

# Cole's Slaw . . .

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Erin township's team, which included Reeve Lloyd Lang, Bert Wheeler, Don Matheson and Walter McFee just shaded us by a rock that cast a wee shadow on the outer rim of the outside circle. This is known in curling parlance as a "blter".

Then we were cast against the Mulmur township squad, all of whom admitted in a twang that immediately identified them, that the nearest they had ever come to curling before was when they drove their wives to the beauty parlor. But being good sports, they were willing to throw a few rocks with "you experienced fellas from Eramowsa."

Well, there was a hitch in that arrangement, too. After three ends we were trailing them. They looked like they were getting better, while we had to struggle to stay in contention.

However, frightened by the prospect of being beaten by no-ices, we recovered and with some astounding luck that saw our rocks ease their stones out of the house, we grabbed a three point lead and hung on to win. There were the usual handshakes all around. We wiped our brows with the other.

Then after a few of the refreshment that make bonspiels so popular and a snappy game of euchre, while I wandered around swapping experiences with the Grand Valley Star and Vidette's editor and publisher, Bud Landsborough (who incidentally is a relative to the Acton Lands-

borough family), we were pitted against the Grey County road crew in the day's final contests.

We completely baffled them for the first three ends with the best curling we had come up with all day, but their experience paid off and we ended up losing by several points.

Meanwhile, the Erin township team, after shading us in the first game, had done real well. They were in contention for the top position when I had to grab my broom and zoom home to work, so I never did find out how they made out.

Perhaps it was because I spied another of those bright lights in the sky on the way home. It ran parallel with me almost all the way down the Seventh Line, from Hillsburgh to Ballinafad.

"Not another U.F.O.," I said to myself, mentally aware at the same time that there was no one else to corroborate my sighting, either in the car or anywhere along the road.

I mentioned it casually to the fellows in the back shop the next day.

"You were into the sauce again," they all crowed with big grins on their faces.

I never did convince them about that light.

But they agreed the day must have been a success.

## Norman McLean lengthy illness

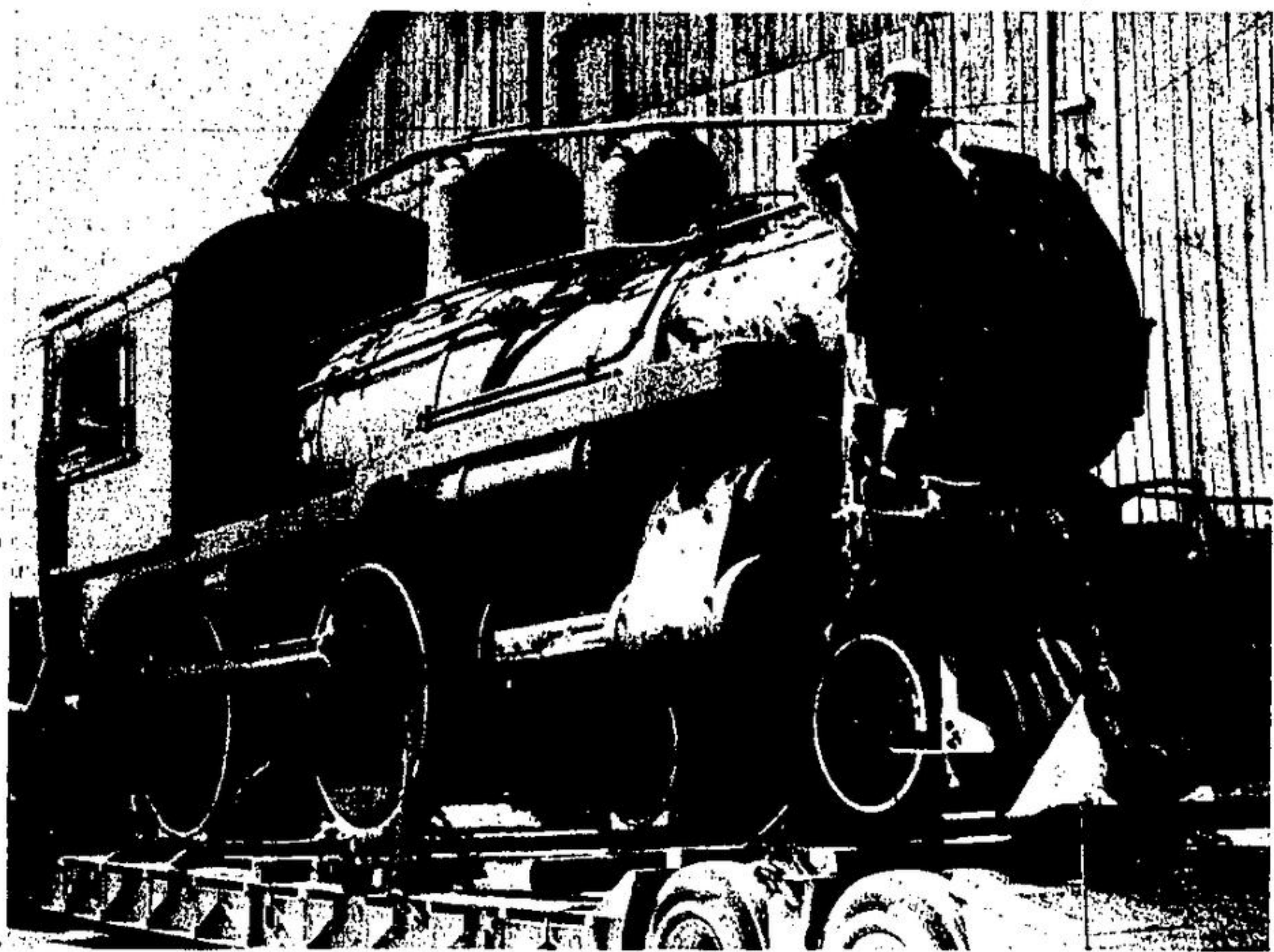
Norman McLean passed away at his home at R. R. 2, Erin on March 10 after quite a lengthy illness.

