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SEVENTH OF EIGHT ARTICLES

The History of Assessment and Municipal Taxation in Ontario

Fortunately in Ontario, we are allowed recourse to appeal against errors in our assessment or what we may consider an unjust assessment. The Assessment Act requires the assessor to make an assessment of our property each year and on the amount of this assessment is calculated the taxes which we will pay next year.

The assessor has no control over the tax rate which is set by the local municipal council and their method is to divide the amount required to provide the municipal services for that year into the total taxable assessment and thus is determined the mill rate which in turn is applied against each taxable assessment as made by the local assessor. So in other words if you do not appeal against an unjust assessment you cannot appeal against the taxes set on this assessment.

When the assessor decides on the value to place on a property he inserts this amount in the assessment roll opposite a description of the property. Then a few days prior to handing the completed assessment roll over to the municipal clerk he forwards to each taxpayer and ratepayer an assessment notice setting forth the amount of the assessment on his property.

The taxpayer or ratepayer, if he feels that his assessment is too high or that his assessment is inequitable compared to other assessments in the municipality can appeal either his own assessment or any other assessment in the municipality. The period for appealing is stated on the notice and is within fourteen days after the roll is returned to the municipal clerk or in some municipalities within ten days.

Appeal Procedure
However, the correct procedure would be to first visit the assessor prior to entering your appeal and ascertain from him the reasons of your high or unjust assessment. The wise assessor welcomes these inquiries and in fact invites them and opens his appraisal cards for inspection (of which more will be said later in another article) so that you can compare the assessment of similar property and his method of determining values.

If you are not satisfied with his explanation then you should enter your appeal in the Court of Revision which is composed of local citizens except where County Courts of Revision have been established. The appeal must be delivered in writing either by mail or personally to the Assessment Commissioner (if there be one) or to the Clerk of the municipality within the time limit.

The Court of Revision hearings are quite informal and there is no charge to enter an appeal. However, your efforts should be considered wasted unless you are inequitably assessed as assessments today are being set at much below actual value, and you cannot honestly claim as a rule on over-assessment alone.

Further Appeal Possible
Now if the Court of Revision should rule that your assessment is fair but you are still not satisfied, your next step is to appeal to the County or District Judge or the Ontario Municipal Board. However, if you appeal from the Court of Revision's decision direct to the Ontario Municipal Board, you have lost your opportunity of a further appeal to the Judge. Your appeal to the Judge follows the same form as appeals to the Court of Revision and must be entered within ten days after the clerk has sent you by registered mail notification of the decision of the Court of Revision. There is also no charge for appeals to the county judge.

If you are still not satisfied with the decision of the Judge or you intend to appeal direct from the decision of the Court of Revision to the Board, you have twenty-one days to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

This period dates from the time of notification by the Clerk and your notice of appeal must be sent by registered mail not only to the Board but also a similar notice must be sent by registered mail to the municipality. A fee of \$25.00 for each property you appeal must accompany the notice to the Board. If you are successful in this appeal, it is quite probable that the municipality will be ordered to refund you this amount. For involved or lengthy cases the charge will probably exceed \$25.00 but this charge comes later.

On question of law but not on questions of fact or value, you may appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal—but instances of this are not too common.

(Next week's article which concludes this series will advise you how to obtain a proper system of assessment and equalization if you do not already enjoy the benefits of one in your municipality.)

THE WEATHER.

Mr. Editor:

The summary for the first week in June gives us a good sample of those rare days in June; each day last week almost up to the normal average for the month which is 75. The nights are cool and below the average but real fine for sleeping.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
June 2	73	51	
June 3	74	42	.18
June 4	72	50	
June 5	73	48	Trace
June 6	84	44	
June 7	78	55	
June 8	84	41	.12
Average	76.57	47.28	.30

MARK 50TH WEDDING AT CALLANDER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibbens celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week in Callander at the home of their son.

They were married in Holy Cross Church here on June 4th, 1902 by the late Rev. J. J. Feeney. Mr. Gibbens was for many years a Main Street businessman, and had a bake shop in the present Herald office location. He is a member of the Board of Parks management.

They have one son, Edward and two grandsons, Peter and John Paul. Mrs. Mary Bell of Detroit, Michigan, sister of Mr. Gibbens, who was bridesmaid at the wedding, attended the celebration.

