



SANTA CLAUS came to M.Z. Bennett Friday afternoon, much to the delight of the children in the recreation department's summer program. Santa took orders for Christmas gifts, most of which this year were drum sets and guitars.

Peel County farmer, dead at 80, will be missed

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Van Allen at the Archdekin funeral home July 29 for a life-long resident of Peel County Fred Hall.

At the age of 80, Hall died at Peel Memorial hospital July 28. Born near Orangeville, as a boy he moved with his parents

Manson and Margaret (Anthony) Hall to the home of his maternal grandparents on the fourth line west of Brampton. He farmed there on lot 7 until 1954, when he built his retirement home. Three years ago, he moved

to 15 Parkhill Court in Brampton. Once a member of Mount Pleasant Church and Sunday school, Hall later joined Grace United Church in Brampton. He attended services there for 45 years and served as an elder for some 20 years. An ardent curler, Hall often



Fred Hall

joined in his favorite sport at the Brampton curling rink.

He is survived by his wife Caroline (Laidlaw), daughter Norma (Mrs. Ray Anderson of Bramalea), two grandchildren (Susan and David Anderson), and sister Hazel Hall (a teacher at Howard Wrigglesworth School until the age of 72) who lives with his sister Reta Wright on Parkhill Court.

He was predeceased by his son Lorne who drowned at age 11. Former neighbors Donald Geave, Jack Fraser, Wilson Fraser, Gordon McMurchy, Clarence Olander and Wilmore Young were pallbearers.

The flower-bearers were Clarence Anderson, Leonard Bull, Norman Copeland, Harold Hamilton, James Marshall, John McQueen,

David Higden and Horace Watson. Following the committal service at Brampton Cemetery, friends met with the family in the reception room of Grace United Church for an hour of fellowship. Hall will always be remembered for his friendly personality, integrity and uprightness.

MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE CREATED UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO FIRST CRAFTSMEN

by George Evashuk
Herald Staff Reporter

When Lotte Zonnenburg sits down to handcraft the pewter chain of office for the mayor of Halton Hills, she works under conditions similar to those of the first craftsmen who decided the tribe's biggest man needed a distinguishing necklace.

Her workshop, which you reach by going through a panel under the stairs and down a steep flight of steps, is hand-chipped out of the solid stone her farmhouse is built on. She and her husband Bill, chipped it out themselves.

In its welcome coolness, even on a scorching summer day, are several heights of floors. Lotte explains they chipped just enough to make work space for her five feet, seven inches and no more because the work was so hard.

And even though there is electricity to power a lathe and other machines, Lotte says on the chain of office she "will not use even a buffer."

The entire chain will be made by hand, "because it is one of a kind," she says.

Her only tools will be a jeweller's saw—something like a coping saw—paper mallets, hand files, a torch, sandpaper and polishing compound and "chasing hammers", which she hand-forged from steel on an anvil herself, she says.

FIRST FEMALE

Lotte, who is the first graduate female pewtersmith in Canada, says each link on the chain, and there will be between 15 to 20, takes about half a day's work to fashion.

Through the serpentine portion of each link, representing the rivers and streams of the town, is a smaller, square link representing the town's mountains. Each of these are connected by a short, straight link representing the roads, she says.

The link will hold up the medallion, built of successive layers of 14 gauge, 16 gauge and 18 gauge pewter, the purest which can be purchased, she says.

The medallion, following the emblem designed for Halton Hills by Dorothy Stone of Georgetown, will also have miniature replicas of the emblems of Acton, Milton and

Georgetown, she says. "These three became the town of Halton Hills...all three blend into one town."

"I really was intrigued with the opening to design something," Lotte says. "Designing is my first love."

EACH LINK

It took a day and a half to design the chain, she says and before she got the size right, she had to fit the model on her husband, much in the same manner as a seamstress might use a willing husband to make sure the hem on a dress is straight.

Although it is the first chain of office she has made, it is not her first commission, she says. And as well as making pewter plates, goblets, tea sets and jewelry, she also enamels steel and paints.

She taught painting at Sheridan College for two years until the work of rebuilding the farmhouse, which did not have electricity when they moved in, took up too much time.

She used to sell her craft to the public until she paid for her machinery, she says. Now she works by commission only.

It would be easier to cast the chain, she says. "It could be reproduced, and nicely, but there should be only one."

"This type of thing attracts me."

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