

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

MAIDSTONE CROSS - A hamlet rather than a village as it seems to be called and has been known as, is a bustling crossroads community, situated about 10 miles east of the City of Windsor and four miles west of the town of Essex at the junction where Hwy #114 meets Hwy. #3. In 1953 it had a population of 291 people and in 1969 it had approximately doubled. Its population still consists mostly of the pioneer Irish families who settled here in the early 1800's, with a sprinkling of new Dutch residents, English, Scotch and European extractions. Several families have built new homes here to escape living in the nearby city of Windsor, preferring a suburban or less crowded way of life. Such names as McCarthy, Halford, McAuliffe, McCloskey, Sexton, Deehan and Beahan, Sullivan to name a few of those of Irish descent. Then others surrounding the hamlet like McLean, Collins, Greenaway, Kane, Donovan, Ellis, Danaher, and the family of Michael John of Lebanese descent who came to the hamlet and ran a store for many years with his widow, Mrs. Camilly John still in residence in 1980. Some of these family names still prevail, having fourth and fifth generations of descendants.

Way back in 1833, Maidstone Cross was named by a man named Joseph Bennett, who came here from Maidstone, England. In 1951, in the month of September a Mr. Rupert J. Armitage came from the English Maidstone to visit our Maidstone, bringing greetings from that municipality and its mayor. He was an Executive of a large Confectionary Company from there, and brought with him many packages of their special kind of toffee which he passed around to school children of our Maidstone here in Canada. The Councils of both Maidstone and Sandwich South Townships declared a holiday for the children and all gathered to meet Mr. Armitage. The hamlet of Maidstone is located at the extreme eastern point of Sandwich South Township where the townline of both townships form a junction at No. 3 Highway. In the early days the hamlet was larger and had more industry than at present and was a stage coach stop. There was a Toll Gate located here also on what then was called Talbot Road and which is #3 Highway today. There were three tollgates along this road on the route to Windsor, one at Essex, one at Maidstone Cross, and one at Oldcastle. They were eventually all burned. For further particulars on these Toll Gates refer to Oldcastle W.I Tweedsmuir History -Vol 2, "Municipal-Toll Gates".

Following the stage coaches and prior to 1929, the hamlet was served by an electric railway called The Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Railway with several single coaches plied between the City of Windsor and the Town of Leamington every day. Maidstone Cross was one of the stops along the way to pick up passengers and mail. Passengers either alighted for the city or were dispatched here on their way to the surrounding countryside. Students used this route home from city schools and back again over weekends and some daily. Many of the country ladies who were farm wives used this service from Maidstone Cross to transport their wares to the city market both on Saturdays and Markets through the week especially on and during holidays and the fruit seasons when there would be market days. They would fill up their horse-driven democrats or buggies to the hamlet and tie their horses up in a long wooden drive-shed which was located almost in front of the Trolley stop and was to the rear of the old Nace Halford Store and a hotel which stood at the Junction corner. They would transfer their butter, eggs, fowl, baking, etc., also vegetables and fruits in season to the W.E. & L.S Trolley and continue on to the Windsor Market. Enough hay and water was left for the horse to feed on during the long wait for the return of its owners about four or five o'clock in late afternoon. What these farm ladies and sometimes their children would bring back home with them. Anything from new spring or Easter hats, clothes, shoes and generally things that was not available on the farm. One mother I knew of had to buy her young daughter a new hat for three Saturdays in a row because it rained on all of them and spoiled her new bonnet. The Electric Trolley was replaced by Greyhound Bus Service until after WW2 when Charterways and Habkirk's took over the bus service until 1978 when the Chatham Coach Lines have the franchise. During WW2 this busline which also came around from Leamington to Harrow and on into Windsor via Walker Road to all the factories where so many of the county people were employed in the auto plants making ammunition and military parts, and gasoline was rationed, this system catered to the shifts so that the workers could get back and forth each day. It was a big boon to High School students, College and University students and office workers going to the city each and every day through the week.

In 1890 the Post Office was established here at Maidstone Cross with Thomas Moran as the first Post Master. Shortly after, Ignatius Halford took over the Post Office and was Post Master for 51 years in the same place. He also took over the general store and the Post Office was within the store. The store was first owned by the same Joseph Bennett who gave Maidstone Cross its name. It was from here that Rural Mail Service in the area started around 1912 with Wm. Lloyd as route courier. Later the mail was carried by George & Thos. Gerard. There are three routes out of Maidstone Cross today from a brand new Post Office opened Dec. 1st, 1969 with Arnold Axcell as Post Master. The new structure is built at the Intersection of No. 3 Highway and #114 Highway where the old Hotel used to stand. Mr. Leslie Jackson was Acting Postmaster following the death of Postmistress, Mrs. John D. Walker (Mary Christine Halford), daughter of Ignatius, who died in May, 1968 and who followed her father in this capacity following his death. In 1969, Mr. Axcell was well equipped to handle this office as he had been route courier for Maidstone #3 Route for several years. Route Courier for No. 1 Maidstone had Mr. & Mrs. Tom Shanahan for over 25 years and who retired in March, 1962 at the age of 76 years. There are now three routes out of the hamlet - Courier on No. 1 is Mrs. Frances St. Louis; No. 2 - Paul Chouinard and No. 3 - Mrs. N. Nikita. Mr. Axcell retired on October 28, 1977 as Postmaster at Maidstone Cross and was replaced by Mr. Robert Jackson who started his new duties Nov. 7, 1977.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

The telephone office started here in 1910, when a move was on to form a Municipal Telephone System in Sandwich South Township. The committee appointed was Ignatius Halford, David Ure, John S. Plant, Frank O'Neil and Thomas McKee. The system came into being April, 8th, 1910 but it was not until October 1st., 1910 that service started. In September of that year Ignatius Halford built an addition to his home to accommodate the new Central Office. Frank O'Neil became manager but he resigned on March 8th, 1912. At that time there were 313 subscribers with Charles O'Brien as Superintendant. Jan. 1st., 1915 the Sandwich South Central was moved to the house next to the Halford residence. Miss Madge Sexton was operator and resigned in January, 1913 and was replaced by Miss M. Greenaway, then in March, 1914 Miss Clara Allen became the new operator. On Feb. 16th, 1916, Charles O'Brien was appointed Lineman, at a salary of \$500.00. Mrs. Annie Markham became operator in 1923 and the new Municipal Central Office building was completed and opened for service, Thursday, Dec. 29th, 1926. The cost was \$3,500.00 and Mrs. Markham had her residence in the building. The System was sold to the Bell Telephone Company on March 25th, 1957 for \$30,000.00 and had 475 subscribers and the Bell took over March 30th, 1957. Mrs. Markham had retired from active service and was given permission to live in the house with a monthly pension. Mrs. Gordon Saylor was Chief Operator, who had been a operator for seven years coming to the office in 1951 until 1958. Mrs. Tremblay and a Miss Hill were assistants. Mrs. Ronald Holland (Dolores John) was night operator. In mid-October it went on the dial system (1958). The office building and house sold in July, 1964, after 34 years of service for \$5,500.00 to Edwin Hillyard. Today (1980) all the former subscribers from the Maidstone Central have either two-party lines or business phones free of toll to the City of Windsor, Tecumseh, Emeryville, Pleasant Park, McGregor, LaSalle, Amherstburg and Essex.

The surrounding area of both Maidstone & Sandwich South Townships who claim Roman Catholic Faith is served by St. Mary's R.C. Church, which is a landmark in the area and is located on No. 3 Highway just beyond the intersection of #114 on the north side. It was built in 1874, that is the present structure, there being a former church early in the 18th Century on what was then known as the Middle Road, then Highway #98 and presently County Road #46. It has a cemetery in connection where many of the pioneer settlers are laid to rest. Between the church and the cemetery there is a fine Convent House, built in 1945 where Sisters of St. Joseph reside and teach in the community R. C. Schools. There is the Priest's House or Parsonage adjoining the church and a large community hall, also on church property along with one of the most modern baseball parks in the County. The Maidstone Shamrock Club has won many trophies and championships. They also have a Green Hornet Hockey Team, who have won many championships also. St. Mary's R. C. Union Central School is located between the church and the cemetery. The pupils are gathered up by bus each school day and brought to this school from both Sandwich South & Maidstone Township. This school's history is listed under "Schools of Sandwich South" in the Tweedsmuir Volumes.

Maistone Cross had its inventors too from the hamlet: July 1, 1904 - Wm. McCloskey invented and patented a new type cultivator. Nov. 29th, 1918 - Leo & James McCloskey, who has their McCloskey tractor patented in both Canada & the U.S.A., sold their patent to Simon Royal Motors of Toronto for cash and a royalty on each tractor sold.

### Early Statistics of the hamlet as to population and industries:

#### Population in 1890 - 150

Industries were: Caya E.B. - General Store  
Little Charles - Saw Mill  
McCloskey Frank - Carriage Maker  
McCloskey Thomas - Blacksmith  
Moran Thomas - Postmaster & General Store  
Orr Brothers - Grist Mill  
Wills George - Hotel

#### Population in 1900 - 125

Industries were: Donovan Dennis - Hotel  
Halford Ignatius - Postmaster & General Store  
Little Charles - Saw Mill  
McClaskey Frank - Carriage Maker  
McCloskey Thomas - ~~General Store~~ Blacksmith Shop.

#### Population 1909 - About 100

Industries were: Ignatius Halford - Postmaster & General Store  
Peter Hart - Hotel  
C.T. McCloskey - Carriage Maker  
Thomas McCloskey - General Store.

#### Population 1953 - 291

#### Population 1969 - Doubled

#### Population 1980 - Approx. 400.

Businesses are: Mrs. Mike John - Grocery Store; R.C. Flood - Grist Mill; Marcel Trepanier - Feeds; Superior Propane, Ltd.; Rainbow Chemicals, Ltd.; Trudy's Snack Bar; New Post Office Bldg.; New Telephone Exchange Building.

PIONEER NOTES: Jan. 20th, 1899 - Michael McAuliffe, who had been Auditor of Maidstone Township for over 30 years resigned on account of his age. He was 90 and considered he had served his township well. He then moved to the hamlet.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Little accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ellis and family to St. Thomas, on Saturday morning, for the wedding of their grandson, Wallace Alvin Little, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Little, and remained over for the week-end. Miss Marjorie Liddle, of Sparta, Ont., became the bride of Wallace Jr., at 2 p.m., in Sparta United Church. Miss Gladys Jean Little was the maid-of-honour. Heartly congratulations to the happy young couple, who will make their home in London, Ont., after their honeymoon. Nov. 6, 1951 EFP.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

April 28th., 1905 - Howard Harper, J. J. O'Neil & William Deehan left Maidstone Cross for Toronto to take charge of a gang of men who were to erect 173 miles of fence for the C.P.R. Railway Company. - Apr. 5, 1907 - M.J. McAuliffe, Maidstone township farmer suffered a broken left arm by being thrown from his buggy, when the horse he was driving ran away.

Nov. 2, 1906 - Pat Donovan purchased the Maidstone Cross Hotel from Peter Sullivan.

Oct. 29, 1915 - Peter Sullivan opened his store in Maidstone Cross  
- James Stevenson, foreman of the Maidstone Cross section, Michigan Central Railroad moved his family from Essex to the Peter Sullivan home at Maidstone Cross.

Jan. 31, 1913 - Morris Halford left for Toronto where he was employed in the Legislature. Miss Madge Sexton resigned as telephone operator at Sandwich South Telephone Central, in Maidstone Cross, her place was taken by Miss M. Greenaway.

Oct. 28, 1927 - Ontario Dept. of Highways completed a seven-day count of traffic on Talbot Road, Maidstone Cross. Total was 30,408 motor vehicles, an average of 181 each hour day and night.

Sept. 22, 1933 - A. J. Halford, a native of Maidstone Cross, former Deputy Minister of Public Works for the Province of Ontario was superannuated by the Dept. He had been with the Government for 28 years, being appointed by Hon. J. O. Reaume.

April 6, 1934 - The Peninsular Grain & Seed Company's elevator at Maidstone Cross burned to the ground.

The following article written by Thomas P. McCloskey of Maidstone Cross, a pioneer resident, recounts some of the early happenings in the hamlet, which was a Crossing in those days. This article was written in 1953.

MAIDSTONE in those days was a very lively place, there was plenty of timber and everyone was working the year round (wages .90¢ & \$1.00 a day). When the farmer had his crops harvested, he would work in the woods, cutting and hauling logs, cordwood (4 ft. long) and bolts for making barrel staves, to the mill and railway yards to be shipped. Most of the cordwood was shipped to Detroit, as coal and wood were the only fuels used in those days.

There was plenty of snow from early Fall until the Spring, except during the January thaw. It was a common saying that there were thousands of Januarys, but no one ever saw one without a thaw. The drainage was not very good at that time so when there was a thaw the land would be flooded and then freeze. The woods and fields would be a sheet of ice. The farmers used to let the horses which were not being used, run in the bush all winter. On the first farm west of the M.C.R.R., a number of horses were stranded on a small piece of dry land and the local blacksmith (Thomas McCloskey) had to put shoes on the horses in order to get them to the barn.

There was a saw mill and flour mill just west of the M.C.R.R. track, on Talbot Rd., now No. 3 Highway. These mills were operated by a Mr. Munro and then by a Mr. McKinley, and the last ones to operate them were the Orr Brothers, who, when the timber was gone, dismantled these buildings, and took them to Windsor, where they built a flour mill on the corner of London (now University) and Church Sts., which had been used by Boulton's Wholesale Groceries up until 1953, and then was up for sale. So the timbers that are in this building are out of the mills that stood in Maidstone Cross.

We also had a mill  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Maidstone which was operated by Mr. Charles Little. The mill was located on the M.C.R.R. and a tram road of three inch planks was laid out to No. 3 Highway (Talbot Road). We also had a saw mill and stave mill,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Maidstone on Talbot Road, operated by Abraham Halford. There was a soft drink bottling works on the easterly end of the farm. One could buy it by the bottle and they advertised same with a sign "Come on in, Ma's away, and we got Pop on ice!"

Frank McCloskey operated a carriage shop in the building now used by Mrs. Mike John as a store. There were two men who learned their trade in this building, George Quenting and Martin Collier, who went into Business in Windsor. This place of Business was located where the Police Station stands today. Mr. Collier built the woodwork on the first electric car that ran in America. The trial track was from the C.N.R. Depot to the Peabody Bridge in Windsor, where the power was generated. When the car was ready to be taken out of the building, they found that the door opening was not large enough, so had to enlarge same (the building being constructed of lumber) and wasn't too hard to do.

Charles Kavanagh who learned his trade with Frank McCloskey, operated a carriage shop in the church, the one that was used before the present church was built. The corner stone for the present church was laid in 1854. Mr. McKinley who operated the saw and flour mills, put an upstairs in the old church and it was used as a roller rink and the skates were made the same as they are today. One could rent the skates for .15¢ per evening and some of the boys used to get them for .08¢ as there was a .03¢ piece, the size of a dime, with three strokes on one side. Mr. McKinley's eyesight was not very good so he would pick up same as .15¢. This rink was in use between 85-95 years ago - 1868-1878.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

The church burned down in the early 1880's, about 80 years ago and then there was a hotel built on the site which was moved back and the present garage built. There were three shoe shops here operated by a Mr. Jacques and a Mr. Wollett. The last to operate one was George Nelson, who, when last heard of, was operating a shoe and repair shop at the Canadian Saulte. In those shops they would take one's measurements and make the boots and shoes. There were two general stores here kept by Rush Moran and later by James Hawkins, Emery Caya, Adolph Chevalier and Ignatius Halford, then Mr. & Mrs. John Walker (Mary Halford) and in 1970 demolished and torn down. Between 85 or 95 years ago this store and post office was robbed, (it was on a Christmas eve). There was an upstairs at that time where Mr. Moran lived. A man by the name of Peter Tierney was stopping for the night and heard the robbers. He raised the window and shot a gun off and scared the robbers away. The whole hamlet was aroused by the ringing of the church bell and they got around the building. There was not one brave enough to go into the building, so the parish priest had a large Newfoundland dog and they put the dog in the back door and it was not long until the dog came out with a bologna 4" through and 14" long. Later on the robbers were arrested and admitted robbing the store. One of the men's name was Calligan, who had broken jail in Sandwich.

The first telephone line ran through here and there was a telephone in the present store and postoffice, it being placed on the end of shoe shelving at a window at the south side of the store, so that in speaking to one on the job, one would have his back to the front door. There was a man by the name of Michael Savage who did not know there was such a thing as a telephone and who went into the store after it was installed and he saw Mr. Moran talking to someone on the phone. Savage did not stay long but went over to the hotel operated then by Jerry Collins and made the remark "that it was too bad". Mr. Collins asked what was wrong. Savage said Tom Moran had gone crazy because he was standing up talking to a black bottle.

There was a tailor shop opposite Frank McCloskey's Carriage Shop, operated by his father. There were two hotels here operated with one at the rear of the present store and the other which was located on the southeast corner of the Middle Road (County Road #46 today). This hotel was operated by Mrs. McGee, Mr. Beaufor, Mr. Beaton, Webb Bros. and James Mero. The stable in connection with this hotel stands on the farm owned by Raymond Beneteau, near the Six Corners. James Hayes built a hotel where the old church stood. This was operated by James Hayes and in turn Patrick Danaher, Patrick Donovan, Harry North, Frank Hart, Peter Sullivan and the last one to operate it was Charles Little (better known as Nip). The people of Sandwich South voted in favor of local option, Jan. 3rd., 1910 and that is as the township stands today. When #3 Highway (Talbot Road) had tollgates on the building the collector lived in, which stood on the southwest corner of Talbot Road and Malden Road (a military road running to Fort Malden in Amherstburg. The reason for having Toll Gates was that the road was very bad in some places and they had to put 3" planks across bad places. A man by the name of Cameron agreed to gravel the road and keep it in shape for travel. The land south of Essex being of a gravelly nature the road was taken care of from the south end of the Town of Essex to the corner of Howard Avenue, Tecumseh Road. The road at the northern extremity which was about where Roseland is today was known as the Cameron Rd. then. There being Toll Gates at the south and east side of Essex, at Maidstone, Oldcastle, Jackson's Corners (which is Roseland today) and on the corner of Tecumseh Road and Howard Ave. A man by the name of Dawson kept the road in shape. The Toll Gates ceased to exist in 1890 when a gang of men disguised themselves, and, starting at Essex, removed the furniture and set the buildings on fire through to Tecumseh Road. (There is one of these men living on this road at present). The fires were termed an act of God.

A large stage coach travelled between Leamington and Windsor (this was before the road was kept in shape for travel). When the road was real bad they sold three different fares. First class - one stayed on the coach; second class - when they came to a bad spot they had to get out and walk; and third class - if they got stuck they had to help to get out. The worst part of the road was just south of the cemetery (St. Mary's, Maidstone). This was called the Willow Swamp. This was the time of the American Civil War and there was a great number skipping the country and coming over here. (They called them, the skidders). They are still doing it today (1980) but they label them draft dodgers. There were two husky men took a third class fare and when the coach got as far as the Willow Swamp, it got stuck. There was plenty of fence rail so they each got one under the rear axle. The driver told them when he said "gid up" for them to lift. The coach did not budge so the driver went to the rear and found out that instead of the coach coming up, the men sank down in the mud. A Mr. Wigle told of driving a horse and buggy from Leamington to Windsor when the roads were real bad. When he got to Willow Swamp there was a man's hat on the road. He got out and when he lifted up the hat there was a man's head under it. He was sunk down in the mud. He asked the man where he was going to, and the man said Windsor. Mr. Wigle invited him to ride with him. The man thanked him and said that he was on horseback.

When the present pavement was laid they dug up some of the planks that were put in bad places.

We also had butchers here, Joseph Totten and William Hickey, whose slaughterhouse stood opposite the present store and post office on Malden Road, near the Mc. R. tracks. There is part of the lumber that was in this building in a garage that stands on this property today (1953).

Jan. 21, 1921 - The grain elevator at Maidstone Cross was destroyed by fire.

MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

EARLY HAPPENINGS IN MAIDSTONE CROSS: Files of Essex Free Press, dated Oct. 7, 1898- Among Maidstone Cross items -"Wm. Kane, Pathmaster is fixing the sidewalks. He is replacing the old broken planks with a nice gravel walk, a commendable move".

March 3, 1899 - The Canadian Wire Fence Co., was organized in Windsor with J. A. Auld as president. They were to use a "Weaver" patented by Wm. McCloskey of Maidstone Cross.

August 29, 1902 - Quite a number from Maidstone Cross District attended the Trial at Sandwich, as witnesses against a band of Gypsies for horse stealing.

August 11, 1905 - Thomas McCloskey built an addition to his store at Maidstone Cross. This is the same store that Mrs. Mike John still operates in 1980.

Nov. 2, 1906 - Pat Donovan purchased the Maidstone Cross Hotel from Peter Sullivan, Patrick Daniher transferring his license to Mr. Sullivan on Jan. 20th, 1905. Oct. 11, 1907 - Pat Donovan sold his hotel to Thos. Hart of Alpena, Mich.

July 20, 1906 - John Sexton, Maidstone Cross suffered fractures of both arms in a fall of 20', in his barn.

Sept. 21, 1906 - William, Henry, Edward & Ernest Deehan, four brothers of Maidstone Cross, were working as carpenters for a firm in Detroit.

Nov. 29, 1907 - John Smith moved to Maidstone Cross to take over the MCR Station there from J.J. Walsh.

July 10, 1908 - Charles Little took over the hotel, at Maidstone Cross. New hay was 8\$ a ton.

Oct. 24, 1913 - Miss Bernadette Halford was attending Ursuline Academy at Chatham.

March 26, 1915 - D. Halford, Justus O'Neil and Wilfred Allen, all of Maidstone Cr. attended the Panama Exposition, in San Francisco, Cal.

Oct. 29, 1915 - Peter Sullivan opened his store in Maidstone Cross.

Oct. 4, 1918 - Miss Kate Halford of Maidstone Cross concluded a three-year course at St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit and was home for a holiday. Miss Clotilda Halford resigned as organist at St. Mary's Church and accepted a position as a stenographer in Detroit.

Nov. 29, 1918 - Smart & Williams shipped three carloads of hay from Maidstone Cross to the State of Tennessee.

Nov. 24, 1919 - While cranking an automobile, Stephen Dunn of Maidstone Cross had both arms broken. The engine backfired causing the crank to come back swinging, breaking both arms at the wrist.

Jan. 23, 1925 - Charles Little, of Maidstone opened a new saw mill in Maurice and James Halford's bush, in Sandwich South.

Nov. 18, 1927 - Warren Sexton of Maidstone suffered a fractured skull and broken right hip when he ditched his car near Maidstone Cross after being blinded by an oncoming car's lights.

Dec. 21, 1928 - A syndicate who were building a chain of tourist camps and service stations between Windsor and Montreal, to be known as White Castle Hotels purchased a lot with 152 foot frontage, next to C.H. Churchill's at Maidstone Cross, from Joseph Keelan and started work on foundation of the building.

Sept. 9, 1927 - Census of cars passing on No 2 and No. 3 at Maidstone Cross on Sept. 3, 4, and 5th showed on No 3, 31,171 vehicles and on No 2, 20,106. On No. 3, 11,252 were Ontario licenses, 18,126 other licences; on No. 2, 5,754, Ontario, 13,938, foreign. 1127 cars passed on Labor Day on No. 3.

Nov. 23, 1928 - J. S. Laird, Sr., Civil Engineer, passed away at age 87 years. He settled at Maidstone Cross in 1864 and going to Essex in 1873. Mr. Laird was the Civil Engineer hired to do our acreage in the Fall of 1927, before we built our home on Walker Road at Oldcastle. The W. A. Croders have been here 52 years, Oct. 28th, 1927.

Nov. 22, 1929 - Charles Collins of Maidstone Cross shot and killed a marrauder in his chicken coop who was after chickens. Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd., raised its minimum wage from \$6 a day to \$7 a day.

Sept. 8, 1933 - I. Halford of Maidstone Cross was attending the World's Fair in Chicago. Nov. 2, 1934 - The history of St. Mary's Parish, Maidstone 3 columns long appeared in this issue.

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**MORE PIONEER HAPPENINGS:** April 28, 1899, E.F.P.- Pat Donovan sold his hotel at Maidstone Cross to his brother Dennis Donovan.

July 1, 1904, E.F.P.- An expert from one of Canada's leading farm implement companies, visited Wm. McCloskey's farm at Maidstone, examined Mr. McCloskey's new cultivator invention, and pronounced it practical in every way.

Sept. 24, 1909, E.F.P. - Charles L. McCloskey of Maidstone Cross purchased the first automobile to be owned in Sandwich South.

May 1, 1914, E.F.P.- Leo McCloskey of Maidstone Cross started to build a new home on Middle Road, now #114 Hwy., at Maidstone Cross.

Feb. 26, 1915, E.F.P.- Hugh Lennon sold his 114 acre farm on Talbot Rd., Sandwich South to Jacob Simon of Ohio at \$125 per acre.

Apr. 4, 1919, E.F.P.- Wm. Moynahan sold 25 acres of Lot 4, Conc. 10, Sandwich South to Lindsay Farough, for \$2,200.00. Mr. Moynahan handled 103 Auction Sales in the season. He was one of the most expert auctioneers of his time.

Aug. 19, 1927, E.F.P.- J. B. Ross sold Lot 14, Conc. 4, 200 acres, Maidstone to McRae and Willis of Sandwich South.

Dec. 22, 1933, E.F.P.- John Lennon, aged 90 years was instantly killed when struck by an auto while walking on the pavement, No. 3 Hwy., east of Oldcastle.

Aug. 31, 1973, E.F.P.- Rev. Fr. Wilfred P. McNabb, now residing in California, and former priest at Maidstone Cross, St. Mary's Church, was a dinner guest last week with the Beahan Family.

February 13, 1942 - Pte. Orville Bellaire spent the weekend with relatives and Miss Rita McGuire. R. C. Flood, Jr. enlisted in the Navy and Edward McCloskey in RCAF.

January 24, 1936 - The home of John Chittle, Maidstone Township, was destroyed by fire.

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### MAIDSTONE CROSS

A Very Happy, Healthy New Year, 1977, to each and everyone.

Some patients receiving treatments at the different hospitals who were allowed to spend Christmas Day and have Xmas dinner with their families were: Charles McCann, C.R. No. 19 from I.O. D.E.; Mrs. Madeline O'Brien with the Harry McRae's, from Richmond Nursing Home; Edward Sexton with the Bernard Sexton's from LaPointe Centre; K.E. Brett our Editor from Grace Hospital; Mrs. (Dr.) L.V. Kuron (Katie O'Brien) from Mount Carmel Hospital; Mrs. Gerald O'Brien (Pauline Hill) from Toronto Hospital; Mrs. Frank Lafferty was released from Hotel Dieu to convalesce at her home. Albert Beahan is still in Hotel Dieu for more tests and treatments.


Rems Culled From Free Press Files Of May 25/06.

Dr. Andrew Potter graduated from Detroit College of Medicine and joined staff at Harper Hospital.

June 23, 1922 - Jeremiah Moynahan died at age 85 yrs. He came to Maidstone in 1872 and lived on the Middle Road with wife Mary (Brennan) and family of two sons and seven daughters. John Moynahan was the first clerk of Sandwich South. William a farmer and auctioneer and Nellie a school teacher for 40 years in and around Maidstone.

THE WINDSOR STAR, JULY 21, 1967

# Congratulations



## Maidstone Shamrocks

### On Winning the League Championship and Pennant of the Essex County Baseball League in 1966

We are all proud of you in representing this area with a club outstanding in spirit, good sportsmanship and hard work. Your untiring efforts are greatly appreciated.

## We Wish You Good Luck

AS YOU BATTLE IT OUT IN THE  
STRETCH FOR THE 1967 LEAGUE PENNANT  
AND IN THE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS  
TO FOLLOW FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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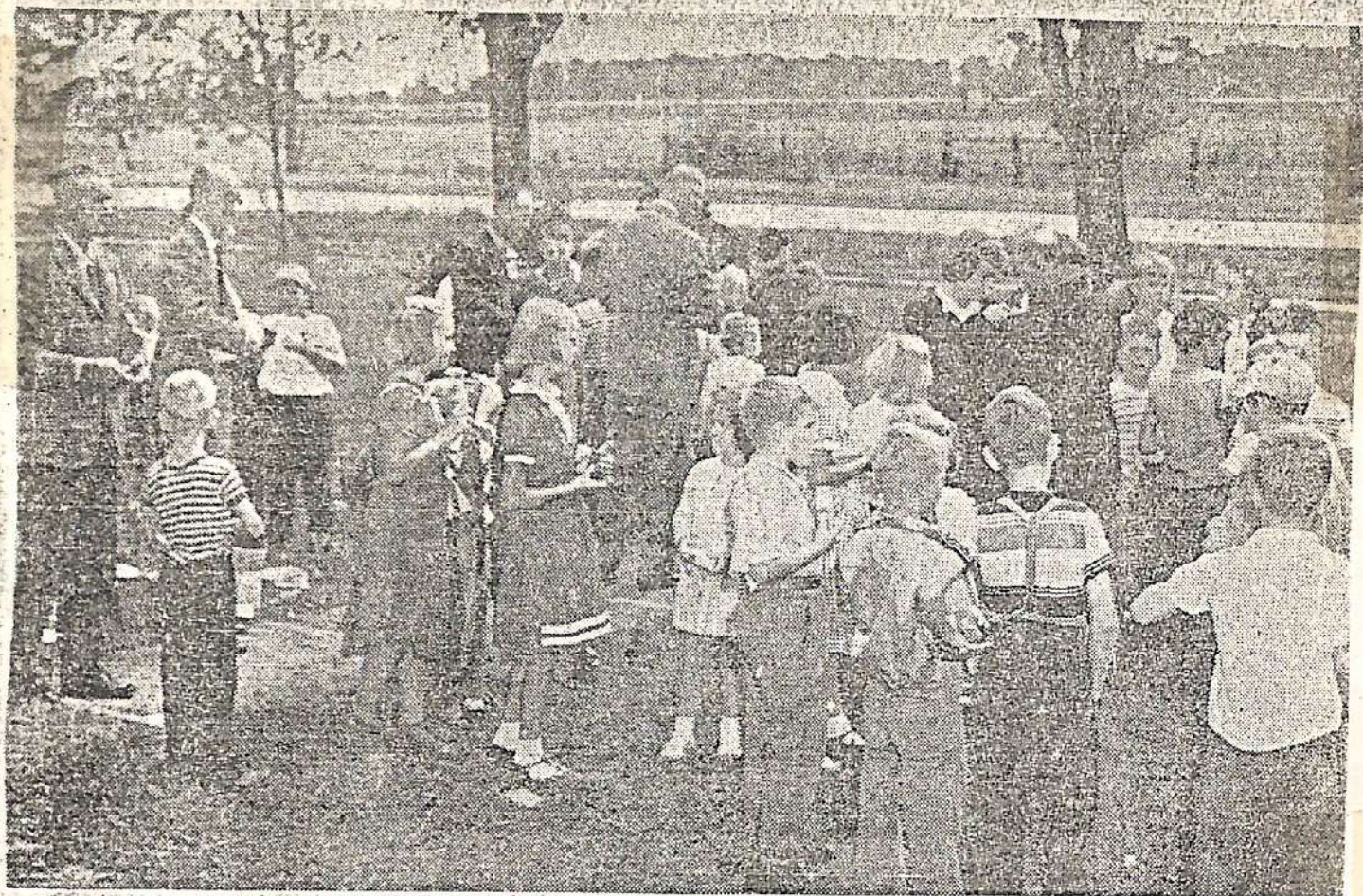
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Dr. C. A. Keeley,  
Sandwich, South;  
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Our Maidstone Village is named after Maidstone, England and is situated in the Township of Sandwich South adjoining the Township of Maidstone. How many children can you name, who are all adults now?

THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1951

## Candy From England's Maidstone Given Kids of Ontario Namesake



Mr. Rupert J. Armitage, who hails from Maidstone, England, decided that he would like to see what the village of Maidstone, Ontario, was like. Being connected with a candy concern, he brought lots of taffy made in his home town for the children in the village of Maidstone Saturday afternoon. At top a group of the children are shown having a sweet time. Members of the Maidstone and Sandwich South Township councils were on hand

to greet Mr. Armitage at the Roman Catholic Church rectory in Maidstone. Left to right in bottom picture are: Mr. C. A. Keeley, county clerk; Deputy Reeve Ed Dumouchelle, Sandwich South; Mrs. Thomas Carter, whose home town was Maidstone, England; Mr. Carter; Rev. J. H. Chisholm; Mr. Armitage; Reeve Walter McMurren of Maidstone Township and Deputy Reeve John Walstedt, also of Maidstone. (Star South Essex Bureau photos.)

## MAIDSTONE, ENGLAND, GREETES MAIDSTONE, ONTARIO

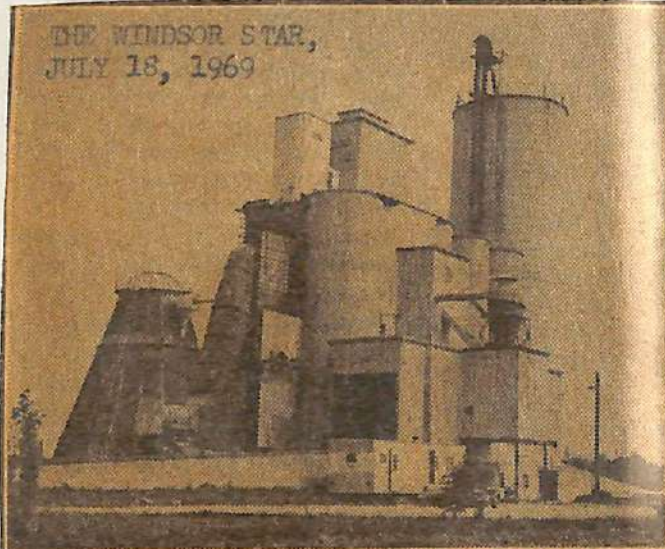


Maidstone, Ont., recently received felicitations from its counterpart, Maidstone, Eng., when R. C. Armitage, executive of a leading British confectionery manufacturer, visited the town bearing greetings to Reeve Walter McMurren of Maidstone Township and its citizens from the English city's mayor. An Englishman named Pennett, settling at the present town site 118 years ago, gave the town its name.

Councils of both Maidstone and Sandwich South Townships, as well as many townfolk, received Mr. Armitage, who is currently touring Canada and the U. S. in the interests of his firm, Edward Sharp & Sons, Limited, makers of Sharp's English Toffee and who supervised the Company's exhibit at the C. N. E. in Toronto. Those attending the official ceremony received special gifts in the form of the Company's "Maidstone" tin of toffee, on the cover of which is a reproduction in full color of a scene near the British city. School children received packages of toffee as mementos of the occasion.

Photo shows A. Mousseau, clerk of the Township of Maidstone, reading greetings from the Mayor of Maidstone, Kent, England, to the citizens of Maidstone, Ontario. Left to right: Rev. Fr. Chisholm; Walter McMurren, Reeve of Maidstone Township; C.A. Keeley, County Clerk; R. S. Armitage, Representative of Sharp's of Maidstone, England; Mr. Mousseau; Laurence Wright, Councillor, Maidstone Township; John Walstedt, Deputy Reeve, Maidstone; Ed. Dumouchelle, Sandwich South; and John McAuliffe, of Sandwich South.

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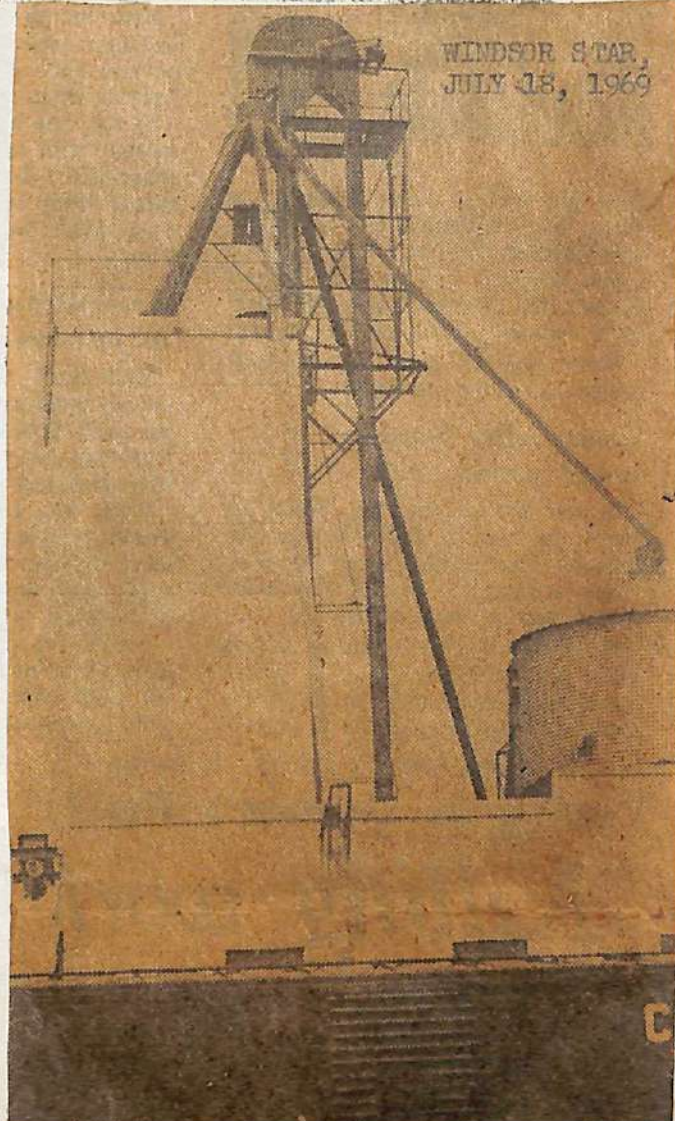
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March 20, 1908 - John McCann, MaidstoneCross had a cow give birth to twins, one pure white and the other pure red.

May, 1951- Maidstone has a good softball team this year sponsored by Earl & Trudy O'Neil of "Trudy's Snackette".

R. C. Flood Grain Co. has completed construction of a new grain elevator at Maidstone. This has a handling capacity of more than 2,000 bushels per hour and enables the company to increase service to its customers.

## ENTERS STORE

Mrs. Eli Malenfant, whose husband operates a garage and hardware store about a mile west of Maidstone, said Marleau entered the garage shortly before noon Monday. After standing around for some time, he walked to a soft drink cooler, opened the top, then turned away.

Mrs. Malenfant, nervous because of the unkempt appearance of the visitor, summoned her husband from their home next door, but Marleau had left the store and was walking toward Maidstone when Mr. Malenfant arrived.

He was next seen in the village, outside the general store operated by John D. Walker. The proprietor, with Cyril McAuliffe, a neighbor, and Arnold Axcell, a mail delivery man, watched Marleau from the store.

## HAND INSIDE SHIRT

"He kept walking back and forth along the road, peering into the store," Mr. Walker said. "He kept his left hand inside his shirt, and we figured he had a gun."

The three men in the store said Marleau finally left the vicinity and walked east toward the Roman Catholic Church on No. 3 Highway a few yards east of the store. Axcell ran to the nearby telephone office and called O.P.P. headquarters at Essex.

Within minutes Constable Williams arrived at the scene. He found Marleau sitting on the

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# Shots, Fells Armed Hermit in Cemetery Chase

## Principals in Police Pursuit of Shoeless Gunman Near Maidstone



A police bullet felled Victor Marleau, 22, of Ottawa, Monday afternoon after Marleau fired four shots at a police officer pursuing him across fields at Maidstone. Marleau is in Grace Hospital in "fair" condition. The picture at left above shows three officers of the Essex

detachment of the O.P.P. who took part in the affair. Left to right are: Constable George Williams, who fired the shot which struck Marleau, and Corporal William Gilbert and Constable Harold Highton, who were on the scene minutes after Marleau was wounded.



The picture at right shows Mrs. Eli Malenfant in the small hardware store on No. 3 Highway where she was when Marleau entered the shop shortly before noon. Mrs. Malenfant said the man was extremely shabby in appearance and wore no shoes.

## Gun Battle Hospitalizes Ottawa Man

### Provincial Constable Wins Deadly Duel South of Maidstone

By PAT WHEALEN

An Ottawa man who lived for several days in the bush south of Maidstone and emerged to fight a running gun battle with provincial police Monday afternoon is in Grace Hospital with a bullet wound in the head.

### FIRES FOUR SHOTS

Constable George Williams of the Essex detachment of the O.P.P. said Victor Marleau, 22, of Ottawa, fired four shots before the officer dropped him in his tracks in a field about a mile north of No. 3 Highway.

Constable Williams chased Marleau for more than a mile, dodging shots as he went, before he was forced to fire the bullet which wounded Marleau.

Hospital officials said this morning Marleau is in "fair" condition. X-rays are being taken to determine if the bullet is still lodged in his head.

Maidstone residents said a man answering Marleau's description has been seen in the area for several days, and it is believed he has been sleeping in the woods south of the village.

When he was first noticed Monday morning, Marleau was unkempt, bundled in heavy clothing and wearing no shoes.

LIKE ALL NEW EMPLOYEES, Clarence Elliott of Pelissier street, who joined Ford of Canada last week as an electrician, gets a complete physical examination to assure that he is physically fit for his job. Below, Dr. M. F. McGavin, Ford's chief medical officer conducts a blood pressure test as nurse Mary Halford of Maidstone records results.



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## Maidstone Hunters Bag Pheasants Near Windsor

THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1952



The heavily-populated Windsor district hardly seems a hunter's Utopia, but these two Maidstone men with yesterday's pheasant bag are a testimonial to the contrary. Two of the crowd hunters who worked through Windsor's

neighboring municipalities, yesterday, they got their pheasants within a few miles of the city. From left to right they are Mr. Victor Baillie and Mr. Aurele Drouillard, both of R. 3, Maidstone. (Star Staff Photo.)

Fred Lounsbrough was awarded contract to carry mail, on route, out of Paquette. Wm. Lloyd was Mail Courier, R. 3 Maidstone and Walker Grant, R. 2 Maidstone. All three were to start before 1st of the New Year. DEC. 13, 1913

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5, 1952

## Hunters Seek Pheasants, Bag Red Fox

Two Maidstone hunters, in search of pheasants, bagged instead a red fox on the farm of Wilfred McCarty in Sandwich South Township.

Pleased with themselves, Clarence Marshall and Francis St. Louis, both of R.R. 3, Maidstone, set out to contact the proper authorities and collect a bounty on their pelt.

All proper authorities were contacted, but alas, the bounty was non-existent.

The reason there is no bounty, they were assured, is that there are no red foxes in this part of Essex County.

Postmaster Halford, at Maidstone Cross, received word from the Dominion Postal Dept. of the appointment of Philip Quinlan and Joseph Conroy as rural mail couriers for R. R. 1 and R. R. 2 Maidstone, at a salary of \$35 per mile. SEPT. 19, 1913

George Gerard was given the contract, at \$30 per mile, for rural route out of Maidstone Cross Post Office. OCT. 17, 1913

George Gerard was appointed rural mail courier, at \$30 per mile, to carry a mail route from Maidstone Cross post office to Paquette. OCT. 24, 1913

Two more rural mail routes were to start from Maidstone Cross Post Office - one to be called Maidstone North and the other Oldcastle and Fairplay route, the first 22 miles, 2nd 20 miles. NOV. 1, 1913

I. (Nace) Halford, Maidstone Cross postmaster, received one of King George's silver medals, in commemoration of his silver jubilee. He was honored as being a civil servant of Canada, being postmaster at Maidstone since 1890. MAY 31, 1935

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

MAIDSTONE CROSS - Articles in Essex Free Press dated Nov. 19, 1915 - Mrs. Ed. Kane spent Monday in Essex with Mrs. Jos. Wolfe.

N. Farough and wife and D. Croft and wife spent Sunday at Wm. Croft's.

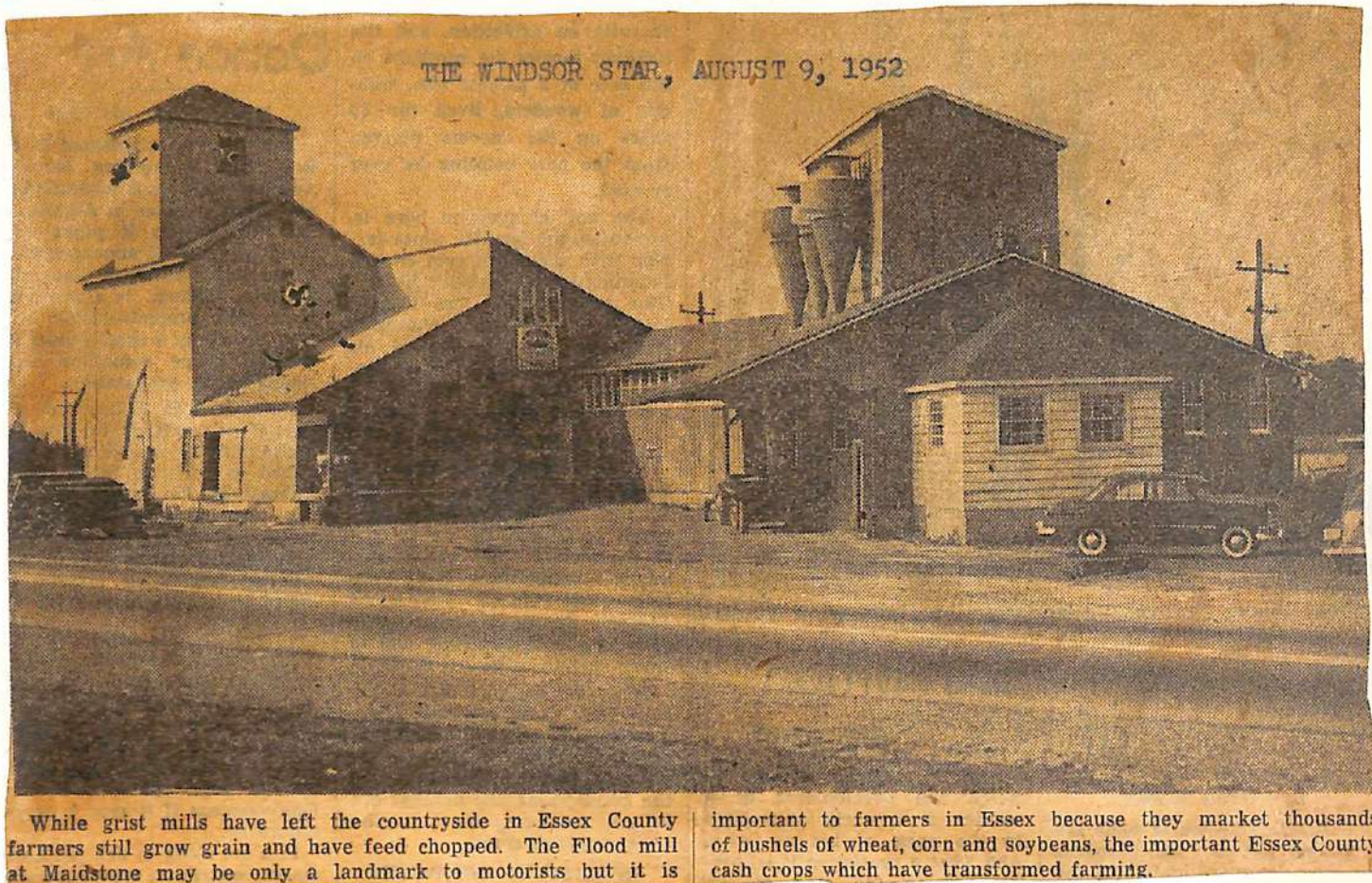
Leo McCloskey has just installed a hot water heating system in his residence.

Miss Kathleen Lesperance has returned to her home in Woodslee after spending two weeks with Mrs. Vincent McCloskey.

Mrs. I. N. Halford and Mrs. Rbht. Greenway attended the wake at P. Cotter's (a former resident of Maidstone Twp.) in Detroit, on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Greenway is a niece of the deceased.

Over a hundred couples attended the Assembly in the hall here on Wednesday evening of last week and enjoyed dancing to music furnished by O'Brien-Fields's Orchestra.

The six o'clock south-bound car on the electric railway on Wednesday, killed five pigs and injured two others belonging to Chas. Maddams. The pigs had gotten out of the field adjoining the car line while the Maddam's were away from home.



While grist mills have left the countryside in Essex County farmers still grow grain and have feed chopped. The Flood mill at Maidstone may be only a landmark to motorists but it is

important to farmers in Essex because they market thousands of bushels of wheat, corn and soybeans, the important Essex County cash crops which have transformed farming.

Mar. 29, 1974 - Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Mary Weston, R.N., and James Weston and family in the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother in the passing of Mrs. Emma Weston, widow of the late Sam Weston, well known farmer and butcher of North Talbot Rd., Maidstone.

Sympathy is extended to Howard Fleming and son Ronald and family in the passing of Mrs. Nettie Fleming in Leamington, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, last week. Funeral was held on Saturday with interment in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery. The Flemings's lived in the "Little's" sub-division, a few years ago where Richard Pike now lives.

Apr. 23, 1976 - The Banns of Marriage were published in St. Mary's Bulletin: Christopher McCarthy and Kathy L. Pulleyblank, whose nuptial mass will be solemnized at 4 p.m. Friday, April 23, 1976.

The community was turned from a joyous Easter morning to sorrow for the John Family on hearing the sad news that George John, age 61 years, had passed away early that morning in hospital. He had been hospitalized for a few weeks after suffering a severe heart seizure. Coming to the village with his parents, who bought the Tom McCloskey General Store, as a youngster. He was born on July 13, 1914 and resided here until he opened a business in Leamington. He was married there to his bereaved wife, Evelyn (Walper) who survives. His home is at 2535 Everts, Windsor and he was owner and operated the United Truck Rentals. He received his education at old No. 5 & 8 Separate School at the Six Corners and was a devout Roman Catholic. Left to mourn his loss besides his wife, Evelyn, is his beloved mother, Mrs. Camily John, who operates the John store. Dear father of nine children, Veronica, Mrs. Lee Tolde, Christopher, Mrs. Jack Girty, Jr., Angela, Mrs. Larry Luvisotto, Mary, all of Windsor, Catherine, Elizabeth, Michael, Margaret and George, all at home. Dear grandfather of Krista Josephine O'Neil, Rose, Mrs. Wm. Gould, both of the village, Joseph, Chatham, Peter, Mrs. Harold Bondy, Helen, both of Windsor.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

JOHN DEMISE (cont.) - Michael, Westerville, Ohio, Delores, Mrs. Ronald Holland, Plymouth, Mich., and Mary Patricia, Mrs. Hugh Coyle, Jr., of Parma, Ohio. Funeral will be held from Janisse Bros. Funeral Home, 1139 Ouellette Ave., Wednesday, (April 21) morning to Christ the King Church at 11 o'clock with Mons. Mugaň officiating at the Mass and interment in Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

-Mr. & Mrs. Peter L. Halford returned last week from a visit with Peter's sister, Mrs. Thos. Chittle in Los Angeles. They were delighted to find her in better health. While there, Mrs. Marjoris North entertained them by showing them the city. Miss Ann Halford and friend, Miss Sheila Richardson, flew West as far as Banff and Jasper, enjoying their school break.

Apr. 30, 1976 - Mrs. Monica Collins was pleasantly surprised on Sunday when her family gathered at her home for a dinner on the occasion of her birthday. It also was her granddaughter Meagan's birthday and she had her own birthday cake with three candles. Mary-Ann Duncan, Monica's daughter telephoned her mother in the evening, and the Duncan's sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

- Mrs. Camily John returned on Sunday after spending a week with her daughter, Delores, husband Ronald Holland and family in Plymouth, Mich. Mrs. John's grandson, Brian Holland and wife left to enroll in the University of Arizona.

- St. Mary's Church was the scene of a lovely wedding on Friday, Apr. 23rd., at 4 p.m. when Kathy Lynn Pulleyblank, daughter of Robert and Donna (Markert) Pulleyblank and Christopher McCarthy, youngest son of Emmett J. and Mary McCarthy, both parents of No. 3 Highway at Oldcastle. The altar was decorated with baskets of spring flowers. Rev. Fr. A.P. Marentette officiated at the ceremony and heard them repeat their vows. Gary Deehan was the Reader. The Maid of Honour was Miss Laurie Esping and the groomsman was Mr. Patrick Hayes. A reception and dinner followed in the Skyline Room of Cleary Auditorium with a 5-piece orchestra providing music for the dancing. 250 guests attended. The happy young couple will reside on the groom's father's farm after their honeymoon. Those who attended were the bride's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Pulleyblank; Mr. & Mrs. L.M. McCloskey of Islington, the groom's uncle and aunt and his aunt Mrs. Veronica Schiel and Miss Barbara Schiel of Roseville, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Donald and family, the grooms sister Maureen, of Peterborough, and the Hon. Eugene Whelan and Mrs. Whelan of Ottawa and Amherstburg. The bride's father is the Reeve of Sandwich South Township.

Sept. 17, 1976 - Miss Mary Jane (Jennie) Grondin passed peacefully away on Sept. 9th, 1976 at Essex Nursing Home. Born on Hwy. 98, Sept. 18th, 1890, only daughter of the late Alexander and Mary Elizabeth (Marsh) Grondin, residing there until she sold her farm about 20 years ago and residing in Essex since that time. Deceased was a retiring, quiet person. Predeceased by her brothers, Edward, George, Elmer and Clarence. Surviving are many neices and nephews and grand neices and nephews. Funeral was held Saturday morning from S.L. Kennedy Funeral Home to Holy Name of Jesus Church for Mass. Rev. Fr. J. B. Clark officiating and giving the Homily. Interment in the family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery. Neices and nephews attending the wake and funeral, Alex. Grondin, Mrs. Kosephine Edwards, Mississauga; Walter Grondin and Miss Kathleen Grondin both of Amherstburg; Mrs. Gerald Pollard and Mrs. Ellwood McDonald of Harrow.

July 11th, 1972 - Featured in Windsor Star - MAIDSTONE - NESTLED AWAY FROM HUSTLE - With the Highway #3 bypass now providing a faster route to Essex, it's easy to miss the Hamlet of Maidstone.

From the bypass, Maidstone, for the eastbound traveller, is two elevators, a large red brick church, a post office, a store and a cluster of houses. The older route to Essex, Talbot Road is slower but more scenically rewarding with the fresh home-made bread, fresh fruit and vegetables and apple cider available from wayside stalls, a real bonus for a traveller. Originally called Maidstone Cross, Maidstone was once on the busy stagecoach route from Leamington and Windsor and was the centre for a lucrative timber trade. Over the years it had several sawmills, a carriage making shop, blacksmith and hotel.

Today, Maidstone has a general store, grist mill, feed and grain mill, a new telephone Exchange Building, Post Office, a Propane Supply and Chemical Supply Outlets. It boasts one of the most Modern baseball parks in the county and the local Shamrock Baseball Club has won many championships.

The large red-brick St. Mary's Church is a dominant feature of the local landscape and the nearby parish hall is used for community events as well as for church activities. To the east of the church is St. Mary's Separate School and St. Joseph's Convent where teaching Nuns reside, as well as the Rectory for St. Mary's Church.

Aug. 26, 1938 - Hugh McDonald took over the feed mill at Maidstone Cross.

Aug. 27, 1948 - CBC bought a piece of land from Miss Nellie Halford at Maidstone Cross on which to install a new transmission station.

July 30, 1943 - Agnes Hartley, Maidstone, Music Supervisor in rural schools of Sandwich South Township, attended the Fred Waring Choral workshop at Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Jan. 29, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Oldous and family have purchased the late Florent McAuliffe property and have moved to same. Mr. McAuliffe has gone to Whitby, Ont., to reside.

Jan. 29, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Lew J. Bissonette entertained their immediate family to a delicious buffet supper on Sunday evening at their lovely home in Ferndale, Mich. The occasion being Mr. & Mrs. Edmond J. Barron's 40th wedding anniversary and Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Sexton's 30th. Each couple were the recipient of lovely gifts. Friends wish them many more happy anniversaries.

Feb. 12, 1954 - The banns of marriage were published on Sunday, in St. Mary's Church, for Dorothy Jobin, daughter of the late Clarence Jobin and (Florence Lassaline Jobin) Brown, and Joseph LaChance, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaChance, Sr., of Holy Name Parish, Essex. The wedding to take place in St. Mary's Church on February 27th.

Feb. 12, 1954 - Jerry Allen had quite an experience last Friday morning when he stopped to pick up one of his riders, Mr. Nagel. Jerry only drove a short distance when Mr. Nagel said "I'm dying" and fell over. Jerry drove to Metropolitan Hospital but on arrival Mr. Nagel had passed away. His brother Earl had a more pleasant experience when he won \$200 at Fr. O'Neill's bingo.

April 9, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little spent the weekend in Detroit the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Orville Ellis and attended the birthday party on Sunday for Mrs. Charles Little at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Del Loranger (nee Gertie Little), honouring her mother on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Anyone knowing Mrs. Little, marvel at her, as she looks like 60 with her girlish figure and smart appearance. At this happy occasion about 100 attended and Mrs. Little was the recipient of many grand gifts. She is blessed with a son Ernest of Windsor; three daughters, Flossie, (Mrs. Fred Totten); Gertie, (Mrs. Loranger), and Bessie, (Mrs. Donahue); 17 grandchildren and 31 great-grand children. Mrs. Little's many friends and relatives in this vicinity wish her much happiness and many more happy occasions. She hopes to fly to California soon to visit her sister.

Apr. 23, 1954 - Mrs. Vera Hergott of Breslau, Ont.; Mrs. Frank Moran, of Detroit, were Easter Monday visitors with relatives. Mrs. Hergott spent Easter and ten days with her son, Dr. J. A. Hergott and her five grandchildren, in Dearborn, Mich.

Apr. 23, 1954 - The Dan J. McLean's had a double celebration Easter Sunday, with a combined 33rd wedding anniversary and entertained with a family dinner, receiving a host of congratulatory cards from friends and relatives, and flowers, candy and gifts. They were especially happy to have their grandson, Richard Charles, present, with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John J. McLean (O'Brien) of Detroit.

May 7, 1954 - Fred Lassaline of the 2nd con. Sandwich East Township, passed away at Hotel Dieu on Monday after being hospitalized since December 4th. Mr. Lassaline was a retired farmer and since the death of his wife had resided with his son Arzene. Deceased is survived by, besides his son, a daughter, Bertha, (Mrs. Frank Jobin), four grandsons and a brother, Nazarene of Sandwich West Twp. Funeral was held from the Marcotte Funeral Home, Windsor, to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, this Thursday morning, with burial in Our Lady of the Lake Church Cemetery.

May 7, 1954 - Welcome to our new neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. A. Belleperche, who moved from their home in Windsor to their new ranch home that they built on No. 3 Highway on the lot purchased from Wilfred Collins, between the Ken J. MacKenzie's and the Danny Dobransky's.

May 7, 1954 - Sincere sympathy to Ben Kosokowsky in the sudden loss of his sister in Humbolt, Sask., who died suddenly last week. Raymond Kosokowsky motored there to attend the funeral and was accompanied by his two cousins, Loretta and Christine, the deceased's daughters.

May 7, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. George Palencar, of Maidstone, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to George Keltika, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Keltika, of Sask. The wedding will take place Saturday, May 15th, at 10 a.m. in S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church, Windsor.

May 7, 1954 - Mrs. Orville J. Ellis of Detroit entertained at a downtown restaurant on Thursday last, for eight ladies, honouring her mother, Mrs. Thomas Little, on the occasion of her birthday. Mrs. "Doc" McLacharty (Dollie Robinson) of Hamilton, was one of the guests. Mr. & Mrs. McLacharty, of Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Ellis and son Kenneth, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ellis of Detroit and Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ellis, of Ann Arbor, Mich., were Mother's Day visitors with Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little.

May 7, 1954 - The banns of marriage were published on Sunday for the first time, for Sigmund (Buddy) McCann, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. McCann and Phyllis Beneteau, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Beneteau, of Assumption Parish, Windsor, the wedding to take place May 15th at 10 a.m.

May 1st., 1954 - Mrs. Alfred Byrne of Woodslee, spent a week with her mother, Mrs. John E. Sexton, before Mrs. Sexton was hospitalized, and Mr. & Mrs. Byrne as well as some of the Sexton family, will be in West Lorne on Saturday for the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Byrne's elder son, Elmer, which will take place at the West Lorne Church, May 1st. Elmer's many friends here send him best wishes and congratulations.

May 21, 1954 - Sincere sympathy to James Dillion, Jr., of Detroit, in the sudden loss of his young wife Madeleine, age 25 years. Besides her husband and three children, James III, Billie and Madeleine, she leaves to mourn her loss, her father and mother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. James Dillion, Sr., (nee Irene Mullins), of Detroit, and grandfather and grandmother, Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Mullins of Highway 98, Maidstone. Funeral was held in Detroit Monday morning.

May 29, 1954 - Mrs. Vera A. Hergott motored in her new car to Sarnia, visited with the Joe Sullivan's, who accompanied her here to spend Sunday with relatives for the 24th holiday, accompanied by Mrs. Kate Reinhardt, of Breslau.

June 4, 1954 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Eugene Morand (Corrine Eyraud) of Teceumseh, in the sudden loss of her husband. He died early Sunday morning of a heart ailment, leaving to mourn, his devoted wife, a son Eugene who is a student at Assumption.

June 4, 1954 - Mrs. Ralph Sexton, Mrs. Peter L. Halford and Miss Mary T. Halford attended a bridal shower in Detroit honouring Miss Joan McIntyre, a June bride-elect, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. J. McIntyre, (nee Angela Halford), whose wedding will be an event of June 19th.

June 11, 1954 - We are pleased to report that Albert Beahan was able to be brought home from Hotel Dieu and is feeling better.

Several thousand Ford men were furloughed Tuesday evening for several days. It is hoped they will be called back soon.

Tommy Malcolm pitched a one hit game on Sunday at Jackson Park against Malden but came out on the short end of a 2 to 1 score. Each pitcher struck out 16 men, so it was a heart-breaker for Roseland not to win.

June 18, 1954 - Garnet Jobin, 19, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Jobin, Highway, 98, is pitching ball for Kitchener. His first game was a two hitter and he hit a home run to help his own cause. He works in Kitchener and his friends and relatives here wish him good luck.

June 18, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. J.D. (Jack) McAlpine, Windsor, and their two sets of twins, daughters 26 months old, Joanne Marie and Dianne Marie, and 11 months old sons, John Duncan and Donald Arthur, left by plane to make their home in Los Angeles. John is an accountant and the only son of the former Marie Kane (Mrs. McAlpine) younger daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Kane of Hwy. 98. She was a niece of Mrs. Theresa O'Keefe.

June 18, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. James Coakwly (nee Gerry Halford) and sons, James, Jr., Robert, Michael and Vincent, of South Amboy, N.J. arrived on Sunday to spend two weeks vacation with Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sexton and daughters, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Judy and Joan. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Halford and sons, Peter, Jr., Tommy and Chris also came to attend the wedding of Mrs. Coakely's niece, Joan McIntyre, at St. Ambrose Church, Detroit, on Saturday.

June 18, 1954 - The benefit Party in St. Mary's Hall was a success with \$575 given to Donald McCann who has been sick 14 weeks. Graduations taking place and the wake of Mr. Mullins cut down on the crowd, but still there were thirty tables in play. The host of friends are hoping Don will soon gain his strength, as he is anxious to get back to work. Thanks are extended to all who donated lunch and prizes and to those who worked to make the party such a success. Thanks to Ken Brett who generously donated the tickets.

July 2, 1954 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Neilson, one of the local garage proprietor on the arrival of their son at Grace Hospital on June 15th.

July 2, 1954 - Mrs. Ada McAuliffe who suffered a stroke two months ago, will receive deep therapy treatments in hospital to help restore her health, as soon as a room is available. Mrs. Davison, who looked after her at home is at home in Cottam, until "aunt Ada" is back in a few weeks.

July 9, 1954 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaChance, of Essex, on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary. They were pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening when their son Joe and his wife Dorothy (Jobin) and their daughter Elaine and her husband, Edward Poisson honoured them with a party for a few friends and relatives at the LaChance summer home on Lake St. Clair.

July 9, 1954 - John McAuliffe and son Cyril were in Detroit over the weekend to attend the wake and funeral of Lea Ziske Sr., age 83 years, who passed away after a lingering illness at St. Joseph's Hospital. Deceased was a member of the Knights of St. Joan and wore the full uniform. Six of the Knights in full uniform acted as pallbearers. Funeral was held on Sat. morning to St. Matthews Church, with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

July 30, 1954 - The banns of marriage were published in St. Mary's Church on Sunday for the first call for Miss Julia Beahan, R.N., daughter of Con Beahan and Elizabeth Robinson, and Duncan Campbell of Windsor. The wedding to take place at St. Mary's Church on August 14th. Alicia Tweedale will entertain this Thursday evening at her home in Essex honouring Julia with a miscellaneous shower.

July 30, 1954 - Mrs. Vincent Brown assisted by her daughter Dorothy and her husband Joe LaChance, Jr., entertained delightfully on Sunday for her husband Vincent (Spin's) ?? birthday at the Sr. LaChance's summer home on Lake St. Clair. Over 50 guests sat down to a well laden table for supper. Three large birthday cakes looked attractive, one for Spin, another for Mrs. Brown's only grandson, Clarence, who was three years old, being the son of Mr. & Mrs. Everett McGuire, and one for Pete Stokx, of Roseland, Mrs. Brown's brother-in-law, who was also celebrating. Swimming, surf boat riding and motor boat riding and cards made an enjoyable day. There was a note of sadness, however, as Kathleen LaChance was missed. Kathleen was graduating from St. Mary's Academy in June and left last week to enter the Novitiate of the Holy Names in Outremount, Quebec.

Aug. 6, 1954 - Ralph Jobin is at his home after having been hospitalized with a broken shoulder suffered a week ago Sunday while playing ball for Roseland. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jobin.

Aug. 13, 1954 - Roy Hartley returned on Tuesday from the wake and funeral of his sister's only child, Herman Smith, age 26 years, who drowned in Flint, Michigan.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

July 30, 1954 - George McLean, age 84 years, of 831 Howard Ave., Windsor, passed away at 9.30 p.m. at Hotel Dieu where he had been confined for 16 weeks after he had fallen in his home and broken his hip. He was born in Gosfield North on April 20th., 1870, the second youngest son (of a family of 10 children) of John McLean and Catherine McCauley, pioneers of Essex County, where he and his five brothers helped his father, a lake captain, clear 400 acres of land. Disposing of his 50-acre farm in 1904 on the eighth con. when he married Emma Agnes Tourangeau, who pre-deceased him on December 19th, 1953, he moved to Windsor, where he has since resided. He was a carpenter contractor and he helped construct some of the larger buildings in Detroit and Buffalo. He leaves to mourn his loss, three sons, James, Norman and Edmond, and a daughter, Cecelia, Mrs. Dan Scarpelli, all of Windsor; eight grandchildren and a brother, Henry Hugh McLean, of Gosfield North. Funeral was held from Marcotte Funeral Home on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. to the Immaculate Conception Church, Rev. Fr. Poisson officiating. Burial beside his wife and daughter Mary in the family plot in St. Alphonsus Cemetery. The pall-bearers were two grand nephews, John J. McLean, of Detroit and Don L. McLean of Maidstone, and four friends of his sons, Frank O'Neil, Don (Bud) Barry, Leonard Barr and Harry Parker, all of Windsor.

Aug. 13, 1954 - Sincere sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Andy Kotow in the loss of their new born son. Born Saturday morning at Hotel Dieu, the nine pound baby lived only a short time. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. A sister, Crystal Ann, survives.

Aug. 13, 1954 - Sincere sympathy to the family of the late Petry Pomeroy, age 81, who passed away at his home on No. 3 Highway. Deceased was the oldest son of the late Rev. & Mrs. Pomeroy. Rev. Pomeroy was one of the best liked ministers to be in charge of the Maidstone United Circuit, some years ago. Deceased settled here on a farm when his father came here. He was married three times and leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, the former Eva West and a young son, Dan, also a son by his first wife, Cecil E. of Detroit; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren; a brother, Cecil A. of Winnipeg, and a sister Grace (Mrs. Fred Little) of Kingsville. She and her husband Fred resided on No. 3 Highway above Maidstone for many years. Funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from S.L. Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex, with Rev. Nathaniel Anderson officiating. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Leamington.

Aug. 20, 1954 - Miss Christine McLean entertained last week on the occasion of her sister Clare's birthday. Others celebrating their birthdays on the 12th were Mrs. John D. Walker; the Sexton twins, Ralph and Stanley, and Catherine Markham, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Markham, who was 8 years old, and celebrated by visiting the Detroit Zoo.

Aug. 20, 1954 - On Saturday morning, at St. Mary's Church, a lovely wedding was solemnized by Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan, who also sang the nuptial mass for Miss Julia Beahan, B.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Con. Beahan, and Duncan Campbell, of Windsor. A dinner and reception followed at the bride's home, on No. 3 Highway, for relatives and friends. Much happiness is wished them.

Aug. 27, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Art C. McPharlin, of Detroit, and Miss Mary McLean, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. McLean on a motor trip East, as far as St. Anne's, Que., stopping in Hamilton to visit with Mother St. Peter (Kate O'Brien) on Mountain Brow and with Mrs. Vera A. Hergott in Preslaw.

Dr. & Mrs. J. A. Hergott, of Dearborn, Mich., are happy with the arrival of a baby daughter, Jean, on August 19th. Sister for Judith, Richard, Patrick, Tommy and Susan.

Sept. 10, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Grayce, of Maidstone, announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Stella Helen, to James Francis Kreski, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Krajewski, of Hildegard St., Windsor. The wedding is to take place Saturday, Sept. 11th at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Maidstone.

Sept. 10, 1954 - James J. McCloskey died suddenly in his sleep on Monday night, Aug. 30th, at the home of his daughter, Emma Jean (Mrs. James Bischoff) in Detroit, where he had been visiting from his home in Lakefront, Fla. Born on April 6th, 1895, the fourth son of the late William and Margaret Murphy McCloskey, on the Middle Road in Maidstone Township. He was educated in the local school and Essex High School and then farmed until his marriage to the late Mary U. Greenway, in Nov., 1921, when he went in the real estate and contracting work in Windsor. About 25 years ago he went to Detroit and was a builder until his retirement two years ago when he made his home in Fla. and he leaves to mourn his sudden passing, one son James and three daughters. Mary (Mrs. Albert McCarthy) of Oldcastle was a sister. Burial was beside his wife in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sept. 10, 1954 - On the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Halford, of Detroit, and summer home at Lake Erie Country Club, received a beautiful and hand-painted and embossed parchment from Rome with the Papal blessing attached, marking the happy event, a gift of their daughters Elizabeth and Barbara.

Sept. 17, 1954 - Mrs. James B. Walker celebrated her 80th birthday on Monday, Sept. 13th and was pleasantly surprised when her children honored her with a birthday party and family reunion at her eldest son's (Jimmie Walker) summer home at Belle River on the Lake. Besides her children, her 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, who were present for the happy occasion, her grandson Barry Walker, who was 19, on the 15th, was able to be present. He then left for his second year at Variety Village School, Toronto. On Monday evening, the Women's Auxiliary of the 18th Battalion, honored Mrs. Walker at a birthday party at Mrs. Wilfred's on Belle Isle Ave., Windsor. There were 14 present, and there was a large birthday cake, cards and a gift of the queen's new folding money. Mrs. Walker is very active, and surely no one would ever guess her age as four score. Much happiness and good health is wished her by her many friends.

Sept. 24, 1954 - Donald Anderson, son of Rev. & Mrs. N.S. Anderson, of Maidstone, left for Toronto this week, where he will attend Emmanuel Theological College of Victoria Univ. of United Church.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Sept. 24, 1954 - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaChance, Sr. were pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening at their summer home on Lake St. Clair near Stoney Point, when their front door was opened to waiting friends and relatives who burst into the song "For They're a Jolly Good Couple". The reciprocation party had taken this way of thanking Mr. & Mrs. LaChance for their gracious hospitality during the summer months. Cards were enjoyed and a good lunch served as well as a gift of a floor lamp given as a small token of appreciation to this hospitable couple, and the fervent prayer and wish for continued good health and prosperity to them.

