

# Five New Members Join Firm's 25 Year Club

Members of the Smith & Stone 25 Year Club enjoyed their 17th annual award dinner at the Georgetown Golf & Country Club on October 17. This celebration was particularly noteworthy as this year marks the Company's 50th anniversary.

T.W. Creaghan, General Manager, of Smith & Stone welcomed the new members in to the club and introduced Mr. D. R. Pepall, executive vice president of the company.

Mr. Pepall presented gold wristwatches and 25 year pins to the recipients. Those celebrating 25 years of service this year include Florence McVeigh, Gilbert Preston, Ray Salter, Reginald Ryall, and Dixon S. Chant, president and chairman of the Board of Smith & Stone Ltd.

Mr. Creaghan presented a special gift to Mr. Chant on behalf of the employees of Smith and Stone, Georgetown.

in recognition of his contribution to the Company.

Mr. Pepall and Mr. Chant presented a gold pen and pencil set to J. Bernard Armstrong who this year celebrates 60 years of service with Smith & Stone.

Special guests included Brigadier F. C. Wallace, past president and chairman of Smith & Stone who gave a short address on the history of the Company.

The occasion was marked by a sad event; the sudden loss of Gordon R. Spence who was a member of the club since its inception in 1952. A one minute silence was observed by all guests in his memory.

Following dinner and the presentations, members and special guests were entertained by a particularly enjoyable group which featured Billy Meek, a frequent guest on the Pig and Whistle TV show.

# Norval Group Booster For Half-Way House

Next spring construction will begin on a half way house for newly released prisoners. It will be a place where men in penal institutions can apply to come, if they will be without homes and jobs on their release.

Here he can stay, on an average for about two months, while he is readjusting to life in society.

On his release from prison a former inmate has to learn to make his own decisions, after a long period when his decisions have been made for him; he has to find a place to stay, when he doesn't have much money to pay for it; he has to face people who know he has just come from prison; and he has to find a job.

At St. Leonard's House he would at least have a place to stay. There would be counselling available to help him prepare for his new situation. And there would be help in finding employment in local industry.

St. Leonard's House in Bramalea (on Highway and Orinda Road) hopes to be operating next year. Towards the \$250,000 cost of the building, the provincial government has approved a capital grant of \$105,000 and Peel County council recently gave \$10,000.

The rest of the money will be given by individuals, industries, service clubs, and a brick sale.

The Norval Inter-Church Committee has a representative at the St. Leonard's House meetings, and will be involved

## Funeral Service for Mrs Arthur MacLeod

Funeral service took place at the Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton, on Oct. 10 for Mrs. Arthur MacLeod, of R. R. 1, Campbellville victim of a two car collision near Mount Forest on October 7.

Mr and Mrs. MacLeod were

returning to Brookville where they operated a store, after visiting in the area. Mrs. MacLeod was hospitalized with her injuries and her children, Gary and Sharon were also injured in the crash.

Mrs. MacLeod, age 52, was the former Doreen daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Plouffe, of Ballinacree. Her father operated a station. She attended Mountain public school, and had been employed in Carroll's store and as a cashier in the Georgetown IGA.

