

Wells Says Halton Education Board "Catches The Challenge Of 70's"

Education minister Tom Wells had high praise for the Halton County board of education last week for "catching the challenge of the 70's" by providing first-class programs for students despite government-imposed ceilings on expenditures.

"Even as we continue to hear complaints about the cost ceilings from a few people in education we see more and more evidence that the majority of educators are really turning their attention to the quality of programs," Wells told the 1972 annual dinner of the Halton County Home and School Council at Boyne Community Centre near Hornby.

"I would not say this if I did not believe it to be true, but the Halton County board of education is one of those boards providing a quality educational experience for students," the minister told the audience of about 80 parents, educators and trustees.

Wells spoke of a "New Day" in education in Ontario — one where quality will be given the highest priority — and said there is no better time for organizations like Home and School to get fully involved in education.

"It has been a long time since parents have actively sought a better understanding of what is going on in the schools and a sense of involvement."

PARTNERSHIP

"But the time is very ripe to devise programs to get parents into the schools and involve them in meaningful and understandable discussions about their children's education."

Wells said "this partnership approach in education" demands more and better lines of communication between everyone

involved in education if it is to work effectively.

Wells said that the province has "come through a remarkable period in education. For most of the last 10 years we rolled along in high gear. Enrollments were skyrocketing — enrolment doubled in 15 years — and schools were built at a fantastic rate. For a while there we were opening a new school every 10 days."

THINGS CHANGED

But with the 70's, Wells added, things started to change. Enrollments dropped and the period of major expansion slowed. He said there was a "new kind of pressure — checking the runaway costs of education."

The Ontario government imposed ceilings on educational expenditures two years ago, a move that resulted in much complaining and misunderstanding among some educators, the minister said.

NO CUTS

The ceilings placed a limit on the amount by which a school board's budget could be increased each year.

However, Wells noted, "We have not had budget cuts in Ontario education. No board has been forced to reduce the number of dollars it can spend on a pupil. Budgets are still being increased but a successful effort is being made to control the size of the increases."

PROVING IT

He added that, despite views to the contrary, "there is definitely plenty of room for improvement in education and curriculum innovation within the bounds of these budget limits."

The Halton County education board is proving that, said Wells. Halton education director James Singleton was in the audience and he seemed to like that.

June Installation Elks Lodge Has Thirty Members

The newest local organization, the Georgetown Elks Lodge now has 30 members and a complete executive. The lodge will be officially opened June 17 at the Odd Fellows Hall, when the officers will be installed by Ontario president of the Elks.

Joe Severin, the driving force behind the formation of the lodge in town, was elected Exalted Ruler. Ian Barrett is secretary-treasurer; Fred Piehl, leading knight; Bob McGuire, loyal knight; Glen Mogy, lecturing knight; John White-tyler; Ron Herman, inner guard; esquire-Stan Miller; chaplain-Rick Kingston and trustees Bob Simpson, Doug Dunning, and Horst Dueck.

The Elks Lodge is a fraternal organization which performs some of the functions of a service club, such as sponsoring sports leagues, playgroups, and parties for medical treatments.

The Canadian Elks lodges have a financial connection with clubs in the United States, but keep up social connections.

Exalted Ruler Joe Severin says there is still time to join the lodge and invites the public to the opening ceremonies.

Social & Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smethurst, Kiewit, were guests for a week with Mr. Smethurst's cousin, Mrs. W. R. S. Douglas, 15 Main St. North. Mr. & Mrs. Smethurst were on their way home from their winter home on Grand Cayman Island.

A four-week holiday in the Orient, during which they toured Japan, and visited Taiwan, Bangkok, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Honolulu, was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Binkley, 6 Valleyview Road. Mr. and Mrs. Binkley travelled between their various destinations by air, stopping off at Los Angeles overnight both en route, and returning home.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Mackenzie, 50 Main St. South, have returned after a two-week holiday in Britain. They flew to London, where they spent a couple of days, before taking a bus tour of the southern coast of England, Wales, the Lake District and up to Edinburgh, Scotland. They returned to London via York and Cambridge, and were fortunate in having lovely weather for all their travels.

Mrs. W. B. Ford, 53 Market St., Miss Olive Logan, 8 Queen St., Mrs. W. R. S. Douglas, 15 Main St. North, and Mrs. A. W. Gilmer, 10 Park Avenue, drove down to Richmond, Va., for a short holiday.

Mrs. Lee Gillis of St. Catharines, a former resident of Georgetown, was a recent visitor with Mrs. A. W. Gilmer, 10 Park Avenue.