Oct. 1st., 1954 - Another Terry, this time our own Terry Collins, 17 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Collins, shone, on Sunday, in the play-off game with T. cumseh, when he hit a home run, with one on base, for his team, the Essex Maple Leafs. These two runs were the margin to win. He also played errorless ball for his team at his position of shortstop. Essex won the Series.

Oct. 1st., 1954 - At a lovely afternoon ceremony in St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Oldcastle, Miss Arlen May Gunderson, of Maidstone, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Gunderson, was united in marriage by Rev. J. Gordon Houghton, to Robert William Lemmon, of Roseland, son of Gersham Lemmon of Windsor, and the late Mrs. Lemmon.

Given in marriage by H. L. Fraser, the bride wore a white gown of embossed lace and nylon tulle and a Juliet cap with a short bridal veil. She carried a white Bible topped with red roses and showered with streamers of stephanotis. Mrs. Genevieve Decker, as her sister's matron of honor, wore a ballerina-length gown of turquoise nylon net over taffeta and a large matching picture hat. She carried a nosegay of pale yellow carnations and delphiniums. Mrs. Ruth Charney, as bridesmaid, wore a similar gown in dusty rose nylon net over taffeta, and a picture hat. Her bouquet was of pale blue and yellow carnations. Donald A. Lemmon was his brother's best man and the ushers were Fred Decker, Jr., Carl Esping and Bill Charney. A wedding reception was held at Dom Polski Hall for over 250 guests. They will reside in Windsor.

Oct. 8, 1954 - St. Mary's Rectory has taken on an improved appearance with a sandstone paint job with cream trim and tar black roof.

Oct. 29, 1954 - Miss Patricia (Patty) McAuliffe, of Jellico, Ont. motored down to visit her grandfather, John McAuliffe. Patty is a clerk in the office of the C.N.R. at Jellico.

Nov. 5, 1954 - Miss Edna Stoew has returned to her home in Ottawa, after a three-weeks stay at the bedside of her sister Beatrice, who is still confined, although convalescing, at Hotel Dieu Hosp. Edna was pensioned from her government position last year and travelled extensively for a year. She is now engaged as a private tutor, teaching English, to the Turkish Legates at Ottawa.

Nov. 5th., 1954 - Congratulations to Donald W. Anderson, son of Rev. & Mrs. M. Anderson, of the United Church here in Maidstone, on receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree, on Friday night, at Assumption University, and had the honour of being the valedictorian of his class. His many friends wish him continued success in his chosen profession of the ministry, and asking God's choicest blessing be bestowed upon him.

Nov. 12, 1954 - Mrs. Nick Flein, of San Bernardino, Calif. flew to Willow Run on Monday to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Ada McAuliffe, who suffered a stroke last Thursday and passed away early Tuesday morning.

Dec. 7., 1954 - When a truck he was driving, heading west on Highway 98 at Walker Road, on Mon. about 10 a.m. was hit by a car going north on Walker Road, Richard Kettels was badly injured. The truck, the property of John McGregor, local mill owner, was demolished. Mr. Kettels, an employee of the McGregor Mill is in Metropolitan Hospital and has a fractured skull, broken clavical and other injuries. His many friends are hoping for a speedy recovery. He would be hospitalized for three weeks more and has come off the critical list on December 24th. The condition of Jules Casichuk, 48, of R.R. Harrow, also in Met. Hospital, and injured in the same accident as Kettels, was reported satisfactory.

January 7, 1955 - Robert Hergott is the new trustee for the Union Separate School #5 & 8. It's encouraging to see our young married taxpayers taking a working interest in our schools, and it's hoped Bob will enjoy his new adventure.

January 7, 1955 - The Maidstone United Church Mission Circle entertained the young people of the church, last Wednesday evening, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Tofflemire. The occasion was their December meeting combined with a Christmas party. Meeting opened with a beautiful candle light Christmas devotional, conducted by Miss Ruth Anderson, assisted by Miss Shona Axcell, Miss Edna Farough and Miss Emily Malcolm. Christmas carols were sung and concluded with the story "The Christmas Gift", written by Miss Marjorie E. Proctor. Mrs. Tofflemire then took charge, contests and games were enjoyed, also a sing-song. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and the hospitality of Mr. & Mrs. Tofflemire is greatly appreciated by the young people.

January 21, 1955 - The January meeting, social afternoon and dessert-tea was held at the home of Mrs. John R. Chittle, Sr., for St. Mary's C.W.L. There were eight tables in play and prizes went to Mrs. Comartin, Mrs. Genevieve Hayes and Mrs. Frank Jobin. The tally prizes to Mrs. Gordon O'Neil and Mrs. Adrian Walsh. Mrs. Chittle was assisted by her daughter Betty (Mrs. Sylvester) and her daughter-in-law Doris (Mrs. Edward Chittle). The February 9th meeting will be at the home of the treasurer, Mrs. Gordon O'Neil. It is with deep regret that we report Mrs. Chittle's departure, and friends will indeed miss her hospitality, time and talents that were always given generously. The John Chittle's were taking up residence on Belleperche St., Riverside. Mr. Chittle underwent another cataract of the eye operation at Harper Hospital this week.

January 27, 1955 - Mr. John McAuliffe (Mr. Sandwich South) is confined to Hotel Dieu. He has given the best years of his life in Sandwich South Township and his executive ability is outstanding. Better health for him is wished.

## Plowmen Seek Site for Big 1955 Match

THE WINDSOR DAILY STAR, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1954



Members of the executive of the Ontario Plowmen's Association toured Essex County yesterday with officials of the Essex County Plowmen's Association to choose a site for the 1955 International Plowing Match. Left to right are: Deputy Reeve John Walstedt, of Maidstone, chairman of the Essex County Council Agricultural Committee; John Rahm, owner of one

of the farms visited; Bert Knight, president of the Leamington District Fair Board; Jack Walker, secretary-manager of the Leamington District Fair; Clark Young, Unionville, treasurer of the Ontario Plowmen's Association; Bob Fletcher, Merlin, and Floyd A. Lashley, director of agricultural fairs, Toronto.

(Star's South Essex Bureau Photo)

## Essex Toured By Plowmen

### Ontario Association Visits Mersea Farm

The Star's Leamington Bureau

LEAMINGTON — Members of the Essex County's Plowmen's Association and their guests, the executive of the Ontario's Plowmen's Association toured the county yesterday to select a site for the 1955 International Plowmen's meet which will be in Essex County.

#### TOUR AREA

Accompanied by members of the agricultural committee of the Essex County Council, members of the Mersea Township and Leamington Council the group toured a number of municipalities and viewed prospective sites.

They visited the John Rahm farm on the 7th concession of Mersea Township where a tract 60 rods wide stretches from the 7th to the 8th concession roads.

The farm of Dr. C. E. Knister, Comber, on Highway 98, was considered as was that of Percy McKee on Howard avenue.

What the association needs is a tract of land large enough to give contestants the same type of soil so they will be on an equal basis in the competitions. The location is also important from the standpoint of proximity to a number of highways and availability of hydro and water.

After viewing the various sites, the delegation stated they would report to the Ontario association and decide on a location at the association's forthcoming meeting.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT).

January 27, 1955 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Warren Sexton, of Detroit in the loss of her mother, Mrs. James Compeau, age 67 years, who died Sunday at Hotel Dieu, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Compeau, born Juliette Guenot in France, came to Tecumseh, Ont., 63 years ago, where she has since resided, losing her husband in 1947. Surviving are two sons, Ernest and Edmond and three daughters, Therese, Mrs. James Bruce; all of Tecumseh; Madeline, Mrs. Albert Brouillette, of Windsor and Marie, Mrs. Sexton of Detroit, and 20 grandchildren. Burial in St. Anne's Church beside her husband.

January 21, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kosokowsky of Carmel, Sask. spent some time with his brother Ben and his family. They are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. John Kobelesky and also will spend some time with Mr. Kosokowsky's sister Annie, Mrs. Andrew Willies and family in Rodney, Ont. The Willies' family resided here on Walker Road for several years.

January 28, 1955 - The February meeting of the Maidstone Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Koehler, Wilson Sideroad, on Wednesday. Roll Call - When I became an Institute member. A paper of historical events and research was given by Mrs. J. Laurens. Hostesses, Mrs. A. Cooper, Mrs. J. Laurens and Mrs. C. Chapman. Favorite recipes for the cook book were brought in.

January 28, 1955 - The middle of December saw Marvin Little, age 19 years, honoured at St. Thomas, Ont., as Elgin County's youngest corn king. Marvin was born here in Maidstone, and is the second oldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace A. Little (nee Margaret Croft), of Sparta, Ont. Marvin and his younger brother Ray, were graduated last spring from the Western Ontario Agricultural School at Ridgetown. Growing Warwick Seed corn, Marvin produced 137.1 bushels of shelled corn to the acre, and had a total score of 360.2 points. He is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little and Mrs. James Croft.

Feb. 4, 1955 - Thomas E. (Ernie) Gerard, age 50 years died of a heart seizure while driving a new car from Gilson's, on Walker Road, where he was employed, to another lot on St. Luke Road, early Saturday afternoon. Ernie had been a mail courier, having taken over Route #2, after his father, the late Thomas Gerard, had given it up. He, then did carpentry work with the late Harvey Lafferty, then took the auto driving job with Gilson's. Deceased was born on the 11th Con. of Sandwich South, a son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gerard. He is survived by his wife Letitia (Graham) and they had recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Also surviving is a son Walter, and a daughter Marion, both at home; four brothers, Harold of Gesto; Stanley of Tecumseh; Joseph and Jesse; and six sisters, Flossie and Stella (Mrs. Robt. Lypps), both of here; Olive, Mrs. Lawrence Shuel; Helen, (Mrs. Arthur Renaud), both of McGregor; Leda, (Mrs. Kenneth Doyle), Irene, (Mrs. George Randall), both of Windsor. Rev. J.E. G. Houghton officiated at the funeral service held from E.J. Hick's Funeral Home, Essex, Tuesday afternoon with interment in North Ridge Cemetery. The pallbearers were Ken Gerard, Thomas Gerard, Robert White, Larry Malleau, William and James Graham. He was a mail Courier on Route 2 Maidstone for 15 years and this writer knew him then when he delivered her parent's mail.

Feb. 11, 1955 - The contractors have started to renovate St. Mary's Church. Donation Day was most successful, the quote went over the top and when the renovations are complete, St. Mary's will be a modern church.

Feb. 11, 1955 - Joe Dunn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dunn, of Pillette Road, and former resident of this district is expected to take the marriage vows shortly. Joe, at present is stationed with the Canadian Army of occupation in Germany and from reports some little Fraulein will be the bride of the singing Irishman.

Feb. 18, 1955 - Fire completely destroyed the old McAuliffe farm house on No. 3 Highway, about 9 p.m. Wednesday night. No one was home at the time with Mrs. Pat Crovet being in the hospital and the children being looked after, and Mr. Crovet at the hospital to see his wife, they having a new-born baby. All their earthly possessions were gone. Mr. & Mrs. James Woltz, neighbors, have given the Crovets and their three young children a home for the time being. Mr. Crovet is a veteran of the last war and had just bought the former McAuliffe-Maurice Collin's home, two years ago, on the V.L.A. plan. He had been laid off from his work at the Ford Motor Company last May and has not been called back. It is hoped his new neighbors will come forward and contribute to a fund with a donation to this destitute family of five.

Feb. 18, 1955 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Doyle, son Charles and the brothers and sisters of the late John Emmett Doyle, who passed away suddenly at Hotel Dieu, on Wed., Feb. 9th. Funeral was held Saturday morning from the Dodson-Habkirk Funeral Home, Essex, to St. Mary's Church, with Rev. Fr. Doyle of Detroit, nephew of deceased, singing the Requiem High Mass and preaching the sermon. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Joseph Mullins, Wilfred Allen, Ted Byrne, Raymond Scully, Thomas Barry and Paul LeFebvre.

Feb. 25, 1955 - We are sorry to report that Mrs. Theresa O'Keefe, who lives in Detroit for the winter months with her son-in-law and daughter Lillian (Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Larkin) fell in their kitchen and broke her hip. Mrs. O'Keefe, on account of her age, will not be able to have the hip set. She is hospitalized and her condition is only fair.

Feb. 25, 1955 - We were pleased to see Terry Collins and his team-mates of the Essex High School basket-ball team, on TV, Channel 9, on Sunday afternoon.

Mar. 4, 1955 - Leo Belleau, who has been hospitalized in St. Joseph's Hospital, Sarnia, following severe burns, was able to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Belleau. There was a family reunion on Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Donald Belleau and family, of Essex; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Belleau and son Dannie; Mr. & Mrs. Victor Dunn and family, Francis and Deanna, Mr. & Mrs. George Markham. Gerry, Cheryl-Ann and Mary-Beth, of Windsor and Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Bellau & David Windsor.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Mar. 11, 1955 - We would like to welcome to our neighborhood, Mrs. Ronald Kenneth Steinhoff, and 9 months old baby, who moved into the Cassidy house, also sympathy is extended to Mrs. Edward Hayes, in the loss of her father, Harvey A. Steinhoff, of Windsor, whose funeral was held on Monday.

Mar. 25, 1955 - Ronnie Shuttleworth has secured employment with L. A. Young Co., in Windsor.

April 1, 1955 - There were 66 ladies in the Catholic Women's League cavalcade on Wednesday when they visited Grey's new department store on Ottawa St., and were presented with a cheque to further their work.

April 1, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kerr, announce the engagement of their only daughter Normalie, to Harold Voakes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Voakes, of Wheatley. The marriage to be solemnized at 7.30 p.m., April 7th, at the Maidstone United Church. Normalie teaches grad I at the Essex Public School. They have started to build their new home on No. 3 Highway, corner of the townline road.

April 8, 1955 - Timmie Hartley, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hartley, was operated on at Hotel Dieu Tuesday morning. Timmie will have to convalesce in his Easter vacation. We are pleased to report that his father, Roy, is home after months spent in Metropolitan Hospital trying to heal a skin grafting on his leg, broken over two years ago, but is still on crutches.

April 8, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. John R. Chittle entertained delightfully at their spacious home recently, honouring Miss Margaret VanHorne, of Essex, whose marriage to Robert Chittle will be an event at Holy Names Church, Essex, on April 30th. The gifts were beautiful and Mrs. Chittle was assisted in serving a dessert-tea at 5 o'clock by her daughters.

April 15, 1955 - Thomas Little will have his 80th birthday on Saturday, April 16th. Many more happy occasions are wished by his many friends.

April 22, 1955 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Florant Eyraud on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

April 22, 1955 - Ralph and Stanley Sexton wish to thank passers-by, neighbors, friends and all those who responded so quickly to the fire alarm, quickly put in by Mrs. Roy Hartley, our telephone operator, in helping them in their severe loss on Saturday afternoon.

April 29, 1955 - Many in this district attended the wedding reception of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Dunn, who were married last Saturday. Some 200 guests attended the reception held in the evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Goyeau St., in Windsor. Bob is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dunn.

April 29, 1955 - The host of friends here of the late "Al" Market were shocked early Monday morning to hear of the sudden passing at his home in Essex. "Al" as he was known to all, was one of the most highly respected farmers in this locality ever since he came from Ohio to make his home here. Being of a jolly, friendly personality he won friends easily and kept them by his staunch qualities, and so he will be greatly missed. Mr. Market would have been 73 years old on June 26th, but looked years younger. Surviving is his beloved wife, and six sons, Donald, Paul, Clarence (Dutch), Bob, Howard and Alfred, Jr., and many grandchildren.

May 20, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Robt. A. Halford, Sr., of Sandwich, left on Monday for Victoria, B.C. to attend the wedding of their son Joseph, on Saturday, May 21st. The Halford's will then go down to Los Angeles, Calif. to visit with John J. Halford and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Chittle.

May 20, 1955 - Mrs. Joseph Hayes entertained at her home on Highway 98, on Sunday, for the christening dinner of her granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Blackburn (born on Queen Elizabeth's birthday, April 21st), young daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Blackburn, of Riverside. Miss Mary Ann Hayes and fiancée, Bernard Murphy, of Woodslee, were the godparents, at St. Rose De Lima Church, Riverside.

May 13, 1955 - Sincere sympathy to the families of the late William Danaher and Mrs. Thomas (Annie) McFarland, both former residents.

May 13, 1955 - Pat J. Donovan was brought to his home in Windsor, after being in Providence Hospital, Detroit, for 20 days following another eye operation. The success of the operation is undetermined at this time and it is hoped his eyesight will be restored.

May 13, 1955 - Paul E. Sexton, of the staff of the Bank of Montreal, London, Ont., flew to Montreal on Sunday, to receive a promotion to be attached to the inspection staff and would be posted out of there on Tuesday. Paul will be married in London at the Cathedral, on July 16th to Mary Patricia Eccles.

May 6, 1955 - Mary Weston, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Weston underwent a serious operation this past week. Mary, a registered nurse in Windsor, we hope, will soon be about and other nurses will be nice to her also.

May 6, 1955 - Leo Greenway writes from Las Vegas, Nev., that he is still receiving hospital treatments and would like to be on hand for the opening of St. Mary's. He reminisced about when the late Henry Wolf and Peter Clark, now of Detroit, put in the present heating system, more years ago than he cared to remember, as he said, "much water has run under the bridge since". Friends hope Leo will soon be feeling better.

June 3, 1955 - Rev. Fr. J.A. Jordon is to be congratulated on his artistic taste in the redecorating and many new appointments of St. Mary's Church in the renovation. His many parishioners are praying for good health for him and a good rest, after the burden that was placed upon him by the extra work. A fine job - well done.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

June 10, 1955 - Miss Barbara Ward, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Ward, of Maidstone, and Miss Joyce Chandler, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chandler of Windsor, are flying this Friday on the T.C.A. for a fortnight's visit to New York City where they will be guests of the latter's cousin, Dorothy Collins, the radio and TV star. Well, Barbara and Joyce, we know that the firm where you girls work, Hiram Walker & Sons, have given you all kinds of tickets to visit the TV and radio shows. Have a good time.

THANKS: Mrs. J. E. Ward, owner and operator of Lu's Snack Bar, wishes to thank her many friends for the lovely cards and flowers sent to her in the hospital. She is now at her home trying to take it easy while slinging up the hamburgers and hot dogs once again.

June 10, 1955 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday. They attended a High Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church. Their children presented the happy couple with a TV set. Many more happy occasions. Raymond Kosokowsky was in Toronto, St. Catharine's and Niagara Falls last week on business for his company.

June 10, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Woakes (nee Normalie Kerr) have moved into their new home on the Ben Kerr sub-division. Many years of happiness to the newly-weds.

June 10, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Padbury (nee Connie Felix) and family have moved into Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Brown's house on No. 3 Highway.

June 10, 1955 - Garnet Jobin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Jobin, rated headlines on the sport section of the Windsor Daily Star, when he pitched his team, on Sunday, to a win. Garnet, besides striking out 19 men, hit a two-run homer. Good luck, Garnet, it's nice to see a home boy making good. The Star states "Garnet is one of the best sand-lot pitchers in this county."

July 1, 1955 - Robert Grant Lauzon, son of Mr. & Mrs. Napoleon Lauzon and Miss Donna Jean Trudelle, daughter of Mr. Trudelle, of Vancouver, B.C. and the late Mrs. Trudelle, were married at high noon, on Saturday, at St. Mary's Church with the Rev. Fr. J.A. Jordan officiating. The wedding dinner was at the home of the groom's parents, and the reception, in the evening, at St. Mary's Hall. They were married June 25th, 1955.

July 1, 1955 - Mrs. Alcide Chateneauf of Windsor; Mrs. Robert Sexton and Miss Agnes Sexton were joint hostesses at Mario's Restaurant, Windsor, with a miscellaneous shower, honoring Miss Mary Patricia Eccles, of London. Buncos was enjoyed with prizes going to Clare McLean, Shirley Walker, and Patsy Sexton of Detroit. The tally prize went to Mrs. Alfred Byrne, of Woodilee. Pat received many lovely gifts and her marriage to Paul Edward Sexton will take place at St. Peter's Cathedral, London on July 16th, at 11 a.m. EDST, with reception at 2.30 p.m., at Braemar Lodge. Groom is the son of Edward C. Sexton and the late Mrs. Sexton and the bride is the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Eccles, of Kingston. Edward Sexton and daughters, Agnes and Marion, entertained at a family dinner on Sunday to honour "Pat" Eccles of London and Kingston and Paul E. Sexton, who flew in from Fredericton, N.B. on Friday evening.

July 15, 1955 - Stanley and Ralph Sexton have started to build their new barn. The old one was destroyed by fire some time ago.

July 29, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Gerard O'Neil (the former Josephine John Guiley) and son Michael left on Sunday for a week's stay at Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Neil's in Downeyville, Ont. to attend the golden wedding anniversary, of Gerard's parents.

Aug. 12, 1955 - Albert Pittman, aged 60 years, died on Thursday in Windsor. Mr. Pittman lived here years ago with his parents on the farm formerly owned by Dennis Donovan on the Malden Road. One of his sisters, Alice, (Mrs. Morris Rounding) lives in Oldcastle.

Aug. 12, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jobin entertained on Thursday for relatives and friends of their niece, Sister Rosalie of the Dominican Order, stationed in Miami, Fla., who is in Grosse Pointe Mich., visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Roberts (nee Alice Jobin) and sisters. Among the guests were Sister's grandmother, Mrs. Irene Jobin, of Windsor. --- It is with deep regret we report the sudden death of Barbara Pearl John.

Aug. 12, 1955 - Barbara Pearl John, age 26 years, beloved wife of Michael John, Jr., passed away on Friday at Hotel Dieu after a day's illness. Mrs. John was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Gilbert, of Park Hill, Ont., where Barbara lived until her marriage, when they came here to live, until two months ago, when they moved into their new home at 138 Cameron Ave., Essex. Deceased was the devoted mother of three small daughters, Carol Ann, Janice and Deborah, and leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, parents and brothers, Leroy and Lawrence, Mrs. Earl Sterling, Marie, of Park Hill; Mrs. John Macko, of Flint, Mich., and Mrs. Leonard Willard, of California. Funeral from Marcotte Funeral Home, Monday, at 10 a.m. to St. Mary's Church with burial in the cemetery. Rev. Fr. J.A. Jordan officiated. The pallbearers were Earl Sterling, Hugh Coyle, Harold Bondy, Ronald Holland, Bill Gould and Gerard O'Neil, all husbands of the Michael John Srs. daughters.

Aug. 26, 1955 - Mrs. James Bishoff (Emmajean McCloskey), of Detroit, is convalescing nicely at her home, following an attack of polio. The Sister Kenny treatment was administered for several weeks at Herman Keifer Hospital.

Sept. 7, 1955 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Compeau, whose wedding was solemnized at St. Mary's on Saturday at 9 a.m., when the pastor, the Rev. John A. Jordan united them in marriage at a nuptial mass. The altar was decorated in white and yellow mums in high golden vases, and the bride, Miss Loretta Quinlan was given in marriage by her father, Emmett Quinlan. Looking lovely in an exquisite wedding gown of white lace over satin, a coonnet headpiece held her veil of illusion net.

COMPEAU-QUINLAN WEDDING cont. - The bride carried a cascade bouquet of white flowers. Her sist, Miss Julia Quinlan, R.N., was her maid of honour and was lovely in a lemon-coloured floor length gown of net over nylon. The bridesmaids were attired identically in gowns of shrimp and were Miss Elaine Beneteau and Miss Mary Kay Quinlan. The groomsmen were John Mullins, and Clifford Quinlan. A wedding dinner for the families was followed by a reception for 200 guests. The bride was honoured with a miscellaneous shower in St. Mary's Hall last week. Her mother was Marjorie McAulliffe.

Sept. 2, 1955 - The banns of marriage were published for the first time on Sunday in St. Mary's Church for James Stanley Deehan, son of the late Edward Deehan and Agnes Kane, and Miss Elrose Lewis, daughter of Walter Lewis and Hazel Duval, of St. Joseph's parish, Erie, Mich. Also the banns were published for the second time for Lester Eyraud, son of Florent Eyraud and Clara Kane, and Miss Loretta Cecile Lauzon, daughter of Raymond Lauzon and Martha Joinville of St. Anne's, Tecumseh. The wedding will be an event of Oct. 15th.

Sept. 7, 1955 - Mrs. Thomas Chittle of Los Angeles, Calif., is at her home, after being in Queen of Angels Hospital. While receiving treatments there one of her nurses was a Mrs. Campbell, who had trained at Hotel Dieu here and who formerly resided in Oldcastle.

Sept. 16, 1955 - Congratulations to Donald Anderson and his lovely wife, on their marriage at the United Church, Windsor, last Saturday. Donald is the only son of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Anderson, of the United Church here, and he is a graduate of Assumption University. Mr. & Mrs. Anderson will reside in Toronto where he is studying for the ministry.

Sept. 30, 1955 - Rev. & Mrs. Nathaniel S. Anderson, of Maidstone, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Ann Elizabeth, to James Timothy Flood, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ross C. Flood, Sr., of Maidstone, the wedding to be solemnized in Maidstone United Church, on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 4 p.m.

Sept. 16, 1955 - Judy Sexton, 6-year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sexton, had the misfortune of breaking her arm, the first day of school, with a fall at her home. The arm was x-rayed and put in a cast at Hotel Dieu. Her father Ralph just recently won an aluminum door at the draw on Firemen's Field Day.

Sept. 16, 1955 - Miss Mayme Robinson, R.N., left Willow Run Airport on Tuesday for Denver, Colo where she will visit and attend a class reunion of Mercy Hospital graduates. On her way home, she will stop off in Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis to visit the Fahey families.

Sept. 16th, 1955 - Sincere sympathy to Raymond O'Keefe and children, Michael and Kathleen in the sudden bereavement of a loving wife and devoted mother. Mrs. O'Keefe, only 26 years of age, was the former Mary Gilbert, and leaves to mourn, besides her husband and children, her grieving parents, brothers and sisters. Deceased was a pharmacist and met death in a car accident in Montana, U.S.A., while returning from a two-week's motor trip to British Columbia in a car given her by her husband as a birthday gift. Mr. O'Keefe was flown home by private plane and is hospitalized.

Sept. 23, 1955 - Charles V. Collins, son of Mrs. Maurice Collins, of Windsor, formerly of Maidstone, has been admitted to partnership in the Detroit Certified Accounting Firm of Rutten, Wellington and Co., - Charles with the firm since 1948, is a graduate of the University of Detroit, with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Accountants.

Sept. 23, 1955 - The banns of marriage were published on Sunday at St. Mary's Church for Earl Richard Markham, son of James, Sr., and Marie (Durocher) Markham, and Miss Mary Myrna Bushroe, daughter of Gabriel Bushroe and Loreen Stark, of Erie, Mich. - Following the wedding a breakfast was served with a reception in the Polish Hall, Windsor, for the groom's relatives and friends. Earl and his bride will reside on Highway 98.

Sept. 23, 1955 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Deehan, who have returned from their honeymoon and who will make their home here. Stanley's mother, Mrs. Edward Deehan, is building a new home on Jefferson Blvd. in Riverside. It is with deep regret that her friends and neighbors learned of her moving from St. Mary's, where she is highly respected. It seems from time to time we are called upon to bid farewell to staunch and beloved citizens to make room for the younger generation launching upon their new career as homemakers. And so, as we bid God speed to Mrs. Deehan, we welcome the new Mrs. Deehan.

Sept. 30, 1955 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. James Barry, of Windsor, whose wedding was solemnized at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Fr. D.P. Milne officiating. Mrs. Barry is the former Miss Shirley Maxine Cranston, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Cranston, of Comber, and Jimmie, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Barry of Highway 98.

Oct. 14, 1955 - Among the many who attend the golden anniversary of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and dinner dance in the evening at the Prince Edward Hotel, were Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jobin, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kavanagh, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Washbrook and Mr. & Mrs. Dan. J. McLean.

Oct. 14, 1955 - Rev. Fr. J.P. Gleeson, writes from St. Peter's, Goderich, that it's tough to be getting old, he having had his birthday last week. Says he is feeling well, but slowing up- the Dodger's victory made the blood run faster- but it's so nice to re-live the famous Maidstone Shamrock's victories, and wonders why with such talent at St. Mary's, that we do not have another baseball team, with such stars that play on other teams as the collin's boys, the Flood boys, Ralph Jobin, Frank Lafferty, Tommy McCloskey, Ray Kavanagh, Tommy Malcolm, Garnet Jobin, and those younger generation teen-agers coming up, whose dads starred on the teams of a few years ago. It's something for someone to think about.

Oct. 28, 1955 - Confirmation for a large class will take place at St. Mary's, Nov. 9th., at 7 p.m., when his Excellency, Bishop John C. Cody will officiate and re-dedicate the renovated St. Mary's Church.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Oct. 14, 1955 - One of our most eligible bachelors, James T. Flood, will be married on Sat. afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Maidstone United Church, to the attractive Miss Ruth E. Anderson, only daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Nathaniel S. Anderson. Jim, is the second son of Mr. & Mrs. P. C. Flood, Sr. After the ceremony a reception will be held in the church hall for friends and relatives, and later they will honeymoon on a western motor trip through the States. They will reside in the groom's home on No. 3 Highway, recently purchased.

Oct. 21, 1955 - Gerard O'Neil received the sad news of the death of his father, Michael O'Neil, who died at his home in Downeyville, Ont. on Saturday. Mr. O'Neil left immediately, but his wife, the former Josephine John Guiley, was unable to accompany him, as their son is only two weeks old. The late Mr. O'Neil and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary only a few months ago, and was then in good health.

The John family all gathered at the home of Mr. & Mrs. George John, in Leamington, on Sunday, for the christening of Catherine Ann, their new daughter, at St. Michael's Church. Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Holland (Dolores John) were the godparents. Cathy has three sisters, Veronica, Mary, and Angela, and a brother Christopher.

Nov. 4, 1955 - The annual St. Mary's Bingo in aid of the Building Fund, will take place, Fri., Nov. 4th., at 8.30 p.m. The prizes - fowl, etc., will be worth while. The tickets on the draw for the wool afghan, \$50, \$25, \$15, \$10 cash each and a satin cushion will take place. This popular annual event by St. Mary's Cemetery Board and sponsored this year by the C.W.L

Nov. 18, 1955 - There is a party of 20 who will journey to South Bend, Ind., on Saturday to see the Iowa-Notre Dame game. This is an annual trip and enjoyed by all. Some of those going down on the special N.Y.C. train will be Mr. & Mrs. Wilfrid McCarthy, Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Kuran, Miss Mary O'Brien, the McLean girls, Clare and Chris., Barbara Ward, Shirley Walker, Jay Walker, Bob Raymond, Paul McAuliffe, Pat Meihls, Don L. McLean, Gerry Allen, Norbert and Marcel LeBoeuf and others.

Nov. 18, 1955 - Mr. James Ellis is under the doctor's care. He will be 90 years old on Dec. 12th and has been a very active gentleman in civic affairs in the township of Maidstone, and a highly respected citizen.

Nov. 24, 1955 - The banns of marriage were published for the first time in St. Mary's Church, on Sunday for Paul Jean Dampjouse, son of the late Elie Dampjouse and Sofie Regnier, of St. Clement's parish, McGregor, and Mary Kathleen Davies, daughter of George Davies and Kathleen Norton, of St. Mary's parish. Wedding at St. Mary's on Saturday, Dec. 3rd., at 10 a.m. Reception at the home of Mrs. P. Rivard, at 2066 Olive Road, Windsor.

Nov., 1955 - Dan J. McLean is convalescing at his home after suffering angina pectoris. Dan L. McLean returned on Sunday to Toronto after being home for the weekend.

Nov., 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little spent the weekend in Detroit at the home of Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Ellis, Mrs. Little attending a blessed event shower for her granddaughter, Marion (Mrs. Wm. Ellis).

Sincere sympathy to the Ellis family in the loss of a devoted father, James Ellis, aged 90 yrs., who passed away Tuesday at Hotel Dieu, after a short illness. Mr. Ellis, was a widower, his wife, the former Margaret Kerr having predeceased him in 1926. Left to mourn is a daughter Alma, Mrs. Ruston, of Windsor; Orville, of Detroit; Clarence, of Sandwich South, and Howard of Essex.

Dec. 9, 1955 - We are pleased that Mrs. Kenneth Kirkman of the 8th Conc. knew the slogan on the Good Neighbor Program when she was called on Monday. Kenny is an engineer on the New York Central Railway.

Dec. 9, 1955 - Ben Kosokowsky received the sad news on Monday, Nov. 28th, that his brother Fred Kosokowsky, of Carmel, Sask., had died suddenly of a heart seizure that day. Deceased had visited here for six weeks in the early fall. Mrs. Andrew Willies of West Lorne, who formerly lived in the Gertrude Cole home is a sister, and his daughter Annie, resides in Essex, and who left immediately for the funeral.

Dec. 9, 1955 - We are pleased to report that Pat J. Donovan, pf Windsor and formerly of here, is able to resume his work at the New York Central yard after being away several months when he underwent major operations on his eyes.

Dec. 9, 1955 - Bernard Chittle injured his left hand and have to have his fingers amputated, following an accident with a corn-picker on his farm.

Dec. 9, 1955 - Ronald Shuttleworth, son of Nelson and Marjorie, is in serious condition in Grace Hospital following an accident at the corner of No. 2 Highway and Walker Road, Monday afternoon. Ronald was crossing the road when he was hit by a car resulting in two broken legs and internal injuries.

Dec. 16, 1955 - Mary Patricia John is now a medical technologist, having been notified this week by Wayne University of her successful passing.

Dec. 16, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gould and family have moved into their new home on Highway #114 on acreage purchased from Mrs. F. J. McInnis. Mr. Francis McGinniss, of Lexington, Mich., is improving now after a serious major operation at Harper Hospital, Detroit after being critical last week. His wife, the former Emma Greenway is with him in Detroit.

Dec. 30, 1955 - Bernard Chittle was able to be brought home for Christmas to his wife and family after being hospitalized for weeks following his accident when he lost his fingers and part of his hand in a corn-picker accident. He may have to undergo more surgery and skin grafting.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Jan. 14, 1955, - E.F.P. - ED DEEHAN INSTANTLY KILLED: The community was shocked on Saturday morning to learn of the death of Edward Deehan whose car was hit by No. 47 of the New York Central Railway at the grade crossing here. Returning to his home about 9.25 a.m. from the village, Mr. Deehan had stopped at the crossing to let an east bound freight pass, and when a truck started to cross, Mr. Deehan, no doubt, did not see the westbound flyer approaching. The train was running about two hours late, so it made it seem a matter of fate. Mr. Deehan, a highly respected farmer, was a most careful driver. He was born here at Maidstone, on February 14th, 1884, son of the late James Deehan and Elizabeth Robinson, and has resided here all his life. He married Agnes Kane, Nov. 29th, 1911, who survives, and raised a big family on the farm he prided highly. There were three sons, Roy, who died in 1929, and Ted and Stanley, who survive to mourn his loss; also eight daughters, Margaret, Mrs. John Hayes of Detroit; Frances, Mrs. Gordon Thoms, of Windsor; Miss Edna of Detroit; Grace, Mrs. Norbert Plunkett, of Detroit; Mary, Mrs. Arsene Drouillard, of McGregor; Catherine, Mrs. Leonard Trottier, of Chatham; Vera, Mrs. William Langlois, Miss Odella, R.N., of Detroit; three brothers, John Deehan of Kincardine; Walter, of Windsor; Ernest, of Maidstone; four sisters, Jennie, Mrs. Neil Ponabaker, of Hespeler; Mae, Mrs. Pat Ryder, of Detroit; Ada Belle, Mrs. Alex. Allen, and Myrtle, Mrs. Pat Donovan, both of Windsor. There are 23 grandchildren. He was a devout member of St. Mary's Church and belonged to the Holy Name Society and the League of the Sacred Heart. Funeral was held Tuesday morning from the family home to St. Mary's Church at 10 a.m. Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan officiated and burial was in the family plot. Mr. Deehan was highly respected and one of the best neighbors you could have, as the hundreds who extended their sympathy to the family attested. He had a quiet disposition and was an exemplary living man, and enjoyed his family and farm, as he was a most successful farmer. His was one of the largest funerals of St. Mary's, showing the deep esteem held for the deceased. The pallbearers were Edward and Emmett Quinlan, John Renaud, Sylvester McGuire, Thomas Shanahan, and Florent Eyraud. The deceased was 70 years old.

July 22, 1955, E.F.P. - Walter Francis Grabish, Jr., age 10 years, son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Grabish, of Chiver Road, Windsor, was drowned in the Detroit River on Wednesday evening. Walter was born here when his parents resided in the John D. Walker home and is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bachmeier, of Leamington, who lived in Dan McLean's house 10 years ago. Deceased was playing on a plank with other boys of his age, and although he could swim, in some manner slipped under the board and did not come up. He was a student at St. Ann's School and his funeral was held on Monday morning from Windsor Funeral Home to St. Ann's Church, with burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery. Besides his parents and grandparents he is survived by a sister Katherine and a brother Stanley.

December 9, 1955, E.F.P. - Ronald Shuttleworth, age 20 years, suffered two broken legs at Walker Road and No. 2 Hwy., when he was hit by a car while crossing the highway on his way to work at Chrysler's Monday afternoon. Ronald underwent an operation on his leg and another inward operation in the night, and is in Metropolitan Hospital. He will be there for some weeks. Ron is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Shuttleworth of North Talbot Road.

Aug. 9th, 1955, Windsor Star - Two Chicao school teachers were hospitalized Monday night after their car was in collision at Highway 98 and Walker Road with a truck laden with sides of beef. Miss Irene Goldfarb, 28, driver and her companion, Miss Anne Fishman, were taken to Hotel Dieu. The truck owned and driven by Mr. James Weston, 34, of R. R. 3, Maidstone, North Talbot Road, landed on its side but Mr. Weston and his young son were uninjured. Traffic was tied up at the busy intersection for more than half an hour after the accident at about 7 p.m. Damage to the truck and its load was estimated at over \$800 by Constable Howard Lemon of the Essex O.P.P., who investigated. Mr. Weston has just passed away in January, 1986 as this was written up at the age of 65 years following a bout with cancer of the stomach.

January 13, 1956 - Thomas E. Barnes, 77 yrs., passed away. He was a former Maidstone Township Councillor.

May, 1956, E. F. P. - Most fellas have a pet or two but the young set at Sid Shuttleworth's have two or three. Last year their menagerie included a pet rabbit, raccoon and a stinker. You can guess what a stinker is. Just plain skunk. Most stories of the skunk family are not pleasant but the young Shuttleworth's association with the skunks is a happy one. Mr. skunk plays around with his farm friends as any cat would without so much as one little squirt of backwoods perfume. Sorry to say Sid doesn't trust "Skunky" like the youngsters which adds to the old saying "there is no colour line among the very young". Taken out of Carson Jessop's Oldcastle Highlights column.

MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Dec. 23, 1955 - Eddie Dunn, age 73 years, of Sandwich East, died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday morning on his way to be hospitalized in Metropolitan Hospital. Deceased was the son of the late Edward and Sabina Dunn who resided for years in Sandwich South and was a painter. He is survived by two brothers, Thomas and Fred of Sandwich East, and two sisters, Mae, (Mrs. Omer Jacques), of Tecumseh, and Eileen, (Mrs. Earl Chamberlain), of Detroit. He was predeceased by his parents, another sister, Rose Ann, and brothers, Hiram, Henry, John and Eli. Funeral was held on Wednesday at 9 a.m. from Marcotte Funeral Home to St. Theresa's Church with interment in Our Lady of The Lake Cemetery.

December 23, 1955 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They were pleasantly surprised when their son, Wallace A. of St. Thomas spent the weekend with them, and on Sunday, their daughter Florence (Mrs. O. J. Ellis) and her husband Orville and family along with relatives and friends dropped in to spend the day.

Dec. 30, 1955 - Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Sexton, of Montreal, Que., flew in Thursday evening and left Tuesday a.m., after spending the Christmas season with Paul's father, Edward C. Sexton and family, his grandmother Mrs. John E. Sexton, and many friends and relatives.

Jan. 6, 1956 - Mrs. "Mike" McCloskey (Mary) and daughters Mary Ann flew to Toronto on Monday with Mr. McCloskey, who are to purchase a new home and Mary Ann is to enroll in the second semester of high school. A collection of donations will be presented to them before they leave to make their home in Toronto where Mr. McCloskey has been transferred from the Ford Motor Company. This family will be greatly missed as Mike was most civic minded and one of the best church workers at St. Mary's. He was very active in sports also.

Jan 6, 1956 - Among the congratulatory messages and cards received by Don L. McLean, on receiving his chartered accountants degree, was one from the Hon. Paul Martin, M.P., from Ottawa. Mr. Martin, although with a full program of activities and duties in his many capacities, is always thoughtful and ready to send messages to people in all walks of life, and this one is deeply appreciated.

Jan. 6, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy's mother, Mrs. Primeau, and Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Halford, all of Detroit, motored to Lindsay, Ont., Saturday morning on receiving the sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. Primeau's brother, "High" Meahon, a retired movie owner of Lindsay. Mr. Meahon is also the brother-in-law of Mrs. Halford. Besides his wife, the former Helen Cote, B.M., he leaves a sister. They remained until Tuesday for the funeral. Mr. Meahon died of a heart seizure.

Jan. 6, 1956 - Thank you's from Arnold Axcell, Mail Courier and from Charles Smith of the Sun who has always been remembered at Christmas with a fund, and also Mrs. Annie Markham, for herself and staff thanks for all the lovely gifts they received at Christmas Time.

Jan. 13, 1956 - We are sorry to report the hospitalization of: Roy Hartley, who had to return to Metropolitan Hospital for more skin grafting on his leg which was broken three years ago and has not completely healed; Mrs. Beulah McCloskey who was taken to Hotel Dieu on Friday evening after suffering a relapse of pneumonia and is suffering from bronchial asthma; and Charles Washbrook, who was rushed to Grace Hospital early Friday morning after suffering a coronary heart attack at his home and is in an oxygen tent.

Jan. 13, 1956 - Con Meahan suffered an embolism and is being cared for by his daughters at his home. Sandwich South's grand old man will be 89 years old this Friday the 13th.

Jan. 13, 1956 - Mrs. John Chittle, Sr., of Buckingham Drive, Windsor, is in Hotel Dieu for observation.

Sorry to report that John McAuliffe, the grand old man of the township, is under the doctor's care suffering with sciatica.

Jan. 13, 1956 - There was sadness in the village on Monday, when the van pulled out for Willowdale, Ontario, with the personal belongings of Mr. & Mrs. Michael I. McCloskey and family. Mike will be missed, especially at St. Mary's where he was one of the best workers of the parish, being in the Choir and Holy Name Society. He was also president and secretary of the Sandwich South Liberal Assoc. "Mary" will be especially missed by her mother, Mrs. Annie Markham and was active in the Altar Society and Catholic Women's League. Their daughter, Mary Ann, enrolled last week in a high school in Toronto, having been attending Essex High School. Michael, Jr., was an altar boy and is in the entrance class. The little playmates and school chums will indeed miss Agnes, Catherine and Barbara. And so what is St. Mary's loss will be St. Gabriel's parish good fortune in having this active family as their new parishioners. On Friday evening, the friends and neighbors presented them with a going-away gift, a chesterfield set of end tables with lamps, a coffee table and floor lamp, and Mike's bowling club gave him luggage.

Feb. 3, 1956 - Gerry McLean attended the Dad's and Lad's Banquet at the Prince Edward Hotel, Tuesday evening, when all the teams of Assumption, who were champions in the W.O.S.S.A. and city champions received their Letters, Trophies and Prizes. Gerry had to attend alone as his dad is still convalescing from the heart attacks. - Ronald Shuttleworth came home from Metropolitan Hospital Sat. after being in there for the past two months following an automobile accident.

Feb. 10, 1956 - Mrs. Beulah McCloskey has suffered a relapse and is at her home. Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Brown sponsored a Euchre party in her honour and thanks all those who attended, and to Vernon Neilson for his donation and for him giving a prize, and to all who contributed to the success of the endeavour. To the Bowling Team for the gifts and to those of the Bowling League who remembered her. Mrs. McCloskey has been ill 6 weeks and was hospitalized for two weeks.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Feb. 10, 1956 - Congratulations are in order again this year for three pupils of No. 7 School, whose teacher is Margaret Lucille (Sister), who have won the Penmanship Merit Award of the Trades Alphabet Merit Award in handwriting. Gary Deehan, the second year, Danny Hebert and Agnes McCloskey being the winners. - We are sorry to report that Donald Anderson, who is in college studying for the Ministry had the misfortune to break his ankle while playing hockey. Donald has his leg in a cast and will be laid up for seven weeks. - Dan. L. McLean arrived home on Sunday from Toronto and wishes to thank his friends and relatives who remembered him with lovely cards, letters and telegram, last week, when he graduated at the Royal York Hotel with his Chartered Accountant's Degree received from the Institute of Chartered Accountants. - The many new friends of Mederic Belleperche are hoping for a successful eye operation. On Thursday, he underwent surgery for the removal of a cataract at Hotel Dieu. He has only recently been pensioned from the Hydro Electric Co. - Sympathies are extended to the families of the late Elmer Quick, aged 62 years and Richard Hammond, aged 79 yrs. Both bachelors died last week after short illnesses and were buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. Mr. Hammond was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Hamond and is survived by two brothers, George of Windsor and Jack of Leamington and one sister, Mrs. Jessie Robinson of Mount Brydges, Ont. - Sister Elvan Joseph (Kathleen Lachance) of the Sisters of the Holy Name, has been moved to St. Mary's Academy, South Windsor, from Montreal, and her many friends will be able to visit her after the Lenten season. - John Christopher, son of Mr. & Mrs. Emmett McCarthy, was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 5th with Rev. J. A. Jordon officiating. The godparents were Miss Cecilia McCarthy and Robert McCarthy. - Sympathy to Mrs. John Plant in the loss of her brother Henry Fitzpatrick of Windsor, who passed away this week. This is four brothers Mrs. Plant has buried in the last 15 months. The late Matthew, Dennis and William Fitzpatrick being the others. - We are sorry to report that Mrs. Pat. Larkin, of Detroit, who is caring for her invalid mother, Mrs. Theresa O'Keefe, fell, in her home, and has a dislocated shoulder, besides other complications. - We are sorry to report that John McAuliffe's condition is only fair, and is still in the hospital. His birthday will be next Wed. It would be nice to shower him with get-well cards.

Feb. 24, 1956 - Mrs. Clarence Marshall has returned from Detroit after visiting with her new granddaughter, Juliana, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry McLean and with her grandson Richard C. - Mrs. Arthur J. Fisher, designer for A. J. Fisher Flowers, attended the Michigan Florist Association Design School for three days at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit. The Trade Fair was held in conjunction with this outstanding annual event. There were many exclusive designers present, from many parts of the USA and Montreal, who made up the new look in advanced floral pieces with the over abundance of exquisite flowers shown in for this exclusive showing of floral arrangements.

March 20, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Florent Eyraud had their auction sale on Monday, having sold their farm to Mr. & Mrs. Phillips. Mr. Eyraud is retiring and is building their new home in Bell River. - Mr. & Mrs. Ray Belleau acted as Godparents on Sunday, at the baptism, at Holy Name of Mary Church, for their niece, Mary Louise, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Belleau (Patricia McCann). A dinner followed at their home, and the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Belleau and Mr. & Mrs. Vince McCann, were among the guests. - Miss Ellen (Nell) Conroy, aged 82, passed away in Essex, at the home of her brother, Stephen Conroy, where she has made her home since the passing of Mr. Conroy's wife (Loretta Collins). Deceased was born in Maidstone Township, where she resided before going to Detroit as a young woman, where she worked until her retirement. Miss Conroy was an exemplary Catholic and was of a quiet, companionable disposition. Funeral held on Monday morning from Dodson & Haskirk Funeral Home to Holy Name of Mary Church with Rev. Fr. I. O'Neil officiating and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. The Conroy family worshipped here at St. Mary's when they lived on the farm on 7th Con. Maidstone, for many years. - Dan V. Sexton, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sexton, Sr., will take as his bride Miss Jean LaFrance, at St. Agnes Church, Detroit, early in April. Terrence and Mary Ann Collins will be the attendants. The happy young couple will honeymoon in Fla. and later make their home in Detroit. Dan V. is an Assumption graduate and served in the USA Army and is on the staff of General Electric.

Apr. 13, 1956 - Miss Barbara Ward and Miss Shirley Walker left last Friday evening from Willow Run Airport, for a vacation in Jamaica, B.W.I. - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dan V. Sexton of Detroit, whose quiet spring wedding was solemnized on Saturday morning, 10 a.m., at St. Agnes Church, Detroit. Rev. Fr. Cook officiated at a double ring ceremony and sang Nuptial High Mass. The bride, Jean LaFrance, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howard P. LaFrance, of Port Huron, Mich., with her blonde loveliness, was radiant in her ballerina length white taffeta New-York creation gown. Her head piece was white taffeta and had attached a short illusion veil and she carried a white prayer book topped with a white orchid and satin ribbon. On leaving the church the bride donned a white linen duster. The attendants were the bride-groom's nephew and niece, Terrence Collins and Miss Mary Ann Collins. Mary Ann's gown was identical to the bride's, only the colour was blush pink with pink accessories. Her colonial bouquet was pink carnations and her duster was light blue. The bride's mother, Mrs. LaFrance, was lovely in Faille beige suit and pink accessories and her corsage was of pink carnations. The groom's mother, Mrs. Sexton, was radiant in an orchid gown, pink hat, shoes and purse and her corsage was pink feathered carnations, and she wore a beige faille duster. A wedding breakfast at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sexton, Sr., followed the church ceremony. The happy young couple left for a honeymoon in Florida and will reside in Detroit.

April 13, 1956 - The C.W. League's April meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stanley Deehan. Much was enjoyed with prizes going to Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky, Mrs. Francis St. Louis, proceeds \$16.50. Door prize won by Mrs. F. St. Louis. The hostess served a delicious tea. The yearly financial report was read showing the net proceeds from Apr. 1st, 1955 to March 31st., 1956 to be \$2,207.01, of this Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordon, was given \$1700.00 towards the building fund. This was a successful year for the executive, Mrs. Gordon O'Neil, president, Mrs. Ralph Sexton, treasurer, and Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky, secretary and on the nominating committee which unanimously elected the same slate of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. O'Neil thanked everyone who helped make it a successful year. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ted Austin on May 8th at 1.30 p.m.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

May 4, 1956 - On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Miss Barbara Anne Halford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Halford, will be married at Gesu Church, Detroit, to G. Richard Villeneuve, Jr., Barbara has asked her sister Elizabeth Marie to be her maid of honour, and her cousin, Catherine Agnes, to be bridesmaid. "Dick" has asked Barbara's cousin, Dan L. McLean, who will arrive home from Toronto on Friday and a friend, to be groomsmen. Gerald O. McLean and Arthur C. McPharlin, Jr. will be ushers. A reception for 125 guests will follow the wedding breakfast at Notsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

April 27, 1956 - Arnold Axcell had a good well drilled by Heil Brothers. - Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Larkin, of Oakman Blvd., Detroit, entertained at a family dinner on Sunday honoring Mrs. Larkin's neice, Miss Veronica Campbell, R.N., whose marriage will take place on May 5th at Immaculate Conception Church, Windsor, with Mr. Larkin giving his neice in marriage to Mr. Wilson of Windsor. Veronica is the oldest daughter of Mrs. John Campbell, of Leawington, and the late Mr. Campbell.

April 27, 1956 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Lawrence Moore (Blanche) of Essex, in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Susan (nee Burke) Totten, (widow of William Totten) of Windsor. The Tottens resided here at Maidstone many years ago. - Congratulations to Sheila Kane, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kane, of South Windsor, on her winning first prize at the Windsor Music Festival on Tuesday. Sheila won by playing the piano in Class 2.

April 27, 1956 - Cornelius Beahan passed away peacefully at his home on No. 3 Hwy. on Thursday evening, April 19th, after a six month's illness. Mr. Beahan was one of Sandwich South's most highly respected citizens, having been born here 89 years ago last January. Deceased had been employed by the railway in his early years as a fencer and retired from farming 15 years ago. He was married to Elizabeth Robinson, who is left to mourn his passing, as well as two sons, Francis of Windsor and Albert at home; and five daughters, Julia, R.N. (Mrs. Duncan Campbell, Riverside); Bessie, R.N. Mrs. Samuel Newman), now stationed in Germany; Monica, (Mrs. Ernest St. Louis), Windsor; Lyola and Rosemary, R.N., at home; also five grandchildren. Funeral was held on Monday morning from Marcotte's Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church, with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. The pallbearers were Ray Battersby and his son John, Robert Hergott and three of his nephews, Archie Beahan, and Jim Beahan's two sons.

May 4, 1956 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Webster (nee Ida Newton), of Windsor, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Ray T. Webster, of Riverside Drive, entertained on Saturday afternoon for the happy couple. George was born here at Maidstone on No. 3 Hwy. and was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Webster (nee Sobina Little), but has resided in Windsor on Dougall Ave. for the past fifty years and was a Ford Tool and Die Foreman, before retiring a few years ago.

May 18, 1956 - Mrs. Patrick McLean is improving from her three weeks illness and her many friends are hoping for good health for her.

May 18, 1956 - There were many happy gatherings for Mother's Day in the homes of this vicinity. Mr. & Mrs. Jack "J.B." Brown of Livonia, Mich., and Mrs. Wm. Davies Sr., of Roseland, called on the D.J. McLean family, Mrs. McLean being J. B.'s godmother. Dan J. McLean was happy to have his grandson Richard and Mr. & Mrs. John J. McLean, of East Detroit, home for a Sunday visit. "D.J." is still confined to his bed after being stricken six months ago with angina pectoris and is suffering doubly with arthritis.

May 18, 1956 - Sorry to report that Leo R. Greenway had to undergo major surgery on Tues. morning this week, at Olive View Sanitorium, San Fernando, Cal., 25 miles north of Los Angeles.

May 18, 1956 - Mrs. Harold Bondy and sons Edward and Joseph, of Riverside, are staying with her mother, Mrs. Michael John, while Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Coyle (nee Mary John) are on a two-week's vacation motor trip to visit Hugh's mother in College Pointe, N.Y., and friends in Miami, Florida. When the Coyles return, Hugh will be connected with McColl-Frontenac Oil Company as a salesman. Mr. Coyle will graduate from Assumption University on June 2nd.

May 18, 1956 - Miss Julia Quinlan, R.N., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Quinlan, a popular June bride-elect, will be honored at a shower on Monday evening at Shawnee Gun Club. Julia will become the bride of Hohnnie Mullins, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullins, at St. Mary's Church, June 9th.

May 18, 1956 - Miss June St. Louis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Heman St. Louis and Miss Sheila Jobin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Jobin, are among a group of grade 11 students of Essex District High School who will leave on Monday for Ottawa to tour our Parliament Buildings. Miss Helen Murphy and Mr. Monteith, of Essex High School, will accompany the students. Murray Clark, M.P., will entertain the group while in Ottawa.

May 18, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. John D. Walker, son Robert and daughters, Shirley A., Joanne and Linda, attended open house on Sunday afternoon at Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fitzsimons Jr.'s home in Detroit on the occasion of their son John J. III having received his first holy communion that morning.

June 1, 1956 - Forty-one little seven year old children received their first holy communion at the 8.30 o'clock Mass to a capacity-filled St. Mary's Church. The children marched from the hall, the girls dressed in white dresses, and veils and wreaths of flowers and the boys in dark trousers, white blouses and white ribbon bows.

June 1, 1956 - Many relatives and friends in this vicinity attended the lovely wedding in Windsor at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday morning of Miss Patricia McCann, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chris. McCann (nee Gloria Roy) to Wilfred Belleau.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

June 8, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Little motored from St. Thomas, on Monday, and spent a few days with Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little and other relatives. Margaret's mother, Mrs. James Croft returned with them for a few weeks visit.

June 8, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Holland entertained in their new home, on Saturday evening, honouring Hugh Coyle, who received his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Assumption University. Hugh's mother and brother flew in from College, N.Y. for the occasion.

June 15, 1956 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie T. Mullins (nee Julia Quinlan, P.N.) on their marriage at St. Mary's Church on Saturday morning. It was a beautiful wedding on an ideal June day. A large dinner followed at Lakewood Golf Club and they are on their honeymoon.

June 15, 1956 - Dan L. McLean, and Mrs. Harry McRae (Ellen O'Brien) of Roseland, uncle and aunt of Mary Suzanne McLean, acted as godparents at her baptism at St. Veronica's Church, Detroit, on Sunday with Rev. Fr. Thompson officiating. Mr. & Mrs. John J. McLean, Mary Sue's parents entertained at dinner following the christening. Mrs. Madeline O'Brien and Mrs. Dan J. McLean, the baby's grandmothers, and Ann, Patricia and Cathy McRae, were also guests.

June 15, 1956 - Mrs. Julian Barker, (nee Annie Reilly), Mrs. Margaret McGuire, and Mrs. Martin, (nee Ellen Reilly Major), of Detroit, were recent visitors of Dan J. McLean, who is still confined to his bed after seven months of a heart ailment.

June 18, 1956 - The many friends and relatives in this community of Mrs. Irene Jobin will be pleased to know that she was able to be brought to her home, 961 Moy Ave., Windsor, after over seven months in Hotel Dieu. She is now able to walk with a cane. Mrs. Jobin will celebrate her 81st birthday on June 25th. She is the sister of Frank Jobin of R.R. 3, Maidstone.

June 22, 1956 - The London Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church centennial was portrayed on Channel 9, Sunday afternoon and was very interesting in tracing the "Ten Decades of Faith" of the founding of the diocese, and the ensuing "follow up" of the growth of the diocese from one church, Assumption, at Sandwich, to over a hundred churches in the hundred years of foundation. The diocese is compiling a spiritual gift to the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, from all members of the diocese, in thanksgiving for all the blessings received during the past 100 years.

June 22, 1956 - Congratulations to Dr. Frank Joseph Moran, of Detroit, son of Frank P. Moran and Clarice Sullivan (daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sullivan) who was graduated from Wayne University last week and who will interne at Mount Carmel Hospital, Detroit. Dr. Moran is a first cousin of Rev. Frs. Mooney, of Woodslee and a grandson of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Moran, of Woodslee and a nephew of Rev. Mother Winnifreda and Sister Norbert of the St. Joseph Order, London.

June 22, 1956 - Thomas Charles Allen (T.C.A.) infant son of Harold and Ruth (nee Donovan) Allen, was baptized at St. Mary's Church on Sunday with Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan officiating. The godparents were James O'Connell of Detroit, the baby's grand uncle, and Norma Allen, his aunt. The baby was named for his great-grandfather, Thomas Allen and his grandfather, Charles Allen. The parents entertained at dinner and the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Pat J. Donovan, of Windsor, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Allen were guests.

June 29, 1956 - Carole Markham won the jackpot Tuesday on the Good Neighbor Program on QJLW.

June 29, 1956 - Sister Mary Philip, of the Servite Order of East St. Louis, Ill., spent a few days at her home. Mrs. Vincent McCloskey entertained at a family gathering, honouring Sister. Mrs. Iraing Dubrick (nee Mary Ann McCloskey, of Wagersville, Ont., also spent a few days at her home visiting with her sister. Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Dubrick motored down on Sunday to take his mother home.

Congratulations to Doreen Barrette and her husband on the happy occasion of their marriage on Saturday morning. Doreen is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Barrette who purchased the Henry Collins farm a few years ago. Mr. & Mrs. Barrette, a highly respected couple with a grand family, entertained at a wedding reception honoring the newly weds, at their home, for relatives, friends and neighbors. Best wishes and much happiness is wished the young couple.

June 29th, 1956 - Sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. John Plant (nee Fitzpatrick) who passed away at her home on the 16th concession on Tuesday night of a heart ailment. Deceased is survived by a son Charles on the home place and two daughters, Erna, (Mrs. Louis Reicker) and Mrs. Gertrude Curtis, both of Detroit.

June 26, 1956 - The many friends of Mrs. Patrick Larkin will be pleased to know she is convalescing nicely at her home following an operation at Hotel Dieu. Her niece Veronica, P.N., took care of her and her husband Paddy and sister, Mrs. Russell Robinson, cared for her mother, Mrs. Theresa O'Keefe, while she was hospitalized.

July 2, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael McCloskey, daughters, Mary Ann, Cathy and Barbara, and son, Michael, Jr., are visiting with Mrs. Annie Markham, and relatives and friends from their new home in Willowdale, Ont. Mike and Mary Ann returning after Dominion Day, with Mary and the rest of the family remaining for an indefinite time.

July 6, 1956 - Mrs. Emmett McCarthy entertained delightfully at her home honoring Miss Mary McCarthy, a popular July bride-elect. There were 40 guests and door prizes were won by Mrs. Michael L. McCloskey, and Mrs. James D. Quinlan. The bride was assisted in opening her many beautiful gifts by her sister Cecilia, who will be Mary's brides-maid at her wedding Tuesday, July 10th, at St. Ambrose Church, Detroit. A delicious supper was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Leonard McCarthy, of Detroit and Mrs. John Hebert.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

July 6, 1956 - Captain Thomas M. Webster, age 70 years passed away after a two-month illness in Evanston, Ill. "Tommy" was the oldest son of the late Thomas Webster and Sabina Little Webster, former residents of No. 3 Highway. Deceased was born in Walkerville, where his late father worked for Hiram Walker Company. As a young man he moved to Illinois. He is survived by his wife Clara Wunder; two daughters, Kay, Mrs. Paige Kellam, and Clara, Mrs. Thos. Sublett, both of Chicago, Ill.; one brother, George Webster, and two sisters, Madeline (Mrs. J. E. Tyrer), both of Windsor, and Mary (Mrs. R. W. Judkins) of Detroit. Funeral was held in Evanston, Ill., on Tuesday.

July 13, 1956 - To our Maidstone mayor and local blacksmith, milkman and other trades, "Bus" Bernard Collins, we hope he soon recovers. We will buy him "two dead dogs wrapped in dough", with coffee to boot when he recovers. So says Mrs. Bernadette McLean, local column writer for Essex Free Press.

July 13, 1956 - We are sorry to report that Mrs. Thomas Carter is in Grace Hospital under observation for injuries received in an auto accident on her way home from her nursing duties at Essex County San.

July 13, 1956 - This vicinity was shocked and saddened on the news of his passing away in his sleep at his Detroit home, of John Hayes, age about 57 years. He was the third son of the late James Hayes and Julia Donovan. Johnny was married 21 years ago to Margaret Deehan, daughter of the late Edward Deehan and Mrs. Annes (Kane) Deehan. He leaves to mourn his sudden passing, his wife and three children, Carole, (who had arrangements made to be married August 25th) Joyce and Earl. Two brothers, Edward, of Detroit, and Frank, of Maidstone Township. A brother Joe predeceased him, Mar. 30th, 1949 and a sister Julia, some years ago. Arrangements for funeral incomplete.

July 13, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Markham and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martin, of Buffalo, N.Y. spent Sunday with Mrs. Ann Markham. Melvin Markham, of Detroit, and Gerry Markham of Windsor, drove to Willowsdale, Ont. and took back Mrs. Mike McCloskey and children, Michael, Agnes, Cathy and Barbara who spent 10 days with her mother, Mrs. Ann Markham and other relatives.

July 13, 1956 - We are indeed sorry to report that Miss Mayme Robinson, R.N. suffered a severe heart attack last week and is in Hotel Dieu for a few weeks for rest. She has always been a friend to all who were sick and a speedy recovery is wished by her many friends.

July 13, 1956 - Lt. Col. Sam Newman and wife, the former Bessie Deahan and son arrived last week from New York where they had disembarked off the Liner bringing them from three years abroad. While abroad they visited most all the countries including Africa, outside the Iron Curtain. They will now make their home in California, as he is attached to the U.S. Army, after a few weeks visit with Bessie's mother, Mrs. Con. Deahan and family.

July 27, 1956 - Eugene St. Louis, Sr. who suffered a heart attack was able to be brought to his home on Sunday from Met. Hospital to convalesce.

Aug. 3, 1956 - The men of Ford of Canada go on vacation Friday, Aug. 3rd., for three weeks. A number had been laid off prior to vacation time.

Mrs. Medric Belleperche entertained at her home on No. 3 Highway, Maidstone, at a buffet luncheon, honouring Mrs. Wilfred McCarthy (Loretta Jobin) who was celebrating her umpteenth birthday. There were 18 guests.

Aug. 3, 1956 - Bernard Collins is able to walk aided by a cane, and his knee is showing improvement following an operation on same three weeks ago.

Aug. 3, 1956 - Again the Municipal Telephone System, with its fire alarm ring, came to the rescue of Russell Robinson on Saturday afternoon, and brought out the surrounding neighbors with a bucket brigade, when fire was discovered in his barn. His home was saved, but his loss of his barn and buildings and five acres of standing wheat will amount to \$15,000. Only a small fire insurance was carried. The Robinson's farm on the 10th concession of Sandwich South and the fire started in the hay mow, where a couple of hundred bales of hay were stored.

Aug. 3, 1956 - Hugh Coyle flew home last week end from Ottawa where he is currently stationed with McColl-Fontenac Co., Ltd. Hugh and his wife Mary (nee John) motored back to Ottawa to spend the last two weeks of his tenure. Mrs. Coyle has resigned her position as medical technologist. Hugh will be moved around for three months before he is permanently established.

Aug. 10, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Earl Markham have excavated for their new home on Highway 114 on the acre they purchased from Don Flood on the late James McAuliffe farm.

Aug. 10, 1956 - Congratulations to the following winners at the Leamington Fair, held this week. 1st prize winner in wheat, Ralph Sexton; 2nd., James Holford, 3rd. Mr. Janisse; 4th, Peter Holford, 5th, Stanley Sexton and 6th, Alfred Byrne, Rochester Township.

Aug. 17, 1956 - Mrs. Bernard Godin and Mrs. Fred Blackburn entertained at the former's home on Thursday evening at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mary Ann Hayes. Miss Gay Hill will entertain Mary Ann's co-workers at Gay's sister's home, Mrs. Gerald O'Brien. Also Mrs. Syd Chevalier (nee Betty Murphy), of Woodslee, entertained on Sunday for Mary Ann at a miscellaneous shower. The banns of marriage were published for the first time Sunday for Mary Ann, youngest daughter of the late Joseph Hayes and Genevieve Barrette Hayes, to Bernard M. Murphy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Murphy. The wedding is to be an event in St. Mary's Church on Sept. 1st., 1956.

Aug. 24, 1956 - Everett McGuire has purchased a farm of 50 acres on the Taylor Sideroad near Essex and they will move there shortly and we wish them much luck as farmers.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Aug. 24, 1956 - Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan writes from Ireland, that he is seeing much of Europe and the U.K. by air and rail. Rev. Fr. O'Neil, C.S.B., is taking care of St. Mary's.

Aug. 24, 1956 - Sister Agatha (Genevieve Halford) has been named Superior at St. Joseph Manor, on Riverside Drive, Windsor, and arrived last week to take over her new duties. Sister has been at Font Bonne, London, for a few years. Sister's many relatives and friends in this vicinity offer her sincere congratulations on her appointment.

Aug. 31, 1956 - The C. W. League of St. Mary's have secured reservations for 50 ladies to attend the "Ladies' Day" television show on Tuesday, Sept. 4th. You must have your tickets in advance and they can be secured from any member of the executive of the C.W.L. The chartered Greyhound bus will leave the Windsor terminal at 10.30 a.m. and return you there after the show. The ladies would like to have a full house, so plan to attend. It's fun.

Aug. 31, 1956 - The third and last banns of marriage were published on Sunday for Bernard Murphy, only son of M. & Mrs. Alphonse Murphy, of St. John's, Woodslee and Miss Mary Ann Hayes, daughter of Mrs. Genevieve (nee Barrate) Hayes and the late Joseph P. Hayes. The wedding to take place at St. Mary's on Saturday at 10 o'clock in the morning, with the pastor, the Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan officiating. Mary Ann has asked her sister Donna (Mrs. Bernard Godin), to be her matron of honor and Mrs. Sydney Chevalier (nee Betty Murphy) and Miss Mary Hergott to be bridesmaids. The groom will be assisted by Bernard Godin and the ushers will be Sydney Chevalier and Raymond Kosokowsky. A wedding breakfast to follow at the bride's home and a dinner at Lappan's and afternoon reception.

Aug. 31, 1956 - Joe McCann, an N.Y.C. brakeman on the Twilite Limited and Wolverine, between Detroit and Chicago, visited on Thursday with Dan J. McLean. Joe celebrated his pension birthday on Sunday. - Miss M. Mary McLean, R.P.N., has returned to her home in Jackson Heights, Long Island N.Y. and her work as a supervisor at M.G.M. Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y., after spending her vacation with her brother, Dan J. and family.

Aug. 31, 1956 - Miss Rita McCloskey, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Leo McCloskey, from her T.B. Hospital work in Alaska, visited on Sunday with Dan J. McLean and family, being accompanied by her mother and sister Bridget, of Windsor.

Aug. 31, 1956 - A number of relatives attended the wedding on Saturday morning at St. Cecilius Church, Detroit, of Miss Carole Hayes, older daughter of Mrs. John Hayes (Margaret Deehan) and the late Mr. Hayes, to Thomas Brosnan, of Detroit. Carole was a Christmas Day baby at Hotel Dieu in 1937. A wedding breakfast followed for the immediate families, and a reception in the afternoon at the Grand River Post Memorial Hall, on Lesure Road.

Aug. 31, 1956 - Robert Hergott, Victor Dunn, Ray Belleau and Cyril Beaudette are all adding additions to their homes. This is a good sign of improvement.

Aug. 31, 1956 - Mrs. Michel O'Neill of Lindsay, Ont., and her daughter, Mrs. Ray McDermid, of Flint, Mich., visited a few days with Mrs. O'Neill's son Gerry and his wife, the former Josephine John Guiley and their son. Michael Guiley visited for two weeks with his aunt, Miss Norma Guiley, R.N., of Livonia, Mich.

Aug. 31, 1956 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Rene Plamondon (Hilda) in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Jessie Sutcliffe, at the age of 73 years, at the home of her daughter, on No. 114 Highway, on August 25th. The Plamondons bought the Thomas Chittle farm last year. Mrs. Sutcliffe was waked at the Windsor Funeral Home and burial was in Quebec City. She is survived by a son Reginald, and another daughter Jessica (Mrs. Philip Bernier) both of Montreal, besides her daughter here, and three sisters, Miss Kitty Hall, Mrs. Lily Burchell and Mrs. Ruth Weatherhog, all of England.

Sept. 14, 1956 - Randy Howard, seven month old son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Rawlins, of 114 Hwy., who reside in the home formerly owned by Vincent Brown, was found dead in his crib on Saturday morning. An autopsy revealed the child had a glandular disorder. Funeral was held from Kennedy Funeral Home on Monday. Randy was the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rawlins, of Leamington, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson, of Blythwood, Ont.

Sept. 14, 1956 - Wesley Carman Johnson, aged 55 years, passed away at Met. Hospital on Sunday following an operation. Mr. Johnson was a well-driller and lived on the Ellis farm on Highway 3, on R. 3, 2, Maidstone. His wife, the former Elizabeth Sinclair, predeceased him in 1952. Dear father of Ronald, Ralph and Albert, all of Essex. Brother of Verna, Mrs. J. St. Aubin of Windsor, and Wilfred of Chatham. Funeral was held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Hick's Funeral Home to Greenlawn Cemetery, Rev. D. A. Facey officiated.

Oct. 5, 1956 - The many friends of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Ryder (nee Mae Deehan) of Detroit, will be sorry to learn they are in critical condition (at this writing) at Hotel Dieu following an accident Tuesday afternoon on Highway 98 on the dangerous curve at Mrs. Genevieve Hayes residence. The Ryders were travelling east, on their way to visit Mrs. Ryder's daughter Marjorie, Mrs. Emmett Quinlan, when a car travelling east also, hit them, and overturned their car in the ditch.

