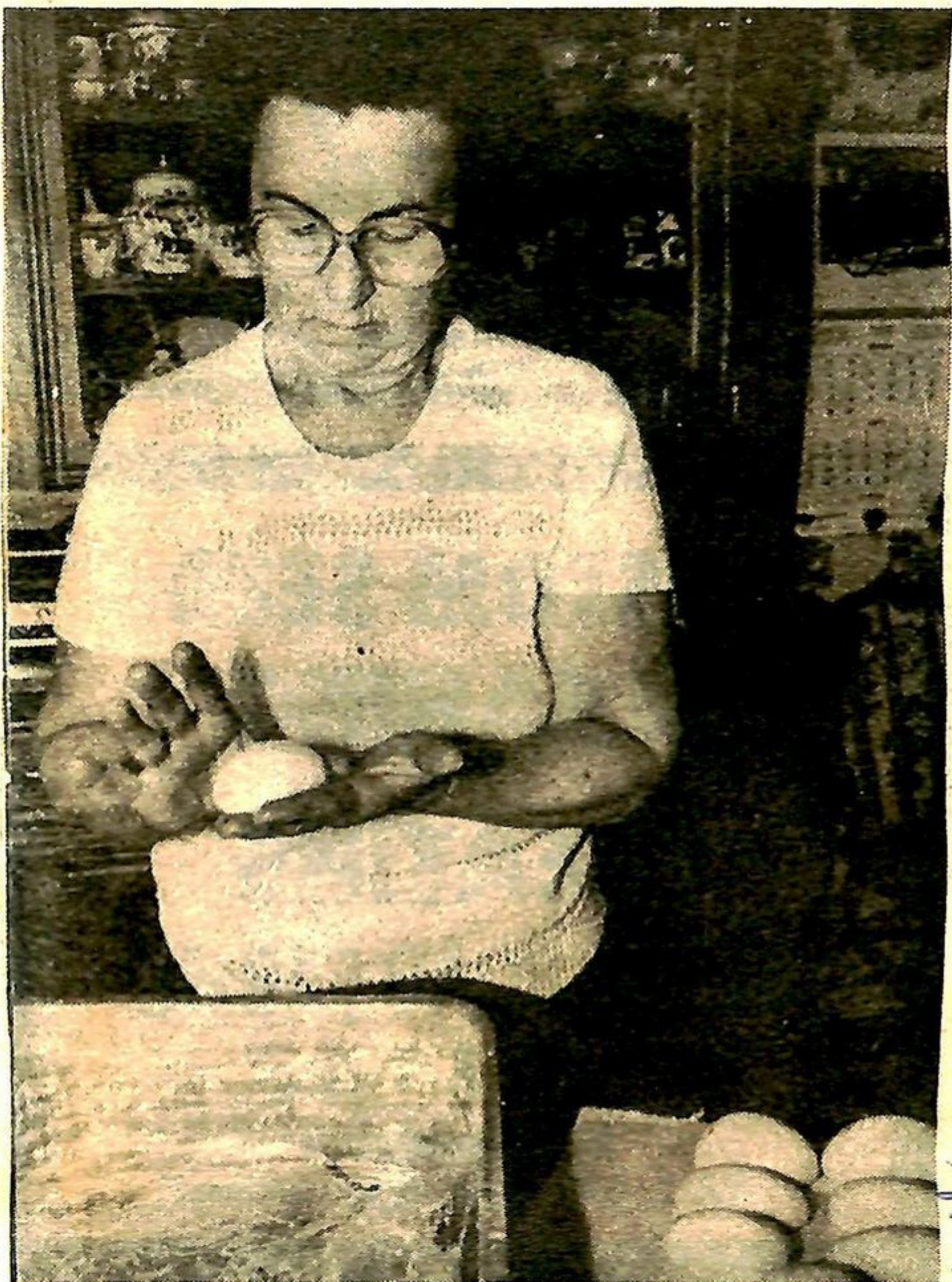
In addition to the decorative eggs, Mrs. Pilkey also decorates cakes for every occasion.

Making the eggs is an expensive hobby with the price of the ingredients constantly on the rise, but Mrs. Pilkey enjoys it and the happiness her eggs, given to many as gifts, bring.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD ELLIS DAVIS

Candelabra with ferns and bows decorated Burgessville United Church on September 20, 1980, at 6:30 p.m. for the wedding of Patricia Joanne Sawatzky, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sawatzky of RR 4, Woodstock, and Ronald Ellis Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis of RR 1, Burgessville. Rev. J.R. Williams of Curries officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Shirley Blakley of Burgessville was organist and played traditional wedding music. She also accompanied the soloist Vi Sackrider of RR 1, Norwich, friend of the couple, who sang Sunrise, Sunset, and The Wedding Song during the service.



Shaping up

After several years of practice, Dorothy Pilkey has finally mastered the art of shaping into eggs the creamy filling for her chocolate covered Easter eggs. She makes dozens of the eggs for sale each Easter. (NG Photo).



Taking a dip

Dipping the Easter eggs into the chocolate coating is one of the trickier aspects involved in Dorothy Pilkey's Easter egg making. She expects to make 200 of the eggs this year in her home for sale. (NG Photo).

