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DEATHS

Wilkinson - At Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, Picton, Ontario on Wednesday February 19, 1975. Lillian Louise Woods. In her 69th year. Beloved wife of William Wilkinson of Waupoos. Dear mother of Anne (Mrs. Jack Brock), Sandra (Mrs. Warren Hussey), Morley and Donald Marcellus, all of Midland, Ontario. Sister of Miss Muriel Woods of Toronto, Mrs. Jean Anderson, Vancouver, B.C. and Victor Woods of Toronto. Lovingly remembered by 8 grandchildren. Funeral took place at Whattam Funeral Home, Picton, Ontario on February 21, 1975.

Muir, Mary Elizabeth nee Porter at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill on Thursday February 13, 1975. Beloved wife of A.R. Muir, dear mother of Bernice and Jean and Grandmother of Kimberly. Rested at Marshall Funeral Home Richmond Hill. Interment Highland Memory Gardens, Willowdale Ontario.

IN MEMORIAM

Tubman - In loving memory of my Dad, Earl who passed away seven years ago today. Every day in some small way

Though absent, you are ever near
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.
Lovingly remembered Joan.

Tubman - In loving memory of a dear Dad and Grandfather Earl.
Three little words "Forget me not"
Don't seem much, but mean a lot
Just a memory fond and true
To show, dear father we think of you.
Always remembered George and family.

Tubman - In loving memory of a dear husband Earl, who passed Feb. 24, 1968. Its lonely here without you For I miss you more each day
Life is not the same to me Since you were called away
They say time heals all sorrow
And helps me to forget
But time so far has only proved
How much I miss you yet
Your place on earth, no one can fill
I miss you now and always will.
Lovingly remembered, wife Marie.

CARDS OF THANKS

We regret the inconvenience caused to the staff and patrons of the Odeon Theatre, Midland by the late arrival of our film, Wednesday February 19. The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams. Thank you for your patience and patronage.
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The wife and family of the late Alphonse J. Marchand wish to thank their friends, relatives and neighbours for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown them in their sad loss of a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

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The wife and family of the late Alphonse J. Marchand wish to express special thanks to Penetanguishene Legion Branch 68, priests, Dr. Lauzon, Dr. Gauthier and Beausoleil Funeral Home.

The family of the late Mr. George E. Parr wish to express their sincere thanks for all the expression of sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. E. Grise, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 80, members of the Senior Citizens Association, Rev. N. Watson, The James Lynn Funeral Home, Mrs. Smith of Contact, for their tributes to our father.

Thanks to all who, because of their love and concern, were so kind to Frank when he was sick, and to myself and family, at the time of bereavement.
Marion Stacey and Family.

COMING EVENTS

Flea Market Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Molson's at Barrie (formerly Formosa Spring Park) Antiques, arts, crafts - Vendors welcome. Further information call 726-2153.

St. Mary's women meet

by Lorraine Kindy
The monthly meeting of St. Mary's CWL was held on Feb. 13 with mass at 7:30 p.m. The meeting followed at the rectory.

Reports were given by the secretary, treasurer, spiritual reporter, press and education reporters. Ladies of the CWL were asked to lend a hand in making Easter bunnies at the Harbour Diner every Tuesday and Thursday. St. Patrick's Day Tea will be held Mar. 19, from 2 until 5 p.m.

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The bookworm

by Shirley Whittington
On December 3, 1919, Ambrose Small, a Toronto millionaire playboy and theatre owner closed a sale of his theatre chain for \$1,700,000. That afternoon his wife deposited a \$1-million cheque in their mutual account and waited in their Rosedale home for him to join her in a celebration dinner.

Small never arrived. He vanished some time that snowy evening, and mystery of his disappearance has remained unsolved for 50 years. The police file was closed in the sixties but recently McClelland and

"Anastasia"

A solid performance at MSS

by Shirley Whittington
Anastasia, a play adapted from Marcelle Maurette by Guy Bolton, was an ambitious choice for MSS Theatre Arts students, and presentations of the play last week proved that they could handle such serious drama very capably.

For teenaged players, there were many potential obstacles. The play was set in a time and style of living that were totally unfamiliar to youngsters of the seventies. The characters ranged in age from decidedly mature to ancient. The dialogue was almost cumbersome at times, but the MSS players handled everything with commendable polish.

There was a tendency to hurry through some of the more lengthy speeches, but in the main, dialogue was crisp and audible.

As Anastasia, Ann Brownell was compelling. She is a fine young actress who grew with the character from bewildered terror into cool dignity. David Wilcox handled the crafty Bouine well. Steve Godfrey was every inch a

Stewart, Toronto publishers, have posted a \$1,000,000 reward for the recovery of Small's body.

There's no mystery there - McClelland and Stewart are publishers of The Strange Case of Ambrose Small, Fred McClelland's fascinating documentary of the whole baffling case. Based on police and newspaper reports, trial records and personal interviews, the tale has all the elements of a first class mystery story - greed, lust, mysterious deaths, theft, and an escaped mental patient who claimed to be Small.

Ambrose Small owned a chain of theatres in Ontario. His wife, Theresa, was an accomplished woman, a

highly respected Toronto socialite and a generous contributor to Roman Catholic charities.

His secretary and booking manager, John Doughty, married Berthe Marchildon from Penetanguishene in 1909. She died two years later of diphtheria. Doughty himself disappeared shortly after Small vanished. Many years later he was found and convicted of the theft of bonds from Small's safety deposit box. Oddly enough, the bonds were found intact at Doughty's arrest. None of them was ever converted to cash.

Now here's the Midland connection. Small's sisters, Gertrude and Florence, were never happy with the

monthly allowance that he provided for them. After his disappearance, they tried unsuccessfully to establish that his wife Theresa had murdered her husband. Theresa died in 1935 and in 1939, Gertrude Small moved to Midland hoping that prayers at the Martyrs' Shrine would cure her of a nervous affliction.

She stayed at the Georgian Hotel (now the site of the downtown Dominion Store) and began keeping company with a Warren Bell, a local electrician who had been born in New Lowell.

Against the wishes of her sister, Gertrude married Bell in Stayner. On the return trip to Midland, their

auto plunged into the Nottawasaga River. Both were drowned, in what many people considered mysterious circumstances.

The Strange Case of Ambrose Small is a fascinating story and McClelland has done an excellent job of recreating the flavour of Orange Tory Toronto in the early twenties.

The author offers no solution to the mystery, but he obviously has a theory. So have I. So will you, if you read the book.

The Strange Case of Ambrose Small by Fred McClelland 158 pp

The Midland connection with Ambrose Small, Toronto's disappearing millionaire playboy

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