

**Edison L. Smith
Buried at Fairview**

Edison Lorne Smith, who has lived in Acton for the past 13 years, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on December 28 after a week's illness. He and his wife, who died four years ago, lived at 296 Mill St. E.

Mr. Smith was a supervisor at a grain elevator in Port Arthur for over 50 years. Then the couple came to Acton where they had relatives and where they were married in 1901. Mrs. Smith was the former Alberta Christina Mann. A son Wilfred and daughter Dora both predeceased their parents but two brothers survive: Mr. Smith, Wallace of Port Arthur and Chester of Grassie's Post Office. Two granddaughters also remain, Mrs. E. Mott (Shirley) of St. Boniface, Manitoba, and Mrs. Alon Kartinen (Phyllis) of Port Arthur, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at the Ramsey-Shoemaker funeral home on December 30 conducted by the Rev. Dwight Engel. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers were John Mann, A. M. MacPherson, Mac Symon, John Buckman, Lyle McCutcheon and Albert Ford.



KNOX CHURCH Sunday school children enjoyed their Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 19 and received a bag of candy at the conclusion of the program. Taking part in the program left to right were Carol Patterson, Jane Watson, John Roszell, Jessie Ann Davidson and Dianne Frank.

**Brownies, Guides
Christmas Parties**

All three Brownie packs collected soap and face cloths for their Christmas good deed. These were put in a decorated box and sent to the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada. This was worked in conjunction with Mrs. R. D. Buckner, who had a mitten tree.

First Pack
The First Acton pack Christmas party was held on Tuesday, Dec. 21, the last meeting before the holidays. Some of the girls made paper plate pictures for their mothers. Others made decorative Santa Clauses. Singing games were played and the girls were served home-made Christmas cookies and pop.

Before Taps, each Brownie received a large candy cane and notebooks with their name and pack on them. Then all the girls helped clean the hall.

Second Pack
Second Brownie pack held their Christmas party on Dec. 16. The pack played games and sang songs. The Brown Owl made a Mexican pinata filled with candies. The girls had a grand time trying to break the pinata and eating the contents.

Third Pack
The Third Acton pack sent a donation to the Save the Children Fund from pennies collected each week. It was sent in time for Christmas this year.

The Christmas party was held on Thursday morning, Dec. 23, rounding off activities for the year. Uniforms were cast aside and a party air took over. Gifts were exchanged, taken by fairies and set around the tree. Gnomes were busy in the kitchen for a while with Grey Owl filling up plates with goodies. Games were played and carols sung, after which the girls and sprites set up tables. Grace was said by one of the Brownies before sitting down to lunch. The final exchange of gifts and good wishes to each other and the singing of Chimes ended another happy occasion in this Brownie pack.

Guide Companies
First Acton Guide company held a picnic supper and carol singing at the Guide captain, Mrs. Ginger's home on Tuesday, Dec. 21, to wind up the year's activity. Small gift was given to each guide as she left for home.

Second Acton Guide company held a successful candle-making Christmas project. The candles were sold in town. A Christmas basket was made up and delivered to an Acton family. The Guides held their Christmas party on Dec. 16 at the scout hall. Cake and pop were served and the guides exchanged gifts.

**Oil Burner Service
Bought by Thompsons**

Harry Shortill, owner of Shortill Sheet Metal Company, announced this week his firm had sold the oil burner service department to Thompson Fuels Ltd. The new owner took over the business January 1 and Syd Spears, former employee with Shortill's will continue to do the service work for the new owner.

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OBITUARY

**Miss Ethel Davis
Employed By Storey**

A resident of Georgetown since 1912, Miss Ethel Jessie Davis, 81, died in Georgetown Hospital on Thursday, December 16. It was the second family bereavement in less than a month. An elder sister, Lillian, predeceased her, on November 23.

Born in Edmonton, Middlesex, England on January 9, 1884, she was the second eldest daughter of the late Charles and Rosa Davis. Coming to Canada with the family in 1911, she lived in Toronto for a short time, then came with the family to Georgetown the next year.

She was employed with H. T. Arnold Glove Manufacturers until that firm closed down, then went to Acton to the Storey Glove Works and was with them until that firm closed down. In 1948 she started with Henry Davis Wood Products in Georgetown and was employed with them until they closed their Georgetown plant in 1962.

