

Free Press Personals



90 YEARS OLD last Sunday, Mrs. Annie (John) McLean embroders daisies on a tablecloth as she still happily pursues her favorite hobby, needlework. She and her husband retired from a century farm to town 24 years ago. A widow now, she lives with daughter Jean on Brock Ave. (Photo by K. Dills)

## 90th birthday marked by Mrs. Annie McLean

A birthday milestone was attained Sunday by Mrs. Annie McLean, Brock Ave., when a family dinner was held in Milton to celebrate her 90th birthday. Mrs. McLean is the widow of the late John McLean and lives with her daughter Jean. Their cosy old home contains pictures, wedding gifts now considered antiques, and examples of her fine needlework which all recall the past nine decades of successful living for this well-known resident.

**Century farm**  
She has lived on Brock Ave. for the past 24 years, when she and her husband retired from their

farm, the McLean homestead on lot 5, concession 10. Their son William A. is now on the century farm.

Her other children are Jean and daughter Irene (Mrs. Fred Dixon) of Milton. Her grandchildren are Anne Dixon, Diane Dixon Harris, Frances McLean and Earl McLean. She also has two sisters living, Mrs. John Kirkwood of Erin and Miss Emma Cole of Acton.

On May 27 she was happy to be able to attend her granddaughter's wedding in Milton.

She is able to get out when she has a ride, and another event she attended recently was the Reid family reunion at her son's home

when 88 relatives attended.

**Born in Esqueging**  
Elizabeth Anne Cole was born July 9, 1882, twin daughter of Margaret Jane Reid and her husband William Cole in Esqueging township. (Mrs. McLean also has twin grandchildren.)

On Dec. 30, 1908, she married John McLean and after farming at his home they retired to town in 1948. Mr. McLean died 20 years ago.

While she was able Mrs. McLean belonged to the W.M.S. in Erin and later in Acton.

Needlework has always been a favorite hobby, and Mrs. McLean says she finds it difficult to still without some work in her lap! She has also done much quilting over the years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Young and Marilyn vacationed in Muskoka.

Michael Nicholls and John Watson are attending Glen Mhor camp near Beaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry and Tanya of Midland visited in town on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hiltz and daughter Cathy of Windsor, Nova Scotia, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and family.

Acton O.M.H.A. Minor Hockey executives, coaches, managers and 400 club officials and wives enjoyed a steak fry and get-together at the old Lindsay farm Saturday night.

Sister Hilda Deveau R.N. of Sydney, Nova Scotia, visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Anne Deveau for the past week.

Acton golf fans attending the Canadian Open at the Cherry Hill course in Fort Erie on the weekend as spectators included Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fryer, Dr. Brian Moore, Bill Nicolak, Pete Turkosz, Julian Zajac, Ivan Kilby and Harry Moon.

Mr. Herve Villemaire from Fort Nelson B.C., visited his mother recently. Mrs. A. Villemaire of Wallace St., also his brother Louis and wife Joan in Oakville and his brother Eugene and family in Scotland, Ont. They then went to Sturgeon Falls to visit Mrs. Villemaire's mother, Mrs. A. Major. The next morning, news was phoned in that she had fallen in the night and was in hospital with a broken hip. She was taken by ambulance to St. Joseph Hospital, Sudbury, to receive the care of a bone specialist. Mrs. Villemaire accompanied her mother on this trip and remained in Sudbury for a week, returning to Acton on the 18th. On the 26th, while under anaesthesia for an operation, Mrs. Major passed away. Mrs. Laurette Villemaire returned to Acton from her mother's funeral in Sturgeon Falls, July 6.

### No disasters here please!

Leave the disasters for the dailies!

What a community weekly newspaper wants is news about what the people here are doing. Council meetings, fires, and accidents we know about; visitors and trips pose more of a problem since we can't "hear" about everything.

Please phone and let the Free Press know about holiday journeys, children at camp, visitors from a distance, family reunions, birthday parties or anniversaries. We want to publish the good news!

