

'Mr. Diana'

James A. Deakos passes away



Town of Midland mourns yet another well known long-time local business man to die this month.

James A. Deakos, 80, died this week at Toronto Western Hospital.

Born in Greece he came to Midland in 1919 to join the family restaurant, The Diana.

He eventually became the sole owner of the popular downtown Midland restaurant.

In the early years he can be best remembered being at the front of the restaurant making homemade candies and ice cream.

Mr. Deakos operated The Diana until 1965 when he sold it to his

daughter and her husband, the late Maria and James Meridis. The restaurant is still operating and is now called Meridis Place.

Jim Deakos was a life time member of the Rameses Temple Shrine Club, a member of Caledonian Lodge and Midland A.F. and A.M.

He was also a founding member and Charter Member of the Midland Rotary Club, and a past member of Midland I.O.O.F.

He is survived by his wife Polyxene and a daughter Demetia (Mrs. Robert Belear) of Belleville and predeceased by Maria Meridis.

Brother of Mrs. Katherine Anest of Midland; Mrs. Bertha Heliotis, Orillia and John Deakos of Belleville.

The late James Deakos is resting at the Nicholls Funeral Home, 330 Midland Avenue until 2:45 p.m. tomorrow then to St.

Mark's Church, Third Street, Midland for funeral service at 3 p.m. Interment Lakeview Cemetery Midland.

Wake prayers at the funeral home 6:30 p.m. tonight and services under the auspices of Caledonian Lodge No. 249 A.F. and A.M. this evening at 8 p.m.

Genealogy searchers given tips on writing letters: clarity is the message

by

MRS. J. BOOS

The do's and don't's of letter writing and the why's and wherefore's of cemetery recording were the topics explored at the October meeting of the Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

Providing sample letters, notable for clarity, brevity, and courtesy, Mrs. Pat Hargreaves of Barrie gave a presentation based on her own experiences in writing letters relative to genealogy.

Genealogy searchers write a great many letters in their efforts to fill out family trees. The advice Mrs.

Hargreaves gave is of value to everyone in that field, advice such as "Don't ask for too much at once"; "Share what you have"; "Seek from those who may have time to answer".

She stressed the importance of keeping exact records. Letters should be clear, concise, courteous, and typed. They must include self-addressed, stamped envelopes, for reply, and money to cover research and photocopying costs. All responses should be acknowledged, with thanks, as one would acknowledge a gift.

Anyone seeking addresses of institutions may get them from the

society's librarian, who is Mrs. Hargreaves.

Miss Stella Gianetto's talk on cemeteries fitted the role of genealogists in this field into a much wider context than just garnering dates of deceased relatives.

Historians, archaeologists, demographers, as well as some government departments, want the cemeteries preserved or restored, and the stones recorded and photographed. For these cemeteries contain valuable records of patterns of the past.

There are 182 cemeteries listed for Simcoe County, quite a number of which are not

yet recorded. O.G.S. publishes updated lists of all recordings of Ontario cemeteries received by them.

Before starting to record a cemetery, check with the list, the OGS co-ordinator, and the local genealogy society. If it is not yet done, get permission from those in charge.

Then get your equipment together (compass, clip board and paper, wire brush, spade, piece of chalk, soft lead pencil) take along the OGS Guide to Cemetery Recording, preferably find a friend to work with you, and start. There is an orderly approach to "doing" a cemetery

that Miss Gianetto outlined. When work has progressed to some extent, the official plan and records of the cemetery should be checked for verification of dates and names.

Miss Gianetto is well qualified for her topic, having recorded a number of cemeteries, as well as being versed in many areas of genealogy research.

There was a concluding appeal for typists to type the numerous Simcoe County cemeteries already recorded.

The November meeting of the Society will be held in the Midland Public Library, King and Elizabeth Streets, on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m.

be Mrs. Michele Quealey, Supervisor of Library Services at Fort Ste. Marie. Her topic will be "Genealogy at Huronia Historical Parks". Everyone is invited to attend.

Researchers are also invited to the society's Library Night, every third Wednesday, at the

Barrie Public Library. The society's holdings may be examined at leisure at that time.

Euchre parties begin Hillsdale

by **MRS. R. LEA**

The euchre parties in the Community Centre have commenced for the fall and winter season, every Monday evening at 8 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 p.m.

All are welcome.

Mrs. M. Drennan visited her sister, Mrs. B. Crawford of Oro Station, on the weekend.

There will be a fowl supper in St. Andrew's

Presbyterian Church hall on Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. All tickets in advance please.

A number of Presbyterians from Hillsdale and Craighurst enjoyed a showing of The Prodigal in Barrie recently.

Ethel Watson, Marian Drennan, and Ruth Lea attended the Simcoe Area W.I. convention in Elmville on Oct. 10, held in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Morton Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Walker and family. Mr. Walker passed away in his home in Brantford in September after a lengthy illness.

A service of communion and baptism was celebrated in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Oct. 21.

Rev. Malcolm

Summers of Barrie was assisted by John Dowds, student minister. Those presented for baptism were Terri Leigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson and Wendy Ann and Adam, children of Mr. and Mrs. M. St. Denis. The Hillsdale W.I. met in the home of Mary Morrison on Wednesday evening.

We're glad you asked!

Jim Lynn
Funeral Director



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