

## Stella Briggs accident victim

Stella Ann Briggs, 30, died April 8 following a car-motorcycle collision on Highway 6 south of Fergus. Mrs. Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Gorman of Erin, was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by her husband Peter Briggs of R.R. 2, Elora.

She graduated from Acton high school several years ago before attending the University of Guelph.

Guelph O.P.P. report that the motorcycle was northbound on Highway 6 when it was struck by a southbound vehicle. Driver was James Hearn of Guelph.

Mr. Briggs thought the collision had been avoided and turned to comment on his good luck when he discovered his wife a casualty. Mrs. Briggs was pronounced dead at the scene by Wellington

county coroner Dr. Walter Scott. Mr. Briggs was treated for leg and arm abrasions at Guelph General hospital.

Stella was born in England where her father married during World War Two service with Canadian army.

Torontonian, Mr. O'Gorman was with the L.C.B.O. in Acton before going to Erin in 1969 where he now manages the local liquor store.

Stella was purchasing agent for Continental Can in Guelph.

Private funeral service was held in Guelph April 11. Survivors include her husband, on the faculty of the University of Guelph, her parents Mr. and Mrs. O'Gorman, three sisters, June, Joan and Brenda, and two brothers George and Bob.

## OBITUARIES

### Lorne Masales had milk route

This community was shocked by the death of well-known Actonite Lorne Masales, on April 6 at Guelph General Hospital.

The son of Wesley Masales and the former Margaret McKinnon, Lorne was born in 1923 in Acton and spent all his life here.

He was a lover of horses and is remembered by many as a competitor in the jumping classes, and showing his ponies at local fairs.

Milk route

He made many friends on the milk route he served for 26 years driving a horse and wagon for Masales Dairy Ltd. Since 1965 he worked as a correctional officer at Guelph Correctional Center, where he was highly regarded by his fellow employees.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jean Frank, whom he married in 1960, sons John of Brantford, Larry

of Cache Bay, Scott at home, daughter Marnee of Brantford, step-children Helen Hopkins of Toronto, Edith and John Hopkins of Acton; parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Masales of Acton, a brother Earl of Guelph, and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by a step-son Robert Hopkins in 1966.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. H. McKenzie at the Shoemaker Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on April 9 followed by interment in Fairview Cemetery. An honor guard was formed by fellow correctional officers.

The pallbearers were six nephews, Peter Higgs of Port Hope, Russell and Peter Masales of Guelph, Dave Farkas of Waterloo, Peter Williams of Milton and Ole Nielsen of Rockwood.

### Agnes Jane Smith dies in 93rd year

A life-long resident of the area, Agnes Jane Smith passed away at Hyde Park Nursing Home, Guelph, on April 3, in her 93rd year.

She was born near Belwood, October 16, 1884, the eldest daughter of William John and Agnes Russell. She attended school in Caledon and learned dressmaking at Janet and Elizabeth Benny's dressmaking shop, in Erin, starting at the age of 16 when her parents moved to Erin Township, after having farmed in Caledon for 13 years.

In 1908 she was united in marriage with Samuel Edmund Smith who predeceased her in 1965. They farmed on Lot 10, Concession 6, Erin Township, where she lived until four years ago when she took up residence at Hyde Park Nursing Home, Guelph.

Survivors Left to mourn her loss are one son Russell of R.R. 2

Acton; two daughters, Reta (Mrs. Bert James) Erin; Phyllis (Mrs. Kenneth Hall) R.R. 1, Guelph; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Two daughters Ethel and Lulu predeceased her in infancy.

Also surviving are one brother William Russell, of Detroit, Mich. and three sisters Laura (Mrs. Thos. Fines) Ospringe; Nellie (Mrs. Clarence McMillan) Shaunavon, Sask., and Louise (Mrs. William Anderson) of Arizona, U.S.A.

Two brothers Melville and Herman and three sisters, Mrs. Myrn Devereaux, Mrs. Hattie McMillan and Mrs. Sattie Griffin predeceased her.

She was a devoted member of the Pentecostal Tabernacle, Acton, and taught Sunday School there for many years.

Funeral service was held from the Tabernacle on Wed-

### Doug Dawkins was fire chief

A former chief of the Acton fire department, Doug Dawkins died at his home at 19 Frederick St. on April 5 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Dawkins was born in Bracebridge on September 13, 1912. He came to Acton to play hockey for the Acton

Tanners. He was chief and a member of the fire department for 17 years. He was also a member of the Acton band for several years and served on the Acton Hydro Commission for eight years.