Oct. 5, 1956 - Freddie Jobin, 18 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Jobin of Highway 98, is progressing favorably in Met. Hospital where he was taken Saturday morning following an auto accident in Essex.

Oct. 5, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Blake Estabrooke and family of London were weekend guests of Helen's mother, Mrs. John E. Sexton and brother Stan. The Estabrooke's witnessed the first fatality on Highway 401.

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## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Sept., 1956 - Congratulations to Sister Catherine Renaud, of the Order of Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph of Hotel Dieu, who through many years of faithful service from 1944 to 1956 at the Home of St. John the Evangelist, saw the urgent need for bigger accommodations for a Home for the Aged. Sister Renaud was born on the 7th Concession of Maidstone Township, the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Alex Renaud, and received her early education at Sacred Heart (No. 2) School. On Sunday, the beautiful modern, million dollar Villa Maria was opened to the public at the dedication services by Most Rev. John C. Cody, D.D., L.D.D., Bishop of London. A reception followed the program. Villa Maria has a capacity of 131 beds with a waiting list of 115. The first home for elderly people in 1944 had only 14 beds which grew with the purchase of two additional homes to 56. These facilities are operated on a non-denominational basis. Villa Maria is located at 2856 Riverside Drive, West, at the Ambassador Bridge, and is truly a beautiful modern home for the Aged of Essex County to live in, over-looking the Detroit River. The Sisters of Hotel Dieu Hospital are to be congratulated for this tremendous under-taking. Copied from Carson Jessop's Oldcastle Highlights.

Oct. 5, 1956 - The banns of marriage were published in St. Mary's Church for Gerard McCarthy, son of the late Robert McCarthy and Mary Toner, and Elizabeth Mary Ryan, daughter of Michael J. Ryan and Marie Guinan, of Mount Carmel parish, Parkhill, Ont. The wedding to be an event of Oct. 10th, on Wednesday, in Mount Carmel Church.

Oct. 5, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Donald Anderson have returned from Saskatchewan where they spent the summer on a mission field at Consul, in Cypress Hills District. After spending a few days with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Newell, of Windsor, and Rev. and Mrs. Anderson, at the Maidstone parsonage, they will return to Toronto. Mrs. Anderson will take up studies at the United Church Training School, and Donald at Emmanuel College, Victoria University.

Oct. 5, 1956 - Sincere sympathy to the family and to the brothers, Harry and Joseph, of Windsor and Sidney and his sister Margaret (Mrs. William Farough, of Sandwich South) of Captain Edward J. Shuttleworth, age 64 years, who passed away suddenly at his summer home, Cedar Beach, on Sept. 28th, of a heart attack. Two sisters, Miss Mary and Miss Elsie Shuttleworth, both pre-deceased him. Deceased was a son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shuttleworth (nee Plant) and was born in Sandwich South. After returning from the First World War, he joined the Windsor Fire Department and would have been pensioned in November. The late Captain Ed was highly respected and held many important positions in the fire department. Funeral was largely attended on Monday at 1 a.m. from Anderson Funeral Home to Victoria Memorial Cemetery with Rev. W. B. Cunningham officiating.

Oct. 19, 1956 - Of interest to many in this community will be the wedding, to be solemnized on Saturday morning at St. Anthony's Church, Harrow, when Gregory Benedict Allen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Allen (Claire Ina Hayes) of Church St., Windsor, and former residents of here, will take as his bride, Miss Denise Margaret Dolf, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Dolf of Harrow.

Oct. 19, 1956 - A week early, nevertheless, most sincere were congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Gerard McCarthy. Gerard's friends honored him with a stag party on Friday evening at the Dominion Golf Club. About 40 men were there and they presented him with a cash gift. Neighbors of Mrs. Robert McCarthy surprised her at her home on Thursday evening with a farewell party, and presented a lovely gift to her and Cecelia, who will reside in Windsor soon. Always a kind and thoughtful neighbor, they assuredly will be greatly missed, after years in St. Mary's parish, where Mrs. McCarthy came as a bride.

Oct. 19, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bondy of River Canard announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucille, to Earl Allen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Allen of Maidstone. The marriage will be solemnized Saturday, Oct. 20th at 9.30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, River Canard.

Oct. 26, 1956 - Mrs. Mary Rounding has sold her farm here in Sandwich South to Roy Hayes and is moving near Sarnia with her son Ronald and daughter-in-law. Best of luck in your new venture.

Oct. 26, 1956 - Kay Collins, whose wedding will be solemnized Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church to Gerald Tracey of Woodslee, has asked her cousin Mary Ann Collins, her girl friend Shirley Walker, and her twin sisters Joan and Jean Collins to be her bridesmaids. Her sister Mary will be her flower girl. A reception will be held at Lakewood on Sat. evening.

Oct. 26, 1956 - Ray Schiel, of Roseville, Mich., son of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Schiel (nee Veronica McCloskey) will be married Saturday morning at St. Joan of Arc Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Nov. 2, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Brown attended a shower for 55 guests in Blessed Sacrament Church Hall given by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Brown, honoring their niece, Miss Mary Russette of Hall Ave. Windsor, who will marry Henry Bellemore of Ford Blvd. at Sacred Heart Church at 10 a.m. Nov. 10th.

Nov. 2, 1956 - Sandra Sexton, through her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Sexton, Jr., wish to thank her schoolmates of No. 5 & 8 School and her teacher, Miss Dallaire, as well as friends and relatives for cards, prayers and gifts when she was hospitalized and underwent an eye operation.

Nov. 2, 1956 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Tracey (nee Kay Collins) on their lovely wedding on Saturday morning at St. Mary's with Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan officiating. Dinner at the Aberdeen, Essex, and a reception for 700 at Lakewood in the evening. The happy young couple are on a honeymoon trip by motor to Buffalo where they will visit the bride's great aunt Mamie and then on to New York to visit the groom's brother Bill - Brother Tracey. They will reside in Woodslee.

Nov. 9, 1956 - Arnold Axcell spent the weekend in Toronto with his cousin Charles Milton and was in attendance at the disputed Leafs-Red Wings Hockey game.

# Sandwich S. Farm Blaze Ca \$15,000 Dama

THE WINDSOR STAR, JULY 28, 1956.

## Torrid Sun Ignites Hay Above Barn

### Animals Rescued In Bid to Save Contents, Machinery

Charred ruin is all that remains of a barn, several sheds, and 10 acres of wheat, as a result of a fire which raged uncontrolled Friday afternoon on the property of Russell Robinson, Concession 10, Sandwich South.

Damage was an estimated \$15,000.

Discounting two tractors, two wagons, several small farm implements and six cows, which were rescued from the flames by the owner and neighbors, the buildings and contents were reported "a complete loss."

In the rescue operation, Mr. Robinson just missed being struck on the head by a falling beam.

Anderdon Twp. firemen arrived at the scene minutes after they received the call, but already the blaze had destroyed barn and buildings and only one corner of a shed remained standing.

Fire trucks were then moved into surrounding wheat fields, but 10 acres of the field were devastated.

Included in the loss were farm machinery, valued at more than \$1,000, 40 rabbits, several chickens, three bicycles, 90 bales of straw, and 200 bushels of oats.

The fire, which started in the loft of the barn, ripped through the structure and spread to within 15 feet of the frame house before firemen brought it under control. Two fire trucks and three hoses were used.

Firemen were summoned by Mr. Robinson, who noticed smoke pouring from the barn about 3 p.m. About 250 bales of dry hay, stored in the loft for over a year, were partially responsible for the rate at which the fire burned, firemen said.

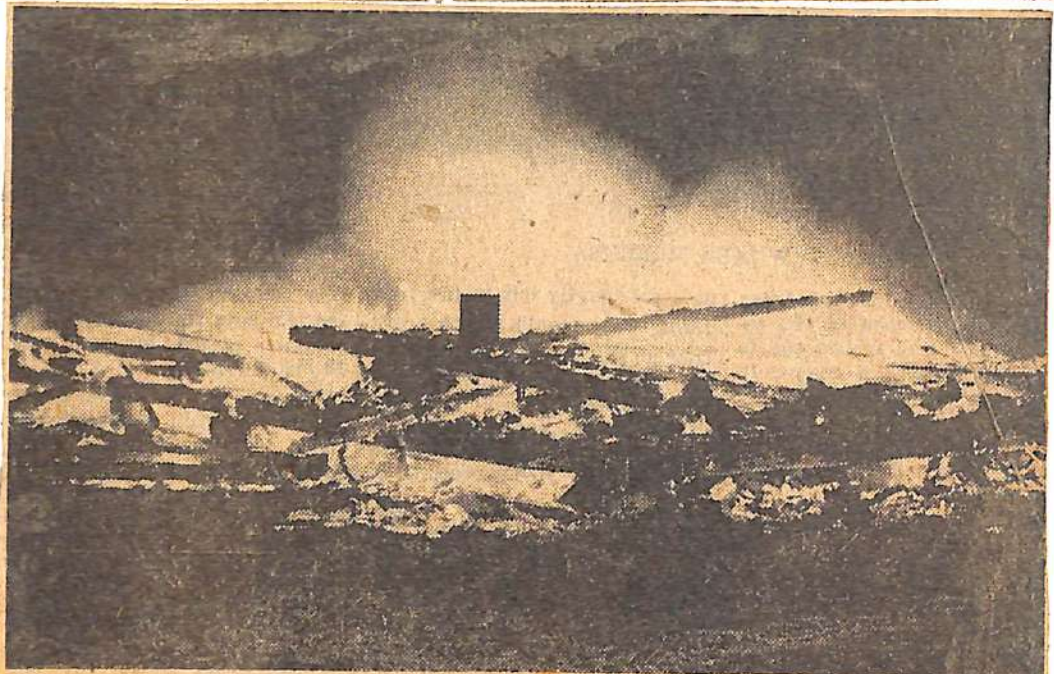
They said it was not uncommon for dried hay, stored in a hot place, to ignite.

Mr. Robinson, his wife, and five children had moved to the farm four years ago, from a nearby farm.

time police estimated almost three miles of bumper to bumper cars on the road of neighbors who came to try and help save the beautiful farm home of Mr. Hayes. There was only \$3,000 of insurance and Mr. Hayes estimated the loss to replace the three barns as close to \$40,000. The oldest barn being 67 yrs old. Mr. Hayes, owner of the 75 acre farm praised the efforts of his cousin, Gordon Jobin, who was able to save thousands of dollars of machinery. During the night of the blaze, Mr. Jobin backed a tractor beside the flaring buildings and hitched a chain on a 150-gallon tank of gasoline which he managed to pull clear. Mr. Hayes received burns to his left hand and arm while attempting to help firemen quell the blaze. Flames leaped 200 feet into the air spewing sparks onto neighboring barns, threatening at one time to destroy two additional buildings. A bucket brigade was formed by neighbors and passing motorists who managed to extinguish a blaze on a roof of an implement shed.



\$15,000 RUINS—A fire which started in the loft of a barn on Concession 10, Sandwich South, Friday afternoon, swept through surrounding small buildings causing an estimated damage of \$15,000. The barn, owned by [unclear] was destroyed. Shown are the charred ruins. (Star Staff Photo)



\$40,000 FARM FIRE — Damage estimated at \$40,000 was caused when a fire levelled three barns on the farm of Joseph Hayes, Con. 9,

Sandwich South, Saturday night. Mr. Hayes suffered burns in attempting to help firemen extinguish the fire.

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April 26, 1957, ESSEX FREE PRESS; A fire of tremendous volume that lit the sky with red fury and could be seen for miles was discovered about 9 p.m., Holy Saturday evening on the farm of Joseph Hayes, on the 9th Concession of Sandwich South. Fire was discovered by Mr. Hayes' daughter, Angela, and sister-in-law, Miss Healy of Detroit, who was a weekend guest. Three barns were destroyed, and Gordon Jobin, cousin and neighbor through heroic efforts on his part saved several thousand dollars of costly farm equipment. At one

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Nov. 9, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Byrne entertained at a family dinner on Sunday at their home in Woodslee. Some of the guests were Mrs. John E. Sexton and Stanley, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sexton and daughters, Suzanne, Judy, Elizabeth and Joan, the latter two having birthdays on the 2nd and 6th respectively, and Mr. & Mrs. Warren Sexton of Detroit.

Nov. 9, 1956 - Catherine Doreen, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Belleau, was baptized at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, with Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan officiating. Harold and Doreen Felix, uncle and aunt of Cathy were the god-parents. The parents entertained at dinner following the christening.

Nov. 9, 1956 - We are pleased to report that Florent Eyraud is showing improvement following a stroke, but are sorry to report that Mrs. Eyraud is not well, having suffered another heart attack.

Nov. 9, 1956 - Harold Slawski, of Detroit, was a Sunday visitor at Dan McLean's. Harold drives a tractor-trailer job to the West Coast and on the last trip visited with John and Bertha (Byrne) Kavanagh and their four children in Phoenix, Ariz. and brought Dan some grapefruit picked at John's. The Kavanagh's are enjoying good health and are happy in their new home and business. Harold also visited the Tom Chittles and John Halford's in Los Angeles. He left Monday morning with a load for Boston, Mass. Harold was presented with a polaroid camera for services for five years without a late load or an accident, and had some pictures taken of the Kavanagh's, Chittle's and Hohn Halford.

Nov. 9, 1956 - Mrs. Leo McCloskey left on Saturday for Kingston, Ont., for an indefinite stay with Mr. & Mrs. Peter McCloskey and their three children.

Nov. 15, 1956 - Mrs. Margaret (nee Moynihan) Lauzan, of Dearborn, Mich., passed away at her home early Tuesday morning. Mrs. Lauzon was the eldest of a large family of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Moynihan. Her youngest sister, Mrs. Frank Flannery (Maude) of Essex survives. Funeral was held this (Thurs.) morning, from Howe and Peterson Funeral Home.

Nov. 16, 1956 - On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a community, miscellaneous shower will be given in the United Church Hall honouring Mr. & Mrs. George Ramsdale on their recent marriage. Mrs. Ramsdale is the former Marion Wright, daughter of Cecil and Lenore Wright and granddaughter of Mrs. Fred Little (nee Grace Pomeroy).

Nov. 16, 1956 - Mrs. Margaret Walsh (nee Moynihan) is in critical condition in the hospital at the County Home for the Aged, Leamington. Mrs. Wilfred McCarthy visited with her on Tuesday.

Nov. 16, 1956 - Mrs. Wilfred Belleau, of Windsor, won \$15 on the Good Neighbor program last week.

Nov. 23, 1956 - Congratulations to Father Sheedy, C.S.B., Bill Lucier, coaches, and to the Assumption High School Football team in winning the second consecutive W.O.S.S.A. Championship when they beat London's Beck Collegiate team 31-6 on Saturday in the Purple Bowl. Great coaching and fine teamwork and a grand bunch of boys.

Nov. 23, 1956 - Sympathy to Vern Levergood and Mrs. Eli Malenfant in the passing of their father Adrian Levergood, who died in Grace Hospital after a long illness and was buried from the Harrow Funeral Home last week.

Nov. 30, 1956 - The Shamrock Baseball Club held a most successful card party in St. Mary's Hall. Proceeds were over \$125 and a delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. Prizes at euchre went to Mrs. "Bud" Hall, Mrs. Emmett J. McCarthy, Miss Mayme Robinson, R.N., Art Green, George Jurecko and Alvin Lassaline. The beautiful door prizes to Jack Libby, Freddy Pheiber, Mrs. Carson Jessop, Chas. Spencer, Mrs. Verne Levergood, Mrs. Frank Kane and Robert Meihls. The special events prize, an extra ordinary clothes hamper, the gift of S. L. Kennedy, to Bob Meihls. Pat L. McAuliffe gave an interesting address and outlined the Shamrock's program. There will be two more parties held in St. Mary's parish hall, dates to be announced later, and it is hoped the social activities will be as successful as this one was. Re-organizing the Shamrocks is a man's job, but with so many of the villagers and surrounding community backing the executive, it can't help but be successful. After all, the youth of our community should be our first objective, to give them a place of recreation, and under the capable supervision of our popular manager, Harry McRae and Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan, himself a chaplain and leader of men in the Canadian Army, and many others, Pat L. McCloskey, "Spin" Brown, Frank J. McCloskey, our councillor Frank Jobin, and many others, we feel sure we'll have, in time, a winner, as in the days of Rev. Fr. J. P. Gleeson, Wilfred Greaves, and John Robinson, now governor of Sandwich gaol. Rev. Fr. Gleeson, of Goderich has already sent a donation. Anyone interested in furthering this cause should send on their donation to the treasurer or manager.

Nov. 30, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. Elmer E. Sexton of Detroit entertained at their lovely home at a turkey dinner. Among the guests were Elmer's mother, Mrs. John E. Sexton, who was celebrating her 86th birthday and her many friends join in wishing her continued good health and best wishes; Elmer's sister Florence and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Byrne of Woodslee, celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, and their many friends offer hearty congratulations, and Edward and Stanley Sexton were among the other guests. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sexton and four daughters spent the American Holiday with Mr. & Mrs. B. J. McIntyre of Detroit, who entertained at a family dinner, being blessed with their two grandsons in attendance.

Dec. 7, 1956 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Lypps (nee Stella Gerard) daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gerard, in the sudden loss of her husband, aged 34 years, who died suddenly on Tuesday, when the box of his dump truck pinned him to his truck.

Dec. 7, 1956 - Sorry to report that Mrs. Pat Ryder (nee Mae Deehan) is still in critical condition in Hotel Dieu where she has been confined many weeks following an auto accident, with a broken leg, two broken wrists and a broken jaw. Husband Pat also in Hotel Dieu suffering a broken leg.

MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

June 1, 1956 - Hearty congratulations to Rev. Fr. Paul Mooney and the Rev. Fr. Thomas Mooney who will sing their first Masses at their home parish, St. John's Woodslee, on Sunday, June 2nd., and to their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mooney (nee Helen Moran) on this happy occasion. This ordination will enter four of the Mooney boys into the Holy Priesthood.

June 1, 1956 - The community was saddened on Saturday morning on receiving the news of the sudden death of William (Bill) Donovan, of Windsor, who died of a heart seizure in the Market parking lot. Bill was born here on Oct. 12th, 1897, the second son of the late Dennis and Theresa (Kane) Donovan. He has lived in Windsor over 20 years after his marriage to Elizabeth Charette Woodruff, who survives. Also surviving is a sister Agnes, Mrs. Al. J. McPharlin and two brothers, Patrick and Leo, all of Windsor. Funeral was held on Monday morning from Marcotte Funeral Home, with interment in Heavenly Rest Cemetery. The pallbearers were six Chrysler co-workers.

June 1., 1956 - Many in this vicinity will be interested in the wedding on Saturday morning at Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church, Ottawa, Ont., of Oliver James Walsh, only son of Mr. & Mrs. John J. Walsh, of Windsor to Miss Constance Cecile Cluffe. Little Geraldine Walsh, the groom's sister, will be flower girl. Johnnie was born here at Maidstone and lived on No. 3 Hwy. in the village until his marriage. The Arpin boys, Donald and Joseph, who are in the wedding party, honored Jim, an Assumption College graduate, at a Stag dinner at Roseland Golf Club on Monday evening. Dan L. McLean was one of the many guests.

Oct. 12, 1956 - We are glad to report that our afternoon telephone operator, Mrs. Roy Hartley, is showing improvement in Metropolitan Hospital, having been taken there on Saturday with bronchial pneumonia. - The village had the street lights turned on last week.

Oct. 12, 1956 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Gerard McCarthy, the former Mary Elizabeth Ryan, of Mount Carmel Church, whose marriage was solemnized there this week. We welcome Gerard's lovely wife to our community, and upon their return from the honeymoon, Mrs. Robert McCarthy and Miss Cecilia will take up residence in Windsor where Cecilia is employed in the office of the John Smith Store.

Oct. 12, 1956 - The banns of marriage were posted for the first time in St. Mary's Church on Sunday for Catherine Elaine (Kay Collins) eldest daughter of Bernard Collins and (Neva Deslippe) and Gerald Ignatius Tracey, son of Michael Tracey and (Catherine Mullins) of Rochester Township. Miss Shirley A. Walker entertained on Sunday afternoon at a personal shower, honoring the bride-elect, whose wedding will be solemnized on Oct. 27th, in St. Mary's Church. Fifteen of Kay's schoolmates sat down to a delicious supper served by the hostess and her mother, Mrs. John D. Walker. Kay received many lovely gifts. Games were played and prizes went to Barbara Ward, Mrs. Hugh Coyle, Gloria Kwait and Agnes Sexton.

Oct. 12, 1956 - Mr. & Mrs. William McDonald and four daughters are settled in their new home in Essex, purchased from Dr. Charles Benson. The McDonald's have lived here since buying the Harry Collins' home.

Oct. 12, 1956 - C.J. Beaudette had the misfortune to have his car smashed on No. 3 Hwy. on his way to work on Thurs. morning when the weather was foggy. Mr. Beaudette was involved in a slight accident and drove his car off the highway on the boulevard, when a Keystone dump truck loaded with gravel had mechanical trouble with his steering wheel and plowed into the car. The truck upset but luckily no one was injured.

Oct. 12, 1956 - Gerry, Cheryl-Ann and Mary-Beth Markham spent the long Thanksgiving weekend with their grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Franl Belleau, while their parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Markham visited with Mr. & Mrs. Michael L. McCloskey in Willowdale and entertained in Toronto on the London Diocese pilgrimage to Cap de Madeleine, Quebec.

Oct. 12, 1956 - Mrs. Stanley Deehan was honored on Wednesday evening, Oct. 3rd., at a pink and blue shower, at the home of Mrs. Hazel Lewis at Erie, Mich. The shower was given at Mrs. Deehan's mother's home by her sisters and sister-in-law. Games were played and refreshments were served to the 30 guests. Mrs. Deehan received many lovely "expectant" gifts.

Dec. 28, 1956 - Mrs. Genevieve Hayes and son Jimmie entertained on Christmas for the family, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Blackburn, sons Barry and Bryan and daughter Beth; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Godin and daughter, Mary Beth, all of South Windsor and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard M. Murphy, of Woodslee. - Sincere sympathy to Eli Valenfant and Mrs. Ernest Charbonneau in the loss of their father, who passed away on Saturday, at Riverview Hospital, at the age of 94 years. - Mr. & Mrs. Franl Belleau, Fred and Bernard, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Dunn and family, and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Belleau and sons had Christmas dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Markham and family, in Windsor. - Fire was discovered in Mrs. Theresa O'Keefe's barn, on Christmas Day, at 5 p.m. A bucket brigade was formed and kept the fire under control until the fire department arrived and kept the damage at a minimum. It is believed defective wiring started the blaze. - Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Sexton, Jr., and children, Sandra, Pamela and Randy Charles, moved into their new home for Christmas. The Charles Sexton's Sr., entertained for Xmas, guests being Mr. & Mrs. Dan V. Sexton, of Detroit, and Mr. & Mrs. Russell Collins and family, Terry, Dale, Mary-Ann, Maureen, Trudy and Leonard. - Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Collins had a family gathering for Christmas dinner, some of their guests being Mr. & Mrs. Charles Deslippe of Roseland; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Tracey, of Woodslee, and Wilfred Collins of Windsor. Bernard's condition is only fair.

Sept. 26, 1956 - A Sandwich South farm family of five has been forced to abandon the second floor of their home following a blaze Monday that destroyed the roof of the house. No one was injured. It is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Vince McCann of Conc. 11 near 98 Hwy. No one was in the house when it caught fire. Furniture in two bedrooms was also destroyed. Anderton firefighters thought it started in the chimney. Family & neighbors formed a bucket chain 20-strong, got furniture out.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Jan. 4, 1957- Mrs. Roy Hartley was brought home from Met. Hospital on Monday by Mrs. Donald Flood where she had been for a few days having her arm put in a cast. Mrs. Hartley, our afternoon telephone operator fell in her home and broke her elbow. Her husband, Roy, had to re-enter Met. on Thursday for further treatments on his leg. - Jan. 4, 1957: Mrs. Theresa O'Keefe and Mr. & Mrs. Paddy Larkin wish to express their thanks to neighbors and friends and all who helped to save their barn from burning by their prompt action after discovering the blaze.

Jan. 11, 1957 - James Robinson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robinson, enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and left on Tuesday for duties in London, Ont. His sister Glendara Robinson, now Mrs. Joseph Steinhoff and husband, entertained on Sunday at their home in Tecumseh, at a buffet supper for relatives and friends and Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rounding (Patricia Robinson. Jimmie left on Tuesday to train for a pilot in the airforce, and the Roundings will leave shortly for their new home and recently purchased farm at Forest, Ont. Jimmie is a graduate of Essex High School and his friends and relatives wish him God Speed.

Feb. 15, 1957 - We are pleased to report that Pat J. Donovan of Windsor, has been OK'd to return to his work on the New York Central R.R. after being off several months with bad eyes. His family was pioneers in Maidstone.

Feb. 15, 1957 - M. & Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky entertained at dinner on Sunday, some of their guests being Mr. & Mrs. Llewellyn Gerard and daughter Ann. Eugene Kosokowsky has purchased a new house (brick) on Josephine Ave., in Windsor, so wedding bells will be ringing in a few months.

Feb. 15, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Hart (Dorothy Sexton) of Detroit, great uncle and aunt of Timothy Joseph Hebert, young son of Mr. & Mrs. John Hebert (Rosemary McCarthy) acted as godparents on Sunday at St. Mary's Church, at the baptism with Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan, officiating. The parents entertained at dinner and Timmy's grandmother, Mrs. Andrew McCarthy, was also present.

Feb. 22, 1957 - A. J. Fisher, local florist, with his wife Ann as designer took second prize in the ten dollar corsage class at the Michigan State Florist Association Annual Convention and Design School held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit. Participants from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Ontario took part. There were many entries as Mrs. Fisher's number was 78. The prize winning corsage featured fuschia with angel feathers and matching ribbon. The Designer from Chicago who Mrs. Fisher studied under was thrilled at her winning this honour in desgnng.

Feb. 22, 1957 - Noted among the 300 attending the N.Y.C. Social & Pension Club dinner-dance at Cabota Club, Windsor, on Friday evening, when eight N.Y.C. employees were honoured with presentations, were, Mr. & Mrs. Dan J. McLean, Mr. & Mrs. John J. McLean, of East Detroit, Miss Clare and Chris, Dan L. & Gerry McLean, Edward Sexton, Mr. & Mrs. "Spin" Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Art C. McPharlin, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., Mr. & Mrs. James D. Quinlan, of Essex, Mr. & Mrs. Pat J. Donovan, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Vollans, Mrs. Chas. Washbrook, of Windsor, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brigham, of Belleville, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jobin, "Ted" Naylor, president of the Club and the M.C., and Mr. R. A. Drake, N.Y.C. General Yard Master, made the presentations. Mr. Van Wert of the N.Y.C. Personell Relations was guest speaker. Steve Wallace, one of the pensioners was called to represent the employees with his always humorous speech. Dancing followed.

March 1, 1957 - Died: John Halford, Sr., Sandwich South, aged 90 years.

March 1, 1957 - Mrs. Geo. Hergott wishes to thank her friends, neighbors and relatives for their many kindnesses while she was hospitalized, undergoing a major operation. Also, for flowers, candy, prayers, masses, and many get-well cards. Mrs. Hergott is convalescing slowly.

Mar. 1, 1957 - A surprise party was held on Saturday evening at the new home of Mr. & Mrs. Everett McGuire (Madeline Jobin) and the happy but surprised young couple was presented with a pair of living room lamps. Some of those present were: Mr. & Mrs. Spin Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Verne Levergood, Mr. & Mrs. J. Lachace, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Ouellette, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Langlois, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Stokx, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Masse, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Lassaline, Mr. & Mrs. Henry (Chief) Lassaline. A good time was enjoyed with a delicious lunch being served.

Mar. 8, 1957 - Donald O Neil, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon O'Neil underwent surgery at Hotel Dieu last Friday, at this time, he, is a student at Essex High School, and is progressing favorably. He wishes to thank his friends, relatives and neighbours who were so kind to him during his twelve day stay in Hotel Dieu, following surgery. Also for prayers, favours and get-well cards. Donald is able to walk with the aid of crutches, which he will have to use for a month or more.

Mar. 8, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Francis St. Louis, of 11th concession were hosts to a group of Sandwich South Liberal Electors of the District of Essex South. The occasion having a two-fold purpose, to welcome Robert Clark, of Harrow, Liberal nominee of Essex South, and to elect a slate of officers for the coming Federal Election. After enjoying an interesting address by Mr. Clark, and Jim Golden, president of Essex South Association, and by Mr. S. Murray Clark, M.P.P., retiring member, the nominations took place and the new executive were voted into office. President, Heman St. Louis; vice-president, Mrs. Frank Kane; secretary, Mrs. Gordon O'Neil; treasurer, Mrs. Francis St. Louis. A sociable and get-better-acquainted evening was enjoyed by everyone and closed with hearty thanks to Mr. & Mrs. St. Louis for their gracious hospitality.

Mar. 8th, 1957 - Raymond James Rourke passed away at his home at 1221 Parent Blvd., Windsor, on Monday morning following a lingering, painful illness. He was born in Belle River, the youngest son of the late Dennis Michael Rourke and Rose McIntyre, on August 31, 1885, and moved with his parents off the Lake Shore farm to Windsor, fifty years ago. He was one of the original six mail couriers in Windsor, but resigned to accept a book-keeper position with General Motors, from which he has been pensioned for some years.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

February 1, 1958 - Mrs. Grace McCarthy received word on Jan. 20th, of the death in Los Angeles, Cal., of her brother, Earl Sexton, after a lingering illness. Earl was the son of the late Thos. Sexton and Rose Barrett, and was born on No. 3 Highway at Sexton Sideroad and moved to Windsor with his parents when a young boy, where he lived on Pelissier St., until going to Los Angeles. Deceased is survived by his wife, one brother Thomas of Windsor, and by five sisters, Ollie (Mrs. Venn), Dorothy, (Mrs. John Hart), both of Detroit; Mae, (Rev. Sister Norene) of I.H.M. Order at Monroe, Mich., and Gladys, (Mrs. Wing), of Woodstock. A sister Ann (Mrs. Rockwell Gust), of Detroit predeceased him. Funeral was held in Los Angeles, Wednesday, with Mrs. Hart flying there to attend.

Feb. 1, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Coyle and Hughie, Jr., have moved to their new home in Hamilton Ont., where Hugh has been posted for his company. Mrs. Michael John, her mother, entertained on Sunday for Mr. & Mrs. Philip John and their two daughters, Pamela and Patricia Lynn and Pat's fiancé, Keith McPhail, of Windsor. Patricia has set May as the month for her wedding.

Feb. 8, 1957 - Jimmie Robinson of the R.C.A.F. is now to be stationed at Centralia and hopes to be home on leave on March 9th. After his basic training in April he will be posted to Winnipeg.

Feb. 8, 1957 - The New York Central Social and Pension Club of Windsor District will sponsor their tenth annual banquet on Friday evening, Feb. 15th at Caboto Club, Windsor. Dinner will be served at 6.30 P.M. with seven employees who will receive their pensions in 1957. Dan J. McLean will be one who will receive an occupational disability pension, until such time when he will be able to resume his work on the N.Y.C. R.R.

April 19, 1957 - Mrs. Fred Kotow has announced the engagement of her daughter, Jennie Anne Kotow, of Detroit, to Edward Terrance Breslin. The wedding to be solemnized on Saturday, May 4th at 11 a.m., at St. Theresa Church, Grand River & Quincey Aves., Detroit. The wedding breakfast to follow at Lee Plaza Hotel, West Grand Blvd., Detroit. Jennie graduated from No. 5 & 8 Sep. School at the Six Corners, Essex High School, and Hotel Dieu Nurses' Training School.

April 19, 1957 - Miss Ida Irene Lavin, aged 77 years, passed away at her home on the 11th Conc. Sandwich South, on Thursday, April 11th, after a lingering illness. Deceased is survived by her beloved sister, Edna Lavin. Born on the homestead, Miss Lavin has lived an exemplary life and was devout in her Christian duties. She is pre-deceased by her brothers, John and Joseph and sisters Madge (Mrs. Gordon Burke), Mrs. Frank Burke and Mrs. Deneau. Funeral was held from Marcotte's Funeral Home to St. Anne's Church, Tecumseh with burial in St. Anne's Cemetery. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

April 19, 1957 - Wallace Little of Sparta, Ont., Mr. & Mrs. Orville J. Ellis and son Kenneth, Mr. & Mrs. William Ellis, and daughter Karen, and Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ellis and son Jimmie, all of Detroit, spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little. It was Mr. Little's 82nd birthday on the 16th.

Jan. 10, 1958 - Sincere sympathy to the family of the late Clarence Nelson Stephen's family, who reside on No. 3 Highway, next to the United Church Rectory. Mr. Stephen's, 64 years old, died Sunday at Metropolitan Hospital. Deceased is survived by his wife Margaret, his father Nelson Stephens of Tecumseh, one son, Clarence at home, and four daughters, Audrey, Mrs. Gerald Ferriss, of Cottam; Marilyn, Mrs. Edward Holden, of Detroit; Valda, Mrs. Robert Knight, of Windsor; and Grace, Mrs. Donald Holden, of the B. Collin's Sub-division, Maidstone. Funeral held Wednesday from Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex, with Rev. A. Anderson and Rev. Stanley Clark, officiating with burial in Fairbairn Cemetery.

Mar. 21, 1958 - Monday was again the traditional celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the patron Saint of the bearers of the colour of green or to you Irishmen and women all over the world. With a wisecrack that will floor you and a cocky walk of confidence you will know true Irish he-man all over the world. If she has a sparkle in the eye and a come hither look and a temper that will blast you out of your dreams its Irish Colleen through and through. Sandwich South has much to thank its Irish blood between Maidstone and the outskirts of Windsor and may they live forever. -Article written by our former Oldcastle scribe, Carson Jessop.

May 30, 1958 - Mrs. "Ted" Markham and daughter Catherine sail from Montreal early in June to visit her homeland, parents and family for six weeks. It's Mrs. Markham's first trip in 12 years, when she came to make her home in Canada. They reside on Highway #98. - Mrs. Grace McCarthy was the weekend guest of her sister, Sister Norene, a teacher at Dominican High School, Detroit, Mich.

May 30, 1958 - Mrs. Thomas Shanahan was pleasantly surprised on May 11th, Mother's Day, when all their children, five daughters and eight sons, with their husbands and wives and 39 grandchildren, making a party of 65, were home to visit and make a gala day for their beloved mother, father and grandparents.

May 30, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Chas. McHugh, of Riverside, were recent dinner guests of their niece, Mrs. Emmett J. McCarthy, Emmett and family. The McCarthy's are improving their lovely home with stone and ceystilite siding.

May 30, 1958 - Mary McCloskey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael McCloskey, of Willowdale, grand daughter of Mrs. Annie Markham, graduated from Loretta Abbey, Toronto, and will enter as nurse-in-training, at St. Michael's, Toronto.

May 30, 1958 - "Nels" Shuttleworth has seen a dream come true. "Nels" always wanted a ten gallon hat and now he has got one adorning his dome. "Call me Two-Gun for short", he says.

June 6, 1958 - Roy Hartley was able to be brought home after several weeks in Hotel Dieu, following a heart attack. Friends hope he'll soon be well again.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Rourke death cont. - He leaves his bereaved wife, the former Stella Deneau, one son, Marvin F. and 3 daughters, Miss Aileen, Rosemary (Mrs. Jos. Sugg) both of Detroit and Vera, Mrs. Clare LePage, of Windsor, four grandchildren, a sister Mae, Mrs. John W. McBride, also of Windsor. His sister Christine, Mrs. Nace Halford and a brother John predeceased him. Funeral was held from Marcotte Funeral Home to Sacred Heart Church, Thursday at 10 a.m. Burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

March 15, 1957 - Pat Flood, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Flood has accepted a position in Detroit.

March 22, 1957 - Mrs. Michael McCloskey of Willowdale, was the weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. Ann Markham and visited with her sister Frances, Mrs. Steven Dunn, who is again in Hotel Dieu following an attack of pleurisy at Riverview, where she was undergoing therapy treatments.

March 22, 1957 - Leonard Adams, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Adams who own the Jerry Sullivan farm and is a pupil of No. 7 school underwent an appendectomy and is convalescing at his home. - Mrs. Roy Hartley, our afternoon telephone operator was taken by ambulance to Hotel Dieu last Thurs. morning and is in serious condition with virus flue, although, now showing some improvement.

March 29, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Herbert LaRonde (Nora Sullivan) visited with relatives on their returning to their home in East Sullivan, Que., after a month's trip through the southern States as far as Arizona. They visited friends in Phoenix and Tucson, and visited with Dr. James and Mrs. Cannon (Ethel Sullivan) in Oklahoma City, and with the Cannon's daughters, Miss Mary and Ruth and Mrs. Thomas Brown. On their way back they visited with Mrs. Vera Hergott in Breslau and their children, Mr. & Mrs. Donald LaRonde, Dick who is attending Loyola University, and Miss Anne and Ruth, all of Montreal.

April 19, 1957 - Jimmie Robinson, of the R.C.A.F. spent a 480hour leave with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robinson (Nee Rosemary O'Keefe). Jimmie is being moved from Centralia to the West. The many friends of Russell Robinson were sorry to learn of his auto accident when he suffered a broken ankle, facial abrasions and a cut tongue. He was in Met. Hospital.

April 26, 1957 - Miss Loyola and Miss Rosemary Beahan, R.N., will leave this weekend for a six week motor trip through the Southern States. While away they will visit with their sister Bessie and her husband and son in San Bernadino, Calif. - Mrs. Clarence Marshall and Mrs. A. W. Dawson, of Ojibway were in Glencoe Thurs. to attend the wake and funeral of their cousin, Ronald Quick, age 23 years, son of Russell Quick who was electrocuted on Monday afternoon while at work as a lineman for the Glencoe Public Utilities. The irony of the fatal accident was that deceased's father had to lower his son by a rope from the pole his son was working on, after the sad accident.

May 3, 1957 - Mrs. Roy Hartley is to be brought home from Hotel Dieu this week. It is hoped the benefit euchre party this Thursday evening in St. Mary's Hall, was a big success.

May 3, 1957 - There were 16 tables in play in St. Mary's Hall for the benefit party for the Shamrock Baseball Club with proceeds of \$58.00. Prizes went to Mrs. Thos. Barry, Mrs. Everett McGuire, Mrs. Donald Flood, Donald Francottie, Joseph Mullins, B. Miehl. The special feature went to Joseph Mullins; the door prizes to Mrs. Everett McGuire and Mrs. Bob Hergott. The crowd was a little disappointing as the club has erected a costly back-stop. The fine score board has been erected by the Charles Plant Poultry Farms.

May 3, 1957 - Eleanor Kosokowsky entertained on Sunday evening for Miss Dorothy Kimmel, a June 1st bride-elect. whose marriage to Edward Dupuis will take place at Holy Rosary Church, Riverside Drive, Windsor. Miss Kimmel has asked Eleanor to be her maid of honour. Mrs. B. Kosokowsky and Eleanor will entertain at their home on May 12th, at 8 p.m. at a bridal shower honouring Miss Ann Gerard, whose wedding will take place at St. Mary's Church, May 18th. Eleanor will be Ann's maid of honour at the marriage of Eugene Kosokowsky, her brother.

May 10, 1957 - Sympathy is extended to the late Charles Collin's family and relatives of Sandwich South. Mr. Collins a well known township farmer, living near Maidstone passed away suddenly at his home from what is believed a heart seizure.

May 19, 1957 - Mrs. John E. Sexton, one of Sandwich South's oldest mothers had an enjoyable Mother's Day with her family all home for the day.

May 17, 1957 - Among those entertaining for Miss Ann Gerard, whose wedding will be solemnized at St. Mary's Church at 10.30 Saturday, were Mrs. Fred Holden and daughter Gayle, (Mrs. Ronald Wigle at the former's home on Holden Road, Oldcastle, at a miscellaneous shower; Mrs. Mel Campbell of Sarnia at her parent's home with a bridal shower; Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky and daughter Eleanor, a shower on Sunday evening and on Monday the bride's cousin in Windsor entertained for her. - Mr. & Mrs. Russell Collins acted as Godparents for Timothy Gerard, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Dan V. Sexton at the christening in St. Agnes Church, Detroit. The Sexton's entertained at dinner after the ceremony. - Miss Eleanor Kosokowsky has accepted a contompter clerical position with the Grand Trunk Western Railway in Detroit. - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Bernard Brown in the loss of her father, Richard Matchett, age 83 years, who passed away on May 23rd and was buried on Saturday morning from Blessed Sacrament Church with interment in Assumption Cemetery beside his wife (Marguerite Beaudoin) who predeceased him in 1948.

May 23, 1957 - About fifty friends and relatives of Donald Shanahan tendered him a stag party on Thursday, May 23rd. at the Grand Central, Essex. Euchre was enjoyed followed by refreshments and lunch, after which the presentation was made. Donald will marry Miss Helen Nantais at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Windsor, on June 1st., with a reception at Lakewood in the evening.

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May 26, 1957

The community was saddened by the news on May 2nd., of the sudden death in Hotel Dieu of Alvin Dunn from a heart attack. Alvin was the only son of Mary (Buraud) and the late Hiram Dunn and was born 48 years ago at the parents home on the Maidstone Townline. Deceased had an amiable disposition and was always good company. He was a supervisor with Ford's, also the first president of the Sportsmen's Club on Dougal Road. He was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Church, where he belonged to the Holy Name Society and Arch confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Besides his bereaved mother deceased is survived by his beloved wife Lottie (Girard), six children, Theodore, Louis, Marlene, Joan, Mary, Helen and Charlene, and one grandchild. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. on Monday from Marcotte Funeral Home to Sacred Heart Church with interment in Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

June 7, 1957 - Paul Brader, age 7 years, who lives on Highway 114, in the Thomas Chittle sub-division, luckily escaped serious injuries on Decoration Day, when riding his bicycle over the N.Y.C. Ry. on No. 3 Hwy. when his bicycle skidded into the path of an on-coming car.

June 7, 1957 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Donald Shanahan (Helen Nantais) on their marriage at Mount Carmel Church, Windsor, Saturday morning, with the Rev. Fr. Donovan officiating. A wedding breakfast at Lakewood Golf Club followed the ceremony. A lovely afternoon reception for over 100 guests at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Shanahan in Maidstone Twp. was held and the evening reception for 200 guests at Lakewood was enjoyed. They will reside in Windsor following their honeymoon.

June 7, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Donald Anderson are visiting their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Rbt. Newell of Chilver Road, Windsor, and Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson, Maidstone. Donald is a recent graduate of Emmanuell College, Victoria University, Toronto, and Mrs. Anderson has successfully completed a year at the United Church Training School, Toronto. After Ordination at the London Conference, St. Thomas, on June 6th, Mr. & Mrs. Anderson will go immediately to Boston where Donald is to take a Post Graduate Course at the University there. June 21, 1957 - Charles R. Flood, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Flood, Sr., was married on Saturday afternoon at the United Church, Maidstone, to Joan Brockman, the Rev. Nathaniel S. Anderson, officiating. Mr. Anderson, being the groom's brother James' father-in-law. A wedding supper was given at the United Hall for the immediate family and the young couple left by motor for a honeymoon.

June 7, 1957 - Paul McAuliffe left on Sunday morning for a month's vacation in San Bernardino, Calif. with his sister Gertrude and all the Plein family. His favorite niece Patricia Agnes, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nickolas Plein will marry Robert J. Smith, on Saturday, June 15th, at St. Anne's Church, San Bernardino. Reception following at the bride's home 3695 Mountain Ave.

June 14, 1957 - Mrs. Stanley Deehan entertained delightfully at her home on No. 3 Highway on Tuesday afternoon for the June meeting of the Catholic Women's League. Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan opened and closed the meeting with prayers. In the absence of the president, Mrs. James Markham, on account of the loss of her beloved mother, Mrs. Alice (Gilboe) Durocher, Mrs. Albert Huneau conducted the meeting. Euchre was enjoyed and lovely prizes went to Mrs. Vincent Brown, Mrs. Delia (Grandmaison) Ireland, of Windsor and Mrs. Ernest Charbonneau. Mrs. Deehan, assisted by her sister-in-law, Mary, Mrs. Drouillard of McGregor, Frances, Mrs. Thomas of Windsor and Vera, Mrs. Langlois of Windsor, served tea and cakes. Mrs. Pat Donovan the hostess' aunt of Windsor was one of the guests. - June 14, 1957: Sincere sympathy to Marie (Mrs. James Markham), the St. Mary's C.W.L. president, in the passing of her beloved mother, Mrs. Israel Durocher (Alice Gilboe) age 70 years, of Naylor Side Road, Essex. Deceased was born and raised here but has lived at her present home for 19 years. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her husband and Marie, Mrs. Markham, another daughter Cecile (Mrs. Norman Hebert) of Tecumseh, and two sons, Edward and Leo. Deceased is a dear sister of Noah Gilboe, Mrs. Lucy Hewitt, Mrs. Jane Eblin, Bataisa Gilboe, Mrs. Marion Henry, Leo Gilbestof Detroit, 22 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Funeral was held Thursday morning from the home to Holy Name Church, Essex. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery beside her mother, Mrs. Agnes Gilboe (wife of Robert Gilboe) who died Sept. 1st., 1952 at the age of 91 years.

June 21, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McCarthy of Detroit were weekend guests of Mr. & Mrs. Emmett McCarthy, when the Emmett McCarthy's daughter Margaret was one of the first Holy Communicants as well, Patrick Flood was home from Detroit for his sister Margaret's first communion, they being son and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Flood.

June 21, 1957 - A class of 34 little children received their First Holy Communion at the 8.30 a.m. Mass, on Trinity Sunday at St. Mary's. Rev. Fr. A. Loebach assisted the pastor, Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan. St. Mary's Church was filled to capacity for the eventful day for the children. The children choir rendered the beautiful hymns for this special occasion.

June 21, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. S. "Jr." McGuire entertained at Sunday breakfast for their child's First Communion, and some of the guests were Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Dumouchelle the grandparents and Uncle and Aunt, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Jobin of Windsor.

June 28, 1957 - Congratulations to Shona Axcell on her passing into High School with over 83% average. Shona is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Axcell and will attend Essex High School.

June 28, 1957 - "Lady MacKenzie", beautiful collie of Mr. & Mrs. Ken J. MacKenzie and playmate of their daughter Ronnie went to "Dog-Heaven" on Monday, following an infection. "Lady" will be missed sadly, but Ronnie says they are getting a "Society" dog.

July 5, 1957 - Miss Jeannette Daniher, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Daniher of Townline Rd., broke her arm, which is in a cast and getting along very well. - July 19, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gould (Rose John) and children, Judith, Danny and Billy, spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Joseph John of Chatham at their cottage at Rondeau Park.

### MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

July 19, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Holland (Delores John) and sons, Ron-Wayne and Brian-Pat spent a week's vacation in Hamilton, the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh J. Coyle, (her sister) and Hughie, Jr.

July 19, 1957 - Raymond Lea Scully, who had his 66th birthday on Saturday was found dead early Sunday evening in his home on 98 Highway by neighbors. Deceased has suffered a heart attack. He was the only son of the late John Scully and Theresa (Ress) Barrat and lived all his life on the farm where he passed away. He was a bachelor and had retired from farming a few years ago. His cousin, Joyce, Mrs. Thomas Sexton, who he had expressed his wishes to, a few years ago, looked after his funeral. A quiet retiring person, deceased had many friends. His funeral was held from Marcotte Funeral Home, Windsor, to his parish church on Wednesday morning. Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan officiating Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. The pallbearers were Thomas Sexton, Ward Larkin, Sylvester McGuire, Elmar McCann, Walter Deehan and Mr. Lefaive of Essex. All local neighbors except Mr. Lefaive.

July 26, 1957 - Ford employees were vacationing for three weeks. Llewellyn Dunn, of Windsor, one of the many hundreds, is on a motor trip to Ottawa, Montreal and St. Ann de Beaupre, Que. - Sister St. Philip (Eleanor McCloskey) of the Serrite Order of East St. Louis, Mo., visited last week at her home with Mrs. Vincent McCloskey and family.

July 19, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. James Halford have as their guests the latter's sister, Sister Paulette of the Franciscan Order and her companion. The Sisters will remain for a week's visit.

July 19, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. John D. Walker and family motored to London on Sunday to the R.C.A. Depot to leave their son Jay who had been home for a week. They visited at Wardsville with Mrs. David Walker, John's mother, on their way to London.

July 26, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. John M. McAuliffe, Tommy McCloskey and his mother, Peulah McCloskey motored to Grand Rapids, Mich., and attended the wedding and reception of Richard (Dick) Casey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Casey (Ursula McAuliffe).

Aug. 2, 1957 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Fortowsky on the arrival of their son at Metropolitan Hospital. The grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fortowsky are beaming with their first grandson. Sorry to report that the Fortowsky family will have to move as the company Mr. Fortowsky works for is leaving Windsor.

Aug. 2., 1957 - Mederic Belleperche, of the Bernard Collin's Sub-division, was taken by ambulance Saturday noon to Met. Hospital and underwent major surgery at 6 p.m. Mr. Belleperche, although a very sick man, came through the operation and is resting comfortably.

Aug. 9, 1957 - Mrs. Annie Markham was pleasantly surprised on Sunday when her family honoured her on the occasion of her 78th birthday. She received lovely gifts. Her host of friends join in wishing her good health and many more happy days.

Aug. 9, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Gerald O'Neil (Josie John Guiley) and sons Danny and Gerry are on a vacation trip to a lake north of Peterborough. - Phillip John of Howard Ave., Windsor, was the lucky winner of a new car, drawn at Jackson Park, on Tuesday night. His brother Peter John sold him the ticket.

Aug. 9, 1957 - Sister Mary Angelica (Frances McCloskey) of the Servite Order, stationed in Omaha, Neb., is expected to arrive in Detroit this week and will visit Mrs. Wm. Greenway and Mary, Mrs. Albert McCarthy and other relatives here.

Aug. 16, 1957 - Miss Mayme Robinson, Miss Josephine Robinson, Mrs. George Hergott and Mrs. Ed. Hurley visited with their sister, Mrs. "Con" Beahan, the past week. Mrs. Beahan has been bedridden now for some time.

Aug. 23, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. John D. Walker and family visited with "Jay" Walker at Centralia, Ont., and motored up to Goderich and visited with the Rev. Fr. J.P. Gleeson. Father is very interested in the Shamrocks and is following them closely and hoping for the best for the Shamrock Team.

Aug. 23, 1957 - That big, happy smile that Gerard McCarthy is beaming these days is for the daughter, Mary Jean, that his wife, the former Elizabeth Ryan, presented him with on Saturday, Aug. 17th, at Hotel Dieu. Mother, baby and daddy are fine. Congratulations to "Grandma", Mrs. Mary McCarthy, of Windsor, too.

Aug. 30, 1957 - Friends were really delighted to welcome Leo Greenway and to see him looking so well. Leo is visiting in Detroit and spent Sunday renewing acquaintances in this vicinity. The Greenway family formerly farmed on #114 Highway and lived in the first big house past the Six Corners.

Aug. 30, 1957 - Deepest sincere sympathy is extended to John and Iris (St. Louis) Shanahan in the sudden tragic loss of their beloved older daughter Carol at Met. Hospital early Wednesday morning. Carol, who was 13 years old was riding on a tractor driven by her cousin, John Lavin, when it hit a rut and Carol was thrown under the wheel of the wagon, attached to the tractor. Carol lived with her parents on No. 2 Highway, just west of Lesperance Road and would have entered grade 8 in St. Peter's School in the fall. Deceased is survived by her parents, her twin brother John and a sister Jean, also by her beloved grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Shanahan and Mr. & Mrs. Heman St. Louis. Funeral will be held Friday morning from the Marcotte Funeral Home, Tecumseh, to St. Anne's Church.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Sept. 13, 1957 - Mrs. Ronald Holland and Mrs. Wm. Gould entertained delightfully in St. Mary's Hall, recently, at a miscellaneous shower, honouring Miss Angela Barrette; who will marry their brother, Michael John, at Our Lady of Gaudalupe Church, Riverside, on Sept. 14th. Mrs. Hugh Coyle and son Hughie, of Hamilton are spending some time with Mary's mother, Mrs. Mike John, and will remain for the Barrette-John Wedding. Mr. Coyle will arrive and join them for the wedding.

Aug. 2, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McCarthy of Detroit, announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Lou to Patrick Donald Flood, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Flood (Aileen McCloskey). The wedding to be an event in St. Brigid's Church, Detroit, September 7th at 10 a.m. Pat is an Assumption graduate. - Aug. 23, 1957: Invitations are out for the wedding at St. Brigid's Church, Schoolcraft & Kentucky, Detroit, at 10 a.m., Sept. 7th, when Donald Patrick Flood will be united in marriage to Mary Louise McCarthy, elder daughter of the Leonard McCarthy's (Patricia Primeau), of Detroit. Congratulations on their marriage, the newly weds flew to New York City after the ceremony for a honeymoon there. The Floods were most fortunate in having their parents and their grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Flood, Sr., and paternal grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Grace McCarthy, and Mrs. Primeau, maternal grandmother of the bride, present for the marriage and wedding dinner.

Sept. 13, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. "Ted" Alston and daughter, of Ridgetown attended the funeral of the late Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan. Mr. Alston was a close friend of Fr. Jordan and accompanied him a year ago on a trip abroad.

Sept. 13, 1957 - Patrick Charles Hayes, aged 70 years, older son of the late John and Susan Hayes, passed away at Hotel Dieu on Saturday after suffering a stroke, a recurrence of seven years ago. Mr. Hayes was a retired farmer having lived for years on the 9th concession, Sandwich South. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, the former Olive Langlois, two daughters, Gladys, Mrs. Emmett McLean, and Evelyn, Mrs. Stanley Eyraud, both of Maidstone Twp., and a son Leonard at home. Eleven grandchildren and his brother Roy and two sisters, Edna at home, and Mae, Mrs. Walter Cole, of Windsor. Mr. Hayes belonged to the Holy Names Society and the League of the Sacred Heart of St. Mary's. Funeral was held Wed. morning from his home to St. Mary's Church at 10.30 a.m. with Rev. Fr. G. Zimney officiating, and burial in the family plot.

Sept. 13, 1957 - Sympathy is extended to the parish of St. Mary's, of Maidstone who experienced the death of their pastor, the Rev. Fr. Jordan, pastor for the last four years. Fr. Jordan was instrumental in bringing baseball back to the village of Maidstone and the playoff game scheduled between the Essex Leafs and Maidstone Shamrocks last Sunday was cancelled due to the death of the Shamrock's most ardent fan.

Sept. 20, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Ignatius Gillis and three small sons visited with Mrs. Gillis' grandmother, Mrs. Beulah McCloskey last week on their motor trip back to the Yukon where Mr. Gillis is stationed with the U.S. Army. They had visited with "sister's" parents, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Dubrick in Hagersville, Ont. Mrs. Dubrick is the former Mary "Vince" McCloskey. Also Mr. & Mrs. "Bud" McCloskey and four little daughters of Kingston, Mich., spent a few days with Bud's mother, Mrs. Beulah McCloskey.

Sept. 20, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Belleau (Patricia McCann) have layed the footings for the foundation of their new home on 98 Highway and the 10th Concession.

Sept. 27, 1957 - Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Paul Mathias Herman of Holy Name Parish, Essex, will exchange vows with his bride, Elizabeth Louise Grant, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Grant (Patricia McCann). Rev. Fr. Geo. Zimney will return from London to officiate at the marriage and nuptial Mass.

Sept. 20, 1957 - The many friends of Frank Jobin are sorry he is hospitalized in Hotel Dieu where he underwent surgery last week and will undergo another operation for an infected kidney. Frank has been one of our councillors and has taken an active part in civic affairs for years. He represents Ward 3 in Sandwich South.

Sept. 27, 1957 - Terry Collins has enrolled in 2nd year at Assumption University.

Oct. 4, 1957 - Joe Hayes escaped injury the past week when he fell from the top of his house while repairing the roof. Joe claims his wife jibed, "That if Joe had fallen any place but on his head he might have been hurt badly."

Oct. 11, 1957 - The banns of marriage were published in St. Mary's Church on Sunday for Leo T. Hayes, son of Roy Hayes and Lillian Chittle to Anne E. St. Louis, daughter of James St. Louis and Beatrice Mullins of Windsor.

Oct. 11, 1957 - Rev. M. Anderson was administor of the Baptismal ceremony in Maidstone United Church on Sunday, when Leslie Harold, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Volkes was baptized. Harold and Normalee named Leslie's aunt, Miss Violet Voakes and Uncle, Bill Kerr, as godparents.

Oct. 11, 1957 - The new Executive of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church are Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Quenneville; President, James Harkham; Vice-President, Gerard McCarthy and Sec'y-Treasurer, John Hebert.

Oct. 25, 1957 - Sincere sympathy to the family of the late Lloyd Joseph Jobin in the sudden loss of husband, father and brother, whose funeral was held last Saturday.

Oct. 25, 1957 - Sister Rose-Agnes of St. Joseph's Order of St. James Parish, Fernadale, Ont., was a Sunday visitor with her sister, Mrs. Leo McCloskey and daughter Bridget. Also visited with friends and relatives.

# Death Strikes in Random Fashion

MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

## 'Strange Circumstances' Contrive Final Rendezvous

By DAN ODETTE

THE WINDSOR STAR, SEPTEMBER 21, 1957

A 27-year-old woman left to pay her back rent with baby bonus cheques, and three young girls died.

Her husband decided to do a favor and he and another man were killed.

It was a strange set of circumstances that led up to the death

of five persons at 4:02 p.m. Friday when a C.P.R. passenger train disintegrated a 1948 panel truck.

The death blow fell heaviest on Mrs. Mary Drefko, 27, of Joy Rd., in the Maryland section of Sandwich South, about a mile south of Highway 2.

Her husband, Paul, 30, and two

daughters, Roberta 2, and Peggy (Margaret) were killed.

Mrs. Drefko's third of four daughters, Norma, 4, received a fractured right leg and possible internal injuries.

Susan, 5, her only other child, missed the fatal ride because she attended class at S.S. 1.

It was the second crushing blow for Mrs. Drefko in four years, for in 1953 her first husband, David Berley, died of a heart attack.

Susan and Norma were children of the first marriage.

Mrs. Drefko remarried a year later.

The other victim was June Taylor, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, of Ray Rd., one block from the Drefko home.

She was one of the Taylors' five daughters. The others, Diane, 13, Rosemarie, 10, Shirley Anne, 7, and Nancy, 5, were attending St. Christopher's School.

Both Mr. Drefko and Mr. Taylor, 32, had been laid off from their permanent jobs, the former from L. A. Young Industries since May and the latter from Chrysler's for about a month.

Mr. Taylor decided Friday to go out and pick mushrooms. He left about 7:45 a.m. to take Mrs. Taylor, 30, to her job at Antaya's tomato canning plant on Lesperance Rd.

Before they left, Mr. Taylor took June over to the Drefkos.

Around 1 o'clock, Mrs. Drefko left with her baby bonus cheques to pay the rent, which was in arrears.

She walked down Joy Rd. and met Pietro Vozza, 33, of 772 Langlois Ave., a driver for Superior Cleaners, 360 Park St. W., the fifth victim.

Mr. Vozza was on his way to the Drefko home to pick up Mr. Drefko.

Mr. Drefko had worked for about a week for Superior Cleaners, but had quit on Tuesday because he wasn't earning enough money.

He had taken a Civil Service examination to become a fireman at the Windsor Airport and had high hopes he passed. He would have known the result in three weeks.

Mr. Vozza wanted Mr. Drefko to aid him in returning clothing to the home from which the latter had picked it up during his employment with the cleaning firm.

It is presumed that Mr. Drefko agreed, and rather than leave the children unattended, the men put the three girls in the truck.

It is believed that the men were almost through their deliveries as they headed south of the Maidstone Line.

When they came to the crossing, no one knows what happened.

But the C.P.R. train, 634, consisting of a steam engine, a baggage car and passenger car, apparently struck the vehicle dead centre on the crossing, which has no wigwag, bells or a flasher.

It was not until about five hours after the crash that the families knew of the deaths.

Susan was returning from school and decided to stop at the Taylors to play. She was still huddled in an easy chair, clutching her metal lunch box, when a reporter and photographer visited the home.

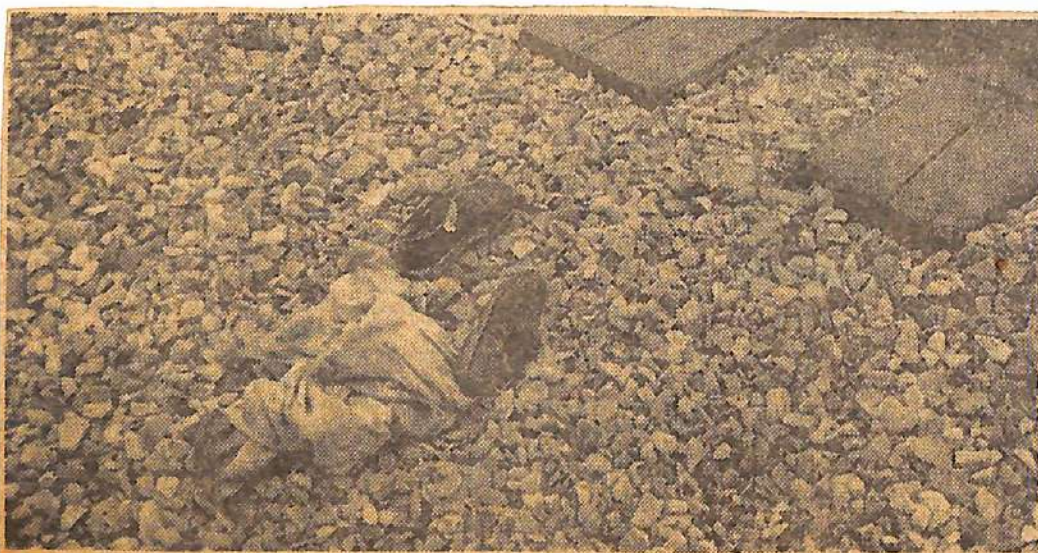
Mrs. Drefko had visited her two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Stanley Kurek, 979 Campbell Ave., and Mrs. Philip Miles, 1665 Taylor Ave.

She was given a ride home by Mr. and Mrs. Miles.

Upon her arrival she knew something was amiss because the home was in darkness.



MRS. PAUL DREFKO AND DAUGHTER, SUSAN, 5  
—husband and father killed in train wreck



CHILD'S SHOES BESIDE TRACK AT FATALITY SCENE  
—impact smashes truck, kills five occupants

# Truck Wreckage, Five Bodies

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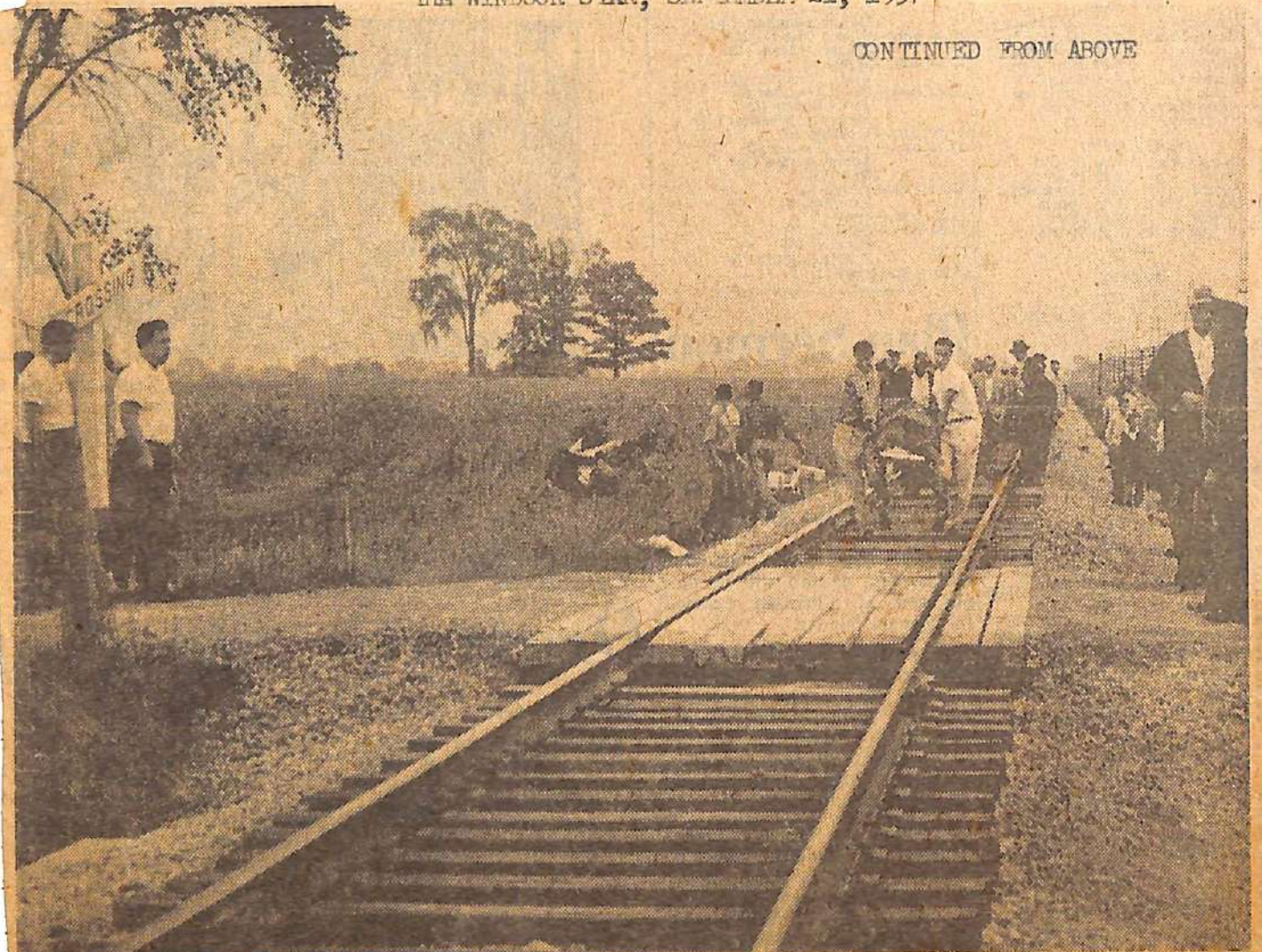


TWO GRIM SCENES—The demolished panel truck (left photo) in which five persons rode to their death Friday when it was hit by a train near Windsor, fell apart as a tow truck tried to drag the wreckage from the scene. It broke into three

## Left Near Crossing by Train

THE WINDSOR STAR, SEPTEMBER 21, 1957

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main sections. Right photo shows the grim job of carrying the mangled bodies of the two Windsor area men and three children killed in the crash at the Maidstone Line level crossing about six miles east of Windsor.

# 47 Cattle Burn to Death in \$35,000 Barn Fire

THE WINDSOR STAR, SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

## Modernized Union Schools Blessed.

On Sunday afternoon, Rev. Fr. J. H. Chisholm, assisted by his two acolytes gowned in red sutons and white lace surplices, John D. Walker, Jr., and Michael McCloskey, Jr., blessed No. 7 and No. 2, Roman Catholic Schools. No. 8 will be blessed next Sunday, it not having been completed. A very good representative of the Taxpayers were present to view the modernized Schools. Three former teachers were present, Mrs. Philip McPharlin of Detroit, Mrs. Clifford Vickard and Mrs. J. E. Doyle. All complimented Rev. Fr. Chisholm, the School Board, Edward Byrne, Lorne Eyraud, Fred Austin and the Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Frank Jobin, on a task well done. Rev. Fr. E. G. Doe, of St. John's, Woodslee, addressed those gathered and marvelled at how complete and modern the county schools have been transformed and emphasized how convinced he was at the perfect solution to a very thorny, difficult, school problem. Fr. Doe highly praised Rev. Fr. Chisholm and the School Board on the accomplishment of the magnificent set-up of the Union Schools and pronounced it as an example to the rest of the diocese to follow. No. 2 and No. 7 opened for classes on Tuesday morning with Sister Mary Daniel and Sister Clarence in charge and it is hoped No. 8 will open on Monday. 9/21/57.

Mrs. Fred T. Potter and John attended the wedding and reception on Thursday of their friend, Miss Elizabeth St. Louis. The marriage took place at St. Theresa's Church, Windsor, with reception at The Manor.

Sept. 21, 1957 E.P.P.

## Provincial Inspector Probes Barn Blaze in Sandwich S.

THE WINDSOR STAR, OCT. 3, 1957

MAIDSTONE — The Ontario Fire Marshal's office is investigating a \$35,000 fire in Sandwich South Twp. Saturday that destroyed a barn, 47 head of cattle, farm implements and feed.

Insp. John Richards is carrying out the probe at the farm of Tom Croft, Con. 11, Sandwich S. The investigation is reported routine where heavy damage is involved, and because of the increasing number of barn fires in Essex and throughout the province.

Stock from a purebred Jersey herd of fine pedigree were among cattle destroyed in the fire. The fire, which broke out suddenly, spread rapidly and firemen confined their efforts to preventing the blaze spreading.

## Sandwich S. Dairy Man Loses Crop

### Costly Implements, Milk Production Go Up in Smoke

Forty-seven head of cattle burned to death Saturday night in a \$35,000 blaze that levelled an L-shaped barn filled with hay, feed and straw, a recently filled silo and farm implements on the Tom Croft farm, Con. 11, Sandwich South, between Highways 98 and 401. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Croft was in the barn less than 20 minutes before the blaze was noticed. "Everything was all right when I left," Mr. Croft said. "I had barely been in the house a few minutes when the barn was blazing from one end to the other. I could not get back in."

Four cows were taken out of the barn with the help of neighbors, but a veterinarian told Mr. Croft that while the cattle might survive, they're in a deep state of shock and would be better put out of their misery.

The rest of the animals, 32 milk cows, burned to death in their stanchions. A pure bred Jersey bull and 14 heifers were also lost.

The purebred Jersey herd had been acquired in recent months. Some of the cows were of exceptionally fine pedigree and came from Brampton's top Jersey herds.

Besides the cattle, the front end of one tractor was badly damaged by fire; a combine, hay baler, forage blower and milking machine are a complete loss.

The Croft farm production was closely integrated with the dairy herd, consequently most of the crop went with the barn and cattle, and with the flames went the income from 560 pounds of milk daily.

The Anderdon Fire Department and the Tecumseh Fire Department were on hand, but the fire had spread so rapidly they could do little more than confine the blaze to the barn.

Mr. Croft is undecided whether he will rebuild and restock his farm. The long wing of the L-shaped barn was 69 by 34 feet, the shorter 50 feet by 36.

"I don't think I would rebuild the same type of barn," Mr. Croft said. "I wouldn't have all that hay and straw overhead. Almost any kind of storage is suitable for hay and straw, and why have all that stuff overhead. It was just like putting those cattle in a furnace."

Mr. Croft said he would prefer his cattle in one building and hay and straw in another.



MR. AND MRS. RAY TAYLOR, NEIGHBORS OF DREFKO FAMILY  
—lose three-year-old daughter in train crash

Oct. 18, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Tom Chittle of Los Angeles, Calif. and for many years of the Maidstone area, visited with locals the past week. We are most glad to welcome the Southerners back. Sometime ago when this penpusher was sightless Mrs. Chittle send cheery letters and prayers to me which was wonderful encouragement to know that somebody thinks of you. Believe it or not the Free Press is almost a must in their home and your writer gets a going-over when he gets lazy with the pen. All he needs though is some ideas and some news to write so you scanners of the Free Press might take a hint to drop us some extra news. Maybe Bessie is having twins in the back pasture, roses are blooming in January, spots on the moon, or Mr. & Mrs. Dingleslip visited Mr. & Mrs. Haircut. This article written by our beloved old scribe Carson Jessop. Bless him. - This by Bernie: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Chittle, who are enjoying good health in their new home in Los Angeles, Cal. left by Lincoln Convertible after a delightful two-week's visit with relatives and friends. While here they motored to New Jersey to visit with the James Coakley's in South Amboy, and the John J. Carpenter's, in South Plainfield.

