



A PIONEER CEMETERY situated at Whaley's corners was the scene last Friday, of a 2 p.m. stone replacement ceremony when relatives of one of the district's earliest families set up a new tombstone in memory of Paul Smeltzer, born in Ireland in 1780, who died in Ontario in 1873. Reportedly over 4,000 of his ancestors are spread about many areas of Canada and the United States. Pictured beside the two stones are Glen Smeltzer of Frankfort, Michigan and his Canadian relative, Gordon Smeltzer of Rockwood, two of the many great, great, great grandchildren of the illustrious gentleman.

## Early Canadian family scattered throughout Ont. and U.S.A.

A search by an American couple which started three years ago has resulted in findings that at least 4,000 residents of both Canada and the United States are the progeny of one Irish immigrant who came to Canada as an early settler, sometime in the year 1830.

The story goes that Paul Smeltzer was the son of a distinguished Irishman who had been knighted by King William of Orange. The boy Paul had been born and raised in Kilcolley Parish, Tipperary, Ireland. He had later married Anna Mercere, a young refugee, who, with her brother, had escaped to Ireland from the French revolution. She had met and married Paul and together they had eight children. In 1830, with the eldest child 10 years of age and the youngest three, they left Ireland for Canada.

They settled with their family near Norval in a small settlement where two other Irish families congregated, the Switzers and the Whaleys. Historical findings show that, after a year of living through a Canadian winter, Anna Mercere Smeltzer died.

Married Thrice  
The next year of 1833 saw the Smeltzers with a farm and Paul married again. His new wife died shortly afterwards however, and, once again his children were left motherless. He was married again in 1835 to Margaret with whom he fathered another six children, the last was born when he was 73.

As the second family of young Smeltzers grew up the older ones drifted away. It is recorded that William went to Michigan, Anne Marie and Amelia to places unknown, John to Garafraza township, Isaac to Orangeville, Abel to Huron County, the boy Hannah stayed at Whaley's corners, and Thomas to Orangeville.

U.S. statistics show that William, living in Michigan, was the original ancestor of a large group of Smeltzers living in Michigan, many of whom are farmers involved in fruit growing, others in apple juice production.

Last year the Michigan Smeltzers celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the first family of Smeltzers arriving in the United States from Canada to settle in Michigan. There were, reportedly, a total of 400 family members present at the gathering, all descendants of their great great grandfather William, the eldest son of their earlier ancestor, Paul.

Interest in the local Canadian Smeltzers was aroused when Glen Grankfort, Michigan, became curious about his great, great grandfather Paul, from Canada, the original propagator of the Smeltzer clan. He and his wife Lila came to Canada first in August '72 manned with camper and plans to spend a few weeks investigating the resting grounds of the illustrious gentleman.

Having understood that the original whereabouts of the Smeltzer family had been that of the vicinity of Georgetown, Ontario, he and Lila visited the township clerk's office in that town but learned there were no records of a Paul Smeltzer.

They then went to the Georgetown cemetery, there they found a Smeltzer grave which, they learned later, was that of Paul's third wife, Margaret, but there was no indication that it was also Paul's.

No records  
From cemetery to cemetery, the tenacious couple stayed in the Georgetown district for four days but their continuous search for some semblance of historical data on the aged settler was useless and, after doing the round of scour-

houses from Milton and district, they were told that no Smeltzers had ever been in Esqueping as records showed.

Discouraged from their findings at the Milton court house, they decided to go home. It wasn't until they headed towards Rockwood and stopped to gas up at Petty garage they learned that a Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smeltzer lived up the road about seven miles.

They were also told about Yosef Drenters the owner of the Rockwood Academy showing an early 1881 Wellington county map. They contacted the Gordon Smeltzers outside of Rockwood and via phone, questioned their new relative on his early ancestry. Matching notes, they found a tie and were invited to the family farm of Mr. and Mrs. Smeltzer on the Fifth Line of Framosa.

Fresh flowers  
From there it has been a fun story of intrigue and discovery. Returning to Canada the following year the visitors again visited the grave in Georgetown, this time accompanied by the Rockwood Smeltzers. At the stone where Margaret's grave was marked they found flowers had been placed.

Checking with caretakers they learned that somebody by name of Horace Bell, 8th concession of Esqueping at Glen Williams, had placed the flowers on the grave of his great, great great grandmother. At first he couldn't recall the whereabouts of his grandfather's grave but remembered that, as a small boy he used to visit a cemetery at Whaley's corners but could not remember who it was who had been buried there.

On investigating the depleted pioneer grounds at Whaley's corners, the foursome found a vintage

stone, faded and worn, on which was imbedded the words Smeltzer, Paul, 1780-1873.