He was born on the tenth line of Erin where he resided until moving to the eighth line some 26 years ago so he spent his entire life in the same neighborhood. He received his education at S. S. No. 1 school where he later served as trustee at different times. He spent his entire life farming which he very much enjoyed as he took great pride in all kinds of animals. He was the son of Archibald McLean whose wife was Sarah Swindhurst.

He is survived by his wife the former Mary McEachern and one sister Mrs. H. Bass.

The funeral service was held the following Monday from the Weddell Funeral Home in Erin. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. Herbison. The pallbearers were his neighbors Kenneth Kirkwood, Wm. McLean, A. D. McEnery, Lloyd Marshall, Gordon Kirkwood and Garnet Sinclair. Entombment was at Coningsby Mortuary with burial later in Erin cemetery.

A critic is a guy who's at his best when you're at your worst.



THE ONTARIO RAIL ASSOCIATION leased a steam locomotive built in 1883 from Toronto lawyer Neil McNish and may soon have it running between Cheltenham and Georgetown on the old "Northern Line." The engine was retired from service by the CPR in 1960 and sent to Milton

where Sherwood Hume, a member of the association, has it knocked down for restoration. Mr. Hume is shown on the co-catcher of the 50 to 60 ton engine. No. 136 was the oldest operating Canadian Pacific locomotive when CP retired its last steam engines in 1960. —(Staff Photo)

# Plan steam loco runs on historic CN track

Steam railroad buffs from this area have an attraction on their own doorsteps this summer, if plans of the Ontario Rail Association materialize.

The 150-member association, previously the Toronto Train Trip Association, is restoring two steam locomotives to run on an eight mile strip of existing CN track between Cheltenham and Georgetown.

The train will include a dozen coaches and shuttle back and forth from Cheltenham Park, through the Niagara escarpment area of Terra Cotta to Georgetown, following the route once known as the "Northern Railroad" between Barrie and Georgetown.

Negotiations are now being carried out with the CN and the Canadian Transport Commission, said association vice-president Tom Henry. A public meeting is scheduled for Cheltenham April 19 to discuss the future of the 200-acre Cheltenham Park and the

proposed railroad, which it is hoped will be bait for thousands of tourists.

The association has leased an old CPR steam locomotive—No. 136—built in 1883. It is being restored in Milton. The association owns a 1912 ex-CPR

locomotive—No. 1057—and the Steel Company of Canada has rebuilt a coal tender for the association.

