



REMEMBER THE DRUMMERS SNACK?

THE BIG DAY of the year was for a long time, The Drummers' Snack, when Travelling Salesmen from all over the district assembled here for parading and celebrating. This picture was taken in front of the McGibbon Hotel about fifty years ago.

## No Interruptions When Live Power Line Moved

### New Machine Aids District Hydro Work

Some 90 Hydro poles have been moved and three miles of 8,000 volt live power line was completely relocated in the Snelgrove area of Peel County without interrupting the electric power service to customers.

This amazing feat was accomplished by the use of a unique new machine known as a corner mounted radial arm derrick and digger which is on a special truck. Ontario Hydro now has several of these new units that are able to dig new pole holes, remove the existing pole by means of a hydraulic butt puller, then lift and put the pole into place in the new hole. All this is done in a single combined operation, relocating a pole at a time using the corner mounted derrick machine and only a small line crew.

Since these machines eliminate the strenuous physical work in pole line building or relocating lines it will mean that the older, more experienced linemen will be able to stay in their present type of work for several years longer because mechanization has been brought about by these unique new specially-equipped trucks.

Actually the approximate savings to Ontario Hydro will amount to about \$4,000 per mile compared with the conventional method of relocating a power line. By the old method Ontario Hydro would have had to install new poles and completely string a new line parallel to the existing line, then place the new line in service and remove the old power line. However, since the wooden poles on this 8 kv line, which is a tie feed between Glen Williams D.S. and Brampton D.S. were in excellent condition, these poles together with all attachments could be moved intact. Actually the poles on this three mile section of No. 17 sideroad had been fully treated before being installed some 33 years ago. The poles were installed back in 1928. Only the conductors had been installed on this line within recent years.

**Moved Intact**

The corner mounted derrick machine was able to remove the poles and place them in the new holes, approximately six to twelve feet from their original locations. The boom of the machine is capable of lifting 2,000 lbs. in a horizontal position or 8,000 lbs. at 85 degrees. All the poles are moved intact, some of them with transformers attached in addition to the insulators and conductors.

The hole digging, pole lifting and setting operations proceeded efficiently under the capable direction of Foreman Lorne Beardsall with a small crew. So effective was the work that the numerous farm customers along the three mile stretch of line had no interruptions to their service when the whole section of power line supplying their farms was being moved.

**Many Benefits**

Ontario Hydro expects many benefits to result in future with the use of these new corner mounted radial arm derrick and digger equipped trucks. Such equipment will eliminate back-breaking work and require less crew men, and also mean fewer interruptions in power service to customers. These special trucks seem to be one of the answers to Ontario Hydro's continuing problem of how to increase the effectiveness of morning work when they reach the age when they are not physically able to do the more difficult and heavier jobs.

by the many motorists traveling through the village, and it we trust it helps to prevent accidents, so numerous during the winter months.

### NORVAL

## Norval Friends Fete Ralph Laidlaw, Bride

On Saturday evening, November 18th a community presentation was held in the United Church for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laidlaw in honour of their recent wedding.

Mr. Bill Laidlaw was chairman for the evening and Mr. Robert Macdonald read the presentation address. Mr. Fred Hall and Mr. Garnet Laidlaw presented the young couple with a projector and screen for their movie camera.

The guests were entertained with an interesting program. Mrs. Garnet Laidlaw and Miss Brenda Laidlaw favoured with a piano solo and Mrs. Bruce Fraser gave two comical readings. Mrs. John McCallum showed slides on her trip to England, Ireland and Scotland. She was assisted by Miss Marjorie MeLeod.

### STEWARTTOWN

## Return From England And European Tour

Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and daughter Ruth, have returned home from their trip to England, where she joined with Miss Carol Kovacs of Georgetown, they flew to New York and sailed on board the Italian liner "Christophher Columbus", landing at Gibraltar. The girls toured Europe for two months visiting 14 countries and returned to England, Carol returning home and Ruth remaining where her mother met her in October. Mrs. Wilson travelling by jet to London, where she joined her daughter, and together they toured England visiting relatives in different parts of the country, and also spent a weekend in Scotland, returning to New York, by steamship, on the Queen Elizabeth, and flying from there home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Reid and daughter Brenda motored to Sudbury this past week to visit with Mrs. Reid's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mogy and then on to Manitowish, Manitowish Island, where they are spending holidays with Mrs. Reid's father, and other members of the family.

Happy birthday to Laurie Elizabeth Maxwell who celebrated her 9th birthday on Wednesday of this week, and to Mary Jean Maxwell who will be 7 on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. DeVries, who have been living in Kitchener since moving from their farm on the Cheek Line, have recently moved to Breslau, where they have built a new home. Their many friends in this district, wish them much happiness and enjoyment in their new surroundings.

Miss Jessie Kelsey, a former teacher at Stewarttown public school is seriously ill in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and would be pleased to hear from any of her friends, and former pupils in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marr and daughter Kathy of Delhi district were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilson's. The snowfall early Monday morning was the reason for the older linemen when they reach the age when they are not physically able to do the more difficult and heavier jobs.

### PROGRESS REPORT NO. 5

## Complete Bridge To CNR Terminal Yard

TORONTO — The railway yard entrance bridge to the Toronto Terminal Project freight classification yard has been completed, reports Jack Cain, project director. The bridge separates three sets of tracks from another.

Construction crews are working under directions to complete important public vehicular traffic bridges over the CNR's access-line to the yard by late Fall.

Already, deck slabs are being poured on the bridges at Keele St. and Highway 400 which cross the access-line, and at the bridge carrying Highway 7 over yard rail lines. Steel spans are to be laid on the Yonge St. bridge.

A successful bidder on the paving contract for the Keele St. bridge is soon to be announced and tenders are to be called for the grading and fencing of the access-line from Yonge St. to Malton, reported Mr. Cain.

When completed, the project will include a 1200 acre electronically operated yard that will use humps for the gravitational flow of classifying freight cars. A new access-line cuts across to it west from Burlington to Dunbarton in the east. Completion date will be in late 1964 or early 1965. Work was begun in April of this year, 13 per cent of the grading of the yard has been completed.

Another development related to the Toronto Terminal Project was the official opening of CN's Montreal freight classification yard on Sept. 13. Located at Cote de Liesse on an 800-acre site, it has 165 miles of track, 124 classification tracks, 10 miles of access roads, 30 miles of drainage ditches, 650 track switches and nine control towers.

It can move 7,000 cars a day and has a standing capacity of 11,000. Closed circuit television computers, teletypes, radar and light portable two way radios for field-men are utilized to

## Well-Known Legion Men Receive Awards

Due to an oversight, in the account of the annual Legion dinner, 2 Legionnaires who had been members of Branch 120 for twenty-five years, were not listed.

Mr. John Henderson and Mr. Andy Dowhurst received their 25 year awards on that occasion and, wives received bouquets.

More lives were lost in the Civil War than in any other war in which the United States has been engaged.



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It was decided that the executive is to meet with the executive of the Evening Aux. as soon as possible to discuss the integration of the W.M.S. and the W.A. to the United Church Women. The minutes were read and followed by the roll call with 12 members present. Donations for the bale were brought to the meeting and Mrs. J. Laidlaw offered to deliver them to Orangeville where they will be parked.

The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hamilton McLaughlin.

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