

NEWS of the district

Honor couple married 50 years

HILLSBURGH—Over 300 guests honored Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Huxley at their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The popular couple were married in Elera on February 26, 1919.

Mr. Huxley was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Huxley, Seventh Line, who lived a few miles out of Hillsburgh. Mrs. Huxley was the former Marguerite Johnson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Elera.

Mr. and Mrs. Huxley farmed one of the family farms, which is now over 100 years old and farmed by their only child Ross. In 1946 they retired to Hillsburgh, where they live quietly, in fairly good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Huxley have three granddaughters, Marlene (Mrs. Chas. McMurchy), Janice, and Brenda and a grandson Lynn. They have a great grandchild, Brian Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMurchy.

Mr. Huxley has been a well-known figure in Erin Township Council, being councillor and reeve. He has been an elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church since 1937, and for some time a Sunday school superintendent.

Mrs. Huxley too, has been an active member of St. Andrew's W.A. and W.M.S.

Receiving their guests on Sunday the bride and groom of 50 years were radiantly happy. Assisting them were sisters and sisters-in-law, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Walter Huxley and others.

Reports of death exaggerated

MILTON—A Drummond woman knows what Mark Twain meant when he explained "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." According to the people at HIRB—Ontario's Health Insurance Registration Board—Mrs. Leilla Hughes is dead.

HIRB wrote to cancel her OMSIP contract because of "the death of the above-mentioned contract holder." Said Mrs. Hughes, "it was quite a shock to me." She wrote to inform HIRB she was still alive, and well.

Apply to remove Milton agent

MILTON—Opposition to the current proposal to remove the agent from the CPR station is expected to be advanced by Milton Council. Members reviewed the announced intention of the railroad to apply to the Canadian Transport Committee for permission to operate with mobile supervisors rather than local agents in the London district.

Under the plan, as explained to Council in material from the railroad, the mobile supervisor serving the Milton area would be resident of Brampton and he would daily travel from there to Milton and Streetsville.

It was revealed the 1966 business of the Milton station had been \$312,265.48 while the 1967 business had been \$207,300.13. In 1966, 1,185 passengers bought ticket and in 1967, 1,004. In 1966 a total of 189 cars of freight had been received and in 1967 a total of 167.

Gordon Sinclair to open games

It's always a question who to ask to come to open the Fergus Highland Games. This year the Chamber of Commerce decided to get Gordon Sinclair and they asked me to call him up. I've just done that and I got a cordial response. "Sure, Hugh, I'll do it for you," he said. So that is that. There aren't many people better known in Canada than Gordon. His grandfather-used to be the foreman at Wilson's Mill in Fergus in the days of long ago. The family lived on St. Patrick Street behind Matt Wilson's house and the father, who was quite a drinker used to come home and turn his wife and children out in the cold.

The first Highland Games were opened by Jim Hunter, who brought a member of the Toronto Board of Control with him. They were driving from the park to my old home at Berries and Jim nearly hit a provincial policeman coming out of the park, but they made it to my house.

First thing Jim did when he got there was to take out his teeth and lay them on a table in the living room. After supper, he got up off the chesterfield and went looking for something. "What did you lose?" I reassured him. The news got out and all evening, kids were coming to the door and asking if they could see Jim Hunter's teeth. Wain't that something?

Jim's daughter phoned CFRB and got the news for his evening broadcast from Fergus. Jim mounted the ladder to a table on a truck and read off the news as if he hadn't had anything but coffee all afternoon. I forgot to say that Gordon Sinclair will wear his kilt when he comes here this year—From Mostly Gossip in the Fergus News Record.

Families flee bad fire

GEORGETOWN—Two families lost all their possessions and three business places were wiped out in a fire that destroyed C. & V. Motors, Wally's Auto Body, and Tandem Tire, at the corner of Guelph and Mountainview Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hancock, and seven month daughter Diane, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hancock, tenants of the two apartments, fled the fire with nothing but the clothes they were wearing, even one of the women's purses went up in the flames.

C. & V. Motors who had just recently moved there and were operating two businesses, one on the opposite corner of Mountainview Road and Guelph, lost all their equipment, machinery, two brand new cars and a customer's car.

Wally's Auto Body, owned by Wally Zuber, was burned out completely, but Mr. Zuber managed to get three cars out of his shop. Tandem Tire owned by a Mr. Shannon, lost a stock of tires, but saved many that were piled outside.

