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Prominent Ashburn Farmer Dead

A prominent Ashburn farmer, William Thomas Hopkins, died at his home Monday. He was in his 74th year. Mr. Hopkins had been ill since last October.

Born at Claremont, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hopkins, he lived all his life in the Ashburn district carrying on a very successful farm. He was best known for his interest in fine quality horses and engaged in horse dealing extensively.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ivy Peddie; two daughters, Hilda and Mary; three sons, William, John and Walter, all at home. Brothers and sisters surviving are: Mrs. I. Booth of Midland; Mrs. George Hewitt, Toronto; Willis of Coldwater; Charles of Coldwater and George of Victoria Harbour.

Rev. John Riddell of Port Perry conducted the funeral service from the family residence at Ashburn. The pallbearers were W. B. Williamson of Toronto; Walter Kerr, Gordon Fisher, Stanley Nottingham, Allie Christie and Norman J. Anderson. Burial was at Groveside Cemetery.

Find Competition Too Keen At Aspen



Canada was represented at the international federation of ski championships at Aspen, Colorado by this charming foursome. From left are Lois Woodworth, Rosemaire Shutz, Sandra Tomlinson and Margaret Owen. There was plenty of snow and too much competition for the Canadian skiers who were unable to place in the running. Miss Owen, from Vancouver, was injured in a downhill run.

DISCOVERS NEW SOURCE OF CAR MOTOR TROUBLE — MOUSE

Garage mechanics are always running into new troubles. There are 101 things which can stop a car engine. The latest an Ayr garage-man discovered was a mouse.

A customer brought his car in to the Waterloo County village with a flat tire. When he went to start the vehicle again after repairs were effected the motor wouldn't budge. After the usual starting methods were exhausted he turned to the mechanic with a suspicious look.

Making a few tests, the mechanic found the ignition spark dead. Tracing the trouble back to the induction coil he found the source — a dead mouse firmly lodged on the coil, causing a short.

It was surmised the mouse had been having a nap somewhere

in the auto and the noise of the motor starting frightened it. Jumping onto the coil, it was electrocuted by the high frequency current. The motor ran all right until it stopped in the garage, then wouldn't start again.

Canada's sugar beet industry had its beginning in Europe in 1947 when Andreas Maggraf, a German scientist, demonstrated that the root of the sugar beet stored a sugar identical with that of cane.

Lake Superior — 31,820 square miles — is the world's largest fresh water body.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Tampa, Feb. 26th, 1950.
Dear Mr. Nolan,
Received my issue of trailer guides for Tampa and district. Just thought you might enjoy reading or looking over it. The information given about Plant city where our winter strawberries come from to Canada is quite interesting.

Have enjoyed several short drives over to Clearwater via of Davis Causway, a four lane highway about 15 miles long and some shade trees and picnic tables and stoves to cook dinners etc, on each side of the highway and a nice beach on each side where many fishermen are trying their luck. Some of the neighbor trailerers have given me two or three good feeds of fish from their surplus.

Visited Tarpon Springs where most of our sponges come from. The boats were in when I was over but they looked as if they were getting them ready to go out again. The men following sponge diving are Greeks. So, when in Tarpon Springs do as the Greeks do, eat Greek food which they tell me is highly seasoned and hot. We stopped at Safety Harbor and ate in a good American place and enjoyed it, which we were rather dubious of the highly seasoned Greek variety. Some tourists are very fond of it.

