

Pearl Byers

Pearl May (Strucke) Byers of Chesley passed away at the Chesley and District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, June 19, 1994, in her 79th year.

Born on January 11, 1916 in Sullivan Township, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Alfredo (Klages) Strucke.

She was a housewife and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Chesley.

On February 27, 1935 in Sullivan Township, she married her husband, Percy Byers, whom she leaves to mourn her passing.

Dear mother of two sons, Maurice and his wife, Marlene Byers of Chesley and Dennis and his wife, Evelyn of Hanover and three daughters, Phyllis and her husband, Harold Sachs of Guelph; Marjorie Feltis and her friend, Mervyn Blake of Hanover and Peggy and her husband, Paul Bell of Chesley. She will be sadly missed by 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Dear brother of Walter Strucke of Owen Sound. She was predeceased by brothers, Lorne, Edgar and Mel and by sisters, Maida, Alma and Tillie.

Friends were received at the Emke-McFadden Funeral Home in Chesley on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The funeral service was held from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Chesley on Wednesday, June 22, 1994 at 11 a.m. Pastor Paul Hartig officiated.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Byers, Ken Kaufman, Stuart Byers, Ray Strucke, Don Byers and Joe Rich.

The flowers were carried by Angela Bell, Michelle Rich, Roselene Feltis, Lisa Lemont and Cindy Rich.

Interment in the Chesley Cemetery.

Donations to the Chesley Hospital and the Heart and Stroke Foundation were gratefully acknowledged by the family as expressions of sympathy.



Little David Khoo peeks out from behind his mom, Darci (left) as she presents a cheque for \$103 to Chesley Minor Ball Association treasurer, Brenda Fullerton on Monday morning. The money represents the proceeds from a recent Snack Pak entertainment night at DAD's Restaurant in Chesley, which Darci owns. The next live music night will be held July 29th at DAD's, with proceeds going to Chesley's Big Sisters' Association (Golem photo)



Annie Doerr, originally of Walkerton, was the first guest of Elgin Abbey Lodge, moving in after it was opened in March 1984. The mother of nine children celebrated her 99th birthday, June 17th. (Hancock photo)

Long-time custodian retiring

by Mary Golem

When he started his job 21 1/2 years ago for \$1.90 an hour, Walter Atton thought he was "making a lot of money."

Next month, he'll retire after years of dedicated service as head custodian at the Chesley Public School. There's no doubt his quiet manner, conscientious effort and genuine interest in the school he's kept clean all these years will be missed.

It was back on January 2, 1973 that Walter Atton received a letter from the Bruce County Board of Education informing him he had been hired as a part-time custodian at the school. Later, he would replace custodian Bob McTavish, who retired that June.

And now, after 21 1/2 years on the job, Atton is preparing for retirement himself. But there's still some work to do before then.

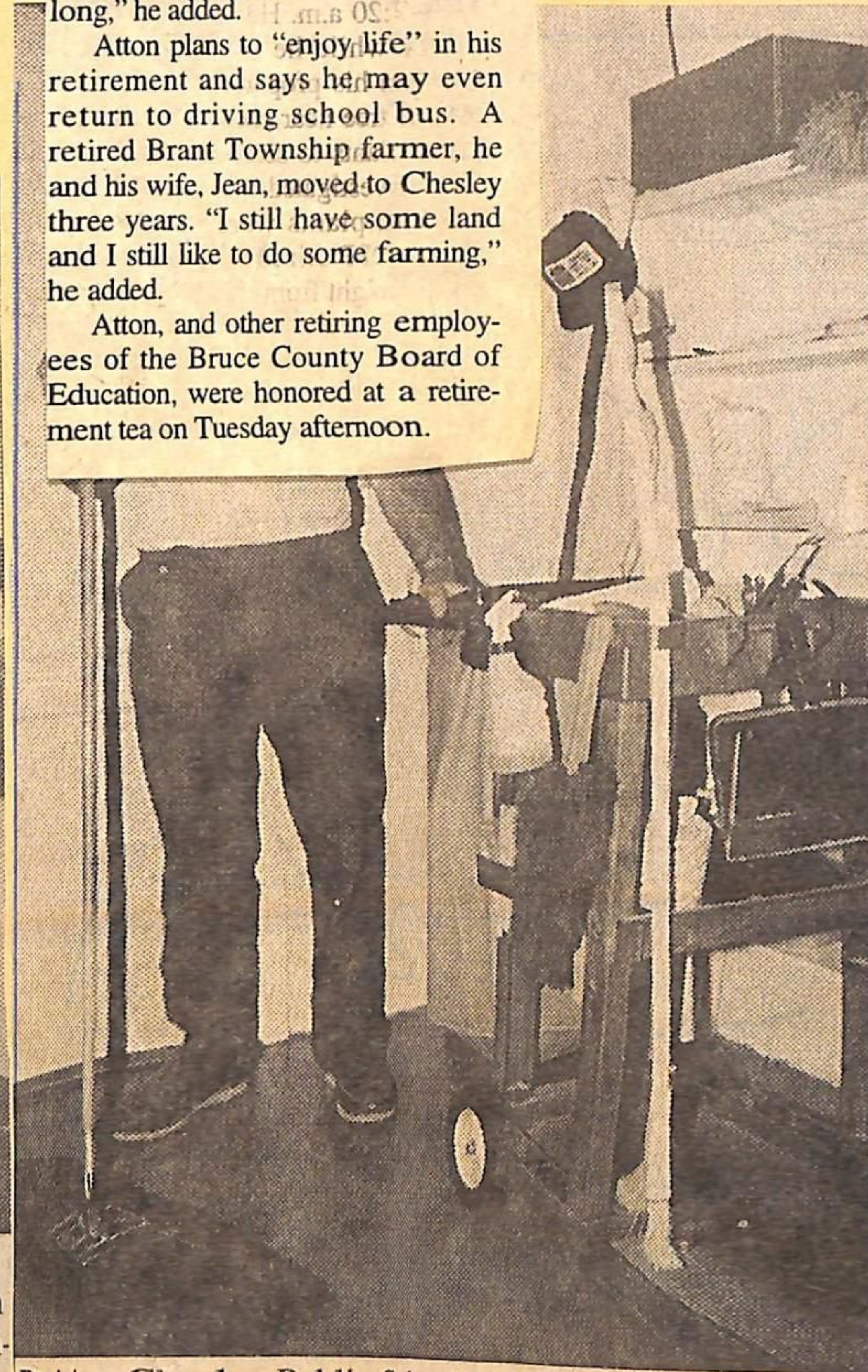
The end of the school year means a complete cleaning of the school, a task that Atton and his current helper, Dale Woods will undertake in a couple of weeks. Other tasks will be completed before Atton begins his holidays the end of July. He retires the end of August.

"I'm sad to be leaving," he said in an interview. "I've been here a long time and I've enjoyed it. I always got along well with staff," he added, as he talked about working with his first principal, Gordon Alexander and then the late Bev Lustig and now Maureen Jahnke.

"21 1/2 years - it doesn't seem that long," he added.

Atton plans to "enjoy life" in his retirement and says he may even return to driving school bus. A retired Brant Township farmer, he and his wife, Jean, moved to Chesley three years. "I still have some land and I still like to do some farming," he added.

Atton, and other retiring employees of the Bruce County Board of Education, were honored at a retirement tea on Tuesday afternoon.



Retiring Chesley Public School custodian Walter Atton.