BALLINAFAD

Attend closing service of Ashgrove church

By Mrs. R. Shortill, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kirkwood spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Linstead, 6th Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have moved into the Snider apartment.
Mrs. Betty Cunningham and Janette Cunningham visited with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill over the weekend.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Colson who passed away in Georgetown Hospital on Saturday.

We are sorry Russell Snider is ill in Guelph Hospital.
Mrs. Edythe Smith, and Mrs. Lorne Jamieson of Galt, visited

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith on Sunday.
They all attended the closing service at Ashgrove Church. This had been the church they all had attended in their girlhood days as they lived in the Ashgrove community.

In the history of this little church it is recorded the first wedding was solemnized in the year 1924, the marriage of Miss Winifred Hull and Mr. Frank Smith. In the course of a afternoon many old acquaintances were renewed for the Hull and Smith families.

The meeting of the recreation committee of the Community Centre took place on Monday night.



TED BARDEN, owner of the historic Eden Mills stone mill is busy turning out vegetable crates in the parts of the building he has renovated. He intends to restore the mill with its original walls since they are still sound in spite of the fire which destroyed the mill. (Photo by Jim Jennings)

Petition from Nassagaweya

1,100 protest McKeough plan

Concern over the impending regional government is so great in Nassagaweya Township, a group of dissenters had little trouble getting over 1,100 names affixed to a petition of protest during the past week.

The petition gained the blessing of the township council at a meeting Monday, and its organizers hope to present it to Ontario's Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough later this week. Pat Redgrave who chaired the ratepayers committee of about 30 men and women reports 98 per cent of those contacted readily signed the appeal. Vice-chairman of the committee was J. Lloyd Chisholm, and about 30 volunteers quickly circulated copies of the brief to most ratepayers of the township.

McKeough's proposal for a regional government area covering the entire counties of Halton and Peel is not only "quite unnecessary," but also

"entirely unacceptable to us," the petition reports.

The objectors protest the possibility of "some remote body completely ignorant of and unfamiliar with the problems peculiar to the township" having a ruling hand over a community steeped in local pride. "The proposed fragmentation of Nassagaweya robs these voters of their basic right, and is tantamount to disenfranchisement," it says. Experience shows that rural

area taxes increase "disastrously" when they are amalgamated with urban areas, and the two-county merger proposed by the minister would "ring the death-knell of the farming community," says the petition. It also objects to the proposed appointment of "a high cost bureaucrat" to replace locally elected representatives.

The petition points out Nassagaweya is in sound financial state and has practically no debts, and expresses concern the ratepayers will have to absorb huge debts compiled by surrounding municipalities. Nassagaweya also fears a lack of local representation on a regional council, as happened with the Halton Board of Education.

The benefits of regionalization of government are outweighed by the liabilities a small predominantly rural township would have to accept, the document warns. It calls regional government "an encroachment on civil liberties and the antithesis of democracy and progress."

Township council also got a look at a second smaller petition at their meeting on Monday. Basil MacDonald, R. R. 6, Milton, has circulated a petition which mainly protests McKeough's proposal to split Nassagaweya in two and join one part to a Milton-centred borough with the upper portion possibly going to Wellington County. Mr. MacDonald reported he has 60 names to date and hoped to reach 100 before submitting it.

Linda Ferguson, nurse-in-training, Kitchener, was home on Saturday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson.

Mrs. Etta Barden of Eden Mills was a visitor on Thursday with Mrs. M. Jackson.

Mrs. C. Heimler, Guelph, visited on Sunday with her sister and brother-in-law D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

OSPRINGE

4-H Homemaking club demonstrate pattern sizes

Mrs. D. G. Robertson

The second meeting of the Ospringe 4-H Homemaking club was held at the home of Helen Johnston on February 24.

The meeting opened with the 4-H Pledge, followed by the roll call, answered by "One point to consider when buying cotton for summer separates."

Patti Ellis read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved.

It was decided the record books will be white folders with navy blue lettering. Name for the club will be decided on at the next meeting.

Mrs. R. Vlietstra discussed pattern selections and how to study the pattern and instruction sheet, and the checking of pattern pieces.

OBITUARY

Daniel McIntyre dies at 87

A retired Campbellville farmer, Daniel McIntyre died at Halton Centennial Manor on February 27, after a nine-month illness. He was a bachelor in his 88th year.

