

Store centennial

Glen gave Timothy Eaton his start

Canada's biggest retailer, the T. Eaton Co., a \$400 million family firm with 50,000 employees, is celebrating its centennial this year.

Timothy Eaton, a 35-year-old Ulsterman opened for business on December 8, 1869, at the corner of Queen and Yonge Sts. in Toronto, where Simpson's main store now stands.



TIMOTHY EATON got his start in this century old store located in Glen Williams.

Eaton's parents emigrated to the Georgetown area and settled on a farm nearby in the mid-1820s. Timothy stayed behind in Ireland, apprenticed to a merchant at age 13.

It was then he got the job in a general store at Glen Williams owned by a Mr. "Stick" Lyons. The store was last occupied by Ryder's TV service.

OSPRINGE

Deaths, snowmobile accident mar holiday happiness in area

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

The Webb family were saddened during the holiday festivities, with the passing of their brother Leslie, following a lengthy illness in Hamilton hospital.

Vernon Stewart met with an unfortunate accident a couple of weeks ago, when he fell from a snowmobile and broke his right shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard and Miss Jean Howard of Lisle, Illinois, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Craig and family at London.

EDEN MILLS

Snowmobile draw prize visitors in area news

Mrs. R. Wright

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden were Mr. and Mrs. Medford Harkness, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Frank, Caren, Stephen and Darren, Teeswater, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gemmill and son Robert, Dundas.

Congratulations to Jim Barden on winning a Motor Ski snowmobile at the Sea Cadets draw in Guelph.

Mr. George Lomas visited with Jim Barden over the holidays from Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greenlaw of Whitby were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright.

Milton burns Christmas trees

While Acton's Christmas tree burning ceremony was cancelled this year, Milton is just beginning the custom. That town's discarded trees will be burned tonight (Wednesday) in the fair grounds with the firefighters on hand to keep an eye on the ceremony.

Acton council decided the town should comply with the new air pollution control by-laws. However, Milton applied to an extension of the deadline for the enforcing of the by-laws.

16 year sentences for jail escapees

A total of 16 years detention in Kingston Penitentiary was meted out to participants in the September escape from Halton County Jail by Barrie McKenzie, Robert McCabe, Charles Lebar and Ted Woods.

Heaviest penalty was levelled against McKenzie, who received eight years for his part in the break while Woods and McCabe each received three years and Lebar was awarded two.

Sentences on Lebar, McKenzie and McCabe were passed by Judge Alan B. Sprague in Halton County Criminal Court December 23; while Woods was sentenced by Judge James Black in provincial court.

Eaton then moved to a small general store at Kirkton, near St. Marys. In the early 1860's he entered partnership with his brother, James, in a general store in St. Marys. There he met and married Margaret Beattie of Woodstock.

Although he was making a fair living, Timothy Eaton was tired of the barter and credit systems. His brother kept the store and

Timothy moved to Toronto where he was a partner for a year in a wholesale store. Then he bought out the drygoods store of J. Jennings and the Eaton empire was on its way.

A Scottish evangelist once remarked that children in Scotland were reared on porridge and the shorter catechism. In Canada, he said, they were reared on corn flakes and Eaton's catalogue.

At a private firm, Eaton's keeps its finances secret but the company is the fourth largest employer in Canada with 50,000 year-round employees which grows to 65,000 at Christmas time.

John David Eaton, 59-year-old grandson of Timothy Eaton, is the fourth president of the Eaton company. He is sole owner of 48 department stores across Canada, five warehouses and service buildings with retail outlets and 352 catalogue sales offices including one in Acton.

Eaton's is Canada's biggest retailing chain, also one of the first in the world. Residents of Glen Williams and district who bought goods from young Timothy Eaton when he clerked at Lyon's general store never realized they were aiding a remarkable career which would culminate in the founding of the country's greatest merchandising chain.

Eaton, himself, balding and blue-eyed at 35 with a good growth of beard, was so abrupt in his manners he never made a good salesman. But his policies caught on and the small store became an immense enterprise. Outside the store Timothy Eaton's life was mostly concerned with his family and church. But like many other famous figures there was much tragedy. Three of eight children died in infancy. The eldest son Edward died at age 37.

He died in 1907.

Grant for Rockwood

The Hon. John R. Simonett, Minister of Energy and Resources Management, has advised M.P.P. John Root that a provincial grant for \$10,865 has been given The Grand River Conservation Authority for land acquisition in the Rockwood Conservation Area.

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Large family groups celebrate holidays, anniversary in village

By Mrs. R. Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings held Christmas at home with their four children and their families. Twenty-four enjoyed a Christmas dinner and all the trimmings.

The Gilbertson families united to hold Christmas together, engaging Eden Mills Community Hall. Forty-four enjoyed the

Christmas menu, making a pleasant get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Campbell celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a private party in the Community Hall on Saturday previous to Christmas Day. The anniversary was

celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shank and sons Michael and Ronald, Port Perry. Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean, Mr. Oga McLean were in London for Christmas, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Francis and family.

Lorna McLean is spending two weeks Christmas holidays at home for Christmas from London.

Miss Pat Wright is spending ten days at home from the School of Nursing, Hamilton, with her family in Eden Mills.

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EGBENEZER

Former minister here dies in Nova Scotia

By Mrs. Ron McLean

The community was saddened by the news that our former pastor, Rev. Ken Griffith, had collapsed and died, while watching TV on Boxing Day.

Ebenezer-Askell-Eden Mills was Ken's first charge, after deciding to leave a lucrative industrial position in Guelph. Prior to coming to Canada, Mr. Griffith was a flyer in the air force, during the war. Of Welsh extraction, both Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and their son David shared a wonderful musical gift.

Mr. Griffith was ordained at the close of his tenure of office here in 1961. Brussels and

Lowville were other churches he served, before being transferred to the Maritime Death took place at Louisbourg, Nova Scotia.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Betty and David they will rejoice that their loved one's sufferings are over. It is impossible to estimate the many lives Ken influenced for good, through a varied lifetime.

Jack Ferguson and Mervyn Thomas were recently elected to the Session.

A good crowd enjoyed the congregational supper Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Burlington, were home visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kirby, Eden Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Sr., Chatham.

Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson were Mr. and Mrs. Bercombe, Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Barnes of Carnarvon spent a few days at Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Miao.

Mrs. Anna Wilson was a guest over the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly of Moorefield.

Ontario Hydro is constantly buying power from and selling power to interconnected utilities in the United States, when it is most economical. Rather than being an importer of electricity, however, the Commission generally winds up selling more than it buys.

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