

Celebrates 103rd Birthday



On Wednesday, June 30th, Mr. Geo. Arbuckle, a resident patient at the Stouffville Nursing Home, marked his 103rd birthday. To celebrate the occasion, the staff presented him with a cake and candles, made by the night nurse, Mrs. Marian Meads of Gormley. Mr. Arbuckle is shown here with staff nurse, Helen Nicely. He has one son, Franklin of Toronto. — Staff Photo.

Mrs. Mary Woodcock Retires After Thirty-six Years As Teacher

... "Those who educate children well, are more to be honoured than even their parents, for these only give them life, those the art of living well."

"He that teaches, gives him eyes."

Those two quotes were written on the inside page of a book entitled "Biblical Quotations" that was presented to Mrs. Mary Woodcock last week. They sum up Mrs. Woodcock's 36-year career as a teacher. As the school doors closed on hundreds of children for two months, they closed on Mrs. Woodcock forever. Behind them, she left 36 years of education, teaching and instructing... not to mention 36 years of memories.

Born Mary Muir, she started teaching in 1924. She attended teachers' college (Normal School) in Stratford after obtaining her high school education in Port Elgin. She knew she wanted to be a teacher since she was a child in public school.

Mrs. Woodcock's first job was in a rural school, twelve miles south west of Owen Sound. That school is closing for good this summer, and she has been invited back for a final reunion. Following one year at that school, she taught near Kings-ton. She spent four years in St. Catharines before moving to Green River. After ten years there, Mary Muir was wed, and took a number of years off.

During the second World War she rejoined the teaching staff in Simcoe County. Moving into this area, Mrs. Woodcock taught at Ringwood, Mongolia and Altona for seven years. She spent the final seven years of her teaching career in Stouffville, with four years at Summitview, two at Orchard Park, and last year back at Summitview.

All in all, it totals 36 years of a job she loved.

Years Brought Changes Mrs. Woodcock has noted a number of changes in educating children, but they're not as drastic as some people are led to believe.

"She does think, however, that the work load for a primary school student has eased up considerably.

"When I started teaching," she said, "grade eight was about equivalent to today's grade 10."

The reason for this, she explained, was because only a select few were able to go to high school. Today, high school is free education, and students are compelled to attend until they are at least sixteen.

Because of the easing-off, students seem to have a harder time adjusting to upper school.

As primary school gets easier, high school becomes harder," she said.

The methods of discipline have been changed over the years. In the '20s, some teachers believed in lining up their students and strapping them, should the class be acting up.

Mrs. Woodcock never did believe in this practise. She used psychology. And if that failed, she used reverse psychology.

"I would explain why they did wrong, and how trivial it was to do wrong, then I'd tell them how to correct it," she said.

Three "R's" Reading, Riting and Rithmetic, believed the only subjects taught in school by many, were only three of a number of lessons taught by Mrs. Woodcock when she first began her career.

"They were the most important," she explained, "but I taught social studies, health, geography, and others."

"My favourite was social studies. As I went from community to community, I would learn the history of it, then refer it to my students."

Since beginning her career, Mrs. Woodcock has taken a

number of courses to improve her own education.

She has always enjoyed teaching primary school students, and never considered becoming a high school teacher.

"I'm afraid that's just too much to handle," she smiled. Although she knew when she was in public school that teaching was to be her occupation, Mrs. Woodcock said that it's not that easy today.

"There are so many occupations today, that most students don't make up their minds until grade 13."

The major jobs of yesterday have been split and re-split to create hundreds of new jobs. It's a tough decision to get the right one.

When September arrives, Mrs. Woodcock will not make her usual return to the school house.

"My husband and I are planning a trip to the West Coast in the Fall. I've been out there seven times, and hope to make the trip again."

Before she left, Mrs. Woodcock was the guest of honour at many celebrations, and it proved that her presence would be missed at the front of the class room.

She received a set of Blue Mountain Pottery, brooches, a Cameo necklace, travelling bag, dishes, and a gold planter. All the gifts came from students, the School Board and fellow teachers. And she received the book, "Biblical Quotations," from two students, with the 2 passages, expressing how the students felt about her.

She was, indeed, a teacher... and a good one.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alsop who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, July 6th.