Just took a drive to some of their large cemeteries. They are so different from Canada. So many Spanish people are buried here and they in some way put the person's photo on the tombstone and it is glazed over with glass. Then so many graves are completely covered with slabs of marble and built up about six inches or so from the ground, some even higher. I asked the caretaker who came to talk to me if marble cheap and he said no very expensive. Saw one, a Dr. and wife had their photo on the large tomb and on the top was a large life size statue of them sitting in a chair, one on each side. A most wonderful piece of work. That is in Woodlaw cemetery where my aunt and cousin are buried. The caretaker showed me a large white mound of marble where the man who made the "Tampa cigar" was buried. They have so many private marble places where the bodies are placed and sealed and the friends can go in and sit down beside them. That side is like a sitting room. I asked what they would cost and he told me not less than \$5,000 dollars. He also told me of two other cemeteries to visit. They were wonderful and more tombs. He told me the entrance to the one, I cannot remember the name as it was in Spanish, cost \$10,000 to build. The large gates are of fancy iron scroll work and in the middle of drive way as you go in there is a large, long cement work holding water with some water plants growing in it. Saw a lot of good common names like Stoddard, Mitchel, Hall, as well as foreign names. The new large Catholic

cemetery just across the road is called to my surprise, Myrtle Hill cemetery.

Also went a little farther and went into the Italian Cemetery. It is only in the making. Came onto one grave where flowers were hardly wilted. The wreaths were put in on an oblong circle about 16 ft long. All on wire holders just as close as they could be. One very large one at the head of the grave and to each side at the upper end was completely covered with flower sprays laid down. There was one cross of flowers I started counting but was not nearly through at 25 and then I walked outside the circle and there were just as many all around the outside. The cards were all left on the wreaths. Some very old tomb stones in 1800.

Hope this has not bored you too much.

Yours truly,
Myrtle Monks.

MRS. THOS NORTON HEADS OSHAWA PRESBYTERIAL W.M.S.

The following is a report of the Oshawa Presbyterial of the W.M.S.: The 22nd annual meeting of the Oshawa Presbyterial W.M.S. of the United Church of Canada was held in Trinity United Church, Bowmanville, on Thursday, February 23rd, with over 250 in attendance.

The retiring president, Mrs. W. P. Rogers, Bowmanville, presided for the meeting. The newly elected president is Mrs. Thomas Norton, R.R.1 Locust Hill.

Miss Sybil R. Courtice, A.L.C.M., a recently returned missionary from Japan, presented a vivid picture of Japan and its needs of today. Miss

Courtice gave a very inspiring message both at the morning and afternoon sessions.

Mrs. A. A. Outram, 2nd vice-president Dominion Board of the W.M.S. was guest speaker during the morning and installed the new officers at the afternoon session. The ladies' quartette of Trinity Church — Mesdames James, Aldread, Van Driel, Richmond, rendered "The Prodigal Son". Mr. Gordon Harle, organist, presided at the organ throughout the day.

The Rev. S. R. Henderson, pastor of Trinity Church, Bowmanville, closed with the benediction.

TWO FAMILIES FORCED OUT BY UTICA FIRE

Fire, which is believed to have had its origin in a defective base plug, completely destroyed a seven-room brick veneer farm house near Utica, in Reach Township, in the early hours of Friday morning, and rendered two families homeless.

Frank Hortop, 105 Ritson Road North, Oshawa, owner of the farm, informed The Times-Gazette that his loss would be \$7,000 of which part is covered by insurance.

The burned house was occupied by Mr. Hortop's tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geer and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Geer, and their two children.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Charles Geer, who was awakened at about 5:30 a.m. by the sound of falling plaster. She jumped out of bed and opened her bedroom door to be met by clouds of smoke. She awakened the other members of the household. It was all they could do to get out.

MEALS COST TOO MUCH AT WHITBY JAIL INSPECTOR SAYS

The county jail at Whitby is clean and well kept, according to a report of the Inspector of Prisons — but there is no meat in the soup. This complaint was made by prisoners at the last inspection and was found to be justified. As far as could be ascertained from the report, the soup is made from barley. Therefore the recommendation has been made that some bones should be purchased to add meat stock to the soup.

At the same time the Inspector continues his complaint that meals at the Ontario County Jail are costing much more than meals at other such institutions. Whether his recommendation about the meat bones will aggravate this condition is not known.

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