

# Associates, friends, neighbors honor Ben Case at W.I.'s Sunday reception

It was Ben Case Appreciation Day Sunday afternoon at the country home of Charlotte and George Ironside, when one of the neighbors, "beloved by all the people among whom he makes his home," suddenly found himself the focus of all attention.

The only male member of Silverwood Women's Institute—and a bachelor, too—Ben thought his fellow members were just arranging a summer get together when he said, sure, he'd be able to come—and he'd bring the coffee. Just before he arrived some one was sent to break the news to him that the whole afternoon had been arranged in his

honor and 150 friends were waiting.

More than he knew chairs were set out on the lovely shady lawn beside a pool for a short program in which a series of associates amusingly told the audience, and Ben, what he described as "more about myself than I ever knew."

The assistant manager of Eaton's store, insurance department, he retired in 1949 to the beautiful Esqueving property on 22 Sideroad, north of No. 7 highway, which he and friends had bought in 1938. It became the location for the annual reunion of Battery friends from the Great

War, and several of them were at Ben Case Day—Dr. Mutchmor, the former moderator of the United Church, neighbor Gordon Smith and Willard Britton of Acton.

Battery eyesore Dr. Mutchmor was a sergeant with the 46th Battalion when he knew Ben, and he read from the battery archives an affectionate account of how Ben was always an eyesore—and proud of it. (I rose through the ranks to acting lance bombardier Ben says proudly)

Ben's a quiet Canadian, said Dr. Mutchmor, and a kind of philosopher. He's an old Ontario product; "we're really pretty

good people, and Ben ranks high."

Ben was a moving spirit of battery reunions and instrumental in letting others know of illness, death and happiness.

79 years young A battery associate and long time friend and neighbor Gordon Smith reviewed his life so far: born in Huron county, the son of a beloved family doctor, of Irish, Scottish and Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry; school at Goderich and the University of Toronto, a short teaching career; five years in the army in the Great War; and his important position with the first large group insurance scheme in existence. He will be 80 this winter.

Mr. Smith's account was personal and comical, echoing Ben's own ready wit.

Neighbor Charlie Fogal was master of ceremonies for the informal program.

Wrote histories Silverwood Institute president Mrs. H. Marchington reviewed Ben's help with the branch history and presented him with the guest book signed by all the visitors at the reception that day.

Halton district W. I. president Mrs. Henderson expressed appreciation for his help with the county history.

Mrs. Glynn, a "kissing cousin" (she proved it) recalled his work with the Stone School community association, as well as individual kindnesses and services to the community.

She presented a scroll, lettered and illuminated by artist Dorothy Stone.

Mrs. Fred Shortill led in the singing of For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.



THEY ALL BELONG to Silverwood Women's Institute—including the gentleman in the centre, Ben Case of R.R. 1, Georgetown. He's an honorary member and the author of Institute histories. The ladies arranged Ben Case Appreciation Day last Sunday. With the guest of honor left to right are Mrs. J. Cossar, Mrs. J. Appleyard, Mrs. E. Beene, Mrs. G. Smith,

Mrs. A. Norton, Mrs. G. Burt, president Mrs. H. Marchington, Ben Case, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Minda Corbett, Mrs. D. Lindsay, Mrs. H. Lindauer, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. G. Ironside, Mrs. F. Campbell, Mrs. F. Duffield, Miss I. Moore, and Mrs. George Henderson, Silverwood member and county president. — (Staff Photo)



MAN OF THE HOUR, Benson Simpson Case received an illuminated scroll at a special program in his honor Sunday afternoon. Dorothy Stone, right, lettered the scroll of appreciation from friends and neighbors. Gordon Smith (left) gave a humorous resume of Ben's career. — (Staff Photo)

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### Large enrolment at school Institute tours Doll House

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Schotsch on the arrival of a daughter on Aug. 31 at Mississauga Hospital.

Miss Donna Dacon of Belwood spent a few days with Valerie Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aitken and daughter Polly of Bagotville, are holidaying with the formers' parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher spent the weekend at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. John Sim of Toronto is

holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart.

Visit doll house  
The Women's Institute commenced their fall activities, with a visit to the Doll House at Rockwood; with over 20 in attendance. All were intrigued with the dolls and the story of each, so ably presented by Mrs. Shoemaker.

A short business session was conducted by the president Mrs. E. Archibald assisted by Mrs. S. Fuller, secretary.

Cookies and coffee were served at the conclusion of a very in-

teresting meeting.

School re-opened on Tuesday morning. The principal Bruce Macpherson expects a large enrolment in grades 1-4, with the other grades not so crowded.

Mr. Macpherson's staff includes, Mrs. June Flewelling, Mrs. Barbara McKinnon, Mrs. Bernice Buchanan, Mrs. Nancy Sinclair, Mrs. Vera Denny, Mrs. Mary Nellis, Mrs. Shirley Anderson, Mr. George Berry, Mrs. Nichole Plant (oral French), Mrs. Roberta Hoy (music), Mrs. Margaret Bell, secretary and R. Ellis (maintenance).

## Eden Mills

### Memorial service anniversary in news

By Mrs. R. Wright  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Locker of Evansburg, Alberta are visiting friends and relatives in the Eden Mills district.

Martha Stevenson leaves Sunday to take up duties at the Chedoke Hospital, Hamilton.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings are Mr. and Mrs. Skirrit, Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright have returned home after a few days at Barry's Bay, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doughty and two days in Muskoka with Mr. and Mrs.