Oct. 25, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Gerard McCarthy acted as godparents in Detroit on Sunday at the baptism of their neice, Mary Pauline Holmes, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Holmes (Mary McCarthy). - Mrs. Leonard McCarthy and her mother, Mrs. Primeau of Detroit, flew last week to Los Angeles, Cal. to be at the bedside of Mrs. Primeau's son, David Primeau, who was critically ill. David Primeau passed away last Thurs. after his aged mother and sister, Patricia, Mrs. Leonard McCarthy of Detroit, arrived at his bedside, by air. His wife and five daughters survive besides another sister Gertrude. Sympathy is extended.

Nov. 15, 1957 - Sandwich South Tax Collector has collected 75.8% of the Tax Roll as of Oct. 31st. The penalty on unpaid taxes is 2% and an additional  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  will be added on Dec. 1st. Sandwich South Nomination Day is Monday, Nov. 25th and if an election is called you will vote on December 2nd.

Nov. 8, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bondy (Helen John) and their two sons have moved into their new home on Elm Ave., Windsor.

Nov. 8, 1957 - Many friends of Bill Kerr, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kerr were pleased to hear him on Monday being interviewed by Station C.J.S.P. Bill is a senior at O.A.C. Ridgeway and is Editor of their Year Book. Bill was born in Windsor and was a young chap when they moved to their farm here, formerly owned by Thomas Little. He graduated from Public School No. 5, Sandwich South and Essex District High School. His many friends wish him continued success.

Nov. 8, 1957 - The banns of marriage were published for the first time on Sunday for Harold Blair, only son of Jacob Felix to Miss Mary Jacqueline Soucie, R. N., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Soucie, of Sacred Heart Parish, Windsor. The marriage ceremony to be held at 11 o'clock, Nov. 23rd. Reception at Teutonia Club at 7 o'clock in the evening. Congratulations.

Nov. 22, 1957 - This column wishes to extend heartmost sympathy to the family of the late "Dan" McLean, of Maidstone. Dan was a faithful servant of Sandwich South Township for a number of years as tax enumerator and gained countless friends. Mrs. McLean (Bernadette Halford) whose "Maidstone Cross" column you read every week will miss "Dan" as a loving father and husband.

Nov. 29, 1957 - Prov. Sgt. R. E. and Mrs. Raymer (Connie McLoverty) of Toronto and Mr. & Mrs. Wallace A. Little (Margaret Croft) of St. Thomas, visited with the late Daniel J. McLean family to extend condolence in the sudden bereavement in the loss of a devoted husband, beloved father and dear brother. Mr. & Mrs. John J. McLean and children, Richard and Mary Sue, of East Detroit were with Mrs. McLean's family over the weekend.

Dec. 20, 1957 - Sincere sympathy to the family of the late Henry P. O'Connor of Essex who passed away last Sunday after being in Hotel Dieu for nine months. A truly christian gentleman. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, beside his beloved wife, the former Mary Mooney who predeceased him in April, 1956. - Word was received of the death in Los Angeles, Cal. on Tuesday, Dec. 17th of Mrs. James Delisle (Kate McGuigan). Mrs. Delisle and her late husband sold their farm on the Middle Road 40 years ago and moved to California. Mrs. Delisle was buried Saturday morning in L.A. from her son Frederick's home. His son, a Seminarian, being home for the holidays. Surviving is another son Charles and a daughter Anna, Mrs. W.M. Harris, all of Los Angeles.

Dec. 20, 1957 - Wallace Little, of St. Thomas, spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Little on the occasion of their 59th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Orville Ellis, Mrs. Del Loranger (Gertie Little) and Mrs. Gladys Richards, of Detroit, spent Friday with the Tom Little too, on this happy occasion. We are sorry to report that Marvin Little, second son of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Little has been confined to the hospital in St. Thomas.

Jan. 25, 1957 - The host of friends of Mrs. Ann Markham are wishing her good health to enjoy her retirement after 34 years of faithful service as telephone operator for the people of Sandwich South. Her untold kindnesses and excellent services will long be remembered. Mrs. Michael L. McCloskey (Mary Markham) of Willowdale, Ont. was a weekend visitor with her mother and other relatives and visiting with her sister Frances (Mrs. Stephen Dunn) at Riverview Hospital, who, is improving after months of hospitalization.

Feb. 1, 1957 - Friends of Mrs. Leah McCoy, beloved wife of Jim McCoy of Detroit, passed away early on Monday morning at her home. A frequent visitor here, Mrs. McCoy was highly respected. The McCoy's have a farm on the townline and spend much of the summer at it. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, three daughters, Kay, Mrs. Harold Sullivan, of Detroit; Betty, Mrs. Bob Service, of Bridgeport, Conn. and Helen, Mrs. Dennis Menard of Ferndale; two sons, Jim, Jr., at home and Jack of the U.S. Airforce. A son bob died a few years ago. 13 grandchildren survive. Funeral was held Friday morning to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

May 30, 1958 - Reports show that Maidstone Shamrocks dropped an 11-inning game to McGregor Flying Frenchmen, at the home lot, last Sunday. So far the Rocks have not dented the win column as yet. Looks like the old Board of Maidstone works will have to drum some spark into the locals. You, who have never seen the new Maidstone Park, it would be worth your while to visit it. Without a doubt here is one of the finest village parks in Ontario, with a fine organized group to handle any of Essex County's great sport. - From Carson Jessop's Column.

May 30, 1958 - Mrs. Wilson (Veronica Campbell) R.N., of Detroit, was a week-end visitor with her grandmother, Mrs. Theresa O'Keefe, who, we are sorry to report, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at her farm home on Highway 98 on Monday morning and is critically ill. Her daughters, Catherine, Mrs. Campbell, R.N., of Leamington; Rosemary, Mrs. Russell Robinson and Lillian, Mrs. Patrick Larkin, who she has lived with at their Detroit home winters, are caring for their mother.

We learn Mrs. O'Keefe passed away on Thursday morning and is resting at the Marcotte Funeral Home, Windsor. Funeral is to be held Saturday morning at 9.30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church,

June 6, 1958 - Miss Christine McLean has been honoured on the occasion of her being a June bride-elect, with a tea given by Mrs. Louis J. Arpin at her home on Pelissier Street, Windsor. A Shower and Sunday supper at her home for her aunts, cousins and a few neighbors, at which she received many useful, beautiful gifts. A beach party and Saturday night supper at the summer home of Br. L. V. Kuron and Mrs. Kuron, on Lake Erie, near Amherstburg. A dinner party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Pray, of Golden Drive, Mount Clemens, Mich. A miscellaneous shower and buffet luncheon for 50 guests at Shawnee Club, Tecumseh. The hostesses were the O'Brien girls, Miss Mary V., Ellen, Mrs. Harry McRae; Katie, Mrs. Kuron, and Shirley, Mrs. McLean. Chris was helped to open her lovely gifts by her sister, Clare, who will be her only attendant, as maid of honor at her wedding. Winners at bunco were: Miss Mary Halford, R.N., Miss Gloria Abrash, of Windsor, Miss Mary Hergott and Mrs. Robert Kettels. Tally prizes to Miss Mary Margaret Kane, R.N. of Detroit; and Miss Norma Abrash of Windsor. The number prizes, found under novel umbrellas, hand made and varied coloured worn by each guest, were won by Mrs. Orville Bellaire, and Mrs. Bernard Murphy of Woodslee. The rehearsal dinner will be given by Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Arpin, of Windsor, on Thursday evening at the Prince Edward Hotel, following rehearsal at St. Mary's Church. Chris' fiancé, Donald Arpin, will be honoured with a stag dinner given by his former classmates at Assumption High and University.

June 6, 1958 - The many friends of Mrs. Bernard Collins will be pleased to know her ear is responding to a month's treatment at Metropolitan Hospital. Bernard and she were Sunday dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Tracey and big grandson David, at their home in Rochester Township.

June 13, 1958 - Miss Maureen McCarthy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Emmett J. McCarthy was awarded the Father Donlon C.S.B. Grade 12 scholarship at St. Mary's Academy Graduation exercises on Tues. evening. Maureen being one of four awards. - June 13, 1958 - Miss Elaine Flood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald S. Flood, was an honour Graduate from Grade 13, at St. Mary's Academy, Tues. evening. Congratulations to both these students.

June 13, 1958 - Miss Barbara Ward, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Ward will become the bride of Joseph J. Fox, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Fox, of North Ridge, at Maidstone United Church at 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon, June 14th. Reception at 6.30 p.m. at Rose Gardens, Kingsville. The Rev. N. Anderson will officiate.

June 27, 1958 - Mrs. John M. McAuliffe has been confined to her bed with a gall bladder attack and will be hospitalized for x-rays as soon as her condition improves. Kackie McAuliffe of the R.C.A.F. will return to H.M.C.S. Cornwallis this weekend after spending his leave with his parents Mr. & Mrs. John M. McAuliffe and brothers and sisters.

July 4, 1958 - Nick Obuckowich, aged 84 years of Windsor, passed away in St. Thomas on Wed. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Annie Kotow of Maidstone. Funeral Services were held from S.J. Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex, on Saturday thence to St. John Greek Orthodox Church, Windsor with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery.

July 4, 1958 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Thomas Dunn and sons of Windsor on the sudden loss of a beloved husband and father and grandfather. He died Monday noon of a heart seizure. Born on the Townline in Sandwich South, one of a large family of the late Edward and Sabina Dunn. Deceased resided here until his marriage to the former Margaret Cole and has since resided in Windsor. He was a Chrysler employee and had been in good health. Funeral held from Janisse Brothers' Funeral Home on Thurs. morning to St. Theresa's Church. His daughter Clare pre-deceased him a few years ago.

July 4, 1958 - Miss Elaine Flood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Flood, and Miss Maureen Collins daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Collins entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London this week. Their host of relatives and friends are wishing them God's choicest blessings. Miss Maureen McCarthy entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Emmett McCarthy on Sunday for the girls. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Schiel of Roseville, Mich., was a guest of the Don Flood's on Sunday as was Mr. & Mrs. Dan V. Sexton and sons of Detroit, the guests of the Russell Collins.

July 4, 1958 - Sister Bernadette and companion sister of the Order of St. Joseph, London, Ont. were at St. Joseph's Convent over the weekend. Sister Bernadette is the youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John R. Chittle, of Buckingham Drive, Windsor and formerly of here. The Chittle's entertained at their beautiful summer home on Lake St. Clair for a family re-union on Saturday. Their four daughters, Betty, (Mrs. Trepanier); Bernice, (Mrs. McRae); Rosemarie (Mrs. Albert Ducharme) of Belleville and Bernadette (Sister Bernadette of London) and five sons, Edward, John, Jr., Leonard, Bernard and Robert, all of this vicinity, as well as their 37 grandchildren were all present to partake of the hospitality of their beloved parents, many relatives, and friends attended to visit too.

July 4, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. John M. McAuliffe entertained at their home for a farewell for their son Jackie, who left, after his leave, for duties at the R.C.N. H.M.C. S. Stadacona, Halifax, N.S.

July 11, 1958 - Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gerard McCarthy, (Elizabeth Ryan) in the loss of her father. Mrs. Andrew McCarthy and Mrs. Emmett J. McCarthy attended Mr. Ryan's funeral on Monday in Parkhill, Ont.

July 18, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Donald Flood and sons Robert, Tim, James, Francis, Randy and Pat. and wife Mary Lou, of Detroit, as well as Frank J. McCloskey and Paul McAuliffe and Maireen McCarthy, were in London, on Sunday visiting Elaine Flood.

July 25, 1958 - We'd like to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Langan and three children, Mary, Ellen, and John of Windsor, who have moved to their lovely home here, purchased from the Donald Floods.

July 25, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lansfield (Beulah St. Louis, Bellaire, McCloskey) were married quietly Wednesday evening, July 16th in St. Mary's Church with the Rev. Fr. I. M. O'Neil officiating. The witnesses were Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred McCarthy. Mr. & Mrs. Lansfield are on a trip to Montreal and Fenelon Falls and on their return will make their home in the groom's home, Detroit. - Also married, Raymond Jobin, son of Thos Jobin and Cecile LaRoque and Kathleen Fields, daughter of Harvey Fields and Irene Robert.

Aug. 25, 1958 - Orville Bellaire has a two-car garage under construction.

July 5, 1958 - The Belleau girls entertained on this Thursday evening in St. Mary's Hall at a miscellaneous shower honouring Miss Theresa Montague of Roseland, a popular August bride-elect, who will marry Bernard Belleau at Mount Carmel Church, Aug. 30th. Mrs. George Markham and family of Messena, N.Y. are visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Belleau and other relatives. Agnes McCloskey of Willowdale accompanied them and is visiting with her grandmother Mrs. Annie Markham and other relatives. The Markham's will attend the Belleau-Montague wedding at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Enroute they will visit with Ella Mae's dad, Frank Belleau, at Westminster Hospital, London. The Belleau-Montague wedding reception will be at 2 p.m. at the Shawnee Gun Club. - Frank Belleau underwent surgery at Westminster Hospital, London on Monday, after being hospitalized there for a week. Mrs. Belleau and daughter, Mrs. Victor Dunn visited him on Sunday. - Mrs. Frank Belleau and son Raymond and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Markham drove to London on Sunday to visit Frank Belleau, who has undergone two major operations. He was able to be up in a wheel chair for two minutes on Sunday. - Mr. & Mrs. George Markham and daughters returned to Massena, N. Y. on Tuesday after being here with relatives for the Labor Day weekend. Gerry remained to attend his third year classes at Assumption and will stay with Mr. & Mrs. Victor Dunn. - We are pleased to report that Frank Belleau was able to come home from Westminster Hospital, London to convalesce from his major operations.

Aug. 8, 1958 - Mrs. Annie Markham was joyfully surprised on Monday when her family entertained her at her home, the occasion of her 79th birthday. Mrs. Markham received lovely gifts and had spent Sunday with her oldest son James, wife Marie and family with a birthday dinner.

Aug. 8, 1958 - Mrs. Michael John who owns and operates her General Store in the Village is recovering, although still un-nerved, after her terrific experience last Wednesday night at 9.30 when a bandit, with a 32 revolver, tried to hold her up. He and an accomplice driving a late model Buick, expected of being stolen earlier from Elmwood, drove up to her store and demanded her opening the door. Two shots were fired, one narrowly missing Mrs. John. When her granddaughter, eleven year old Veronica John of Leamington, hearing the commotion, came into the store, turned out the lights, and the young man wearing a mask, got away in the car. Mrs. John's many friends are hoping and praying for ease of mind for her and thankful she and her granddaughter were unhurt.

Aug. 1, 1958 - Mrs. Joseph Hayes, son Jimmie, and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Godin and daughter Mary Beth, of South Windsor, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Murphy in their new home on Hwy. 98, Woodslee.

Aug. 1, 1958 - The many friends of Mrs. John M. McAuliffe are praying for complete success and complete recovery from major surgery performed Wednesday morning in Hotel Dieu, that the operation will enable her to return to her family in good health again.

Aug. 1, 1958 - Miss Shirley A. Walker and Miss Rita Dolan of Windsor flew to Bermuda Sat. A.M. by T.C.A. for their two week vacation. Returning they will stop over in Montreal and Ottawa.

Aug. 8, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McCarthy of Detroit moved into their new "weekend" home on No. 3 Highway two weeks ago.

Aug. 15, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Belleau (Patsy McCann) are working overtime trying to complete their new home on Hwy. 98, so they can move in before David goes to St. Mary's School, Sept. 2nd.

Aug. 15, 1958 - Dale Collins was pitching a no-hitter in the first of the 7th inning for the Essex Legionaires against McGregor Juniors on Sunday afternoon on the Shamrock Diamond, when a summer downpour halted the game and it had to be played over. Doug. Galipeau, the McGregor hurler had only two hits off of him. Tuesday evening with Mac McCann pitching the Essex Jr.'s, beat McGregor 7-2. Dale Collins pitched the last two innings. So, congratulations Manager Marshall Jessop and boys. The fans in this locality were bitterly disappointed in the poor showing the Shamrock's gave them this year. Not even, in the playoffs! A far cry from last year, the reason? You figure it out?

Aug. 22nd., 1958 - Ralph and Rose Sexton have been without their four daughters for a week. Their youngest, Joan, having undergone surgery in a Detroit hospital and is now convalescing at home. Their eldest daughter left last week on Monday by Plane from Willow Run to visit with her aunts, Mrs. James Coakley and family, in South Amboy, N.J., and Mrs. John J. Carpenter and family of South Plainfield, N.J. Elizabeth and Judy are visiting with their aunt, Mrs. B.J. MacIntyre in Det.

Aug. 22, 1958 - Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mary Elizabeth Donovan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Donovan to Raymond R. Bush, on Sept. 6th at 12 o'clock noon at Sacred Heart Church, Windsor with breakfast following at the Norton-Palmer Hotel.

Aug. 22, 1958 - Article taken out of Carson Jessop's Column, our Oldcastle long time scribe: Progress may be good for a nation but parts of that nation and people who are accustomed to the quiet side of community life never seem to become used to progress. Farming people have never quite got used to progress in some parts of the northern areas of Sandwich South. Planes overhead, roar of cars and trucks on the new 401 Freeway, combined with the wail of the electric horns from diesel railway locomotives, turns a quiet summer night into various sounds that is foreign to the ears of a quiet countryside. Peaceful crickets, moan of the wind, or the barking of a far off dog is drowned out by something that is not in harmony with nature. Doctors claim today that many of the nervous diseases are the result of the noise of machinery we live with. No more does the human system have a chance to live and relax in quiet calmness of a countryside. People who are accustomed to these noises cannot relax when the sudden shell of a quiet interlude appears around them. Reports are that our sanitoriums are filled with people suddenly gone mad from a world of progress. So its either progress and madness or just live and let live you pay your money and take your choice.

Aug. 29, 1958 - Sandwich South lost one of its life-time and very well know residents this week in the person of Eugene St. Louis, Sr., who passed away following a long hear illness. Mr. St. Louis farmed on the 10th Concession after recently being retired from the Ford Motor Company.

Aug. 29, 1958 - Miss Frances Halford (Fanny) passed away Friday afternoon at Bon Secour Hosp. Grosse Pointe, Mich., where she had been for three weeks following an coronary. Deceased was born April 13th, 1868, daughter of the late William Halford and Rose Kelly, pioneers of Sandwich South, at the farm home, now owned by James Woltz on No. 3 Highway. Miss Halford had been a nurse for many years for the McLaughlin family of Detroit, going with them abroad to educate their large family, and later being nurse to their daughter Mary's family. They resided on the Riveria from 1911 to 1946, returning ten years ago to Detroit, to reside with her sister and neices. Deceased could entertain you for days with her vast experiences of going through both World Wars I and II abroad. It is hoped she has left her memories. Deceased had crossed the Atlantic many times, even in war times, to visit her relatives here. Left to mourn her passing are two sisters, Sister Estell I.H.M., Monroe, Mich., and Habel, Mrs. William Conway, of Detroit and many neices and nephews. She was pre-deceased by Sister Clarissa, I.H.M., Monroe, Mich., Rose, Mrs. Wm. Kane; Kate, Mrs. Pat. McNeill and Mae, Mrs. James Scobie, both of Detroit, and brothers, John, Christopher, Joseph, Robert and Thomas James. Funeral was held Monday at 10 a.m. from Janisse Funeral Home, Windsor to St. Mary's Church, Maidstone, with the Rev. Fr. I.M. O'Neil officiating. Burial in the family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery. The Pallbearers were Raymond Kane, Charles McNeill, Harry Conway, William and John McLean and Donald Kunkle.

Aug. 29, 1958 - Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Eugen St. Louis of 10th Conc. who passed away Sunday morning of a heart attack. Mr. St. Louis, aged 67 years, was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Adolph St. Louis and has resided in Sandwich South all his life. He leaves to mourn, his wife, the former Marie LaPorte, 5 sons, Eugene, Jr., Harold of Kamlachie, Ont., Norbert, Larry and Clifford; 2 daughters, Catherine, Mrs. Henry Laframboise, of River Canard, and Marjorie, Mrs. Frank Little, of Windsor, 14 grandchildren. Brother of Ernest, Wilfred and Mrs. Gordon Battersby of Sandwich South, Frank, of McGregor. Mrs. Bernard Kemp, Mrs. Lloyd Camelius, Mrs. Carl Bowers, and Mrs. Joseph Lannsfeld, all of Detroit. Funeral was held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. from Marcotte Funeral Home to St. Anne's Church, Tecumseh with burial in Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

Sept. 5, 1958 - Some of those who have enrolled in the different shcools from this vicinity are: Essex High School - Ruth Ann Croft, Richard Robinson, Peter and Thomas Halford; Assumption High - Charles Doyle, John and Edward Markham, Francis and Jim Flood, Cary Deehan, Danny Hebert, Robert and Richard McCarthy, and Bob Kane and one of the Revenberg boys; St. Mary's Academy - Joan McLean, Joanne Walker, Nancy Turton, Judith and Sandra Dydzak, Maureen McCarthy, Caroline Wellwood and one of the Revenberg girls.

Sept. 12, 1958 - We are sorry to report that Mrs. Robt. A. Halford, Sr., underwent a serious major operation at Hotel Dieu Hospital but is convalescing satisfactorily now.

Sept. 12, 1958 - Paul McAuliffe luckily escaped more serious injury when Bob Flood acted promptly to relieve Paul of being pinned against a steel beam while working on the erection of Donald Flood Dry Kiln Mill, on Friday afternoon. Paul, who is in Hotel Dieu, suffered a double concussion, black eyes, and a cracked jaw.

Sept. 12, 1958 - Congratulations to Carol Markham who finished third in the Miss Tomato Contest sponsored by H.J. Heinz Co., of Leamington. Carol is the fourth daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Markham Sr., of 98 Hwy. and a graduate of Essex High School. Carol has enrolled as an Laboratory Technician in Hotel Dieu and her many friends are wishing for continued success.

Sept. 12, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Milton Hartley and family have taken up residence in the house formerly occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Herman Boos, who have moved to Essex.

Oct. 3, 1958 - John D. Walker has modernized his grocery store and it is very colorful and very modern in every detail.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Sept. 12, 1958 - Miss Mary Elizabeth Donovan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Donovan (Myrtle Deehan) formerly of Maidstone) Hall Ave., Windsor became the bride of Raymond Reginald Rush before the High Altar of Sacred Heart Church, which was beautiful with huge bouquets of white and pink gladioli and a candleabra of burning candles at High noon on Saturday. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was beautiful in her wedding gown, ballerina length of white silk, sabrina neckline, alencon lace trimmed. Her hip-length veil of illusion had a fitted head piece of alencon lace and she carried a cascade bouquet of white roses and gladioli. Her sister, Ruth, Mrs. Harold Allen was most attractive in a sheath gown of bronze taffeta, ballerina length and a pill-box hat of the same material and she carried a cascade bouquet of yellow and broze mums. Harold Allen assisted the groom. Fred Donaldson and Ray LeBeauf were ushers. The Rev. Fr. C. W. Carrigan officiated and gave the toast to the bride and groom at the breakfast, held at the Norton-Palmer Hotel for a large number of friends and relatives. The happy young couple left for a month's holiday honeymoon and will reside on Riverside Drive, Windsor.

Sept. 19, 1958 - Sincere sympathy to the Miehl's family in the sudden passing of a beloved mother, Ann Helen Miehl, widow of Clarence, who died suddenly 11 years ago. A son John died in 1936 and two daughters when they were young. The funeral was held from Kennedy's Funeral Home to Holy Name Church, Essex, with solemn requiem Mass sung by the Pastor, Rev. Fr. M. D. Monaghan, deacon, Rev. Fr. M. Dalton, and sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. John McMaster. Burial was in the family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery, Maidstone.

Sept. 19, 1958 - The many friends in this locality will be sorry to learn that Mrs. James Croft fell and broke her hip and is in Grace Hospital. The accident will lay her up for awhile to convalesce. Her daughter, Mrs. Wallace A. Little of St. Thomas was a week-end visitor with her mom.

Sept. 26, 1958 - Paul McAulliffe was able to be brought home from hospital after his accident which could have been more serious. Paul will have to take it very quiet for several weeks.

Oct. 3, 1958 - Mrs. Ted Markham and daughter Catherine returned to their home on 98 Hwy. after a three-month's visit with Mrs. Markham's parents in Amsterdam, Holland.

Oct. 10, 1958 - Mrs. Wm. Gould entertained on Saturday evening for thirty relatives, honoring her husband "Bill" on his ?? birthday at their home at 114 Highway. Many beautiful gifts were opened by Bill and deeply appreciated. Mrs. Gould, assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Gerard O'Neil, and Mrs. Ronald Holland served delicious refreshments.

Oct. 10, 1958 - Sorry to report that Mrs. Orville Farough (Beatrice Libby) is in Grace Hospital where she underwent a major operation. Her many friends are hoping for a satisfactory report.

Oct. 10, 1958 - Sister Mary Gertrude of St. Joseph's Convent went to London on Sunday to be at the bedside of her mother, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky is teaching her class at No. 7.

Oct. 17, 1958 - John G.D. Walker (Jay) left last week to make his home in Aurora, Ont. where he is employed by Sterling Company.

Oct. 17, 1958 - James Patrick Kenney, age 65 years, of Windsor, son of the late Thomas Kenney and Margaret Barrett died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on Sunday. Funeral was held Wed. at 9 a.m. from Janisse Bros. to St. Alphonsus Church with burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery. Jim was born here at Maidstone and was in World War II in the Dieppe Invasion where he lost two brothers. He was an electrician at Ford's and is survived by his wife Amy (O'Connor); two sons, Robert Edward and Joseph Patrick; two brothers, Charles, of Detroit; Edward, and a sister, (Mary) Mrs. Edward Belcourt of Windsor and 9 grandchildren.

Oct. 24, 1958 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Malcolm, whose wedding was an Oct. 11th event at the Maidstone United Church with Rev. N. S. Anderson officiating. Mrs. Malcolm (Ethel Farough) is the daughter of Mrs. Harold Sweet (Margaret Flood) and the late Ernest Farough. Tommy is the only son of Mr. & Mrs. John Malcolm of No. 3 Hwy. and has been a star pitcher for a few years. The happy young couple are on a honeymoon to California.

Oct. 24, 1958 - Beth, three year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Blackburn (Helen Hayes) had the misfortune of breaking her arm (left) while playing and will have the cast on for several weeks.

Nov. 14, 1958 - James Anthony, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hergott was baptized in St. Mary's Church on Sunday with the Rev. Fr. I.M. O'Neil officiating. The godparents were Jimmie's grandfather, George Hergott and his great aunt, Josephine Robinson.

Nov. 7, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Everett McGuire (Madeline Jobin) entertained at a family dinner on Saturday evening at their home honouring Mrs. Vincent Brown for her birthday. The McGuire's presented "Grandma" with a lovely corsage. - Nov. 7, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Strong, of Windsor, will move into their home this week on No. 3 Hwy. purchased from Mrs. Edward Deehan of Windsor and formerly of Maidstone.

Nov. 14, 1958 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Grant Garrod (Rosemary Shanahan) whose lovely wedding was an event at St. Mary's Church on Saturday. Rev. Fr. Moss officiated. Reception from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Golden House for 200 guests. - Nov. 14, 1958 - A belated birthday greeting from his host of friends to the Rev. Fr. I. M. O'Neil, who observed his birthday quietly on Remembrance Day.

Nov. 21, 1958 - Leo Kosokowsky has returned home from Hartford, Conn. having finished his three months school course. Dec. 24, 1958 - Dale Collins has accepted a position with the Bank of Nova Scotia, in Windsor. - A.B. Jackie McAulliffe is home from H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, Halifax, N.S. for his Xmas leave.

Dec. 12, 1958 - Louis George, 63, of 816 Chatham St., E., Windsor, died Tuesday of last week at Hotel Dieu after a sudden illness. Born in Mount Lebanon, Lebanon, Mr. George came to Canada in his early childhood. He had lived in Windsor 28 years. At one time Mr. George owned grocery stores in Woodlee, Belle River, Comber and Maidstone. He is survived by five daughters besides his wife, Helen; two brothers and five sisters. Funeral was held Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m.

Dec. 24, 1958 - John J. Halford is expected to arrive for Christmas to spend three weeks with his brothers, Peter of here, and Robt. A., of Windsor, and his sisters, Angela, Mrs. B. J. McIntyre of Detroit and Rose, Mrs. Ralph Sexton.

Dec. 24, 1958 - Mrs. & Mrs. Geo. Markham and daughters, Mary Beth and Cheryl-Ann, of Massena, N.Y. spent a few days over the American Thanksgiving week end with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Belleau, Mrs. Annie Markham and their son Gerry who is attending Assumption High School.

Dec. 24, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Little, Sr., of St. Thomas came down over the weekend to visit with their new granddaughter Cathy Lynn, born at Grace Hospital, Dec. 19th, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Little, Jr. Cathy's great grandmothers are Mrs. Thomas Little and Mrs. James Croft.



AID X-RAY PURCHASE—Looking at a cheque which represents the Essex County Tuberculosis Association's contribution toward the new mobile X-ray unit of Essex County Sanatorium, are, from left: H. G. Tulett, of R.R. 2, Maidstone, president

of the association; Mrs. T. E. Armstrong of Windsor, president of the Essex Health Association of the Sanatorium, which also made a contribution, and Dr. David R. Brown, medical superintendent of the Sanatorium. (Star Staff Photo)

Maidstone Girls Holiday in Jan  
WINDSOR STAR, APRIL 27, 1956



Miss Barbara Ward and Miss Shirley Walker of Maidstone shown above on the beach at Kingston, Jamaica, where they are enjoying a spring holiday.

WINDSOR STAR, JUNE 3, 1958



FLY TO ENGLAND — A Maidstone couple whose ages total 171 years took off Sunday from the Windsor Airport for the first airplane ride of their lives. The ride will take Mr. and Mrs. James B. Walker back to their native England for a three week visit with friend. It was 47 years ago that the couple came to Canada by boat. "I don't imagine this trip will take quite as long," Mr. Walker quipped as he stepped aboard a T.C.A. Viscount. Mr. Walker, a veteran of the 18th Battalion is 88. His wife is 83. They are seen waving goodbye to friends.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Feb. 7, 1958 - We are pleased to report that Mrs. Frank Belleau is showing improvement after suffering a slight stroke on Saturday afternoon.

Feb. 14, 1958 - Congratulations to Leona Kosokowsky on her appearance on Saturday on the Ed. MacKenzie TV afternoon show. Her partner was Batty Ann Hebert. Sincere sympathy to John Hebert in the loss of his father, Alfred Hebert, of Windsor, on Saturday morning, following a lingering illness. John's wife is the former Rosemary McCarthy. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Belleau (Patricia McCann) on the arrival of a baby girl at Hotel Dieu on Tuesday, Feb. 4th, a sister for David and Mary Louise. Feb. 28, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Markham acted as godparents on Sunday at Holy Name of Mary Church, Windsor, for their niece, Beverly Ann, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Belleau (Patricia McCann).

Feb. 21, 1958 - Fire of undetermined origin was discovered in an attached building to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schwertner on No. 3 Highway at 1 p.m., Monday. A fire brigade quickly responded to the telephone fire alarm and with the aid of Anderdon Fire Dept., apparatus confined the blaze to the three out buildings. The downstairs furniture was moved out and Mr. & Mrs. Schwertner moved in with the Plaucer's.

Feb. 28, 1958 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. William Gerard on the birth of their son, Gary Allen, at Grace Hospital, on Feb. 18th, a brother for Ronald, Danny, Peggy, Debbie and Joni.

Feb. 28th, 1958 - Earl Markham, well known former Woodslee baseball slugger and also known well in Maidstone district, came as close to losing his ears and fingers as could be. Earl, who drives transport for Lancaster Cartage was bogged in snow drifts and 17 below zero temperatures, near Buffalo the past week and had to shovel his way out for about two hours. Earl also claims that American road gangs also paid him very little courtesy in helping him out of the drifts. Lancaster's transports pick up fuel oil for their trucks here at the Oldcastle Co-Op and driver Earl arrived here with both ears taped back and one hand well frost bitten as well as a toe. We hope our big happy-go-lucky Earl will not be caused too much damage to his digits and that he will soon be roaring along the highways again.

Mar. 21, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Murray Essery and family moved to their new home in Maidstone on Saturday.

Mar. 14, 1958 - Joe Hayes, the gentleman farmer of Sandwich South has returned after a vacation in Mexico. Joe claims his ears are still ringin with the sound of "Senor" this and "Senor" that and with the hand out at the same time. Surely, Joe could say back, "Seorita" just as easy. Joe claims that if tourists go to Mexico with the idea that they will come home with a pocket full of money, they are just as balmy as the "Senors".

June 13, 1958 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Francis (Frankie) Melnick, nee Donna Jean Grant, who was a lovely bride at their wedding, Saturday morning at St. Mary's Church, June 1st., at 10 a.m. with Rev. Fr. R. Graveline officiating. After the wedding dinner, the reception in the afternoon at Lappan's was held for many relatives and friends. The happy young couple will reside on 98 Hwy. after their honeymoon. Donna Jean is the daughter of John Grant and Patricia McCann, and Frank, the younger son of Mrs. Clara Melnik and the late Mr. Melnik.

May 23, 1958 - Mrs. Robert McCarthy, age 76 years, formerly of Maidstone Cross, passed away at her home 1190 Hall Ave., Windsor, last Thursday morning after a six months illness. Deceased was born Mary Toner in the States, and came to Windsor as a young girl, where she resided until her marriage, coming to Maidstone as a bride and living here until two years ago. Her husband died April 6th, 1936 and a daughter Jean in 1924. Surviving are two daughters, Miss Cecelia at home, Mary, Mrs. Jack Holmes, of Detroit, a son, Gerard, of Hwy. 3; two granddaughters, Mary Paulene Holmes and Mary Jean McCarthy, and a brother, Arthur Toner, of Chicago. The funeral was held Saturday morning from Marcotte Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church with Rev. Fr. M.J. Quenneville officiating. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery beside her husband. The pallbearers were Leonard McCarthy, of Detroit; Emmett McCarthy, Donald Flood, Richard McCarthy of Detroit, Mr. Moran of Barrie, Ont., and Dennis Garvey of Detroit.

May 23, 1958 - Mrs. Dan J. McLean announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Christine, to Donald Edward Arpin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Arpin, of Windsor. The wedding will take place at St. Mary's Church at 10 o'clock the morning of June 21st., with Rev. Fr. M. J. Quenneville officiating.

May 23, 1958 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Charles McCann, Jr., (Julia Trepanier) on their marriage on Saturday at St. Joachim's Church. Reception at Hasrown Hall in the evening for 200 guests. After a honeymoon the couple will reside on 98 Highway.

May 16, 1958 - We are happy to report that Mrs. Vincent Brown has improved so much that she was able to come home from Metropolitan Hospital where she has been for five weeks and her host of friends hope she will continue to be well. Florence wishes to thank her many relatives and friends for thoughtfulness of her by remembering her in their prayers, gifts and abundance of good wishes by the hundred of get-well cards. Her daughter Dorothy, Mrs. Joseph Lachance, Jr., and her daughter Suzanna returned by plane to their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after several weeks at her bedside.

June 13, 1958 - Mrs. Geo. Markham and family, who have been staying with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Belleau will leave on Friday with her three-bedroom trailer to live in Messina, N.Y. where George is employed on the waterway project. Ella-Mae received an electric fry-pan as a going-away gift from the Markham family. Mrs. Ted. Markham and daughter Catherine were honoured with a going-away party on Tuesday evening when the Markham family gathered at their home on 98 Hwy. to bid farewell to Rea & Cathy who sail from Montreal for Holland. They received an electric travel iron as a remembrance of the occasion.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

April 29, 1960 - The April drawing of the Shamrocks 150 Club resulted in Ernest Durocher receiving the \$50; Mrs. Alex. Allen \$15; and Russell Nantais \$10.

The Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's Parish won second prize last week with the Community Club awards sponsored by CJSP Radio 71.

Apr. 14, 1960 - The Catholic Women's League held their April meeting and social afternoon in St. Mary's Hall on Wednesday, April 6th. The conveners, Mrs. Stan McGuire and Mrs. Jos. Randall. The president, Mrs. James Markham, Sr., opened the meeting with the League's prayer. The Nominating Committee, Mrs. F. D. Austin, chairman. Mrs. Emmett McGuire and Mrs. Jos. Randall took charge of the meeting. The new slate of officers are: Spiritual director, the pastor, Rev. Fr. J. P. Gleason, president, Mrs. Jas. Markham, Sr., secretary, Mrs. Ernest Deehan; treasurer, Mrs. Gordon O'Neil; 1st. vice-president, Mrs. Ralph Sexton; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Nellie Turton; 3rd. vice-president, Mrs. Emmett McLean; annual dues were paid at this annual meeting. The convention will be in Stratford in May. The May meeting will be at the home of the treasurer, Mrs. Gordon O'Neil on the 8th Conc. on May 11th at 2 p.m. Wed. Winners at euchre were Mrs. F. D. Austin, Mrs. Ernest Deehan and Mrs. Joseph Randall. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Frank A. Kane, Mrs. Tim Renaud II and Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky.

May 20, 1960 - Mrs. Gordon O'Neil entertained at her spacious home on the eighth Conc., Wed. afternoon, for the Catholic Women's League May meeting. Mrs. James Markham, Sr., opened the meeting with the League's prayer and a prayer for the sick members. Mrs. Ernest Deehan, secretary, was appointed voting delegate and her companion, Mrs. Medric Belleperche to attend the annual convention at Stratford on May 18th and 19th. Mrs. Louis Deslippe of Windsor was a special guest and renewed acquaintance with past members, she being Mrs. Sylvia O'Neil's mother. Prizes were purchased by Mrs. Ralph Sexton for all grade 8 graduating classes in the various schools to be presented in June. The June meeting will be in St. Mary's Hall at 2 p.m., June 8th with Mrs. M.J. Belleperche and Mrs. D.J. McLean conveners. Euchre was enjoyed with prizes going to Mrs. Emmett McLean, Mrs. Emmett McGuire and Mrs. Glen O'Neil, Mrs. John Qianlan. Tally prizes to Mrs. Albert Huneau and Mrs. Lillian Bronstein of Detroit.

Rev. Nathaniel Anderson of the Bethel-Maidstone United Church baptized the following children on Sunday, May 8th: John Robert Kokovai, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Kokovai; Deborah Lynn Lambier, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lambier; Cheryl May Lauzon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Lauzon; David Stewart Allison, son of Mr. & Mrs. Claude Allison; April Louis Allison, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Claude Allison; Brady Charles Tofflemire, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tofflemire. In Bethel United Church: James Douglas Rutherford, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Rutherford; Brian Frank Rutherford, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Rutherford; Ruth Ann Little and Kathryn Joy Little, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Little; Gail Elaine Mulcaster, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Mulcaster; William Donald Reeb, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Reeb; Jonathan William Andrews, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Andrews.

June 24, 1960 - The sod was broken last week for the new Separate School to be built just east of St. Joseph Convent at Maidstone on No. 3 Highway. The Rev. Fr. J. P. Gleason, pastor, James Markham, Sr., and chairman of the school board, and Edward Byrne, trustee, attended the ceremony. Shepley Contractors will build the two-room school at a contract of \$52,000. A well with good water has been drilled at the site. This new school is to relieve congestion at the other two Separate Schools, S. S. No. 5 & 8 at the Six Corners and S. S. No. 7 at Ragtown.

June 30, 1960 - Sunday will be Rev. Fr. J.P. Gleeson's last Sunday at St. Mary's as Fr. Mackesy will arrive on Saturday, July 9th to assume his parochial duties. Fr. Gleeson is being retired and his loyal St. Mary's parishioners will be wishing him a life of good health and happiness, after he gets used to not having his priestly duties to attend. There is always a sadness attached to a retirement after 48 years of services to God and his various parishes. Father will be able to look back on all his accomplishments during the years of his activities and as the parishioners will say "Well done, good and faithful servant".

July 8, 1960 - Francis Flood graduated from Assumption High School and will attend Grade XIII in the Fall.

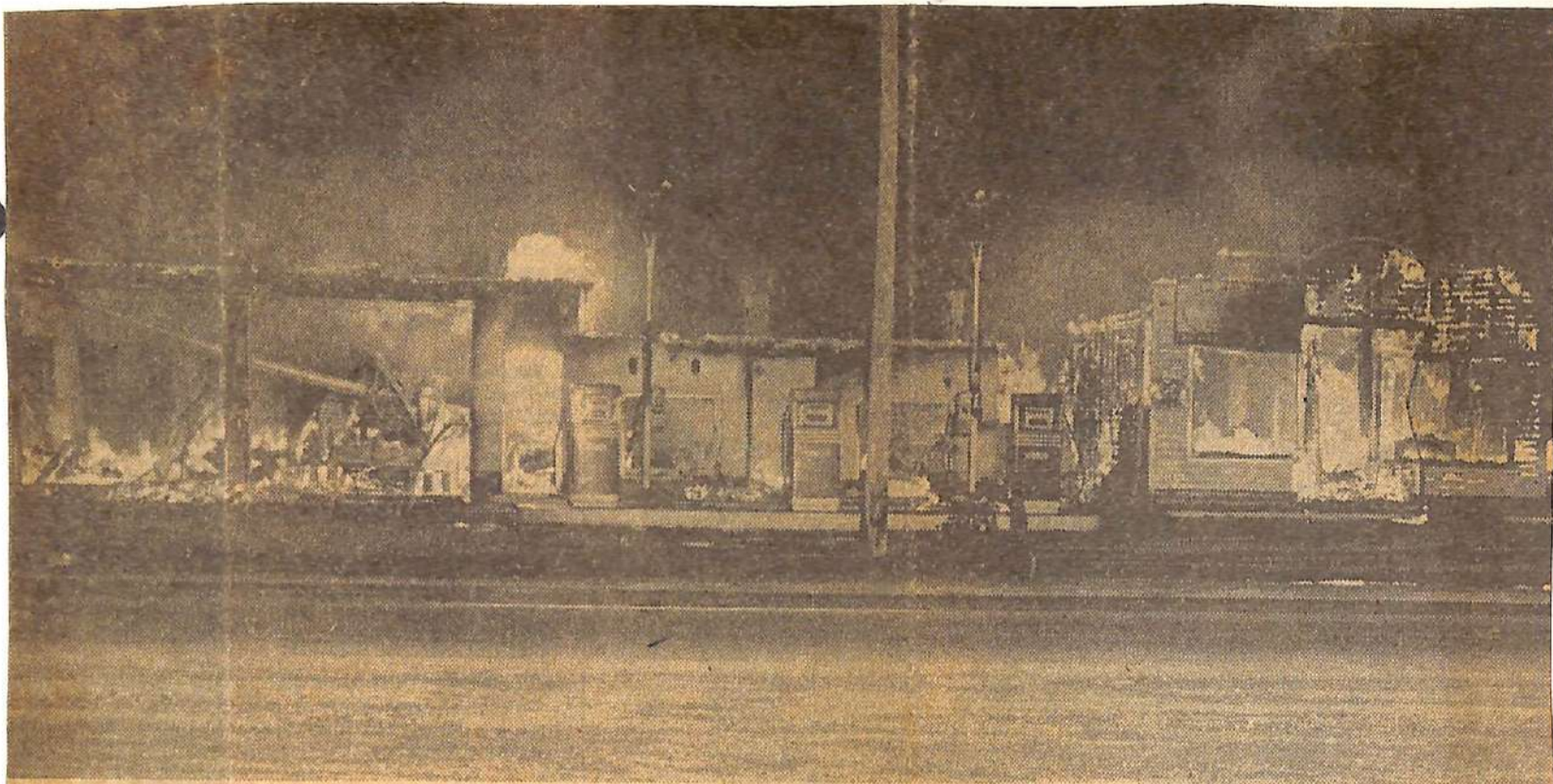
Mrs. William Mogyorody, Dale and Terry Collins are attending Teacher's College in Toronto, for the six weeks course. William Mogyorody is attending the Lion's Club Convention in Chicago, Ill. this week. Roy Deehan, Michael Guiley and Robert Croft have enrolled in Grade 9 at Assumption High School. Gary Deehan has won the proficiency award for Grade 10E for the second year and Jay Beaudette has won the Grade 9A proficiency award at Assumption. The Deehan boys are sons of Mr. & Mrs. "Ted" Deehan.

Sept. 9, 1960 - Mrs. Ryan, of Parkhill has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Gerard McCarthy Gerard and her grandchildren, also. Another daughter, Mother Elizabeth of the Ursuline's, at Holy Name Convent, Essex. Terrence J. and Dale P. Collins are again teaching at Holy Name School, Essex. Mrs. William Mogyorody is teaching at the Market School and Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky at the Retarded School.

Sept. 30, 1960 - MAIDSTONE DOGS WIN HONORS: two 11-month old daschshunds entered by Mrs. Stuart Roberts of Maidstone, brought home a total of 23 trophies, \$55 in prize money, 20 ribbons and five rosettes won at shows in Burlington on Saturday. Mrs. Roberts said Canidae Caprice, longhair daschshund entered in the specialty and puppy futurity was judged best in the entire show. Candae Crusader took best of winners in the specialty and in the futurity as best smooth daschshund.

Oct. 28, 1960 - The following children were baptized by Rev. Nathaniel Anderson in Maidstone United Church: Georgena Dawn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Ramsdale; Kerri Janice Ann, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Knight; John Gordon Alexander, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Greaves.

Nov. 4, 1960 - The new school in the Village is ready for occupancy. The pupils and teachers moved in on Monday.



CHARRED RUINS OF SERVICE STATION, HARDWARE WINDSOR STAR, AUG. 10  
—Ontario Fire Marshal to investigate early morning fire on Highway 3 1959

# Flames Destroy Service Station, Damage House

THE WINDSOR STAR, AUG. 10, 1959

## Series of Misfortunes

## Follows Start of Gas War

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Department will investigate a fire that levelled a combined service station-hardware and severely damaged a nearby house on Highway 3 just west of Maidstone early this morning.

Total damage is estimated at more than \$48,000.

Flames and billows of black smoke rose more than 150 feet above the station and lit up the sky for miles around.

The station was owned by Vernon Nielson and the house by Eli Malenfant.

Intermittent explosions of paint and shot gun shells in the hardware woke up residents several miles away.

It was the latest in a series of misfortunes that have plagued Mr. Nielson since a gas price war started in the area recently.

A desperate attempt to save his German Shepherd watch dog was made by Mr. Nielson when he arrived at the scene but he was driven back by the flames.

changes. The change has come during our daily travels in Essex County where hitchhikers are numerous. Too often, today those "thumbing" rides are only going a few blocks or at the most a mile or so. The majority are just too lazy to walk. Many can be recognized as school pupils but others are just going visiting. Every once in a while we give a boy a lift just to check on the merits of the policy we have adopted. Our last venture turned out even worse than the rest. This was in the early evening near Maidstone Village when the youth obviously was not going to or from school. The boy, who turned out to be 15, confirmed

## Officials To Check Big Blaze

He smashed the glass in the garage doors to open them and free the dog and suffered a badly gashed hand. He sobbed as he recounted the incident to police.

Firemen from Anderdon Twp. devoted most of their efforts to saving the house.

They trained their hoses on the north wall facing the station but it was completely charred and the interior of the house severely damaged by smoke and water.

The owner of the house, Mr. Malenfant, is holidaying at Sault Ste. Marie.

Police broke down the door and searched the house to see if there was anyone inside.

Firemen were hampered by a shortage of water and had to shuffle their two trucks back-and-forth to a hydrant on the Maidstone-Sandwich South Town Line a mile away.

By the time they arrived from their station more than 10 miles away, the fire was out of control.

Lost in the fire were a tow truck and a complete stock of garage tools and hardware merchandise.

A passing motorist was the first to notice the fire and sounded the alarm by honking his horn. He saw smoke seeping out the garage doors as he was passing at 3:45 a.m.

A neighbor, John Malcolm, who heard the honking and looked out the window, called firemen.

A large crowd of area residents, many in their night-clothes, gathered around the fire but kept at a safe distance because of the regular explosions that sent bursts of flame hundreds of feet into the air.

A tank truck from the Sandwich West brigade arrived to assist the Anderdon firemen but the garage was levelled before they were able to provide water.

The fire is believed to have started in a small room in the service station used to store tar. Its origin is unknown.

Firemen believe that if there had been a southerly wind the frame house that was less than 20 feet from the station would have been destroyed.

When they removed shingles from the roof of the home, flames shot into the air but were quickly extinguished.

An attempt to enter the station was made when the firemen first arrived but the smoke and flames were so severe that they were driven back at the entrance.

At one stage, they had to stand back helplessly as they waited for their trucks to bring more water.

Mr. Nielson, who lives at 3765 Rosemount Ave., Windsor, was at home at the time of the fire. He frequently sleeps in a small cement block bungalow that was converted from a garage at the rear of the station. It was also destroyed.

He estimated damage to his station at \$40,000. Damage to the house was estimated at more than \$8,000.

our thinking. He was only going down the road a mile to visit friends and he had the audacity to ask us to sell him a cigarette for two cents. This was, of course, after he queried us about the brand we were smoking.

May 15, 1959 - Mr. & Mrs. Albert Huneau bought the Thomas Little property on No. 3 Highway at Maidstone

Sept. 8, 1961 - Some of the young ladies registered at St. Mary's Academy from this vicinity are: Catherine Markham, Gertrude Flood, Mary Ellen Langan, Carol Ann Hebert, Elaine McCarthy, Suzanne and Elizabeth Sexton, for their high school.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

The people used to buy useful presents at Christmas in those days. A man who had three sons working in the woods in winter, went to Windsor to buy the boys a Christmas present and he bought them a new crosscut saw and they were delighted with it. On the corner of the Malden Road and the South Rear Road, a man by the name of Delisle made potash and for every bushel of ashes he gave a bar of soap. Recently there was a man in his nineties came back to Maidstone and expected to find a very large place, as it was larger than Essex when he left here. There was no railroad track here when he left, the main line running to this side of Amherstburg to a place called Gordon, where they took the cars to the American side. So nearly all the landmarks were gone and he had an idea how far Maidstone was from Windsor and when the man he was driving with, got two miles past Maidstone, he said to him "we must be near Maidstone". The man said that we have gone through it. They must have been driving fast and the old man blinked his eyes and didn't see Maidstone.

Those were the good old days. The homes were a place of entertainment, not as it is today, an eating and sleeping place.

Some notes in and about the Hamlet of Maidstone Cross:

Sept. 5, 1913 - Rev. Fr. McCabe, parish priest for many years at St. Mary's R. C. Church, returned from a two month trip to Europe.

Oct. 1961 - Mrs. James Ward of Maidstone, was able to be brought home on Saturday afternoon just in time for the Thanksgiving festivities planned for her at the home on No. 3 Hwy., after spending the last three weeks in I.O.D.E. Hospital, having undergone two major operations. She thanks her many friends for the cards, gifts and flowers and thanks especially Drs. Hamilton, VanVeen and Foster, doctors of the Medical Clinic in Essex and all the nurses on the 3rd. floor of the new wing of the hospital.

Feb. 21, - 1908 - Thieves broke into Nace Halford's store and T. P. McCloskey's at Maidstone Cross.

June 22, 1962 - G.O. McLean spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. D. J. McLean and sister Clare and brought along as his guests, Dick Stewart, of St. Stephen's, N.B., Bob Clarke of Sterling, Ont., and Jim McKay of Calgary, Alta. The boys enjoyed a ball game at Tiger Stadium while here. Gerry was in the Services, Airforce Division.

Aug. 10, 1962 - The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Vera (Sullivan) Hergott of R. R. 2 Breslau, formerly of here, will be pleased to know she has been super-annuated from teaching and has accepted a position as Librarian at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, Ont.

Aug. 24, 1962 - Mr. & Mrs. William Mogyrody and children, Veronica and Kevin have returned from a two week motor trip east as far as Quebec City and Ste. Anne de Beaupre, returning by Ottawa and Algonquin Park. Mrs. Mogyrody has enrolled in Teacher's College, Windsor for the September term.

Sept., 1962 - Some of those who have enrolled at St. Mary's Academy from this vicinity are: Suzanne, Judy & Elizabeth Sexton; Elaine McCarthy, Carol Anne Hebert; Tony, Josephine and Elaine Trimmer; Peggy Beaudette, Jackie Collins, Gertrude Flood, Catherine Markham, Mary Ellen Langin, Judith and Patsy Markham and Janet Padbury.

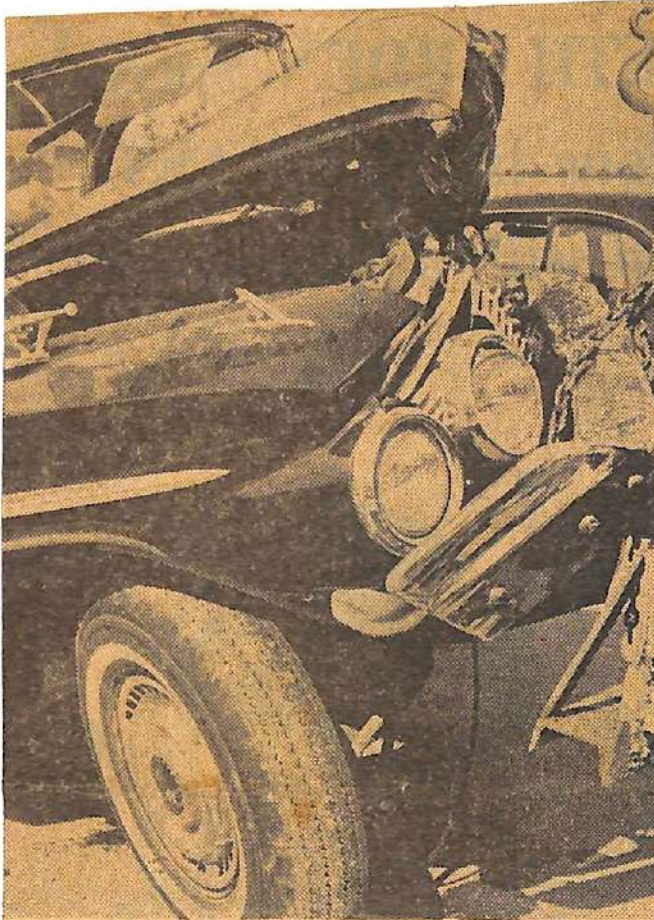
Nov. 23, 1962 - Miss Mary Ann McCloskey, R.N. and five friends returned from an extensive trip to the British Isles and Europe. They sailed from Montreal on the S. S. Homeric, landing in Southampton. After visiting England, Scotland and Ireland, the girls landed in Brussels, and on to Paris, Amsterdam, Switzerland, Germany (both west and east Berlin) Vienna, Rome, Madrid, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Portugal and Our Lady of Lourdes in France. The highlight of their tour was the audience they had with Pope John XXII. They returned by jet from Paris to New York, where one of the girls, Susie Fara, R.N., uncle and aunt entertained them extensively. They flew from New York to Toronto. Mary Ann is the oldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael McCloskey formerly of Maidstone and granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Markham, who is the chief telephone operator here. The McCloskey's also resided here until Mr. McCloskey was transferred by the Ford Motor Company in their move to Oakville.

June 21, 1963 - Miss Trudy Collins entertained on Sunday evening at a miscellaneous shower honouring Miss Carolyn Simpson, an August bride-elect, at her parent's home, the Russell Collins. There were 31 guests. Games were played and prizes won by the bride-elect's grandmother, Mrs. Langlois of Leamington; Mrs. June McCann and Veronica Johns of Windsor. Carolyn was assisted in opening her many beautiful gifts by her bridesmaid, her sister Marilyn and her girl friend, Mrs. Norma Carder of Windsor. A delicious buffet lunch was served and Trudy was assisted by her grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Sexton, Sr. and her mother, and aunt, Mrs. Chas. Sexton, Jr.

- Houses vacant in this vicinity are the homes of Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. John Knopp and the Belleau's. Albert Huneau has moved a brick home on one of his lots in the Little Sub-division, on Hwy. #3.

March 29, 1963 - ANNOUNCEMENT: R. T. Heaton is pleased to announce the transfer of his Insurance Business to Kenneth J. MacKenzie. Commencing, May 1st, 1963, Mr. Heaton's clients will be serviced by the K.J. MacKenzie Insurance Agency at Maidstone, Ont. Mr. Heaton will remain on the staff in a sales capacity. - R. T. Heaton, PR 6-7687

K. J. MacKenzie, 737-6157



MRS. PETRA VORKAPICH WAS KILLED IN THIS CAR

Vujo Vorkapich, 60, of 1091 Albert Rd. is reported in critical condition in Metropolitan Hospital today. Hospital officials said he is suffering with chest injuries, possible fractured leg and hip and severe lacerations to the left arm, face and hand.

OPP Essex detachment said that the auto driven by Mr. Vorkapich, was travelling north on Walker Rd., and crashed headon with the auto driven by Mr. O'Neill, which was travelling south on Walker Rd.

Mr. Vorkapich's wife, Petra, was a passenger in the car.

Coroner Dr. J. M. Schulde



MRS. VORKAPICH

pronounced the two persons dead at the scene of the accident.

ABC Ambulance took the injured man to hospital.

Both cars were wrecked.

Mr. O'Neill was born in Downeyville, Ont., and lived in Windsor before moving to Maidstone 10 years ago.

He was an employee of General Motors of Canada for 23 years, and was a member of St. Mary's Church, Maidstone, the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine (John); his mother, Mrs. Annie O'Neill of Downeyville; a son, Gerald Joseph Jr., and a stepson, Michael Roger Guiley, both at home; a brother, Oswald of Downeyville; sisters, Mrs. Charles (Hazel) Clutchee of Brechin, Mrs. Alphonse (Adrienne) Fitzpatrick of Downeyville, Miss Della O'Neill and Mrs. Vincent (Aldegion) Traverser, both of Toronto, and Mrs.

Funeral will be Saturday at 8:30 a.m. from the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, 128 Talbot St. N., Essex, to St. Mary's Church, Maidstone, at 9 a.m. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Prayers Thursday and Friday evenings at 8:30.

Mrs. Vorkapich was born in Yugoslavia and came to Windsor 35 years ago. She was a member of Gracanica Serbian Orthodox Church.

Surviving are her husband, Vujo; sons, Michael of Leamington and Steve at home, and a grandson, Steven.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m. from Anderson Funeral Home, 895 Ouellette Ave., Rev. George Lazich officiating, to Gracanica Serbian Orthodox Church at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Cemetery. Prayers will be said tonight at 8:30 and Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

memories of the County's first Sunday League. Woodslee, one of the original clubs of that league, should be especially interested in that trophy. "Whitney Dewhirst Trophy" was in memory of one of the finest athletes to come out of this county. Surely the Dewhirst Trophy and the Prince Trophy, donated by the late Essex Jeweller, will be looked after by those that have them. Possibly they could be procured, put in a prominent place or museum of the county.

July 1st., 1966 - St. Mary's newly appointed pastor, the Rev. John Michael Gogarty was installed as Pastor before the ten o'clock Mass on Saturday morning. Monsignor White officiated with neighboring priests Father M. D. Monaghan, of Essex; Fr. Lanoue, of Tecumseh, were in the sanctuary. Fr. O'Neil, being away, and other neighboring priests had other commitments. The cemetery Bd. had now completed pipe lines and pipe taps to the east and south of St. Stephen's Cemetery, Oldcastle.

Mar. 22, 1968 - Congratulations to the Green Hornets on their winning the Essex County Championship for the third successive year. To the manager and coach Arnold Axcel and each and every player, for their united co-operation in playing a sportsmanlike game. May you go on to win many more championships. The Oldcastle Women's Institute assisted the original Club financially by donating \$100 to get them off the ground and then purchased sweaters later on. We send congratulations also. James Stitt was manager at that time.

# in Walker Road Crash Two Killed

THE WINDSOR STAR, MAY 28, 1964

## Driver Critical After Accident

Suffers Severe Cuts,  
Possible Leg Fracture

Two persons were killed and another seriously injured when two cars crashed headon on Walker Rd., just north of Highway 98, Wednesday night.

Dead are:

Gerard Joseph O'Neill, 45, of the community of Maidstone.

Mrs. Petra Vorkapich, 60, of 1091 Albert Rd.

Nov. 29, 1963 - It is with regret that the Maidstone Baseball Club announces the resignation of Maurice (Moe) Ewing as manager of the Junior Shamrocks. When the Junior Rocks were organized in 1961 Moe was asked to manage the club, he accepted, and continued to handle the Junior Rocks in 1962 and this year 1963. In his first year, 1961, put together a young hustling club, that won the Junior League Championship in its first year in the League.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DEWHIRST?

North and South baseball league has gone out as many baseball leagues do sometimes. What makes an oldtimer wonder and probably many of the old North Essex players who passed through the league wonder the same. What has become of the "Dewhirst Memorial Trophy" donated by the Hon. Paul Poisson

Here is a historic trophy of Sunday baseball in Essex County. To many it may be just a piece of silver but also to many it has many fine

THE WINDSOR STAR, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1964



**FAMILY GATHERING** — The youngest branch on the family tree of Mrs. Louis Deslippe of Curry Ave. is her first great-great-grandchild, Edward Glen Markham, whom she is seen holding, above. Behind Mrs. Deslippe and Edward are, from left, Mrs. Gordon O'Neil of Maidstone, the baby's

great-grandmother, Mrs. Edward Markham of Maidstone, the mother, and Mr. Glen O'Neil of Maidstone, Edward's grandfather. Mrs. Deslippe, who is 85 years old, has eight children, 33 grandchildren and 71 great-grandchildren, undoubtedly a source of considerable pride to her.

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**FAMILY REUNION** — The eldest members of five generations in the Deslippe family gathered Thursday evening to admire the newest addition to the family. Laurie Anne Rose Soulliere, centre, was the centre of the attention of her grandparents, great-grand-

parents, and her great-great-grandmother. From left, front, are Mrs. Gordon O'Neil, her great-grandmother; Mrs. Louis Deslippe, her great-great-grandmother; and her mother, Mrs. Kenneth Soulliere. Standing at back, the baby's grandfather, Mr. Everett O'Neil.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Oct. 4, 1963 - Essex Free Press: ROSS FLOOD, operator of the R. C. Flood Grain Co., Ltd., feed service mill at Maidstone was honoured by the Sur-Grain Division of Canada Packers Ltd., at a dinner in Toronto, September 18, 1963, marking the 25th Anniversary of Sur-Grain Feed Service. The Flood Mill has held its Sur-Grain franchise since August 8, 1938-the first year of Sur-Grain Feed Service.

At the gathering held in conjunction with Sur-Gain's annual dealer feed conference in Toronto, presentations were made to a total of 36 charter dealers, all of them local dealers from various points in Ontario who were among the charter members of the Sur-Gain feed service mill system.

This system led to a revolution in agricultural feeding practices and since its beginning in 1938 has grown across Canada and also been adopted in many other parts of the world. The methods developed by Sur-Grain today account for approximately 40% of agricultural feed sales in the world.

Each of the Ontario Charter Dealers honoured at the Toronto function was presented with a sterling silver tie clip and cuff-link set, and a charter dealer's certificate. The presentations were made by George A. Schell, who originated the concepts of feed concentrates and local dealer feed service mills a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Schell is now Chairman of the Board of Canada Packers Limited.

Oct. 4, 1963 - E.F.P.: MRS. DAN J. MCLEAN, son John J. of East Detroit and daughter C. Clare McLean have returned from Portage La Prairie, Man., where they attended the graduation of Course 6203 at No. 2 Advanced Flying School. Group Captain J. A. Stephens, D.F.C., C.D., Senior Air Staff Officer Training Command, presented the Wings to 20 pilots with the rank of Flying Officers, which Gerald Owen McLean was one. Four being Nato Danish boys, four from Ontario, four from B.C., 2 from Quebec, 2 from Saskatchewan, 1 from Nova Scotia, 1 from Alberta and 1 from England. The guests were entertained at the Base, with a conducted tour, which included the briefing on the type of course given pilots, a visit to the Decompression Chamber, Aero-medical Section, a demonstration of the working models in the Technical Training Unit and other points of interest. The guests were thrilled in the afternoon with a demonstration of a "Fly-past" by "A" flight and aerial acrobatics by the famous "Red Knight" F.O. Wayne McCull, who on off-duties, is stationed as an Instructor at Portage. Mrs. McLean's son Gerry, left on Saturday morning for his new posting at R.C.A.F. Station, Nanamo, Alta., north of Edmonton, for "Survival" briefing and tests. Gerry hopes to get leave to be home to see his relatives and friends in two weeks, after that he will be posted to Rivers, Man., to fly Expeditors. After the graduation parade and Wings presentation there was cocktails in the Officers' Mess, followed by a dinner-dance. Gerry's friends extend congratulations to him, on this happy occasion.

July 24, 1964 - E.F.P. - In the June 9th, 1944 column of E.F.P.: Misses Mildred Sexton and Donna Hayes of Maidstone Cross started to work into the offices of Dominion Stamp Co., and Chrysler Corp.

Sept. 24, 1965 - E.F.P.: Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Holland (Delores John), Ronald Jr., Brian & Cathy will move on Saturday to their new home in Garden City, Mich. Good luck and best wishes to the Hollands. The Villagers will miss you but welcome the new tenants of your home, Mr. & Mrs. W. Rae Botting and two children, bank manager at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Windsor.

Mar. 24, 1967, E.F.P.: Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Parmenter, of Dundas, have been visiting in the area and also with Mr. & Mrs. George Stewart (Helen Layson), of Essex. Mr. Parmenter is now retired as a former Provincial Police Inspector and was for many years motor-cycle patrolman in this district in the days of Art Davies, Jack Rowcliffe, "Allie" Jackson and many others. Meeting hangouts were at Allen Clark's, Matthew Collin's and Leveque Bros. garages near Oldcastle. In the days of forty mile an hour speed limits and chasing whiskey runners down dusty back roads. It has been some 35 years since Clarence has been in this district as Provincial Police Officer and he sees many changes in the type of criminal and offender of the law.

Clarence still claims that when the law stopped sparing the road it spoiled the child in many cases. We are willing to bet when that tall "Slim" and wife Anne got together at the Stewart's it was a ball of other times and memories of times and fun that don't seem to happen in this day and age of long hair and short skirts. The Parmenters lived at Maidstone when he was stationed here and this article was written by Carson Jessop, scribe of Oldcastle Highlights, and a well beloved character in himself.

Oct. 6th, 1967, E.F.P. - Maidstone is one of the most envied communities in Essex County for its organization, financing and producing of some of the best baseball players in Ontario. For many years it has been the dream of every youngster in the "Shamrock" area of Sandwich South and outlying communities to become a member of the Shamrocks. It is essentially an Irish community and the name of their ball club fits them perfectly. This Column also edited by Caeson Jessop.

Nov. 10, 1967, E.F.P.: - The old Mill Division of R. C. Flood Grain Company burned to the ground about midnight, Monday. Cause of the fire is undetermined, however, it is thought it started in one of the bins, containing oats. Total loss is in the neighborhood of \$100,000.00. The Floods started work on Tuesday to rebuild on a site some distance north on the M.C.R. Spurline.

Aug. 31, 1973 - Jim Reeb, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Reeb, of Maidstone, has been promoted to Chief of Personnel of National Revenue and Taxation in Hamilton and the District offices of St. Catharines and Belleville. Jim has had a steadily rising career within the government since his start with manpower in Windsor 7 years ago. After working as a student placement officer at the University of Windsor, then St. Clair College, Jim was appointed Educational Liason Officer with the Public Service Commission in Toronto for two years. He then accepted a position as personnel Administrator for Revenue and Taxation in Hamilton where he has been for the past two years. Jim takes on his new duties as chief of Personnel in October. He lives with his wife Donna and their two sons, Scott and Troy at 663 Cedar Ave., in Burlington, Ont.

Jan. 28th, 1910 - McCloskey Brothers of Maidstone Cross struck a well for their elevator.

Jan. 26, 1940 - Thieves forced open the door at Ignatius Halford's store nad helped themselves to his entire large stock. Joe John discovered the open door on his way back from firing the furnace

## Good Luck... MAIDSTONE SHAMROCKS

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JULY, 1965 - THE WINDSOR STAR

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MAIDSTONE - The new and Mrs. Ross Flood, his assistant. The facility is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The 36-by-36 foot single storey brick structure serves more than 800 area residences.

The facility is situated at Highways 3 and 114. Nordark Enterprises, London, was general contractor.

The office is fully equipped to serve area residents. It has 162 lock boxes plus general delivery facilities available.

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There is a stamp vending machine and drop box service available. The parking lot can accommodate nearly a dozen autos.

Postal service was previously carried out from the old Walkers Market.

The new structure was financed by the Department of Public Works. It has electric baseboard heat and is air-conditioned.



NEW POST OFFICE - The new Maidstone Post Office serves 800 homes in Maidstone and Sandwich South Township. Arnold Axcell is postmaster.

### MAIDSTONE CROSS

JUNE 28, 1963

Mrs. Elmer McCann and daughter Bernice are recovering nicely, since returning from the hospital. Mr. McCann's car was hit on 114 Highway when the family were returning from 10:30 mass on Sunday, June 16th. The other car was on Road 7 and is reported he did not stop at the intersection. Their daughter Theresa has her left arm in a cast, when she fractured it, while playing at school.

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Some of the boys in this locality attending Assumption are: Robert McCarthy, Danny Hebert, Michael Guiley, Jay Beaudette, Tony and August Revenberg, Gary and Roy Deehan, James and Sammie MacKenzie, Michael and Dennis Sylvester, and David Edwards. SEP. 14, 1962

WINDSOR DAILY STAR  
OCTOBER 27, 1959



**FIRST HOLIDAY**—A Maidstone grocery store operator, Mrs. Emily Johns, 63, spent a weekend holiday in Cadillac, Mich. It is the first time Mrs. Johns has slept away from the store since 1914. "Thank God I went," said Mrs. Johns. "I didn't realize it was so beautiful and it even snowed." Mrs. Johns has 10 children, 37 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She made the trip to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coyle and their children.

Mrs. John still operates the General Store in Maidstone in 1980. She carried on following the death of her husband in 1952 at age 59 yrs. He had lived in Maidstone for 40 years. They were the parents of a large family, coming from Lebanon, Syria. There were 10 children, five sons and five daughters.

Jan. 6, 1961 - Dale Cloutier, oldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Nova Cloutier returned to teacher's College, London.

2 - THE ESSEX FREE PRESS - Friday, October 19, 1973



## FOR A DELICIOUS TREAT ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

AT THE  
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Wednesday, October 24th, 1973

SERVING FROM 4:30 P.M.

ADULTS - \$2.50

STUDENTS - \$1.50

CHILDREN (6 - 12) - 75c

THE WINDSOR STAR, JULY 15, 1969.



OLD MAIDSTONE POST OFFICE TO BE REPLACED

**Former post office**

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closed several years ago, but the post office has carried on until the past month.

Plans call for a \$30,000 structure to be built to replace it.



**FROM THE PAST**—The attic storeroom of the old Maidstone Post Office and General Store has proved to be a treasure chest of items from the past. From left, Michael Palenchar, RR 3, Maidstone, examines some of the find with his sons, Pat, 5, and Dan, 4. The building, constructed around 1850, is being demolished to make way for a new post office.

On Saturday, August 28th, Mark McGuire, son of Emmett and Rita McGuire of Maidstone left for Grafing, Germany, a suburb of Munich where he begins his second year with the Klostersee hockey team. 9/10/82

Feb. 24, 1961 - Mrs. Emmett McCarthy was the winner of \$100 worth of groceries from the

Some of those who have enrolled at St. Mary's Academy from this vicinity are: Suzanne, Judy and Elizabeth Sexton, Elaine McCarthy, Carol-Ann Herbert, Josephine, Tony and Elaine Trimmer, Peggy Beaudette, Jackie Collins, Gertrude Flood, Catherine Markham, Mary-Ellen Langan, Judith & Patsy

Markham and Janet Padbury, - Sept., 1962. Essex Free Press.

Donation Store,

EARLY HAPPENINGS - MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Nov. 2, 1934 - E.F.P. - Dr. J. D. McDonald of Essex, was named a coroner for Essex County. - June 17, 1927: Married - Percy Durocher, Sandwich South, to Miss Catherine McCann, of Maidstone.