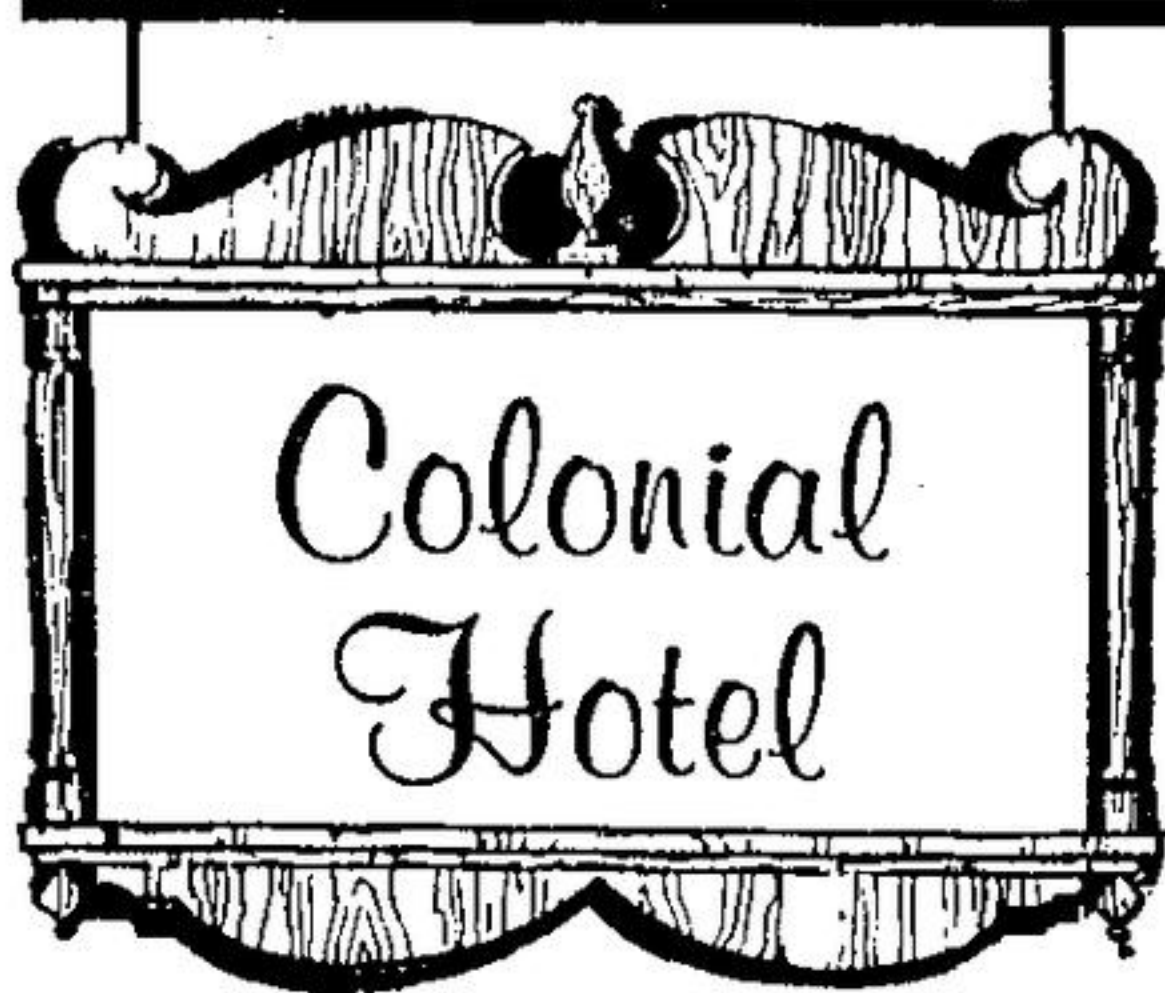
Last Friday a new, shiny stone was placed on the Smeltzers' grave. A head stone which can be deciphered easily. The old stone was taken to the Rockwood Academy where it will be kept in an honorable place worthy of one of Canada's earliest pioneers.

Many descendants  
The investigating Smeltzers figure that at least 4,000 of their family tree are spread about the vicinities from Guelph to Georgetown, some living in the Manitoulin Island district, Kincardine, Toronto, Ripley, Saskatchewan and Regina, as well as in several areas of the United States. According to the Michigan travellers, the 1970 census shows them to be also in New York and Pennsylvania, with others in California.

"Paul is the great, great, great grandfather of them all," says Glen Smeltzer of Michigan who, with his newly established cousins, the Gordon Smeltzers intends to keep up their Canadian Associations.

