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Injuries Prove Fatal To Girl

A 13 year old Milton public school student, Betty Varley, died May 30 as a result of injuries sustained when she was in collision with a car driven by Elwood Johnson, R.R. 3, Acton, about a mile south of Milton on No. 25 Highway the previous Wednesday.

Funeral services were held on June 1 from the MacNab and Son, chapel. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery.

According to investigating officers, the young girl was about a quarter-of-a-mile away from her home when the accident happened. She had been attending a home economic class at Milton High School previously. She and her older sister, Grace, were walking on the west side of Highway 25. Grace Varley crossed over to

HOME FOR DUCKS
FREDERICTON (CP) — Nesting boxes have been placed in an area established as a sanctuary for ducks landing along the St. John River near Fredericton. The area was chosen by the Fredericton fish and game association.

the east side of the highway, while Betty waited for oncoming traffic to pass. Betty was watching south-bound car some distance away when she started across and when she was at the centre of the road, noticed a car almost upon her.

The driver of the car told police he swerved to miss the girl but the side of the front fender collided with her. She was tossed about 10 feet. Taken to Milton Private hospital, it was found she suffered fractures of both legs, internal injuries with numerous cuts and bruises. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Varley, R.R. 1, Milton.

Halton's Pages of the Past

Limestone Rock Still Around Little Kelso Is a Ghostly Reminder of Pioneer Past

BY GWEN CLARKE

In looking over the history of Halton, the name of D. D. Christie occurs quite frequently, particularly in connection with Milton, Acton and Nassagaweya. This is not surprising as further investigation reveals that Mr. Christie was one of Halton's most active and enterprising citizens.

David Darling Christie was born in 1840 in the district now known as Kelso on the Fifth Line, Nassagaweya. His father was Charles Christie, who came to this same township about 1830, approximately the same time as Andrew Elliott and Christie came from Kelso in Scotland and after receiving grants of Crown Land it is understandable why the little settlement was given the name of Kelso. According to field notes taken by Ruben Sherwood, provincial surveyor, the land around Kelso was "stoney, uneven ground with tall pines and a serpentine stream running through the flats."

Plenty of Rock and Stone There was certainly plenty of rock and stone, which to the average settler was a disadvantage, but to Charles Christie, who had been familiar with quarries in the Old Country, the terrain held promise of a similar nature. This faith was



DAVID DARLING CHRISTIE, son of Charles Christie, opened the Christie Limestone Quarries and owned stores in Campbellville, Milton and Acton as well as operating a private bank in Acton. D. D. Christie's log house near Kelso still stands.

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justified many years later when his son David opened up the Christie Limestone Quarries—a day which Charles did not live to see as, when David was only 12, his father was riding home from Milton, climbing the mountain by way of the Base Line. The road was rough; the horse stumbled, threw his rider and then rolled on top of him. It was several days before Christie's lifeless body was discovered in a gully.

As was usual in those days the boy David's education was very limited but as he grew older the opportunity presented itself and he was able to attend the Rockwood Academy. At an early age his ambition and business ability became evident and he successfully opened a general store in Campbellville, Milton and Acton. In Acton he also operated a private bank, the banking business being carried on at the back of the store.

When the Credit Valley Railway built a line through Nassagaweya from Guelph Junction, D. D. Christie was quick to realize that it was now possible for his father's dream to become a reality. And so the Limestone Quarry came into being and remained in operation until

1929 when it was sold to the Gypsum Lime and Alabastine Company of Paris, Ontario.

Had First Cookstove

The log house where D. D. Christie was born still stands. As a means of preservation the 112 year-old house has been covered with clap-board siding. It is surrounded by beautiful, well-kept grounds and is the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gamble of Guelph — Mr. Christie's daughter and son-in-law.

Many of the old furnishings have been preserved and in one room it is possible to see the old logs. The Christie home was the first in the district to have a cookstove instead of the usual crane over an open hearth. When the Canadian Pacific Railway took over the line from the Credit Valley, the company asked permission to give the little whistle-stop station the name of "Christie".

D. D. Christie was well known in political circles—as a Liberal. His brother-in-law, David Henderson of Acton, was a Conservative member of Parliament for over 30 years, and as senior member was given a seat next to the Prime Minister. During political campaigns, and on the day the people went to the polls, Christie and Henderson shared the same horse and buggy—taking turns and turn-about in driving electors to cast their vote!

An Electrical Genius Kelso is one of Halton's smallest communities but it certainly has more than its share of interesting homes and families. One in particular is Lot 4, Concession 6, the present home of Duff Alexander. This was Crown Land property, originally homesteaded by Alexander Campbell in 1822. It was sold by Campbell to Wm. Proctor in 1829, and by Proctor to Adam Alexander in 1836.

A Mill and Tavern Close to Kelso there was a large grist mill—Abrey's Mill—that looked after the needs of farmers in the district. There was never a regular church in the community but thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Gamble a hall was provided for denominational Sunday school classes to be held each Sunday. And of course, during the week the hall was always available for community and social activities.

There was only one tavern in the settlement. This was on the Fourth Concession, now the Gamble property. It is more than likely this tavern was called "The Bee Hive" as over the lintel of the front entry there was the following inscription—

"In this Bee Hive we are all alive Good whisky makes us funny If you are dry, come in and try 'The flavour of our honey'"

And today... what is there left of the Kelso settlement? The Gamble residence, the grey stone school house, the Alexander power-equipped farm and the Elliott homestead, now owned by W. L. Johnston. The post office has vanished and Christie railway station is no longer even a whistle-stop. But the limestone rock is still there, a ghostly reminder of Kelso's pioneer past.

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