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New Books In Library

The Island of Apples—Glyn Jones.
The Second Mrs. Wu—Agnese Sanford.
My Shadow Ran Fast—Bill Sands.
Why Young Mothers Feel Trapped—Margaret Mead.
Stranger Than Fiction—Denise Robins.
Legend of the Seventh Virgin—Victoria Holt.
Capote.
The Mare's Nest—David Irving.
Pruning Guide to Trees, Shrubs and Vines—Tom Stevenson.
Memoirs of James R. Mutchmor, Howard Thurman; Portrait of a Practical Dreamer, Elizabeth Yates.
First Journey—Winston S. Churchill.
Third Side of the Coin—Francis Clifford.
The Shadow and the Substance—F. W. Kenyon.
Magic of Makeup (for the Stage)—Harold Melville.
The Simple Things: Some Small Joys Remembered—various authors.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reynolds and Joyce and Miss Helen Wilson left on Wednesday for a motor trip to the West Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith were visitors on Sunday with her parents Sharon and Mrs. Irvin Geiger in Kitchener.

CORRECTION
In the awards list of Bursaries at Stouffville Dist. High School, the winner in Grade 12 of the \$10 History Prize should have been Darlene Watson.

Warren Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hendricks, William St., and a student at Carleton University, has rejoined the Fort Henry Guard Band at Kingston during the summer vacation period.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Madill attended the wedding recently of their grandson, David Point, to Miss Sharon Rodgers, in Kew Beach United Church, Toronto.

Mrs. Stanley Hastings was in Toronto on Monday afternoon, attending the trousseau tea for Miss Carole Rounding whose marriage to Mr. Fred Burgess Jr. takes place on Saturday.

The official opening of the new Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in Markham Twp., will be held on Thursday afternoon, July 15th, at 2:30 p.m. Hon. J. R. Simonett, Minister of Energy and Resources Management, will officiate along with representatives of the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foulds, Second St., visited on the weekend with his parents and his sister in Fort Erie.

Magistrate David Coon, Church St., is on the limp these days after he fractured two bones in his left foot while completing a plunge from the diving board of his backyard pool.

You may worship in the comfort of your car every Sunday evening in the parking lot next to the Stouffville Arena. The services are sponsored by the Christian Churches of Stouffville and Ringwood. They begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Stouffville junior baseball battery of Mike Cadieux and Barry McLean caught the eye of a scout for the New York Yankees at a scheduled game in Port Hope on Sunday afternoon. They may be given a chance for a tryout this summer.

Two Trailways of Canada buses left town on Tuesday for the annual Horticultural Bus tour. The day was spent in Hamilton visiting the many acres of Park land and the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holden and Mr. and Mrs. James Ridout spent the holiday weekend with their daughter, Dr. and Mrs. McClanahan and family at their cottage at Rondeau Park, Chatham.

A disappointing attendance was recorded at the Legion Blood Donor's Clinic on Monday afternoon and evening. Only 106 pints of blood were received, considerably less than at the Clinic held earlier in the year.

Four local girls are spending the summer at Okechobee Lodge on Manitoulin Island. They are Linda Packer, Joanne Hendricks, Marg. Aida and Susan Barkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chessman of Woodville were visiting in town on Monday.

Mrs. George Taylor, Conc. 10 Markham, is presently a patient in the Brierbush Hospital.

The Annual Water Show, including Water Basket Ball, will be held on Tuesday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the local swimming pool.

Mrs. Gordon Crowder, Albert St. S. spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Wrightman, in Newmarket.

Carol Adams, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Adams, is on a trip to Winnipeg.

Misses Sharon Lintner, Glad Park Ave., and Margaret Sheridan have taken positions at the Willows Golf and Country Club.

Miss Charlotte Chapman who has been a patient in the Brierbush Hospital for some time celebrated her 91st birthday on Wednesday, July 7th.

Local And Personal Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Connor, Lloyd Ave., visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Degeer in Bethany on Sunday.

Brian Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boyd, Conc. 10, Markham, is on the night shift at Herron Motors.

Miss Pat Toole, Stouffer St., has accepted a position as secretary with the Great West Life Insurance Co. at Eglinton Ave., Toronto.

Miss Donna Ratcliff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ratcliff, will be assisting with the floats for the Water Show at the Canadian National Exhibition in August.

Mrs. Bill Ford, Main St., was taken by ambulance to the Scarborough General Hospital on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pascoe of Greenwood and Miss Jackie Pascoe of Claremont visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas and family, Rupert Ave.

Mr. Roy Curtis was admitted to the York County Hospital at Newmarket last week.

