DR. WALTER Ramsey, pictured at St. Paul, Minnesota, last year, is the oldest contributor to the Col. John McCrae Birthplace Society. They were schoolmates in Guelph.

# Knew Col. John McCrea

A tribute was paid recently to one of Nassagaweya's most senior residents and it was mentioned that he has become the oldest contributor to the Col'. John McCrae Birthplace Society.

Dr. Walter Ramsay was born on the Robert Croft farm on the Eden Mills and Campbellville Road. After completion of his public school years at S. S. No. 5, Nassagaweya, he walked daily to Rockwood and took the CPR to Guelph Collegiate Institute and many times he had a lift with Rev. Strawn, the Presbyterian Minister who conducted prayer meetings at Eden Mills Church. Minnesota noted

paediatrician he was a school mate of Col. John McCrae, author of the immortal peace poem "In Flanders Fields". A resident of St. Paul, Dr. Walter Reeve Ramsay celebrated his 99th birthday on Nov. 8 in the Wilder Nursing Home there.

He continues to enjoy reasonably good health and is able to attend meetings of the board of directors of the St. Paul Children's Hospital which he founded many years ago.

Happy year An associate professoremeritus in paediatrics, at the University of Minnesota, he sent along a donation to assist the Col. McCrae Birthplace Society to complete purchase and restoration of the birthplace of the noted physician-soldier — poet during Poppy Year that was observed throughout most of the

world last year. In an accompanying note Dr. Ramsay recalled that he had attended the Guelph Collegiate Insitute at the same time as Col. McCrae and was 22 days older than the poet who was born in Guelph in November, 1872.

Dr. Ramsay later moved to Guelph from Eden Mills and, after graduating from medical school went to St. Paul where he became one of the great child specialists of the United States. Decorations

He also served as a major in the U.S. Army, attached to the Red Cross in France in the First World War and for this work was decorated by the Republic of France. He was also honored by the City of Rouen in France.

An uncle of Mrs. E. Craig and Mrs. M. Milne of Rockwood, Dr. Ramsay periodically writes welcomed letters to his nieces. The above picture of the honored gentleman was taken at St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 27, 1971.

When one begins to know that one doesn't know, then he first begins to know a great deal.



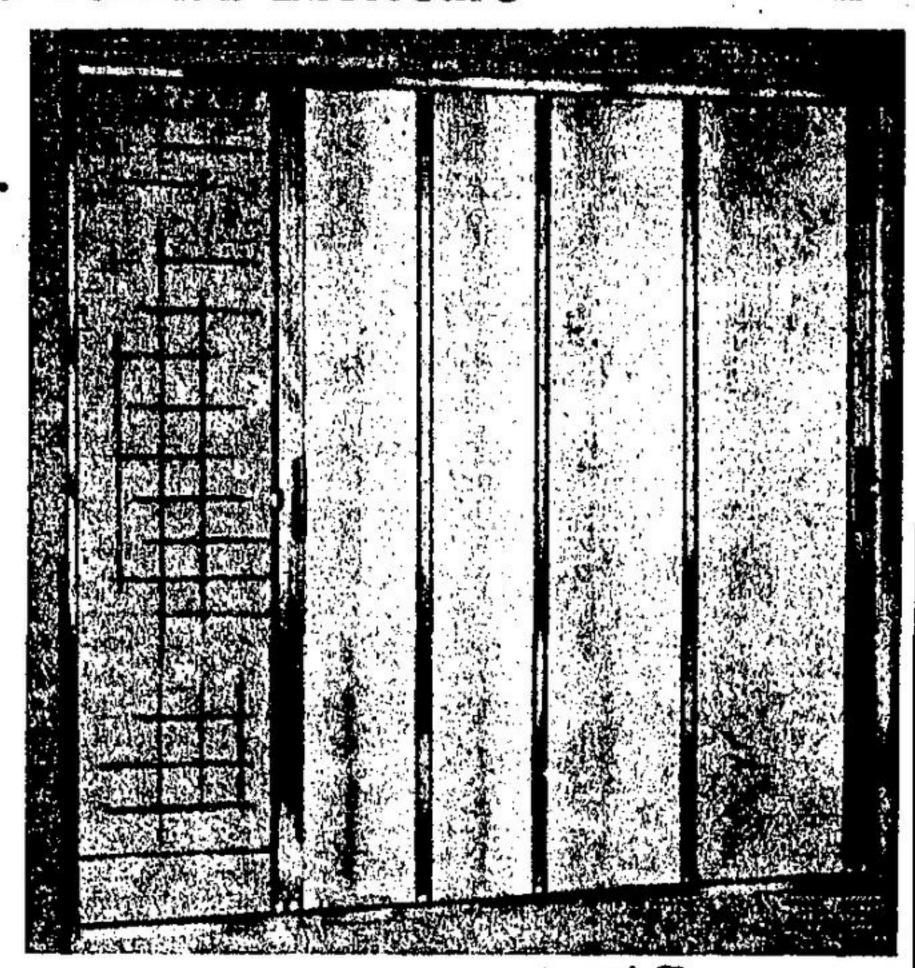


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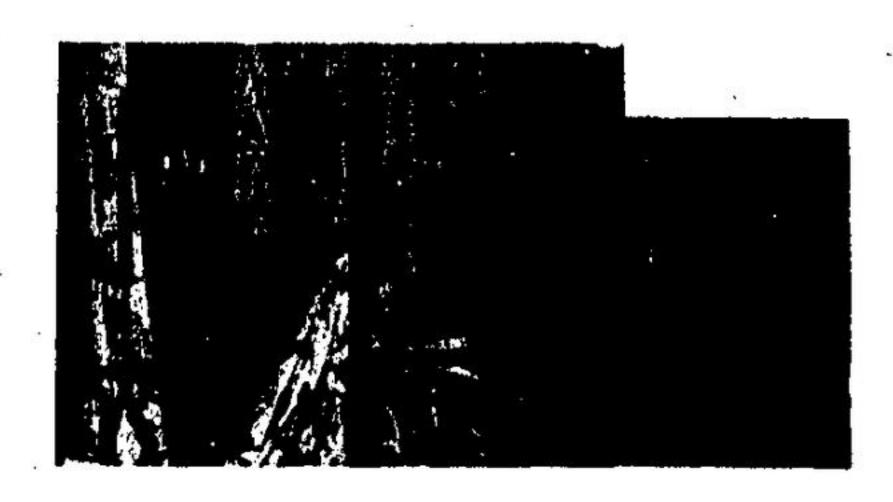
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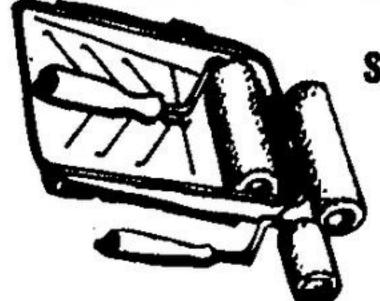


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