AYPA WILL ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At the last meeting of St. George's AYPA a committee was appointed to make plans for the final meeting this season. After the business meeting, the members enjoyed square and round dancing.

On June 20th, election of next year's officers will take place. A special invitation is extended to all who wish to join the AYPA and to parents of AYPA members. Everyone is asked to dress for a square dance.

JOE'S TUCK SHOP OPENING NEXT WEEK

A new business will start on Main Street next week, when Joe McClintock will open Joe's Tuck Shop in the former Goldham Meat Market location in the Gibbens Block.

Mr. McClintock, whose wife is the former Margaret Long, was associated with the family in running Long's Restaurant until it was sold four years ago. Until returning to town, Mr. and Mrs. McClintock and daughter Mary lived at Grand Valley where he had a billiard parlour and tobacco store.

MIDGETS DEFEAT ACTON TANNERS

Georgetown midgets defeated Acton in a close game here Monday 6-5.

Tanners started off strong and a couple of errors by Georgetown, helped them take the lead. Ross McGill was on the mound and Jim Timleck catching for the locals. McGill gave up only 6 hits and struck out 14. A fourth inning rally netted Georgetown 5 runs and they stayed in front from then on.

Morton started for the Tanners, and was relieved in the 5th by Cunningham but the damage was done. Bob Freestone, and Timleck were the big hitter for the locals; Cunningham and Lawson were best for Acton.

This Saturday Georgetown is host to Carlisle at 3 o'clock in the park.

MIKE SMITH NEW CAFE PROPRIETOR

Mike Smith, son-in-law of Mrs. John Cordaro has taken over proprietorship of K's Grill on Main St.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left town several years ago and have been living in Meaford since then. With their four children, Richard, Johnny, Carolyn and Marilyn, they are living in an apartment in the Cordaro Building.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sharpe, Rochester, N.Y. were with his mother, Mrs. William Sharpe and Mr. and Mrs. George Potter for the week end.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Norma Thompson visited in Strathroy last week-end with Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Woodcock.

Visitors over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Squires of Lambeth.

Mrs. J. E. Ostrom of Clinton was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ern Thompson.

Mrs. Frank E. Russell of Sarnia spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Adams.

Mrs. David Waterhouse and children Jane and Mary of Guelph are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kean.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bartlett, Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Blair.

Mrs. W. V. Grant is recuperating in Private Patients Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, where she underwent a major operation last week.

Mrs. Jessie Adams of St. Thomas is spending this week in town visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Muir, John Street.

Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and Jane, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Milne, are home for summer holidays after completing their year at Havergal College, Toronto.

Miss Moina Kelly is spending this week in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly. Mrs. Kelly is recuperating from an appendix operation which she underwent last week at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Rev. Alfred Barker, Mrs. Walter Peck and Mrs. Arthur Reeve will return tomorrow from London where they attended the convention of Ontario and Quebec Baptists which was held in Adelaide Street Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Feller spent Sunday in Barrie where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvin. Both these former district residents have been in poor health. Mr. Garvin is in hospital at present, while Mrs. Garvin is staying at the home of their son, Jack.

Week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, Westcyan St., included Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John Wrightson, Bob and Bill, and Mrs. George Swallow, all of Giammia. Mrs. Alice Cooper and Mr. Fred Langley of Toronto.

Four Georgetown people are enjoying a vacation in Florida at present. Misses Toots Murphy, Shirley Wright and Ann Luke will return this week after spending two weeks at the Sea Bay Hotel, and Miss Marjorie Hunter, and her cousin, Mrs. Sybil Travis, Toronto, are remaining for another week in the south. Temperatures of 90 and 95 are giving them a real taste of summer.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beerman announce the engagement of their son Earl to Gail Towns, Brampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Towns of Waldemar. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Egmont Pries announce the engagement of their daughter Merle Katherine to Fred Lawrence, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lawrence, Port Dover. The marriage will take place on Friday, June 20th.

Seven Counties Represented At Federation Zone Rally

The annual zone meeting of the Federation of Agriculture was held at Bethesda Church, Duff's Corners, on Tuesday, June 3rd with representatives from seven counties. A few words of welcome were given by Mrs. Leyland Pound, lady representative of Zone 3. Mr. M. J. Brown, Halton, zone chairman was in charge of the meeting, assisted by Mrs. McLean from Ontario county. Greetings from the hostess county, Wentworth, were brought by their president, Mr. Nerlick.