- The history of St. Mary's Parish, Maidstone, 3 columns long, appeared in this issue.

Feb. 10, 1939 - C. H. Churchill, aged 82 years passed away. He was MCR Station Agent at Maidstone Cross, at time of retirement. Lived in the Village for 48 years.

Feb. 17, 1978 - Mrs. Grace McCarthy and son Leonard received an invitation to the Golden Wedding Anniversery of Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Ryan (Agnes McLaughlin) in Denver, Colo. The celebration will be at the Canyon Club on Feb. 14th, Mass at 2 p.m. followed by a reception and dinner. The bride will be remembered by many friends, as before her marriage as Miss McLaughlin, she taught school at S. S. No. 6 and S. S. No. 7, R.C.S.S., and lived at the McCarthy home and made many friends. She was married in Chicago, and both Mrs. McCarthy and Leonard attended her wedding. Leonard acted as groomsman. Sincere congratulations are extended from their many friends in this community.

Mar. 3, 1978 - Larry & Susan Hergott have moved into their lovely new home built on the former Edward Sexton property on Highway #98, now County Rd. #46. Best wishes.

Oct. 13, 1978 - Many Thanksgiving sumptuous dinners were enjoyed, among them being Don & Christine (Halford) Arpin & family of Windsor, whose guests were Mrs. L.J. Arpin, Mrs. Dan J. McLean, and Leonard & Clare McCarthy.

- Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sexton had all their family, grandchildren included, at home for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for Thanksgiving. They celebrated on Sunday. Also Mr. & Mrs. Peter Halford celebrated at dinner on Sunday for all their family and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. McIntyre of Detroit.

Nov. 14th, 1913 - Joseph Barry of Maidstone Cross moved to Detroit, Mich.

- There was a terrific storm locally on Nov. 9th, with many boats being lost on the Great Lakes, with loss of life estimated at 200.

Dec. 10, 1954 - On Monday evening the Maidstone Bowling League awarded the high-over average prizes of a turkey each, to Mrs. John D. Walker and Paul McAuliffe. Paul will be spending three weeks over the Christmas holidays with his sister Gertrude (Mrs. Nicholas Plein) in San Bernardino, Calif.

June 7, 1957 - Residents along Highway #3, east of St. Joseph's Convent are happy with the gas pipeline laid this week.

Aug. 30, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sexton entertained at their home on Sunday, honouring Rose's sister, the former Genevieve Halford, Sister Superior Agatha, of St. Joseph's Manor, Windsor and her cousin Sister Mary Adelaide, the former Thelma McAuliffe, younger daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. James McAuliffe (Ada Halford). Sister Superior being the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Halford (Elizabeth McCloskey). The occasion was the family gathering of the sisters in the Order of St. Joseph, London, Ont. The honoured sisters motoring out from Windsor to their native church, St. Mary's, to attend the 8.30 a.m. Mass, read by Rev. Fr. J. A. Jordan.

Oct. 18, 1957 - Mr. & Mrs. John McLean, of East Detroit, entertained the office staff of the Charles W. Stephen's, Auditors, and their wives and a few friends at their home, to honour Dan L. McLean, who left on Sunday to reside in Toronto. The presentation was made by Harry McRae. A buffet lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Harry McRae, Miss Mary O'Brien, Clare and Chris McLean.

1957 - Carson Jessop's Col. - Maidstone has been known as the home of the Irish, home of baseball champions. It is noted for its beautiful church, its mills, etc., but it has also added another laurel. Maidstone is the home of "Corny" joke champions. Margaret Collins, 12 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard (Bus) Collins captured a "Corny" Joke win on C.J.S.P., Leamington, recently. Want to know what it was? What ticks on the wall? "Tickle" Paper, Tupid. Don't get it "eh"? My but you are "Tupid".

Jan. 11, 1918 - Ed. Allen was Mail Courier at R. R. 2, Maidstone.

Mar. 17, 1918 - Dan V. Sexton, Maidstone Cross, accepted a position with G. E. Advertising in Detroit.

May 5, 1978 - When Margaret Kosokowski was visiting her brother in a Regina hospital, who later passed away, she met Rev. Fr. Morand, a former Tecumseh boy and visited with him, and on arriving home she telephoned his mother in Tecumseh.

May 26, 1978 - Mr. Ronald Bissonnette of South Talbot Road, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Bissonnette left last week for Quebec City to accept a position with the Canadian National Bank.

May 26, 1978 - Congratulations to Tommy McLeod, 4 years old of Highway #114, Maidstone, who made his debut into the world of modelling at Devonshire Mall "Fashion on Parade". His mother Maureen was also featured in the show.

Nov. 2, 1962 - Mrs. Wm. O'Brien, we are pleased to report, is enjoying her residence at the HOUSE of PROVIDENCE, LONDON. Sister Patrick Joseph is Superior and is a sister of Rev. Fr. Gleason, formerly parish priest, at St. Mary's Church.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Dec. 9, 1960 - Mrs. Dan J. McLean was presented with her 20-year pin as a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the B. & R.T. at the Pot Luck dinner and installation of officers on Monday evening. Mrs. E. Montpetit, the former Florence Allen Washbrook is the president of the Auxiliary.

Feb. 10, 1961 - The Shamrock Baseball Club party on Saturday night was a social success with 21 tables in play and prizes going to Jean Grondin, Mrs. Wilfred McCarthy, Rosemary Beahan, Mary Hergott, Sherman Beatty, Gerry O'Neil, Everett McGuire and Harry McRae. Door prizes to Mrs. Dan J. McLean, Clare McLean, Mrs. Peter L. Halford, and Mary O'Brien. The special event prize, a basket of groceries, to Tommy Shanahan. A lovely lunch was served by the conveners. Pat L. McAuliffe, on behalf of the executive heartily thanked the public for their co-operation.

Nov. 24, 1961 - The result of the recent Catholic Census in the boundaries of St. Mary's parish revealed that 577 homes were visited by the teams who co-operated and that 293 were Catholic homes. One-third of the parishioners of these homes attend Mass in other churches, that are already crowded, instead of in their own St. Mary's Church.

Dec. 29, 1961 - It was extra happy at the Christmas season for some of our young marrieds, when they were blessed with heirs, so, congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Robt. J. Flood (Cathy Shepley) who are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Christine Marie. Mr. & Mrs. Roger Tytgat (Elaine Beneteau), a son; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Belleau, a four lb. daughter; Audrey, a sister for Gregory; Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hossack (Mary Lou Kavanagh) a baby daughter.

March 23, 1962 - The following item was received from N.I. Fields, of R. R. 1, Battle Creek, Mich., a former Maidstone Cross resident of over 50 years ago: "Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas I. Fields were hosts to a herd of 24 deer on the front lawn of their Morgan Road home last Friday morning. For several years the Fields have put salt blocks in their yard which would disappear during nocturnal visits. Apples set out were always gone the next morning but only occasionally would the Fields see their visitors. Then the 24 showed up at 7.15 a.m. and put on a show for their benefactors, running and gambolling on the lawn for some 45 minutes until a passing car sent them disappearing into a stand of hardwood trees nearby." Mr. & Mrs. Fields still have a great love for the folks around Essex, Maidstone, Oldcastle, and McGregor. May God bless them all that are still with us.

Jan. 31, 1958 - Hearty congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Louis Deslippe (the former Annie Bondy) on the happy occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary. The happy 'young' couple are enjoying good health and have always been a light hearted, jovial couple, and have enjoyed life with their lovely family of eight children. They were married 60 years ago at St. Clement's Church, McGregor, and have made their home in this community all their lives. A Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Name of Mary Church, Windsor, was sung on Saturday morning, when they also re-newed their marriage vows. Open House was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall for their 8 children, 30 grandchildren, and 41 great grand-children as well as a host of friends, who gathered to wish them much more happiness and continued good health. The Deslippe's children are, Sylvia, Mrs. Gordon O'Neil of Maidstone, Clifford Deslippe of San Francisco, Calif., Goldina, Mrs. Gordon Libby, of Detroit, Geraldine, Mrs. William Durocher, of Oldcastle, Lillian, Mrs. Sy Braustein, Detroit, Gertrude, Mrs. Mike Anderson, of Rankin Blvd., Windsor, and Bernard Deslippe of Moy Ave., Windsor.

Jan. 24, 1958 - Father Timothy Kavanagh's feast day, Mrs. Dan. J. McLean mailed a draft to him from the following donors: Mr. & Mrs. Fred D. Austin and family, \$10; Mr. & Mrs. Emmett McCarthy \$5; Miss Mayme Robinson, R.N., \$5; Mrs. Michael John, Sr., \$3; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Perrin, \$1; Mrs. Geo. Howe, Essex, \$1; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Breslin (Junie Kotow), Detroit, \$1; Premium .30¢; Total \$27.30.

Jan. 31, 1958 - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Deehan (Ellrose Lewis) are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Rose Marie, 8 lbs. 4 ozs., on Jan. 22nd, at Hotel dieu, a sister for Edward. Congratulations.

Feb. 14, 1958 - Mrs. Edwardine Peabody Lyons, beloved wife of Frank Lyons, of 2536 Third St., Trenton, Mich., passed away at Mount Carmel Hospital, Detroit, on Friday morning, Feb. 7th., at 6.30 a.m., after being in a coma since Oct. 9th. The late Mrs. Lyons was a cousin of the late Mrs. Ignatius Halford and spent her summer vacations here, before her marriage. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss, seven children and seventeen grandchildren and an uncle, Frank McIntyre and an aunt Mrs. Rose (McIntyre) Martin. Her children are Michael of Livonia, Mich., Richard of Trenton, Robert of Redford, Gerald of Taylor, Jane Frances, Mrs. John Burke of Kalamazoo, Catherine, Sister Gerald Marie of St. Mary's Order, and Virginia at home. Burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Detroit.

Oct. 19, 1956 →

### MAIDSTONE CROSS

JULY 13, 1962

Congratulations to all the pupils who had a successful year and were promoted. These are a few from this vicinity. Suzanne Sexton who was awarded a scholarship again this year to Grade XII at St. Mary's Academy. Josephine Trimmer who has graduated from St. Mary's; Judy Markham (Hon.), Marie Mullin, Toni Trimmer, all to Grade XII; Gertrude Flood (Hon.), Carol-Ann Hebert, Patricia Markham, Elaine McCarthy to Grade XI. Patricia Collins, Miriam Mullin, Elizabeth Sexton (Hon.) to Grade X. From Essex High, Suzanne Kettles, Trudy Collins, Judith Gould (Hon.), Jane McGuire, Margaret Robinson, Clare Renaud, Terry Turton, Ricky Beaudette, all to Grade X; Joe Gerard, Ann Vander Aa, Linda Walker, Lynn McLean, David Kotow to Grade XI; Bob Kettles, Wayne Robinson, Jean Grondin, Ron Vander Aa, Judy Bellaire (Hon.), Betty Kotow, Ron McGuire, Doug Beetham, Sharon McAuliffe, Sharon McLean, to Grade XII; Philip Eyraud, Wm. Libby, Richard Robinson (Hon.), Tom Halford, Robert Ellis, Ruth-Ann Croft, Rhea Jobin, Janet Grondin, JoAnne Walker, Edward Markham all to be graduated and others.

Sandwich South Township once more turns to the realm of senior county baseball following the decision of the Essex County League at Essex the past week. Roseland, top team in the North-South Essex League, was granted a franchise again in the county's senior league.

Due to ground work of the Township's sports lovers of baseball, mainly Father Jordon, Pat McCauliffe, Spin Brown, Emmett McCarthy, Frank Jobin and others this has come about.

For many years baseball carried the name of this township to all parts of Essex County, the Province of Ontario, the country at large and even parts of the United States. Baseball brought prestige and honors not only to the men who played the game but to men who worked in the organization of its clubs.

Maidstone, Oldcastle, Roseland were names throughout Ontario and the county at large.

Following the last war years the game seemed to lose interest and players have had to end up playing with outside clubs due to the lack of interest here. From reports the Roseland club will transfer its diamond to Maidstone and the club will play under the Maidstone name in the county circuit.

Maidstone was one of the best diamonds in Essex County with the exception of a short right field fence. Reports are that this will be remedied. It was a sad day that the name of Maidstone was dropped from the county franchise.

Dropping of that franchise was a drop from baseball days here in this area. Throughout the county baseball was made popular by men in the district who worked hard that today the County League is Ontario's outstanding league.

Entering of this club in the County League is only the start of greater possibilities, here in Sandwich South. Sandwich South, now growing in population, needs space for its coming generation to work and enjoy recreation. Speculation of parks within the township for future generations is a well thought of idea. Baseball has been as much a part of this township as its farms, homes, churches, roads and schools. Without play and recreation "Jack" can become a dull boy and in future, without room to play any district can become just as dull for its future generations to live in.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

July 16, 1965, Windsor Star: - CHEMICAL PLANT IN MAIDSTONE AREA read the headlines. Rainbow Chemicals Ltd., has established a new branch office and warehouse on Highway #114 near Maidstone. This has a complete line of chemicals and fertilizers for the farmer. John Morand is the manager. It is located on the old S.S. No. 5-8 R.C. School property at what is called "The Six Corners" on Maidstone-Sandwich South townline junction of #114 Hwy. The school-house has been renovated for office space and a new warehouse has been constructed.

The branch, which officially opened May 1st, is equipped to give complete service in liquid and dry fertilizers and liquid nitrogen. It carries a complete line of agricult. chemicals, including herbicides, insecticides and fungicides. Rainbow deals primarily with co-operatives and grain dealers. John Morand heads a five man staff. Every member of the crew is highly qualified for his work. The company has a fleet of custom liquid-nitrogen and bulk-dry fertilizer applicators. These can be rented by farmers. The Rainbow warehouse has a 400-ton capacity. Tanks at the site can store approximately 200 tons of liquids. Rainbow Chemicals was started in 1956 in Tilbury. In 1964 it constructed a branch office in Narrow.

Also new and a real puzzler - Persons passing through Maidstone along Highway #3 are taking a second look when they pass this peculiar looking structure at the R.C. Flood Grain & Feed Co. Although few would ever guess the fact, it's actually a corn cob incinerator. The structure was designed in the southern United States and is one of the first of its kind in Canada. There were staff Star photos covering these two new industries for Maidstone which are being filed and put in the "Industries" volume of the Tweedsmuir History of Sand. South Township.

Feb. 9, 1968, E.F.P. - We wish to send out best wishes to Mrs. Maidstone (Bernie McLean), the Maidstone Cross column reporter, who is ill in the hospital. Without Bernie's report of the social whirl of Maidstone missing in the Free Press, old Maidstone would almost go off the map. On the other hand if you have something to say that isn't a compliment to the Maidstone Shamrocks, keep it to yourself, because our fighting Irish Writer would tongue lash you worse than dad could do with the old razor strap. Best of luck, Bernie, we will say a few "Hail Mary's" or more for you and if necessary throw in a couple of good old cuss words. Written by Carson Jessop.

July 12, 1968 - Windsor Star: MAIDSTONE EYES NEW POST OFFICE - The Federal Dept. of Public Works has presented preliminary plans for a new village post office. This will replace the office that has been operated out of Walker's store. This serves large areas in Maidstone & Sandwich South Townships and a small sector of Cochester North. Final plans are now being prepared. Aug., 1968 - EARLY START ON MAIDSTONE POST OFFICE - Windsor Star: Work will begin shortly on the new village post office. The Dept. of Public Works has awarded Nordauk Holdings, Ltd., London, a \$26,336 contract for the project.

Sept. 6th, 1968 - E.F.P.: - Arnold Axcell has received the appointment as Post Master of Maidstone Post Office, his duties to commence Sept. 23rd, 1968. Mr. Axcell has been Mail Courier of Route #3 for years and is familiar with residents being served at Maidstone. He is also a veteran of WW2 and was clerk-treasurer of Sandwich South for a number of years. Mr. Leslie Jackson, acting Post Master since the death of Post Mistress, Mrs. John D. Walker (Mary Halford); now on vacation, he will return to install Arnold on Sept. 23rd. Best of good health and good luck in your new appointment, Arnold. Living just South of the village with his wife Jessie and daughter Moira. He also has a son-in-law and daughter Shona (Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Jones). Arnold is a successful coach of the Green Hornet Hockey Team and has been a staunch member of the Maids tone United Church, and is blessed with a host of friends, who will be wishing him well in his new appointment.

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Most coins are in perfect condition. Workmen have picked up several which date back to the mid-1800's and continue to find others as they go about clearing the site. One of the most interesting finds is a Boyds Battery Medal. It was made in London, England, in January, 1878.

Michael Palenchar, R. R. 3, Maidstone, an amateur antique collector, feels the find is one of the most interesting in the area. He says it gives us an important insight into the life in the village during the latter part of the last century. The general store was closed several years ago, but the post office has carried on until the past month. The new \$30,000.00 structure is on a new site adjoining the old one, south of it, where Peter Sullivan's Hotel and General store used to stand.

Dec. 12, 1969, E.F.P. - The banns of marriage were published for the first time in St. Mary's R. C. Church, Maidstone Cross for MarySusanne Sexton, eldest daughter of Ralph Sexton and Rosemary Halford, and Larry William Rau, of Windsor. The wedding to be an event of Dec. 27th., 1969, at 4.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.

# \$100,000 fire razes mill

THE WINDSOR STAR, NOVEMBER 7, 1967

## R. C. Flood facilities destroyed

Firemen battle 'mass of flame' 200 feet high

By MIKE KEATING

Firemen are combing the smoking ruins seeking the cause of a \$100,000 blaze that levelled a Maidstone-area grain mill early today.

Over 20 firefighters fought a 200-foot-high wall of fire as the R. C. Flood Grain Co. Ltd. mill on Hwy. 3 burned to the ground.

Sandwich South Fire Chief William Mogyorody said the frame and sheet metal building was "a mass of flames" when pumpers arrived about midnight.

Firefighters saved the office long enough for owner James Flood to rescue the records. They kept the fire from destroying a nearby house-restaurant and some small buildings.

Flames on wooden poles carrying high tension wires were put out and power was not interrupted. The large grain elevator a few hundred feet from the mill was not threatened.

Provincial police, who are also investigating the fire said Mr. Flood saw no traces of fire when he was at the office about 10 p.m.

The building burned to the ground in less than two hours.

Six vehicles were sent by Essex, Maidstone, Sandwich West, Sandwich South and Anderdon forces.

They drew water from tank trucks and a nearby well.

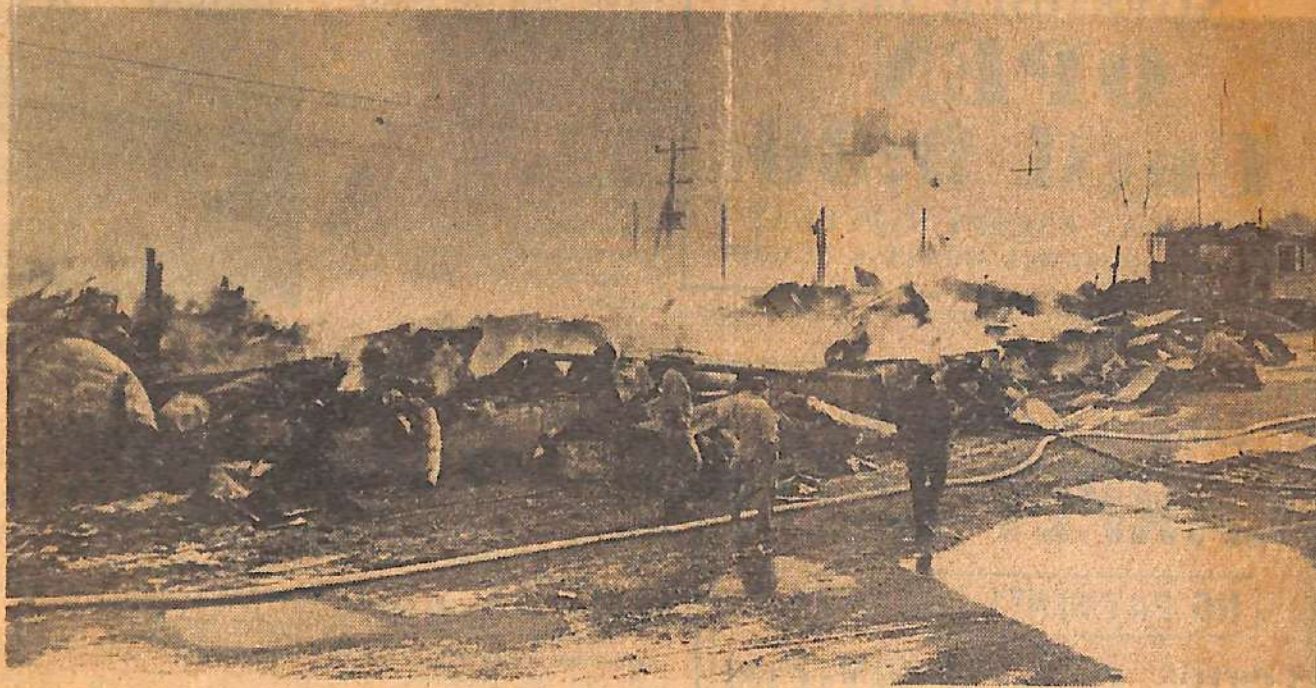
Police said the fire apparently started in the west section of the building. A police spokesman said there is no suspicion of arson.

The mill was emptied of grain last week.

A fire destroyed a mill on the same site in 1933.

Chief Mogyorody said a dairy truck, hit by a train at a level crossing beside the mill this spring, landed in flames against a storage bin and nearly set the area ablaze.

The 225 by 40-foot mill was valued by its owner at about \$80,000 and the contents—mostly machinery—at \$20,000.



FIREMEN PROBE RUINS OF R. C. FLOOD GRAIN MILL



THE WINDSOR STAR, APRIL 24, 1968

## 2 dead, 2 critical

THE WINDSOR STAR, APRIL 24, 1968

A Maidstone area man and his daughter were killed Tuesday night on Highway 3 near Essex when their car was in collision with a truck.

Gerald Benoit, 36, and his daughter, Nancy, 8, are dead and two other persons are in critical condition.

The car was demolished, as shown in photo at right. See details on Page 3.

April 24, 1968 - A Maidstone area man and his daughter were killed and his wife and son critically injured, in a grinding truck-car crash on Hwy. 3 near Essex Thursday night. DEAD ARE: Raymond Gerald Benoit, 36, of Hwy. 3, Maidstone and his daughter Nancy Benoit, 8. His wife, Velma, 33, and son, Raymond, 4, were both critical in Metropolitan Hospital. All were pinned in their crumpled car following the collision with a feed truck about 6 p.m., 1½ miles east of Essex. Driver of the truck, David Gordon Williams, 18, of R. R. 2, Fletcher escaped injury. When OPP arrived they found Benoit's 1960 Chevrolet partly under the four-ton truck, owned by J. Smith, Ltd., Chatham. With wrecking bars they were able to free the two injured. Mrs. Benoit had severe facial and leg lacerations, but was reported improving this morning. Her son, who had critical facial lacerations and head injuries was reported not improving. Suburban Ambulance crews had to pull Benoit's car apart for two hours to free his body. He died before he could be freed. During the rescue the pressure bent windshield of the car "exploded" in the face of attendant John Redmond. He was taken to Metropolitan Hospital. Surviving are Mr. Benoit's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Benoit, Ruscom; brothers, Harry, Essex; Eddie and Arthur of Belle River; sister, Mrs. Rose (Ida) May, Windsor; grandparents of Nancy, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Vivier, Maidstone Township. Double funeral will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from Dodson & Habkirk Funeral Home, Essex, with Rev. H. W. Hyland of Maidstone United Church, officiating with burial in Woodslee United Church Cemetery.

May 20, 1955 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Danny Dobransky on the arrival of their son at Grace Hospital on Saturday, May 7th, a brother for Larry. Oct. 16th, 1959 - Mr. & Mrs. Danny Dobransky and sons Larry, Barry and Mark have moved to their new home in Riverside. The neighbors in this vicinity will miss you, Danny and Marjorie and boys. The family have resided in this area for some time.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

July 18, 1969 - The Windsor Star: - R. C. Flood Grain Company, Maidstone, has expanded and updated its facilities during the past year. It has constructed a new grain elevator and increased productivity in other sections of its operations.

The company is a perfect example of compactness plus productivity. Its aim is to give the "best possible service". This is especially evident during the fall harvests. By having one plant available for soyabeans and a second for corn, the firm is able to handle thousands of bushels of grain each day, thus allowing the farmer to harvest his crop more quickly and lessen his risk of weather damage.

Company president James Flood has said modern methods of crop harvesting will not permit his firm to stand still and has pledged to offer customers "a continued program of improved facilities."

July 1, 1971 - Miss Karen St. Louis, R.N., of Largo, Florida was vacationing with her parents, Francis & Dorothy St. Louis and family. While here Karen acted as Maid of Honour for the Dalke-Bosse wedding.

March 26, 1971 - Would you believe? This writer (Bernadette McLean) received a picture post card from Acapulco, Mexico, dated Sat., Dec. 26th, 1970 with a 20¢ correos stamp, from the Bill Mogyrody family on Sat., Mar. 20th telling of their enjoyable Xmas holiday vacation and that both their children, Veronica and Kevin had each caught 9 ft. sailfish. Where the card was for 12 weeks, still remains a mystery. They had the 123 lb. sailfish mounted by a Mexican Taxidermist.

January, 1972 - Leonard Joseph (Len) Flatley, 30 years old, was killed in a car accident, in which he was a passenger, travelling from Edmonton to McBride, B.C. on Dec. 14, 1971. Deceased was born to Joseph Flatley, now of Toronto and mother, the late Mary Louise Flatley in the farmhouse of the late Andrew McCarthy, while his father worked for the McCarthy's on Hwy. #3. Deceased lived in Windsor and Detroit and was on the Canadian Olympic Team, 1966, as a discus thrower. Surviving is his beloved wife Eva (Cardinal) and his dear father of Cherry, dear brother of Gloria (Mrs. Vita Spindys), and Mrs. Leona Chichkan; cherished uncle of Debbie, Mary Lou, Carrie, Vitas and Victor. Deceased was a graduate of Kennedy Collegiate and had a B. A. from Wayne State University. Burial in B.C.

- Mrs. Ellen Hurley and Miss Josephine Robinson, who are at the Essex Nursing Home, thank their many friends and relatives who remembered them at the Christmas Season with cards, visits, flowers, gifts, and other kindnesses and to say that everything was appreciated. Mrs. Hurley fell and has a broken collar bone.

- Rev. Father Charbonneau of Gaspé, Que. was here for a week over the Christmas Season as the guest of Rev. A. P. Marentette to help out with the Masses and Services at St. Mary's. Fr. Charbonneau has been coming to the London Diocese for 14 years to help with the Christmas and Easter Services and has helped Fr. Marentette many times.

- Mrs. G. O. McLean and children Michael and Meredith returned to Brampton after spending Christmas with the McLean's. Her husband Gerry phoned on Christmas from Georgetown, Guiana, South America, and talked to all at home. He was well and the temp. was 90 Deg. at the time of phoning at 9 p.m.

January, 1972 - Holiday visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McCarthy of Detroit, at their daughter Kitty Ann and husband Frank Lafferty and four charming granddaughters. We are happy to report that Patricia is feeling better and was able to be out and spend Sunday with Len's mother, Mrs. Grace McCarthy. Mrs. Emmett McCarthy (Mary Tom McCloskey) underwent major surgery at I.O.D.E. Hospital on Tuesday morning.

July 25th, 1972 - Residents of Maidstone may be interested to know that their village has a namesake in Saskatchewan. Maidstone, Sask. is on the CNR and proclaims itself as "the rape capital of the world". That is the grain which produces rapeseed. (Star)

Sept. 8, 1972 - E.T.P. - "Dear people of the Village of Maidstone please accept this apology for the disturbance coming from the Bill Mogyrody residence this past week. It was caused by "My Rock Group", rehearsing for the Battle of the Band Concert at Jackson Park. It may have sounded like noise to some of you, but it brought us Third Prize, out of 12 bands competing. Thanks, - Kevin Mogyrody.

Feb. 23, 1973 - The neighbors and friends of Mrs. Mable (Upcott) Potter, were saddened to learn of her death on Feb. 14th, at Brouillette Manor, Tecumseh. Deceased was a most gracious, charitable lady and all her friends in this vicinity extend sympathy to her sister, Mrs. Lena Cowan, Kingsville. Coming as a lovely bride (on Feb. 12, 1908) of the late Frederick Potter (1951), son of a Maidstone Township Pioneer, the late William Potter, she was always a highly respected citizen and a good neighbor. The home was located on the Middle Road, now County Road #46 and on R. R. 2, Maidstone postal route. Sympathy goes especially to the Barry family who had just been bereaved of their daughter and sister Irene, shortly after she came as a bride to their home on Highway #98, now County Road #46 and lived within 1 mile of each other.

Deceased was also bereaved of her son John (who was an adopted son). Funeral was held from Dobson & Habkirk Funeral Home Essex, on Sat., Feb. 17th, at 1 p.m. Rev. H.W. Wonfor officiated at the Service. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Leamington.

May 28, 1971- E.F.P.- Community graduates receiving Degrees from the University of Windsor on Saturday are: Chemical Engineering - Michael D. Wood; Civil Engineering, Victor J. Hebert; Hons. in French & Spanish-Kevin Kirkman; Hons. in Geography, Mary L. Hayman; General Program, GERALYN M. O'Brien; Mrs. Larry (Suzanne Sexton) Rau. Hons. Mathematics, Maria Papp, Oldcastle; Faculty of Education, Diploma in Elementary Teacher Education, Margaret M. McAuliffe, Maidstone and Judith L. Wellwood, Oldcastle. Congratulations to all these young people at the beginning of their careers.

## Picnic ends in death for 10-year-old-girl

A picnic outing turned into a tragedy Friday evening when a 10-year-old Maidstone girl died after being struck by a car while attempting to cross Highway 401.

Dead is: Marie Josse Bigaouette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bigaouette, RR 3, Maidstone. The accident took place at 6:25 p.m. about two miles east of Windsor.

Police said Marie and a school chum, Gina Marie Russell, 10, of 5075 Rae Rd., Sandwich S. Twp., were trying

to take a short cut across the highway when the girl was hit.

They had been proceeding to the dead girl's residence after deciding against a picnic on the north side of the highway, police said.

The car involved was driven by Edna S. Legaspi, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The victim died at the scene. The body was taken to Hotel Dieu morgue.

The accident was investigated by Constable George Rebekowec, Essex Ontario Provincial Police.

# SOCIAL CALENDAR

THE ESSEX TIMES, AUG. 23rd., 1973



Knapp - Weston

Baskets of rainbow coloured daisies and carnations accented the candle ceremony at Holy Name of Jesus Church for the marriage of Leila Geraldine Knapp, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Knapp of R.R.#2, Essex and Neil Edward Weston, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Weston of R.R.#3, Maidstone.

Father Clark officiated at the double ring ceremony on Saturday August 18, at 3 p.m. Elegantly entering the church at the arm of her father, the bride chose a floor length gown of white nylon over taffeta. It featured a high neck line, elbow length sleeves and a delicately ruffled hemline. Her Cathedral length veil was held in place by a dainty headpiece of miniature white daisies. Leila carried a cascade of pink rosebuds, white carnations and baby's breath.

Laine Knapp, sister of the bride, assisted as maid of

honour. She was dressed in a floor length gown of nylon over taffeta. The bottom was a pink floral design and the top was white and featured long sheer sleeves puffed below the elbow.

Dressed identically to the maid of honour were the bridesmaids: Carol Mulcaster, sister of the bride, Susan Tellier, sister of the groom and Carol Managham, friend of the bride. Linda Knapp, the bride's younger sister acted as junior bridesmaid. Each of the girls wore large brimmed picture hats of white straw and sheer netting. They carried nose gays of pink carnations and white daisies.

Jack Weston, the groom's brother was best man, and the ushers were: Bob Weston, Mike Turton, Tom Managham and Lloyd Knapp.

Judy Bondy accompanied by Gary McNaughton at the organ sang several songs including "The Wedding

gown of blue chiffon. The flowered printed bottom was accented by a solid blue bodice and it featured long sleeves and a delicately ruffled neck line. Her accessories were white and she wore a white and mauve orchid.

Mrs. Weston, the groom's mother chose a pastel floor length gown of yellow chiffon. It featured a floral bottom, with a solid yellow bodice and long sheer sleeves. Her accessories were gold and she also wore a white and mauve orchid.

Mrs. Dorothy Jones, grandmother of the bride was gowned in pink chiffon and rayon floor length dress with a floral bodice and long sleeves. Her corsage was of white carnations. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson, grandparents of the groom. Mrs. Robinson was dressed in navy crimp and also wore a corsage of white carnations.

An evening dinner reception for 250 guests was held at the Rhine Danube Club in Leamington at 6:30 p.m. with Mr. Bill Jones the bride's uncle acting as master of ceremonies.

This was followed by Jack Weston the best man welcoming Leila into the family and offering a toast to her. An enjoyable evening of dancing followed. Thanks to the music offered by the Cordaires.

Out of town guests were from Montreal, London, Chatham, Kingston and England.

Leila chose a floor length dress for her going away ensemble with white accessories and a corsage of pink rose buds.

Following the discovery of the young couple's car which had cleverly been hidden in the back of Mr. Norman Knapp's truck from their many friends, relatives and the groom's Woodslee baseball team mates, the newlyweds left for a two week honeymoon through the Smoky Mountains and on to Florida. Upon returning by way of the East Coast, Mr. and Mrs. Weston will reside at R.R.#2, Maidstone.

Prayer, "I Believe" and "Where is Love". Mrs. Knapp the bride's mother wore a floor

April 30, 1971 - Sincere sympathy to the widow (nee Ethel McKeon) and family of the late Roy Dillion, age 81 years, of Windsor, whose death occurred suddenly last week. Deceased had worked for the late Rev. Fr. Stroeder, here at St. Mary's Church, in the early 40's. Deceased was of a genial disposition and hence made and kept many friends in this vicinity. His funeral was from the Marcotte Funeral Home to Sacred Heart Church where he had been employed for many years after leaving here. Interment was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Jan. 22, 1965 - This area lost another of its former residents, D'Arcy Deneau, who passed away over the weekend at the age of 88 years, following a long illness. Mr. Deneau's first wife the former Sarah Lavin died in 1928, and his second, the former Irene Cahill, passed away in 1946. Mr. Deneau was also the father of Desmond Deneau, Q.C., well known Windsor lawyer. Funeral from Marcotte's Funeral Home Tuesday, to Assumption Church with burial in St. Anne's Cemetery.

Dec. 11, 1964 - Miss Jennie Delmore, of Maryland Ave., Grosse Pointe, Mich., daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Frank Delmore of Detroit and formerly of here, passed away on Dec. 5th and the funeral was from Griffith & Wade Funeral Home on Monday with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Maidstone in the family plot here.



Police believe Patterson was shot to death on the first floor of this Caron Avenue house



Walter O'Neil, 20, discovered the body on his father's farm

#### SLAYING LINKED TO DRUG PUSHING

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Windsor man in connection with the slaying of a Detroit resident. Police suspect the shooting death is linked to drug trafficking. The body with three bullet holes in the torso, was discovered shortly before noon Thursday in the back seat of a late model Cadillac in a cornfield in Sandwich South Township. The victim has been identified as Paul J. Patterson, 50, of Algonquin St., Detroit. Police said he was shot with a handgun. Detroit Police said Patterson had an extensive criminal record but no convictions in connection with narcotics.

They said his record dates back to 1939 and includes such offences as statutory rape, obscene conduct, burglary and grand larceny, parole violation, and break and enter of dwellings. Insp. John Williamson, head of the criminal investigation branch of city police, said a charge of murder has been laid against the man being sought. Police departments across Canada have been asked to assist Windsor Police in the search for the suspect. The man's name has not been released, officially because of the nature of the investigation. Police sources indicated the murder might be the result of a dispute over narcotics. The two-tone blue Cadillac with Michigan licence plates, had been ransacked in a manner which would indicate an intensive search. Windsor Police Chief Gordon Preston said police believe the victim, was shot about 3 a.m. Thursday in a ground-floor apartment of a two-story house at 534 Caron Ave. Police got a tip about noon and then visited three residences in the city's core area. Several persons were questioned and as a result detectives had "information at this stage that there could be a body (somewhere)," said Chief Preston.

Essex O.P.P. informed city police about 1 p.m. that they had found the body in the Cadillac. City police using a photograph, tentatively identified the victim as being the same man who was reportedly shot in the Caron Ave. apartment. Police withheld identification until they could find relatives for positive identification. "He was a Detroit resident but a frequent visitor to Windsor," said Chief Preston. An RCMP source said the Caron Ave. residence was the site of a police drug raid more than a year ago. He said the residence hasn't been visited recently but at the time of the raid it looked like a "hippy-type pad," Chief Preston said police received information that three shots were fired in the residence. He agreed it was "very, very strange" that people in the area didn't call police about shots being fired over night. Suburban Ambulance took the body to Metropolitan Hospital where a post mortem was done. The Coroner was Dr. J.M. Schulte.

The body was discovered by 20 year old Walter O'Neil shortly before noon as he was driving cows back from a neighbor's property onto his father's farm. Mr. O'Neil said he was badly shaken by what he saw; "I'd never seen a body before.... It was pretty sickening." He first saw the car about 11.30 a.m. on his way to get the cows but thought it was being used by a hunter or someone out target shooting. On the way back, he investigated, climbed over the fence, and saw the body in the back of the car. "I started running through the mud, a little on the scared side ... I thought I might get shot." He said the body was on the floor in the back "bent over with the head towards the trunk." The victim was dressed in old khaki pants and a heavy gold sweater pulled up from the waist. There was blood on the right shoulder. "I only got a side view of him so I could not tell if there had been much violence. There was mud on him, and all inside the car, and the car was a shambles," said O'Neil. He said he found a wooden mallet "like judges use" in the mud between the car and the fence. It was about a foot long and he estimated its weight at half a pound. The car's interior was heavily damaged. There was a large hole in the front window on the passenger's side and the windshield had been shattered. The hood and the trunk were open and the engine had been damaged. The battery caps were off, and wiring had been torn loose and hubcaps had been taken off," he said.

SLAYING LINKED TO DRUG PUSHING - Continued:

On the other side of the car he saw a wallet, and a pair of boots in the mud near the driver's door. A mud-covered lightweight green blanket was nearby. Police suggested the blanket might have been used to carry the victim to the car.

Mr. O'Neil called Essex OPP and police were there within a matter of minutes as the station is only three miles from the scene. Police said the Cadillac must have been driven down the 12th concession of Sandwich South Township towards Highway 401 where it ends and was then driven into the cornfield. When police arrived the car was sunk in deep mud about 100 yards from the concession road. Concession 12 which runs along Pike Creek, is often used as a lovers' lane, a dumping ground for garbage, and illegal hunting.

WORST STORM OF THE WINTER HITS AREA OVER THE WEEKEND

Jan. 31, 1977 - AN ILL WIND BLOWS NEW FRIENDS TOGETHER:

# *An ill wind blows new friends together*

By TONY WANLESS



RAYMOND  
DESCHAMPS  
...Samaritan

In times of hardship, people often pull together to make life more pleasant.

People like James Heath, a Windsor ambulance driver who took in a family of four this weekend after answering a call to an accident in which they had been involved Friday.

Mr. Heath was trying to get his ambulance back to Windsor in the midst of Friday's storm when he came upon Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barker and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton, all of Kingston. The family was returning from Florida when it became involved in an accident on the Highway 401.

The family was only shaken up in

the accident but had no place to stay, so Mr. Heath volunteered his home.

"He's one of those guys who just can't do enough for you," Mr. Barker said. "We've been treated like kings. I've never met anyone like him."

Mr. Heath said he has enjoyed having the family as unexpected guests and has made "some wonderful friends."

The family planned to return to Kingston today.

And then there are people like Raymond Deschamps, proprietor of the Cozy Corners Restaurant near Maidstone and his neighbor, Rev. Glenn Brown, pastor of Maidstone United Church.

Mr. Deschamps found his restaurant filling up rapidly as more



GLENN BROWN  
...Samaritan

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and more passing motorists became stuck in drifting snow Friday.

By the end of the night, he had taken in a couple and their two small children and helped bed down another 15 people in the neighboring church.

And throughout the night he provided hamburgers and coffee for the people in the church and at an OPP station about a mile down the road.

Mr. Brown said he didn't know people were staying in the church until he saw the lights on from his house across the street.

After discovering the stranded travellers, he and his wife supplied blankets, games, cards and coffee in order to make the stay easier.

"They had a great old time over there," he said. "Once they found the bathrooms and got talking they were pretty happy."

April 24, 1968, The Windsor Star: A \$4,000 head-on crash put one Maidstone area woman in hospital while five other persons escaped with minor injuries.

Mrs. Elrose Deehan, 21, of R. R. 3, Maidstone escaped with a fractured wrist. She was reported in goof condition in Metropolitan Hospital this morning. Her passengers, Rosemary Deehan, 10, Mark Reaume, 3, and Tracey Reaume, 1, were treated for minor injuries and released. Driver of the second car, James Woltz, 43, also of R. R. 3, Maidstone and his passenger, Kelly Woltz, had minor injuries. Mrs. Deehan escaped further injury when the ambulance she was riding in was in collision with a car at Walker Road and E.C. Row Ave., about 5.15 p.m. The 1967 Pontiac ABC Ambulance driven by Gary Drouillard, 24, of 445 Glengarry Ave., received an estimated \$1,000 damage to the driver's door and left front fender.

# How to own a houseboat by really trying

THE ESSEX TIMES, MAY 4, 1972.



WAY DOWN UPON THE DETROIT RIVER. Ralph Cooper and Robert Walker at the door of their home-made house boat.

## Freeze all winter to float all summer

"A lot of guys said we were crazy when we worked in the cold but we knew it would be worthwhile," Ralph Cooper commented about the hours he and Robert Walker spent making their house boat this past winter.

It was February before the two Chrysler employees really started their project but it was last summer's experiences on an open pontoon boat that sparked their decision.

"We decided we wanted it closed. If it rained you had to head for shore. If you decided to stay out at night it was damp with all the dew and we wanted to be able to stay on it for weekends," Ralph explained.

Ralph and Rob lived as boys in the Essex area and attended Essex and Maidstone schools.

The two of them tackled everything for themselves. They used the original boat, and began by drawing plans in the search for the best lay-out. They've done a professional job too, with the wiring all concealed, controlled from the steering panel but with individually controlled lights over each bunk. There are 2 bunks, each with its own sliding window; a padded seat wide enough to sleep one, that opens when needed for two. They can even accommodate

six by dropping down the table and folding out the benches to make another double bunk.

With a two burner propane gas stove and a sink storage cupboards under the bunks and little cupboards in all available upper space, they are prepared to live there for the summer. They have provided everything necessary for good boating, including an exhaust fan for the miniature kitchen area and the required five gallon holding tank. It is insulated for summer comfort.

They built the frame of 1" square steel tubing in the garage. Rob had a knowledge of welding but everything was done together. Once the frame was made work began outside.

The outside is covered with aspenite. This was applied and painted during the cold months. "We would have to come inside and warm the paint every so often because it would be so thick in the cold," Rob said.

He went on to tell how they were able to work only fifteen minutes at a time because their fingers would be so cold. "Some days during the winter we had to sweep snow off it so we could work on it," Ralph added.

The upper sundeck is 18' x

18', the sundeck in front of the 16' x 18' cabin is 7' x 8'. The total length is 30 feet.

The finished boat has two built in gas tanks of 10 gallon capacity. It is built on 3, nine inch diameter aluminum pontoons that are filled with styrofoam. With and eighteen inch draft, they figure it should run in a minimum of two feet of water. It is powered by two 50 horsepower outboard motors, each with its own battery. Depending on the wind and current resistance, they average about 5 miles to the gallon of gas. The boat weighs 3,000 pounds and runs about 18 knots, "that's 25 miles per hour," Ralph explained.

Ralph and Rob figure it cost them \$3,000, and they estimated its value at more than double that. They kept close account of their expenses, but Rob commented, "maybe we should add a hundred dollars for gas running around hunting for bargains. We put more into it than we originally planned but we wanted to make it attractive. It was more Ralph's ideas than mine on how to fix things inside. He drew the plans."

"We did everything ourselves," Rob said, "we made our own deck rail and ladder out of half inch round stock steel. We made our

own stereo systems out of radio, a few switches and odds and ends. We have a small television that runs on its own batteries.

The two men emphasized that they kept everything as inexpensive as possible but at the same time always keeping in mind durability and attractiveness. Gay red curtains that matched the red ozite carpeting carried out the red, black and gold color scheme.

"We wanted it blue," Rob laughed, "but we found carpets remnants in red. We shopped around to get things on special sales." That covered the aluminum sliding windows, bought in the off-season for less than half price, the mahogany paneling inside, the carpeting, and even a donated aluminum door which they cut down to correct size and fitted with plexiglass.

"Without the cooperation of the people here at Edgewater Marine we could never have done it," they both agreed. "They let us dock here all winter and gave us advice and help. They have been really good to us." He added, "All the hard work in the cold weather was worth it when we put it in the water yesterday."

It took them about three months working after shop hours and on weekends. All

ITEMS FROM MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Feb. 23, 1973 - Sylvester McGuire, Sr., was happily surprised on Saturday, when all his family gathered at his home on the occasion of his 81st birthday. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley McGuire of Grand Rapids, Mich., were among his family present, coming down with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dame (Marilyn McBrien), also of Grand Rapids. Nelson and Marilyn visited on Sunday, with Mrs. Noah Dame, Nelson's mother at Essex Nursing Home and called on Mrs. Dan J. McLean also for a visit. Mr. McGuire has resided since his marriage to Jane McCann on R. R. #2, Maistone. He was born on Valentine's Day so they named him Sylvester Valentine McGuire.

Aug. 16, 1973, Essex Times - Stacey MacKenzie, 13 month old daughter of Tom and Joan MacKenzie of Maidstone won third prize in the baby contest at the Leamington District Fair last week. Stacey was in the class for infants 12 to 15 months. There were about 14 babies entered in that division. They checked her bones, counted her teeth, made her wlk and put her through her paces. Stacey came through it all with flying colours sporting a third prize ribbon. Stacey is the first grandchild of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford MacKenzie of Maidstone.

Aug. 3, 1973 - Mrs. Dan McLean (Bernadette) who is the columnist for Maidstone Cross for the Essex Free Press, gives her views on today's times: "As one stood in the long lines of Friday afternoon before the Teller's window, in a downtown Windsor bank, one had time to think how grateful one should be for the plenty of this country. Going to the bus waiting room you saw the other side of people, just sitting watching the crowds, with no other place to go. The platform outside crowded with travelling people, waiting for the bus east, to take them either home or on a vacation. That day the afternoon bus left in three sections, all crowded. Down-town was over crowded with the annual summer side walk sale. Photographers were there too, taking pictures and talking to people who were boarding the buses, about how and why they were there, as the C.N.R. was on strike in Windsor and vicinity."

June 28, 1973 - Essex Times - The Times correspondent for Maidstone is Mrs. E. (Gladys) McLean of Conc. #8. Mrs. McLean has seven children, five of whom live at home. She is a member of St. Mary's Parish.

- Residents of this area were very fortunate on the eve of June 26th when a bad wind and hail storm swept through Essex County. The barn on the former Tilas Rich farm was completely demolished by a small twister touching down.

- Mr. Kirk Walstedt, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. Warren Walstedt of the 9th Conc. Maidstone Twp. would leave on Sunday, July 1st., 1973, from New York City on a two-month archeological expedition in Isreal. Best of luck Kirk on your journey, Gerry Santo of Essex was host to a going away party at his home for Kirk on Sunday evening last.

Sept. 28, 1973 - E.F.P. - Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Nikita (Catherine Bellaire) of Maidstone have moved into the home occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Clarkson, the village. The Clarkson's having moved into their new home in Essex. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bellaire have moved into their new home on County Road #19. Catherine and Bill are the daughter and son of Mr. & Mrs. Orville Bellaire of the village.

Sept. 6, 1974 - E.F.P. Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kosokowsky, parents of Leo (at right) have arrived home from a Western Canada vacation for six weeks, visiting relatives in Saskatchewan and Vancouver, B.C. The aldo took a boat trip from West Coast to Alaska.

- The many friends in this vicinity, where she lived for many years, join in wishing Mrs. R.C. Flood (Ethel) Sr. a happy, though belated birthday, Sept. 2nd.

What's your opinion about the proposed parking area behind the Fire Hall?  
ESSEX TIMES-Oct. 11, 1973

Mr. Leo Kosokowsky  
Cameo Hairstyles  
54 Talbot North  
ROVING REPORTER  
ASKS?

This problem has existed for 25-30 years. In those years nobody came up with a solution. Maybe council should step in and help out. Another problem is that too many people are involved. I am only a tenant here; my feeling is that I wouldn't receive the full benefit.

Leo and his young family reside in the village as did his parents.



- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Haas, Sr. and Frank, Jr., and Mrs. Haas' mother, Mrs. Julianna Sokatsch, of Hwy. 3 (Talbot Road) Collin's Subdivision, have returned from a four weeks trip to Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Frankie, age, 11 years, enjoyed Austria the best of the countries visited. They flew Air Canada all the way.

- Mr. & Mrs. Victor Sobry, Hwy. #3 (Talbot Road) have arrived home after a months delightful vacation to Belgium, Holland and France.

Jan. 10, 1974 - Essex Times - Mr. Stanley Eyraud of 9th Conc. Maidstone Twp. has purchased the former Eugene Chittle farm on the 10th Conc., from Mr. Bernard Chittle.

- We are sorry to report that Mrs. Leo Greenway (Mary Doyle) of Los Angeles, Cal. formerly of County Road #46, Maidstone, had the misfortune to fall in her home and fracture her kneecap. She is now convalescing in a nursing home.

- Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Larry Jobin (Judy Sexton, R.N.) of County Rd. #46 on the arrival of a baby daughter, Jade Erin, at Hotel Dieu Hospital on Dec. 29th, 1973.

April 11, 1969 - Mr. & Mrs. Terry Collins and children, Sean and Caro-Lee have moved into their new home in the Bernard Collin's Sub-division. Terry and Carolynne are teachers at St. Mary's School.

July 12, 1973 - Mrs. Leo Greenway of California, formerly of Maidstone, renewed acquaintances in this area the past two weeks, while visiting with her son, Charles Doyle and family of Hwy. #46.

## Living Rosary . . .

THE ESSEX FREE PRESS, MAY 30, 1975



**STUDENTS WORSHIP** — Students of St. Mary's School, in Maidstone, formed a living rosary during a service of worship of Mary. Sister Bernice prepared the service. She reported her idea of a living rosary was not a new one but one that has not been carried out for many years. Students

formed a huge circle on the lawn by the church while in the centre these children made the form of the cross facing the statue of Mary among a bank of flowers. The service was conducted by Father Marentette.

The Living Rosary - Held at St. Mary's School on Friday afternoon at 1:30. It was held on the front lawn. The Grade VIII students each represented a bead with 4 younger students to help. Jim Hayes, an eight grade student crowned the Blessed Virgin. Linda Mills carried the flower-crown on a white satin pillow, to the flower bedecked altar. Diane Lafferty, a grade VII student gave the speech on the Living Rosary. A singing group consisting of Yvonne Lajole, the kindergarten teacher, Linda Mills, Jo-Anne Quinlan, Richard Gauvin, Leon Nussio led the songs in the middle of the Rosary. Father Marentette said the Creed and gave a Homily during the gathering. It turned out to be a beautiful event thanks to the Organization of Sister Bernice, the Remedial Teacher, Mr. Dwyer, director of Education for Separate School Board was present for the event and spoke highly of the occasion, Linda Mills.

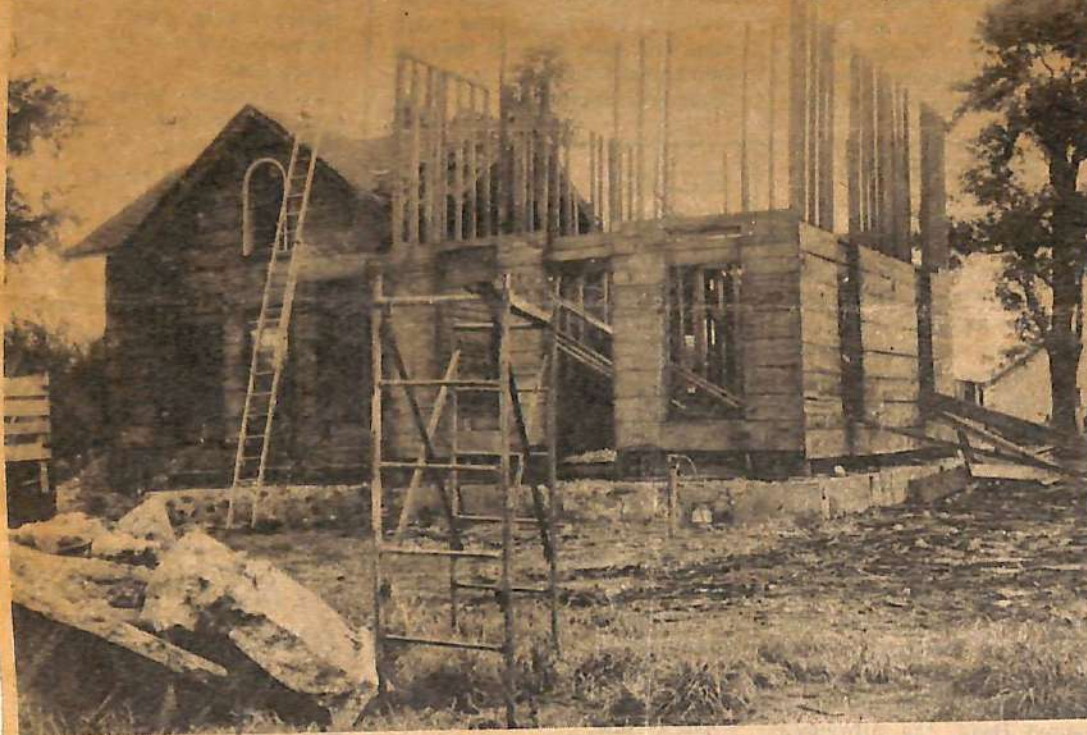


All the children in St. Mary's School in Maidstone participated in a drive to help needy families. Four classes adopted a family and collected articles and food, while the other classes added to it. Last Friday, Mr. P. Fleet, a member of the Vincent de Paul Society collected the articles in a truck. From left to right: Mr. Pierre Fleet, Sherry McCarthy, Mrs. Mary Lou Hossack, who helped in the drive, Mr. R. Lussier, teacher in room 5 who adopted one family, and Scott Hossack. **E. TIMES, DEC. 20, 1973.**

Mr. Pierre Phillippe listed above resides at Oldcastle on No. 3 Highway and is a fertilizer dealer, making the formula himself at his residence farm land.

# OLD HOUSE COMES DOWN . . . AUGUST 10, 1973

ESSEX FREE PRESS - EVELYN WALKER



The home built by Charles Little on the homestead of three generations of the Little family is now being torn down because restoration costs were prohibitive.

After standing for almost a century, the red brick home that was the pride and joy of Charles Little is being torn down, piece by piece and with great reluctance. The house is one of the landmarks of a settlement that began before Essex was established and which has slowly disappeared. Its builder operated a saw mill on the property and built a number of houses these for the use of his employees. These homes were moved away, one by one.

Ernest Ernestson of Essex recently bought the property with the hope of restoring the house. Much-needed but inflexible laws to control urban sprawl, stood in his way. The best Mr. Ernestson could do was to preserve its history. For two weeks he searched for deeds and documents covering the property.

He learned that the land was deeded by the crown to Robert Robertson in 1847 on September 18. The deed reads, "commencing where a post has been planted at the south side of the Talbot Road West at the East angle of the said lot, then N. 61, W 31 chains 20 links, more or less, to where a post has been planted, - - - and so on around the boundary.

Deed #3439 on the 25th of November 1848 indicates that Richard and Elizabeth Lawson became the next owners. They sold it exactly three years later to Lindsay Little for twenty-five pounds. It remained in the Little family for 81 years, through 3 generations.

Lindsay Little lived in several areas in Essex County after coming here first from Ireland and then United States. He married Eliza McNattan the same year he bought the property that became the homestead. His first wife had died previously, leaving him with five children.

In April of 1857, the ownership of the property was transferred to his son Charles for 125 pounds. He married Elizabeth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roblnson, a daughter of the first Mullin, of Maidstone, received family of Essex. The frame home was replaced by the fine

brick structure in 1880. A two story porch on the main part and a verandah along the one story section added to the attractive appearance. A winmill stood near the back door.

Of the nine children born to the couple, two sons died as youths. George was almost 18 when he drowned in one of the mill ponds on his father's property. Robert died at 16. Of the six sons and three daughters, one boy and girl were twins.

Charles Little, a talented and prosperous business man spent 15 years as a butcher and delivered meat on a route to the householders in Essex, other towns and surrounding countryside. He was a merchant as well as a saw mill operator and he bought 80 acres of surrounding land, plus property in other municipalities. He was the same Charles Little who owned and operated a hotel at various times in Maidstone Cross, as reported previously. Two of the mill ponds still remain on the land where the house was located. It is recorded, "His home farm is conceded to be one of the finest in this section, well located, capably managed."

At his death in 1906 the property was bequeathed to his son John, who made his home there until July 1932 when he and his wife Nettie sold to Lester and Bertha Cousins, who in 1940 traded properties with Albert and Harriet West. Mr. West left the home to his daughters, Mrs. Eva Pomeroy, the last owner before Mr. Ernestson. And so by strange co-incidence the property first owned by Robert Robertson, now belongs to Ernest Ernestson.

During the months when it recently sat uninhabited, with a gaping hole in its side, where bricks had fallen away, the curious and the antique collectors found it was filled with valuable antique furniture. By the time Mr. Ernestson took possession, only one heavy cabinet remained. Even the knobs had been picked off the doors.

Mr. Ernestson began his bid to restore the fine brick structure. He applied for permission to divide the house into three small apartments for single occupancy but the Department of Municipal Affairs refused to allow that. He tried again to make it a two family home but rural property is now strictly controlled and he was again refused permission. The foundation was crumbling so his next move was to calculate the cost of building a new foundation. At \$7000 he realized it was an impractical dream so regrettably he lifted his hammer and crowbar to the task of tearing away the brick, the 1" sheathing of boards 16" to 20" wide, the more than 2000 bricks in the fireplace, the lathe and plaster.

But he'll preserve some of it. The smaller one storey wing will be a home for Mr. Ernestson.

Sandwich South's new Park was named McAuliffe Park, for Pat McAuliffe for his work done for baseball for years in Maidstone and particularly the Shamrocks. The write up never mentioned Maidstone as Pat was married last fall and is now living in his wife's lovely home in Belle River. Pat and his wife lived in Florida for the winter. The McAuliffe name is also remembered by we oldsters as Pat's father James Sr. was Treasurer for years and his uncle John A. McAuliffe Sr. was Clerk for many years for Sandwich South Township. And now our Deputy-Reeve is John M. McAuliffe so the Park bears a highly respected name. Even back in the Toll gate era of fame his grandfather Patrick "Paddy" McAuliffe was Toll-gate keeper at Maidstone Cross.

Paul McAuliffe was brought home from Hotel Dieu last week after receiving treatments for 12 weeks for a badly broken knee-cap, when he fell on an icy spot on Jan. 28th. Paul will be walking with a cane while he convalesces. APR-21, 1972

Word has been received from Bill Mogyorody that Stan Holden has had a bout of illness down at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. From reports Stan had to even cancel his New Year's celebrating. Now if our Stan is ill we wish him the best and if its cheering up he needs, we will send him a shot of Essex County brisk air and a few snowballs to boot.

Bill Mogyorody our eminent fire chief and family have returned from a short jaunt to the land of smiles and honey lamb. Bill claims the Glen Webster's, Fred Paquette's and Holden's are all camped close to one another.

Then farmers sure like to bunch up for protection don't they. Wonder if they ever think of us other peasants back in the Sunshine belt or if they think belt is just that Florida fruit juice tucked in the frig.

Jan. 10, 1972

Sept. 18, 1953 - EMP DEATHS: Wm. Greenaway 80 yrs.

Jan 2, 1954  
Maureen Mullin, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roblnson, a daughter of the first Mullin, of Maidstone, received family of Essex. The frame home was replaced by the fine  
her letter of condolence. 3/2/64

Jan. 10, 1974 - Essex Times - Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McCarthy (Clair McLean) who were married by Rev. Fr. A.P. Marentette, in St. Mary's Church, Maidstone, on Dec. 28th, 1973. Mr. McCarthy is the son of Mrs. Grace McCarthy of Maidstone and Oldcastle and the late Andrew McCarthy. Clair is the daughter of Mrs. Bernadette McLean of Maidstone and the late Daniel McLean.

- Invitations are out for a bridal shower for Miss Rita Diesbounrgh (R.N.) daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eli Diesbourg of Woodslee. Rita will be the bride of Mr. Gerald Sylvester, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sylvestre, 9th Conc. Maidstone Twp. The couple will be married on Feb. 23rd.

Mar. 22, 1974 - E.F.P.- Congratulations to the "McAuliffe Twins" who will celebrate their umpteenth birthday on Sunday, Mar. 24th. Born in Windsor on Easter Sunday morning, they brought pride and joy to their parents, the late John McAuliffe, faithful clerk for years for Sandwich South Twp., and his late wife, the former Margaret Hennessey. Eleanor, now Mrs. Leo Ziskey and Margaret, Mrs. Ambrose Smith, both live in Detroit.

April 18th, 1974 - Essex Times - Rev. Fr. Wilfred McNabb, former pastor of St. Mary's Church, Maidstone, passed away April 9th in Hotel Dieu. The funeral took place on April 15th in St. John Vianny Church, Windsor, where he also was a former pastor. Interment took place in St. Mary's Cemetery, in Maidstone. We extend our sympathy to his four brothers and four sisters. Fr. McNabb was one of three priests in his family. Two brothers, Rev. Msgr. Albert is a pastor in Tilbury and Rev. Chas. Vincent in Wheatley.

- Miss Debbie Ann Jobin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Jobin, of 9th Conc. Sand. South Twp. will become the bride of Mr. Gideon Roger Garneau of Toronto, Sat. April 20th, at St. Mary's Church, Maidstone, with Rev. Fr. A.P. Marenttete officiating.

Aug. 23, 1974 - E.F.P. - Mr. & Mrs. Ronold Chope, (Maureen Collins) are happy to announce the safe arrival of a 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. son, Joseph, at Hotel Dieu Hospital on Aug. 14th, brother for Michael and Robert. Twelfth grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. Russell Collins and sixth for Mr. & Mrs. Ben Chope. Russell was able to brought home from I.O.D.E., Monday and pleased to see his grandson. Joseph Vincent was baptized Sept. 8th at St. Mary's. Mrs. Dennis (Elaine) Chope-Godmother & Terry Collins, Godfather.

- Congratulations to Donald Fields and wife Sue (Sloan) on the arrival of their daughter, 8 lbs. 6 ozs., on Aug. 13th, at Metropolitan Hospital. They chose for her name, Stephanie Nicole. Don is the "Field" Manager of Maidstone Shamrocks Baseball Team.

- The many friends of Tom Shanahan were pleased to visit with him after the centenary mass on Sunday and see him looking so well. His brother John of Detroit, who is older than he, was unable to come over, as well as his grand nephews, Bishop Breitenbeck and Father J. Breitenbeck, both of Detroit.

- Rev. Fr. Tim Kavanagh, O.F.M. said farewell to his friends and neighbors after he read his mass on Tuesday morning. He will have completed his vacation and is on his way back to Guam and Missionary work.

Aug. 30, 1974 - Jack & Margaret Hicks, of R. R. 2, Maidstone, were the winners of a new car in the South Windsor Lion's Raffle. The draw was held at the Devonshire Mall on July 31st.

Sept. 13, 1974 - E.F.P. - Mrs. Mary Lou Kwaitkowski of Hwy. 98, now County Rd. #46 announces the engagement of her daughter, Donna Lee, to Francis Henry Dunn, son of Victor and Aurelia (Belleau) Dunn, of R. R. 1, Essex. Weddign will take place Oct. 5th at 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church with Rev. Fr. A. P. Marentette officiating.

- The Ontario Enumerators are making their annual rounds for the coming elections in Sandwich South.

- Ralph Jobin, son of Frank and Bertha (Lassaline) Jobin of Battle Creek, Mich., will leave by air via Rome on Sept. 23rd for Springs, South Africa to work in the Research Dept. of the Kellogg's Company where he is currently employed. His wifr, the former Judith Johnson and children Michael, Michelle and Mark will accompany him. Ralph received his Ph. D. from University of Windsor and his friends and relatives in this community where he was born and raised wish him Bon Voyage, good health and success.

Nov. 29th, 1974 - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jobin of Huron Line Rd., Hwy. 3, Windsor are very pleased with correspondence of the experiences, home life, etc. from their son Ralph and wife Judy, who are living in Springs, South Africa, where the Doctor is doing (for one year) Research Work for his company, Kellogg's of Battle Creek, Mich. The three grandchildren are enjoying life and Michael, the oldest, will be in grade 1 come January. Frank and Bertha had planned on a visit to their family, but have now abandoned the trip. The many relatives, friends and school-mates of Ralph's are sending them Happy Holiday Greetings.

Nov. 1, 1974 - Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Mero have just returned from a most interesting tour in Yugoslavia. The Dalmation Coast on the Adriatic Sea is a great tourist resort. History dates back to 600 B.C. in the times of the Romans. They enjoyed it all so very much. They also took a one day side trip into Istanbul. The Turkish Mosques are most fascinating for us Canadians.

May 23, 1974 - Helen Moyorody, Stephanie M. Segnorile and Leila G. Weston were grad. from the University of Windsor General Program.

Oct. 4, 1974, E.F.P. - Mrs. Robt. Kane (Lucille Lemire) of Hwy 114 was driving to Hotel Dieu, on Hwy. 98 on Sat. afternoon, when a car driven by a Harrow man drove into the side of the car she was driving and it went into a ditch. In her car with her were her children and her aunt, Mrs. Irene (Brown) Mallett, of Detroit, Mich. who suffered a broken bone in her foot and multiple bruises. Lucille has an injured back and spine. They were on their way to visit Mrs. Frank Kane (Marie Brown) who is in Hotel Dieu for treatments after x-rays and whose condition has improved.

Dec. 6, 1974, E.F.P. - Two local lads were instantly killed on Saturday when their car went out of control and crashed.

Ronald (Whitey) Mahon, 17 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Mahon, Essex; and Donald Lebert, 17 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lebert, of Maidstone.

Surviving besides Whitey's parents are four brothers, Pat, Paul, Gerry and Tommy, all at home. Funeral services in charge of Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, were held in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday morning with Rev. Fr. Mulkern officiating. Burial in the Church Cem.

Surviving besides Donald's parents are two sisters, Nancy (Mrs. Wayne Dupuis) Tecumseh; Suzette, at home; a brother Norman, Windsor. Funeral Services held on Wed., in St. Anne's Church, Tecumseh, with burial in the church cemetery.

Dec. 6, 1974- EFP.- Several members of the Essex Es-Ski Mo's snowmobile club worked around the clock with the PPO evacuating motorists stalled and from disabled autos in Sunday's near record snow fall. All arteries were checked and all cars checked to see if any occupants were inside. There were 160 people taken to 401 station and 300 taken to Maidstone Central School. Approx. 60 snowmobiles from the area club patrolled the impassable roads. More than one police officer was overheard in saying, "we would have been in deep trouble without them". This near record snowfall definitely shows the need for these type of vehicles.

Dec. 13, 1974, EFP: A THANK YOU: The officers of the Essex Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police would like to publicly thank all those who in any way assisted in the rescue of hundreds of stranded persons during the snow storm of December 2nd, and 3rd.

Many helpless women and children were removed from the snow bound roads by unselfish residents operating snow machines, farm tractors and four-wheeled vehicles. Hundreds of persons found temporary shelter at our O.P.P. Detachment, the Maidstone Central School and the Maidstone Township Buildings. A special thank you to those who opened their own homes to the strangers in need.

The tired officers who worked during the blizzard will not forget the assistance shown to themselves or the deeds of anyone involved in the rescue, to Mr. Jack Hicks of the 10th Conc, R. R. 2, Maidstone Township, a special note of appreciation.

Dec. 20, 1974, EFP. - Mrs. Jessie Gerard's (Olga Melnik) home was partially destroyed by fire a week ago Friday, making the home unlivable. Furniture, clothes, etc., were a total loss and only partially covered by insurance. Olga has been staying with Mrs. Grace Lafferty, a gracious, charitable neighbor, until she sees what can be done for her and her house.

Dec. 27, 1975, Windsor Star - Many Windsor residents received surprises over the holidays, but probably none was as shocking as the surprise awaiting Beverly Emond and her family today.

While the family was out an overheated electric space heater set fire to the home on Highway 3 near Maidstone, causing some structural damage and more than \$10,000 in smoke and water damage. Sandwich South Township Firemen received the alarm about 9.30 p.m. Friday and had the fire under control in about 30 minutes although water assistance was required from the Sandwich West fire dept. There were some presents still under the tree that received water and smoke damage, said Capt. Paul Laforet of the Sandwich South Fire Dept. The heater was being used to keep the water system from freezing. By early Sunday morning, the family still had not returned.



CONSIDER EXTENDED CARE. Mrs. M.J. Ryckman, manager of the Essex Nursing Home, Miss Helen Gentles, Continuity of Care Co-ordinator for the Extended Health Care Program and Mrs. Georgina Woltz, president of the Essex Auxiliary for Senior Citizens, discuss plans of the health care program as it concerns nursing homes. Mrs. Woltz in the above picture resides in Maidstone. January 25, 1973, Essex Times.

## Volunteer work praised

Miss Helen Gentles, who is Continuity of Care Co-ordinator of the Extended Health Care Program explained their purposes to the members of the Essex Auxiliary for Senior Citizens. Miss Gentles explained the eligibility of patients for nursing care in the various nursing homes. An objective of the program is to move patients from hospital beds when they no longer require

hospital care. A patient who requires 1 to 2 1/2 hours of care daily can receive adequate care in a nursing home and under government medical plans this channeling of patients into the less expensive nursing home care will help to check the rising cost of medicine premiums. The government subsidy for nursing home care is \$9. per day.

In closing her informative talk, Miss Gentles complimented the group on their work among the elderly and shut-in saying "Small towns must be famous for the volunteer work they do for nursing home patients," and further added that, "We are all going to be old sometime and what is done now will govern conditions of care when we are old."

Mrs. Margaret Calhoun and Mrs. Georgina Woltz thanked the speaker for her information.

It was decided to purchase a wheel chair as the property of the Essex Nursing Home, and to buy new underwear to be available to patients. Plans were set for a Fashion Show to be held March 13 at 7:30 at Maplewood School with a charge of \$1. per person.

During the past year the auxiliary purchased for the use of the residents two park chairs, a wall clock, piano light, and took them on a picnic to Gesstwood. Mrs. Parkinson teaches crafts and many of the residents had a part in the fall bazaar of crafts and bake sale.

Further assistance is provided by a visit from Salvation Army members every Wednesday and one Sunday each month; Mrs. Rousseau who plays the piano; and by the Essex Baptist Church members and choir conducting a service every Sunday.

Nov. 29th, 1974 - Dr. M. R. McGavin and Mrs. McGavin (Mary T. Halford, R.N.) of Riverside Dr., Tecumseh, wish to thank their many friends who remembered them on the occasion of their marriage on October 28th, 1973, with cards and good wishes, that made them happy and appreciative of the kindnesses. They have returned from a honeymoon in Mexico.

