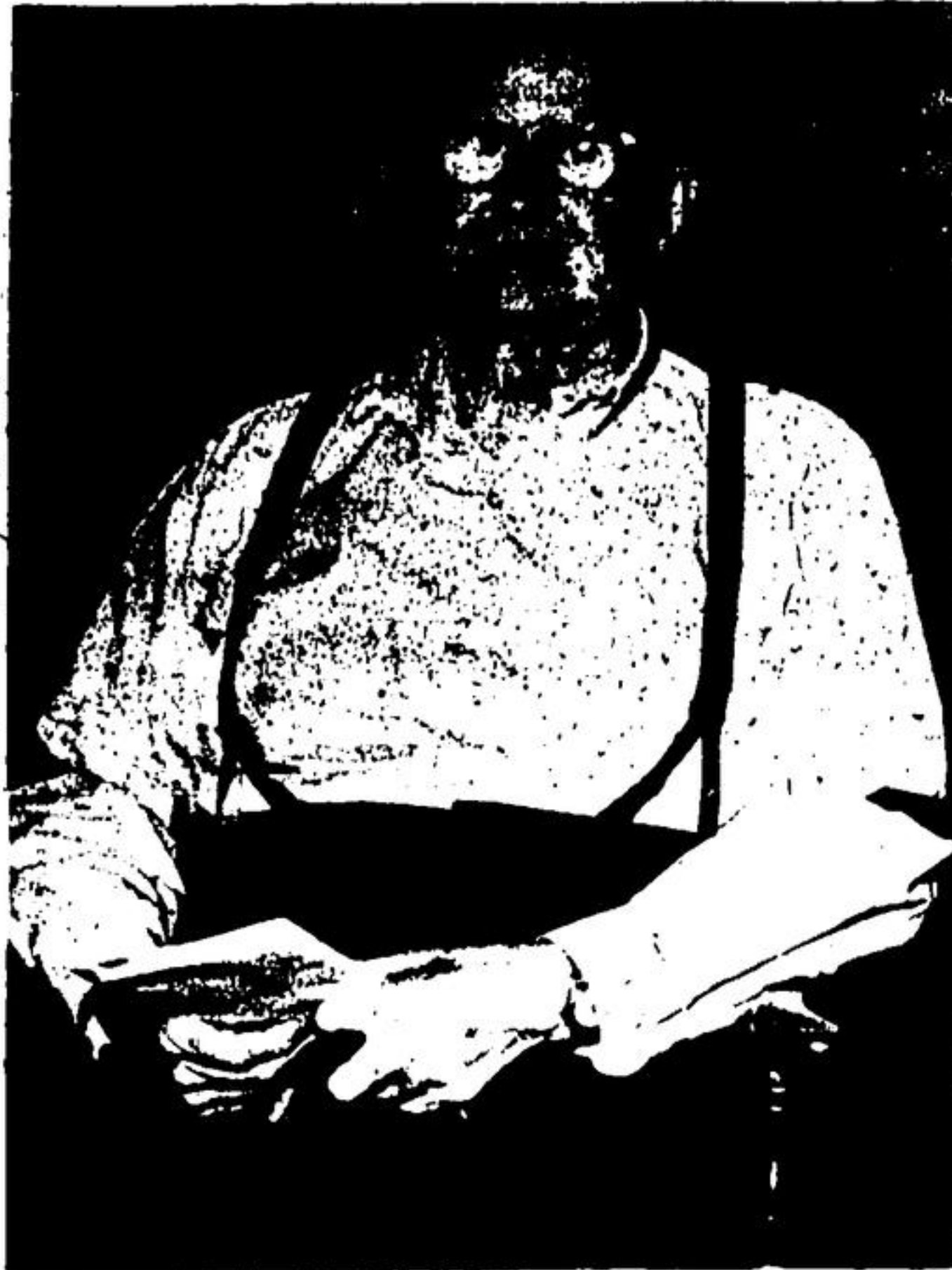


Harness maker many years, reaches 90



ROCKWOOD'S NONAGENARIAN, William J. Gordon celebrated his 90th birthday August 18. (Photo by Don Hills)

William J. Gordon, a Rockwood resident, celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, August 18, at a gathering of family and friends at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Thomas.

Mr. Gordon was a harness maker for nearly half a century with shops in Acton, Calgary, Listowel, Hillaburg and Rockwood.

He began his trade 71 years ago in Alton, Ontario, serving three years apprenticeship for which he was paid a total of \$108.

For many years, Mr. Gordon was an active participant in the Rockwood Presbyterian church, of which he is still a member.

His memory is keen and he has many recollections and stories to tell about "the good old days."

