

## Keeping active is Emily's secret to her long life

**Herald Special**  
Doing as much work herself as she can has kept her going for 95 years, said Emily Bessey.

The smiling Kin Court resident received birthday congratulations from many dignitaries and politicians for reaching her 95th milestone. A party in her honor was held Saturday on Park Street.

Governor-General Jeanne Sauve sent her a letter along with plaques from Ontario Premier David Peterson and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Her birthday party was very much a family affair. Nephew Jack Leslie and his wife Elsie drove to Georgetown from Battle Creek, Michigan, to offer best wishes.

Her grandson and granddaughter Paul and Lynn Potts made the trip from British Columbia. Nephew and niece Freda and Kyle Bingham from Glen Williams also attended the party.

From Orangeville Lorraine and Van Norman attended. Lorraine is a niece of Mrs. Bessey.

Born in Halton County on a 200 acre farm between the Eighth and Ninth Line below Norval, Mrs. Bessey walked the three miles each day to the old Pinegrove School.

Her father, Andrew Anthony, worked on the farm with his six daughters and one son until they bought a farm in Glen Williams. He built a house on King Street in 1915.

Mrs. Bessey was active as a farm girl, "doing everything but driving the binder and the plow," she said.

One of the highlights of the fall for Mrs. Bessey was the annual Georgetown fair. She was usually entered in various light-horse driving classes.

In 1982 she was honored as the fair's oldest exhibitor and she opened the 135th Georgetown fair.

As a youth, Mrs. Bessey fondly remembers being carted off to a winter square dance in Stewarttown on a horse and sleigh owned by her brother. The dance lasted until 3 a.m. "I never felt the cold," she said defiantly.

She used to ride to Brampton's Eldorado Park for square dancing, returning not much before the cows had to be milked in the early morning.

Mrs. Bessey was married in 1917 to Wilfrid Campbell Bessey

who was a farmer. They bought a flour and feed mill at the current site of The Herald on the corner of Mill and Guelph Streets.

Her husband passed away in 1938 so Mrs. Bessey sold the mill and moved to Toronto where she worked for a drapery firm.

After six years she left for Kitchener and worked for Smiles 'N' Chukles for 25 cents an hour.

Even then lay-offs were common as she lost her job once at Baez

Furniture when a new style of lampshade was discontinued.

In the sixties she came back to Georgetown and worked for ten years as a receptionist for McClure Jones Funeral Home.

The Kin Court resident sang in the choir at Knox Presbyterian Church for 15 years. She does her own cooking and likes to read.



Chris White, 9, and his brother Michael, 7, enjoyed a day's outing Saturday on the Tenth Sideroad. They were watching a variety of radio-controlled planes as they swooped through the air. The Georgetown Radio-Control Club were holding their first ever pattern open competition.



**WHOLE LOAF MAN**  
With his accordion and leg puppets, this member of Whole Loaf Theatre entertained an audience of children at the Georgetown Public Library Wednesday afternoon.

### ABOUT THE HILLS

#### Laidlaw-Church shower

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Correspondent  
NORVAL - Prior to their wedding on Aug. 24 Janet Church and Terry Laidlaw have been entertained by friends.  
Phyllis Moffat and daughters Terry Jane and Mary Ann hosted a miscellaneous shower for Janet when they entertained friends and church members.  
Wayne Laidlaw hosted a stag and doe party at his home for Terry and Janet on Wednesday evening Aug. 7.

#### Former resident dies

Susie McPherson passed away at the Walkerton nursing home on July 26.  
She was buried at Greenwood cemetery in Georgetown, brought here from the Currie funeral home in Chatworth, Ontario. Mrs. McPherson was the beloved wife of the late Robert McPherson and the stepmother of Irwin and Earl McPherson of Georgetown.

#### Stewarttown news

By J. ROSS  
Herald Correspondent  
STEWARTTOWN - Stephen Delroy, who has been helping out with the music at St. John's for several months, is moving to Belleville with his family and will be missed by the congregation. We wish Stephen all the best.  
William Ross has returned from a trip which included England, Scotland and Wales, and a tour of Italy and Sicily.

#### First base meeting

A child care program offered for children ages 6-9 called First Base is holding two information meetings.  
Sponsored by the Georgetown and Acton YMCAs, First Base is a before school and after school program for children.  
If you would like to know more about the program, the Acton Y on 42 Mill St. is holding a public meeting Aug. 20 from 7-9 p.m.  
In Georgetown a meeting is scheduled for Aug. 22 from 7-9 p.m. If you would like more information call (Acton) 853-1070 or (Georgetown) 877-6163.



Emily Bessey was the guest of honor Saturday when she celebrated her 95th birthday. At a party held for her at Kin Court on Park Street, she received a variety of plaques and congratulations. The Governor-General Jeanne Sauve sent her best wishes along with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Ontario Premier David Peterson. Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller is seen here offering his congratulations on behalf of the town.

### LEGION LINES

By RUBY BAILEY  
Herald Special  
The annual Corn Roast will be held at the Hunters and Anglers Club Ballinad at 1 p.m. This is a fun day, so do your best to attend and make this a day to remember. The date August 25.

It is with great pleasure that we extend a welcome to our sister Branch Post 40 from Plymouth. They will be arriving on Friday August 16 for the Comradship Dinner and parading in the Warriors Day Parade Aug. 17.

ATTENTION: To all members parading on Saturday, the bus leaves the Branch at 7:30 a.m. sharp.

The Diamond Jubilee tickets for the musical "We'll Meet Again" being held at the Cultural Centre, Oct. 3, 4 and 5 will be available to Branch members only until Aug. 24. At that time, tickets will be on sale to the general public as well. Members don't be disappointed get your tickets now at \$5 per person.  
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SICK LIST: Sharkey and Chubby Stapleton in the Toronto General Hospital, George Johnson in the Georgetown Hospital, Percy King in Sunnybrook Hospital, Wm. Bryden, Bill Gibbs and Fan Weaver in the Bennett Centre, Bill Wylie in the Milton Manor. B. Symes, Stan Swann, Barb Burns and Joyce Bradford at home.  
Entertainment in the lounge Aug. 16 by "Dianne" and Aug. 17 by "Norm Eyre".

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### Birthday open house

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Correspondent  
NORVAL - The family of Mrs. Lena Whaley are holding an open house in honor of her 85th birthday Aug. 25, 2-4 p.m. at the home of Ray Whaley, Winston Churchill Blvd.  
The house is the second residence north of Steeles Ave. Best wishes only.

### Play ball

There are still some openings for weekend bookings of ball diamonds. Why not get family and friends together for a friendly game of pick-up softball?  
Call 877-5185 to book a diamond.

### Cancelled swims

Participants registered in Second Session (July 15-20) who received swim passes due to pool closure please note the family pass is now valid for one year.

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