The morning discussion period was taken on "Function of the zone in the Federation" with suggestions being forwarded as to the setting up of a permanent organization at zone level to be a joining link between county and provincial organization. "Where do policies originate?" was one question from the floor. This is a democratic organization and policy is made back home on the farm, these are formulated at annual township, county, zone and provincial meetings, from the requests received from the "people back home."

This is why the Federation comes to the people with the question "Do You Want...?" and gives them the change to vote on these questions before they are acted upon. Do we realize the significance of this and make use of our opportunity by voting? Not only to support our organization which is set up to help us in our daily work in agriculture but also to carry out our wishes as received from the results of our vote.

A committee was elected to bring in a recommendation later in the meeting regarding the setting up of a zone organization.

How many counties have sent reports to the zone chairman? Here the ladies won: ladies 100 per cent, men, none.

After lunch served by the Bethesda church ladies, the joint sessions were resumed. This one dealt with resolutions which were many and varied.

Some of those being passed were: (1) Permanent zone committee be county directors with the executive member for chairman.

(2) Officers of Federation of Agriculture not to use the influence of their office when voicing personal opinions.

(3) Federation of Agriculture gives every encouragement and support to the discussion and establishment of Credit Unions.

At this point the ladies adjourned to their own meeting when a continuity of office resolution was considered and passed with certain clarifications.

The ladies have Mrs. Leyland Pound, Wentworth, re-elected as their chairman, and Mrs. James Bell, Simcoe County, as secretary.

Shortly before five o'clock the meetings closed and all started off homeward viewing the beauties of the Ontario countryside.

DEER HUNTS

Both Equising and Nassagaweya Township Councils have passed resolutions restricting deer hunting to township residents only this fall.

The high school choir will sing in Knox Church Sunday evening. It will be a preparatory service.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Marion Robson Grad From Loretto Academy

Marion Robson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robson, of Guelph, a student at Loretto Academy for the past four years, was one of twenty graduates. Her mother was the former Mary Norton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Norton, Glen Williams. Guests attending the graduation ceremonies in the Church of Our Lady on Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill and Eleanor.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Horne have moved to Brampton, after living for several months in part of Miss Osborne's home.

The girls baseball club elected officers at a meeting in the town hall last Wednesday. Officers are: Fred Leeder, president; Mrs. Harold Bennett, manager; Steve Halpin, coach; Blake Inglis, assistant coach; Margaret Cain, secretary treasurer; Harold Bennett, Roland Haines, George Sargent, executive committee. The club had a dance in the hall on Friday, at which music was supplied by J. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. N. Felker with Jack McQuarrie calling off. Another dance is planned this Friday.

Transportation is required to Norval Wednesday for a ball game and those wishing to assist see Mrs. H. Bennett. Support of fans will be appreciated.

Thirty six members of the AYPA gathered Friday for their closing meeting which took the form of a bobo hike. Mrs. H. Williams and Mrs. W. Riggs accompanied the young people. Their first stop was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Beaumont where Louise Kidd and Freddie Young won prizes for best costumes. They then hiked to the 10th Line bridge for lunch.

Dennis Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hancock, celebrated his 10th birthday Thursday with a party after school. His guests were Brian Puckering, Dennis Foster, Roland Hancock, Clinton Handy, Lorne Thompson, Bill Tanaley, Keith Preston, Robert Matthews, his brother Terry and teachers Mrs. Beaumont and Mrs. Gardiner.

Flower, Children's Day At St. John's Sunday

Flower and Children's Day Service is to be held in St. John's United Church Sunday morning for the fourth consecutive year. The decorating of the church is to be done this year by members of the Explorer group under the direction of their leaders, Mrs. Vern McCumber and Mrs. Frank Whitmee, and Mrs. Jack Watson and it is planned to bank the choir loft with flowers. The music is to be provided by the Junior Choir and members of the Sunday School under the leadership of Mr. N. Laird.

Guest speaker will be Rev. F. J. Horwood, B.A., Mus.D., noted clergyman and musician, noted for his ability to speak to children's congregations. Dr. Horwood is the founder of the Music Makers Club and the author of the Book, Music Makers. Several copies of this book are to be given among other presentations to members of the Junior Choir on Sunday morning.

—Saturday, June 14th will be the Salvation Army tag day in town.

