



INSTRUMENTAL IN MASONIC TEMPLE PROJECT

Pictured here are group of local Masons who were active in the planning of their new Masonic Temple on the western limits of town. Robert Lawson, Graham Farnell, Douglas V. Latimer (W.M.), John T. Armstrong, Ed Wilson (D.D.G.M.), Robert McMaster, Irwin Noble and Murray Henley.

Reminiscences of an Early West Pioneer

Second and concluding instalment of memories of Thomas Mansfield of Terra Cotta, whose 96-year-old memory recalls pioneer days in the Canadian west.

In the opening years the homesteaders only sowed from 20 to 30 acres in grain. They gathered the sheaves and stacked them to wait for the horse-powered threshing machine to reach their farm. In a few years a group of Pincher Creek farmers, Tom Mansfield among them, banded together to buy a second-hand, steam threshing machine. It was a heavy investment and put them into debt, but later they were able to afford a new steam machine. Steam tractors began to replace horses and could pull a six share plow. The homesteads expanded.

Grain had to be sacked for loading into freight cars from the platform at Brackett Siding for the trip east. About 1910 the homesteaders applied for a grain elevator at Brackett.

When eastern machinery manufacturers tried to gouge the western farmers prior to World War I the Pincher Creek homesteaders answered by forming a cooperative to level the prices. Mansfield was a founding director.

SELF SUFFICIENT

Our style of life has changed a great deal, Mr. Mansfield has observed. "Today society relies on the services of retailers to keep it supplied. In my young days, we bought few things — some of our clothes — but had to be self-sufficient on our own farms."

The farmers at Pincher Creek had a beef ring. Their portion of meat was delivered weekly — "Meat kept remarkably well if it was hoisted to the top of a tall pole, above the flies. Of course, we had a lot of corned beef at the end of the week," he laughed.

During his reminiscences, Mr. Mansfield recalled seeing a mirage of Fort Macleod in the evening shadows of the hills outside Pincher Creek. "I suppose it was caused by the mist and the shadow formation," he commented.

He recalled another experience numbing to any listener coming from a man who is a realist and doesn't romanticize.

"My wife's mother was in poor health and I had hitched the team to the sleigh, and was asking Edna to catch the train at Brackett to her mother's. On the way, a black team, like a coach-and-six, not another sleigh, pulled across from the side. My team noticed it, too. Later, the nearest that we could calculate was that the black team had come up at the time her mother passed away," he said. "It left no footprints in the snow."

The Depression Years on the prairies were hard. Mr. Mansfield and most others at Pincher Creek farmed at a loss. "There were other areas harder hit in the west. We never went hungry," he said.

ENJOYS POLITICS

He retains a keen interest in politics. This dates back to the Farmers' Government days in Alberta where he declined an attempt to enter him as a candidate. He witnessed the

Aberhart government take office.

Although his family is old Tory stock, Mr. Mansfield has always favored the NDP. When asked what his opinion of Prime Minister Trudeau was he replied, "I try to be an open minded. He is an intelligent man. I hope he'll succeed. I'm giving him time."

Twenty two years ago, after his wife's death, he left the prairies. He lives a retired life with his only child, Nora, Mrs. Bill Doole and her husband in their home on the banks of the Credit River in Equestrian Twp. at Terra Cotta. Grandchildren are Michael, Toronto; Kerry, Jane and Jeff, Brampton; and John Andrew and Jennifer at home.

His eyesight isn't as keen as it once was but he keeps up to date with current events listening to television and radio and is an ardent hockey fan and football fan. Gordon Sinclair is one of his favorite commentators. He hopes that the moon shot will benefit mankind, and recalls reading the opinions on the future air traffic development when Lindbergh flew the Atlantic. "People were skeptical then too" he said.

He is an active gardener. His crop this year, included tomatoes, potatoes, corn, carrots and greens.

His brother, Sam, 93, sisters Muriel, 89 and Hilda 81 live in Ottawa and he has another brother Lee, 78, in Arnprior, all of whom he visits periodically. Mr. Mansfield, a tall hand-

Medal From Duke For Robin Ord

A district boy had dinner with the Duke of Edinburgh on Monday, after receiving a medal for sports activities from him.

Robin Ord, a Grade 13 student at Lakefield College Schools was one of several students honoured at this event. Robin, who has excelled in skiing and water sports at the school, received a gold medal.

Afterwards the medal recipients had dinner with the visiting duke.

Robin is the son of Judge and Mrs. John D. Ord, who moved from Georgetown to a farm at R.R. 1, Acton last year.

Glass Blowing Art Explained to Cubs

Cubs of 5th Georgetown A Pack have been learning about methods of glass blowing and are the proud owners of glass dogs, swans and others ornaments which they designed themselves.

In groups of the six the cubs have been visiting Varian Associates for the past three weeks where Gerry Wallace has been demonstrating the delicate art.

The visits were arranged by leader Wib McMullen.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mrs. Nellie Lane, of 25 King Street, Georgetown, has returned home after spending a pleasant holiday visiting out west. She was accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Sturrock of Brampton and they travelled both ways by air. After spending some time with their sister, Mrs. Will Christie, in Calgary, they journeyed on to spend some time visiting with relatives in Regina.

BALLINAFAD

Red Cross Sponsors A Nursing Aid Course

The Red Cross Nursing Debbie of Toronto, Mr. and course is in full swing at the community centre. There are 21 taking the course. Mrs. Ric Sales, RN and Mrs. Joyce Clarke RN are the instructors. The meetings are every Wednesday evening for twelve weeks.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Plouffe family in the loss of Doreen (Mrs. MacLeod) who was so suddenly taken from them, due to an accident on the highway last week.

Sympathy is also extended to the many relatives, in this area of Mr. Goldwin Burt, who passed away over the holiday weekend. He was buried in Comings Cemetery on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Jesse McEnery and Mrs. Slesgoraitis were delegates from the WI who attended the WI convention at the University of Guelph last Wednesday and Thursday.

Among the many visitors who spent the holiday weekend in the neighbourhood were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Miller and

and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox at the Jesse McEnery, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jones of Sudbury at the Frank Smiths.

The Scout Mother's Auxiliary had their usual monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Don Matthews. Reports showed the booth at the fair was very successful. A social time was enjoyed after the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith attended anniversary services at Hillsburgh Baptist Church on Sunday. There was special music by the choir. Winnifred Smith



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DOUBLE RING CEREMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLennan sign the register in St. John's United Church following their double ring wedding ceremony conducted by Rev. Robert Scrivens. The bride, the former Mary Evans, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, 5 Valleyview Road. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. McLennan of Toronto.