

Harness maker George Edwards in business here over 50 years

The district's last harness maker, George Edwards died at age 92 on October 22. He passed away at his home, 19 Church St. E., and although he had been in failing health since January, his last illness was brief.

The well-liked harness maker had lived in Acton for over 50 years. He was born August 5, 1874 at Woodvale but moved to Acton before the turn of the century. He married the former Minnie Statham in 1899. They had one daughter, Lucy (Mrs. Harvey Walters) with whom he had been making his home.

He worked at Storey Glove shop and the tannery for a while many years ago. He started his trade in 1910 in Acton when horses dominated the roads. He had learned harness making in Port Huron, Michigan before setting up shop here.

He moved his shop three or four times but he was always in the same main area of the town. He first located in a small building at the rear of the Dominion Hotel.

In 1958 he decided to give up business in a big way but still kept a small shop at the back of his home with his daughter and son-in-law. Later, in 1963, he officially retired.

As harness makers became more difficult to find, customers would come from farther away to seek his services. Always bright and cheerful in his shop, Mr. Edwards will long be remembered by those who have lived here for many years. At the time he was active in business, many of his customers were children who toted toy gun belts with loose straps or buckles that required mending.

Many plans made by U.C.W. unit 2

Unit 2 of U.C.W. of the United Church opened on Tuesday, Oct. 18 with Mrs. Velchus presiding and a poem "Where God Walked", Miss Bennett led in prayer. Mrs. Mildred Long had the devotional period and took as her theme her grandfather's life, his long period of inactivity due to ill health and the lessons they, his grandchildren learned from him.

Mrs. McGeachie read Psalm 91 and hymns 666 and 356 were sung.

Secretary's report was read and approved and Mrs. Lambert also read a report on the group's activities to help in the work for the lepers. They are continuing help in the form of used stamps, plastic medicine bottles and bandages, which are coming in in great quantities.

Mrs. Shoemaker gave her usual full report on the sick and shut-ins of the church. Mrs. McAuley gave her report on cards sent to sick and bereaved. The treasurer's report showed the finances in a healthy state.

On Nov. 22 the workshop of the U.C.W. is to be held in Trinity United from 9:30 a.m. until 4 o'clock p.m. All ladies are especially invited to attend. A pot luck supper will be held jointly with Unit 3, date to be set later. Preparations were made for a wedding later in the month.

Nov. 2 the general meeting is to be held. Rev. M. Bailey will be guest speaker on missions at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. McGeachie thanked all who helped pack the bales for overseas missions and also Fred Victor mission in Toronto, \$10. will be sent to defray expenses on the overseas bale. A letter of thanks will be sent to the John Goy Cartage Co. and also to Rev. Engel for getting these bales to their destination. The package of toys is on its way for the Canadian Indian children.

Dec. 3 is the date set for the Santa Claus Fair to be held in the old Post Office. More about same later.

Mrs. Eaton gave a report on the ladies' day for the U.C.W. at Waterdown showing the progress made by different groups.

Roll call was answered by 24 ladies present and meeting closed by Mizpah Benediction and a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Lindsay's group.

They were never turned down and never charged.

Mr. Edwards was fond of children and always had a kind word for them. Many of these youngsters, now adults, will recall the kind acts performed for them by the harness maker.

He was an ambassador of goodwill and always bore a smile on his face although there were times when many would scowl. His store was always a meeting place for friends, and many a conversation was carried on sitting around the stove or with patrons perched on the counter top.

Until his eyesight failed, he was an avid reader of the Free Press; in recent years his daughter read it to him.

Funeral services were held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Monday, October 24 at 3 p.m., conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Dave Hopkins, Jack Holmes, Harry Hofstede, Ray Webster, Wilmer Fryer and Griffin Sprawl.

Surviving him as well as his daughter Lucy are a sister Mrs. Nelson MacLeod (Ida), the last surviving member of the family; a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.



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NEW TYPE CONTAINER was used for the first time at an Acton blood clinic Monday. The plastic bags replaced the former glass bottles. Processing a donor's blood ready for transporting are Adeline Ratnick and Barbara VanEvery from the Hamilton Red Cross Unit.

Legion ladies raise \$700 at bazaar, tea on Saturday

Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary held one of their most successful fall bazaars to date on Saturday, October 22, when they finished with an account of over \$700.

With all the committees working hard for the event, the table contributors were as follows: Mrs. B. Fowler and Mrs. L. Synnott, baking; Mrs. B. Williams and Mrs. J. Cooney, candy; Mrs. Elsie Johnstone and Mrs. G. Turkoz, penny sale; Mrs. H. Wedge and Mrs. Freida Gordon, fish pond; Mrs. P. Turkoz and Mrs. F. Toth Jr., tea tables; Mrs. D. Rogers and Mrs. H. Foley, draw tickets; Mrs. L. Masales, cake draw; Mrs. R. Angell, Mrs. C. Shultis and Mrs. A. Gordon were in charge of variety table and parcel post.

Top draw prizes of groceries valued at \$25, \$15 and \$10 went to Mrs. K. Beerman, Acton; Olive Morgan, Streetsville and a new bridegroom, Howard Pearcey of Acton.

Nancy Oakley won the floral centerpiece at the tea table. Mrs. H. Lambert and Mrs. H. Foley held the lucky tickets on boxes of chocolates and the Christmas cake draw was won by Mrs. J. Jocke.