Mr. McIntyre was born May 27, 1881 to Donald and Agnes McIntyre of R. R. 1, Moffat. He farmed at R. R. 1, Campbellville before coming to live at the home of his nephew Calvin McIntyre of R. R. 1, Acton. He was a member of St. David's Presbyterian Church in Campbellville.

He is survived by his brother W. J. McIntyre of Acton, and predeceased by brothers Alex, Roy, Jack and Mark.

The funeral service was held March 1 in Rumlley-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton. Rev. D. Nicholson officiated.

Former neighbors Charles Thomson, Donald McDonald, William May, Roy Warrington, Bruce Small, and Jack McPhail acted as pallbearers. Interment was in St. David's Cemetery, Campbellville.

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Conservation authority to buy dam lands

The Grand River Conservation Authority is now in a position to start buying land for dam and reservoir sites in its \$30 million five-dam project. One of the dams is in the Everton area.

However, instead of being able to spend \$2,000,000 on buying sites, the authority will be only able to spend \$1,000,000.

This results from the general meeting of the authority in Kitchener on Thursday (Feb. 27) when the \$5,865,874 budget was reduced by \$1,000,000.

The authority had budgeted \$2,000,000 to begin the land buying program for the dam and reservoir sites. This amount would have been eligible for a 65 per cent provincial grant—the province would pay \$1,300,000 and the 74 municipalities in the watershed the remaining \$700,000.

This reduction will result in the provincial grant being reduced from 65 to 60 per cent. Now the province will pay \$600,000 and the 74 municipalities will pay the other \$400,000.

The reduction in the budget also means that the other items in the remainder of the budget are eligible for a 60 per cent provincial grant instead of a 65

per cent grant. This reduction in the grant from 65 to 60 per cent on the remainder of the budget amounts to \$90,842.

The budget is \$4,865,874. The levy against the municipalities for buying dam sites will now be reduced by little less than half because of the reduction from \$700,000 to \$400,000.

However, the normal levies against municipalities will have to be increased to make up for the five per cent loss in grants on the rest of the budget.

Municipalities were informed in December of what their levies would be if the budget had been approved. Within the next few days they will be receiving revised assessments in keeping with the new budget.

At the meeting, Kitchener led the opposition to including

\$700,000 from the municipalities for buying land for the dam and reservoir sites.

In other business, the general meeting voted to have all executive committee meetings open to the news media. Up to now, only general meetings of the authority—about two a year—were open to the news media.

Hydro operates a Hall of Memory at Niagara Falls which tells much of the history of the municipal utilities in Ontario.

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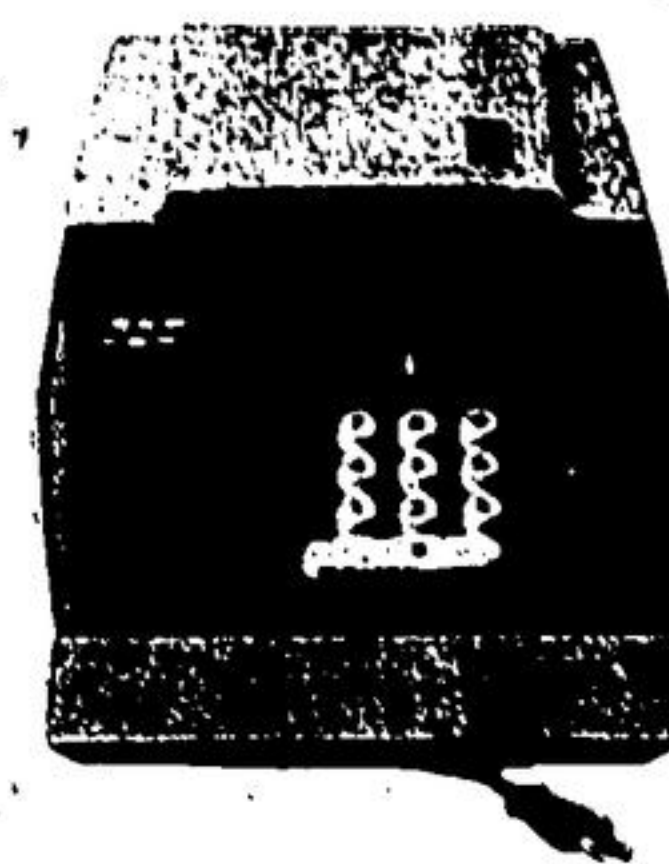
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