Mrs. C.W. Mason was a guest at the wedding of June Elizabeth Thomson and her grandson Howard Craig Switzer held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph, July 7 at 7.30 p.m. The reception was held at the Steele Workers Hall followed by a smorgasbord dinner and dance for 175 guests. The couple will be vacationing in Vancouver B.C.

Very favorably impressed with Ontario are Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Donnell, who are here visiting with their daughter Betty, her husband George Scott, and their three grandchildren Simon, 12, Kerry, 9, and Gregory, 7, Elizabeth Dr. Agnes and Frank McDonnell are from Cardenben, Fife, Scotland and although they visited the Scotts in Winnipeg seven years ago, this is their first stay in Ontario. They find Acton and the countryside very attractive, and are enjoying trips to Niagara Falls, Rockwood, Eden Mills, and the Botanical Gardens at Hamilton, as well as to the Life Savers plant where their son-in-law is sales manager. They have particularly mentioned the friendliness of the people they meet. They arrived June 26 and will be here until August 10.

Miss Carol Ann Chappel celebrated her seventh birthday at the home of her grandmother Mrs. T. Lazenby July 9. Guests were her cousins from Brampton and Acton, brother Wayne and her little friends from Crewson's Corners and Acton.

Mrs. Gertrude Hodgins from Powassan, Ontario is visiting this week and next with her daughters Mrs. Alvin Moore and Mrs. Don McIntyre. While here she will attend the wedding of her great-nephew at St. Thomas on Saturday, July 15.

Six new families have been welcomed to town lately by the H1 Neighbour Welcome Service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kuuter and two youngsters came from Oak Ridges to R.R. 2, Acton. They live on the corner of No. 7 highway and the fourth line.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mylrea and family come from Bramalea and are living on the town line between the first line and Crewson's Corners. Mr. Kuuter and Mr. Mylrea are in business together in Kumil Industrial Supply.

More newcomers for R.R. 2: Mr. and Mrs. A. Cianfarani and two children moved from Malton to the fourth line. They are in the first house north of No. 7.

Natives of Holland, Mr. and Mrs. P. Kuiter and one son are living at 337 Queen St. They have older children in Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Schultz came from Guelph to 42 Brock St. He's the new manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Pigrim are recently married, coming from Guelph and Georgetown. They're living at 156 Main S.

A welcome to the friendly Acton district to all the people.

## Guest orchestra comes to club

by Mrs. Elsie Reed

A pleasant afternoon was again enjoyed by a good turnout at the Golden Age Club on Tuesday of last week. Two new members joined the club and were heartily welcomed. Reports were quickly dealt with and all turned to games.

Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Reed introduced the brain-testing game of Scrabble and it is hoped many members will become interested, as it is a very good game for two or more to play if unable to be out to meetings.

An orchestra from Milton Senior Citizens is coming to provide the entertainment for the July 19 evening meeting - and it is hoped there will be a good attendance to welcome them.

Winners in euchre, ladies Mrs. J. Lambert, Mrs. Anna Miller; gents Mrs. Fuller, Curn Agnew.

Crokinole ladies Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Mason; gents R.L. Davidson, Mr. Warne.

Mrs. Shoemaker convened a delightful lunch to conclude a worthwhile meeting.

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## Council grants opening \$300

At July 3 Erin Township Council meeting, the opening of the new Hillsburg District Fire Hall was discussed. Fire Chief Robert Cheyne and Deputy Norman Cunningham requested financial assistance of approximately \$300 in order to hold the celebration.

Proposed date of the opening is Sat., Sept. 9, coffee and

doughnuts being served from 2 p.m., the official ceremony taking place at 4 p.m., followed by a dinner to which 70-80 people will be invited.

Council approved the grant, praising firemen for doing an excellent job with interior work. Deputy Reeve Matheson requested abundant advertising primarily aimed at the children.

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