

Late Agnes Macphail Represented East York 1948

Miss Agnes Campbell Macphail, first Canadian woman member of Canada's parliament and for many years its only woman member died Saturday in Wellesley Hospital.

Miss Macphail was stricken with a heart attack at her residence, 2 Donegal Dr., Leaside, Thursday and was immediately removed to hospital.

Last night she suffered a relapse. Shortly before 1 p.m. she lapsed into unconsciousness and died within a few minutes.

Except for three brief periods, the country school teacher was never out of active participation in politics after 1921 when first elected to the Commons as United Farmers of Ontario member for East Grey.

One of Miss Macphail's great crusades in the Dominion House was for prison reform. Her efforts were crowned with success when the King government appointed a Royal Commission on the subject in 1936. Their 1938 report—named after Commission Chairman Mr. Justice Joseph Archaibault—became the basis for the penal reform program introduced in Canadian penitentiaries following World War II.

She sat for 19 years in the Dominion House as an independent, but always as a member of Opposition, until 1940, when she was defeated by W. E. Harris, a Liberal.

Without other employment she turned to newspaper work and wrote a column for the Globe & Mail. She also tried her hand at various other occupations until 1943, when she was elected to the Ontario Legislature as an independent candidate for a term that lasted until 1945.

In 1948 she won the York East seat for the CCF in the Ontario provincial election. She was defeated in 1951.

Because of her outstanding service as a parliamentarian,

first in Ottawa and later at Queen's Park, there was a well supported movement by several women's organizations to have her elected to the senate. She died before this goal was realized.

She was born in Proton Township, Grey County, March 21, 1890 to Dougal MacPhail and the former Henrietta Campbell—Liberals and Presbyterians.

When she grew up she not only changed her political beliefs but also the spelling of her name—to Macphail.

After attending collegiate in Owen Sound, she moved to Stratford to get a second class certificate from Normal School.

Lemonville Farmer For Quarter Century

On Friday, Feb. 12th, Mr. Garfield Hamm passed away in the Stouffville Brierbush Hospital following a short illness of two weeks. Born on the 5th concession of Markham the son of Richard Hamm and Sarah Thomas, the deceased later moved to Lemonville where he has resided for the past twenty-five years.

Besides his wife, the former Ella Boynton he is survived by four sons, Douglas, Kenneth, Lloyd, Keith and one daughter Betty (Mrs. Cecil Brittan). He is also survived by one sister Mrs. Frank Whetter and one brother, Louis, both of Stouffville.

Funeral service was held at the chapel of L.E. O'Neill, Stouffville, on Monday, Feb. 15th conducted by Rev. D. Davis of the Stouffville United Church with interment in the Stouffville cemetery. The pallbearers were Earl Cook, Ed Logan, Walter Grey, Walter Jacobs, Jake Baker and Keith Hutchinson.

VICTORIA SQUARE

The regular monthly meeting of the Sr. W.I. was held Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Allan Orr. The theme was, "Home Economics and Education." The program was in charge of the Victoria Square Homemaker's Club, of which Mrs. Allan Orr is the leader. Those taking part were Misses Betty Snider, Carroll and Margaret Walker. Mrs. Roy Glover gave a demonstration on "Making Paper Flowers." Dainty refreshments were served.

On Thursday afternoon of last week twenty three ladies from the community and surrounding district went by Langdon's Bus to the Campbell Soup Company at New Toronto. Here the ladies toured the plant and saw the making of different kinds of soup. At the close they were served "afternoon tea" in the cafeteria by the staff there. From here they went to the Hobby Show in the Coliseum at the C.N.E. They attended the Kate Aitken show. Here Mrs. H. Barber and Mrs. S. Boynton were very fortunate in winning lucky draw prizes.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. V. Westbrook on Wednesday afternoon of last week with twenty one ladies and two children present. Mrs. P. Bennett took charge of the Worship service. A chapter from "Where e'er the Sun" was dramatized by Mesdames S. Boynton, P. Bennett, C. Stansbury and F. Walker. Reports of the annual meeting of the W.M.S. of the Toronto Centre Presbyterian held in St. Clair United Church, Toronto recently were given by Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. H. McCague. Cards were signed by the members present to be sent to the "shut-ins" of the W.M.S. Refreshments were served at the close.

