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W. A. WILSON DIES AT 80

One of Esqueusing Township's most prominent residents, William A. Wilson died at his home, Valleybrook farm last Wednesday after a brief illness. He was eighty years of age.

Mr. Wilson had an outstanding record as a citizen and there were few organizations which had not benefited by his enthusiasm and energy. During his lifetime he had served as a township municipal official, as a Masonic lodge member, holding the lodge's highest office in 1920 and as a director of the agricultural society. His last public appearance was as a guest at the annual dinner last month of the society which he had served so faithfully.

A life-long resident of Halton, Mr. Wilson was born eighty years ago on a farm in Trafalgar Township near Milton, a son of the late William Wilson and Mary Cottrell. His father was a native of northern England and his mother was born in York County. When he was one year old the family moved to a farm at Ashgrove. Here he secured his early education at Ashgrove School. He entered Georgetown High School in 1887 and was one of the first pupils at that institution.

In 1899, Mr. Wilson was married to Charlotte E. McCullough. After farming three years on the 8th Line they moved to the McCullough homestead near town, and Valleybrook farm had been his home ever since Mrs. Wilson died a few years ago.

Entering township municipal affairs in 1929, Mr. Wilson was elected a member of Esqueusing council and with the exception of a two-year recess in 1942-43 he served continuously until his retirement at the end of 1944. In 1936 and 1949 he represented the township at county council as deputy-revee and for the following two years as reeve. Returning to the township he again served as a councillor for a three-year term.

Mr. Wilson was president of Esqueusing Agricultural Society in 1907 and was secretary for fourteen years. A past district director, he was a life member of the society and was the first to be awarded a Certificate of Merit when these were introduced a few years ago.

Active in Masonic circles, he rose through the offices of the lodge to become Master of Credit Lodge, AF&M, in 1920. He was a past president of the now defunct Halton Farmers Institute, a farm organization which was prominent in the early days of the century. He attended St. John's United Church, and before church union served on the board of managers of Knox Presbyterian Church.

He retired last year as agent for Halton Mutual Insurance Company after serving in that capacity since 1916. During the war he was a Victory Loan salesman on several local campaigns. For many years he served as a clerk at auction sales conducted by the late Ben Petch and later with Frank Petch in the same capacity. Interested in all types of sport, he was an enthusiastic curler, and a staunch supporter of the local hockey teams.

Mr. Wilson was the last member of a family of five. His twin brother, James died five years ago and another brother, George A. in 1948. A sister died in infancy and a brother Bert in 1907. He leaves his niece, Miss Charlotte McCullough who lived with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson since her childhood and was as a daughter to them.

Rev. John M. Smith conducted the funeral service on Saturday at



W. A. WILSON

the McClure Funeral Home. It was a Masonic service in which Worshipful Master Campbell Sinclair and lodge members took part. Pallbearers were J. C. Cunningham, Thomas J. Brownridge, Frank Wilson, Everett Cole, Nelson Robinson, and Ern Batkin. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Floral tributes included those from Charlie, Peg and Charlene Wilson, Mel, Marg and Mr. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Clare Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooks; Mrs. George A. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCullough and family; Mr. and Mrs. William Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Starret, Victor and Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. J. Elberly and Alan; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Souther, Mrs. Grobe, Don and Marilyn, A. Friend, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marchington, Mr. and Mrs. Don Barrager, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGilvray, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. S. Douglas, John and Mary Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. Corbett, Mr. R. S. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray, Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Esqueusing Agricultural Society, Limehouse Women's Institute; Credit Lodge No. 219, AF&M; Stone School Farm Forum, District 5, Ontario Fairs Association.

New Members Received St. John's Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday service at St. John's was marked by the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and by the reception of members Mrs. John Inglis, Mrs. Jack Gunn, Mrs. R. Hardman, Mrs. J. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Meiton Allison, and E. E. Masterman were received by transfer of certificate from other United Churches. Jean Bird, Mrs. Albert Chalker, Robert Hardman, Wilfred Hardman and Jack McKerrow were received by confirmation of faith. Patricia Anne Caine, Dorothy Marina Fawcett, Rhoda June Magee, Dorothy Jean Abbottsaway, Dawn Gay Reese, Elizabeth Gail Knudson, Edward Arthur Middleton, John Inglis, Anita Dawson, Barbara Bigford and Audrey Lambert were received by baptism.

The choir sang the anthem "Sing Alleluia" and the Junior Choir sang the anthem "Crown of Roses."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at the evening meditation hour.

It was announced that the Easter Cantata "Olivet and Calvary" would be presented by the choir and assisting members of other local choirs on Good Friday at 8 p.m.

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