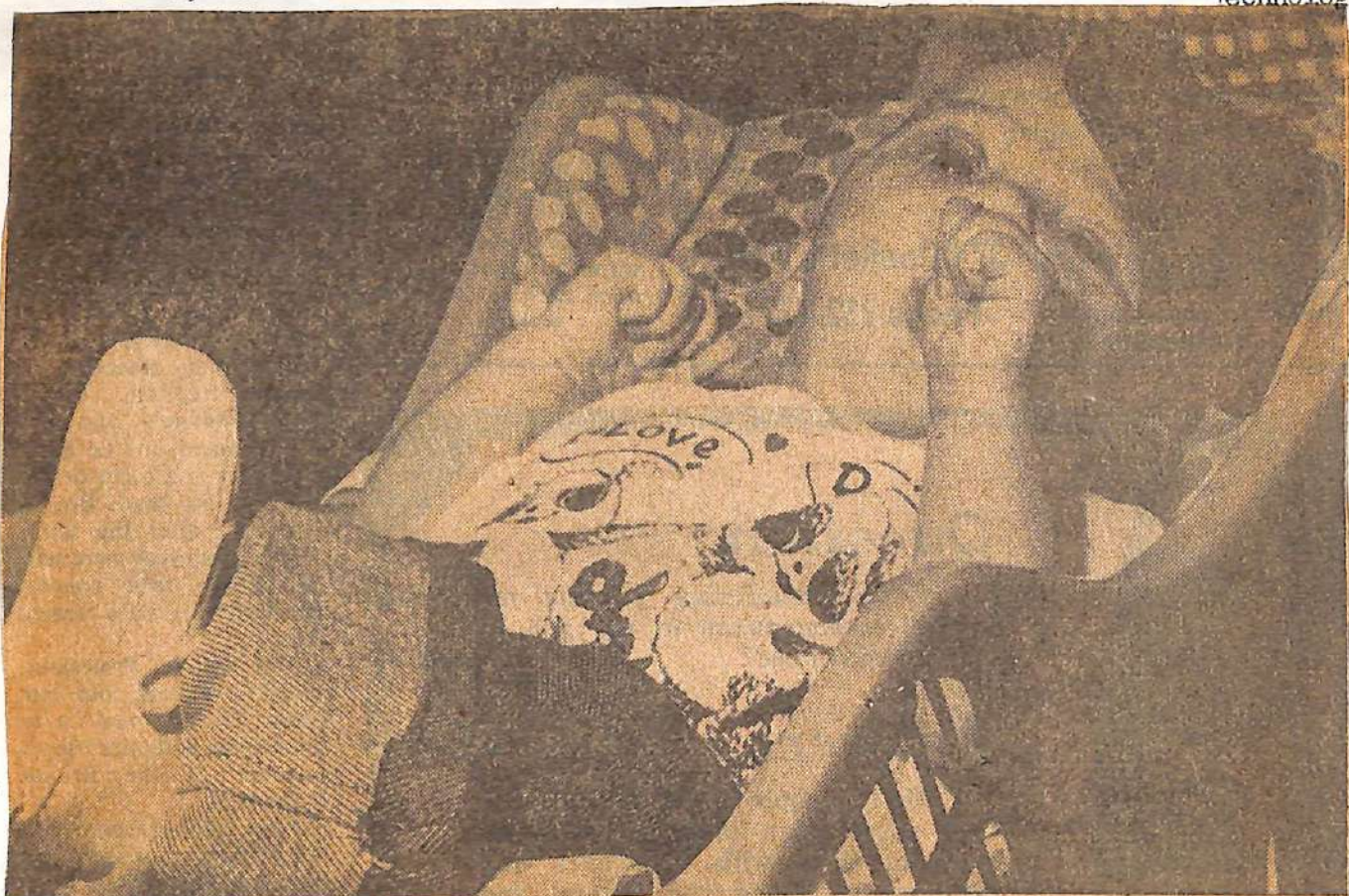
- Relatives and family of Richard Charles McLean (grandson of Mrs. Burnie McLean) thanked God and were relieved when the news came that Richard had survived 48 hours of the cold weather of Northern Ontario. He was admitted to a St. Ignace Hospital, Michigan, with frozen feet, numerous abrasions and nervous exhaustion. His parents John & Shirley McLean of East Detroit, drove up Saturday morning and were able to bring Richard home with them on Sunday. So the Deer Hunting did not end so well.

- Mrs. Jajles (Louise) Halford was pleasantly surprised on Thursday (American Thanksgiving) when her sisters Mary and Agnes and their children and grandchildren arrived, with all of the Thanksgiving Dinner and trimmings to spend a happy day together. Louise's neice, Marilyn Barr of Howell, Mich. was unable to come, as she is in St. Jodeph's Hospital, Ann Arbor with her leg in traction, after she was thrown from her horse and suffered a broken hip.

- Mr. & Mrs. Leonard J. McCarthy entertained with an American Thanksgiving Feast with both their mothers present. Mrs. (Grace) Andrew McCarthy and Mrs. Dan J. McLean. Mrs. Mrs. Grace McCarthy had recovered enough from her seven weeks illness to be out again.

- It was a Winter Wonderland on Monday morning, Dec. 2nd., after an all-day Sunday snowstorm. It was a beautiful sight but took many snow ploughs to open the roads and many hours of shovelling to get back to normal.

June 27, 1971 - David Arthur Shuttleworth graduated from St. Clair College in Electronic Technology.



Blue jeans, ball cap. Could the thumb in the mouth be a bunt signal?

THE WINDSOR STAR, JUNE 15, 1974

## Brinkman to Sutherland...to Doris?

By MARK BONOKOSKI

In this case, the babe wasn't named Ruth. Mind you, grandpa had his aspirations. . . after rearing seven daughters and only one son. . . that Bernard Jr. would have that certain genetic quality to produce an offspring who would naturally reach for a baseball bat rather than a Barbie doll.

But the Head Umpire of Life decided to toss Bernard Jr. a strike.

Babe Ruth turned out to be a baby named Doris. . . one month and nine pounds of female. . . (the Collins family of Maidstone having that certain affinity for the dis-taff side).

But, there she was, only moments after being christened Doris (after mother's mom), Neva (after father's mom), Marie ("just to round things off") Collins, the tiny, young lady found herself garbed in blue jeans, sneakers, a T-shirt, and a denim (. . . Hit that ball, Willie!) baseball cap.

Grandpa would have wanted it that way.

You see, Bernard Collins Sr. wanted a grandson to carry on the Collins name and Bernard Jr., obviously, was the only hope.

Said mother Brenda shortly before the christening following Sunday mass at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Maidstone:

"No way did he want his grandson baptized in a dress. It would be blue jeans and sneakers, nothing else."

But, Grandpa Collins never had the opportunity to see his grandchild baptized.

At the age of 66, only 19 days before the birth of little Doris Collins, Mr. Bernard died.

The little-boy-cum-baseball-star uniform was a toast to Grandpa.

Christened in a dress. . . (like a little girl should) by her grandfather's second cousin, Rev. Timothy (Father Tim) Kavanagh, a Guam missionary of 27 years now on a Canadian summer vacation, she was carried to her home across the street from the church to be slipped into something more comfortable. Naturally, blue jeans and a T-shirt.

Fortunately, godmother Joan Malenfant of MacGregor, pinch hitting as a seamstress, was prepared for what was bound to happen.

She made Doris a denim bonnet as well as a baseball cap. . . just in case Doris turned out to be a girl.

## Maidstone CROSS (CONT.)

EARLY ITEMS ON MAIDSTONE CROSS- July 28, 1905: Frank McCloskey suffered a fractured skull on the Ed. McHugh farm, when struck by a falling beam. - Fred McCarthy, agent for both M.C.R. and P.M. at Pelton narrowly escaped death when his hand car was struck by a P.M. train. The hand car was smashed to bits. He was thrown to the ditch at the side of the tracks.

June 29, 1945 - Ed. Deehan, Maidstone Cross, lost a large barn by fire.

October 23, 1925 - The farm home of Wilfred Greaves, near Maidstone Cross, was completely destroyed by fire.

December 20, 1974 - Thomas Shanahan spent an enjoyable evening, last Friday, when his son Ray and wife Helen, took him to the Banquet at Beach Grove Country Club, to honour the Hon. Paul Martin, who had resigned from the Senate and has been given the duties of Canadian Ambassador or High Commissioner to England. He had served faithfully Essex County and Windsor for 40 years and his host of friends and Constituents gathered to bid him farewell and wish him continued good health and happiness with his wife Nell (formerly Martin, of McGregor) in his new endeavour.

Jan. 17, 1975 - The high winds early Saturday morning caused considerable property damage in our area. A single-engine aircraft at a private airstrip near Paquette Corners was overturned breaking the fuselage and wings making it a virtual wreck. Ron Havinga, who lives next to the strip and watches the planes said three foot pegs were pulled out of the ground when the gusts of wind did the damage around 1 a.m. - Oct. 17, 1975: Wilfred Belleau of Hwy. 98 had a 'hair-raising' experience last week when his conductor and he, were sitting in their caboose, in the early morning hour in Ecorse, Mch., on C.P. tracks, when they were held up by two gunmen. Wilfred was just a little slow laying down on the floor, as requested by the hold-up men and was hit over the head by the butt of one of the guns. The coloured-men escaped with their wallets and \$187.00 cash and a Walkie-Talkie. So far the bandits have not been apprehended. -

June 15, 1976 - VANHOORNE- We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our neighbors, friends and family for their help when our barns were destroyed by fire. Special thanks to Neil Jessop who was first to arrive and helped to direct traffic. Also Colchester North, Sandwich South and Essex Fire Departments. - Gerald and Elizabeth Vanhoorne and girls.

July 14, 1973, The Windsor Star: An explosion and fire rocked Superior Propane, Ltd's facilities on Highway 3 near Maidstone on Friday, sending an employee to hospital with 15 per cent burns. Roger Kniffen, 29, of Essex, is in fair condition at the burns unit of Metropolitan Hospital with burns about the face, neck and arms.

Damage was estimated at about \$10,000 by Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt. A wooden loading platform, a 15 ft. square building used for filling propane tanks and a delivery truck were destroyed, while another truck was damaged.

Bill Hogan, the company's branch manager, said Mr. Kniffen had been in the metal building filling propane cylinders when the fire started. It was reported shortly before 2 p.m. Cause of the fire is under investigation by Inspector Donald Campbell of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office. The potential of the fire was described as very, very dangerous by Chief Nostadt. A huge 12,000 gallon propane storage tank used to feed the smaller tanks was only a few yards from the scene of the fire, and the west end of the large tank was scorched.

Chief Nostadt said the direction of the strong winds out of the southwest Friday, helped keep the fire from the large tank. Mr. Hogan, however, said the risk of explosion involving the storage tank was quite small. He explained it was equipped with a relief valve and the propane in it would probably have burned off. He said the tank was at least half full.

The manager said he had been in the office building at the front of the company's property when Mr. Kniffen raced up, with burned arms, and shouted a warning about the fire. Mr. Hogan said he believed only two cylinders exploded and the rest burned off when relief valves reached the propane.

Ontario Provincial Police cordoned off an area around the Superior Propane property just in case and two ambulances were on standby. Sandwich South firefighters were assisted by men and equipment from the Anderton Fire Department. There were reports that the explosion was heard all the way to the town of Essex. Judy Stowe, secretary at the Superior Propane office said that as firemen hosed down the area and started to clean up, remarked "It's a scary experience and I think I'm going to go home!"

Aug. 3, 1973, ESSEX FREE PRESS: MAIDSTONE CROSS Tribute to Hon. Louis Stephen St. Laurent -

Flags flew at half-staff last week in respect for Canada's twelfth Prime Minister, the Hon. Louis Stephen St. Laurent, age 91 years, who had passed away at his Quebec City home on July 25th, after a month's illness. He had served his country from 1948 to 1957 as Prime Minister, until he was defeated by Hon. John Diefenbaker. Deceased State funeral was held on Saturday morning at Notre Dame Basilica with Maurice Cardinal Ray officiating at the Pontifical Requiem Mass. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau read the first Reading from the Book of Wisdom. Burial was in his birthplace, Compton Quebec Cemetery, beside his beloved wife Jeanne. His devoted wife of 58 years before her death in 1966. Farewells were echoed by a host of prominent citizens who admired his integrity and honesty through his long life.

May 10, 1973, Essex Times: The May meeting of the Senior Citizen Auxiliary, was held at the Essex Nursing Home at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 1st., with Mrs. Georgina Woltz, of Maidstone, presiding, who was president at the time. An excellent report from the Fashion Show, convened by Mrs. Mavis Hauser in March with the proceeds going to the project program conducted by the auxiliary. Hopefully two good used wheel chairs will be purchased. There were 79 members. Mrs. Peggy Managhan, of Oldcastle was program chairman and told that five seniors were honoured at the April meeting for their birthdays.

Jan 2, 1975 - Mrs. Harold Hill (Dorothy Markham) daughter of our telephone operator for so many years, was moved from Metropolitan Hospital last week to Country Village Lodge in South Woodslee, Ont.

Feb. 14, 1975 - Little Caesars Hockey Team will leave Windsor Airport at 4.35 p.m. Feb. 20th, on flight #736 Nordair for Montreal where they will fly Scandinavian Air for Sweden, where they will participate in the Swedish International Invitational. Terry Flood is one of the team, Son of Pat & Marylou (McCarthy) Flood and grandson of Don and Aileen Flood and Leonard McCarthy, and great grandson of Mrs. R. C. Flood, Sr., and Mrs. Grace McCarthy.

Mar. 7th, 1975 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael L. McCloskey of Islington, formerly of Maidstone, have returned from a delightful three weeks vacation in Florida. It was like old home week with many former Maidstone people all gathering for many happy reunions with all the Kavanagh girls, Lou and Julia Bissonnette, Stephen & John Dunn, Pat & Gertrude McAuliffe, Roberta and John Carpenter, Angela and Bernard McIntyre, Leonard and Clare McCarthy, etc.

Apr. 18th, 1975 - Mrs. Jesse (Olga) Gerard, Sr., has moved into her new home on 138 Her St., Essex. Her home on Concession 11, Sandwich South having been destroyed by fire some months ago. She extends her most sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who came to her shower and for their lovely and practical gifts.

Apr. 25th, 1975 - The writer, Mrs. Dan L. McLean, met an old Essex resident on Sunday, Wilfred Brockman, of Blenheim. Bill told me his father, who is 83, lives in London, and is in fairly good health, following a stroke three years ago; also that John Vrede, age 76 years, lives in Vineland and is in fair health, following major surgery in January. He would like to be remembered to the older residents who remembered him and his family, who, some thirty-five years ago purchased Essex Recreation from A. G. Cascadden, after having farmed in Sandwich South for many years.

Apr. 18, 1975 - One of the Merrifield's riding horses with the youngest daughter, Susan riding, was thrown from her mount near the Shamrock's playing field when the horse fell on Sunday, it is thought that the horse suffered a heart attack. Susan was not seriously hurt. The Merrifields live on Hwy. #114, Maidstone.

- Mrs. Michael John spent Sunday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Luvisotto, in Windsor. The occasion was the baptism of Ryan Matthew Luvisotto, in St. Paul's R. C. Church, Malden Rd., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gould and Judy, also attended the baptismal rites.

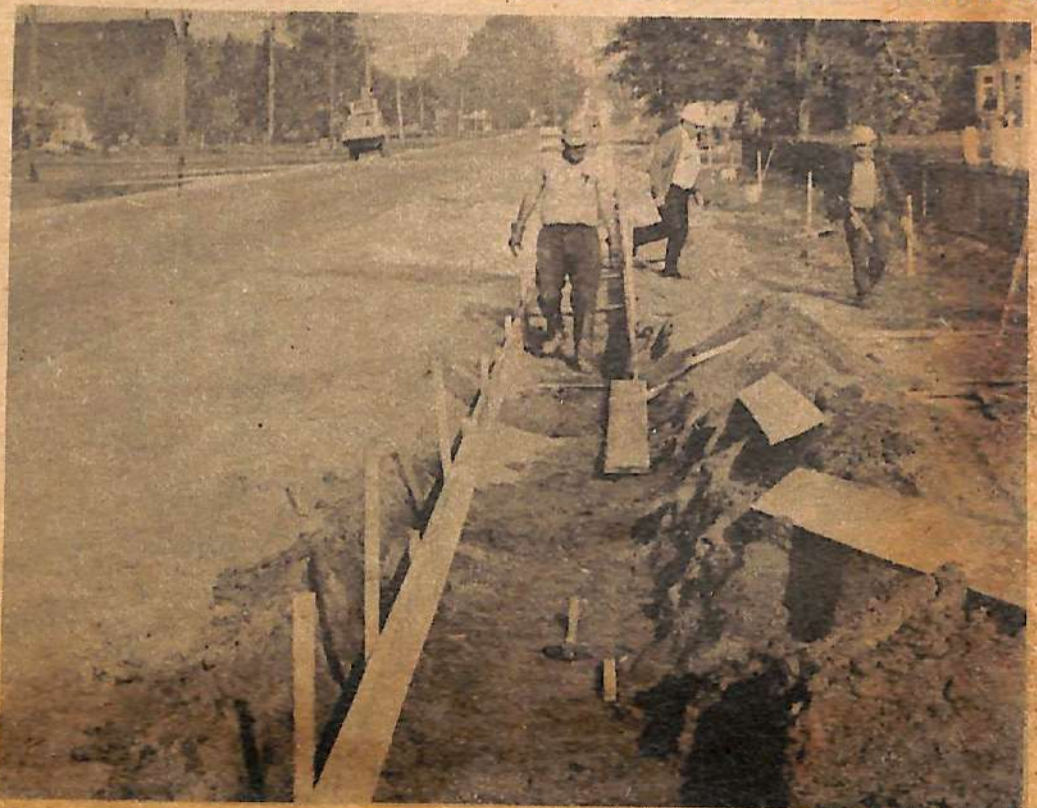
## Street & Sidewalk Construction at Maidstone . . .

Shown in picture: St. Mary's Tower, part of Rectory, St. Joseph's Convent - St. Mary's Cemetery.



REPAIRS IN MAIDSTONE — Crews of the Ministry of Transportation lay curbing along No. 3 Highway from the intersection in Maidstone to the east edge of St. Mary's Cemetery after installing storm sewers. A sidewalk will be laid along the edge of the curbing before the work is completed. SEP. 19, 1974 ESSEX FREE PRESS

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Sewers in Maidstone in front of St. Mary's Cemetery working crew will start sidewalk work next week. on Highway No. 3 were completed last week. A

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

May 23, 1975 - E.F.P.- Hearty congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Little, of 1030 Campbell Ave., Windsor, who would celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 1st., 1975. Ernie is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Charles Little, Jr., of No. 3 Hwy, Maidstone, where he was born and lived until his marriage. A family dinner will honour the happy couple at TwinOaks Golf and Country Club, on Sunday, June 1st. The couple were wed at the Baptist Church, Windsor, and are blessed with eight children, 24 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Ernie has two sisters, Mrs. Flossie Totten and Bessie, both of Detroit and a sister Gertrude Loranger, who passed away in June, 1972.

July 4, 1975 - Jimmie Hayes was pleasantly surprised when his sisters Helen, Donna and Mary Ann and their husbands and children honoured him on Sunday with a dinner and all the trimmings, including lovely gifts on the occasion of his ?? birthday, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Genevieve Hayes, on Hwy. 98.

July 4, 1975 - Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gould and daughter, Judy, (R.N.) of Hwy. 114 have returned from a beautiful two weeks vacation to Vancouver, B.C. They stayed with Judy's friend Lynn Grossutti, R.N. and visited with a former close neighbor, Jim Cloutier, formerly of Hwy. 114, who is now residing in Burnaby, B. C. They toured the Island for one of the weeks and then flew to Calgary, Alta., where they spent the next week with Bill's brother Ray, his wife and 2 children. Ray is a Sgt. in the Can. Arm. Forces. They all motored to Banff, Lake Louise and surrounding lakes.

July 18, 1975 - Mr. Gordon Saylor will celebrate his 79th Birthday on July 21st and will be joined by his daughter and husband who will be celebrating their 26th Wedding Anniversary the same day.

July 18th, 1975 - E.F.P. - Mrs. Wm. G. Greenway (Helen McCloskey) was honoured by her children on Saturday, the occasion of her 75th Birthday. A mass of Thanksgiving at her parish church, followed by a birthday dinner, enjoyed by all her children and grandchildren and her sister Frances, Sister M. Angelica of the Servite Order of Omaha, Neb. (who has been visiting her for a month) and close friends. Helen & Frances are the youngest children of the late William McCloskey and Margaret Murphy of the Middle Road.

Aug. 29, 1975 - In a car census taken at Maidstone Cross, Fifty years ago, Aug. 28, 1925, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Friday, Aug. 7th to Thursday, Aug. 13th, there was a total of 16,727 vehicles, an average of 2,389 per day. The largest single day, was Sunday, Aug. 9th when 4,841 passed by.

October 3, 1975 - John & Ethel (Seech) Gaspar have returned from a 3 week trip in Europe, flying both ways from Toronto to Vienna. While there, they visited with Mrs. Gaspar's relatives, whom she had not seen for several years and some she had never met before. They visited in Austria and Yugoslavia and Hungary. They had a very pleasant trip and found people were very well satisfied with life. About 90% having televisions and owning their home and living in communities and going out to their land in the county to work each day. They each have their own gardens at their homesites. Tractors are used but some people still use teams of horses to work their land. They may grow whatever they wish.

Oct. 17, 1975 - Wilfred Belleau, of Hwy. 98 had a 'hair-raising' experience last week when his conductor and he, were sitting in their caboose, in the early morning hour, in Ecorse, Mich. on P.C. tracks, when they were held up by two gunmen. Wilfred was just a little slow laying down on the floor, as requested by the 'holdup' men and was hit over the head by the butt of one of the guns. The coloured men escaped with their wallets and \$187.00 cash and a Walkie-Talkie. They still have not been apprehended.

Oct. 17, 1975 - Mr. & Mrs. Dan McCarthy and their twin daughters, Tina and Tanya, spent the Thanksgiving weekend with Lori's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Head, in Barrie, Ont.

- Mr. & Mrs. Tim McGuire and sons Pat, Mike and Tim, Jr, spent the long Thanksgiving weekend with Margaret's sister, Maureen and husband Larry Donald and family in Peterborough.

Oct. 10, 1975 - Miss Yvonne Bezaire is expected back from her European vacation this weekend. She spent some time in Rome and attended some of the Holy Year celebrations. Father Marentette's sister has been attending to the Rectory duties while Miss Bezaire was away.

Oct. 24, 1975 - A lovely day was spent last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Helen McCloskey, Riverside Drive, Windsor, to entertain her sister-in-law, Mrs. Marjorie (McCloskey) North of Los Angeles who has been here visiting for three weeks. The cousins-get-together enjoyed reminiscing of joys from younger days. Those present were Mrs. Aileen Flood, Mrs. Mary McCarthy, and Mrs. Veronica Schiel and her daughter Barbara of Roseville, Mich., of the Tom McCloskey family; Mrs. Marie Beers and Mrs. Margaret Patrick both of Detroit of the Frank McCloskey family; Mrs. Ella Oates, of Windsor of the Margare (McCloskey) Walsh family; Sister Agatha (Genevieve) S.S.J. of London, Mrs. Angela McIntyre, Detroit, and Mrs. Rosemary Sexton of the Elizabeth (McCloskey) Halford family. The guest of honour, Marjorie, is the last of the Charles McCloskey - Agnes O'Neil family. Mrs. Alda (Morand) Russette, of Windsor, was a special guest.

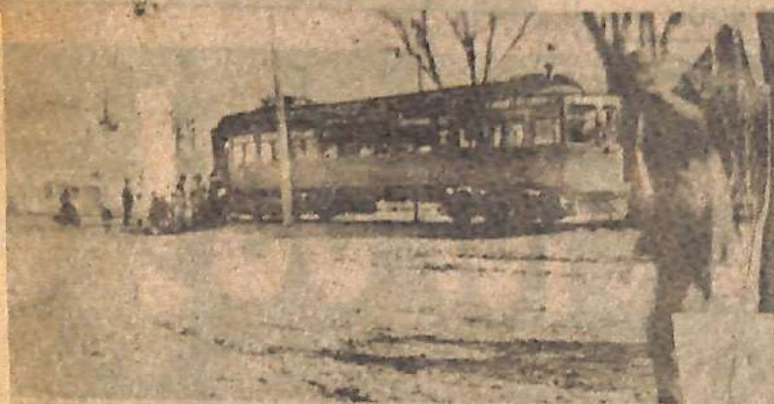
Nov. 28, 1975 - The Prairie Province Club of Windsor spent an enjoyable weekend trip to Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Vernon (Sadie) Levergood, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ondrejeski (Marion Sexton) of Windsor and Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred McCarthy went and had a wonderful time.

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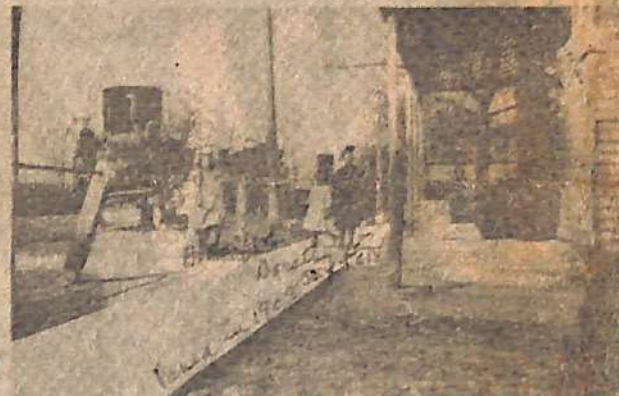
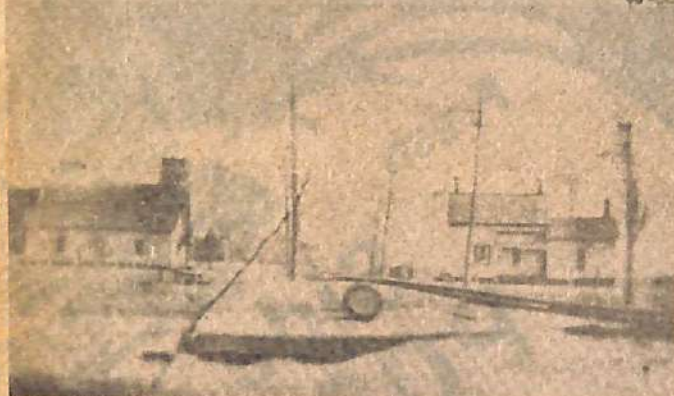


# THE OLD TIME CORNER

*Pics of Maidstone at the turn of the Century*



Walt Mitchell



The Jeremiah Collins Sr. Hotel — about 1880-1890

The picture beneath the trolley must have been the church previous to today's St. Mary's Church. The picture to the right of the trolley is in front of the store and P.O. owned and run by Ignatius Halford and which was demolished in July, 1969 to make way for the sprinking new Post Office being built on a site next to the old building and at the corner of Hwy. #114 and No. 3 Hwy. It was opened in late November, 1969. The writer does not recognize the residence across the road. Dorothy Sexton is named in the picture to the right, and Walt. Mitchell in the one of the trolley.

Nov. 21, 1975 - E.F.P. - Dr. Ralph Alfred Jobin and wife Judy (Johnson) and children, Michael, Mark and Michelle arrived at International Airport on Nov. 7, 1975 from South Africa, where Ralph has been working for his company for one year. He was employed by the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Michigan. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jobin met them at the Airport and they spent the weekend with their parents before returning to their home in Battle Creek. Mr. & Mrs. Lorne Rowson (Margaret Jobin) were also at the Jobin's to welcome them home.

Nov. 28, 1975 - E.F.P.: Congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. William Lemieux of Windsor on their marriage on Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church. Mrs. Lemieux is the former Geraldine (Deslippe) Durocher of Walker Rd. Following the ceremony and dinner a reception was held for family and relatives at her son Charles home on North Talbot Rd., Oldcastle. Mrs. Durocher had taught school in the community for several years and is a sister of Sylvia (Mrs. Gordon O'Neil) who still resides in Sandwich South Twp. She and her deceased husband William Durocher resided at the corner of North Talbot Road and Walker Road for many years and owned a farm which he farmed mostly in grains.

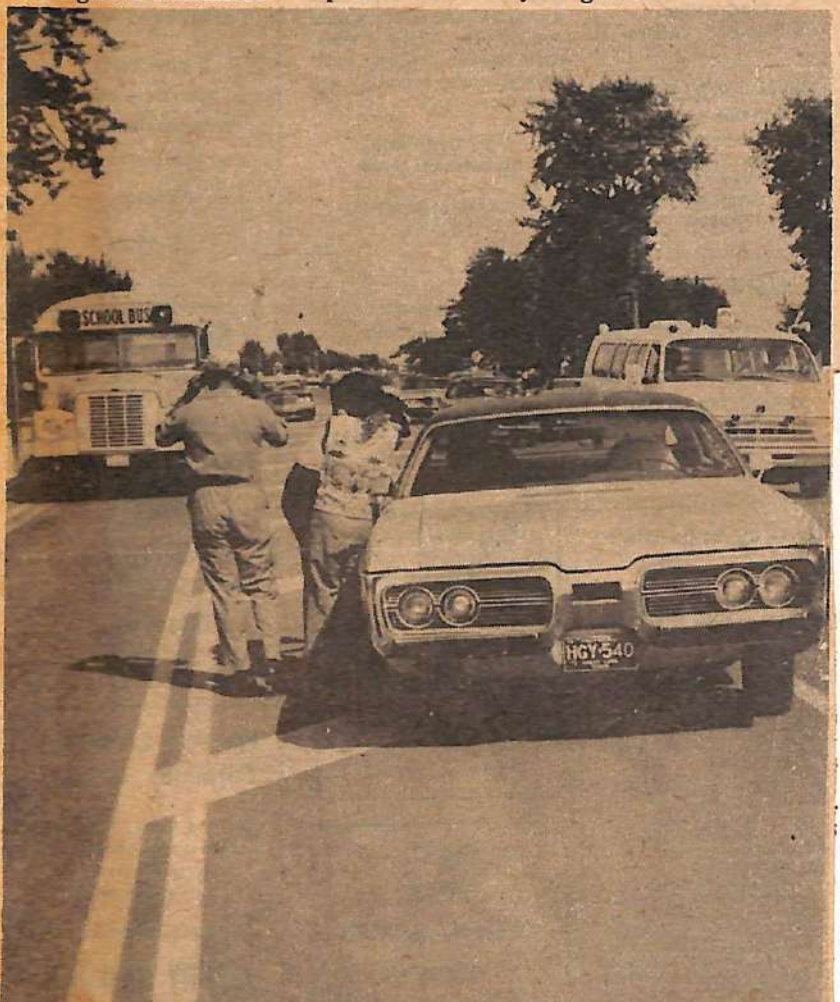
Dec. 12, 1975 - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Grondin has purchased the Bob Kettels property on Hwy. 114, formerly owned by Norman's grandparents, the George Grondin's.

- Danny and Beverley (Reeb) Gould are building their new home next to his father's on Hwy. 114. Larry & Suzanne (Sexton) Rau, hope to be able to move into their new home on Hwy. 3 for their sixth wedding anniversary, Dec. 27th, 1975.

## Tragedy strikes Maidstone

JUNE 26, 1975 - THE TIMES

MAIDSTONE — At 12:00 Monday, the kindergarten classmates of five year old Rhonda Dennison paid their last respects at St. Mary's Church in Maidstone in the form of an honour guard.



With only one week left of school, five year old Rhonda Dennison of R.R. 3 Maidstone was struck and killed above by a car which attempted to pass the school bus while she was crossing Highway #3 to her home in Maidstone. Above, Constable Macrow of the Essex Detachment O.P.P. makes out her report at the scene of the fatal accident with the driver and passengers of the vehicle which struck the small girl. The bus was driven by Mrs. Alice Strong of R.R. 3, Essex.

Last Friday, Rhonda was struck and killed by a 1972 Plymouth driven by Jim S. Mays of 4251 Jefferies St. of Detroit. The Mays' auto struck Rhonda after she had gotten off the bus and was proceeding to walk across Number 3 Highway to her home. The bus flasher lights were on when the accident occurred. Sixty-nine year old Mays has been charged with Criminal Negligence causing Death and was released Saturday on \$2,500 cash bail. First court appearance of the Detroit man was at 10 a.m. Wednesday. It has been reported that the Mays vehicle passed the stopped school bus travelling westbound and was driven over the painted median located between the old Highway 3 and Essex Bypass junction.

Jan. 9, 1976 - A telephone call from Omaha, Neb. to Mrs. Wm. G. Greenway of Roseville, Mich., on Saturday, gave her the sad news that her sister, Sister Angelica of the Servite Sisters Order of Teaching Nuns had passed away there suddenly, of a heart seizure. Born 72 years ago, the youngest daughter (Frances McCloskey) of William McCloskey and Margaret Murphy, pioneers of Maidstone Twp. on the old Middle Road, now County Road #46. After the death of her father they lived in the village for some time. Besides her sister Helen she is mourned by many nieces and nephew. Predeceasing her are two sisters, Mary, Mrs. Albert McCarthy, and Kate, Mrs. Richard Sexton, five brothers, Vincent, Leo, William, James and John. A niece, Sister Eleanor McCloskey of the same Order of Teachers, died in Oct., 1973. A mass was celebrated on Tuesday evening at St. John Berchman Church at 5 p.m. for the children of the Parish School, where Sister had taught. Mrs.

Helen Greenway and daughter Margaret, Mrs. John Larson and two sons, Dr. Robert Greenway and William Jr. Greenway flew on Monday to Omaha to attend the wake and funeral Tuesday morning.

Jan. 9, 1976 - Mr. & Mrs. John M. McAuliffe entertained for her sister Betty (McCoy) and husband Vito Tisci of Ilion, N.Y. at their home on County Rd. 19 over the New Year. They flew into Detroit and visited her father, Jim McCoy also. They also entertained after the Baptism of their granddaughter, Laura Ann White. The ceremony took place at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Essex with Rev. Fr. J.B. Clark officiating. Laura Ann's parents James and Jo-anne White and their son Jeffrey and the paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh White of Oldcastle and the Godparents, Michael Sullivan and Lois Hudvagner, were among the guests.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

January 16, 1976 - Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Beneteau and children have purchased the property of Douglas and Barbara Campeau on Hwy. #3-Collin's Subdivision. The Campeau's and children, Bradley, and Jeffrey have moved to Essex, on the Arner Townline.

March 5, 1976 - Timothy Flood has purchased the home and property formerly owned by Harry Collins in the Village.

May 7, 1976 - Mrs. Ralph Sexton (Rose Halford) and her four daughters, Suzanne Rau, Judy Jobin, Joan Staddon and Sister Elizabeth (S.S.J. of London) all attended the last Teas at St. Mary's Academy, Windsor. Many of the graduates returned to enjoy visiting with the Sisters, attend the 2 o'clock mass, in the beautiful Chapel and visit with class mates and enjoy the Tea, served by the Alumni. Mrs. Bernard McIntyre, of Detroit and Angela's school-mate Mrs. Leo Russette (Alda Morand) were also there to enjoy the occasion.

May 7, 1976 - Congratulations to Mrs. Tom Mullins of Maidstone, who surprised her children, Marie, Miriam of Toronto; Don, Edmonton; Pat, Prince Albert, Sask.; Ron, London; Maureen, (Mrs. Peter McLeod) and Mike of Maidstone, with her just recently released record, "THE MAY HYMNS TO MARY", a very nice selection just in time for Mother's Day. Mrs. Mullin, you are not getting older, you're getting better quoth Mrs. Bernie McLean the Maidstone columnist for the Essex Free Press.

May 25, 1976 - Headline of the Windsor Star reads: "SINGER RECORDS TRIBUTE."

In keeping with the tradition of honouring Christ's Mother during the Month of May, Mrs. Irene Mary Mullin of Highway #114, Maidstone has cut a record of hymns appropriate to the month.

"I wanted to give God's mother this small tribute for the month that is set aside by our Church to honour Mary," said Irene - a devout Catholic. The record is a collection of vocal solos, sang to the accompaniment, by her daughter Marie, of the organ at their church, St. Mary's of Maidstone. They are the hymns that draw a response from all who are familiar with the Roman Catholic Service, sung either in honour of Mary or during worship. Many are known universally, such as Ave Maria.

Although she is offering the record for sale, Irene says, "I didn't see a dollar sign, just the spiritual value of the whole thing."

Friends and family have urged her for many years to make a recording of her solos, as they have heard them in the church Choir. But the idea never appealed to her, until she thought the May hymns would make her talents a tribute to Mary. Then, she asked her daughter who is a competent organist, to accompany her as she made the recording.

Music has always been a part of life for Irene, both in her family background and with her own seven adult children. She studied voice as a young girl and has sung in church choirs since she was 14. Musical and drama productions were part of her early experience.

May 14, 1976 - There were many happy family gatherings at homes in this vicinity, on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th. Among them were the Emmett & Mary McCarthy home when their children and grandchildren gathered for the day. Mrs. Andrew McCarthy was honoured also with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Grace was particularly happy having her great-granddaughters, Tina and Taina McCarthy, twins of Dan and Lori McCarthy and Joey Deehan, son of Gary and Elaine (McCarthy) Deehan having their pictures taken with her. Celebrating their birthdays on Mother's Day were Robert Flood, Lori Lafferty, Robert and John Daniel Arpin. The J. Frank Lafferty's had a steak barbeque to honour their daughter's and grandmother, Grace Lafferty and grandfather Len McCarthy and Clare were among the guest. The Arpin boys had their two grandmothers, Mrs. L. J. Arpin and Mrs. Dan J. McLean to help them celebrate with a birthday dinner.

June 18, 1976 - Ernest and Catherine Nikita have purchased Robert and Lucille Kane's home and property on Hwy. #114.

July 2, 1976 - Danny Gould left this week for Manticoke, Ont. where he will be employed by Thermo Generator Plant. They are selling their new home on Hwy. 114 and his wife will join him when he secures a home there. His wife, (Beverly Reeb) was surprised recently when she was honoured at two baby showers. Mrs. Robert Wilker and Mrs. Bernice Hollub had one at Mrs. Glen Reeb's home. There were 37 guests and Bev received beautiful gifts and all enjoyed a lovely evening and delicious lunch. Mrs. Wendy Pavan hosted the second one at her home on Christopher St., Windsor for the nurses of East Wing of the Cordovascular Unit of I.O.D.E. Hospital for co-workers of Beverly's. Gifts besides a lovely corsage and a charm for her bracelet, were among the many gifts including a play-pen for the new arrival. There was lots of fun and all enjoyed a special evening away from "Duty".

July 23, 1976 - Bernard Collins has dismantled his barn. Not an old barn, as it was built to replace the old barn that burned down, when an old-time threshing outfit set fire to the straw stack, when his grandfather, Jerry Collins was threshing. Don't know the year.

July 30, 1976 - Mr. & Mrs. Glen Reeb of Essex and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gould, of Maidstone, are very proud of their first grandchild, Jennifer Lynn, daughter of Dan and Bev. Gould, nee Reeb, R.N.

- Mrs. Emily John spent her 80th birthday with her family at the wedding between her granddaughter Catherine John (daughter of Evelyn and the late George John) and Rick Osmond. It was a beautiful wedding.

June 18, 1976, EFP. - CARD OF THANKS: \* We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our neighbours, friends and family for their help when our barns were destroyed by fire. Special thanks to Neal Jessop, local OPP, who was first to arrive and help to direct traffic. Also Colchester North, Sandwich South and Essex Fire Departments. - Gerald & Elizabeth Vanhoorne and Girls.

Nov. 6, 1976, EFP. - A fire broke out on Friday morning at the home, in the village, occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Daines and 7 week old infant. They escaped with only the clothing they were wearing, and the brick home was totally destroyed before the fire department arrived. The Daines had no insurance. The home had been owned by Mrs. Michael John who recently sold it to her son-in-law Ronald Holland of Plymouth, Mich.

## Fire Destroys Maidstone Home . . .

THE ESSEX FREE PRESS, Nov. 5, 1976



**GONE IN MINUTES** — It was ruined in less than half an hour when this house caught fire last Friday. Four fire

departments fought the blaze which is believed to have started by leaking gas.

Fire completely destroyed with four pumpers.

a house and its contents in the Mr. and Mrs. James and Nancy Dawes and their tiny infant escaped but were unable to rescue anything. They

were renting the home from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Holland of Plymouth, Michigan.

Sandwich South fire department answered the call and

summoned help from Maidstone, Essex and Sandwich W. There was some insurance on the house.

May 4, 1978, STAR-

Two candidates will be vying for the Conservative Nomination in the Federal Riding of Essex-Windsor, when the PC's hold their nomination meeting, May 9th, at Roseland Public School, 620 Cabana Rd., E., The two candidates are Kathy Flood, 38, of Maidstone, and Mel Gilbert, 42, of 2961 Apple Lane, Windsor. Mrs. Flood is a member of the Essex County Rstepayers' Assoc., and previously was involved in real estate. She is married with five children. The wife of Bob Flood and they reside on Highway #114 near the hamlet of Maidstone.

## Joe Clark Visits Windsor . . .

AUGUST 11, 1978, E.F.P.

Sandwich South's new Park was named McAuliffe Park, for Pat McAuliffe for his work done for baseball for years in Maidstone and particularly the Shamrocks. The write up never mentioned Maidstone as Pat was married last fall and is now living in his wife's lovely home in Belle River. Pat and his wife lived in Florida for the winter. The McAuliffe name is also remembered by we oldsters as Pat's father James Sr. was Treasurer for years and his uncle John A. McAuliffe Sr. was Clerk for many years for Sandwich South Township. And now our Deputy-Reeve is John M. McAuliffe so the Park bears a highly respected name. Even back in the Toll gate era of fame his grandfather Patrick "Paddy" McAuliffe was Toll-gate keeper at Maidstone Cross.

Paul McAuliffe was brought home from Hotel Dieu last week after receiving treatments for 12 weeks for a badly broken knee-cap, when he fell on an icy spot on Jan. 28th. Paul will be walking with a cane while he convalesces. APR. 21, 1972



**LEADER WITH CANDIDATE** — Progressive Conservative Joe Clark visited Windsor Tuesday and had luncheon at the Cleary Auditorium with 400 in attendance. Seated to his

right at the head table was Kathy Flood, P.C. candidate for the Essex-Windsor riding.

...the field corn and soybeans. I want to fulfill that role. My  
decision to have children and  
The farm also grow Green  
Giant sweet corn when it  
could get the contract.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Aug. 6, 1976 - Robert Hergott is taking down the old brick home on the farm on Hwy. 98, now County Rd. #46 formerly owned by Edward Sexton that he had bought from the late Edward Lennon. The frame of the home is still in very good condition and it was built by Hugh Lennon, Sr., who was a brother of Patrick Lennon, Edward Lennon's father. The torn down building was well over 100 years old.

Aug. 6, 1976 - We congratulate Miss Edna Stowe of Windsor on her letter on the Star's Editorial page on July 28th. Edna is the daughter of the late Charles Stowe and Margaret Kane, well known residents of Maidstone Twp. and was born and raised here until she went to Ottawa as Private Secretary to a Federal Minister.

Aug. 13, 1976 - Robert and Lucille (Lemire) Kane have sold their home on Hwy. 114. and have moved to their new home on Puce Road, Maidstone Twp.

Aug. 13, 1976 - Leo and Betty Kosokowsky and children, Christine, Paul, Glen, Karen, Annette and Linda have returned from a motor vacation, going as far east as New Brunswick. While in Quebec City they spent some days with the Peter W. Halford's who are spending a year there. They like Quebec and are enjoying the change. While on their way back home to the village, they met Gerry and Iris McLean and children in Alexander, Ont.

Aug. 27, 1976 - Related birthday greetings to Walter Deehan and twin sister, Mrs. Belle (Deehan) Allen on the occasion of their 87th birthday. Walter is in the University Rest Home at 555 University Ave., E. having been removed from Hotel Dieu Hospital, and Mrs. Allen is in Riverview Hospital. They were both Sandwich South residents in their early years.

Aug. 22, 1976 - Mrs. Jos. Mullins (Ellen Allen) of Maidstone Twp. was honoured on the occasion of her 87th birthday on Aug. 22 with a Brunch Party at the Rendezvous Tavern on Riverside Drive, east, by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Aug. 27, 1976 - Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Emmett P. Quinlan, who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 5th with a mass of Thanksgiving at 11 o'clock, celebrated by their pastor, Rev. A. P. Marentette, at St. Mary's Church, where they were married. An open house will be held from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at Lakewood Golf Club. They will be surrounded by their 13 children, 60 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, relatives and friends. Mr. Quinlan is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Philip Quinlan, pioneers of Maidstone Twp., and Marjory is the daughter of the late Frank McAuliffe and Mae Deehan, pioneers of Sandwich South Twp. - Highly respected citizens.

Sept. 10, 1976 - Congratulations are in order again for Mrs. Thos. Mullin who received two ribbons from the Harrow Fair for her flower arrangements, one depicting a song, the other using kitchen utensils. Many area residents enjoyed the variety of the exhibits.

Sept. 24, 1976 - Rev. Fr. A. P. Marentette baptized Jennifer Lynn, infant daughter of Daniel and Beverley (Reeb) Gould, R. N., on Sunday. Robert and Judy Walker acted as God-parents. Following the ceremony the grandparents William and Rose Gould entertained at their home for grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Glen (Donna Robinson) Reeb and great grandmother, Mrs. Camilly John and great grandfather, Mr. John Robinson. Danny was home for the weekend and has sold their lovely new home on Hwy 114. The Goulds have bought their new home in Simcoe, Ont. where Danny is employed by Ontario Hydro.

Sept. 24, 1976 - CBC Programme "Meeting Place" on Channel 9 on Sunday, 11 a.m., Sept. 26th, will be shown the film taken in St. Edmond's Church, Pointe Claire, Quebec. The Gerry McLean's attend this church and were there with Iris's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kushner and her aunt Doreen of Moosejaw, Sask., who had been on a three weeks visit.

Sept. 24, 1976 - Mr. & Mrs. L. J. McCarthy entertained at dinner and a birthday party for Clare's mother (Bernadette Halford McLean) on Sunday for her 79th birthday. Other guests were Jim and Pauline Quinlan and Sister Adelaide S.S.J. of Holy Rosary Convent, Windsor, and Don and Christine Arpin.

Oct. 1, 1976 - Miss Maureen Anne Barry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William F. Barry, Giles Blvd., Windsor, left Detroit, Sunday, Sept. 26th by British Airlines on the first lap of her journey to Nairobi International Airport. For the next two years she will be stationed forty miles from the Indian Ocean in Kenya, East Africa, where she will minister to the health needs of the people as a nurse. These projects are under the direction of the Holy Ghost Fathers, an Order of Irish Priests directly from Ireland, but with Canadian Headquarters in Toronto. In this way she will be doing her share to improve health conditions for God's poor in the world. This is a sixteen to eighteen thousand mile journey, half way around the world, accomplished in hours. It took our grandfathers weeks and months to cross the briny ocean. What a contrast! Mrs. Tom (Margaret) Barry of Hwy 98 is Maureen's grandmother and we all join in prayers with her to wish her countless Blessings in her charitable work so far from her loved ones and home.

Oct. 1, 1976 - Gerry & Iris McLean were at Fairview Mall, Pointe Claire, Quebec, last week and noticed an Art Exhibit and Collage with Roger and Joy Ure of Maidstone being the exhibitors. On visiting them and admiring their work, they found out Roger was the son of Elmer & Doris Ure, well known Sandwich South Councillor. When the Ure's were in Quebec City at a Mall, they also met former Maidstonites, Peter W. and Rosemary Halford, also former Councillor of Sandwich South.

# North Battleford Welcomes

THE ESSEX FREE PRESS

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## New Neighbours...

BY JOCELYN ROY

of The News-Optimist

North Battleford needs a system of stop signs to allow for safer travel, according to new arrivals Chuck and Carolyn Doyle, who chose the city from among many communities in western Canada to make a new home.

The Doyles know a lot about city travelling.

Three and one-half months ago they packed suitcases and their two children, Carley and Dustin into the station wagon and left a century-old farm near Maldstone, Ont., to search for a new community in which to live.

### CITY SELECTED

They evaluated communities along a route to Jasper and Banff national parks in Alberta and took second looks at Moose Jaw and North Battleford before they chose the latter city as their new home.

At Chamber of Commerce offices in most communities they had checked into histories and statistics. They laughingly intimated North Battleford Chamber of Com-

merce Commissioner Alex Balych had the best sales pitch of any commissioner.

They selected North Battleford for three reasons. Its growth potential seemed to be the highest, the landscape is attractive and it is in close proximity to larger centres like Edmonton and Saskatoon.

In the middle of December the family settled into a two-storey house at 1472-97 Street. Doyle is an accountant at McIvor Eaket MacDonald and Co. chartered accountants.

Doyle, formerly an accountant-budget analyst in General Motors of Canada Ltd. in Windsor Ont., and Mrs. Doyle, a substitute teacher at Essex District High School in Essex, Ont., decided to leave the province so "the kids could grow up in a setting where they can set their own pace."

### AMERICAN PROXIMITY

Mrs. Doyle said their proximity to Detroit, Mich., had a lot to do with their decision to leave Maldstone.

She said the American city began to influence its neighbour Canadian city, Windsor, until crime and pollution were becoming more and more prevalent in southwestern Ontario.

"We were beginning to be Americans, Canadian news competed with prime time American television shows," said Doyle.

"It was a fast-pace, petty and competitive type of life and we decided to chuck it and have the right to be what we wanted to be - and we were at an age where you either do it or stay there," said his wife.

Then Doyle learned of his pending transfer to Oshawa, "which is practically a suburb of Toronto." That tied it.

He said in Ontario people are reduced to numbers and statistics. "You're number 89, move on, then we can get 90 done."



Carolyn and Chuck Doyle and their children, Carley and Dustin, are new arrivals in North Battleford from Maldstone, Ont., because they want to be. The couple selected the city from among several western Canadian communities after they decided southwestern Ontario is not the best place to raise children.

MAIDSTONE, 1957: Essex Free Press -

Maidstone has been known as the home of the Irish, home of baseball champions, etc. It is noted for its beautiful church, its mills, etc., but, it has also added another laurel.

Maidstone is the home of "Corny" Joke Champions. Margaret Collins, 12 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard (Bus) Collins, captured a "corny" joke win on CJSP radio, Leamington, recently. Want to know what it was?

What ticks on the wall?

"Tickle Paper - Tupid. Don't get it, eh? My but you are "Tupid".

### ROSE GARDEN FREAK

Mrs. Doyle, a "rose garden freak", also enjoys reading best sellers and candle mak-

ing. Doyle, who is "also big on gardening" is interested in fishing.

The Doyles said they are content and happy in North Battleford.

Doyle made the suggestion of a stop sign system to allow easier east-west, north-south travel. "As it is now you drive a block, slow down, drive a block, slow down, regardless whether you are on a street or avenue," said Mrs. Doyle.

She suggested traffic lights be erected at 11 Avenue and

Railway Avenue in the city. "Have you ever tried to make a left turn onto Railway Ave.," asked Mrs. Doyle just like a true-blue native of North Battleford.

### PEOPLE ARE INDIVIDUALS

Mrs. Doyle said she has noticed in the past month people here relate to other people as individuals. "Even in stores there is more of a one-to-one relationship than at home," she said.

She said half an hour after she got the phone installed here the next-door neighbour was on the phone asking her over for coffee. "This place is full of honest people, not putting on any airs or polish, just being what they are. It's quite different from where we came," she said.

Carolyn Grieve was born in Brantford, Ont. She moved with her truck-driving father, mother and eight brothers and sisters down a line of towns south and west in Ontario until the family landed in South Woodslee near Maldstone.

In grade 13 at Essex District High School she met Chuck Doyle, an only child raised on a farm near Maldstone, a small town in a township of 10,000 people.

After the death of his father, Doyle's mother became a high school teacher in Detroit, 20 miles away.

For 16 years after his father's death, Doyle worked off and on at the farm, which has a share-crop arrangement. The 100 acres of land are used to grow cash crops like field corn and soybeans. The farm also grew Green Giant sweet corn when it could get the contract.

### UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Both Mr. and Mrs. Doyle attained degrees at universities.

While he was at the University of Windsor enrolled in a bachelor of commerce program, she was at the University at Western Ontario at London, Ont. taking a bachelor of arts course majoring in English and psychology.

During summers he was a "plough jock" and mechanic for The Green Giant of Canada Ltd. plant at Tecumseh and she waitressed in London and Hamilton.

Following their marriage in 1966, Mrs. Doyle transferred to the University of Windsor to complete the degree program.

That summer she took education courses at the University of Western Ontario and in the fall began a four-year job teaching English at her old high school.

After Doyle graduated from his honours course in 1968, he worked as an accountant at Canadian Bridge Ltd., the company famous for building the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel.

The couple moved to the farm, "the Doyle Inheritance", in the winter of 1969 when Doyle began working as an accountant at General Motors in Windsor.

When Dustin was one year old, Mrs. Doyle began substitute teaching and continued until the birth of Carley, a year ago. "I enjoy being in a classroom, but I also enjoy being a mother. We made the decision to have children and I want to fulfill that role. My career will follow."

The Graduation Exercises for Essex District High School was held at the High School in Essex on Sunday. Some of the graduates from this community were Nina Apanceiwiz, Cathy Bellaire, Patricia Charlton, Margaret McAuliffe, Sally McGuire, Cheryl Markham, Veronica Mogyordy, Bonnie MacKenzie, Bill Bellaire, David Belleau, Edward and Timothy Flood, Chris Halford, George Fairbairn, Paul Markham, and Randy Sexton. Hope I haven't missed anyone. 7/3/70

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Oct. 22, 1976 - Best wishes go out to Grace Thomas of R. R. 1, Maidstone, who will be 85 years old on Sunday, Oct. 24th.

Oct. 22, 1976 - Mrs. Tom Mullin has been busy putting Maidstone on the map again. The Greater Windsor Horticulture Society has awarded her four 1st Prize Ribbons for original flower arrangement at their recent show. Good luck with your "flower power" in the future.

Oct. 22, 1976 - Maureen Barry arrived in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, Tues. morning, Sept. 28th at 2 a.m. our time. The plane had stops in Washington, D.C., an 8 hour stop in London, England, where she changed planes, then on to Geneva, Switzerland and finally to Nairobi. She writes that Nairobi is a beautiful large city with beautiful Hotels (The Hilton) and buildings of modern design and construction. It can be compared to Toronto for size and industrial activity. Its streets are lined with banana trees, the air fragrant and sweet smelling, the temperature at time of writing, a very comfortable 70 degrees. This is a cooler temperature than one would expect in a tropical country, but it is because of the high altitude of the city. The next day, Maureen was expecting to travel by bus to Mombasa a distance of 200-300 miles. Mombasa is the second largest city in Kenya and this trip would take her within 40 miles of her final destination. Maureen's letter (aerogram) took 8 days to arrive in Windsor. Maureen is in the hands of Divine Providence so continue to offer prayers for her and her associates, as papers say a deadly disease has appeared in Kenya and attending doctors are puzzled by the symptoms.

Nov. 5, 1976 - Those who missed the write-up in a Clawson, Mich and the Essex Free Press, will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Charles A. Daley, (Margaret Mary Scully), aged 92 yrs., had passed away in Providence Hospital, Southfield, Mich. Born on the old Middle Road, Maidstone Twp., near the Six Corners, daughter of the late Michael Scully and Mary Anne O'Neil and had gone to Detroit to live many years ago, and was predeceased by her husband Charles. Surviving to mourn a wonderful mother are two daughters, Mary of Clawson, Mich., and Mrs. Margaret Paul of Indiana, 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Deceased had been a wonderful charity worker and many clubs were much better because of her great help, until a short time before her death. A mass was offered on Monday evening by Rev. Fr. A. P. Marentette for the Repose of her Soul. R.I.P.

Nov. 19, 1976 - The village with its new look of new sidewalks and widened curbs is very much improved by the Dept. of Ontario Highways and appreciated by the residents and motorists.

Dec. 10, 1976 - The Edward Hilliard property in the Village has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hebert. Welcome to the Village Hughie, Luann and Karen-Marie.

Dec. 31, 1976 - Some patients receiving treatments at the different hospitals who were allowed to spend Christmas Day and have Christmas dinner with their families were: Charles McCann, C.R. No. 19, from I.O.D.E.; Mrs. Madeline O'Brien with the Harry McRae's, from Richmond Nursing Home; Edward Sexton with the Bernard Sexton's from LaPointe Centre; K. E. Brett, our editor of the Essex Free Press from Grace Hospital; Mrs. (Dr.) L. V. Kuron (Katie O'Brien) from Mount Carmel Hospital; Mrs. Gerald O'Brien (Pauline Hill) from Toronto Hospital; Mrs. Frank Lafferty was released from Hotel Dieu to convalesce at her home. Albert Beahan is still in Hotel Dieu for more tests and treatments.

Jan. 7, 1977 - It is the deep concern of Maidstone Cross friends, of our editor, K.E. Brett, who is in Grace Hospital, Room 234. Many of his host of friends in this community are wishing him better health at this time with prayers and good wishes for a successful operation later this week.

Jan. 14, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robinson have moved from their farm at R. R. 3, Maidstone to their new home at 2943 Lloyd George Ave., in Windsor and would be pleased to have their old friends and neighbors call.

Mar. 4, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Holland and son Michael of Plymouth, Mich., spent the weekend with Dolores's mother, Mrs. Camilla John. They all went to Leamington to visit Ron's mother who is seriously ill. They drove then to Chatham to visit Joseph John, wife and family. Mrs. John met for the first time her neice and nephew who are out from Lebanon, and attending classes in English at the Windsor University. Both are school teachers and speak Arabic and French.

Mar. 18, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. George Markham and Mr. & Mrs. Michael L. McCloskey have returned from a three week vacation in Florida. The McCloskey's remained over a day or so here to visit with Mary's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Hill at Country Village.

Apr. 15, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. "Jay" Walker and children, Michael and Patricia of Aurora Ont., with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lafferty and Jay's sisters and families, Shirley and Peter Demueller of East Detroit, Robert and Linda Smith and daughters, Lisa and Lori, Robert and Joanne Courneyea, and daughters Cathy, Kim, and Kelly all of Windsor, and Robert and Judy Walker, and son Jason, in their new home in Maidstone Twp., on the Ed. Mahon farm.

Apr. 22, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. Tim Beaudette and daughter Christina, have returned to their home in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, after spending two weeks with their parents, Mr & Mrs. Abe Lester of Gesto and Mr. & Mrs. James C. Beaudette of Essex, and other relatives and friends in the area.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

May 27, 1977 - We are happy to report that Mrs. Wilford McCarthy is able to use crutches to get around in her home after being cared for a period of nine weeks. Her doctor tells her she is having a wonderful recovery. Keep your chin up Loretta.

June 17, 1977 - Our Postmaster, Arnold Axcell, was invited to the opening of the new postal service building, on Tuesday morning on Walker Road, south of Hwy #46 to see and inspect the new building.

July 15, 1977 - Mrs. Clarence Kavanagh has sold 3 lots and house and lot to Mr. & Mrs. Fenton, and Mr. & Mrs. Lawson-Rivest Builders, the house to Mrs. Stratton.

July 29, 1977 - Mrs. Victor Dunn and daughter Pauline and Mrs. George Markham and daughter Margaret returned a week ago from a two weeks visit with friends in Florida. Ella Mae and her daughter Mary Beth are in North Bay this week looking for a home for Beth and husband and daughter Tara, as Beth's husband has accepted a teaching position in North Bay.

July 29, 1977 - John and Rosemary Hebert spent a weekend in Midland, Ont., on their way up they stopped in London and were elated when they met their friend Miss Sue Toll, who was a housekeeper for Rev. Fr. MacKessy, when he was Pastor of St. Mary's and has many friends here.

Aug. 12, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. Tom Malcolm, and children, Tracy, Tom Jr., of West Bank, B. C. are here visiting Tom's mother in Windsor and other relatives. Tom, Sr., in his younger days was a star pitcher for the Shamrocks.

Aug. 26, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Halford motored to London to visit Sister Agatha S.S. J.. Peter's sister in St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday, who had suffered a coronary thrombosis attack the Sunday before. Mr. & Mrs. Bernard McIntyre of Detroit, accompanied by Angela's sister Rose, Mrs. Ralph Sexton, motored to London on Tuesday to visit Sister who is in the intensive care unit after suffering another occlusion.

Sept. 30, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael L. McCloskey of Islington motored down to visit their relatives. Mrs. Betty Bromwich and son Gerry of Pasadena Cal. returned back with Mike and Mary to visit with them and their married daughters. Betty and Gerry will travel on to Dorval, Que. where they lived before residing in Cal, and visit Michael L. McCloskey, Jr. and wife Mary Ann and children, Debbie, Michael-John and Paul in Kirkland, Que.

Sept. 16, 1977 - Mr. & Mrs. Alex Grondin of Hwy 98 have returned from a delightful trip West as far as Calgary where they visited their daughter Mary Ann and husband David VanBuskirk, and their grand children, Darrin, Cheryl and Bradley. They then drove to Vancouver and enjoyed the city and surrounding country and on their way back they visited again in Calgary.

Sept. 30, 1977 - Mrs. Michael John spent the weekend with Ron and Dolores Holland and son Michael in Canton, Mich., and while there visited with her two grandsons and their wives, Brian and Candy at Belleville on the Lake, and Ron and Patty in Plymouth, Mich.

Sept. 30, 1977 - Everett and Madeline McGuire, Andy and Betty Kotow have returned from an enjoyable visit with the latter's daughter and son-in-law, Chris and John Sullivan in Lusaka, Zambia, Central Africa. Chris and John are very happy and enjoying their work both teaching at Matero Boys Secondary School. They will have one year and a half at Matero. While in Lusaka all six motored to Livingstone, to Victoria Falls, to Fiera where Fr. Jack Doyle has a Mission. The Bishop of Livingstone celebrated the mass in Myanga their tribal language. They visited two game parks with wild animals in their natural habitat, then went on to spend 5 days in Malawi and to the Zomba Plateau, 6000 feet above sea level. They spent 3½ weeks with Cris and John and had a great time. They then spent a week touring England, Scotland and another week in Ireland and the scenery was just beautiful. They also went up to Cavan where Everett's father Vesty (Sylvester McGuire, Sr.,) folks came from.

Oct. 14, 1977 - Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Flood (nee Lori Esping of Oldcastle) whose marriage was solemnized at St. Mary's Church, Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 10 a.m. with Major Rev. A. P. Marentette officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Esping of Oldcastle and the groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Flood of Maidstone. They are residing at R. R. 1, Oldcastle.

Oct. 21, 1977 - Kathleen Sullivan of County Rd. 19 and Sharon Siefker Simpson of Cottam were among the 70 graduates from St. Clair College, Windsor, on Saturday, when they received their Diplomas as R.N.A's. They were entertained at a reception and party by Blaise and Ann Campeau of Belle River. Sharon is Ann's sister and guests and all had an enjoyable evening.

Nov. 25, 1977 - Congratulations to Mrs. Charles Flood (Joan Brockman) of Essex on her success in the managerial position with the Harrow Branch of the Cyanamid of Canada. Best wishes from your friends in this community for much success of this supply centre. Her husband, Charles, is Secretary-treasurer of the R.C.Flood and Co., Grain Dealers in the Village.

Dec. 17, 1977 - Ronald Cloutier had a barber shop at Maidstone Cross, 50 years ago.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Oct. 21, 1977 - Mrs. Camilla John spent a long weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Holland and their two sons, Brian and Ronnie, Wayne and their wives. They brought her back to spend Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. George (Evelyn John) and her 3 sons and 6 daughters and their husbands in Windsor. Mrs. John enjoyed a grand day and dinner with her family and grandchildren gathered at Evelyn's home, Mrs. John's daughter-in-law. Her daughter, Mrs. Josephine O'Neil of the Village was admitted to Hotel Dieu on Monday, and is undergoing X-rays. Her many friends are hoping her condition is not serious.

July 14, 1978 - Bob McCarthy was honoured at a Stag Party on Friday evening by his friends and relatives at the home of Harry Fraser. He will leave bachelorhood on July 29th when he takes as his bride Miss Caroline Giroux at St. Mary's Church.

July 28, 1979 - Congratulations to Edward and Laurie Flood on the safe arrival of their 8 lbs. 6 oz. son, Ryan Patrick on July 15th at Metropolitan Hospital. Grandson for Donald and Aileen Flood of Maidstone and Carl and Dorothy Esping of Oldcastle. Great grandson for Mrs. Pearl (Steve) Esping and Mrs. Ethel Flood.

Aug. 10, 1979 - Birthday Greetings on the 9th - Ed. C. Sexton, of 692 Hildegard, Windsor; on the 12th Ralph Sexton, Margaret Flood, Margie Markham, and Catherine Markham, all of Maidstone and Clare McCarthy, Windsor; on the 13th, Marie Allen (O'Connell), Maidstone Lillian Larkin, Essex and to Tom and Lorraine (McAuliffe) congratulations on the 9th, their wedding anniversary.

Aug. 17, 1979 - Jim McAuliffe, Sr., took his son, Jim Jr., and Michael McLean to a Ranger-Tiger game in Detroit one night last week. When Jim was in line for tickets for the boys (he had his own) a man asked him if he was from Chatham or Tilbury. Jim said "No, -Maidstone!". Mr. Jenkins gave him two tickets for the boys, he was Ranger pitcher Fergie's father, a fine gentleman.

Aug. 24, 1979 - Paul E. Sexton of Toronto writes he had a grand vacation, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Virgin Island and ended up in New York City where he saw a couple of Broadway Shows and took in the sights for four days.

Sept. 14, 1979 - This past weekend, Kay McAuliffe of County Road 19, had a steak Roast for the members of their "Smelt Group". The gals from Sarnia, Ont. drove through to Detroit and picked up the Detroiters. They all stayed over night at Kay's enjoying the chance to talk over old times. The group has been getting together for smelt weekends over the past 20 years. Only 6 members made it this year. Those who came were: Mrs. Nancy Albers; Mrs. Irene McDonald; Mrs. Phyllis McAuley; Miss Freda Albers, all from Sarnia, Ont. The Detroiters were: Mrs. Rosemarie McGee and Mrs. Mary Micus. Kay really enjoyed seeing all her old friends.

Oct. 26, 1979 - Neighbors welcome Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brouette of Hwy 114 to their new home. They will have a builder's party for those who helped with their home. Long life and happiness to the young couple.

Nov. 2, 1979 - We were pleased to see and read the write-up and lovely picture of Mrs. Georgina Woltz in last week's edition, taken from the October issue of the United Church Observer. Georgina lives on Hwy #3 and is very well liked and admired by neighborly friends and well wishers. Good luck and health and continued happiness in your courageous, satisfying work.

Dec. 7, 1979 - We learned with sincere regret that Mrs. Bernadette McLean of Maidstone had suffered a stroke and is a patient in Metropolitan Hospital. We send her our best wishes and prayers. Mrs. McLean has been the columnist for Maidstone for many years to the Essex Free Press covering Maidstone Cross and area. This notice was put in the Paquette News by Mrs. Clifford O'Neil, the columnist there.

Mar. 22, 1977 - Mrs. Leo Ziske (Eleanor) and Mrs. Margaret Smith, the McAuliffe twins were indeed surprised when Margaret's son, Ronald Smith, wife and family of Detroit honoured them on the occasion of their three score and ten birthday with a party at Ron's home in Detroit. Mr. & Mrs. Gerald McAuliffe and Mrs. Bea McAuliffe of Essex were among the many family and friends who attended to enjoy the festivities.

Aug. 24, 1979 - Orville and Rita (McGuire) Bellaire have returned from a delightful motor trip to Calgary, to visit their son Victor. They went on to Vancouver. On their return home Victor accompanied them and now is employed in a C.A. Office in Windsor.

Sept. 10, 1965 - Sympathy is extended to the Mooney family in the loss of their father, Fred Mooney who passed away quite suddenly at Hotel Dieu last Friday. Fr. Paul, Fr. John, Fr. Donald and Fr. Thomas, his sons, celebrated the Requiem Mass at St. John's Church, Woodslee; also his son Joseph and daughter Anna, Mrs. Hoy and Mr. Hoy of Kingston and their seventeen children attended the funeral on Tuesday morning, at St. Mary's Cemetery, Maidstone alongside his wife, the former Helen Moran, who passed away five years ago.

June 28, 1973 - Daniel Sylvester, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sylvus Sylvester, of the 9th Conc., Maidstone Township was the guest of honour at a bachelor party given by his attendants at the home of Geo. Fairbairn. Don will take Miss Donna McNorton of Tecumseh as his bride on July 14th, in St. Anne's Church, Tecumseh. Best wishes to this fine young couple.

## Birthday Party Held . OCT. 7, 1977 - ESSEX FREE PRESS



Pictured above are old schoolmates, Mrs. Bernie McLean and Ken Brett. The picture was taken at the celebration of Mrs. McLean's 80th birthday on Sunday, September 25th.

MR. BRETT DIED IN JULY, 1979, was the editor of Essex Free Press.

Mrs. Bernie (Dan. J.) McLean has been the Essex Free Press Columnist for "Maidstone Cross" for many years.

APRIL 11, 1980 - ESSEX FREE PRESS

### ★ Special Notice ★

#### MAIDSTONE CROSS READERS

For many, many years Mrs. Bernie McLean has been the Free Press correspondent for Maidstone Cross News. Because of ill health in the past several months she has had to discontinue collecting and writing the Maidstone Cross column.

We hope, for her, a speedy recovery and that she may continue to have good health again. To Bernie we say, "Enjoy the rest you so richly deserve and Thank You."

The Free Press welcomes any news items from the Maidstone Cross area, as well as someone to continue as our correspondent in the vicinity. If you are interested please contact our office at anytime. MRS. MCLEAN HAS

HAD A STROKE AND SPENT SOME TIME IN METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO VILLA MARIE RESIDENCE.

July 14th, 1911

A sidewalk was laid Maidstone Cross from R.C. Presbytery to James McAuliffes.

Betty and Leo Kosokowsky were surprised to find an old friend on the front porch last week. Obie left for a career with Eastside Auto Wreckers last spring and has been missing from the garage for the last 6 weeks. Perhaps after this last fling he will be able to settle down to a quiet country life. Sept. 3/82

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## MAIDSTONE CROSS

We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Chas. Sexton Sr. on the death of her brother, Frank Schindler. Mrs. Sexton travelled to London on Wednesday to attend the services with her nephew Dan Schindler, her daughter Monica Vanderaa and her sister, Frances Schindler. The funeral mass was held at St. Martin's with interment in St. Peter's Cemetery, London.

Betty and Friends Hair Salon in Essex is losing one of their good friends, Linda Vlasci (nee Gemus). Linda tells us she is moving on to bigger and better things. Replacing Linda is Debbie McCoy, a former classmate of hers.

Congratulations to our local graduates from Essex High School. Sharon Lassaline and Annette Kosokowsky who were among the grade 13 graduates receiving awards and scholarships at the ceremonies. They presently attend the University of Windsor. Tim Belleau, Kevin Kavanagh, Sharon Kosokowsky, Laurie McCarthy, Gary McGuire and Nick Spidalieri graduated from grade 12.

The Maidstone athletic club congratulates the winner of the October 50/50 draw. Hugh Hebert was delighted to receive his \$200 prize. The club will hold another draw November 28th.

The Bethel-Maidstone United Church held another successful turkey supper on Wednesday, October 28th. Cats were lined up from one end of the "holy land" to the other. An explanation to out of towners the "holy land" is the area between St. Mary's and the United Church.

Sunday, November 8th at noon marks the first practice for St. Mary's Christmas choir. The choir welcomes newcomers wishing to help out.

Another Christmas note - the marriage encounter dinner-dance will be held on Friday, December 11th at Fogular Furlan Club. Tickets and information are available by calling 737-6312.

Remember - Anyone with news call Carolynn Collins 737-6341.

## In Maidstone

THE WINDSOR STAR, JULY 11, 1972

## Nestled away from hustle . . .

MAIDSTONE — With the Highway 3 bypass now providing a faster route to Essex its easy to miss the hamlet of Maidstone.

From the bypass, Maidstone for the eastbound traveller is two or three elevators, a large red-brick church and a cluster of houses.

The older route to Essex, North Talbot Road, is slower but more scenically rewarding with the fresh home-made bread, fresh fruit and

vegetables and apple cider available from wayside stalls. A real bonus for the traveller.