She leaves an only brother Charles and three sisters, Mrs. W. (Gertrude) Poile, Mrs. F. (Elsie) Newman and Mrs. George (Anne) Scotland, all of Georgetown.

Rev. John McMulkin of St. George's Anglican Church conducted the funeral service at the H. C. McClure Funeral Home December 18 and interment was in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Herb Arnold, Jim Atkinson, Noel Butterworth, Ron Dixon, all of Georgetown, Blake Inglis, Glen Williams and Tom Oakley, Acton.

**Man, Wife Injured
In Lone Car Crash**

Gordon Leroy Thompson, 42 of 71 Longfield Rd., Acton, received a broken arm and he and his wife Dorothy Eleanor Thompson were both treated at Guelph General Hospital for injuries following a single-car accident on a given road east of the Third Line Esquesing Monday morning. Milton O.P.P. report \$200 damage to the car, which was driven by Mrs. Thompson.

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Weekly Dances

**Couples Hold Joint Office
On Square Dance Executive**

Square dancers belonging to the recently-formed group which enjoys dancing at the Robert Little public school every Wednesday have planned many projects for the coming year.

On December 15, the group enjoyed a Christmas party following the regular dance session and sat around decorated tables eating an enjoyable Christmas lunch.

An executive committee comprising husband and wife members was formed to plan activities and look after administrative details. Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Denny who will jointly fill the president's shoes; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry as treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Nellis as social conveners and Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitbread, Milton, as secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilcox, Bramalea, are organizers of the club with Mr. Wilcox in the official role of chief caller and instructor.

It was unanimously agreed at the first executive meeting, December 9, to name the month of January as beginners' month. Any newcomers to the organization are especially welcome to join and

"Personals"

This week and last, there have been many social items about holiday visitors, and the visits local residents make to other communities. Collecting these important news items is a big job and it's one for which we always ask the help of our readers. We would deem it a favor if you phone your items to 853-2010.

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Letter from Rudds

To Mission Circle

Members of the Baptist Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Gordon for their first meeting of 1966. The president, opened the meeting with a New Year meditation and led in prayer. During the business session Miss Alice Pilkington informed those present of a letter recently received from the Rudds in India. The Circle was pleased to learn that the parcel sent in September had arrived safely in good condition and was much appreciated. Mrs. Rudd also told of the preparation for Christmas and of the problem of getting used to living in a home without electricity because of the generator failing.

Mrs. Feldham and Mrs. Baillie gave words of Christian-witness from their own experience. Mrs. Gordon Ralston brought the devotional message which was based on total stewardship for the Lord. She emphasized the fact that some Christian lives are like a neglected vineyard which has in it weeds instead of the cultivation of the fruits of the spirit: To cleanse people's lives of their many sins one must go to the cross to be cleansed, spend more time in prayer and Bible study and be ready to obey the commands of Christ.

After this challenging message for the New Year, Mrs. Bulmer and Mrs. Helwig led in prayer for our home and foreign mission work.

After the closing hymn a cup of tea was served with Miss Pilkington and Mrs. Quee as the tea hostesses. Mrs. Wagner thanked the hostess and those participating in the program.

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**Weed Inspector Blames
Vacant Farm Property
For Major Weed Problem**

Neglected farm land is the chief source of weed problems in this county, Halton county weed inspector Vernon McArthur reported to County Council.

In his annual report, Mr. McArthur indicated a total of 9,125 acres of farm crops were sprayed in Halton in 1965, about 530 acres less than the total sprayed in 1964. Each year, the acreage of neglected farm lands is increasing in Esquesing and Nassagaweya townships, he said.

Although weeds are a problem on neglected farms, most "active" farms are in good condition, the report stated. A large percentage of the active farms are being sprayed and a number of farmers have killed "Common Barberry" on their property. He explains the number of sprayed acres is down "a little" this year due to the early summer drought.

Poorer Results - The weed inspector was relatively pleased with the way public properties are being taken care of but suggested, "Railway companies are increasing their amount of weed spraying, but as yet are not obtaining as good results as the municipalities."

Mr. McArthur noted an overall improvement in the towns, and reported 905 miles of roadside were sprayed and 975 miles of roadside were mown.

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