He was the son of Victoria and William Dawkins. On June 19, 1935, Mr. Dawkins married the former Vera Cox who survives him. He and his wife have lived on Frederick for 36 years where they raised their children: Fay (Mrs. J. Pink) and Diane (Mrs. William Spielvogel) of Acton; Bill of Guelph and Dorothy (Mrs. R. Tremblay). There are 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Dawkins also had three brothers, Fred and Edgar (Huck) of Acton and Tom, deceased, and four sisters, Helen Waterhouse, Acton; Ina Hettrick, Bracebridge; Lois Williamson, Mississauga and Wynne Lowrie, Glen Williams.

Funeral service was held at the Shoemaker Funeral

Home April 7, with the Rev. A. H. McKenzie officiating. The Acton Firefighters attended. Interment was at Fairview cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gary Dawkins, nephew; John Pink, grandson; and friends, Ken Murchison, Acton; Doug Brousseau, Guelph; Rick Zandstra, Breslau and Don Ryder, Acton.

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### Former resident dies in Durham

Mrs. Margaret Sayers died in Durham hospital on Monday, April 11. She was in her 94th year.

The former Margaret Elliott, she was born July 29, 1883 near Campbellville, Ontario and later moved with her family to Morrison. She was married from the family home in Morrison in 1914 to William Sayers and they began their married life on the Sayers homestead, R.R. 1, Acton, in Nassagaweya Township. Here their four sons were born. They later moved to a farm near Milton, in both communities, Mrs. Sayers was active in the work of the Presbyterian churches at Sodom and Boston.

In 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Sayers and the two younger boys moved to the Priceville area. Here, too, Mrs. Sayers was active in community and church life of Priceville Presbyterian church. She was a life member of the W.M.S.

After Mr. Sayers' death in 1954, she lived with her son Grant on the farm near

Priceville until going into St. Raphael's Nursing Home in Durham.

Survivors Mrs. Sayers leaves her four sons, Dr. Charles of Ottawa, Ralph of Guelph, Grant of R.R. 1, Priceville, and the Rev. Willis, of Aylmer, Quebec, and nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One sister, Annie, (Mrs. Dave Storey) of Guelph, also remains to mourn her loss.

The Rev. Mervyn Tubb conducted the funeral from McTavish Funeral home, Durham, on April 14. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

The pallbearers were Larry Sayers, grandson, of Kitchener, Dr. Gordon Whiteside, grandson-in-law, Toronto, Allan Elliott, nephew, Mountsberg, Ontario, Dan L. McArthur, Robert McKeown, Alex Stohhouse and Neil McFarlane, neighbors. Two great-grandchildren, Cherie and Allan Sayers, were flowerbearers.

### Thelma Greer dies

Thelma Doris Greer, 94 Poplar Ave., Acton, died in Guelph Hospital April 10, following a lengthy illness.

The daughter of Edgar and Edith Gamble, she was born in Acton in 1908, and was a lifelong resident here, educated at Acton Public School and Acton Continuation school.

Her husband, John, whom she married in 1931, was a town councillor for Acton.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter Joyce Akitt in Burlington, and two sons, Jim in Oshawa and Bill in Acton.

Mrs. Greer was known as a kind, considerate, compassionate person to all neighbors and friends; a wife and mother of outstanding qualities.

Service was conducted by Rev. A. H. McKenzie and interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Gilford Kaiser, a cousin; John Akitt, grandson; Peter Greer, grandson; Norm Price, cousin; Ed Footitt, friend and Harry Arbie, friend.

Flower bearers were three grandsons, Robert Akitt, David Greer and Mark Greer, and friend Ron Standish.

### Robt. Warne dies after brief illness

Funeral service was held March 22 for Robert Warne, 298 Peel St., who died March 20 at Guelph General Hospital after a brief illness.

Born on July 19, 1890 in Erin Township he was a son of William Warne and Rachael Brownlee. He attended Woodside public school and was a pupil of Miss M.Z. Bennett.

On January 5, 1921, Mr. Warne married the former Phebe Harris in Erin. In 1927 the couple moved from their life-long home at Lot 7, Fourth Line of Erin Township, to Lot One, Fourth Line of Erin township. After 20 years here, the pair moved to 298 Peel St. in Acton.

Active in church Mr. Warne was a Sunday school superintendent at Ballinad, and an elder in both Ballinad and Trinity United church in Acton. He was also a member of the Acton Golden Age Club and the Bible Society.

Mr. Warne was predeceased by his parents, his wife, and one brother Wesley. He is survived by daughters, Edith (Mrs. Peter Binnie) and Dorothy (Mrs. Ken Allen) both of Acton, Marjorie (Mrs. Bill Bell) of Owen Sound, and Vera (Mrs. Ron Pinson) and son Roy, both of Guelph.

The Rev. Andrew McKenzie officiated at the funeral service at Shoemaker Funeral Home, in the absence of the Rev. Chas. Beaton.

### 4.5 per cent unemployed in Halton

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