Originally called Maidstone Cross, Maidstone was once on the busy stagecoach route from Leamington and Windsor and was the centre for a lucrative timber trade. Over the years it had several sawmills, a carriage making shop, blacksmith and hotel.

Today Maidstone has a general store, grist mill, feed grain mill, a new telephone

exchange building, post office, a propane supply and chemical supply outlets. It boasts one of the most modern baseball parks in the county and the local Shamrock baseball club has won many championships.

The large red-brick St. Mary's Church is a dominant feature of the local landscape and nearby parish hall is used for community events. To the east of the church is St. Mary's Separate School.

July 2, 1982 - E.F.P. - Sisters Agatha & Adelaine enjoyed the special mass and reception in their honour on Sunday. The choir under the direction of Tim Hebert sang many of the favourite hymns that the sisters had requested. Coffee and dessert were served in the hall following mass where the sisters greeted many old friends. On June 19th, Sister Agatha & Adelaide celebrated their golden jubilee as Sisters of Mt. St. Joseph at Mt. St. Joseph in London with mass and reception. Many relatives and friends travelled to London for the celebration. The sisters were pleased to be honoured again in their home parish. In the afternoon a Halford family picnic was held at St. Mary's Park. Reminiscences were exchanged as people leafed through albums containing pictures of ancestors and old homesteads. They were able to learn more about their ancestry from the large charts displayed on the walls of the hall. Children enjoyed finding their places on these family trees. It was a real homecoming for people who travelled from distant points in Ontario, Michigan and New Jersey. Sisters extend their thanks to all who made the day such a success.

RIO, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1976

## New Minister for Maidstone Charge . .



Rev. Glenn Brown was inducted as minister of the Maidstone Charge which includes Bethel and Gesto churches. He began his duties three weeks ago. Pictured above are Rev. Robert Giuliano, of Windsor, brought the message; Mrs. Margaret Walsh, chairman of Essex Presbytery conducted the installation ceremony; Rev. Donald Wilson conducted the service; at the right are Mrs. Helen and Rev. Glenn Brown.

Rev. Glenn Brown, a former minister with the United Presbyterian church of America was inducted Tuesday night as minister of the Maidstone charge, at Bethel United church.

Rev. Brown graduated with a Bachelor degree in foreign services and served 5 years

as an officer in the United States air force. He studied at the Chicago Theological college and was ordained in 1974. Since then he served as chaplain of mental health services before coming to Canada.

The installation service was conducted by Rev. Donald

Wilson of Central United, Windsor; Rev. Robert Giuliano of Glenwood United Church and Mrs. Margaret Walsh, chairman of Essex Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown took up residence at Maidstone three week ago.

OCT. 23, 1981 EFP

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Evano Bozzetto who were married at St. Mary's church on October 17th. The bride, Shelley, is the daughter of Mike and Iris Collins of the village. Evano is the son of Giavanno and Dina Bozzetto of Windsor. The beautiful bride wore a full length gown with a short veil and cap. The maid of honour, Leonie Vandenburg, and bridesmaids, Pat Cassidy, Lisa Drozda and Elfi Reeb wore street-length dresses in a soft grey-blue shade. Evano's brother, Leo, assisted him as best man along with groomsmen, Scott and Greg Collins and Chuck Reeb. Cathy Nikita played the organ and sang with her sister Marianne Tracey at the service.

A welcome surprise for Evano was the arrival of his grandfather from Italy especially for the occasion.

The Caboto Club provided a delicious meal for 150 guests who enjoyed dancing to the versatile music of the band.

The newlyweds are honeymooning in the Bahamas. Upon their return, Shelley will receive her diploma in fashion design from Fanshawe College in London, Nov. 6th.

The "C" schools of the R.C.S.S. board held soccer tournaments on Saturday, October 17th. St. Mary's girls lost their game in Emeryville, 2 - 1 to St. Williams. Our girls' goal was scored by Melissa Haskett. The boys played at home in Maidstone, hosting the tournament, but lost 2 - 1 to St. Peters. Jim Brennan scored the home team's only goal. Better luck in your spring league games.

We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Clarence Market who passed away on Monday, October 19th.

We're sorry to hear that Mrs. Dee Kavanagh is not well. Hope to see you up and around soon.

Friends and relatives in Maidstone mourn the death of Harold Leonard Hayes, son of the late Frank Hayes and Dorothy Stowe, step-son of Dorothy Quimby. The funeral was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, October 20th with interment in the parish cemetery.

## Speeding The Mail For 25 Years . . .

FEB. 18, 1977 EFP

Two area post office employees received recognition last week for more than 25 years of service.

Postmaster Arnold Ancell of the Maidstone Post Office received the twenty-five year pin for 8 years as postmaster and 18 years as a mailman on R.R.2, Maidstone.

Mall courier Alice Wales, of the Woodslee Post Office has worked for 28 years delivering mail along the 30 mile route of R.R.2, Woodslee. Mrs. Wales said winter has given her more problems with snow than any other and never before has there been 3 consecutive days when it was impossible to deliver mail.

Presentation of the pins was made by Postmaster Alfred Wilms on behalf of the area manager and the postmaster general.



**POSTMASTER** — The 25 Year Service Pin came as a surprise to Postmaster of Maidstone Post Office, Arnold Ancell, when the presentation was made by Essex Postmaster Alfred Wilms, on behalf of the Receiver-General. Mr. Ancell has been with the postal service 26 years.

## MAIDSTONE

NOV. CROSS 26th 1982

We are sorry to hear of the death of John Schindler, brother of Ursula Sexton and uncle of Monica VanderAa, Charles and Dan Sexton. Mr. Schindler was buried from St. John's Church, Kingsville on Saturday, November 13th. Our sympathy also to the Kavanagh family on the death of Bernard Hamilton, brother to Fr. Tim, Ray and the late Clarence.

The village of Maidstone lost one of its colorful personalities with the passing of Thomas Shanahan. Tommy met many people in his various capacities. School children will remember him as their cheerful bus driver who always had a ready smile or joke for everyone. Our sympathy go out to his father, Tom Sr., his brothers, sisters, nephews, and nieces. Fr. Bastien said the funeral mass on Saturday, November 28th at St. Mary's, enhanced by the mens choir.

The Goodfellows will be having a paper sale in the area Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th. DEC. 4, 1981 EFP

Both Bob Lemmon and Alec Grondin are taking therapy while in IODE hospital and are showing some improvement. They would appreciate your prayers and cards of encouragement. 11/27/81

On Saturday, August 28th, Mark McGuire, son of Emmett and Marge McGuire of Maidstone, left for Grafing Germany, a suburb of Munich, where he begins his second year with the Klostersee hockey team. Accompanying him is Jim Quinlan, another second year veteran. Jim is the nephew of Jim and Pauline Quinlan. MAIDSTONE. SEPT. 3/82

## MAIDSTONE (CONT.)

THE SCHOOL LISTED BELOW IS OF S.S. NO. 7, (OLD ST. MARY'S AND WAS GIVEN THE NEW NAME OF ST. MALACHY'S AFTER THE NEW ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN MAIDSTONE HAMLET. THE PICTURE WAS PRINTED IN THE ESSEX FREE PRESS OF DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND IS LISTED IN THE "SCHOOLS VOLUME OF SANDWICH SOUTH). THE CHILDREN OF THIS SCHOOL MOSTLY LIVED ON R.R. 3, MAIDSTONE, AND AS THIS WAS KNOWN AS THE IRISH SETTLEMENT IN THE EARLY DAYS, THE NAMES ARE MOSTLY OF IRISH DESCENT WITH A GREAT MANY OF THE OLD PIONEER FAMILIES STILL LIVING HERE.

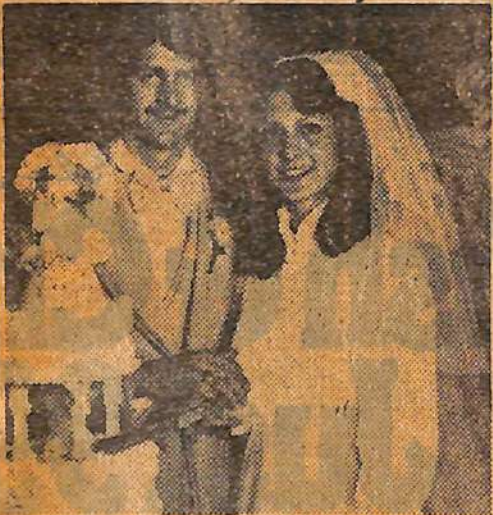
### S.S. NO. 7, SANDWICH SOUTH — 1911



Back row, left to right: Elizabeth Kavanagh, Mae Sexton, Ilene McCarthy, Clarice Sullivan, Stan O'Connell, Vera Sullivan, Charles O'Connell, Joseph O'Connell, Elmer O'Connell, Joseph Deneau, Georgina Fields, Ray Sullivan, Bill Durocher, Robert Halford, Charles Small, Dominic McCarthy; Front row, sitting: Harold Sexton, Ross Marentette, Albert Baumer, Albert Sexton, Florence McAuliffe, Harold Fenton, Elmer Sexton, Anthony McCarthy, Harold O'Connell, Percy Durocher, Unidentified, Charles Halford, Leonard McCarthy, Unidentified, Leo Sullivan, Harold Kavanagh, Unidentified, Warren Sexton, James O'Con-

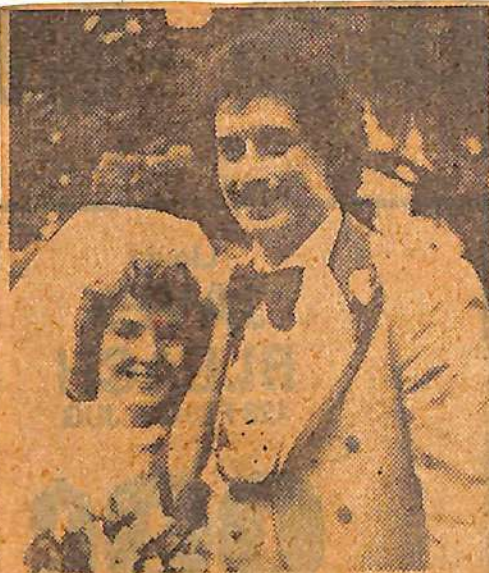
nell, Harry Barrette, Clifford Deslippe, George Sexton; Second row: Myrtle Sullivan, Clarice McNeil, Annie Durocher, Marie O'Connell, Genevieve Hayes, Clare McCarthy, Sylvia Deslippe, Gerald Deslippe, Evangeline Halford, Monica McCarthy, Bernadette McCarthy, Mary Small, Grace Barrett, Grace Lynch, Mary McCarthy, Frances Pero, Mary McCarthy (Joe's), Clarice Pero, Alma McCarthy, Eleanor McCarthy, Florence Sexton, Genevieve Halford, Angela Halford, Agnes Broderick, Annie Fenton, teacher Nellie Moynahon.

WINDSOR STAR, MAY 29, 1978



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS QUINLAN

Virginia Leah Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cunningham of Essex was united in marriage to Douglas Paul Quinlan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Quinlan of Maidstone. The ceremony took place in St. Mary's Church, Maidstone, on April 8, 1978 with Debi Leroux as maid of honor and Mike Quinlan as best man. Following a trip to Florida, the couple will reside in Maidstone Township.



MR. AND MRS. LLOYD PHILLIPS

St. Mary's Church, Maidstone was the setting for the wedding of Constance Veronica Mullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Mullins of Maidstone, to Lloyd Charles Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melbourn L. Phillips of Maidstone. Mary-Ellen Mullins was maid of honor and Alan Phillips was best man. Following a trip to the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Maidstone. OCT. 23, 1976 - Star

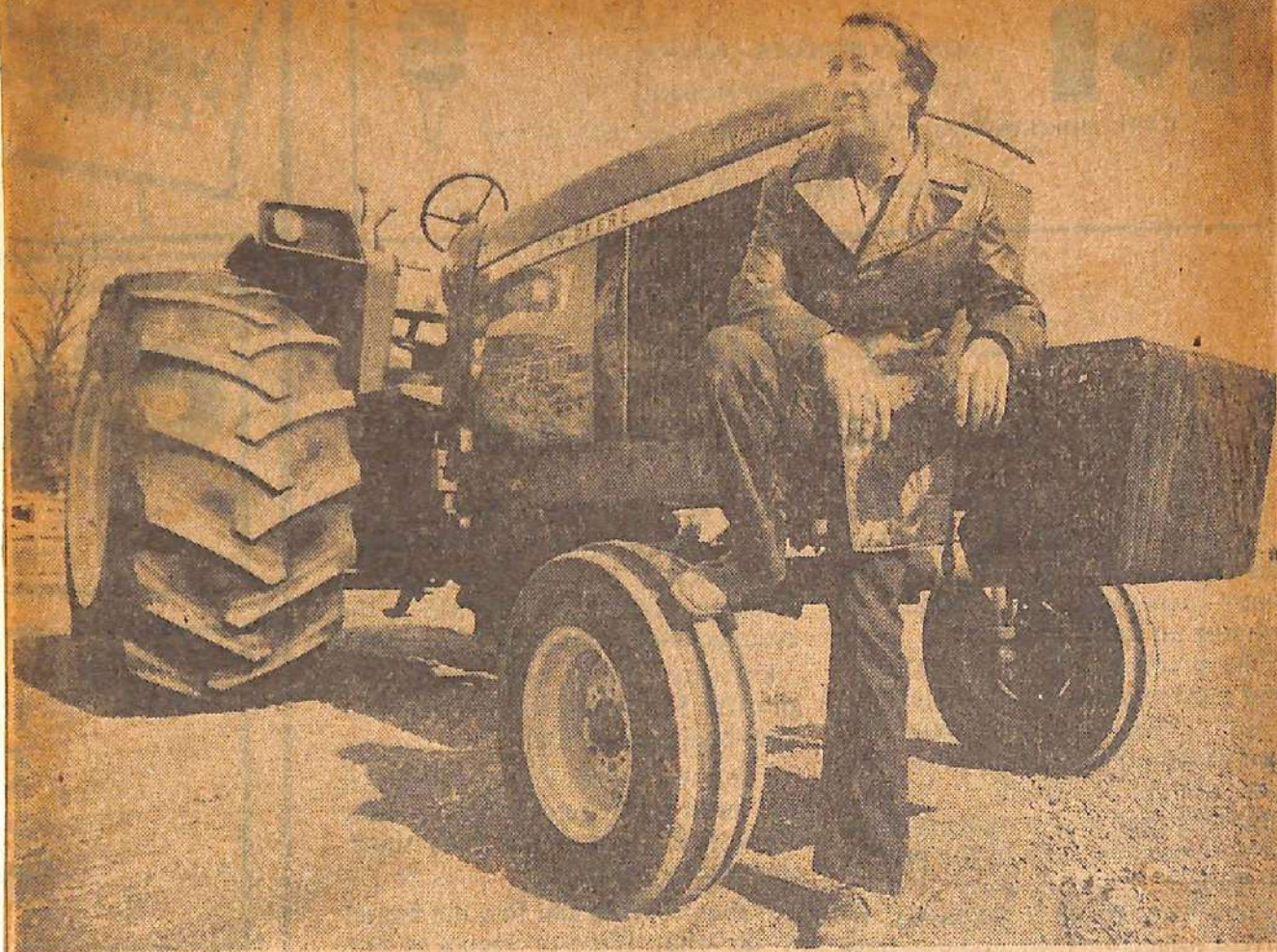
July 15, 1983 - E.F.P. On July 3rd, Orville and Rita Bellaire were pleased to celebrate their 40th anniversary with an open house for friends and relatives. Ray McCloskey, Helen Tepanier, Lucretia Kettels and Clifford McGuire were happy to be with them for this happy occasion, being their attendants at their wedding in 1943. Thanks to their children, Bill, Barrie, Vic, Marianne, Cathy and Judy for planning the party.

Rita had another reason to celebrate last week when she officially retired from the working world at Sears. Her co-workers presented her with a lovely gold chain at a dinner in Rita's honour. Orville Bellaire was honoured on Friday noon by the U.A.W. Union at Turner Rd. Hall where over 100 men received their pensions. Orville retired from Ford Motor Company. When they were married he was a Gnr. in WW2. Their anniversary & wedding pictures are in the family volume.

July 22, 1983, E.F.P.- Kelly Markham, a Scarlet Brigade member would like to thank all those who sponsored her in the dance-a-thon recently held by the band to raise funds. This weekend the band goes to Brantford for the provincial competition.

July 15, 1983, E.F.P. - Another Maidstone resident, Sharon Kosokowsky has departed for the east coast. Sharon arrived in Halifax last week to begin her job in the naval reserve. She will return to the University of Windsor in the fall.

THE WINDSOR STAR, MARCH 10, 1980



Star Photo by GRANT BLACK

Frank Lafferty of Maidstone and his high-powered hobby

# Frank Lafferty's found My Way is the only way

By Paul Delean  
Star Staff Reporter

When he switches on My Way, Frank Lafferty hears the sweet sound of success. The rest of us hear the roar of a high-powered tractor engine.

My Way is the name of Lafferty's competition tractor, a 1974 John Deere model that he's "modified" to about 1500-hp from its original 125-hp.

The 46-year-old farmer from Maidstone has entered My Way in several tractor pulls in Canada and the United States over the last six years, winning cases full of trophies.

The duo was in action again Saturday at one of the continent's largest indoor competitions in the Pontiac Silverdome. Before 15,000 people, they took third in a field of 20 in the 9,500-pound class. Not a win, but "not all that bad," considering the competition, Lafferty noted.

Last year, he finished second at the Silverdome.

"If you're in the top five in these pulls, you're not out far," he says.

Lafferty got the tractor-pull "bug" about 10 years ago. At first, he was simply an avid spectator. But in 1974, the transition was made to actual competition.

Winning a Toronto event the first year out only bolstered his enthusiasm.

Lafferty says he now competes in about 20 pulls a year, and scores upwards of six wins a season. If the rules allow it, he enters My Way in both the 9,500-lb. and 12,000-lb. classes, adapting the tractor according to meet weight requirements. His friend, Dan Hebert, sometimes shares driving duties.

Lafferty rehearsed for the Silverdome event in mid-February by taking top honors at a pull in Louisville, Ky. He also chalked up a win in his first test of the year in Toronto.

What's the secret to a winning performance? Balance, for the most part, Lafferty says.

"You have to get it just right, so that 99 per cent or more of the weight being pulled is on the back wheels. You like to have it so that the front end just periodically tests the track.

"What you do to the tractor is also important. It's not designed for what it's doing (pulling a sled weighted with perhaps 50,000 pounds). Everything is overtaxed. If it quits in front of 25,000 people, it's embarrassing.

Although Lafferty travels far and often for tractor pulls, farming still comes first.

"We don't go when there's work to be done. When there's farm work to do, we're home," says Lafferty, who grows soybean, corn and wheat on 2,500 acres near Maidstone.

He's reluctant to talk about his earnings on the tractor tour. "We're not getting rich, but it's not costing us much either."

## SEPT. 2, 1983 RFP MAIDSTONE CROSS

The tree toads and crickets are singing farewell to summer these late August days with school beginning next week on Tuesday, September 6th. The first day will be a half-day of instruction but it will be back to work full-time from then on.

Sept. 9, 1983, E.F.P. - Happy 13th Anniversary to Butch and Judy Jobin on Sept. 12th. The 13th is the one to receive gifts of lace (traditional or textiles and furs (modern)). On that same day Lorne and Marie Sexton celebrate their 41st. This number doesn't rate a special gift, you will have to be satisfied with the rubies you got last year or look forward to sapphires for your 45th. On Sat. Sept. 1st at St. Mary's Church, Mark McGuire, son of Rita and Emmett was wed to Karen Turville, daughter of Don and Margaret. Mark and Karen left on Sept. 7th for Amsterdam when they will spend a few days with E.J. Queen and family. From there they go to Munich to meet their new German friends. They will spend the hockey season in Waldknaalberg. Details of their wedding will be in the family album or volume.



Wheelchair-bound Judy Gould has her message painted by friend Maurie McLeod

THE WINDSOR STAR, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1981

## A greeting card on wheels

Story and photo  
by Lee Palser

Star Essex Bureau

MAIDSTONE — It's hard to face the world with a smile on your face from a wheelchair.

However, that's exactly what Judy Gould, who lives near this Sandwich South hamlet, does, and it's what makes her special to her friends.

Judy was a nurse in a Detroit hospital seven years ago when she was involved in a boating accident near Russell Woods, an accident doctors now believe may be responsible for the symptoms of multiple sclerosis she shows.

The debilitating syndrome started to show up about three years ago. For the past year, Judy has been confined to a wheelchair.

It hasn't stopped her from fulfilling a lifelong passion for creating greeting and stationery cards.

That passion led directly to a special chore for a longtime friend, Maurie McLeod, who lives across the road.

McLeod, who among other things is a freelance commercial artist, decided recently that Judy's wheelchair needed some "work" done on it.

The back of the chair now sports a spray of acrylic paint flowers and butterflies, something that's made her

"the hit of the therapy class," Judy said.

The painting took only a few hours, said McLeod, and the acrylic paint she used shouldn't dry out or crack.

I hope the idea is contagious," she laughed. "Everyone in a wheelchair could have a personalized picture done for them."

McLeod, who also painted the cartoon mural in the children's ward at Metropolitan Hospital, said the back of the wheelchairs could then be as personalized as T-shirts.

"Judy is great, a good friend," she said. "And I want my friends to ride around in style — first class."

Sept. 10, 1982, E.F.P. — "Dutchy" retired from General Motors last week. Ted "Dutchy" VanderAa was honoured at a party August 31st., 1982, to celebrate his retirement after 30 years with GM. His family presented him with gifts and best wishes for a happy retirement. Ted and Monica (Collin) began their retirement plans with a trip north to the Agawa Canyon along with neighbors and fellow retiree, Iris and Mike Collins. They report the fall colours in Northern Michigan and the Agawa Canyon region are just beautiful and two weeks ahead of their time. Looka like an early winter.

July 9th, 1982: From files of E.F.P. 30 years ago, 1952, the Greyhound bus fares to Rodeland were .15¢; Oldcastle 30¢; Maidstone .35¢; Six Corners .25¢; London \$3.15; Toronto \$6.20 and Niagara Falls \$6.40.

July 9th, 1982, E.F.P. files 40 years ago in 1942: Canadians were rationed to one-half their usual tea and three-quarters their normal coffee consumption and sugar was reduced to one-half pound per person per week.

NEW REPORTER FOR MAIDSTONE CROSS

MAIDSTONE SEPT. 18, 1981 E.F.P.

CROSS

I hope the community will welcome the reappearance of this column on a regular basis. You may call evenings after six no later than Sunday to ensure publications of anniversaries, births, weddings and other notable events. Phone 737-6341, Carolyn Collins.

Banns have been published for the marriage of Ronald Garrod, son of Grant and Rosemary (nee Shanahan) and Constance Ure, daughter of Charles and Lydia (nee Meikar). The wedding will be October 3rd at St. Mary's Church, Maidstone.

The St. Mary's Park recreation committee wound up their baseball season last week. The t-ball champ was Mike O'Keefe's team, coached by Gary Deehan, who battled it out with Superior Propane, coached by Ed Burling. In the youth's three pitch league, the Farm Kids, coached by Len and Dale Collins and Gary Lucier, were victorious over McDonald Muffler's,

coached by Louis and Veronica Benoit, and Sue Shanahan. The ladies three pitch league league champ, Chris Bondy, defeated Beneteau Haas and Scott Collins, defeated Beneteau Bros. in a closely fought, well played game. The committee thanks all who participated, especially the coaches and those who volunteered as umpires.

The Maidstone fastball club is still in the ball game, having defeated Wheatley in first round playoffs. In the second round against Tilbury Friday night, the Stones lost 9-1 in Tilbury and were defeated on Sunday 5-3 at home. It'll be tough to win three straight but good luck.

In connection with St. Mary's Park, a booster club, the Maidstone athletic club has been formed to raise funds for the park. You may already have had your car washed or bought a 50/50 ticket from their hard-working members. Mr. Gordon Wright of R.R. 3 Essex was

the lucky winner of \$250 in the first draw. At present tickets are being sold on a deluxe propane barbecue to be drawn September 26th at the United Co-op of Ontario, and future fund raisers is greatly appreciated.

MAIDSTONE CROSS

SEPT. 25, 1981 EFP

On Sunday afternoon, September 20th, Leonie Vandenberg, Patricia Cassidy, Elfi Reeb and Dina Bozzetto gave a bridal shower for Shelley Collins, daughter of Mike and Iris Collins of the village. The shower was held in the party room of the Plaza East apartments, Tecumseh where Shelley and her future husband, Evano Bozzetto, will reside after their wedding October 17th. The guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the bridesmaids.

The Maidstone fastball team put up a good fight on Sunday against Tilbury, but couldn't come up with a win. Tilbury tied the score at one point; 3 all, the final tally was 8-4. Tilbury will now advance to the Essex County Fastball League finals.

Last chance for tickets on the gas barbecue to be drawn September 26th at the Oldcastle Co-op. Contact Paul or Connie Eyraud at 966-7614. They are in charge of ticket sales for the Maidstone Athletic Club.

The staff and students of St. Mary's School will offer mass on Friday, 9:15 a.m. in loving memory of Jason Sturdevant, former kindergarten student who passed away this summer. Parents are welcome to attend this mass especially prepared by grades 6 and 8.

Parish Fun & Fellowship

SEPT. 4, 1981 - E.F.P.



All Tammy Bennett had was a squish of water that sent her friends rushing and gave her a foot bath. She was catching a water-filled balloon in a relay at the St. Mary's parish picnic and baseball play-offs at Maidstone. "We decided to hold a parish picnic last year, but never thought it possible it would be this big," explained one of the organizers, Tim Hebert. "This year we had more events. Everybody thinks of more." The events included arts and craft displays, horseshoe pitching, drawing contest, penny search, 7 different types of races, eating contest, water balloon throwing, a bake-off, log sawing, a tug-of-war.

Helen Deslippe, whose death notice appears on this page lived in Sandwich South Twp. several years as a girl, being the daughter of the late Patrick and Julia McLean who farmed just west of Maidstone on #3 Highway.

The Maidstone Athletic Club is holding their next draw on November 28th. Get your 50-50 tickets from any member.

The Essex K of C welcomes new members Terry Collins, Joe Hayes, Pat Hayes, John Mullins, Gerry Tetzlaff, Tim Belleau, Steve Cassar, Leroy Hayes, Dick McCarthy, Bob McCarthy, James Wilson and Dan Hebert who were presented with their pins on Sunday, November 22nd in Windsor.

Michael Choje and Terry Collins attended a soccer clinic at the new St. Dennis Hall at the U. of Windsor Sunday, November 22nd. The boys were thrilled to meet some of the players from the Detroit Express Soccer team, including Gus Moffat, a Windsor resident who has played with the club for the last 4 years.

NOV. 27, 1981 EFP

JAN. 8, 1982 EFP

MAIDSTONE CROSS

Many people from the village saw the new year in at the Essex K of C on Thursday evening. A delicious supper was served followed by dancing to the music of Variety Band.

Mrs. Ted Vanderaa was pleased to entertain two of her granddaughters last week. Christie and Dawn Duncan, daughters of Gordon and Marianne (nee Collins) travelled from Columbus to spend some time with their grandmothers in Detroit and Maidstone. Christie attended Ohio State University and Dawn is a senior in high school. The girls especially enjoyed watching the midget hockey game against the Swedish team on Tuesday night in which their cousin, Sean Collins, scored a goal for Essex, just for them.

OCT. 2, 1981 EFP  
MAIDSTONE CROSS

Paul E. Sexton, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sexton, has been promoted from manager of credit in Toronto, to senior manager, Credit Bank of Montreal, Corporate Banking Division, Wall St., New York, N.Y. Mr. Sexton has been with the bank for 34 years. He will be residing in Guttenberg, New Jersey. All his friends and family wish him luck in his new position.

Congratulations to Miss Mary Hergott of R.R. 3 Maidstone, the lucky winner of the deluxe barbecue raffled off by the Maidstone Athletic Club on September 26th at the Oldcastle Co-op. MAC members are now selling 50/50 tickets to be drawn October 28th. The club plans to hold these draws on a monthly basis.

Deaths

**DESILIPPE**-Helen Mary, 68 years, Nov. 22, 1981 at Hotel Dieu Hospital. Late of 1578 Dufferin St., Windsor. Formerly of Beverly Dr., Essex. Beloved wife of Bernard W. Deslippe. Dear mother of Jerry, Windsor; Mrs. John Stephens (Rose Mary), Burlington; Mrs. Ron Klinck (Maureen), Oakville; Jack, Detroit; Gary, Blenheim & the late Paul (1969). 11 grandchildren. Dear sister of William McLean, Windsor; Emmett McLean, Maidstone; Harry McLean and Clifford McLean, Sandwich South Twp & the late John McLean (1981). Resting at the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, 128 Talbot St. N., Essex. Funeral service Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to Holy Name of Jesus Church at 10 a.m. Interment Heavenly Rest Cemetery. Prayers Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Residents of Maidstone Cross saw a full grown deer grazing within 30 feet of the home of Russell Farough. Sept. \*\*\*\*\* 1982

# Prolific Sunflower for the Birds

ESSEX FREE PRESS  
SEPT. 4, 1981



The Bob Lemmons grow sunflowers to attract birds to their Maidstone Township home. This year they seem to have stumbled on a hybrid that should attract scientists. Instead of one bloom, the plant is loaded with flowers, 44 of them at the last count and more coming. It seems there is a flower from every stem joint, says Arlene, who displays the biggest seed head. The plant grew from seed thrown out last winter from their 1980 harvest, all from single-headed plants. Another plant from those seeds has multiple blooms and one has produced a head of 24 inch diameter.

The 1st Maidstone Cubs are holding a card party on Saturday, November 21st, 8 p.m. at the United Church hall. Following the cards there will be a lunch and a drawing for door prizes. Come out and support the youngsters.

A very special celebration was held at the Anderdon Tavern last Saturday for Oliver and Helen Izsak who have enjoyed 50 years of married life. Their sons Wayne, of Maidstone, and Gerry of Florida, invited over 50 guests to join in the

festivities. Friends and relatives from Regina, Winnipeg, and Ottawa were present to give their best wishes. Ollie says the first 50 years were easy, it's the next 50 he's wondering about.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Borrowman will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary with a mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, at 11 a.m.

Congratulations to Orville and Rita Bellaire on the birth of their 10th grandchild Nadia Nikita, daughter of Cathy and Ernie Nikita of Cottam.

Weston Abbatoir's men's bowling team ran into strong opposition on Monday night taking only 2 points from the K or C team. However, they remain in control of 3rd place. **NOV. 20, 1981**

## NOV. 13, 1981 EFP MAIDSTONE CROSS

Our sympathy is offered to the Blais family on the death of their grandmother McLaughlin in Pembroke, also to Frank McCloskey, Mary McCloskey and Aileen Flood whose brother-in-law Alexander Monaghan recently passed away. Get well wishes are in order for Alec Grondin who suffered a slight stroke. We are happy to see Mr. Emmett McLean up and around after a hospital stay. Mrs. Bill Fenton is home also after an operation on her finger.

Happy anniversary to Grant and Rose Garrod on

their 23rd year of married life.

Villagers who were out of town last week included Mike and Iris Collins who attended their daughter Shelley's graduation from Fanshawe College, London. Ted and Monica Vanderaa travelled to Watford on Sunday to visit with former Maidstone residents, Bill and Ann Vandongen and family.

Bill Johnson and his wife are off to beautiful Hawaii for a three week vacation. Mary McCloskey of Toronto visited with her brother and sister-in-law George and Ella Mae Markham on the weekend.

Marilyn Wilson, R.N.Bsc.N., is visiting with her parents Tom and Jean Wilson and her sister, Judy Doherty while en route to Boston, Mass. where she will address the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. Miss Wilson is speaking on Ethical Issues in Rehabilitation. She leaves on Saturday to return to her home in San Francisco.

The United Church Women can add another feather in their caps as they held another successful enterprise, their annual bazaar, on Saturday from 10-4 p.m. in the church hall. There was a bake table, sewing table and tea room for the adults and a fishpond for children. The youngsters were invited to decorate cookies for an added treat. The ladies prepare for this event all year round and have already begun planning next year's. In previous years they had held their bazaar at different malls, but were happy to see such great success right at home.

Weston Abbatoir's bowling team is maintaining their hold on 3rd place, taking 5 points on Monday night.

The Policy Advisory Committee of St. Mary's School met Monday night at the school. They have decided to hold a dinner dance in the spring in conjunction with a 50/50 raffle as their fund raising event. The school children will be selling \$1 chocolate bars during the next two weeks as their fund raising project. We are sorry to lose our treasurer, Marg Haffner, who is moving to Ottawa later this month. She will also be missed by the choir at St. Mary's. Best of luck in your new parish.

Don't forget the K of C fish fry on Saturday, November 14th at 5:30 in Essex. Get your tickets from Harry Fraser or Bob Croft.

Congratulations to Debbie Nostadt, a 4-H club member from Maidstone, who won the \$250 prize and \$21,350 from the sale of her champion steer. Debbie was the only entry from Essex county and the only Essex county winner in recent history at the Royal Winter Fair. **NOV. 27, 1981**

DEC. 18, 1981 EFP

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

The family and friends of Clarence Market filled St. Mary's Church on Thursday, October 22nd to pay their last respects. Son-in-laws Mike Cincurak, husband of Lynne, and Tom Perko, husband of Mary, did the readings. One of Mr. Market's favorite hymns, Ave Maria, was beautifully sung by his daughter Leanne.

The ladies on the funeral committee prepared and served a delicious lunch in the parish hall following the services.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Market and the remarkable family of 17 children that she and her husband raised.

Ella Mae and George Markham were in Toronto on the weekend visiting George's sister, Mary McCloskey. During their stay the Markham's also enjoyed the company of their daughter, Beth Keillor, who attends York University, Toronto.

Experience gained from the log sawing contest will come in handy this winter for the McGuire and Cloutier families. Mark and Jane Cloutier and Sylvester and Marge McGuire have joined the move to a simpler way of life with their new wood burning LRST stoves.

Sports fans, Bruce and Shayne Robinson ventured into Lion country last week to watch the Lions defeat Chicago in Detroit.

Weston Abattoir is sponsoring a bowling team in the Monday night men's league at the new complex in North Ridge. Team members are Terry Collins, Charlie Doherty, Mike Hergott, Craig Jobin, Paul Eyraud, Bill Nixon and Jack Weston. As of Monday night they stood in third place and took 5 more points.

DEC. 25, 1981 EFP

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, and Happy New Year. I would like to send a special greeting to Mrs. Dan McLean who, as many people know, wrote the Maidstone column for many years. Like all good things we never appreciate them until we lose them. Mrs. McLean gave a lot of pleasant reading to those far away from home and so I wish her all the best for the holiday and the new year.

The members of the Maidstone Athletic Club wish all of their supporters a happy holiday season. Don't forget the next 50/50 draw is on December 28th.

Give the gift of love, life. Donate blood at the Maidstone United Church Hall, December 23rd, 1:30-4 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Baby-sitting and transportation may be provided by calling 776-7319.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

DEC. 11, 1981 EFP

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

The Maidstone Athletic Club is holding a Gas-A-Thon, Saturday, December 12th for the day. For every litre of gas sold, the club will receive 1c. Come on out to Frank's Esso at the corner of Manning Rd. and 98 and support local sports.

Weston Abattoir mens bowling team has moved into 2nd place. Keep it up guys. They took 5 points last week and repeated that performance this week.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Donald Shanahan. Our sympathy goes to his father, Tom Shanahan Sr., and his many relatives and friends in Maidstone.

A former resident of Maidstone, Leo Greenaway of California, passed away November 29th. He leaves his wife Mary and stepson Charles.

Register now for dance and stretch, low level aerobic exercise. Class starts January 18th, twice weekly, mornings at Bethel-Maidstone hall, evenings at St. Mary's school gym. Call Marlene Markham 723-2295 for more information.

We think we had bad weather. Ask Annette Kosokowsky about the hip high snow and the minus 50 degree temperatures she encountered at Lakehead University last week. Annette was visiting her friend, Chris Livesy, who attends Lakehead. She also surprised her cousin Gary Kosokowsky, son of Norbert of Toronto, and formerly of Maidstone, with a visit as well. Its back to the books for Annette at the University of Windsor where she is studying engineering. 1/22/82 EFP

Several area couples attended the McGarrigle Sisters' concert in Leamington last Thursday. The concert was sponsored by the French TV station, CBEF to celebrate the extension of their CBC radio affiliate to Leamington. The McGarrigle sisters are the daughter of French and Irish parents from Quebec who entertain delightfully in both languages. Local fiddler, Paul Lachance of Tecumseh, accompanied by Laurette St. Antoine opened the program with a selection of tunes that made him a top fiddler in the Belle River contest recently. This program will be telecast on TV 9 December 26th, 6:30 p.m. AUG. 20, 1982

John J. McLean celebrated his birthday on Sunday, Mary Ann Lafferty on the 9th, Jeremy Jobin and James Francis Kuran on the 10th, Norman Kane on the 11th and Mathew Thomas Halford, Harry and Ann Collins will celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 16th, their 35th. Many happy returns! On the 20th, Mary McLean of New York will celebrate her birthday, she being as old as the year. Glen Webster on the 22nd and his wife Irene (Holden) on the 26th. Many more happy days dear Irene and Glen. Fred Blackburn and wife Helen (Hayes) will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on Jan. 24th. On Jan. 22nd, Rosemarie Deehan will celebrate her 20th birthday. Many happy returns and many more to all these friends. JAN. 13, 1978

Jan. 22, 1982, Essex F. Press - Congratulations to George and Ella Mae Markham on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Following a lovely supper at the Roseland Golf Club, they entertained friends and relatives with a wine and cheese party at their home. Their daughter, Beth Keillor, and George's sister, Mary McCloskey travelled from Toronto for the celebration. Although George and Ella Mae requested no gifts, Marie Markham presented them with a charming painting of Ella Mae's homestead. To make the weekend even more special, the Markham's presented the gifts at the offertory of the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday at St. Mary's R. C. Church at Maidstone.

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## Rapeseed Dumped On Bypass

Eighty-five tons of rapeseed meal dumped from a tandem trailer effectively closing the north lane of highway #3 by-pass Monday, August 17th.

The load flipped as driver Rick Teskey of Essex turned from the by-pass to Talbot Road. He is in Metropolitan Hospital with a broken leg.

The truck owned by Ineson Transport of R.R. 1 Staples, was taking the load from Maple Leaf Mills in Windsor to a feed store in Elmira.

Police said the accident occurred just after noon as Teskey attempted to make the turn. The trailer and its load dropped squarely on the highway, forcing Windsor-bound traffic to detour by Talbot Road through Maidstone.

Anniversary wishes to Marjorie and Ken McKenzie who celebrated their 40th on July 31st. Other recent anniversaries include Jane and Bob Croft on July 25th, Gary and Elaine Deehan, August 13th, and Terry and

will be held Sunday, August 8th, 2 p.m. for Roxanne and Gary Stiers at the Queso Hall.

# Past cannot

By Kim Zarzour

Star Staff Reporter

**MAIDSTONE** — The village of Maidstone was once a bustling business centre, the nucleus for several farming families in Maidstone and Sandwich South townships. Today it is a quiet hamlet, four miles west of Essex and ten miles east of Windsor, with a church, school, park, and post office, and far removed from the days of yore.

But many of its 450 residents today carry Irish names and memories of the hamlet's early immigrants who came to the area in the 1800's to escape starvation in the Irish potato famine.

In 1823, the settlers cleared an area, built a log church, and called it St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Most residents in the area were farmers, and would travel to and from Windsor via the Windsor, Essex, Lakeshore Electric Railway. The farmers' wives would bring their goods to the Windsor market, stabling their horses in a shed behind the old post office.

In 1833, Joseph Bennett named the town after Maidstone, Eng.

St. Mary's was rebuilt in 1844 on Middle Road (now called Highway 98), and in 1874 it was built, and remains today, on the old Talbot Road, or Highway 3.

The old Ford car shown in this picture was owned by John P. Daniher and driven by his son Orville, age 13-14 yrs. who is the lad leaning against the post on the outside.

(He is this curator's brother and was waiting to pick me up coming on the W. E. & L. S. Trolley from Windsor where I boarded with my grandmother during the

**SEVERAL RESIDENTS** remember the "good old days" when there was work to do all year round. After the harvest was over, farmers would help cut and haul logs to mill and railway yards to be shipped to Detroit. Wages were 90 cents to \$1 a day, and everyone worked.

At the time, Maidstone had several saw mills, flour mills, stove mills, and even a soft drink bottling works that advertised "Come on in, Ma's away, and we got Pop on ice."

week and came home to the farm in Maidstone Township on weekends. I have one of the original post cards with this picture on it which is posted in the first pages of this volume under the hamlet of Maidstone. It was taken in the fall of the year 1920.

## be forgotten in Maidstone

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Photo



**ORIGINAL POST OFFICE in Maidstone.** When it was torn down, the attic was found to contain a treasure trove of mementoes from the last century.

Frank McCloskey's grandparents came to Maidstone in the 1850's to escape the potato famine. His grandfather set up a stagecoach shop, building wagons and coffins.

McCloskey remembers playing hide-and-seek in the small shed of galvanized metal, and hiding in the coffins. "That's something you don't forget," he laughs.

His dad divided the shed into a two-floor general store, which he operated for several years before selling it to Mike Johns. The store was in busi-

ness until this year, when it finally closed shop.

**MCCLOSKEY** remembers the days when store owners made deliveries by coach, and collected fresh eggs from area farmers.

"The Johns couldn't read or write," McCloskey says. "They'd just think of some prices for their goods from the top of their heads."

It was around this time that a Mr. McKinley, who operated saw and flour mills, put an upstairs in the old frame church and used it as a roller

rink, drawing young and old from miles around.

In the late 1800's roads in the area were in terrible shape. Stagecoach operators would charge three different fares: first class would stay in the coach on bad sections of the road, second would get out and walk, and third would get out and push.

**TOLL GATES** were set up to pay for the upkeep of the roads, but July 21, 1896 all three gates, one Northeast of Essex, one in Oldcastle, and the third in Maidstone, were burned down by a group of

area farmers fed up with paying to use the roads.

None of the arsonists was caught, and their ploy worked. On April 29, 1898, the Talbot Street Gravel Road Company stopped collecting and the toll gates were given up.

The first telephone office was set up in 1909 in Nace Halford's General Store. Three years later it was moved, then moved again to Mrs. Markham's home, where it remained until taken over by Bell Canada in 1957.

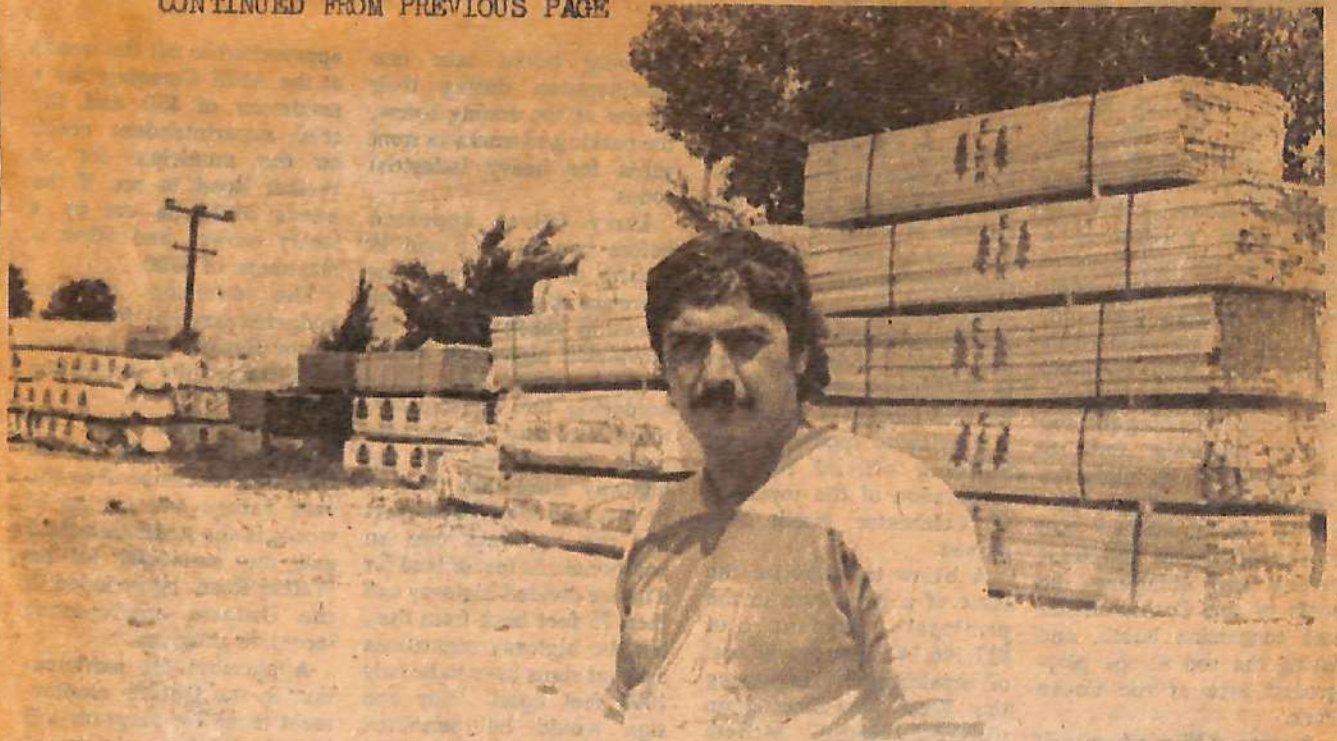
Those days had been all for-

gotten, until several years ago, when tearing down the old post office, the vered mementoes of the mid-1800's were found in the attic.

**OLD BOOTS,** pictures, papers, were turned up, a box of weaving cotton kind used on antique wheels.

This reminder of the past set many minds back to the road to the past, a road that those different times can never be forgotten.

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Tony Mandato, owner of Manic Transport, stands among piles of lumber transferred from British Columbia

through his yards, at Maidstone and Essex, to companies in the United States.

How did he get into this business and where does he figure he's headed.

A bit of luck and the guts to risk seizing an opportunity started it all. Right now he's holding the lid on it to avoid expanding and down the road he sees no end unless the Canadian dollar reaches par.

Tony Mandato was a broker in the trucking business - a guy who owned his own tractor and contracted to transport lumber from Windsor to Alabama.

When a company asked him if he would make the run to bring Quebec lumber to Michigan, he had his opportunity although he didn't take a serious look at first.

"Jokingly I said, why don't you bring it by rail and I'll transfer it to truck at the border and ship it to Detroit. He said fine. Find a spur. (A line of railroad track running to a siding)."

Tony began his search.

"I stumbled across this one," (Maidstone by the crossing of Talbot Road that serves Flood's feed mills.)

"I asked the railroad company if I could use it. I share it with Floods. All this property belongs to the railroad."

So Tony was in business with a rented forklift and a small office. His contact brought in two car loads a week and Tony loaded it on his truck to deliver it.

"I took a look at the dollars and cents and at the future. Then I leased the property from the railroad and contacted other companies (to bring in lumber for them). Then we kept on going to where we are now."

Well, it wasn't quite that easy. Tony admits he had some doubts at first.

"The first three months went nice. Then the first winter I sat here by myself almost a month and a half and never moved a stick of

lumber."

"In that first year I was undecided which way to go. I was watching the market. It took two months, then she just flipped right around."

That was two years ago. Recently he leased the shipping yard and warehouse owned by Naylor Lumber Company in Essex. Ole Iversen is manager there.

"I've had to put a limit on the companies. I get a call a week and I turn them down."

He has six full employees and two part-time. Four major American companies deal with him, two in Oregon, one in Ohio and the other in Indiana.

As well he has a contract with Don Harrower of Cottam for his three trucks as a regular shipper. When he needs more trucks he phones companies to leave the word. Their brokers seeking back-hauls (a return load after a delivery that is preferable

than making the trip without revenue), come out to Essex or Maidstone for a load.

"Some days I have fifteen, others five. There's a big push the last half of the month."

His transfer points do not represent a large investment but he thinks the two are all he can handle. He is one of several transfer companies in the area - and his business is small compared to Windsor's largest.

"I can make a good dollar. It's not a big investment but I don't want to expand."

A change in the economy could put pressure on him.

"If the economy were to turn in the States there'll be a bigger demand," he conceded.

To the comment that news reports say the lumber industry is at a standstill in British Columbia, Tony replies,

"They call this a standstill."

On Sunday morning St. Mary's men's choir made an ecumenical visit to St. Stephen's Church to help celebrate the holiday season with a selection of Christmas hymns. They were received very well by the congregation and later returned to St. Mary's to sing at the 11 a.m. mass. Members of the choir included Tim, Dan, and Hugh Hebert, Chris McCarthy, Tom and Pete Halford, Jerry and Harry Fraser, Tim Belleau, Mark Cloutier, Rick McGuire and Terry Collins. 1/24/83

### St. Mary's Champs

Essex County Separate Schools C Division boy's volleyball champions went to St. Mary's boys in a double knockout.

The matches in the Saturday tournament at St. Ursula's school, McGregor.

St. Mary's won 9 out of 12 games played. In the finals the boys had to defeat St. Ambrose of St. Joachim in two straight matches after

losing to them earlier.

They say congratulations to St. Ambrose for the excellent volleyball they played.

Other teams who made the final day of play were St. Paul's of Stoney Point and St. Peter's of Tecumseh.

It was an excellently organized day under the supervision of principal John Beneteau of St. Ursula's and Richard Leblanc who acted as co-ordinator for the day.

### MAIDSTONE

DEC. CROSS 31/82

Syl McGuire made it home from the hospital last week. He met up with an unfortunate accident while cutting trees. Luckily his sons Bob, Jim and Gary and grandson John were at the scene to help. A tree rolled on Syl and his sons moved it off. He went by truck to IODE and had surgery for a broken leg. He now has a cast on his leg and 4 screws in his ankle. He is resting comfortably at home. Beware Syl of low flying trees and large magnets. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Aug. 20th, 1982, EFP.- A going away party was held for Jean McCarthy, at the home of Chris and Cathy McCarthy (Pulleyblank) last week. We wish Jean good luck in her career with an accounting firm in Toronto.

## MAIDSTONE (CONT.)

Oct. 8, 1982, E.F.P.- Invitations went out to friends, relatives, etc., for Mrs. Etta Anderson, wife of the former minister at Maidstone-Bethel Circuit, Rev. Anderson, for OPEN HOUSE to be held at the home of her daughter Ruth and husband James Flood on Talbot Road, Maidstone, Sunday, Oct. 10th, 1982 to celebrate her 90th birthday. Best wishes only.

Sorry to hear that Debbie McCoy broke her hand recently. She will be unable to work until early in November. Betty Quinlan, who recently joined the staff of Betty and Friends Hair Studio, is just in time to help out during Debbie's absence. Congratulations to Pam and Charlie McLean who celebrated their anniversary of 6 lovely years on October 23rd. NOV. 1, 1982

### MAIDSTONE CROSS

Here's just the thing for the January blahs, the Share-The-Wealth Bingo at St. Mary's hall on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Maidstone Athletic Club, the fun starts with an earlybird round followed by regular rounds. There will be special door prize rounds and a final jackpot round. Refreshments will be available. JAN. 28, 1983

Judy and Chuck Doherty enjoyed a visit to friends in Oshawa on the weekend. Judy's parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, spent the weekend in Maidstone with the Doherty boys, David and Scott. JAN. 14, 1983

David Solly enjoyed an early January birthday on the 5th, turning 6 on his special day. David decided to give his friends presents as 5 of his little friends broke out with the chicken pox this week. Remember Renee Crystal, Jason, Tonya, and Patrick, don't scratch those chicken pox.

Gary McGuire, Maureen's brother, will be flying to Regina on January 19th. He will be staying with Maureen and John and has lined-up a part-time job. Best wishes Gary.

Maureen, John and Gary will be returning in time for the March 12 wedding of Jim McGuire who is engaged to be married to Darlene Bauer of Dearborn, Michigan on that day. Jim and Darlene will be married here in Maidstone at St. Mary's. Best wishes to the happy couple. JAN. 14, 1983

Despite news that British Columbia saw mills are closing and lumbermen are unemployed, lumber continues to move through the Windsor-Detroit border crossing to the United States. And local trucking firms are getting a share of the business.

Tony Mandato has transfer depots in Maidstone and Essex handling 50 train car loads of lumber a month, or more than two million board feet. Most of it comes from British Columbia, some from Quebec, and a small percentage from Manitoba. All of it goes to the United States - as far away as Alabama and Georgia.

In about two weeks the lumber comes across the country by CNR to St. Thomas, is transferred there to ConRail for Essex and Maidstone, then picked up by truck for its destination. Little, if any, stay in Tony's transfer depot more than two days. He is subject to a demurrage charge on train cars not ready to move out in 48 hours.

Most of it is spruce in a high percentage of 2x4s and 2x6s. Much of it is used in industry.

Tony says the Canadian spruce is superior for its products than American lumber. And it is cheaper.

Even shipping and transfer charges over great distances don't make it costlier than its American counterpart. It's one source where our devalued dollar is bringing money into Canada on exports.

And with all the travel distance, orders reach the destination faster than wood from American sources.

Maureen and John Colnutt are back in Regina, Saskatchewan. They had an enjoyable 10 day visit with their parents, relatives and friends. While visiting, a few skunks showed up at the Euchre tables. Gloria Burling and Gary McGuire skunked Syl McGuire and Ed Burling, the next night Ed Burling and Syl McGuire skunked Maureen Colnutt and Rick Baize.

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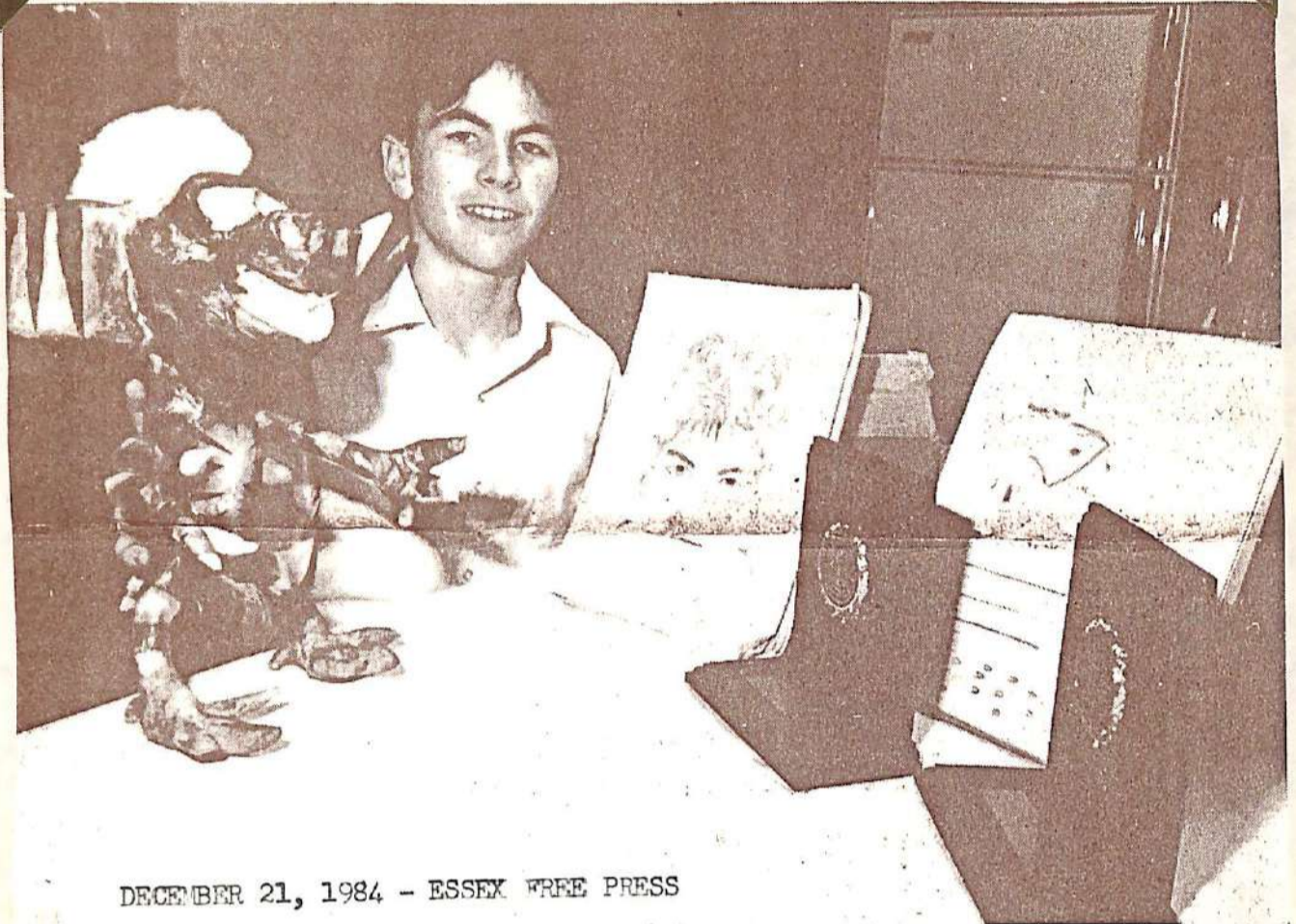


manufacture, including mobile homes for shipment overseas.

Ole Iversen of Essex, manager of the Essex transfer yard of Manic Transport, loads lumber onto a waiting flat bed for shipment to the United States. Most of it is used for

# Lumber on the Move Through Essex and Maidstone

## Local Designer of Minister's Christmas Card



DECEMBER 21, 1984 - ESSEX FREE PRESS

Paul Shanahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shanahan plays some of his artwork Stripe the gremlin, a character and animal sketch, along with two recent awards for

his entries in 4-H competition. Paul's design for a Christmas card was accepted by the provincial minister of agriculture as his personal greeting.

Dennis Timbrell, Provincial Minister of Agriculture sent to his friends, was designed by a Maidstone Township youth.

Paul Shanahan, a student at Ste. Anne's high school, Tecumseh, had the winning design among 41 entries from Ontario 4-H members.

For that he won plaques from the minister and the local 4-H and the honour of having lunch with Timbrell's assistant, Bob Eaton. That was a very special luncheon with Mr. Eaton for Paul, the second and third place winners, and their parents.

Paul came close to missing that opportunity. Ian Rumbles, the local 4-H director with ministry of agriculture Essex office, suggested Paul enter because he had won in 4-H competitions.

But Paul didn't get busy until two days before the deadline when his mother, Mrs. Leo Shanahan, urged him to create an entry. With family suggestions, Paul painted a wreath with sprigs of wheat behind it and the fruits of Essex county in it, using colour pencil and pen.

Entries could be black and white but Paul reports the minister commended his colour effect as well as the design.

Art has captivated Paul since he was a pre-schooler. Along with his art course at high school he has taken two courses in sculpture, ceramics, oil painting and charcoal sketches from Al Linnel, the art director for the Essex County Civic and Education Centre.

His skill will become his career.



This is the Christmas card designed by Paul Shanahan of Maidstone Township for the minister of agriculture, Dennis Timbrell. Paul's design of a wreath with sprigs of wheat, grapes, apples, pears and peaches was one of 41 entries in the competition for 4-H members. The card was sent by the minister as his personal Christmas greetings and was identified as the work of Paul.

Paul sketches faces and animals and he has been doing some artwork in his welding classes, such as a gift for his Grandfather - but we can't describe that.

"I'm going to put it (training) to use in computer graphics," Paul said.

The high school course will prepare him as a professional artist and for entry into an art institute or university.

Perhaps the most artistic of his 4-H posters was one of a rooster with the caption, Don't Just Scratch the Surface, Dig Deeper, Become Involved in 4-H. Of course the poster carried the 4-H emblem.

### BIRTHS

Campeau - Cliff and Connie (nee MacKenzie) announce the safe arrival of Braydon Joel, 9 lbs. 2 oz. on May 22nd., 1985, at Met. Hosp. A brother for Joshua and Aaron. Proud grandparents are Marcy & Murray MacKenzie. Bea and Arsene Campeau and proud great grandmother Mrs. Ananda Levi of Essex.

THE WINDSOR STAR, OCTOBER 30, 1984

Star photo/Bev Mackenzie

CHILDREN OF MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY FLOOD  
NO. 3 HWY., MAIDSTONE, ONT.



THEY GROW 'EM BIG in the village of Maidstone. The Flood family gardeners, Timmy (on the left), nine, and Kevin, seven, who live on Talbot Street, proved they have orange thumbs again this Halloween when they unveiled a

monster jack-o'-lantern, suitably carved into an angry scowl. The boys' effort this year tipped the scale at 90 kg (200 pounds), which beat out last year's effort that weighed a trifling 68 kg (150 pounds). Their secret? Plant about five

seeds in your grandfather's garden, but don't let them all grow. Keep picking the weaker plants and pumpkins until you end up with one really big one. Now all they need is an extra-large candle and some trick-or-treaters to impress.

May 10, 1985, E.F.P. - Congratulations to Annette and Sharon Kosokowski who will both be graduating from the University of Windsor this spring at convocation. Annette left for Ottawa on May 5th where she will begin working with an engineering firm. Sharon who also left May 5th has resumed work with the Naval Reserve in a special capacity as part of an entertainment group which travels across Canada. Annette graduates from Engineering and Sharon with a Communications Studies Degree. Best wishes to their parents Betty (Hebert) and Leo Kosokowski who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on May 14th. July 5th, 1985, E.F.P. - Betty & Leo Kosokowski of Maidstone celebrated 25 years of marriage with a party at their new home in Belle River, on Monday, July 1st., 1985. The festivities began with mass celebrated by Fr. Mark Barron, assisted by Fr. Carl Smith Schmidt, Fr. Jim Farrell and Fr. Gil Simard. Mass was enhanced by the singing of Peter Mullén and his daughter Ellen, on guitar. Family and friends enjoyed supper together and were joined by Fr. Bastien at meal-time. Betty & Leo expressed their thanks to all for the beautiful memories of the day. Betty and Leo also announced the happy news of their daughter Annette's engagement to Daniel Ebbinghaus. Both young people presently reside in Ottawa and plan a December wedding. The Kosokowski's will be missed at St. Mary's, Maidstone and their friends in that area and along with congratulations they are wished a happy life in their new environment. They run the "Betty & Friends" Beauty Shop in Essex, and send congratulations to the students of Essex High School for the opportunity of serving so many of you on your graduations and Centennial year celebrations, in their hair styling salon.

May 7, 1985 - Star: JOKE OF THE WEEK WINNER: Christine Elford, age 7, Kingsville, Ont. wins a Windsor Star Winner's Button and a Star mug. Question: How do you stop a herd of elephants from charging? Answer: Take away their credit cards. Christine is the daughter of Jim & Carol Elford and granddaughter of the late Richard and Clara (Daniher) Kettels of Maidstone. She is a grand neice of this curator, Myrtle Crowder, Oldcastle.

June 14, 1985, E.F.P. - At the convocation at the University of Guelph on Friday, June 7th, 1985, Brian W. Hyland received a Degree in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Honours) program. At a noon luncheon the same day Brian also received the A. Gordon Skinner OIA Schol. and the Robert Keegan Memorial Scholarship.

Nov. 30, 1984 - Welcome home to Rita and Orville Bellaire, Madeline and Emmett McGuire, and Ann and Hugh Allen, who returned recently from a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii. The weather was beautiful as always and everyone enjoyed the trip. Also along were Clifford and Helen McGuire who stayed on an extra few days.

On Sunday, Nov. 25th, Sarah Christine, daughter of Kathy Byrne and Victor Bellaire was baptized at St. Mary's Church. Mary Anne (Bellaire) and Mark Tracey came from Corunna to be God parents for Sarah. Following the baptism, Vic and Kathy entertained grandparents, Rita and Orville Bellaire, Ted and Clara Mae Byrne and other family members at their home.

Nov. 30, 1984 - EFP: Our sympathy to Patricia Horvath and son Mike on the death of Patricia's mother, Mrs. Florence Lynch, also to Bonnie Quinlan on the death of her brother, Jerry Newman, and sympathy to friends and family of Mrs. Lillian Hayes who was buried from St. Mary's Church on Wednesday with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

May 24, 1985, E.F.P. - Lynn Wilson, daughter of Tom and Jean Wilson and sister of Judy Doherty, flew in from San Francisco to visit her parents for their 50th wedding anniversary which they will celebrate on May 31st. Judy & Chuck Doherty and family will join them as well at a family reunion in Aylmer on the weekend of May 25th. Congratulations Tom & Jean on your special day.

May 3rd., 1985, E.F.P. - The Maidstone bowling season ended Friday at Tecumseh Lanes in Tecumseh. Gerry Tetzlaff's team took top honours in both regular season and playoffs. Ollie Iszak rolled 232.

Oct. 15, 1983 - New owners and operators are Paul Zinyk and Myrtle Lacroix.

SPECIAL FEATURE DIS

## MAIDSTONE VARIETY

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ANDERSON-Etta, 92 years January 2nd, 1985 at Hotel Dieu Hospital. Late of Windsor. Wife of the late Nathaniel Anderson, (1963). Dear mother of Ruth, Mrs. James Flood, of Maidstone; Dr. Donald W. Anderson, Winfield, Kansas. Dear grandmother of Beth, Robert, David & Bradley. One great-grandchild Kelly. Sister of Edward J. Peal, Dunedin, Fla.; Harry Peal, Hamilton. Resting at the Steward L. Kennedy Funeral Home, 128 Talbot St. N., Essex after 7 p.m. Funeral Sat., Bethel Maidstone United Church. Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Glen Ashford & Rev. Nettie Hoffman. Interment Greenlawn Memorial. 1/3/85

5/3/85 - At the Ridge on Monday night the Weston Restaurant Supply team held their lead from last week and took first place in the playoffs.

Team members included Bill Nixon, Rick Stanutz, Paul Eyraud, Terry Collins, Ron Garrod and Mike Hergott.

June 28, 1985 - Summer sports in Maidstone are providing some winning scores. The Slo Pitch Team has won several tournaments with the latest one, the Maedel's Tournament, in Essex, last week end. The Irish Connection summer bowlers, Terry & Dale Collins and Chuck Doherty, had an excellent eve last Monday, with

## Thief ordered to pay \$1,500 back to owner

An Ingersoll truck driver has been fined \$500 and ordered to pay back \$1,500 after pleading guilty to possession of stolen truck parts worth about \$9,000.

Leonard Ferris, 41, was placed on probation for two years by County Court Judge W. T. Hollinger. During that time, he will be required to pay \$1,500 to the Seneca Excavating and Drainage Co. Ltd. of Sandwich South Township.

Ferris and Csaba Csiki of Port Rowan, near Simcoe, were stopped by Essex OPP for a traffic violation April 26, 1983, while they were eastbound on Highway 401 in Rochester Township.

AN OFFICER noted truck parts in the rear of their pickup but accepted an explanation the parts had been purchased for Csiki's employer, Morris said.

OPP learned the employer denied any knowledge of the parts. Ferris and Csiki were charged later but none of the parts were recovered. Seneca was covered by insurance for \$6,000 of the \$9,000 loss.

Csiki didn't appear for Tuesday's trial and a warrant was ordered for his arrest. Dec. 21, 1984

4585 Ray Rd  
R.R.3, MAIDSTONE, ONT

# Old local store takes on modern look

MAIDSTONE - Local residents mourned the passing of John's Grocery Store when it closed a few years ago.

The tiny market in the red brick building had occupied a spot on Talbot Road for most of this century. But the old brick building is back in service today under a new name - Maidstone Variety.

Although the inside has been gutted and modernized, the exterior of the building hasn't changed much, except for a chemical cleaning of the bricks to bring out their former charm.

The new owners are Paul Zinyk and Myrtle Lacroix. The 47-year-old Zinyk owns Pleasant Park Machine - a tool and die shop in Oldcastle.

ZINYK LIVES near the hamlet, and like other area residents, rued the closing of the old grocery store. As a result, he and Lacroix decided to invest in the building as a "hobby" venture.

Zinyk said the old walls wielded artifacts that provided hints into the building's history. Among the treasures: an old wooden planer, a root beer syrup bottle, a 1939 pub licence plate and a penny dating back to 1914.

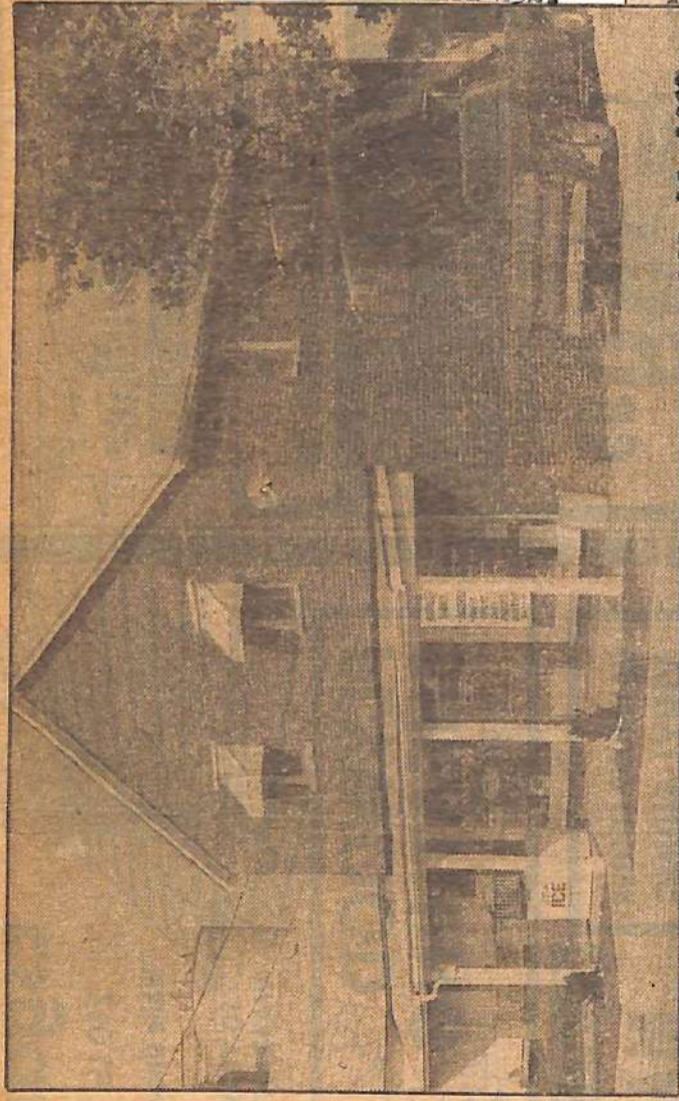
But no one knows the building better than next door neighbor Frank McCloskey. He said his grandfather, also named Frank, built it around the turn of the century.

It served first as a place to build wagons and later as an office.

"I can remember hiding in the coffins as a little kid," Frank said.

MIKE AND Camela John took the building over in 1915, and operated the store for more than 60 years. Mike is now dead and Camela lives in a nursing home in Essex.

OCT. 15, 1983. SITE OF FORMER grocery store is now a variety store serving Maidstone residents. WINDSOR STAR



## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

June 22, 1984, E.F.P. - It's that time of year again when graduations and holiday time signal the beginning of summer. St. Mary's Grade eights will hold their graduation with Mass and following with dinner at the K. of C. Hall, Essex, on June 28th. Many local High School grads will participate in their exercises on June 27th at the Sicilia Club on Hwy. No. 3, Sandwich South, a new Club just west of the Oldcastle Junction of Hwy. #3 and Walker Rd.

Late birthdays include in June for Christine Cloutier on the 15th, Karen Flood on the 18th, David Hebert on the 19th, Tom Halmo on the 20th, Jenny Lachine on the 22nd., Gordie Daniher and Stephen Chiasson on the 23rd., Tania Petruzzzi and Paula Deehan on the 24th.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred O'Neil on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary last Sunday.