Mrs. Art Paisley and her sister, Mrs. Mabel Rosser of Ottawa, are enjoying a tour by train to the West Coast. They will be away about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pipher, Baker Ave., and Mrs. George Hoover of Markham spent a few days holidays at Tooke Lake, Baysville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heaton and family, Park Drive, enjoyed a picnic at Lake Simcoe on the July 1st holiday.

Miss Linda Clendenning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clendenning, on the townline west, has taken a position as waitress at the Summit View Restaurant, Yonge St.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murray Sr., Market St., and their grandson Gary Fockler of Ringwood, left July 1st for a visit with their daughter Cecelia and son-in-law Bruce Smith and granddaughter Michelle in Calgary, Alta. They will also take in the Stampede.

DOWSWELL RE-UNION
Some 21 descendants of the late George Dowswell were entertained with a turkey dinner by his daughters Lillian and Jean at their home, Banff Road, Toronto, on Sunday, June 27. A good time was enjoyed by all, amidst a perfect setting of tall oaks, flowers and shrubs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glennie from Enniskillen, N. Ireland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Haslam, 9th line South over the holiday weekend.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. A. R. Thompson and family of Camp Borden spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thompson, Albert St. N.

Mrs. Lou Murphy of Cochrane is spending a few days with her daughter, Marian, Mrs. Lorne Boadway, and son Dr. Bill Murphy while Mr. Murphy is in Toronto marking Grade 13 examination papers.

After spending two months in Toronto General Hospital, Mrs. Phyllis Gleave, Church St., is recuperating at her mother's, Mrs. Alice Jagger, following an operation on her heart.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mowat and family of Seaford moved on Saturday to 162 Main St. W., with his father, Mr. M. S. (Gus) Mowat.

Misses Nancy Slover and Elinor Shirk have taken positions at a Lodge at Miner's Bay for the summer. Elinor expects to enter Carleton University in the fall. Misses Edith Percy of Markham and Louise Dyck of Toronto will also be working at the Lodge.

The Junior "Clipper" golf tournament will be held at the Willows on Saturday. Twenty-five persons are expected to participate. A banquet and presentation of awards in the evening will conclude the day's activities.

The Cleaver family held a re-union in Midhurst Park on Sunday, June 27th. In attendance from Stouffville were Mrs. Percy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bob MacAloney, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doner and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagg along with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Leonard of Stayner were weekend guests with their son Les and Mrs. Leonard and family. While here they attended the wedding of their son Laverne, to Miss Ruth Howard of Toronto, which took place in the United Missionary Church on Saturday. Rev. A. Walsh was the officiating clergyman.

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DEATH
GROSE, Mrs. Joe of Oshawa, a former Stouffville resident, died in a Port Perry Nursing Home on Tuesday, June 29th, in her 81st year. She was the former Mrs. Charlie Gerow and in 1947 married Mr. Joe Grose, and resided in Stouffville until a couple of years ago.

Surviving is a son Mansell of Oshawa. Funeral service was held from the Gerow Funeral home in Oshawa with interment in Prince Albert Cemetery.

Miss Nora Stapleton, Main St. W. is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Roy Hobson in Keswick.

Mr. Ron Sullivan of Ottawa was a visitor with John Nolan for a few days.

Mrs. May Symes, Church St., has returned home after a three week holiday with friends in Indiana, U.S.A., and Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Good and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Doner and family are spending a week at Elm Lodge on Fidgeon Lake, near Peterborough.

Mrs. Harvey Pentland of London, Ont., was a visitor on Saturday with Miss Margery Mertens.

The Timbers Family Re-union is to be held on Saturday, July 17, at the Bruce Conservation Area. Supper will be at 6:30 p.m.

Miss Ruby Good of Toronto was a visitor on Sunday with her father, E. R. Good, Main St. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aubin of Fort Churchill are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Goudie, Market St.

The well-known Peter Connon home at Bethesda has been sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith, Mill St., were visitors on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ames Smith at Holt. The men were celebrating birthdays.

Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, Main St., flew to Saskatoon on Wednesday morning, July 8, to attend the Gideon National Convention. Mrs. Armstrong is Dominion Chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Gideons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herbert and family, Hawthorne Ave., spent a week's holiday at a cottage on Four Mile Lake.

Misses Coral Young and Effie Anderson of Stratford spent the weekend with the Lloyd Moyer family. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Nile Shantz of Orangeville were visitors.

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