The Supply Committee of the W.M.S. is holding a Quilting in the Sunday School room on Thursday, Feb. 25th. All the ladies are invited. Come in the morning and bring your lunch with you. If you are unable to attend then, come in the afternoon.

BIRTHS

BARKEY — Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barkey, Stouffville are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Friday, Feb. 12th, 1954, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a sister for Carole.

DEGEER — Mr. and Mrs. Iv. an Degeer (nee Betty Alcock) R.R. 3 Stouffville are happy to announce the birth of their son, Wed., Feb. 17, 1954 at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

May Be "Snag" In Ward Vote

There could be a "snag" in the establishing of the Markham Township Ward system if a report from councillor Lennie proves accurate, it was revealed at the council meeting at Buttonville on Monday evening. According to the councillor who was named to bring in a report on the matter, the vote which was taken last December and which passed so unanimously on the Ward system, was only on the question and contrary to the opinion of Reeve LeMasurier, another vote will have to be taken once the boundaries are decided upon.

This word comes from Hollis Beckett, local government member with whom councillor Lennie conferred on the matter. The council should proceed to give a bylaw two readings setting forth the ward boundaries by Nov. 1st and then call for the assent of the electors.

"That is not the way I interpret the Act," declared Reeve LeMasurier who did not believe a second vote was required.

Councillor Lennie went on to say that Markham could establish three wards but would need special government dispensation for two wards. Four wards as is favoured by many, would make a six-man council, one councillor from each ward and the reeve and deputy-reeve being elected by the entire township.

Further investigation is being made into the procedure to be followed.

County To Issue Markham Debenture

The budget brought in by the finance committee on Wednesday amounted to \$987,166.30. Estimated recoveries from the registry office fees, attorney general's department re the police force and other sources amount to \$122,640.00. Some relief will be forthcoming on the \$228,990.00 debenture principal and interest payments in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal set regarding adjustments of assets and liabilities. The assessment in the continuing county is \$48,059,280.00. To meet the budget a mill rate of 13 mills would have to be struck. Last year's mill rate was 6.5.

Council approved this budget and followed it with a resolution asking that the relief promised by Bill 80, if an undue burden was placed on the continuing county of York be forthcoming immediately. Deputy Reeve Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill and Reeve LeMasurier of Markham agreed that the municipalities they represent would be better off to secede from the County. "An application for a private bill permitting Richmond Hill to secede will be made unless the Provincial Government offers substantial assistance to the county" said Mr. Tomlin. Reeve Ralph Corner, Reeve of Georgina and chairman of the finance committee, said, "it will take four times the amount of money it did last year to give the same services to the county." The report states that "as certain expenditures and revenues cannot be ascertained at this time, your committee cannot recommend a mill rate."

A resolution brought in by Reeve LeMasurier asking that the debentures for the new High School at Thornhill to cost \$300,000 be issued by York County was approved 25 to 10 after a short discussion. Said Reeve LeMasurier, "if Markham township issues these debentures it will make our debenture issue too high. We will not be able to install water or sewers, etc. and we must do so if we are to attract industry to our township." J.D. Lucas solicitor said "County can issue these debentures and charge the cost back to the different municipalities concerned. "This high school will be built in Markham township but will serve Vaughan and Richmond Hill as well.

DEATH

WAMBOLD, Isaac Albert — at the Toronto East General Hospital, on Monday, February 15th, 1954, Isaac Albert Wambold, in his 92nd year. Husband of the late Mary Elizabeth Fretz, and dear father of Mrs. Samuel Brownsberger (Ruth) Toronto and Leslie, (deceased.) Resting at the Dixon Funeral Chapel, Markham, until Thursday noon. Service at Wildeman Mennonite Church at 2 p.m. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

When your buy-word is cash, you run into a lot less worry.

BIRTH

NENDICK — At Private Patients Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Nendick, a daughter Mary Jane Christine on Sunday, February 14, 1954.

PEACHES

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Lon Blizzard was ill for a few days. Now that he is improving, we hope it won't be too long before he is about again.

Mr. Don Ferguson accompanied by Mr. Harry Lewis visited the Hobby Show at Toronto one day last week.

It seems that the chicken pox is making the rounds at Peaches. Our most recent victim is Master Jimmy Sale who is recuperating quickly and is looking forward to getting back to school soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allen journeyed to Sudbury for the weekend where they visited friends.