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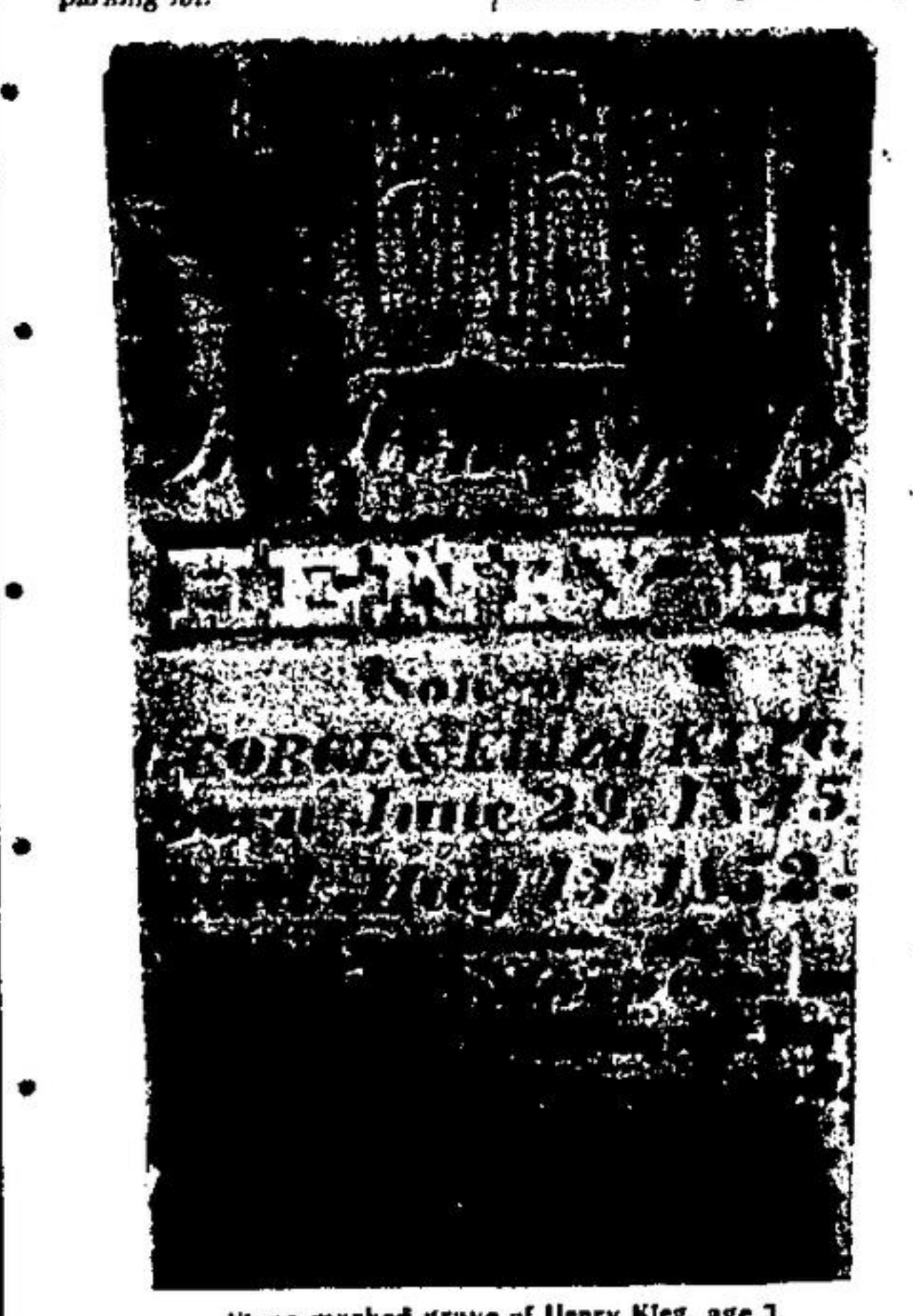
Police Puzzled Find Tombstones In Parking Lot

Two tombstones, over a hundred years old were found by a police officer on patrol, last Thursday, in the parking lot behind General Fireproofing.

