

# Obituaries

## Willard Britton dies

Well known World War 1 veteran, Willard David Britton, R.R. 4 Acton, died December 8 in Georgetown District Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Britton was born in Nassagaweya township September 20, 1895, son of Edward and Sarah Britton. He attended S.S. No. 7 Nassagaweya school, and served in the war from 1916 to 1918.

(On November 26, 1924 he married Mary Job in

Nassagaweya township. They have lived at R.R. 4 Acton for the past 52 years, and lived at R.R. 2, Rockwood for three years before that.

Mr. Britton was a farmer, and an R.R. 1 Acton rural mail carrier for 24 years. He was a charter member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197, Acton, was a school trustee with the Dublin School Section, was on the Acton Milk Producers, and the Golden

Age Club. He was also a member of the Knox Presbyterian Church for 52 years.

Mr. Britton was an active Legion member and an avid euchre player.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife Mary, children, Betty McIntyre, Ross Britton and Shirley Swackhamer, all of Acton and Eliza Thomson, Moffat; brother Glen Britton, R.R. 1 Indian River; and sisters Margaret Boynton, Mississauga, Verna Mullen, Campbellville; and Letitia Herd, North Cobalt. Eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Britton was predeceased by brothers and sisters James Britton, Lina Padbury, Edna Anderson and Jean Ellis.

A special Legion service was held December 10, at Shoemaker Funeral Home. Funeral service was held December 11 with Rev. John Robertson officiating.

Pallbearers were Grant McMillan, Norm Noblett, Sandy Murchison, Charlie Gough, Wilmer Fryer, Harry Beasley, all neighbors.

Interment was at Fairview cemetery.



The 2nd Acton Pathfinders group officially formed this week with an investiture ceremony at the Amstatter home. The girls, ages 12-15, are flanked in the picture by Guilders Margaret Hamilton, left, and Jean Vaughan. The Pathfinders are, left to right, Sonja Amstatter, Kelly Bogart, Kim Hachey.

Shelley Graham, Monica Musselle and Dawn Cook. Pathfinders use the Girl Guides of Canada promise, plus one of their own which is to speak up and be useful. Guide official Pat van der Eyken supervised the ceremony.

## David Brown dies suddenly

An employee of Canada Battery, Acton, David Melville Brown died suddenly December 8 as the result of an auto accident.

Mr. Brown, of 199 Churchill Rd. N. was born in Hamilton on October 14, 1955, son of Bud and Helen Brown. He lived in Milton for six years before moving to Acton 18 years ago. He attended M.Z. Bennett school and General Brock high school and was a member of the Venturers Car club.

Mr. Brown was predeceased by his father, grandmother

Emma Snow and Norma Brown. He is survived by his mother, Helen Fitzgerald; brother Sean Fitzgerald, Acton; sisters Debbie Feenstra and Kelly Fitzgerald, Acton, brother-in-law Oscar Feenstra and grandfathers Ross Snow and Robert Brown.

Funeral service was held at Trinity United church December 10, with Rev. Chuck Beaton officiating. Pallbearers were good friends Barry Allan, Mike Luty, John Verbeek, Nathan Field, Wayne Allan and James Ellerby.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

## Environmental guidelines are sent

Halton Regional Council will be asked to pass a set of environmental guidelines which will effect future development plans within the region.

Halton Region is currently without the Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines, recommended last week by Planning Committee and it has already caused one problem.

In Georgetown, a subdivision was recently approved in the Hungry Hollow area after the OMB was forced to accept the environmental assessment report of the developer.

Although Hungry Hollow has been declared

an environmentally sensitive area by the region, the OMB wrote in its decision that "to date no specific guidelines have been developed by the region for such a

study and therefore; the board will accept exhibit No. 17 (the proponents environmental assessment) as an environmental study."

The guidelines which go to Regional Council today were prepared with suggestions from the province, Halton Region Conservation Authority and several other agencies.

## Arthur J. Ruddell

Ashgrove's oldest resident, Arthur Joseph Ruddell, died on Thursday November 29, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ward Brownridge, RR 2, Georgetown, at the age of 90.

Mr. Ruddell, born Feb. 6, 1883, was the son of Samuel and Minerva (Howson) Ruddell. He was born and raised on Lot 9, Concession 7, Esquesing, and farmed there until his son, Howson took over in the later fifties. This was the family homestead to which Joseph Ruddell brought his family in 1840, from Ireland. It was on this property that the first post office in Esquesing was opened about 1820.

Mr. Ruddell was a member of Ashgrove United Church and later Hillcrest United church. He served on various church boards and was a trustee for many years of Ashgrove Cemetery, which had been established about 1861, on property severed from the Ruddell farm. Mr. Ruddell attended Ashgrove School, later serving on its school board and then on the Esquesing School Area Board. His early memories included membership in the Hornby Sons of Temperance, which met in the former Furlon Baptist church. He enjoyed debating, and took an active part in the Epworth League of Ashgrove church in his younger days. He was a dairy farmer and belonged to the Halton County Holstein Association for many years. His favorite hobby was reading history books and quoting poetry.

Mr. Ruddell leaves his wife, Floella Howden, two children, Betty Brownridge and Howson Ruddell, nine grandchildren and three great-grandsons. He is also survived by two sisters, Estelle (Mrs. Percy Laidlaw) of Norval, and Olive Ruddell of Mapleview Lodge Acton. He was predeceased by a daughter Joy (Mrs. Hartley Anderson), sister, Florence (Mrs.

R.H. Wright), and brother Edgar Ruddell. He rested at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home in Georgetown, with the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. John Griffin in Hillcrest United Church at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 1. Mrs. James Carney was organist. Pallbearers were Fred Nurse, Robert Cunningham, Jack Ruddell, Clifford Wrigglesworth, Garnet Laidlaw and Edgar Howden. Flower bearers were Peter Anderson and Murray Brownridge. Interment was in Ashgrove Cemetery.

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**Slight increase**

Regional Health and Social Services Committee has recommended a slight increase in the hourly fee paid to the Red Cross homemaker service.

In a recommendation for approval to council, the committee asked the rate rise from \$4.85 per hour to \$4.95 per hour and that live-in or 24-hour service be calculated at 12 times the hourly fee.

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