Alvin Hewitt  
In Germany  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shelke returned this week from Germany where they have been visiting relatives for the past three weeks.

Bob Wright Jr. has returned home after ten days at Unbridge, guest of Dr. and Mrs. Mellow and son Lee.

Mrs. Janette McIntosh has returned home after holidaying in Orillia with her son and family Mr. and Mrs. George Slinn.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. Mrs. McLean poured tea in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain spent the long weekend at Orr Lake.

The annual Memorial Service was held Sunday in Eden Mills Cemetery with a good attendance. The Salvation Army band played a few selections and Major Ivan McNeily of the Guelph Corps gave the address.

## Limehouse

### Joint meeting W.I.'s motor to 'Grand Opry'

By Mrs. A. Benton  
Limehouse and Silverwood Women's Institutes met in the Limehouse Memorial Hall on Thursday evening, opening with The More We Get Together and the W. I. Ode.

Mrs. F. T. C. Brown, county public relations officer, explained the meaning of the term. Roll call What's Your Beef, led to some discussion on resolutions, conducted by Mrs. George Henderson, followed by a panel discussion by Mesdames Henderson, Giffen, Anderson and Sanford. Using a blackboard, Mrs. N. Anderson explained the

drafting of a resolution to be forwarded to the area. Mrs. Brown extended courtesies and Mrs. Marchington invited any interested to a social honoring Ben Case on Sunday.

The meeting closed with The Queen and Silverwood served lunch.

Successful sale  
Limehouse Presbyterian W. A. ladies had a very successful sale of food at their booth at the Steam Era last weekend.

Forty relatives of the Longstreet family attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linham on

Sunday, the eldest being 91 and the youngest five weeks. Those attending came from Sault Ste. Marie, London, Ottawa, Kitchener, Hespeler, Oakville, Guelph, Erin and regions round about.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ingles and Mr. and Mrs. E. Rozell motored to the Grand Ole Opry during Labor Day weekend.

HANG UP  
It's always hard to get teenagers to hang up things—coats, hats, dresses, and especially the telephone.

## Churchill

### Newcomers, visitors

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur  
Mrs. J. H. Wardlaw of Malton visited over the weekend with her daughter Mrs. W. J. McDonald and attended Churchill Church morning service.

Visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hamilton and daughter Anne of Don Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and Stephanie of Ballinacree Mike Hamilton and Mark and Amy Lynn of Georgetown.

Mrs. Murray Wilson and son Myles of Peterborough visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winter. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winter entertained their family and grand children at a corn roast at their home before school started.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Copethorn of Fairport Beach also Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marchmont of Hornby visited with their sister Mrs. Wilbert Brown and family on Sunday.

Mr. Wilbert Brown and son Ross with neighbors Messrs. Don Dedman and Archie McDonald were on a fishing trip to Lake Nipissing over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr, Mrs. Elizabeth Buck of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, Donald and David also Misses Erica and Elizabeth Stokov returned home after enjoying the long weekend at their cottage at Fenelon Falls.

John and Jennie McAdam are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner and family until their parents move here in a couple of weeks. Mr. and Mrs. James McAdam of Chibougamas, Quebec, have purchased Mr. Leslie Swackhamer's home at Churchill. John and Jennie are now attending Erin High School and Ospringle Public School. They have one other son David, eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green and Miss Edna MacArthur of Toronto were weekend visitors at the home of their brother Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur.

## Legion Notes

By Charlie Thomson  
Anyone wishing to play darts this season, should leave his name at the local Branch. Applicants will be contacted.

A zone meeting will be held at the local Branch, Sunday, September 27 at 1:30. Watch the bulletin board for further information.

We are happy to report that Norm Morton is expected to be out of Freeport Hospital, September 15.

Don McKay is in Guelph General Hospital and George Muselle remains in Sunnybrook Hospital.

## If our kids don't take drugs, then how come there's such a serious drug problem?



A lot of good kids are using drugs. Our kids like them. And they're taking lots of them. They sniff them. They smoke them. They shoot them with needles into veins. They swallow them. They get so they can't live without them. They get hurt. Pushers get rich. And the kids? They die. Or maybe even worse, they damage themselves forever.

What do you know about drugs? Do you know what speed is? What can do? What LSD is? How it reacts? Do you know what amphetamines are? Heroin? Cocaine? Mescaline? Hashish? DMT? Or "Acid"? Well, you should know. All of us had better find out and we'd better find out fast, just what we're doing. And no one is immune because drug abuse is happening everywhere.

We're trying to help. We've put all the drug facts we can think of in easy-to-read pamphlets. And we've put the booklets in almost every drug store in this Province so all you have to do is pick them up. You don't have to buy anything. You don't even have to ask for them. Just pick up the pamphlets and read them until you start to understand some of the things that are going on.

Then start looking around you. Seriously. Look for kids whose eyes look like they're somewhere else. They probably are. Look for kids who are borrowing more money than is usual. Keep on looking and looking and looking. And listen. Listen to what the kids have to say. Why they are saying it. Then start doing something. Because that's what this whole thing is about. Doing something about a serious and widespread problem.

Serious because this problem is self-inflicted. Serious because somewhere something is very wrong when the alternative is a drug. Serious because a lot of good kids aren't so good anymore.

They're our kids. Let's help them. Not fight them.

**Do you know what you're doing?**

CODA Council On Drug Abuse.

Drop into Acton Pharmacy and procure pamphlets and information on drug abuse. Published in the interest of the community by THE ACTON FREE PRESS and ACTON PHARMACY.