



**Whitchurch office employees clean up after fire**

Whitchurch Township office employees have been busy during the past week, cleaning up following a fire that caused an estimated \$10,000 damage. Checking through scorched, water-soaked records are — Mrs. Gertrude Baycroft (left) and Mrs. Pat Muir. The contract to repair the property has been let by council —Peter Harris

**Only his memory remains**

By Eleanor Todd  
GOODWOOD — Dr. Darling always used to say

that a pregnant woman who would go out on the street after her condition became obvious was no better than a cow. And he used to say that the ninth day after a birth was most important of all because that was the day that everything went back into place and the new mother should lie in bed all day moving as little as possible. His cure for the flu was heat, and lots of it. I suppose that much of his medical advice would sound pretty antiquated to us today, but in his time he was considered to be a very good doctor, and for over fifty years the people of this village had complete faith in his ability. He delivered babies, set broken bones, pulled teeth, brought his patients through epidemics of diphtheria and smallpox, lost only three patients in the disastrous flu epidemic of 1918, and kitchen table operations were merely a part of his regular routine. He never refused to go where he was needed, often had to take his pay in turnips or potatoes, and sometimes never got paid at all. He was seen at all hours of the day or night driving his horse and buggy in summer or the cutter in winter, on his way to someone who needed his services. When the roads were impossible he unhitched the horse and rode horseback, or ploughed through the snowdrifts on foot. In about 1915 he bought a brass mounted Ford touring car and made his rounds in that when the weather was fit.

Dr. Robt. Ellwood Darling was born on a farm near Hastings, Ontario in 1865, wanted to be a doctor from childhood, and came to Goodwood to set up his first and only practice as soon as he graduated. He started out in rooms in the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Art Hall and moved in 1895 to the house on the hill (home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wagg) where he remained until shortly before his death. Older residents of our community still refer to that hill as "Doc's Hill"

When Dr. Darling died in 1949, he was a poor man. He was buried in the southeast corner of our cemetery. There is no tombstone, no marker of any description to indicate the location of his grave. In all conscience can't we, as a community, do something to remedy the situation? If you are interested, please contact me. My phone number is 640-1580.

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**Baptismal ceremony**

By Lillian Jamieson  
BALSAM-MT. ZION  
Four children were baptized as part of "family day" service in Mt. Zion United Church. They were — Dale Lorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jones; Jeremy Garth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riss; Ray William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jamieson and Morgan Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones.

A large number of friends and neighbors attended a miscellaneous shower, Friday evening in the Community Centre in honor of Miss Linda Hoskins and her fiance, prior to their marriage, May 23. The Active Service Class will meet May 20 at the home of Mrs. Allan Carson with Mrs. Lloyd Wilson's group in charge. The U.C.W. are holding a bake sale and tea, May 23 at the home of Lady Ritchie.

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