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5 Deaths

LAMPMAN - Passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Sunday, January 3, 1982. Wilma Meda (Kelly) Lampman of Burgessville in her 73rd year. Wife of the late Alvah E. Lampman (1980). Mother of Mrs. Yvonne Glover of Burgessville. Sister of Mrs. Robert (Freda) Hamilton of London. Grandmother of Cindy and Jill. Friends may call at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where the funeral and committal service will be held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Alex Gray officiating. By request of the family the casket will remain closed.

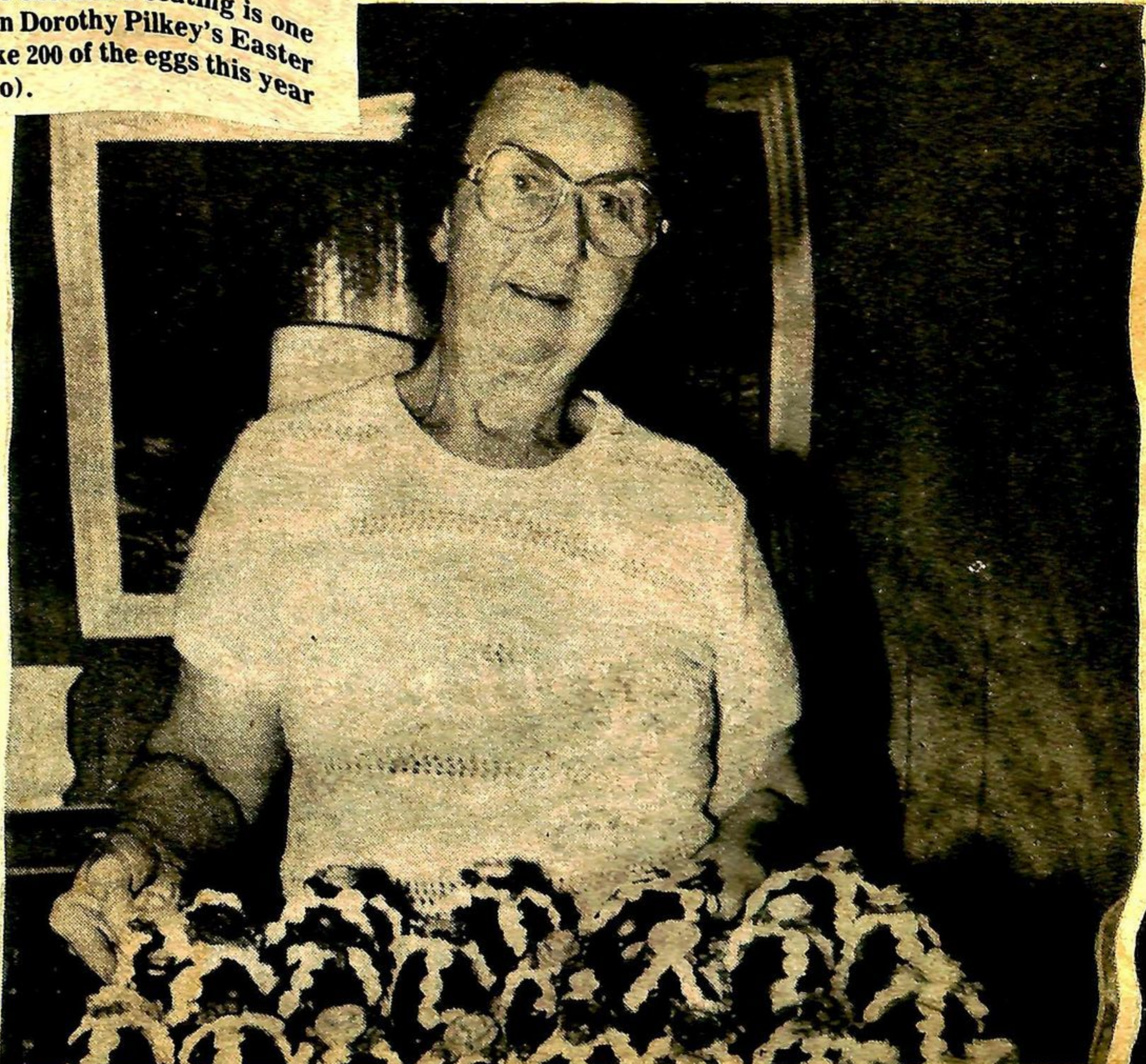
HARRY CALBERT CARROLL

Harry Calbert Carroll of 399 Lampman Place, Woodstock, passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Wednesday, June 17, 1981, in his 78th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Bernice Costain; one daughter, Mrs. Roger (Caroline) Orth and two grandchildren, Jane and David Orth, all of Burgessville; and two brothers Douglas Carroll of Norwich and Sheldon Carroll of Ottawa.

He was predeceased by a brother Kenneth Carroll of Detroit in 1963.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where the funeral arrangements are incomplete.



Finished product

Dorothy Pilkey of Burgessville holds up a tray of recently completed Easter eggs she has created in her home for sale. She has been at the hobby for the past three years, making eggs to sell and give away. (NG Photo).