

# Community

## Mrs. Ellen Shipp fondly remembered by community

By KAY WILSON

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Ellen Shipp of Essex and formerly of Hornby, who passed away at the Essex County Nursing Home on Feb. 23.

Beloved wife of the late Fred Shipp, and dear sister of Mrs. Violet Bence, Mrs. Dorshe Taylor and Miss Olive Daniell, all of Box, Wiltshire, England, and sister-in-law Mrs. Phyllis Daniell of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England. Mrs. Shipp is also survived by many neices and nephews in England.

Mrs. Shipp spent her 105th birthday in hospital on Feb. 1, however she returned to the nursing home but was never quite her old chipper self. She had only been a resident there for less than a year, as she loved being in her own home, up to that time.

Mrs. Shipp enjoyed her 105th birthday party to the fullest, when she received congratulations from Queen Elizabeth as well as members of the federal and provincial governments, as well as Essex Council. Her sister Dorshe Taylor and nephew Brian Bence were special guests over from England.

Mrs. Shipp was a devoted member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Essex, where funeral service was held on Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. Rev. John Postons conducted the service and fondly recalled the many conversations with Mrs. Shipp, as she recalled her life span and the countless memories of her 105 years.

Interment was in Trinity Cemetery, Cottom. Following the burial, refreshments were served in the church hall.

### THE END OF AN ERA

For many people Mrs. Shipp's passing was "the end of an era," for Bill and Audrey Morgan and Jean Boos, all of Essex, who tended to her many errands, during the last few years, as well as Spencer and Kay Wilson, and Hyatt and Charlotte McClure, all of Norval, and Norman and Verena Wilson of Thornhill, all of

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whom have kept in close contact for over 60 years.

Mrs. Shipp's three sisters, sister-in-law and husbands, all visited at Norval when they each made their only trip to Canada.

Mrs. Shipp was the oldest of eight children in the Daniell family, who lived near Bath, England, and when a very young child went to live with her granny. She was a Red Cross nurse, during World War I. Mrs. Shipp was interested in the theatre and opera, and followed the arts and drama.

She married Fred Shipp on Nov. 25, 1919, on his return from Canada. Following this marriage, they returned to Canada, and lived in Toronto for a period of 10 years, when Mr. Shipp continued his contracting jobs.

In 1928 they moved to the Hornby area, where they took up farming at R.R.1, and went into the dairy business. At the same time, Mr. Shipp continued with road building projects.

They attended St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Hornby. However, with the beginning of the depression years, the church's finances were not great. Mrs. Shipp offered to direct a pageant that was staged on the Shipp's front lawn, on a warm summer evening.

Members of the church, a number of Norval Junior Farmers, their parents, as well as many farm families in the area numbering 75, met weekly and practised on the farm lawn of R.J. Graham, later the Ford Wickson Farm, on Trafalgar Road.

"The Coming of the White Man" went over well, with the Indians being forced off their land by the White Man in their covered wagons. Lovely old songs - "Indian Love Call" and "Wagon Wheels" with many more, added

to the pageant. Also the Minuet Waltz with 12 couples, the ladies in their rainbow colored crepe paper dresses and the men in their dark suits with white shirts and black bow ties, added much to the show.

Again, in the early 30's, Norval Presbyterian Church members were instrumental in staging an "Old Tyme Concert". Here again, Mrs. Shipp, along with the late L.M. Montgomery, author of the Anne books, and renowned "Anne of Green Gables", coached the group. L.M. Montgomery was the wife of the Presbyterian Minister in Norval.

Mrs. Shipp also coached plays for the Norval Junior Farmers Drama Competition.

In 1939 the Shipp's moved to Windsor, and later to the town of Essex, where they again were active in their community and church.

Mr. Shipp passed away in 1965, but Mrs. Shipp continued to live here until the time of her death.

Visits with Mrs. Shipp were looked forward to as her stories and tales could keep you mesmerized for hours. Her old-fashioned health remedies that passed the test of time in her 105 years weren't to be taken lightly.

A lovely, gracious lady, Ellen Shipp will always be remembered not only by her family, but by her many friends as well.

### Pinegrove euchre

Pinegrove euchre had six tables on Tuesday last. Winners were Marion Hunter, Mary Wilson, Alan Hives, Bruce Thathcer. Lucky draw - Enrico Caruso, courtesy Webbs Flowers. Committee - Marjorie Harrison and Prairie Bessey.