The road will be called, "The Credit Valley Railway," the name of the original route which used Georgetown as the terminus between the CN's main line and the track which ran from Barrie to Hamilton.

Ten thousand dollars has been raised by the Ontario Rail Association to start the venture rolling but considerably more capital will be required if service is to begin in June. The locomotives are valued at \$20,000 each.

Pollution from the coal burning

steam engines? There will be none if engines are in good working order, Henry said.

There are about 100 similar operations in the United States but only one in existence in Canada at the present time and that is in Winnipeg, he said.

A similar operation for electrical railways, of course, is being constructed in the northern part of Nassagaweya township between Acton and Rockwood.

But rather than using an original railway line, members of the Ontario Historical Electrical Railway Association are constructing a line in conjunction with a museum on their property between the Third and Fourth Lines, Nassagaweya.

## Obituary

### Violet Shultis funeral March 31

Funeral service was held Friday, March 31 for Violet Alice Shultis of Rockwood who died in Guelph General Hospital Wednesday, March 29. She had been ill for the past six weeks.

Pastor S. Thoman conducted the service at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home and interment was in Rockwood cemetery. Pallbearers were Bruce and Roy Shultis, Acton; grandsons Stephen and Paul Shultis, James Loutlet, Rockwood and Bradley Wilson, Guelph.

Mrs. Shultis was a member of the Star of Hope lodge and a lodge service was held Thursday evening, March 30. Mrs. Shultis was also a member of the Rockalong Women's Institute.

She was born in Brighton, England, in 1898 and came to Canada in 1910. She and Albert Shultis were married at Rockwood in 1919. They lived for the past 53 years at R.R. 2, Rockwood.

As well as her husband she is survived by sons and daughters Charles, Acton; Harvey, Rockwood; Evelyn Loutlet, Rockwood and Margaret Wilson, Rockwood.

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### Education not in school

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Dear Sirs:  
There is a prayer that says "Father forgive us for the things we have done, that we should not have done and those things we have left undone that we ought to have done." It's the latter part that haunts me these days.

All the emphasis on higher education has got completely out of hand. I think back a few years to when our local High School changed principals. I think of how we, the parents, and people most concerned sat back and watched while a man with twenty years experience was replaced with one with a little more "education". I wonder why we didn't complain—loud and long at the time as did our neighbors in Erin. They

won their fight because they let it be well known that experience and loyalty meant more to them and their children than two or three years more school. This is my public apology, for my part in a terrible injustice allowed not only here but all over the country because we didn't speak up.

And speaking of higher education, how much can they learn walking the streets? I send my boy to school at 9.00. At 10.15, when I go for the mail, he's downtown. "I have a spare", he explains. At 11.00 he's home for dinner so his morning education consists of 1 hour.

As soon as he can find work, I'm O.K.—ing his leaving school. As far as I'm concerned if you don't get your education in the church and in the home—forget it. You won't get it in school.

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# From harps to thistles

Those who dubbed Philip J. McCristall with the nickname "Scotty" were more on the mark than they knew.

"Scotty", of course, is a fine broth of an Irish boy whose father came from County Tyrone in Ireland. Born and brought up in Acton where he now lives with wife and family on Nelson Court, he and his brothers and sisters never left any doubt in one's mind the family originally came from the Emerald Isle.

But now it seems there is a fly in the ointment, which up to this time had never been apparent. And it was "Scotty's" brother, Brian, editor of the Chilliwack Progress in British Columbia who, in true newspaper tradition, uncovered the evidence that turned family traditions upside down.

Cec Hacker, publisher of the Chilliwack Progress, relates the incident in his column, The Moving Finger:

"True to tradition there was one sad Irish boy in the valley Friday. He was Chilliwack

Progress editor Brian McCristall, whose father came from County Tyrone and succeeded in convincing Brian that heaven could be little, if any better, than the green hills of that famed spot.

Recently, Brian chanced a genealogical exhibit at a Vancouver home show. The exhibitor would trace a family name back to its probable source, and then could produce a family crest for a modest fee.

"Brian challenged him to tackle the McCristall monicker, and was promptly told it meant 'son of Cristall'."

"Then to his horror he learned that a few centuries ago the Cristall family fled from Scotland, to avoid religious persecution, and settled in County Tyrone.

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