He was married in 1903 to the former Euphemia Torrance who died in 1951. He has a daughter, a son Allan and four grandchildren.

In Calgary he learned to make the western saddles with the horn for roping cattle.

In Acton, his harness business was on Mill St. His store in Rockwood was on upper Main St.

He has vivid and exciting memories of the Calgary of over half a century ago when there were many Indians there. He also made special belts for the squaws to wear to hold their babies — and he recalls they had to be pretty, with colored spots. In those days, the Indians had to be out of town by sundown.

He saw the late King George V and Queen Mary when they visited the west before they occupied the throne. They rode down Calgary's main street, he on horseback and she in a carriage, to attend an exhibition of cattle roping. The man who was later to be king spoke to the Indians, with the aid of an interpreter.

"It was a pretty sight," Mr. Gordon recalled.

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of each term.

The de-emphasis in the importance of the final examination has helped to decrease the anxiety associated with examinations and has played an important role in maintaining interest and activity throughout the year, the school administration says.

The "Back to School Night" for this year has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, beginning at 8 o'clock. On this occasion, the parents of the incoming Grade 9 students are invited to come to the school to meet the teachers of their children. Parents will spend about 15 minutes with each teacher and take part in a discussion of the overall objectives in each subject. There will be an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet informally later in the evening.

On Thursday, September 19, beginning at 8:00 p.m. a "Grade 13 Night" will be held at the school. The parents of Grade 13 students and others interested are invited to spend an evening with the Grade 13 teachers. The latter will present the objectives and philosophy for their specific subjects. It is hoped that parents will feel free to ask questions and discuss their problems.

All parents will be invited to attend a "Parents' Night" later on during the term and will receive information about other activities as the school year progresses.

Activity periods will be increased from one to two 45 minute periods a week this year. On Tuesdays and Thursdays time will be set aside at the end of the day to allow students to attend clubs and to take part in activities outside of the regular academic program. The accomplishments of these clubs and activities will be demonstrated to parents at a special evening presentation during the final term.

The objective of all such activities is to develop interests and hobbies for young people which will serve as a healthy diversion now and in the future.

The school plans to hold an "Open House" during the winter term. This will feature an opportunity for students to demonstrate to their parents some of the things that they have accomplished in class.

Asked about ungraded high schools, the administration commented: "Everyone agrees that our present educational system is inadequate in some ways. Many alternatives and modifications have been suggested, few of which have been put into practice. Other revolutionary proposals are still in the experimental stages. In Acton, although the High School Staff is keenly interested in new developments and ideas, there is no intention to invoke radical changes simply to be fashionable. Changes in methods and policy have been made and will continue to be made in instances where success can be predicted in advance.

The recently published "Hall-Dennis Report" has attracted a great deal of attention from educators and laymen alike. It has become fashionable to criticize this report (which few people have read) and it seems unlikely that this report will be accepted in total here or in other schools.

Some of the suggestions regarding teaching have been carried out by the best teachers for hundreds of years. Other suggestions will have to be dismissed because they are financially impractical. It must be pointed out, however, that much of the report is extremely valuable and should be used as a guideline for education.

The suggestion of eliminating grades, streams, programs, and divisions between academic, vocational and commercial is of interest. A few schools in the province have experimented with the "ungraded system" at the secondary level—this allows a student to move through the system at different levels of achievement in various subjects. The "ungraded system" cannot readily be introduced in a small school where there is not sufficient versatility of personnel and facilities to permit such a program.

At the same time, however, a smaller school can give the individual attention to students and organize special programs which are not possible in a large school. As a consequence, many of the objectives of the "ungraded system" can be realized without introducing it.

EDEN MILLS

By Mrs. R. Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Blowes entertained 24 friends at a barbecue and corn roast at their home on Bridlebrook farm on Saturday evening. Among their guests were Miss Linda Gregg and Mr. Doug Aitken of Toronto, along with many friends from Eden Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hodgdon of Niagara Falls were guests of Mrs. Beryl Wright, Eden Mills, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet MacDougall were visiting Kingston over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Marshall Jr. have returned home after spending most of the summer at their cottage at Doe Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright left Monday on a motor trip to British Columbia. There they will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary while visiting many old friends.

Miss Jo Anne Wright spent the weekend at Flesherton, Ontario, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tuck. Mr. and Mrs. Tuck, who are members of Rockwood Trail Riders, entered the 30 mile trail ride at Flesherton.

Donation

A stump puller, sewing machine and iron pump were recently donated to Halton county museum by an Acton district farmer.

Accident cuts power

An accident at Crewson's Corners Saturday night put the power out in the Acton area for close to an hour.

