

Respected Cedar Grove resident

CEDAR GROVE — Murison, well-known and highly respected resident of the community many years. Mr. Murison passed away at his home, Dec. 17. He was 85. Besides his wife, the former Bertha Lotton, he is survived by four sons, three daughters, and 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment was made in Zion Cemetery.



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Viola Malcolm

Christmas was different

By Jim Holt
STOUFFVILLE — Today, when everyone is caught up in the frantic rush to buy presents and deck out the house and tree with decorations, it's nice to reminisce with someone whose memories preclude such things as shopping, packaging and worrying if Uncle Dave will like his gift.

That someone is Viola Malcolm of Stouffville. She recently granted The Tribune an interview on 'Christmas As It Was' prior to World War I.

Coming from a family of three brothers and two sisters she reflects "There was not a lot of money available in those days."

She fondly remembers Christmas Eve when all the children would hang their stockings in anticipation of finding an orange, some hankies, nuts and, if lucky, a pair of thick socks knitted by Mum. Extravagant presents were unheard of in their family.

As the children were not allowed downstairs undressed, ("father was very strict on this"), a favorite trick was to jump into bed fully clothed so as to be able to sneak down later and take a peek.

The most popular poultry, back then, was goose stuffed with sage, onions and celery accompanied by roast potatoes, corn, peas and rich brown gravy. Mrs. Malcolm recalls "When the oven door was opened, the smell was just heavenly."

Dessert was Christmas pudding, of course, covered in rich white sauce,

followed by mince pie. At the Malcolm farm there were no alcoholic drinks at Christmas due simply to the fact no one drank hard liquor.

After dinner everyone would sit around eating fruit and cracking nuts. Father would play Christmas carols on the harmonica while everyone joined in the singing.

Even on Christmas Day everyone had to be up at 6 a.m. There were many chores to be done prior to the start of festivities. Milking, feeding the horses and water had to be carried in. Sometimes, when temperatures were low, the well would freeze up, and then ice had to be lifted from the rainbarrel into a large tub.

There were no visitors in those days as the distances to be covered were too great and the weather was usually bad.

Being in the choir at Locust Hill Methodist Church would mean attending practise every Saturday, three or four weeks before Christmas. Everyone, well almost everyone, attended Christmas service.

Boxing Day was treated like any normal working day on the farm and there was no such thing as 'sleeping off the festivities'.

Mrs. Malcolm's views on today's society were pungent and to the point. "Children are very spoiled but I don't think I would like them to experience my childhood which, although holding many pleasant memories, was very hard indeed."

she remembers



VIOLA MALCOLM

Death removes devoted mother

By Evelyn Milsted
GORMLEY — Sympathy of the community is expressed to Mr. Aylmer Gray and family in the passing of Miriam, a devoted wife and mother. Mrs. Gray died Dec. 14 in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Although Miriam had not been well for some time, it was less than a month ago that her condition was diagnosed as cancer. Miriam was born April 14, 1914 and raised on the 4th concession of Whitchurch Twp., second daughter of

the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cherry. She attended S.S. No. 7 Public School in Whitchurch and later married Aylmer Gray in 1932. For many years they farmed on the 3rd concession of Whitchurch, property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taplin. From there, they retired to King City. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Dorothy (Mrs. William Bishop), Shirley (Mrs. Arthur Bourassa), and Cherry (Mrs. Ken McQuarrie); also ten grandchildren. Service was held Saturday from King City United Church with interment, Aurora Cemetery.

David Milne, a former Gormley resident, underwent surgery, Friday, in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. The Sunday School children of Heise Hill Church are presenting a candlelight service, Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Missionary Church and Heise Hill Church are holding a joint watchnight service, Sunday, Dec. 31 at Heise Hill, beginning at 9 p.m. Participants will include The Wright Singers, The Ed Naylor Family and the Living Hope Singers. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Britnell, to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Sat., Dec. 30. Their family is holding 'Open House' in their honor from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Victoria Square Hall. All are cordially invited, but best wishes only. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger married sixty-two years on Dec. 27. They will be pleased to have friends drop in on that day. Joe Cherry of Fort Myers, Florida, spent a week with relatives here. Alvin Farmer is now out of Intensive Care, at Scarborough Centenary Hospital. Ed Baker enjoyed a short holiday in Florida. Mrs. Delbert Baker spent a couple of days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Honsberger and family, Barrie. The young people of the Missionary Church are singing at the Country Place Residence at 7 p.m., Dec. 20, and at 6 p.m., Dec. 22 at the Country Place Nursing Home. The M.Y.F. will meet in the Church at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 22 to go bowling. A candlelight service will be held at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 24 in the Missionary Church.

Norm Garriock of Woodbridge. Birthday greetings to Mrs. Norm Tyndall, Dec. 22; Mrs. Harvey Collard, Dec. 25; Laurie Canning, Dec. 25 and Jeannette Ottaway, Dec. 27.

Mr and Mrs Robert Britnell

To honor couple

By Marion Sandle
VIC. SQUARE — On Saturday, Dec. 30, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Britnell, RR 2, Gormley, will mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary. To celebrate the occasion, an "at home" is planned that afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m., in the Victoria Square Community Hall.

Gordon Draper is once again a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

Mabel Frisby is asking readers to save their used postage stamps. They are sent to a leprosy mission overseas.

The Christmas

meeting of the Women's Institute and United Church Women, took the form of a pot-luck dessert luncheon, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John McCague. Guest speaker was Mrs.

Welcomed

Dianne Darling of Welcome Wagon, recently called on the following newcomers to the Stouffville area: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williamson, RR 2, Stouffville; Peter Babick, RR 3, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Goad, 92 Stuart Street, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson, 402 Glad Park Avenue, Stouffville; Mr.

and Mrs. Douglas Hall, Castle Gate, RR 2, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. John McNiven, 191 Second Street, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jarvis, RR 2, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartnell, RR 2, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Morris, RR 2, Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Peters, 324 Main East, Stouffville.

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