



# Beaver Bob

## Tolerate my namesake

One day last summer I sat on a high meadow overlooking the Castor, focusing my World War I binoculars on the scene below as it unfolded to my wondering eye. My wife and I had walked over. She sat on a hillock overlooking the dam, enjoying the warm sunshine as it poured down from the beneficent sky.

There was, of course, the inevitable kingfisher on a dead tree high over the brawling current as it slipped across the dam, rolling away below in long, dark, smooth scimitars of water and white soapy eddies penetrated by up-thrust black rocks like shark's fins.

Along came a mink, slipping sinuously among the rocks, obviously having a wonderful time for himself. A beaver, great, dark, ungainly, the water running in shining rivulets from his fur came out of the shallows, across the rocks into the deep-flowing current, sailing down majestically with all the grandiose dignity of the Queen Mary.

A man and a young girl appeared, netting minnows, proceeded by a busy kind of terrier

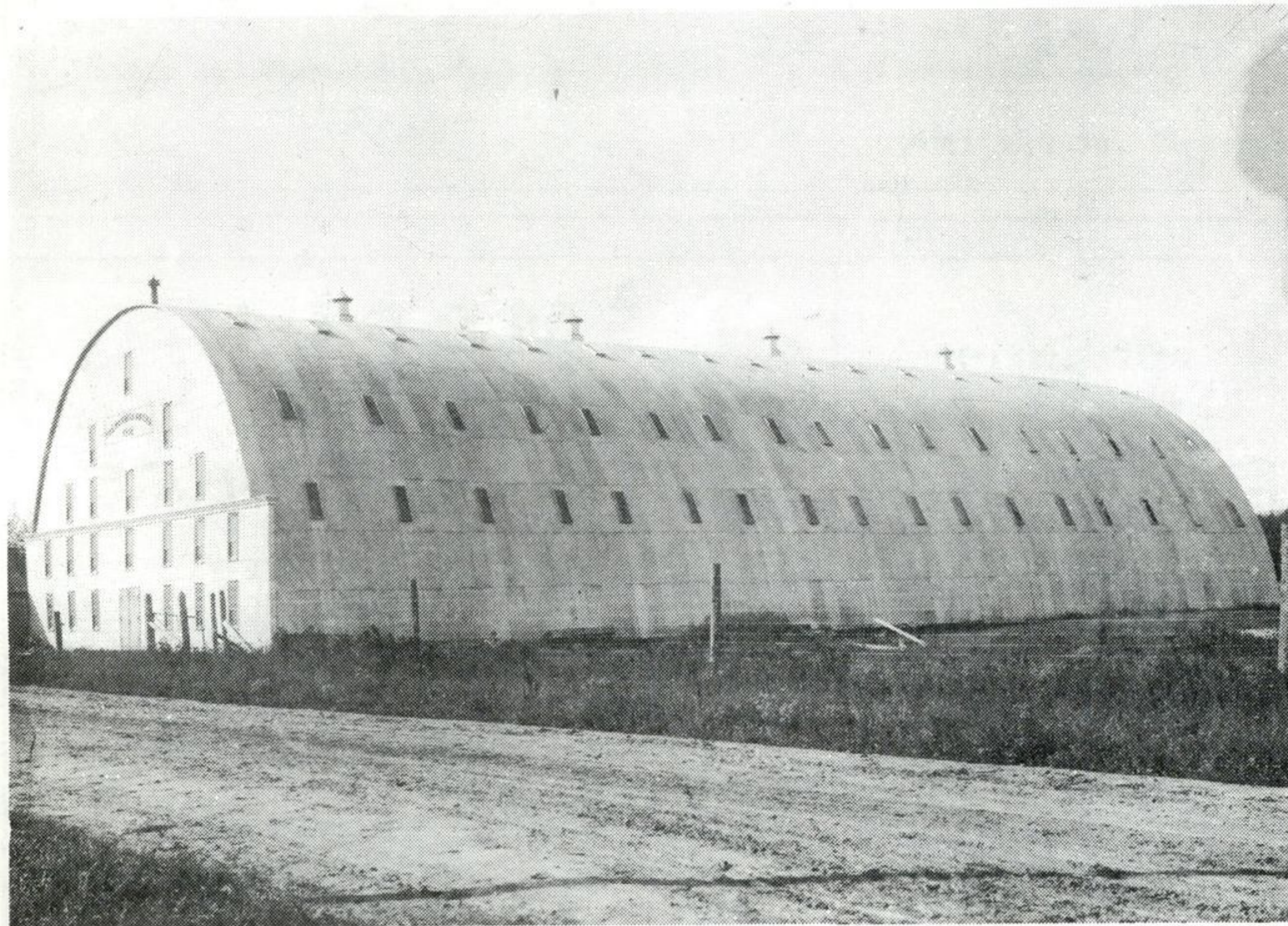
dog. In a flash the Castor was emptied of its native inhabitants, leaving the scene to the intruders.

As we wended our way over the meadow, bright with sunshine and along the edge of the dark, old wood through a plantation of young Scotch pines, my mind was taken up by the beaver. What a picture he had made, launching his ungainly body on the flood; and how, meeting the rushing water, he had become part of it, in it and with it. There were still beaver on the Castor; that was something.

