

GRANDFATHER'S BOOK is read by Hilary and Gillian Willoughby as they enjoy a visit with the author, Colonel A. Fortescue Duguid. Colonel Duguid is famous for his design of the altar of remembrance in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower of the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

Famous war historian visits grandchildren

The Willoughby children of Milton enjoyed a visit recently from their grandfather. He is Colonel A. Fortescue Duguid, formerly of Ottawa, the father of Margaret Willoughby. From 1921 to 1947 he was the director of the historical section of the Department of National Defence.

Many children today know nothing of the two world wars but for the Willoughby children the history has been brought alive. Colonel Duguid is the author of *The Official History of the Canadian Forces in the Great War of 1914-19*. He is personally interested as he served for four years, fighting in every major battle. He was wounded and mentioned in dispatches, culminated by being awarded the DSO on the field of battle.

Born in Avereenshire Scotland in 1887, Colonel Duguid came to Canada as a child. He graduated as a civil engineer from McGill University, Montreal in 1912. He was married in 1916 and became historical director following the war.

Perhaps he is most famous for his design of the altar of remembrance in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower of the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa. He wrote the historical wording for the panels in the chamber as well as making the original drawings which appear over each panel.

He also designed and wrote the book of remembrance which sits in a glass case on top of the altar. Princess Alice and Lord Athlone dedicated the book and were impressed by the way the book was designed to always remain open at whichever page it fell. Margaret can remember her father practicing with her knitting needles to perfect the theoretical design.

In 1947 Colonel Duguid was

awarded the OBE (Order of the British Empire). In addition to his writings he has designed many of the army insignia, including the one with the three maple leaves and crossed swords used until the unification of the armed forces.

He also designed the paratrooper badge, the buttons and insignia for the CWACS, the insignia for the army cadets and the second world war veterans button.

His writings include the complete history of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, Canadian Battlefield Memorials and the inscriptions on the war memorials in Ypres, Vimy Ridge, St. Julien, Passchendaele, Hill 62, Dury, Bourlan Wood, and Courcellette. He also compiled the

diaries of the Canadian units of the second world war in preparation for a history book.

In 1926 he designed a version of the Canadian flag which was taken overseas by General McNaughton as the flag of the Canadian Expeditionary force. Unfortunately his design, which included the Union Jack, the Fleur des Lis, and his famous three-stemmed maple leaves was not adopted as our national flag.

An artist in his own right, Colonel Duguid was responsible for choosing the 30 war artists to do paintings of the Canadian forces in the field during world war two. His paintings and books are a precious part of the Willoughby household and a priceless heritage for his grandchildren.

Obituary

Mrs. Jennie Coulson

Mrs. Jennie T. Coulson passed away at The True Davidson Nursing Home in East York on Sunday, Dec. 9 in her 92nd year.

Mrs. Coulson was born in Fergus October 2, 1882. She spent a few years of her early life as a milliner.

On June 16, 1909 she married Sherwood T. Coulson and moved to Lowville, where they spent over 30 years on a farm on the Guelph Line and later lived beside and operated a service station at the corner.

Her husband predeceased her by 21 years. Since then she has spent several years with her daughter in Toronto.

Church worker She was an active member of Lowville United Church for over 60 years and that remained a very dear part of her life until the end.

Mrs. Coulson is survived by her daughter Mary, son George, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held from the McKersie Funeral Home, Milton on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Interment was in Lowville Cemetery. Six grandsons were pallbearers. Robert Anderson, Ronald Coulson, Jim Coulson, Sherwood Coulson, Laurie Blake and Wally Hawes.