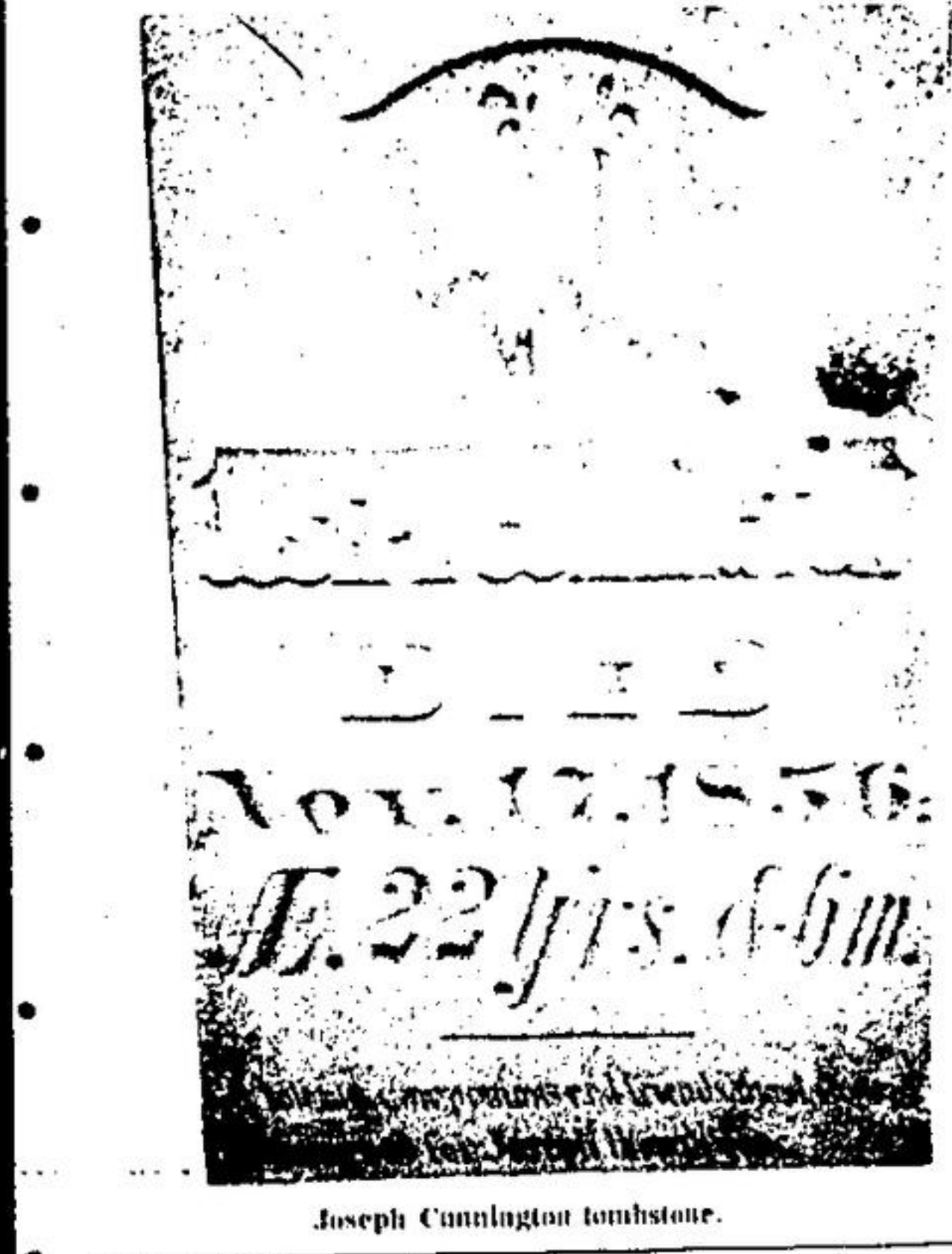
The heavy tombstones may have been taken from a pioneer cemetery in the area, then dumped by the vandals in the parking lot.

One stone is inscribed "Joseph Cunningham, died Nov. 17, 1856 at the age of 22 years and six months", while the other shows the death of three year old Henry E. Kleg, in 1852. He was the son of George and Eliza Kleg.

Police are hoping descendants of these people will come forward, so the stones may be returned to the proper cemetery.



Name marked grave of Henry Kleg, age 3.



Joseph Cunningham tombstone.

Won't Expand Fleet Can't Better The Cost Of School Bus Operators

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They also agreed to a study recommendation that a regular program be started immediately to replace over age buses in the board's present fleet of 15 units, three of which are now 12 years old.

KEY FACTOR

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At present in Halton County the complicated grant structure works out to a 94.37 per cent subsidy at the elementary level and 76.37 per cent for secondary level costs.

CONTRACTORS

Present bus contracts for regular daily routes in the county for 200 school days each year are: \$627,300 to C. H. Norton of Burlington; \$68,800 to Tyler Transport of Acton; \$49,000 to Vernon Kirby of Glen Williams; and \$35,400 to Charterways Ltd. of Cooksville.