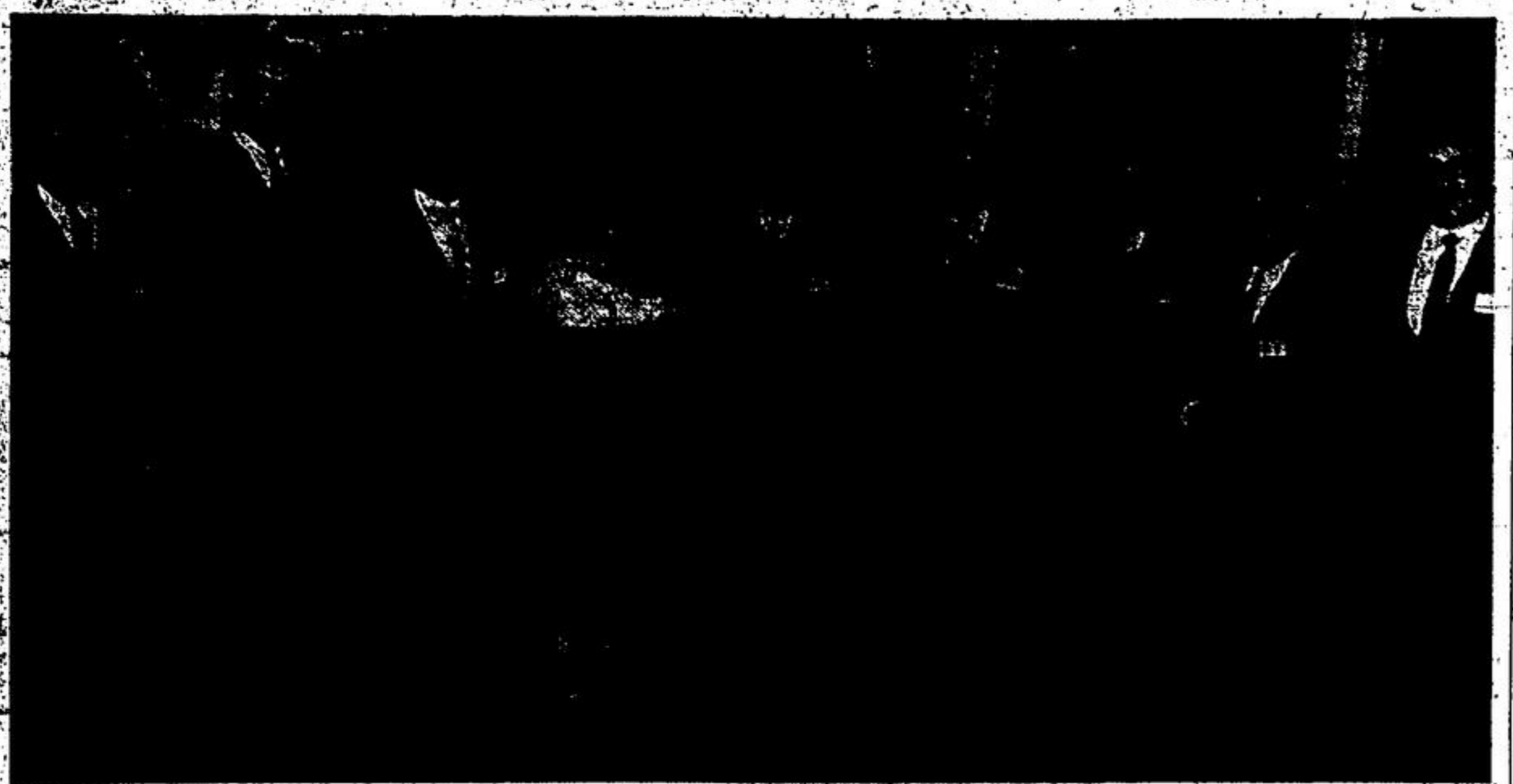
Besides her husband, she leaves four children Harvey, Wayne, Gary, and Sharon; her parents, brothers Charles and Brian and sisters Mrs. Yvonne Jordan, R. R. 2, Arthur, Mrs. Eileen McElhinney, R. R. 1,

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Milton who was her twin and Linda.

Rev. D. R. Nicholson conducted the funeral service, and interment was in Westmeadow Presbyterian cemetery. Pallbearers were Donald Smolek, John Hume, Peter Peterson, Carl Kennedy, Douglas MacLean and David Currie.

Character development and good citizenship are among the most important goals of Canada's 4-H club movement which boasts a membership of over 75,000. Through the motto "Learn to Do by Doing," the 4-H club movement in Canada aims to help young people acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a satisfying personal, family and community life.



From left: J. Bernard Armstrong; D. R. Pepall, Executive Vice-President; Gilbert Preston; Florence McVeigh; Brigadier F. C. Wallace, Past President and Chairman of the Board; Ray Salter; Dixon S. Chant, President and Chairman of the Board; Reginald Ryall, and T. W. Creaghan, General Manager of Manufacturing.

# Freak Snowstorm Collapses Pens, 1500 Pheasants Free

Farmer-hunter problems have long been a problem in rural areas but seldom have they reached the dimensions they did recently at Craiglea Farms on the 3rd Line Esquewaug.

The heavy snow collapsed the cedar posts supporting pheasant pens and 1,500 pheasants were freed, during the heavy snowfall, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. By Friday the world was out and hunters thronged to the area from far and near, some coming from as far away as Toronto.

As if it wasn't hard enough to reconstruct the pens and entice the birds back, pheasant season had just opened, complicating the problem even further.

Mr. Geist recalls only one other incident of this nature about nine years ago.

At that time the pens were supported by steel posts and an early snow bent the posts and some, but not all of the birds escaped.

Several times however hunters have cut holes in the pens to release birds which would then become free game.