Loren Cahill, age 27, of Toronto drove his 1966 Ford into a hydro pole. Guelph hydro estimated the damage to the system at \$200.

Cahill suffered a cut on the head. A passenger in the car Scott Stanley Shaw, also of Toronto received a bump on the head.

Milton O.P.P. estimated car damage at \$2,000.

SILVERWOOD

New business in Georgetown

by Mrs. H. Scott

"Get well" wishes to Mrs. A. Ingles, a patient in Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Clare Wilson is recuperating at home after hurting his foot in a fall.

Visitors with the Harry Scotts were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Whitfield, London, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deurkopp, Grosse Point, Michigan.

Girls if you can't find Sally Duffield or get her on the phone just walk down Mill St., Georgetown, and you will see her selling children's toys etc. and imported goods at the old Scotch Bakery premises. Best Wishes, Sally!

The Henderson family have been active all summer. Mr. and Mrs. G. Henderson were at a summer cottage at Lake Simcoe for a week. Janet a guest of Patricia McAllister, was at summer cottage at Pary Sound and George at the Alban Conservation area for the 4-H conservation club.

Janet is in the 4-H program at the C.N.E. with 174 other members for two days and David Henderson, Toronto, is spending the summer at the Henderson farm.

Silverwood Women's Institute is planning a bus trip September 17.

Mrs. C. Wilson is home after a week's holiday at Hopetown.

Regular meetings of most local organizations will be starting again within the next couple of weeks. Don't forget to let the Free Press know of anything special going on.

BALLINAFAD

Buses ready, children eager U.C.W, meetings are resumed

by Mrs. Richard Shortill

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Jones of Sudbury visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith last week. Accompanying them were Mr. Aneurin Gould and daughter Yvonne from Wales. This was their first trip to Canada and their first visit with their friends the Jones, in the twenty years since they had come to Canada.

Little Gregory Logan has been in the Sick Children's Hospital receiving treatment.

Wee Paul Doucet had a tonsillectomy in Georgetown Hospital and is recovering.

Mr. Matthew Shortill is in Georgetown Hospital suffering from a bad attack of flu and asthma.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and Mrs.

Everest returned from their wonderful trip to Miami. They have many interesting facts to relate among which was an 1800 mile tour of the area by bus and also a shopping time in New York on their journey home.

A presentation was held on Friday evening in the Community Centre for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

U.C.W. meetings were held on Tuesday after the summer cessation. The afternoon group met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Marshall and the evening group at Mrs. Leo Jamieson's.

Mrs. Joe Matthews is in Georgetown Hospital receiving treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sanderson and Calvin visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longstreet on Sunday at Orton.

Mr. James Longstreet a former Ballinafad resident, who moved to Dundalk, has been in Markdale hospital, recovering from a heart attack.

Mr. Morley Shortill, while working in at Masons, received a nasty shock when lightning struck where he and other men were employed.

School buses are busy this week, being over hauled and driving around their routes in preparation for their year ahead. So once again summer vacation is drawing to a close. Strangely, most children are joyously anticipating return to school, proving once again that "all holiday" is no fun.

Police report increase in criminal activities

"Very busy", fully describes the past week experienced at the Acton O.P.P. Detachment, as the six man force conducted a total of 16 various investigations.

The occurrences logged, August 18 to 24, during 210 man hours worked and 600 miles patrolled, consisted of, break, enter and theft assaults, disturbances, malicious damage, and liquor offences. Eleven persons will answer to the courts for their involvement in the offences mentioned above, with further charges anticipated following more investigation.

The rise in criminal activities produced a sharp decline in the traffic enforcement bracket, as only five traffic charges and four warnings were issued to erring drivers. Yes, and perhaps the absence of the cruiser on preventative traffic patrol contributed, in some small way, to the painful personal injuries sustained by two local motorists and the \$1600 property damage recorded as a result of two motor vehicle accidents reported.

Magistrate's Court at Milton, on August 19, resulted in 16 convictions being registered, and offenders paid \$393 in fines for liquor and traffic offences.

A check of accident statistics, over the past year, clearly indicates a large percentage of local accidents occur at street intersections, controlled by stop signs.

Let's review our driving obligations on approaching a Stop Sign at a through highway.

First, we must stop, but where?

The Stop Sign merely warns you of the approaching intersection. Section 64 of the Highway Traffic Act, states: You stop at the stop line or, if none, before entering the crosswalk or, if none, IMMEDIATELY before entering the intersection. "LET'S STOP T H E S E N E E D L E S S ACCIDENTS."

Always, come to a full stop.

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