Driving along the river, examining the ancient contours of its passage, one can almost pick out the locations where the old beaver dams must have been, creating a series of lakes and meadows in an engineering system which provided irrigation and water storage and was followed religiously by the makers of the Rideau Canal, that noble and attractive waterway, at one and the same time a defence against invasion and a means of safe transport in time of trouble.

Although the works of the beavers are long gone on the Castor, the spirit of these ingenious little animals lives on; natures engineers, whose disappearance was often followed by springtime floods and summer droughts.

There are beavers on the Castor, their numbers kept to a minimum by predators human and animal. Judicious and careful trapping is not harmful to the beaver population; indiscriminate shooting and harassment is. There are obvious reasons why the beavers cannot be permitted unrestricted sway, why their dams, lakes and meadows cannot be permitted to dot the countryside as before. Yet there is a lot to be said for tolerating and encouraging these little denizens of the waterways. They gave their name to the Castor in years past. It would be good once again to see the beavers working and swimming in the river which is historically theirs and an attraction for visitors beyond compare.



**First Russell arena**

Russell's first arena opened in 1912. During construction a partial collapse resulted in the death of one man. The building was located slightly to the north of the existing arena and measured 100 ft. by

200 ft. by 20 ft. The arena eventually deteriorated and was replaced many years later by today's modern recreational facility. (Photo courtesy of Edgar Loucks).

## Obituaries

## Classifieds

Wallace D. Carkner of Ottawa, formerly of Kenmore died in his 69th year on January 11 in hospital in Ottawa.

Born in Kenmore, son of the late James Carkner and Lena Carkner. He was educated in local schools and at McMaster University, Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife Mary Frederick, and three daughters, Marilyn (Mrs. Ross Moorcroft) Madoc; Beverly (Mrs. Carl Reid), Caledon East; Thyra (Mrs. David Moline), Hamilton, Ont.; his mother, Mrs. James Carkner of Ottawa and one brother, Arthur, of Lindsay, Ont. He was predeceased by his sister Martha.

Wallace was the last member of the family in charge of the D. Carkner and Co. lumber mill in Kenmore, and later was a teacher at Merivale High School. While in Kenmore he was a member of the Winchester hospital board and served as chairman for a term.

For many years he was an active member of the Kenmore Baptist Church and later of Fourth Avenue Baptist church, Ottawa, where a memorial service conducted by Rev. Samuel Holmes and Rev. D. J. MacNabb, was held on Friday evening, following a family funeral service.

Miss Mary McIntyre of Berkeley, Ontario, passed away on January 3, at the age of 62, at Markdale, Ontario where she was hospitalized with pneumonia. She is survived by her sister, Edith, (Mrs. Alfred Timperley) of Fordwich, Ont. and a nephew, James Timperley of Gorrie, Ontario. She was predeceased by her brother, James, in 1970.

Miss McIntyre was buried in the Markdale Cemetery on January 6.

Cecil Miller Arbuthnot, a highly respected resident of Morewood died on January 18. He was in his 71st year. A retired Felton farmer, he was born in Russell, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Arbuthnot, and was educated at area schools. He was married in 1935 to the former Eva McConnell who survives.

In addition to his widow the late Mr. Arbuthnot is survived by three daughters and one son: Mrs. Willard McWilliams, Navan; Mrs. Gordon Harrison, Sudbury; Mrs. Allan Anderson, Russell; and Malcom of Earlton. Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren; one sister Mrs. Mervyn Dale, Chesterville; and two brothers, Russell, Winchester and Donald of Embrun.

The funeral service at Warner Funeral Home, Russell, was conducted by Rev. F. J. Reed at 2 p.m. on January 21. Pall bearers were Jack Durant, Gil Steen, Donald Durant, Donald Thompson, Fred McLaren, and Robert McLaughlin.

Interment was at Morewood Presbyterian Cemetery.

Mr. Chester Cherry received word of his sister Mabel's, (Mrs. J. Ferguson) death, January 8th. She was born in Russell, trained as a nurse in Brockville and after graduating married Jack Ferguson of Brockville. They had a family of two. Mrs. J. Bell of Toronto and Wm. Ferguson of Brockville with whom she resided. She leaves a sister Eva, also brothers Nathan and Chester Cherry.

Mrs. Wm. Blake of Reston, Virginia spent a few days this past week with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry after attending the funeral of sister Mrs. Mabel Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry are spending a holiday in Clearwater, Florida.

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## Cards of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to everyone for your generous gifts and kind wishes at our surprise house warming.

The Pattersons

Please accept my thanks to relatives friends and neighbours in the loss of my dear brother, Ross Waddell, Kenmore.  
Hazel Rombough

We would like to express our sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement of a dear husband, father and grand-father, Cecil Arbuthnot. For the floral tributes, cards of condolences, and memorial contributions. Our appreciation to Rev. F. Reed and also to those who contributed food and help at home.  
Eva Arbuthnot and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry wish to thank friends and neighbours for their cards and words of sympathy in the death of Mr. Cherry's sister Mabel.

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