BIRTHS BARKER —Charlie and Rosalie Barker, 44 Moore Park Crescent, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Brian Charles Albert, on April 28, 1972, at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. A brother for Kara-Ann. Many thanks to all the doctors and nurses concerned. McAANN —Bert and Eleanor (nee Mitchell), 218 Wellington St. Mitchell, Ontario are thrilled to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Shannon, lbs and Melissa, 5 lbs 2 oz on May 4th, 1972. Two little sisters for Billie and Troy.	MEMORIAMs DEWHURST —Cherished memories of my dear Dad, Andrew who passed away May 9, 1968. I will never forget you Dad. A pal so good and true. I miss you so and love you. —Always remembered by wife and son Harry and daughter-in-law Elsie. HENDERSON —Anne Joy, May 20, 1966. "I'll lend you for a little time, a child of mine". God said, "For you to love the while she lives, and mourn for when she's dead; It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three. But will you, till I call her back, take care of her for me? She'll bring her charms to gladden you, and should her stay be brief, You'll have her memories to keep as solace for your grief". — Lovingly remembered by her family. RAYNER —In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, Orval Rayner who passed away May 25, 1970. What would we give if we could say Hello Dad in the same old way. To hear your voice and see your smile. To sit with you and chat awhile. So you who have a father Cherish him with care, For you'll never know the heartache 'Till you see his vacant chair. — Remembered by his son Lawrence, daughter-in-law Margaret and grandchildren Don, Debbie and Dean.
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DEATHS

CRAWLEY, Pamela J.—Suddenly as the result of a motor accident on Sunday, May 14, 1972, Pamela Gawley, dear mother of Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Gawley of Georgetown, sister of Shirley (Mrs. K. Nutbrown), Fern (Mrs. W. Nutbrown), Ronald, Bill and Lorne.
Rested at the Howden Funeral Home, 9 Hurstall St., Marmora. Service took place in the chapel, Tuesday afternoon, in Interment Marmora Cemetery.

HEPBURN, Robert Desmond—Suddenly on Friday, May 12, 1972 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Robert Desmond Hepburn, formerly of Glen Williams, in his 43rd year, beloved son of Isobel and the late John Hepburn, dear father of Nancy, Joanne and Desmond, and brother of Marion (Mrs. George Heaver) of Oakville and Maureen (Mrs. Jim Frank) of Glen Williams.
Funeral service took place at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith St., Georgetown on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Cremation followed.

MELLOR, Maurice Hubert—Suddenly on Monday, May 15, 1972 at Humber Memorial Hospital, Weston, Maurice Hubert Mellor, formerly of Georgetown, in his 62nd year, husband of Maureen Bratley and dear father of Richard, Ian and Susan.
Cremation took place Wednesday, May 17, Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown, in lieu of flowers, contributions to the Ontario Heart Foundation would be appreciated.

MEMORIAMs

ALDWELL—In loving memory of a dear mother, Ada Eliza, who passed away May 13, 1967, also a dear father, Harvey, who passed away Jan. 19, 1967. Those we love we never lose. For always they will be loved, remembered, treasured, in our memory.
—Remembered and sadly missed by Thomas, Raymond, Thelma, Earl and families.

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CARDS OF THANKS BARBER —We wish to sincerely thank our relatives, friends and neighbors for sharing our sorrow with many acts of kindness, floral tributes, expressions and messages of sympathy, and consoling words during our recent bereavement. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered.—The Barber Family. BARR —A sincere thank you to all the nurses and doctors who ministered to my needs while a patient in Ward A of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. My husband and I also appreciate the care, visits and help received from many friends and neighbours.—Muriel Barr. BRENNAN —I wish to thank all the nurses in Ward A for being so kind, also all my friends and relatives for cards, flowers and gifts. Thanks to all. Also to Dr. McComb and Dr. Dirich. Sincerely Mrs. Wes Brennan. DOUGLAS —My sincere thanks to friends for kindness extended during my wife's illness and at the time of her death, to Dr. C. A. Thompson and the nurses and hospital staff for their care and attention.—James Douglas. CLEAVE —In the midst of our sorrow, we want to express our sincere thanks to our friends, neighbours and relatives for their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during Florence's illness and at the time of her passing. The beautiful floral tributes and the memorial contributions to the Cancer Society were very much appreciated. Special thanks to Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Duff and the nurses on the staff of Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital.—Wilbert J. Cleave and family. FELLER —We deeply appreciate the many thoughtful gestures from friends during Mr. Feller's illness and at the time of his death.—Mrs. A. H. Feller and family. McENERY —We very sincerely would like to show our thanks and appreciation to our many friends, relatives and neighbours for all the lovely gifts, beautiful flowers and so many cards, and by attending, which all helped to make our 60th wedding anniversary a happy day to remember.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery.

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