Mr. Geist sold an average of 5,000 or 6,000 pheasants a year with his chief market being hunt clubs, restaurants and hotels. Feathered, the birds sell for \$6.50 a pair and oven ready they sell at \$7.75.

None of the loss is covered by insurance. Ironically enough the CBC Radio network had been out Tuesday afternoon to interview Mr. Geist and took voice tapes from the birds.

Pheasants are part of Mr. Geist's livelihood but he is seriously considering giving up "This is too big a blow for the business to take all at once," he explained.

About 500 pinioned birds with wings clipped, were saved and it might be that in the future Mr. Geist may keep all pinioned birds rather than the flyers. He is the only known commercial raiser of pheasants in the area.

peris were trying to plan and cope with what was coming in our fast moving jet age. When she concluded her speech she was asked about flights to Japan for 1970 Expo. She said that if people were planning to go they should book immediately that most of the flights were already booked and that there was very little hotel accommodation now available.

Miss Jean Mackenzie thanked her and presented her with a gift from the club. The committee arranging the evening were Miss Jean Mackenzie, Mrs. Sharon McMillan and Mrs. Aileen Bradley.

Wear a poppy on November 11 to remember those who died in the two world wars.

## Log Cutting Replaces Ribbon At Official Opening of UCO

Julius Geist, proprietor of Craiglea Farm, is working with others to get the birds back in the pens by enticing them with feed. But hunters are shooting the birds before they can be lured back. About 150 have been recovered to date.

Three men from Ontario Department of Lands and Forests as well as officers from the OPP are patrolling the area and a number of charges have been laid.

Violations including one for over-limit, two for shooting from the road and five for not wearing back patches that enable hunters to be identified.

Harry Gingridge who is chief of officers in the area said it was a hunter-farmer problem and his men were doing their best to keep the lid on it.

While they are doing what they can to help Mr. Geist have a chance to preserve his business, the problem is a hard one. Providing the hunters don't violate regulations they can do nothing. What they can do, however, is to keep them away from the house, off the property and charge those violating the law.

If the birds can't be caught or shot by hunters there is little chance of them surviving the winter. They have always been fed, know no enemy and have no real defense.

If Mr. Geist doesn't recover his birds he stands to lose a total of \$5,000 for the birds and \$1,000 worth of pens. Several solutions have been considered including selling hunters the privilege to come on the farm, for \$10.

That would prove expensive for the hunter as he would be spending \$13, including license fees for a limit of three birds. The only other answer, failing catching the birds, would be to form a posse and shoot them to sell oven-ready himself.

Mr. Geist had no solution but offered praise to both OPP and the Department of Lands and Forests for their terrific cooperation.

In the business for 14 years

A birch log held across the front door was cut in two by Mayor Wheldon Emmerson using a chain saw in a variation of the traditional ribbon cutting as United Co-op of Ontario opened its new Georgetown building Thursday, October 23.

The new store, as well as providing a large and more modern facility for its customers, also offers a much improved area. The former premises were torn down this past summer.

The log used in the ceremony was held across the front door by George Pelletier, chairman of the Halton Branch of UCO, Halton East MPP Jim Snow, and UCO vice president Fred Hamilton.

A tour of the store and refreshments followed the ceremony.

Mr. Pelletier, who officiated told those on hand, "In ever changing times we must adjust to change. Thirty years ago, 15 or 20 per cent of the population of Ontario was rural farm. Today the percentage is down to seven per cent, and in the county of Halton it is less than four per cent."

Between 1916 and 1932, nine farmers' clubs were formed to serve district farmers, at Ashgrove, Acton, Stewartown, Terra Cotta, Palermo, Mount Nemo, Milton, McCurdy's Corners and Postville. And from there grew Halton Co-op.

The Georgetown mill was purchased in 1952 and in 1959 Erin was added. Seven years later Halton Co-operative Supplies merged with UCO.

"Shortly after the merger with UCO, the new council and zone officials met to study the situation in Georgetown. It was decided facilities were inadequate, the store was too small and the parking almost nil. With the increasing urbanization of the area it became apparent the branch should assume a different role than in the past so it was decided to rebuild," Mr. Pelletier said.

Mayor Emmerson tied UCO's growth in with that of the town which shows a 15 per cent population increase in the past year alone.

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the growth of UCO to 50 branches and 160 locals. And MPP Snow brought greetings and congratulations on the directors' foresight.

Ed Schenk of United Co-op's engineering departments presented the keys to Owen Adams of Guelph and the contractor relayed them to the store manager.

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