### Vacation jaunts

David and Maureen Wilson of R.R.1, Norval, have returned from a week's holidays to Mexico.

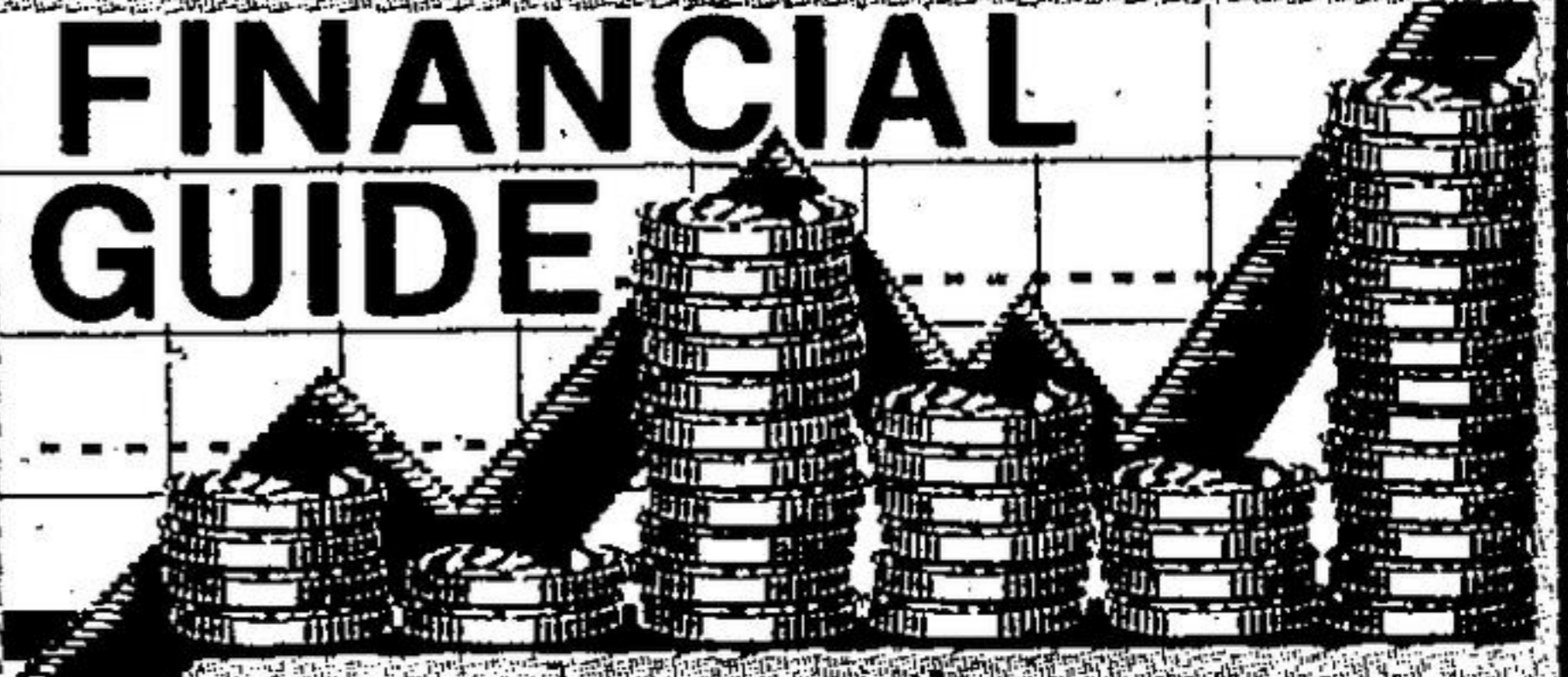
Anne Wilson of R.R.1, Norval, enjoyed a week's holiday to

Arizona, through the Clare Burt Travel Agency.

Catherine Leslie has returned from Fort Lauderdale when she visited with the Graham family.

Janet Allison of R.R.2 Georgetown won a trip to Atlantic City, at the Lobsterfest last June, courtesy of the Kiwanis Club and

Georgetown Travel. Since then Janet had her second little daughter, so she and her husband Bill have a full time job. However, she was able to pass her ticket on to her brother John MacKay and his friend Mark Brush. The boys say they had a great time.



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syrup are available throughout the maple syrup program. For more information, or a free copy of the guided tour book and valuable discount coupons, please call (416)661-6600, and as for Field Operations.

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