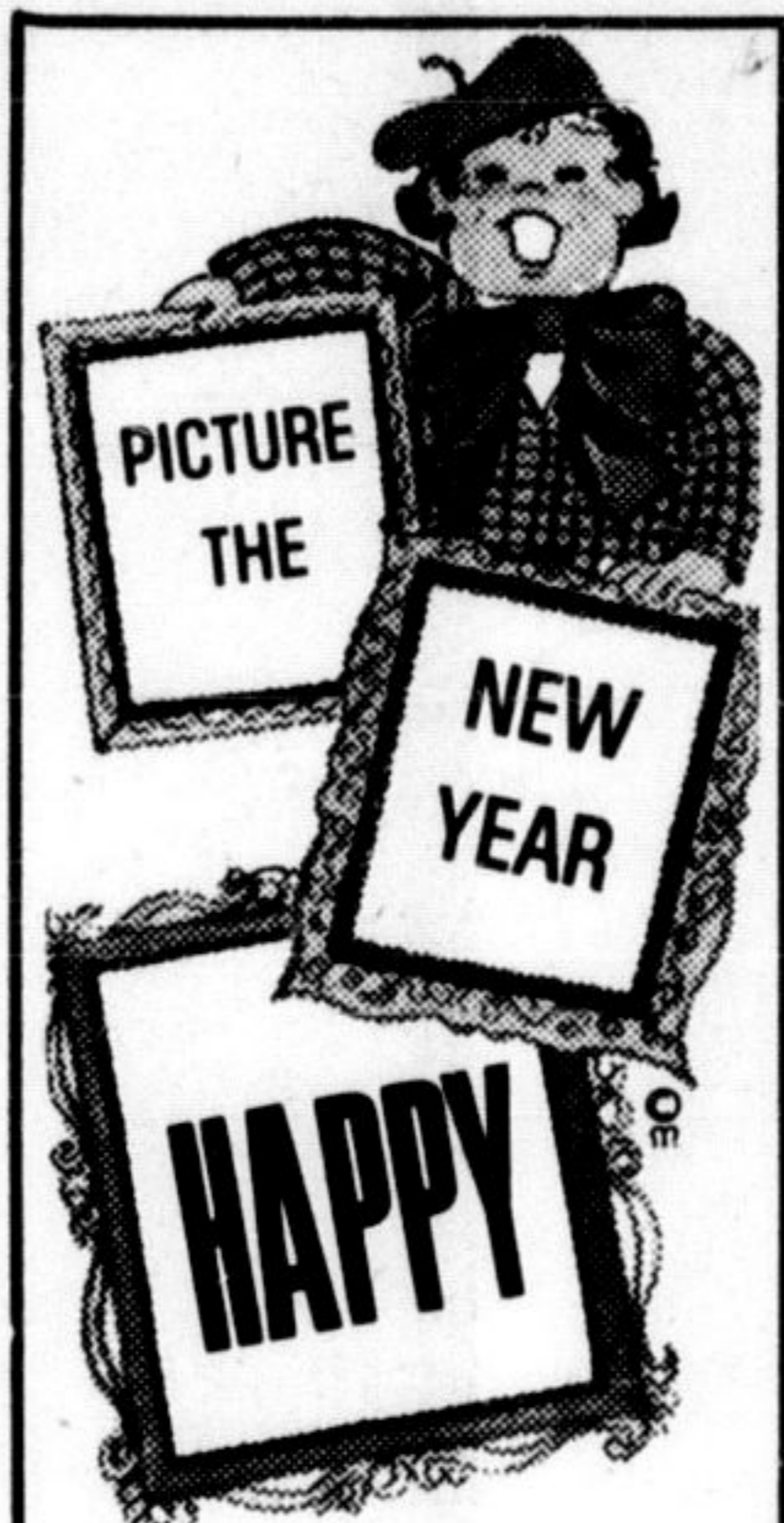
Electrical services at Bronte Park soon

Tenders are being called for the supply and installation of electrical and communication services in Bronte Creek Provincial Park for the Ministry of Natural Resources, Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services Jim Snow announced this week.

Designed by Project Planning Associates Ltd., environmental consultants of Toronto, these services represent the third major contract in developing the park, where five buildings have been constructed and roads, parking lots, grading, etc. are well under way.

Above, below ground The work is sites in the south-west quadrant of the 2,000-acre park, near the Towns of Burlington and Oakville, and will provide electrical and communication services above and below ground, including a main substation, underground feeders, pad-mounted sub-stations, and roadway and parking lot lighting.

Estimated completion date for the work now being tendered is July 15, 1974.



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