BALLINAFAD

Large Funeral Service For Mrs. D. J. Sinclair

A well-known and highly respected resident of the Ballinafad community, Edith Rose Sinclair, widow of David, John Sinclair, died suddenly at her home, Lot 2, concession 8, Erin Township, on Sunday, June 1st in her 81st year.

Mrs. Sinclair was born at Conningly, a daughter of the late John W. Burt and Janet McKinnon. She was united in marriage thirty-two years ago to Mr. Sinclair, who predeceased her five years ago. She was a faithful member of Ballinafad United Church, a kind and loving mother and a good neighbour who will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

The funeral was held from the residence last Wednesday. Her pastor, Mr. William A. Gibb, assisted by Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, conducted a short service at the home followed by a service in the church. A duet "Home Sweet Home" was sung by Mrs. Stanley Sinclair and Mrs. Norman Sinclair. Pallbearers were Edgar Bingham, Norman McLaughlin, Hugh Reid, Earl Sovereign, Lloyd Burt and Wilfrid Burt. Interment was at Erin Cemetery.

She leaves a son Garnet and a daughter Joan, also two sisters and four brothers, Annie, Mrs. D. F. Sovereign and Minnie, Mrs. Peter Cole, both of Burlington, Laurence and Clifford Burt of Georgetown, Chester and Goldwin Burt of Hillsburgh.

Beautiful floral tributes and a large circle of friends who gathered at the funeral service bore testimony to the high esteem in which Mrs. Sinclair was held. Flowers were carried by Dorothy Warne, Mildred Parkinson, Wilma Kirkwood, Smith Griffin, Mervin Hilliard, Bob McGill, Grant Wright, A. D. McEnery, Lloyd Marshall and Henry Hill. Floral tributes included:

Pillow from the family; wreaths, sprays and baskets from: Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sovereign and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cole and Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Burt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burt, Grace and Bert, Mr. Goldwin Burt, Bingham family, Reid family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Isley, Mr. and Mrs. George Edmunds, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McEnery and family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lawr, Lorraine Mullen, Eleada Britton, Olive Muselle, Bob McGill, Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid, Miss Ada Currie, Mission Circle, Neighbours, Junior Farmers, Junior Institute, Ballinafad Hockey Club.

Last of Family Mrs. J. F. Brown Dies

Margaret Hunter, widow of John Frederick Brown, died on June 4th after a lengthy illness.

She was the last member of the family of John Hunter and Amelia Landy, and was born near Norval August 24th, 1868, on the farm property now owned by Oliver Hunter. Two brothers and five sisters predeceased her.

She was a member of Norval Presbyterian Church which she attended the greater part of her life, except for a period after her marriage when she attended Hornby Presbyterian Church. She was a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

A family of two sons and two daughters survives, Lester, 9th Line, Norval, May, Mrs. C. Gillip, Streetsville, Ward, and Florence at home. There are four granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Rev. G. L. Royal of Norval Presbyterian Church conducted the funeral service on Saturday at her late residence on the 9th Line and interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval. Six nephews were pallbearers.

Friends and relatives attended the service from Meaford, Toronto, Galt, Breslau, Bolton, Erin, Trafalgar, Georgetown, Limehouse and Brampton.