On Sunday evening the Peaches Young People's Union met in the church with the president, Mr. Trevor Watson in the chair. The theme "The Challenge of Christian Service" was ably carried out by members of the group, Mr. Don Miller being in charge.

The Young Peoples social conveners are arranging a box social for the enjoyment of the community. This entertainment is to be held at the home of Misses Pat and Marg Smith next week. By popular demand, the men are to prepare the boxes to be auctioned off to the highest bidder so be prepared ladies. Bring your money and epsom salts.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCleverty, Linda and Susan had Sunday evening supper with Mr. and Mrs. A. Sullivan of Toronto.

CHERRYWOOD

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Teefy on the birth of a son at Oshawa Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Powell and family of Brougham had tea on Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sinclair.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Tindall in the death of Mr. Tindall's father at Goodwood.

Mrs. Irene McGriskin and Patsy of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rennie.

Mr. Harold Fenney and boys of Toronto called on his mother Mrs. A. Fenney on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Forsythe of Goodwood had dinner on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Wes Petty.

Mr. Vincent Teefy of Woodville spent a day with his father Mr. Wm. Teefy recently.

MT. PISGAH

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barlow and family visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Berg at Pine Orchard on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferguson of Ringwood were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith.

Mr. Ted Barlow and daughter Rose Ann were involved in an accident on Yonge St., south of Aurora on Saturday. Their car was forced off the road into a snow bank. Rose Ann was thrown forward against the windshield and suffered a painful bump on her head.

The W.I. euchre which was held in Vandorf Hall on Friday, Feb. 12th had eleven tables in progress and the prizes were won by Mrs. Leigh Bearstrod, Mrs. Grace Cathcart, Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. Jim Gibson for the ladies and the men were Mr. James Gibson, Mr. Stuart Duncan, Mr. Roy Bovair and Mr. Harry Laverder.

Congratulations to Mrs. Fred Kirstein who was awarded a chest of silver for having shipped the most tomatoes to Campbell's Soups for the season of 1953. The presentation was made at a banquet in Stouffville recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Noble and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Noble and family have moved to Victoria Square.

Master Bobby Baycroft is under the doctor's care and is to stay in bed for a complete rest.

The Gormley W.I. will have their February meeting in the home of Mrs. John Ash on Wednesday, Feb. 24th at 2 p.m. Roll call, Current Events. This will be the International program and is under the leadership of Mrs. R.C. Baycroft. There is to be a prize for the best home-made Valentine so be sure to bring one. Hostesses will be Mrs. William Ash and Mrs. Harvey Biddlecombe.

The Whitechurch Home and School Association met in S.S. No. 7 on Monday, Feb. 8th with approximately thirty attending. A film "Emotional

Development of a child" was shown by Mr. DeWitt and Mrs. Kays conducted a buzz session following this. Mrs. D. Pollock sang a melody of Scottish Airs accompanied by Mr. Walter Smook on the piano. The prize of five dollars was won by the junior room of S.S. No. 7. An enjoyable box social followed which realized the sum of \$12.90.

The Citizenship meeting of the Young Peoples group was held in S.S. No. 6 on Friday evening, Feb. 12th under the leadership of Mr. Lawrence Smith. The topic was on "A Canadian Flag." Recreation followed. The next meeting will be held in S.S. No. 6 on Friday evening, Feb. 19th under the missionary convener Miss Isobel Chambers. The topic will be on Florence Nightingale.

The W.A. ladies met at the home of Mrs. R.C. Baycroft on Wednesday Feb. 10th. Devotional on Christian Fellowship and fruits of the spirit was taken by Mrs. Chester Patten. Mrs. Norman Brown gave a reading on the Hymn and author of "Shall you, Shall I" followed by all singing two verses of the Hymn. An article on "The Secret of Eternal Youth" was given by Mrs. Baycroft and Mrs. Kays favored with one titled "Looking Out the Window." Mrs. Leary read the first chapter of the Study Book, "Where e'er the Sun" written by Rev. Samuel Moffet who was born in Korea. This Study of Missions is very interesting so plan to come to these meetings. The W.A. are planning to have their own "Womens' Day of Prayer" on March 5th. Keep this date in mind and plan to be with them on that day, place of meeting to be made known later. Misses Arvilla Forester and Dorothy Baycroft favoured with a piano duet.



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