Penny sale winners on the 30 prizes drawn by several of the younger patrons were as follows:

Mrs. J. Hardie, pyjamas; Mrs. M. Mooney, frying pan; M. Maxwell, toy truck; Mrs. K. Timbers, Kilbride, toilet set; Mrs. G. James, rug; Margaret Morton a cushion; Mrs. A. Ford, relish plate; Mrs. G. Angell, refrigerator dishes; Gail Currie, pillow slips; Mrs. G. Thompson, a

Auxiliary sale in old post office

Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox church held a very successful sale in the old post office Friday. Home baking, rummage and potted flowers, sold well and members were pleased with the financial return.

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November very active month for Golden Age Club members

The Golden Age Club had a good turnout for a very enjoyable meeting on Thursday night.

November is to be an active month. On November 10 the club is taking advantage of a group offer to attend the Ice Capades. A bus is to leave the old Post Office at 6:30 p.m. for Maple Leaf Gardens.

On November 17th Clarke's Foods are providing a dinner. Several ladies volunteered to bake pies for it; Clarkes provide the filling.

On November 23 comes the Zone Rally. The Oakville Senior Citizens are the host club this year for zone 13 and the rally will be held in the new municipal building on the 7th Line. Tea and coffee will be provided and each member is to bring along his own lunch. Transportation plans will be finalized at a later meeting and it is hoped a bus load will attend again this year.

Murray Harrison was present.

New appointment as product manager

R. N. Remington has been appointed product manager, Plastic Building Materials of Building Products of Canada Ltd., with headquarters in Montreal. Mr. Remington was formerly with the Pipe and Micro Plastics Division in Acton, Ont. He brings to his new position a broad knowledge of plastics and their applications in industry.

He and his family lived in Guelph while he was with Micro here. They expect to move soon.

Guides will meet in basement room

Mrs. Lowrie's Girl Guide company will resume their regular Thursday meetings today in the basement offered them by Mrs. William Gillespie, 138 Wynford Place. She advertised last week for new accommodation for the Guides when their meeting night was taken over by the newly-formed Boy Scout troop at the scout hall.

She had several answers to her ad, but the cost of renting a hall proved too high. One mother offered the use of her living room, but Mrs. Lowrie accepted the offer of the basement room.

A second Guide company is still meeting in the scout hall on Wednesday evenings.

Both companies are planning a hike for tests. There has been an unusual number of transfers of girls from other towns this year, Mrs. Lowrie says.

Fire alarm comes on practice night

Acton Firefighters doused a blaze Friday at Acton dump when flames spread through nearby grass causing alarm to nearby residents.

During their weekly practice session Monday night, firefighters received a phone call when the Nassagaweya dump was burning out of control. The truck was dispatched to the scene with several firefighters to pour gallons of water on the blaze. The siren didn't sound for the Monday alarm as firefighters were all at the hall.

Lions candy

Last year, the Lions club sale of candies was so successful they doubled their order this year. Members have been going door-to-door with their bags of individually wrapped candies and gum and are quite satisfied with their sales. There are still some bags available.

Meet again

The special parks board meeting called for last Thursday was not held, since not all members could be present. It has been called again for tonight (Thursday) — the third week in a row.

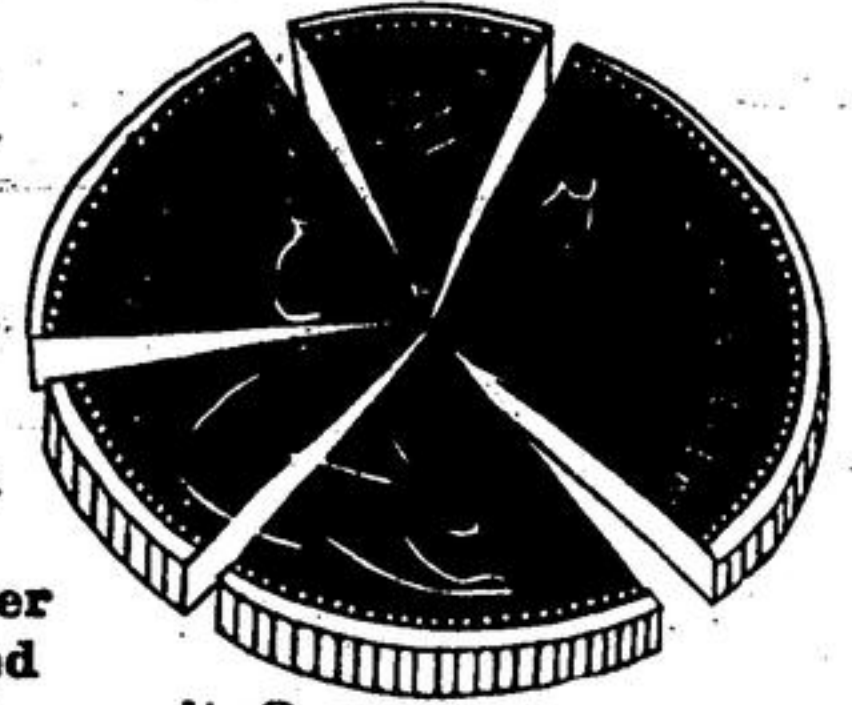
Gyroplane star of Georgetown movie

The sky over Georgetown was the set of a movie scene with Avian's gyroplane having the leading role.

The movie was shot from an accompanying Cessna 172, while the gyroplane piloted by Grant Davidson of Guelph, put on a spectacular demonstration.

The gyroplane took off from the Georgetown plant and was photographed by two movie companies. One shot by T.D.F. Advertising Agency will be shown at the Ontario Pavilion of Expo '67, as one of a series showing the scope of industry in Ontario.

The other, shot by the National Film Board, will be shown at the Paris Air Show next year. This film demonstrates the variety of aircraft manufactured in Canada.



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