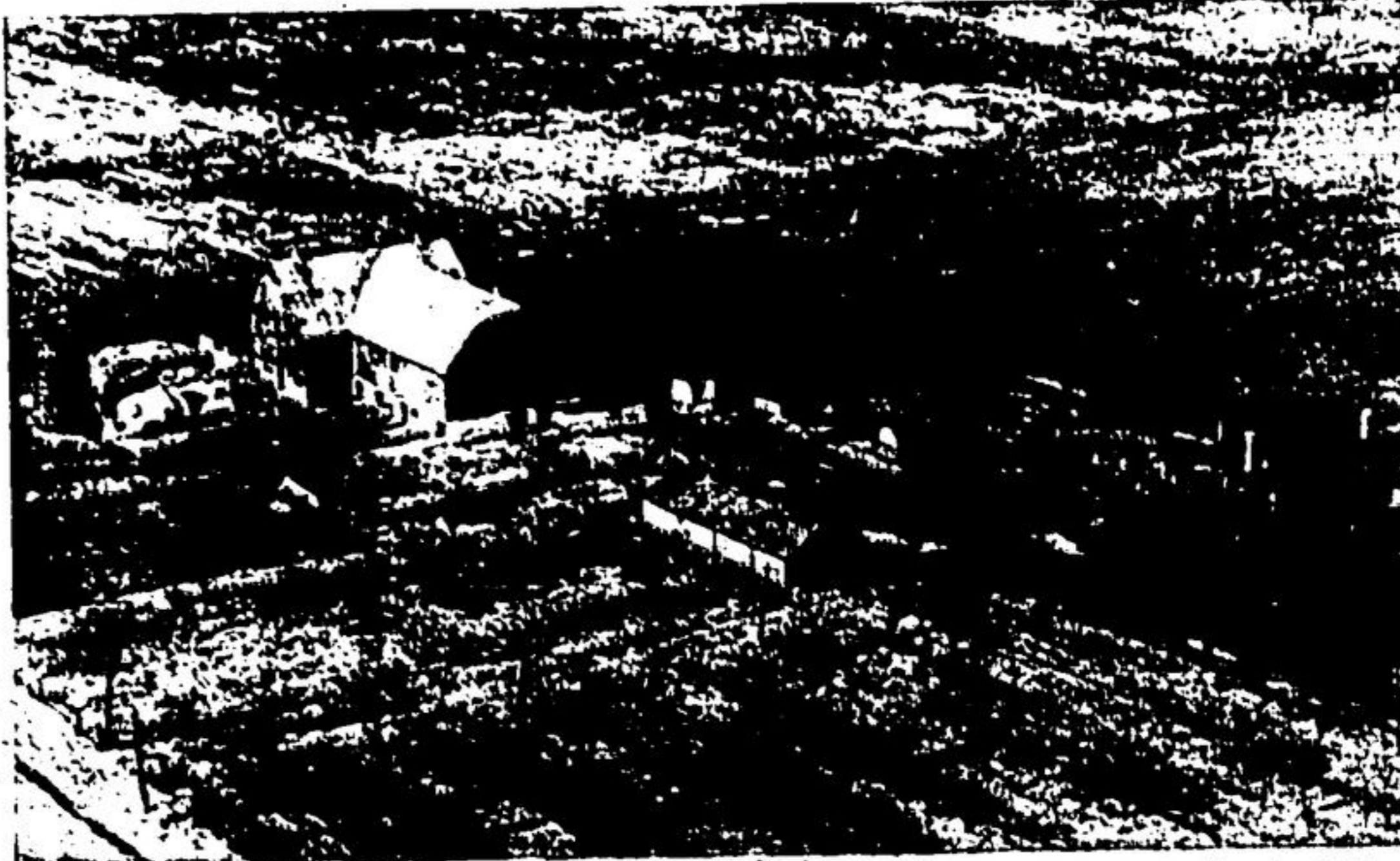
BURLINGTON MAN IS LIBERAL PRESIDENT

Alyn Cadeau, Burlington, is the new president of the Ontario Liberal Association, for a three year term.

Mr. Cadeau was elected at the recent convention in Toronto. Provincial leader Walter Thomson resigned at the convention, and Mr. Cadeau said a new leader will be chosen within the next 18 months. Mentioned among the possibilities are William Benedickson, M.P. for Kenora and J. J. Robinette, Toronto lawyer.

LORNE SOOTS FORMAL Officers of the Lorne Soots Regiment had their annual Regal on Friday in Brampton Armoury.

McMeekin Farm was Greensward Homestead



No. 7 in a series of district farms appeared in the May 28th issue of the Herald in connection with the Lucky Farmer Photo Quiz which is being sponsored by a group of Georgetown and district business men.

It was the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McMeekin, at Lot 11, Fifth Line West, Chinguacousy, who have lived on the property since 1908. The original 100 acre farm was

deeded by the Crown to Timothy Greensward, who came from Somersetshire, in England in 1836. His son, Isaac, farmed there after his father from 1875 to 1908 when he retired from farming and moved to Brampton, selling the property to Mr. McMeekin.

Wellington Greensward, McNabb Street, was brought up on the farm but did not follow his father's profession and came to Georgetown to work

for Provincial Paper, Ltd. Mr. McMeekin and his son, T. L., have added another 100 acres across the road where T. L. built a new house last summer, where he lives with his wife and daughter, Bonnie June. They attend Norval United Church where they are interested in all church organizations. The McMeekins have four married daughters, three of whom live in Brampton and one in London.