The stone stands bright and shiny at the Whaley pioneer cemetery near Georgetown. Records show the original Smeltzer farm has now been absorbed by the town of Georgetown with the A. & P. food store now standing on the original 1833 farm site. A group of trees across No. 7 Hwy. marks where the homestead once stood where Paul and his wife Margaret raised the eight plus six Smeltzer children. Traffic was probably only a matter of horses and wagon trains with entertainment a round of Irish jigs between the families of Switzer, Whaley and Smeltzer pioneers.

It is further known the families of Switzers and Smeltzers intermarried at least three times and, as well as their own immediate children, the Rockwood Smeltzers lay claim to many relatives in the surrounding district, all relating back to the adventurous Irishman who came to Canada with his wife and family sometime in the year 1830.



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## Newcomers, visitors holidayers in report

By Doris Fines  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurren have moved into their new house they built on the third line.

We extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. McCallum and family, who have purchased Clarence Hurren's farm. The McCallums come from Markham and have three children, Teri, Paul and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vander Meulen and family have moved back to Oakville, and Mr. and Mrs. John Oosterhout and two sons have taken up residence in the house in the village, which was formerly the Klooster house. We welcome them to the community.

Doctors Barrie and Carol Bruce of Car, Ontario visited on the week-end with Barrie's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce.

A pleasant sociable evening was enjoyed Wednesday when Lydia Dudnik and Linda McKenzie were hostesses for a supper party in the school auditorium.

#### Back from holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McKinnon have returned from a ten day holiday in Arizona. They visited Stuart's cousins Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loney at Scotsdale. The weather was sunny with 90 degree temperature, but they didn't notice it uncomfortable. They were awakened each morning by the singing of the birds, and remarked on their beauty and the number there were. They went to see the Grand Canyon where there was still snow and frost, and also spent a day in Mexico.

Grade 8 pupils enjoyed an opera review at Ross Hall in Guelph, with all grade 8's of the other schools in the area, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Max Schotsch, Kathy Rudder, Kathy Bailey, and

Tracey Sproule have accompanied the Eramosa choir on their flight to Cork, Ireland. They left on Thursday, but on account of the strike, went by bus to Buffalo, then to New York, where they boarded the plane for Ireland. A radiogram has been received that all is well.

### Limehouse

## Canvassers given kits

By Mrs. A. Benton  
First Limehouse Group Committee held their April meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Creaghan. Thirteen people were present. Reports were received from the Cubs and Scouts and Lorna Thompson reported on the District Council meeting which she attended. Events under discussion were the April euehre, the Multisale and the Father and Son banquet. A lovely lunch was served following the meeting.

At the last Cub meeting Frank Hoyer and Hugo De Winter received their collectors badges. The boys were given their Trees for Canada kits. Canvassing was to begin on Saturday and the trees planted April 27.

The Local Group Committee held a euehre in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Friday evening, where winners were Brett Byers and Mrs. Osburn, low prize going to Laura Stevens. Lunch was enjoyed after.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Moulden and family attended the wedding of their son Mr. Ritchie Moulden to Miss Sally Jones in St. John's Anglican Church at Sault Ste. Marie on

Saturday. The newlyweds will be making their home there.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. W. T. Mills and family in the passing of her sister, Mrs. R. B. Storey, aged 93 years, in Toronto on Friday. The funeral was on Monday.

Mrs. C. H. Walker of Toronto also passed away a week ago, and burial was in St. James cemetery on Tuesday, April 16. Some folks may remember the Walker's when they owned property on lot 23 on the 6th Line.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Payne (nee Brenda Langille) on the arrival of a little brother for Sandi, named Vance.

## Protest delays

Halton Community Services Committee will send a delegation to Queen's Park to express concern about approval of the Health Unit budget.

The section of the budget that includes new staff has not been approved

## Free Press District Page

## Location prime factor in region site - - Hill

Geographical location will be the prime factor in making a recommendation for permanent headquarters for Halton Regional Council, according to site committee chairman Tom Hill.

Mayor Hill told reporters that his committee had toured five proposed sites during a meeting Monday morning.

He said the committee wasn't limiting its choice to serviced land. According to Hill, a choice should be made by July.

Between now and then, the committee expects to visit each and every site that has been brought to the attention of the committee.

Propose it now  
In order to avoid a situation where landowners bring in

### No column

Bill Smiley's Sugar and Spice column failed to arrive this week, because of the illegal post office strike.

## NOTICE THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS BICYCLE LICENSES

Every resident of the Town of Halton Hills owning or using a bicycle shall obtain a license on or before the 1st day of June of each year and such license shall expire on the 31st day of May in the year following.

A license may be obtained by applying to the Municipal Offices of the Town of Halton Hills located at 36 Main St. South, Georgetown and 40 Main St. East, Acton, and completing a form showing the name and address of the applicant, the make of the bicycle and the manufacturer's serial number, and paying a fee of \$1.00.

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Closing date 4.00 p.m. April 26, 1974.