Aug. 16, 1984, Star - Jacqueline Florence (ne Simard) age 63 yrs., passed away on Aug. 15th, at Metropolitan Hospital, leaving husband William "Bill"; mother of Robert and wife Valerie, who live at R. R. #3 Maidstone in Sandwich South; Mrs. Dan Barrette (Judy) Calgary; and Mrs. Stephen Pukay (Sandi), Windsor. Grandmother of five, one brother and two sisters. Interment in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens from the Windsor Chapel Funeral Home, Tec. Road. Mrs. Fleming received an honor certificate from the Children's Aid Society for her 27 years as a Foster Parent.

May 8, 1984, Star - Isabelle Z. Sturgess, 81 yrs. died May 8th at Grace Hospital and late of Regency Park Lodge, and formerly of Maidstone. Wife of the late Ernest Sturgess (1982), one daughter and one sister survive, also eight grandchildren and eight great grand children. Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home in charge and interment in Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

July 6, 1984, E.F.P. - Sister Elaine Flood, daughter of the Don Flood's of Maidstone celebrated her 25th year in Religious Life.

July 27, 1984, E.F.P. - Michael Valentino was given a surprise birthday party by his family. Sean Collins was also surprised by his family and friends with a pool party to celebrate his 19th birthday.

June 29, 1984, E.F.P. - Congratulations to Don and Aileen Flood who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

July 13, 1984, E.F.P. - COORESPONDENCE STUDENTS GRADUATE: By Penny Clelland - Area resident Mike Palencar of Maidstone, was among the correspondent students who received diplomas during Spring Convocation at the University of Guelph. In addition to their studies most of the 46 graduates from the Ontario Diploma in Horticulture and the Ontario Diploma in Agriculture programs have full-time responsibilities -- jobs, families or both.

June 8, 1984, E.F.P. - Mark Dowdy, of Maidstone won the postage contest by Canada Post for the children of its employees. The proud possessor of a packet of collectable new stamps Mark said stamps interest him but he had not started an official collection. Mark was the only one of the three in his family that entered to win a prize in the contest for Essex County and Windsor division. There were three age groups and Mark was the winner in the 10-12 category. He received his packet from Maidstone Postmaster Robert Kackson.

April 13, 1984, E.F.P. - MAIDSTONE CROSS: Leo and Dolly Shanahan would like to announce the safe arrival of several lambs to their sheep farm. In leaps and bounds these little bleaters have been arriving since mid-March and there are many more to arrive in April. A few have been orphaned and that means Dolly has been busy sterilizing bottles and preparing formulas for the little darlings. A temporary nursery has been set up in the basement. With a feeding every three hours, to say the least, Leo and Dolly get little sleep. They are also busy checking the expectant mothers for delivery. On the joyous side, there is nothing sweeter than a new born lamb and to rear an orphaned one means "ewe" have a friend for life. St. Mary's kindergarten class will visit on May 1st to see the lambs, feed them and hold them and of course ask all kinds of questions.

Nov. 9, 1984 E.F.P. - Thomas Croft of R. R. 3, Maidstone, lost his sister, Mrs. Ruth (Croft) Banwell, 69 yrs. of age, of Essex and formerly of Huron Line where she and her late husband Lyle farmed. She was predeceased by husband in 1961; sister Mrs. Jean Morris; brothers, Robert, Arthur and Sterling Croft, who were predeceased by their pioneer parents Mr. & Mrs. James Croft of the 11th Conc. of Sandwich South. Funeral from Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, Essex, to St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Oldcastle with Rev. Peter C. Baldwin of St. Paul's Church, Essex and Rev. John Swain of St. Stephen's Church officiating. Interment in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Oct. 1, 1984 - Star: Victor & Kathy (Byrne) are delighted to announce the early but safe arrival of their precious daughter, Sara Christine, born Sept. 30th, 1984 at Metropolitan Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz. Proud grandparents are Orville and Rita (McGuire) Bellaire and Ted and Clara Mae Byrne.

Nov. 16, 1984, E.F.P. - The Maidstone Athletic Club was holding their second card party Sat., Nov. 17th, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Funds are being raised for a picnic shelter for the park. Mildred Edridge of Essex took first prize with Bob Croft and Chas. Sim of Maidstone tied for 2nd; Dave Hodgson of Windsor won 3rd. prize and Ted VanderAa of Maidstone took home the booby prize. All over 15 are welcome to come out at 8.30 p.m.

Aug. 24, 1984, E.F.P. - Carol Ann (Hebert) Zeckner enjoyed their two weeks visit with parents Rose and John Hebert, and cousins, aunts and uncles.

Aug. 3, 1984, E.F.P. - Carolyn Collins, columnist for Maidstone Cross thanks Maureen Chope and Cara Collins for helping gather the local news while she and her husband Terry spent some time with Rosemary and Pater Halford and family in Strasbourg, France. Reports it really is a beautiful city, made more beautiful while sharing it with friends. Welcome home to Hans and Bonnie Kriz whom we met in Strasbourg. Hans, Bonnie and family recently returned to Essex after three years in Germany, where Hans taught at the Canadian Forces School.

Following our stay in France, we travelled to Dublin, Ireland where we were warmly greeted by Joe and Bridey O'Connor and family, who are friends of Margaret and Michael Cassar of Maidstone. Because of the abundance of familiar names, McGuire, Doherty, Byrne, O'Neill, Sullivan, and of course Collins, we felt at home in Ireland. Thanks to Noady (Norah) and Frank Naughton, sister and brother-in-law of Margaret, Marion and Kevin Nolan, another of Margaret's sisters who were so hospitable to us in a little village in the south on the coast. It's good to be home although we had a lovely time.

June 19, 1984, - Chris (Andrew) McCann, 75 years, died on June 19th, beloved husband of Gloria Roy, leaving five children, eight grandchildren and four gret grandchildren. He was a retired Chrysler foreman, member and usher at Sacred Heart Parish for 60 years. His family are pioneer residents of the Maidstone area. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Maidstone, Marcotte Funeral Home, Wyandotte St., E., Windsor in charge.

June 3rd., 1984 - Rose Emma O'Neil (nee Laporte), 62 years, passed away on June 3rd. at Grace Hospital, leaving husband Everett, seven living children and two deceased and 17 grand children. Janisse Bros. Funeral Home in charge and she was interred in St. Mary's Cemetery in Maidstone. She was a member of the C.W.L. of the church.



July 6, 1984, E.F.P. - PIKE-KETELS WED: Mr. & Mrs. Nick Coutu and small children of London arrived Saturday morning for the wedding of her father, Richard Pike to Patricia Kettels, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kettels of No. 3 Hwy., Maidstone. Her father ran the Mill there for several years. Congratulations to them on their June 23rd wedding in St. Clair Beach at 3 p.m. All had a great time. Patricia, the bride is a neice of this curator.

July 6, 1984, E.F.P. - Mrs. Wm. Fenton returned Friday from an extended stay with her daughter Amelia, in Halifax, N.S. Mrs. Fenton was fortunate enough to have been in Halifax to greet the Tall Ships. She has recorded the East Coast's beautiful scenery in phographs to be turned into oil paintings later.

June 22, 1984, E.F.P. - Some of the old Maidstone Shamrocks got together with a few Tecumseh oldtimers to attend a tournament in Tillsonburg last weekend. Gary Deehan, Hank Czerwieniec, Gerry Kuzak, and Terry Collins dusted off the gloves and spikes to win one and lose one on Saturday. Because of a storm the tournament was interrupted and no games were played on Sunday. No one admitted praying for rain.

# Visit Beautiful OLDCASTLE & MAIDSTONE

OCTOBER 15, 1983  
THE WINDSOR STAR,

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The 109-year-old St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Maidstone is looking better than it has for years. Workmen are putting the finishing touches on an extensive exterior renovation job. The story of the pioneer church is on Page D13.

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## BIRTHS

**CHOPE:** Maureen (Collins) and Ron Chope are proud parents of Thomas Edward, born May 18th at Grace Hospital. Brothers Michael, Rob and Joey welcome home their little brother. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ted VanderAa (Monica Collins) and Mrs. Frances Chope. Notice in E.F.P. June 7, 1985.

**SOMPkins** - Floyd and Jan of Toronto announce the arrival of a son Charles Gorman, 6 lbs., 13 ozs., 5th grandchild for Jack and Helen Gorman of Oakville and George & Lorna (Libby) Simpkins of Maidstone. Great grandson for Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Libby of Tecumseh, who was Violet Reaume of Sand. South Twp. Star, June 15th, 1985.

**DEEHAN** - Mike & Gloria Deehan (nee Hooley) who were married on May 31st., in Banff, Alta. Congratulations from Maidstone relatives & friends.

**DEEHAN** - John & Jan Deehan announce the birth of their second daughter, Patricia Lynn. Printed in E.F.P. on June 7th., 1985.

**QUINLAN** - A daughter to Mike & Brenda, Karissa Ann, 8 lbs., 1 oz. born Friday, June 28th, 1985 at Leamington Hospital. A little sister for Courtney & Candace. Grandparents Ken & Pat Parrish of Mitchell's Bay, Elmer & Shirley Quinlan of Maidstone.

109-YEAR-OLD St. Mary's Church in Maidstone is getting a facelift

## Church glory restored

**MAIDSTONE** — Not everything old is worth keeping.

But an old church which has accumulated the grace of St. Mary's is worth not only keeping, but also restoring to its best.

It's not the biggest church in Essex County — River Canard is much larger. Nor is it the oldest — Assumption is older. But, St. Mary's is still a beautiful church attended by the descendants of the pioneers who built it.

And, on the flat county horizon, it is a focal point for the Irish Catholic community which settled the Maidstone area a century and a half ago.

Rev. Linus Bastien says the parishioners of the 109-year-old Roman Catholic Church made a commitment about five years ago to revive the aging brick building.

**SINCE THEN**, Fr. Bastien says close to \$400,000 has been invested in the church, on both structural necessities and esthetics.

The list of projects includes such fundamentals as new shingles on the massive roof, to a new heating system. Three years ago, the beautiful lead-lined stained glass windows were taken down and restored.

Inside, pews were stripped and refinished and a new heating system was installed. Local artist George Kaltika was hired to revive the mosaic which adorns the ceiling, and the interior of the church was repainted.

But the most-ambitious restoration work was done this year. This spring the church hired a private contractor to reinforce the large, wood trusses which hold up the roof. After a century of wear, the trusses were cracking, and in danger of letting the roof collapse.

**THIS SUMMER**, 12 people have been employed under a \$137,000 federal/provincial makework program cleaning and repointing the mortar on the exterior

or brick. That work is about four weeks from being finished, but it has not been without its controversy.

While most parishioners seem to favor the grant program, parishioner Don Flood said it is "unprincipled" to accept money from a federal agency.

"The parishioners are well able to pay for it," he said. "And if the parishioners can't afford to save it, it should have been torn down, and they could put up something they can afford."

**"THE PARISHIONERS** were very interested in restoration," he said. "We considered applying for a historical grant, but we had to do something right away."

Fr. Bastien said the stained glass was literally "falling out" before it was restored.

"There's a lot of community pride here," he said. "The building was built by these people's ancestors, and the stained glass was donated by their ancestors."

**THE PARISH**, in fact, is 137 years old. It started in a log church built by parishioners in a barn raising-style bee a little way down the road from the existing structure.

By 1848, it was clear a bigger church was needed. A small brick church was built, but needed replacing again within about 25 years.

The cornerstone for the new church was laid in 1874, and the plot for a new cemetery chosen. The church cost \$14,000 back then, and was built with clay made at an Essex County farm.

The Roman Catholic community has grown, too. A two-room school built behind the church in 1960, has expanded into eight rooms, and is now part of the county separate school system.

While the village of Maidstone has diminished into a hamlet, it appears as though the church will remain as a dominant part of the community as far into the future as one can see.



The picture below of the school where all the Catholic children of the Hamlet of Maidstone and surrounding community attended from the turn of the century to the time of disposal as a school. This picture is also listed in the Schools of Sandwich South.

## S.S. NO. 5 & 8 (Six Corners) — 1910

THIS SCHOOL FEATURED IN THE ESSEX FREE PRESS, JAN. 31, 1983.  
PICTURE ALSO PLACED IN "SCHOOLS OF SANDWICH SOUTH" VOLUME.  
BUILT AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND OPENED OCT. 1, 1901.



Left to right — First Row: Sitting - Clarence Grondin, Jimmy Costigan, John Walsh, Chas. McCann, Lorenzo Brown, Helen McCann, unidentified, Margaret McCloskey, Marie Brown, Agnes Costigan, Dennis Halford, Clarice Lennon, Catherine McCann; Second Row: Kneeling - Ward Larkin, Ann McCann, unidentified, Agnes Broderick, unidentified, Gertrude Russette, Frank Halford, Joe Kane, Leo Greenway; Third Row: Mary (John) McCann, Marie Grandmaison, Margaret Lennon, Marie Lennon, Irene Brown, Rita McCann, Agnes Halford, Mary

(Andy) McCann, Bernadette Halford, Corinne Eyraud, Agnes Donovan, Ned Doyle, Vincent McCann; Fourth Row: William Greenway, Lewellyn Dunne, Leo Russette, Frances Eyraud, Josie Doyle, Laura Grandmaison, Margaret Costigan, Rose Brennan, Teacher, Estelle Birkett, Teacher, Margaret Robinson, Irene Russette, Thomas Chittle and Peter Clarke.

*We Need Pictures For The Old Time Corner —*

## St. Marys Champs of County Separate Schools



St. Marys boys' team was the champion of the Essex County Separate School C Division Volleyball. Pictured are, back row: Joey Papic, Terry Collins, Jim Lauzon, Paul Bravo, Sean Collins, Frank Spidalieri, Richard Burford,

DEC. 17, 1982 - E.F.P.  
Coach Mr. Bezaire; Front row: Ricky Gagnon, Mike Croft, Allan Shanahan, Doug Meloche, Kirk Hayes, Randy Souilliere, Paul Shanahan, Ryan Fuerth.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Nov. 4, 1983, E.F.P.: Debbie McCoy and Diane Shepley treated their boss Betty Kosokowsky to dinner for her birthday last week - at McDonald's. The trip (no ordinary one) was the treat, however, as Adrian, of Adrian's Limousine Service escorted the ladies to the waiting Cadillac limousine. Needless to say, the cashier at the drive-thru looked twice when the chauffeur ordered fries and burgers. This limousine service had just opened in Essex.

Nov. 4, 1983, EFP. - McGuire-Turville Wed. Karen Leslie Turville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Turville, exchanged wedding vows with Mark Wayne McGuire, son of Mr. & Mrs. Emmet McGuire of R. R. 2, Maidstone, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd., 1983, in St. Mary's Church, Maidstone.

Patti Turville was her sister's Maid of Honour and Dan McGuire, brother of the groom, was best man. Bridesmaids were friends Joann McNaughton, Carol Pastorius, Ruth Ann McGuire and Paula Newman. The groom's attendants were his brothers Ron McGuire and Tim McGuire, friends Boh Chittle and Bob Newman. Jane Rohrer, neive of the groom from New Brunswick, was flower girl and Susan Trimble, Lisa McGuire and Sal (McGuire Rohrer read the Scripture. Ushers were Mark Hepburn and Tim Little.

Following the ceremony a lovely reception was held at St. Simon and St. Jude Hall in Belle River for friends and relatives from Vancouver, Edmonton, New Brunswick, Ottawa, London, St. Thomas and Michigan attending to make the day a happy one. The following day a family party was held by both parents for Mark and Karen as they were leaving for West Germany where Mark plays hockey.

Nov. 2, 1983, Windsor Star: Allen Frederick "Al" Jobin, age 19, suddenly died in an auto accident in Iroquois Falls, Ont. where he was living with his aunt and had just started work there in a service station. He had gone north because he couldn't find a job here in Windsor. His car skidded on icy patch and went into a ditch when passing a school bus coming from work. His grandparents are the John Kolody(s of Hwy. 98, Maidstone.

**JOBIN -- Allen Frederick "Al",** October 31, 1983, 19 years suddenly in an auto accident in Iroquois Falls, Ont. Beloved son of Fred and Carol Jobin (nee Paquette). Dear brother of Dave, Michelle, Vicki, Sherri, Cindy and Wayne, all of Windsor. Dear grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Kolody of Maidstone. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chevalier, Windsor and the late Lloyd Jobin and Bob Paquette. Dear uncle of David, Brycen and Nicholas. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral will be from the Windsor Chapel Funeral 1700 Tecumseh Rd. E., Fri. November 4, 1983 at 9 a.m. then to Most Precious Blood Church for funeral mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment Heavenly Rest Cemetery. Prayers Thurs. at 8 p.m.  
**Windsor star, Nov. 2, 1983**

July 27, 1984, E.F.P. - Annette Kosokowsky was home for the weekend and had an opportunity to bring glory to Maidstone by winning the 10km running race in Essex at the Festival, which Hugh Hebert also ran in, coming in at a close second. The first male was Terry Schinkel of Essex. Annette's time was 40.36 and Terry's 32.34.

Aug. 24, 1984, E. F. P. - Carol Ann (Hebert) Zeckner and family enjoyed their two week visit with parents, Rose and John Hebert, and their cousins, aunts and uncles.

Gary & Elaine Deehan and family have returned from a pleasant stay with Maureen (McCarthy) and Larry Donald of Peterborough.

Mike & Margaret Cassar are happy to see the safe return of their son Stephen and Neice, Marie, who spent the last month in Ireland renewing acquaintances with friends and family there.

Aug. 24, 1984, E.F.P. - Some of Maidstone's bikers have returned home from their travels. Jane and Mark Cloutier and family stationed their trailer in Collingwood and spent many happy days exploring the area on bicycle. While away Karrie Cloutier received the good news that she had attained first class honours in her grade 2 conservatory exams. Congratulations to Karrie, and her excellent teacher, Kathy Hayes.

January 13, 1984 - A belated Christmas present was given to Weston's Abattoir bowlers Monday night when they took 7 points from Doug's Automotive. This was their first victory over Doug's in two years. Over at Tec. Lanes, Carol Hergott overtook Val Wood and Donna Deahan for ladies' high single with a 216 game on Friday.

Apr. 13, 1984, E.F.P. - Another young lady celebrating her birthday is Sis Gerard who will be 75 on April 17th. Many will recall Sis as the mail lady for R. R. 2, Maidstone, for many years.

Aug. 3, 1984, E.F.P. - Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Stan Eyraud who passed away, July 26th in Windsor Western Hospital, I.O.D.E. Unit at 62 years and who resided at R. R. 2, Maidstone on the townline rd. He was the husband of Evelyn Hayes and son of Clara (Mrs. Florant Eyraud. Father of five children and six grandchildren. Burial in St. Mary's, Maidstone. His father died ten years ago on Aug. 25th, 1974.

Aug. 17, 1984, E.F.P. - Congratulations to coaches Gary Deehan, Jim Dunn and Steve Chevalier and the Woodslee Tyke Baseball Team who defeated McGregor in extra innings to become the Sunparlour Champions in their division. On the team were Chris Tetzlaff, Don and Joe Deehan of Maidstone.

Aug. 3rd., 1984, E.F.P. - Happy birthday on July 30th to Maureen Chope, who had an impromptu party, when mother, sisters and brothers, neighbors and friends dropped in for cake. Renee, Lori and Eric Lacross of Warren, Michigan also were guests.

Aug. 24, 1984, E.F.P. - Mildred Belleau (Klimeh of Parsons, Tennessee spent a few days with George and Ella Mae Markham and enjoyed a dinner at Roseland Golf and Country Club.

July 6, 1984 - Essex Free Press

**MAIDSTONE VARIETY**  
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WINDSOR STAR, 1983.

Paul Zinyk and Myrtle Lacrois purchased the store formerly owned by the Mike John family who ran a grocery store here for many years and raised their large family in the area.

The Maidstone Athletic Club is holding their second card party Saturday, November 17th at St. Mary's parish hall. Funds are being raised for a picnic shelter for the park. M. Eldridge took 1st prize with Bob Croft and Charles Sim tied for 2nd, Dave Hodgson won 3rd prize and Ted VanderAa took home the booby prize last Saturday. All card players over 15 are welcome to come out at 8:30 p.m. Here's hoping for an improved turnout this weekend.

Oct. 18, 1974 - EFP: Edward and Catherine Hayes were well pleased with the large turnout and sale of their chattels, furniture and other items at their auction sale at their home on Hwy. 98 with Clarence Knapp and son as auctioneers.

Mr. & Mrs. Hayes, daughters Sharron and Bonnie with son Edward, Jr., will leave for California to make their new home. Their many friends and relatives here wish them good health, God speed and happiness. Mr. & Mrs. David Shilson of Windsor, have leased the Hayes home.

Aug. 2, 1985 - Special anniversary greetings to Terry Collins from his wife Carolynn, celebrating 22 yrs of marriage.

July 26th, 1985 - Welcome home to Marie Kane who spent several weeks in Indiana recently visiting her son, Norm and family.

July 26, 1985 - Congratulations to Kathy Flood and Lorraine Wanklin who were made members in \$1,000,000 sales level in Real Estate. They are employed by Anne St. Pierre Real Estate, Ltd.

Congratulations to Essex high school graduates who celebrated on June 27th at Sicilia Club. Local students included Sharon Belleau, attending U of W, Real Boulay attending U. of Guelph, Gary Cassar, U of W., Sean Collins, attending Wilfred Laurier, Brett Market and Mike Mazza from grade 13. Grade 12 graduates included Sharon Beethem, Gilles Boulay, James Chittle, Ruth Clermont, Leneath Damp-house, Terry Lynn Gagnon, Sean Hurley (now of Cottam), Nancy Lafferty, Ann Marie Langan, Kim McGuire, Mike Mullins, Dan Palenchar, Pat Polewski, Cliff Quinlan, Mike Pozar, Kim Scott, Kelly Tulett and Wayne Wolcott. Congratulations to Sean Collins who was chosen as male athlete of the year, Sharon Belleau, recipient of the OSTIF \$200 bursary and Kim Scott, the Mike Morris memorial award of \$225. Best wishes in the future to all the graduate students. JULY 6, 1984

#### DEC. 14/84 STAR

FACCA-Sante, 76 years, December 12, 1984 of Maidstone. Retired president of Facca Construction and member of the Fogolar Furlan Club. Loving husband of Matilda (nee DelZotto) and the late Julia (nee Bertolli) (1953). Dear son of the late Antonnio and Regina Facca (Muzzotti). Dear father of Anna Maria and Silvano Scodeller, Lucia and Sergio Santini, Regina and Mario Gardonio, Windsor, Dino and Geri Facca, Vancouver; Gino Facca, Maidstone. Loving grandfather of Rene and Julia Scodeller; Eugene, Loretta, Angela, Robert and Ricky Santini, Donato, Antonnio and Claudia Gardonio, Dina, Guy and Veronica Facca. 9 great grandchildren survive. Dearest brother of Luigi Schincariol, Lidia Fantin, Windsor; Ida Turrin, Cordenons, Italy; Antonietta Raffin, Pallanza, Italy; and the late Maria Zucato (1980) and Gino Facca (1986). Dearest brother-in-law of Maria Lupino, Rome Italy; Oswaldo, Erma, Antonietta and Delhia DelZotto and the late Angela DelZotto. Resting at Janisse Brothers Funeral Home, 1139 Ouellette Ave. from Thursday at 3 p.m. Funeral, Saturday 9 a.m. to St. Angela de Merici Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment, St. Alphonsus Cemetery. Prayers, Friday at 8 p.m.

The Maidstone Athletic Club held their last card party in the four party series on December 1st at St. Mary's hall. First prize was won by Eric Banwell, 2nd by Rose Sexton, 3rd by Butch Gobin and Bernice Sim with Eleanor Johnson taking the bobby prize. The 50/50 draw winners were Jim Barnett \$28.00 and Carolyn Gerard \$19. Dec. 7, 1984 EFP

## Graduation Days Begin Early . . .

ESSEX FREE PRESS, JULY 2, 1976



CLASS OF 1975-76 — Twenty-seven Kindergarten students of St. Mary's School, Maidstone, graduated Wednesday, June 23rd. Teacher Yvonne Lajoie, who is leaving kindergarten work after 8 years, presents a diploma to Salvatore Mazza as Evelyn Cutting waits in line for hers.

Kindergarten graduates with diplomas grasped firmly in their hands skipped happily off from their first year of education to greater horizons after graduation exercises in many elementary schools.

Graduation exercises for the Grade 8 pupils of St. Mary's school in Maidstone were held on June 28th at 6 p.m. with a mass of thanksgiving celebrated by their pastor, Rev. A.P. Marentette. Then the class teachers and parents went to the parish hall to enjoy a delicious buffet supper prepared by the Grade 7 mothers and served by members of the Parent - Teacher Committee.

Mr. Ken Bezaire, their teacher presented the graduates with diplomas and a memorable souvenir from their school, wishing them all the best in their future endeavour.

Michelle Quinlan, on behalf of her class thanked all who in anyway helped them reach this goal.

Jack Vandongin received the "Catherine Holland" Memorial Trophy for the best all-round student. Dancing was enjoyed in the evening to music supplied by disc-jockey Joe Duchene of CKLW.

The graduates are as follows: Andrew Kwitkowski, Craig Gemus, James Lavin, Douglas Quinlan, John Mocer, Gerry Revenburg, Joseph Mullins, Louis Duchene, Ralph McLean,

The ceremony at St. Mary's school, Maidstone was typical of them all as 27 five and six-year-olds, marched in their best suits and gowns past Mr. Serdan as he presented their diplomas, assisted by their teacher Yvonne Lajoie.

Divided in two groups the tiny students entertained their guests with their rhythm band selections; songs "Old MacDonald" and Three Bears Song; and two charming dance numbers, "Go Round and Round the Village" and "Looby Loo".

Teacher Yvonne Lajoie said farewell to kindergarten work after 8 years in that department.

Linda and Tom Halford, Terry Collins, Betty Kotow and Yvonne Hergott, bowlers who participated in the bowl-a-thon for Brentwood, would like to thank all those who supported them. These fine people raised \$1500 for the Brentwood restoration project. Good work! 4/27/8

Danny Halmo, Jack Vandongin, William Dennison, Roger Garrett, Margaret McCarthy, Kerry McCarthy, Angela O'Neil, Angela Mullins, Ellen Turton, Shelly Collins, Kelly Kavanaugh, Denise Tessier, Michelle Quinlan, Sherry Le Pain, Elfreda Haas, Sandra Belleau, Christine Belleau, Susan Sigrist, Lillian Joseph, Patricia St. Louis, Elaine O'Keefe, Margaret Edwards, Jackie O'Neil, Jackie Drouillard. JULY 12, 1973 TIMES

the Master's Club attaining the

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Sept. 27, 1968, E.F.P. - We are pleased to report that Bernard Collins was able to visit Austin O'Brien, a former resident of No. 3 Hwy., Oldcastle, at his home near Amherstburg and they reminisced of former days when Austin attended St. Mary's Church at Maidstone. Austin wished to be remembered to all his friends. Bernard also had enjoyable visits with Albert Kavanagh of Oldcastle, who recently celebrated his 86th birthday with all his family and grandchildren, neices and nephews. A belated birthday wish to Albert from all his friends who did not remember his birthday. Continuing his charitable visits, Bernard had a nice afternoon visiting Mrs. Nellie Turton, at her son and daughter-in-law's home, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Turton, where she now resides and who are giving her such loving care. The Tutton's reside just West of Walker Road on No. 3 Hwy. Nellie had been a very capable practical nurse in the Oldcastle area for many years and her son Joe was a Lineman for the Sandwich South Municipal Telephone Company for some years and resided here on Walker Road with his mother.

April 22, 1974: It is regret we report the death of Bernard Collins (Bus) at Grace Hospital and send sympathies to his wife Dee (Deslippe) and family. Pallbearers were four nephews, Gregory, Terrence, Dale and Leonard Collins, Paul Beaudette and Douglas Scane. Obituary follows below: E.F.P. printed the following notice or item on Aug. 16th, 1918 - Jerry Collins of Maidstone Cross lost two barns by fire, losing all contents. Reportedly by sparks from a train engine on M.C.R.R. which ran past behind the barns on the Collin's farm. and one on Dec. 19, 1947 reporting the sudden death of Jerry Collins on the same farm on which he was born at age 65 years. Jerry was Bernard's father.

**COLLINS**—Bernard Joseph (Bus), 66 years, April 22, 1974 at Grace Hospital, Maidstone. Beloved husband of Dee (nee Deslippe). Dear father of Mrs. Catherine Tracey of Woodlee; Mrs. Vincent Malenfant (Joan) of McGregors; Mrs. George Chevrier (Jean) of Essex; Mrs. Michael Valentino (Jackie), Miss Pat Collins and Miss Margaret Collins, of Windsor; Mrs. John Shuttleworth (Mary) of Emeryville and Bernard Jr. of Maidstone. Dear brother of Russell and Michael Collins of Maidstone; Harry Collins of Dearborn, Mich. and Wilfred Collins of Windsor; the late Daniel (1972). 16 grandchildren. Resting at the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home, 128 Talbot St. N., Essex. Funeral service Thursday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. to St. Mary's Church, Maidstone for mass at 10 a.m., Rev. A. P. Marentette officiating. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Prayers Wednesday 8:30 p.m.

The peninsular Grain and Seed Co. Elevator, at Maidstone Cross, was destroyed by fire, 4/6/27

### Fifty Years Ago

Items culled from the files of the Essex Free Press November 22nd, 1929.

Charles Collins of Maidstone Cross shot and killed a marauder in his chicken coop who was after chickens.

Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., raised its minimum wage from \$6. a day to \$7 a day.

Congratulations to Susan Simpson of Leamington, (my mom), who won \$1000 in gift certificates from Leamington merchants in a draw last week. Let's see, what would I like for Christmas?

The oldest General Store in the Village closed last week, when Mr. and Mrs. John D. Walker sold out their grocery stock. The store has been a landmark in the Village for over a hundred years. It was established by the late Thomas Moran, who opened the general store, then composed, besides groceries, of yard goods, hardware, shoes and boots, etc. and was appointed the first postmaster for Maidstone Cross. He opened it when the first log church was built and St. Mary's Parish was formed. In 1890 he sold out to the late Ignatius (Nace) Halford, who was also appointed Postmaster, and he served the community for over fifty years and was honoured with a medal after His Majesty's Coronation, from George VI for serving 50 years as postmaster. In 1943 the Walkers came and Mary C. was appointed Postmistress, the position she still held. Many happy memories are linked with the Store and to the older generation, the business will indeed be missed. July 1, 1969 E.F.P.

Sympathy to Peter Halford and Rose Sexton on the recent death of their sister, Clothilde Chittle and to Tom Lavin on the death of his sister Eileen 11/14/84

Nov. 23, 1984 - E.F.P.

Congratulations to Violet and Gerald Shanahan who celebrated 40 years of married life on Sunday.

Dec. 14, 1984 - E.F.P.: Clothilde Chittle, 88 yrs. passed away Dec. 1st., 1984. She was predeceased by her husband Thomas (1974), parents Robert and Elizabeth Halford; five brothers, Robert, Vincent, Charles, John, Francis (Mac) and four sisters, Evangeline, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Carmel and Geraldine (Mrs. Jim Coakley). She is survived by her sisters, St. Agatha of London, Mrs. Bernard McIntyre (Angela) of Detroit, Mrs. John (Robert) Carpenter, Florida, Mrs. Ralph Sexton, and Rose Mary and Peter Halford. Funeral services were held in Los Angeles, Cal. where she had resided for many years.

Nov. 30, 1984 - From July 14, 1944 - 40 yrs. ago column of Essex Free Press: WED- Earls Beetham and Doris Malenfant. July 6, 1934 - 50 yrs. Ago Col. John Carpenter and Roberta Halford; Donald Flood and Eileen McCloskey; Oliver Greaves and Dora Levi. Nov. 30, 1984, Essex Free Press High School Entrance Results: Maidstone - Essex District High School 1924-25: Antoinette Renaud, Ella Ellis, Ben Kerr, Lloyd Little, Fred Willia, Ruth Heath, Stan King, Margaret Wright and Roy Randall. Princip. E. Durnin; teachers, H. Smithendorf, Dr. Geo. Rush; Mrs. R. Chapman, Misses Hounson and Charlesworth.



Santa wasn't doing all the giving Saturday when he visited Essex. Johnny Langan, of Essex, 5, happily gave Santa one of the candies he gathered when they were thrown to children as the parade passed. DEC. 14, 1984, E.F.P.

Files of Essex Free Press for the week of July 14, 1944 - 40 yrs. ago Col. - Nov. 30/84. Two local boys were reported missing in air operations over Europe - P/O Ed. McCloskey, Maidstone and F/O Stanley Queen of Paquette.

## Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lafferty are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lori Anne, to Mr. Derek Paul Vilneff of Toronto.

Lori is a registered nurse employed at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Derek is a graduate of York University.

The marriage will take place on September 18th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Windsor, Ontario at 4 p.m. AUG. 20/82 EFP

July 4, 1975 - Vera Hergott graduated from S.S. No. 7 and came back to teach in the late 29's and resigned Jan. 2, 1920.

Aug. 20th, 1982, EFP.- Congratulations to Terrence Patrick Kane, son of Norman and Shirley of Chicago, who was married to Lauren M. Reilly at St. Hubert's Church in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, on August 6th. Terrence is the grandson of Marie Kane of Maidstone and Mrs. Louise Steele of Windsor. A lovely reception was held for relatives and friends at the Brookwood Country Club in Woodale, Illinois. Many area relatives attended to wish the happy couple the best in their new life together.

Several area couples attended the McGarrigle Sisters' concert in Leamington last Thursday. The concert was sponsored by the French TV station, CBEF to celebrate the extension of their CBC radio affiliate to Leamington. The McGarrigle sisters are the daughter of French and Irish parents from Quebec who entertain delightfully in both languages. Local fiddler, Paul Lachance of Tecumseh, accompanied by Laurette St. Antoine opened the program with a selection of tunes that made him a top fiddler in the Belle River contest recently. This program will be telecast on TV 9 December 26th, 6:30 p.m. AUG. 20th, 1982

July 11, 1975 - Mrs. Hergott (Vera Sullivan) phoned the editor of the Essex Free Press: She then lived in Sarnia where she had been teaching for some time.

Oct. 17, 1975 - The staff and students of St. Mary's participated in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest of the community by their pastor Rev. Fr. A. P. Marentette, on Thursday morning, Oct. 9th. In the celebration of the Harvest of the Fruits of the earth, pupils from each class brought up squash, pumpkins, fruits etc. at the Offertory of the Mass. Later these were beautifully arranged by Mrs. Marie Markham and Mrs. Maureen McLeod in wicker baskets and Horn of Plenty hampers.

Nov. 26, 1982 - St. Mary's School is offering a new idea for gift giving, shirts printed with the school crest. There are three styles available in navy or navy and white. Call the school to order them. The students are also conducting a Christmas chocolate bar sale to raise funds.

Dec. 20, 1968 - Mrs. Wm. Mogyoroddy (Helen Agos) was in Toronto recently where she was guest speaker at the Ontario Research Council of Ed. She had submitted a thesis on this subject to the Dept. of Education and is presently teaching in the Windsor Vocational School.

Mrs. Vera A. Hergott phoned to give her sincere thanks to our Editor, K.E. Brett for his kindness in printing her school class picture in the "Old Time Corner". Vera is very pleased and elated in the very good reproduction, Mr. Brett made of the picture.

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Miss Vera Sullivan resigned as Teacher at S.S. 7, Sandwich South JAN. 20, 1920

## 1909 Entrance Class - No. 7 School, Maidstone Cross



1909 Entrance Class of Old No. 7 School, Maidstone Cross — Back Row: Joe O'Connell, Mae Russette (Allen), Janie Barrett (Doyle), Irene McCarthy (Sharkey), Frank Sexton. Centre Row: Clarice Sullivan (Moran). Front Row: Anne Sexton (Gust), Madeline Barrett (O'Brien), Ethel O'Connell (Eustace), Vera Sullivan (Hergott), Nora Sullivan (LaRonde). Of the above, only Irene McCarthy (Sharkey), Madeline Barrett (O'Brien) and Vera Sullivan (Hergott) are living.

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# THE OLD TIME CORNER

MAIDSTONE SERVICE STATION — 1937



Brown's Service Station at the corner of Talbot Road and Hwy. 114 (next door to present Maidstone Post Office). Later the station was operated by Harry Brown and Lorne Ruston.

Sept. 30, 1983 - E.F.P. - Scott and Donna Cowell (nee Merryfield) announce the arrival of their daughter, Megan Faye, 5 lbs., 13 ozs. on Wednesday, August 31st, at Grace Hospital. Little playmate for Amy & Karen. Proud grandparents are Jack and Elinor Merryfield, Jerry and Shirley Cowell, great grandparents are Ruby Ruel and Mabel Wright of Windsor and Dorothea Cowell of Elk Lake. The Merryfield grandparents reside on \$114 Hwy. and the family are members of Maidstone-Bethel United Church. Elinor Merryfield was very active in teaching girls in local 4-H Home-making Clubs and was a leader for the courses many times and her four daughters including Donna were members of Oldcastle 4-H Homemaking Club all through their teen years, and their mother was the Club leader for both 4-H Girls' Clubs and the Senior W. I. Courses.

Sept. 20, 1983, E.F.P. - Dianna and Scott Clare of Brantford announce the birth of their first child, Meagan Elizabeth Irene, 7 lbs. 6 ozs. on Saturday, September 10th at Brantford General Hospital. Beautiful granddaughter for Dr. & Mrs. D. W. Clare of Kingsville, formerly of Maidstone, and Mrs. Felix Karek of Brantford. Dr. Clare was a Physician with offices in the Clinic at Essex Medical Centre for years and served local patients all over Maidstone and Sandwich South Townships as well as in the Town of Essex. He had been the Medical Officer for the County School Board for a long time. They resided in a commodious home on No. 3 Hwy., midway between the Town of Essex and the Village of Maidstone.

Sept. 23, 1983 - E.F.P.- Anniversary congratulations to Jackie (Collins) and Mike Volantino who celebrated 17 years of wedded life, Saturday, Sept. 18th. She was the daughter of the late Bernard (Bus) Collins and Dee Deslippe. They resided on No 3 Hwy. at the western edge of Maidstone Cross.

OCT. 14, 1983

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

Crisp days are here again with all the bounty of nature's harvest. Bean wagons are driving up to the mill and the corn is rustling dry in the fields. St. Mary's kindergarten classes made field trips to Carder's Apple Orchard to experience first hand the methods of growing and harvesting apples. Thanks to Margo and Bob for their time and patience.

### SEPT. 30, 1983 MAIDSTONE

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Langan (Dianne Goodburn) and family have recently moved from Lambeth to the Chatham area, their new address being R.R. 1 Paincourt. Pat has been promoted to Manager, Engineering and Gas Supply Projects at the head office for Union Gas Co. in Chatham.

Welcome home to Rita and Orville Bellaire, Ted and Clare Byrne, Violet and Gerald Shanahan and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hartley who have returned from a two week tour to the Atlantic provinces. Mae's Tours led them from the green beauty of Prince Edward Island to Portland, Maine on the ferry and continued through the U.S. to Lake Placid, N.Y. and Niagara Falls. 9/30/83 EFP

While cleaning my desk I can across one of my notes which did not, unfortunately make the column. Monica VanderAa and Bob Kerekes skunked Kenny Kerekes and Ted VanderAa at euchre. Ted claims that this was his first defeat since 1917 on a rainy day. My apologies to all and to my family who did not get to taste the zucchini loaf recipe on the other side of the note. SEPT. 23/83 EFP

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Oct. 14, 1983 - E.F.P. - Marjorie and Sylvester McGuire gathered with their family at the home of Jim and Caroline Gerard on Sunday, Oct. 9th, to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. Father Bastien helped them to offer a special thanksgiving, Monday, Oct. 10th when family members attended Mass in their honour.

Oct. 14, 1983, E.F.P. - Happy anniversary to Mark and Jane Cloutier who celebrate 15 wonderful years on Oct. 12th. Now tell us Mark, did you celebrate by merrymaking or wine making?

Oct. 14, 1983, E.F.P. - Michael and Cheryl McFadden arrived on Sunday from San Francisco to spend the week with Cheryl's parents, George and Ella Mae Markham. You may have noticed the brightly coloured kites flying over Maidstone from the kites store of Cheryl and Mike. When they tell you to go fly a kite, they mean business.

Feb. 4, 1983, EFP: A kitchen fire at the home of Audrey Mullins forced her and her daughter Jane out of the house last Wednesday night. Damage was limited to the kitchen area but smoke filled the house sending them to the neighbors for awhile. Mrs. Hayes and granddaughter Debbie McCoy were glad to help out.

Dec. 3, 1983, The Windsor Star: Alvin and Jean Ellis of Pittsburg announce the engagement of their daughter Denny Ellis to Greg Brock, son of Joe and Marilyn Brock, of Stanton, Oregon on January 7th, 1984 in Pittsburg. Denny Ellis is a graduate of North Hills High School, former Pittsburg Pirate Ball Girl, 1977 Miss Pennsylvania, and 1st runner-up in Miss USA, former TV sports reporter and at present now modelling. Greg Brock is a graduate of Wyoming University and plays 1st Base for Los Angeles Dodgers. She is the Great granddaughter of the late Thomas and Margaret Little, of Maidstone, Granddaughter of the late Orville J. Ellis and Florence M. Ellis, now living in Florida.

## Gauthier on Job 25 Years

BP CANADA

Located on Hwy. 114

A.P. Gauthier, Distributor.



Congratulations to three Graduate Nurses of Hotel Dieu Hospital — Judith Bellaire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bellaire (Rita McGuire); Sharon McAuliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. McAuliffe (Muriel Bellaire) and Leditina Revenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Revenberg. The Graduation will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th, at Cleary Auditorium, Windsor.

Dr. Byron Patrick Rourke was guest speaker at the Hotel Dieu Nurses' Graduation at Cleary Auditorium in Windsor, on Sunday afternoon. Nurses from this vicinity received their diplomas and pins, were: Judith Bellaire, Leditina Revenberg, Maxine Quinlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Quinlan; Josephine Trimmer, daughter of Max Trimmer and the late Mrs. Trimmer, of Oldeastle, and Sharon McAuliffe, who received an award for Proficiency in Obstetric Nursing. Dr. Rourke is the son of Mr. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett P. McLean and Mrs. Marvin Rourke, of RR2, Maidstone, to James Michael Best, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Best of Gander, Newfoundland. Mrs. Kenneth McLean was matron of honor and Kenneth McLean was best man. Following a trip to Florida, the couple will reside in Windsor. NOV. 9, 1972 STAR

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES BEST

Twenty-five years of service by Bert Gauthier for BP Canada was recognized by the company gift of a gold watch. Bert, who is a Maidstone Township councillor as well as the winner of three Agent of the Year awards from BP, operates a bulk distributorship at Maidstone. Manager of Agencies Ron Collingbourne of Toronto office, Bert, District Manager S.W. Manley and District Supervisor Grant Roeszler, both of Chatham office, made the presentation.

When you work for one company for 25 years, you get a gold watch, according to tradition.

So three officials of BP Canada were here last week to do the honours for Bert Gauthier who operates the oil sales distribution centre at Maidstone.

It's not Bert's first award: it's the fourth. He was agent of the year for Ontario in 1978, '80, and '81. One of those times he was top in both Ontario and Quebec out of 160 dealers. Twice he won merit as the best district agent among 20. The award is given for sales volume, good administration and running a generally good

operation, according to Ron Collingbourne, manager of agencies, Toronto.

Bert's answer to the query on how he wins top spot was, "One word: Service". Then he added, "service is our most important product."

Bert started as an agent in 1958 with Supertest which became part of BP Canada in 1972. Later he became the bulk oil distributor at Maidstone.

It's a family business with his son Paul and son-in-law Camiel as drivers, and daughter Geraldine as office receptionist.

"He's doing an excellent job for us and we hope he will continue for many years."

# Maidstone Honours Past and Present Residents

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1984.



A hundred years of living was celebrated at the Maidstone Township Bicentennial for Joseph Ouellette (front row left). The centennarian's birthday coincided with the township's bicentennial day and Reeve George Kennedy (standing left) made a special presentation to Mr. Ouellette, as did Dick Ruston, M.P.P., on behalf of the province. Joe's

age was rivalled by his sister Zoe Ouellette, 99, seated at his left. Others in the picture who were honoured township residents of 80 or over are: Front - Victoria Maitre, Beatrice Stowe. Back row: Marg Reeb, Ella Marten, Harvey Hicks, Gordon Clickner, Fred Totten, Elmer Stowe, Leonard Price and Emma Belaire.

Beatrice Stowe once lived in Sandwich South in the Maidstone area and attended school here.

## THE MAIDSTONE SHAMROCKS GIRLS TEAM — 1947

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Top Row: Rosemary Shanahan, Ella Mae Quinlan; Third Row: Barb Miehl, Jean Markham, Maxine Hayes, Vernico Mullins; Second Row: Pat Quinlan, Pat Mullins, Helen Quinlan, Agnes Mullins; First Row: Marg Quinlan and Manager Harold

Hayes. Not shown Coach Tommy Shanahan, and Umpire Ray Eyraud (very poor, only allowed us one hit, but a lot of outs). Also a day to remember the fighting Irish?

### KATT-

Oct. 12, 1984, E.F.P. - James and Alice (nee Garrod) announce the arrival of their first son, Aaron James Thomas, weighing 5 lbs. 10 ozs. October 7th at Grace Hospital, Windsor, a brother for Jennifer and Sarah. Proud grandparents are Ed Katt of Windsor and Grant & Rosemary Garrod of Maidstone. Great great grandfather Thomas Shanahan of Maidstone Township.

Nov. 16, 1984 EFP.- Paul Shanahan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Shanahan, will travel to Toronto on Saturday, Nov. 16th to attend a luncheon with the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Dennis Trimbrell in order to receive an award for his first prize winning Christmas card design for 1984. Paul had also won first prize at the recent Maidstone Bicentennial with his original oil painting depicting pioneer life in Ontario. On Nov. 23rd Paul will be attending the 4-H Awards Night in Harrow where he will receive yet another award for his first prize poster promoting the 4-H organization. We wish him success in his chosen vocation,

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

July 5, 1985 E.F.P.- Edna Stowe, of Windsor, attended Essex High School from 1908 to 1911 and found a picture of herself among the memorabilia in the Decade Room from 1885 to 1925 during the Essex High School Centennial reunion last week. She worked for the ministry of transportation in Ottawa in the marine department where she was administrator of Canadian harbours and wharfs. There was a picture of Miss Stowe featured in the Essex Free Press of July 5th, 1985. Miss Stowe lived here in Sandwich South Township with her family for some years. The success of the Essex High School Centennial reunion that attracted more than 1700 is the result of a "massive effort", according to chairman Morrey Windlay, a former vice-principal of the school. Many who attended have since become V.I.P's., both Industrial and Professionally, and came from all parts of the U.S.A. and Canada.

July 12, 1985, E.F.P.- St. Mary's parish wishes the Shanahan family, Leo, Dolores, Paul, Allan, Patrick, Brian and Elizabeth, all the best in their new home. They have served their parish and school well, as altar boys, readers and volunteering time to share their talents with many, and thanks them. They have moved to LaSalle. - July 12th: Summertime seems to bring out the best in bowlers as Dale Collins rolled 601 for three games as a member of the Irish Connection team on Monday night.

July 16th, 1985, - HERGOTT: Mike and Eva welcome with love the arrival of their second son Kent Andrew, a playmate for Kyle. Born July 16th, 1985 at Met. Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 15 ozs. Proud grandparents are Bob and Yvonne Hergott, Letty Natter and Don Ferguson.

July 19th, 1985, E.F.P.- The Essex County Plowmen's Association will hold their annual Plowing Match on Saturday, Aug. 24th, on County Road 8 just west of Essex and is farmed by Harry O'Brien of Bonnie Lea Acres. It is one of the largest local matches in Ontario. Details of classes and exhibits space may be obtained from President Max Smith, Essex or Secretary, Lawrence Cosgrove, Woodslee. Harry O'Brien was born and grew up in Sandwich South Township on Walker Road, Oldcastle and is the only son of Leslie and Lottie (Reyner) O'Brien.

July 25, 1985 - LEMMON: Ron and Laurie are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Adam William, born July 25th, 1985 at 12.27 a.m. at Met. Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Big sister Erin anxiously awaits her brother's homecoming. Fifth grandchild for both Joan and Gino Chiesa and Bob and Arlene Lemmon. Bob grew up in the Oldcastle area, raised by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Esping.

July 12, 1985, E. F. P. - On June 25th, 1985, Mr. Carl Brockman became a member of the Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan. In 1937 he moved to the Essex area and transferred to the McGreggor, Ont., Council. When Essex Council #3305 was formed in 1950 he became a member and has been in this Council ever since. He has now become a 50-year member and shown in the picture, we have Grand Knight Tom Robson, Brother Carl Brockman, Financial Secretary Jack McAuliffe, Essex presenting Carl with his Life-Time - 50 Year Membership Pin. Jack McAuliffe lived with his family here in Maidstone most of his life and was a Sandwich South Councillor for many years.

During the recent summer festival in Essex, Maidstone residents came up with some prize winners Ed Flood and Tim Hebert placed second in the wine-making contest with a red wine in the Chateau Dadeau tradition. Ed not only had prize-winning wine but a prize-winning baby. Nathan Flood, son of Ed and Laurie (Esping) Flood placed second in the baby contest. Congratulations.

Aug. 2nd., 1985 - The community was saddened to learn of the death of Blake Tofflerire on Sunday, July 28th. We extend sympathy to his wife Oina and family. Oina was employed in the Maidstone Post Office for some years. - Aug. 2nd., - Another recent visitor to Maidstone, Debbie O'Connor of Dublin, Ireland, has returned to New York after visiting with Michael and Margaret Cassar and family. From New York, Debbie will return home to Dublin. Aug. 2nd., - Rosemary and John Hebert have returned from Nipigon where they spent some time with their daughter Carole Ann and family. Grandchildren, Leslie and Jeffrey, were pleased to reciprocate with a vacation in Maidstone for a time. Michael Hebert, son of Hugh and Iuanne (Lacroix) has returned home from the hospital and is greatly improved.

Apr. 19, 1985 - Maidstone has some new TV Stars in the persons of John Hebert, who spoke about various exercise programs for heart patients and Ted Beneteau, who was recently interviewed concerning the health risks to Valenite workers in Windsor. - Apr. 19, 1985, EFP. - The St. Mary's kindergarten classes would like to thank Norman Jobin for allowing them to visit his dairy farm and for his patience during their visit on Tuesday, April 16th.

DEATHS: Aug. 8th, 1985 - Alvin Leonard O'Keefe died Aug. 8th, at Met. Hospital, age 56 yrs. Dearly beloved husband of Rose Alma (Barrette). Dear son of Mrs. Marie Parent of Royal Oak, Mich., and the late Clarence O'Keefe (1945) of Maidstone. Loving father of Charles O'Keefe, Maidstone, Mrs. Stefan Kolasa (Elaine) Windsor; Duane O'Keefe, Tecumseh; and the late Emile (1975); brother of Mrs. Gordon Ferris (Lillian) of Maidstone, Mrs. Jack Bunker (Margaret Ann), Farmington Hills, Mich. One grandson, Stanley Kolasa. Burial Monday, Aug. 12th., from Marcotte Funeral Home, Tecumseh Rd., Tecumseh. Interment Victoria Memorial Cemetery. Mrs. O'Keefe worked at Hawker-Sidley Mfg. Co. (Canadian Bridge) for 33 years.

Aug. 9th, 1985: Another Maidstone resident of pioneer forebears in the person of Sylvester, Jr. McGuire, age 59 years. Beloved husband of Marjorie (Dumouchelle) of Sandwich South Twp. Born on North Rear Rd., Maidstone Twp. son of the late Sylvester McGuire, Sr. and Jane (McCann) McGuire. Five children survive, all of Maidstone, and 12 grandchildren. Four brothers survive and three sisters. Funeral Monday, Aug. 12th from the Windsor Chapel Funeral Home, Tecumseh Rd. Windsor to St. Mary's Church in Maidstone for funeral mass at 11 a.m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Maidstone. Mr. McGuire was a member of the Usher's Club and Third Degree K. of C. Holy Name Council #3305, Essex.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS (CONT.)

Aug. 9, 1985 - Congratulations to Les and Marge Tyer, new residents of Maidstone on the opening of their shop in Essex, specializing in artictic classic glass designs. The shop is in Essex across from ARC Industries. The Tyer's reside at Maidstone on No. 114 Hwy.

Aug. 30, 1985 - Holly Nikita, daughter of John and Bonnie (McKenzie) and two other young cancer victims and their mothers have returned from Florida after enjoying a week at Disneyworld, expense free. Holly's brother Brett was also allowed to go. This trip was made possible by a group of big-hearted men from Comber who raised the funds and organized the trip with thanks to all the golfers who played in the Countryside Open, where \$5,000 was raised. Many generous contributions were received from organizations and individuals as well. Over a period of seven years, 12 young victims of cystic fibrosis and cancer have enjoyed similar dream vacations. Both the Nikita and McKenzie families are residents of Maidstone.

Sept. 20, 1985 - Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Young, of Maidstone, will celebrate thier 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 29th, with an Open House to be held in the Bethel-Maidstone Church Hall, from 2.30 to 5.00 p.m. They were married October 1st., 1960 and have two sons.

Oct. 11, 1985, E.F.P. - Best wishes to Jack and Kay McAuliffe on their 17th wedding anniversary. They were pleasantly surprised by their children and friends with a party at the home of daughter Sharon and her husband Jim Brown, on Sat., Oct. 5th.

DAN MAHON-

Oct. 22, 1985, STAR - Picture appeared in the Windsor Star under Central Chrysler Hockey Card: Position: Left Wing; Birthdate, May 7th., 1965; Birthplace: Maidstone, Ont.,; Hometown, Maidstone, Ont.,; Personal Statistics - 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 210 pounds; 1984-85 Season: Windsor Compuware Spitfires; Games Played: -63; Goals - 21; assists - 28; Points, 49; Penalty Minutes - 97; Notes: Free Agent.

Nov. 22, 1985 - Bernadette McLean Passes; Bernadette (nee Halford), 88 years, of Villa Maria, formerly of Maidstone, passed away Nov. 13th at I.O.D.E. Hospital. Mrs. McLean was a member of the St. Mary's Altar Society and the former Women's Catholic League, also a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Blue Bell Lodge. Mrs. McLean was a longtime MAIDSTONE CROSS correspondent with the Essex Free Press. Dear wife of the late Daniel J. (1957); Dear mother of John J., East Detroit; Mrs. Leonard J. McCarthy (Clare); Mrs. Donald Arpin (Christine) of Windsor; Daniel L. of Toronto; Gerald O., Burlington. Loving grandmother of 17 grandchildren. Dear sister of Mrs. Arthur McPharlin (Agnes) of Detroit; Mrs. James Quinlan (Pauline) of Essex; Sister-in-law of Mary McLean, Roseville, Mich. Funeral services were held from the Marcotte Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church, Maidstone with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. She was the daughter of Ignatius and Christine Halford. Mr. Halford was postmaster at Maidstone Cross and operated a Country store as well.

Nov. 29, 1985, E.F.P. - The family of Raymond (Bud) and Edith Hahn would like to announce the celebration of their 40th anniversary on December 12, 1985. They were united in marriage at Maidstone United Church Parsonage on December 12th, 1945. They will celebrate with an Open House on Sat., December 7th at their home, 2481 Tourangeau Rd., Windsor, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Dec. 6, 1985, E.F.P. - Judy Tann of R. R. 1, Maidstone was the Nov. 15th Winner with her ticket drawn at Betty & Friends Hair Salon, through the Essex Merchants Christmas Draw for \$60.

Dec. 6, 1985, E.F.P. - Mr. & Mrs. George Keltika of Maidstone are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Mary, from Mount Royal College, as a Registered Nurse. She will be accepting a full time position in Calgary.

Dec. 17, 1985, The Voice of the Essex Farmer, Dresden: CRUISE WINNER: Frank Lafferty, of R. R. No. 3, Maidstone was the winner of a Caribbean Cruise for two, when he attended the John Deere '86 Farming Frontier's program, at Dresden Farm Equipment, Ltd., last Tuesday, Dec. 10th. About 400 people from throughout Southwestern Ontario attended the auction. The cruise draw was part of a sales program carried out at the local dealership since September. Lafferty, received his prize from Dresden Farm Equipment, Ltd. president Lloyd Northcott of Dresden.

Dec. 20th, 1985, E.F.P. - Bob Jackson, postmaster at Maidstone, wishes to thank Stanley Lucier, Janette Capot, Rani Sayed, Rodger Orzam and Shirley Gray, students at the Seventh Day Adventist School, for the lovely Christmas decorations they have painted on the post office windows. The pupils undertook this project as part of their Christmas community services. The results are cheerful and help inspire a Christmas spirit.

June. 22, 1985, Every summer over 100 4-H members from across Ontario gather for Provincial Leadership Camp in Orillia. This year the camp will be held June 22nd-28th, with sessions on social recreation, job searching and public speaking. This year's delegate from Essex County is Shelley Teskey, the daughter of Sharon and Ron Teskey, Maidstone who has completed more than 10 projects in 4-H. Shelley is also a very active participant in school and community programs.

Mar. 7, 1986, E.F.P. - Col. of "40 Yrs. Ago", 1946; Wray Reynolds of Leamington purchased the house Charles Sexton had for sale.

Mar. 14, 1986, E.F.P. - For those who want more reason to celebrate, the Irish Canadian Culture Club of Windsor invites all the "Maidstone Irish" and any others to an evening at the Windsor Public Library in the Downstairs Auditorium at 7 p.m. There will be displays of Irish crafts, music and poetry presentations as well. Refreshments of Irish breads and tea will be served. All are welcome. Free admission. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

By Chris Zede  
Starstaff writer

They've had the vote for 62 years, but for the most part women and politics have remained strange bedfellows.

The '70s, of course, brought them closer together with more women becoming politically active — 195 female candidates in the last federal election up from 72 in the 1972 campaign — but only 10 had found a seat in the House of Commons by the end of the decade.

About the same number of women that ran in the May election is seeking election this time around — a surprisingly low number at a time when women are rapidly advancing in other areas. But don't blame sexual discrimination for the shortage.

Political party spokesmen say the problem is that women are reluctant to run.

They don't want to risk their careers or short-change their children, or face the problems of dislocation if they're elected.

But what about the growing number of women who do?

What motivates them? What problems must they overcome? What are the chances of them being elected?

The Windsor Star approached the four area women running in the Feb. 18 federal election for the answers and found that their politics might be different, but many of their problems are the same.

We also talked with freelance broadcaster and former alderman Elizabeth Kishkon to see if things had changed since her entry into politics 10 years ago. And we found the times have definitely changed for the female politician.

This is what they had to say:

**KATHY FLOOD**, the Conservative candidate in Essex-Windsor riding is making her second run against Liberal incumbent Eugene Whelan.

She admits she's in for a tough race — she's something of a David to Whelan's Goliath — but she's confident she'll make a better showing than her poor third place finish last May. And she says she feels this way despite the fact she's not always taken as seriously as male candidates. Especially by women.

"For one thing, I'm better

Mrs. Flood was a pioneer of Maidstone her husband operating the elevator there for many years and now is operated by her sons in 1986. All the family still live nearby. Mrs. Flood lived on North Talbot Road at Oldcastle the last several years of her life.

FEB. 1, 1980

known than I was," says Ms. Flood. For another, she's got a better knowledge of the political ropes.

But the married mother of five says her decision to run was not made without some sacrifices.

She gave up selling real estate to concentrate all her energies on the campaign and she also gave up the amount of time she could spend with her family.

Ms. Flood admits she probably wouldn't have entered the race if husband Bob, who is a truck driver couldn't be home with the kids. This way she's free to campaign.



**KATHY FLOOD:**  
'I'm better known than I was'

Jan. 3, 1985, E.F.P. — Charles Sim celebrated his 65th birthday on Christmas Day.

Jan. 3, 1986, E.F.P. — The Maidstone Knights of Columbus are having a social evening for adult parishioners, on Dec. 28th, 1985, after the 7 p.m. mass. An evening of fun and cards will be held in the parish hall.

**Mrs. Ethel G. Flood Passes**

Ethel G. Flood (Secord), 96 years, passed away at Riverview Hospital Saturday, February 15. Late of Windsor and Maidstone.

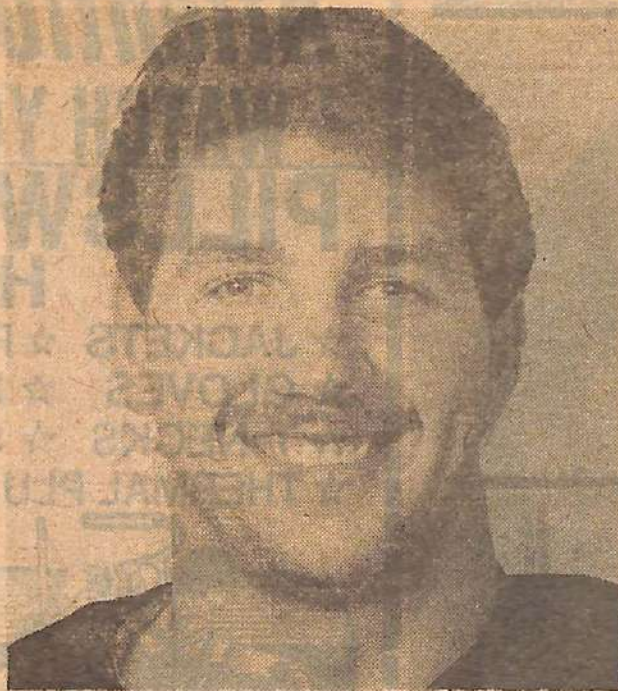
Wife of the late Ross Sr. (1970). Dear mother of Donald and his wife, Aileen, James and his wife, Ruth, of Maidstone, Ross and his wife, Hanna, Charles and his wife, Joan, of Essex, the late Margaret Sweet (1969). Grandmother of twenty five, forty five great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Flood was a life member of the Bethel Maidstone U.C.W. and a life member of Colchester Chapter of the O.E.S.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Stewart L. Kennedy Funeral Home to the Bethel Maidstone United Church. Mrs. Jane Haas officiating. Interment Greenlawn Memorial.

FEB. 21, 1986 STAR

**CENTRAL CHRYSLER HOCKEY CARD**



**DAN MAHON**  
Sweater Number 26

**POSITION:** Left Wing  
**BIRTHDATE:** May 7, 1965  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Maidstone, Ontario  
**HOMETOWN:** Maidstone, Ontario  
**SCHOOL:** Not Attending  
**PERSONAL STATISTICS:** 6'1½" — 210 pounds  
**1984-1985 SEASON:** Windsor Compuware Spitfires  
Games Played - 63; Goals - 21; Assists - 28; Points 49; Penalty Minutes - 97  
**NOTES:** Free Agent

**Bernadette McLean**

NOV. 22, 1985 Passes NOV. 22, 1985

Bernadette (nee Halford), Arpin (Christine) of Windsor; Daniel L. of Toronto; formerly of Maidstone, passing away Nov. 13 at I.O.D.E. Hospital. Loving grandmother of seventeen grandchildren and two

Mrs. McLean was a great grandchildren. Dear member of The St. Mary's Alter Society and Ladies Auxiliary of The Blue Bell Lodge. Mrs. McLean was a longtime Maidstone Cross correspondent with the Free Press.

Funeral services were held from The Marcotte Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church, Maidstone. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

Dear wife of the late Daniel J. (1957). Dear mother of John J., East Detroit; Mrs. Len J. McCarthy (Clare); Mrs. Donald

Dec., 1986 — Kirk Walsteadt became Reeve of Maidstone Township in the 1985 Municipal elections in Nov. 1985 by a margin of only 1 vote.



**KIRK WALSTEDT**, DEPUTY REEVE, Maidstone Township, RR 2 Maidstone, of Tourism Survey Report Committee. FEB. 26/85

**Congratulations**

**TOM SHANAHAN SR.**

ON THIS OCCASION OF YOUR  
**100th Birthday**

May you have many, many more!

**TOWNSHIP OF MAIDSTONE & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

May 10th, 1985, E.F.P. - Fourteen Beaver colonies of Essex County swam to Cubs and an introductory day was held at Maplewood School grounds Sunday. Akela Bernard Shuttleworth, of the Maidstone Cub Pack with the assistance of five keeo volunteers explained the purpose of Cubs to about 60 of the 100 who have completed Beavers. Helpers were Tyler DeLaurier and Matthew James of 2nd Leamington Pack; Jeff Weglarz and Derek Haaland of 3rd Essex and Ryan Dufour of 1st. McGregor. These boys act as junior counsellors on the leadership team. Picture filed in Bernard Shuttleworth family history,

June 14, 1985, E.F.P. - S. S. No. 5 Maidstone Public School 1959-60 in Old Time Corner:



Front Row: Bob Wilson, Murray Jenner, Sherry Harvey, Janis Rounding, Judy Moore, Karen Benoit, Ruth Greaves. Second Row: Gary Horne, Bill Hendricks, Bob Bryden, Fred Wigle, Janet Reed, Rose Mary Watts, Linda Iler. Third Row: Fred Totten, Doug Moyes, Bob Dawson, Bill Kochler, Herb Hendricks, Terry Roberts, Ann Tulett. Fourth Row: Jim

Mellanby, David Bartholomew, Christine Taylor, Toni Roberts (hidden), Linda Tapping, Betty Westlake, Marabelle Tapping, Ann Cowan, Judy Greaves, Sue Benoit. Top Tow: Lynn McLean, Hope Enns, David Dawson, Bill Jenner, Darwin Rounding, Sandra Mostaway, Beverly Cooper, Jill McLean, Lynn Moyes.

JUNE 28, 1985, EFP. - The Farough's were winners at Maplewood School Graduation in Essex. when Pauline Farough won the award for family studies and Krista Farough was top female athlete.

July 3rd., 1985, Windsor Star: VACATION END IN TRAGEDY RAN THE HEADLINES - A Maidstone family's vacation ended in tragedy when two young sisters drowned in a northern Ontario lake Sunday. Denise Miron, 12, and her sister Danielle, 6, were pronounced dead on arrival at Sudbury General Hospital after they were found floating in Nepewassi Lake south of Sudbury. Richard Miron, 35, said his daughters had planned to pick blueberries near their uncle's cottage when the late afternoon mishap occurred. The drowning happened so quick and it is not clear if the girls intended to enter the water or fell in, Miron said Tuesday night from Sudbury. He said he'd seen the girls in the water with an air mattress earlier in the day and warned them not to enter the lake alone again because neither could swim well.

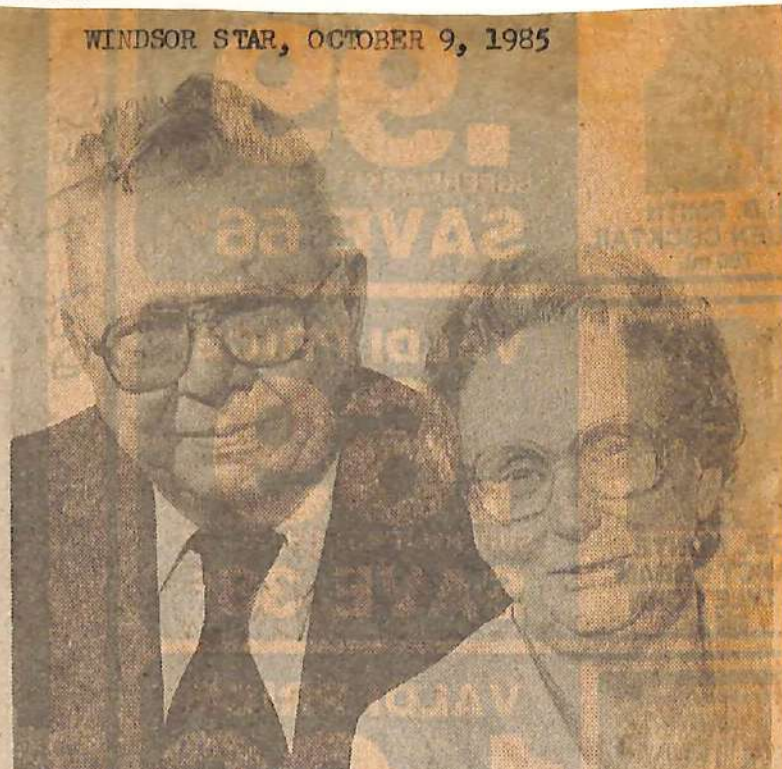
Miron said neighboring cottagers last saw the girls carrying an air mattress along with their blueberry baskets. An uncle discovered them floating just below the surface in about three metres (10 ft.) of water near the rocky shoreline, a Sudbury OPP spokesman said. Efforts to revive the girls failed. Autopsy results were not yet available, the spokesman said, but drowning is presumed to be the cause of death.

The girls are to be buried in Sudbury following a funeral there at 4 p.m. today. Their deaths shocked the hamlet of Maidstone, where word of the tragedy spread quickly. Blais, a son of the parents, said Maurice Miron who travelled to Sudbury to join his family, learned the tragedy when an aunt phoned on Sunday. He got (a call) alright, one he didn't expect", Blais said. Blais described the girls as active outgoing children. "Everone in the neighborhood knew them". His wife Suzanne said the children have been visiting their uncle's Sudbury cottage for a number of years and the rocky terrain and lake were not new to them. "You're relaxed now that the kids are older", she said. "When they're younger you'd guard them like a hawk."

Danielle had graduated from kindergarten last week and was to enter the first grade at St. Ursula School in McGregor next fall. Denise was a sixth grade pupil at the school. Miron a Ford Motor Co. employee said the family has lived in the Sandwich South Twp. home on Malden Rd., since 1975. He and wife JoAnne, 35, are both native of Sudbury and planned to stay until the end of the month. They are survived by parents Richard & JoAnne, brothers Maurice, 16, Michael, 15, and sister Rachel, 14.

Oct. 9, 1985, Windsor Star: The Robinson family farmed on the 10th Concession, R.R.3, Maidstone in Sandwich South Township for several years, raising a large family of 9 children.

**Oct. 10, 1985 - ESSEX FREE PRESS**  
**Celebrates**  
**Golden Anniversary**



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** — Russell and Rosemary Robinson of Windsor will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 13 with a noon mass at St. Christopher's Catholic Church. An open house from 1 to 4 p.m. will follow for friends and family at the home of their son, RR 3, Maistone, 10th concession, Essex Rd. 17. Married Oct. 12, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson had nine children (three deceased), and have 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Best wishes only.

Nelson and Ethel Bloomfield will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 18th, 1985. They were married in Windsor in 1935 in Central United Church. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. They are holding open house at the Maidstone Church Hall, (United) Highway 3 from 4-6 P.M. Best wishes only please.

THE ESSEX FARMER, DECEMBER, 1985



Feb. 1, 1986- Mrs. Irene May Mullins (Reeve) lived here in Maidstone on Hwy. #114 for over 30 years with her husband Thomas who is a retired Ford Motor employee. They raised a family of seven children, all talented in one way or another, mostly musically. Mr. Mullin was a trustee of the R. C. Separate School Board of Sandwich South. The family were devout Roman Catholic and members of St. Mary's R.C. Church in the hamlet. After his retirement they moved to London in Nov., 1978 and later to Walkerton, Ont. She was well known in London musical circles.

**STAR-FEB. 1/86**  
**MULLIN**—Irene, of 401 Cayley St., Walkerton, Ont. The family circle is broken And nothing seems the same But as God calls us one by one The chain will link again. Born in Reading, England, died on Wed. Jan. 22, 1986 at County of Bruce General Hospital, Walkerton, Ont. Dear wife of Thomas, loving mother of Marie, Miriam, Donald, Patrick, Mauri, Ronald, Michael. Dear sister of Rev. R.W. Reeves, Windsor. Cherished grandmother of Chris, Carol, Joey, Tom, Marshall and Lucy. Predeceased by her parents George and Ethel Reeves, London, Ontario. Funeral was held on Sat., Sacred Heart Church, Walkerton. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society gratefully acknowledged as expressions of sympathy. The family at this time wishes to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, gifts, etc. to Mrs. Mullin during her illness. She loved them all. Mrs. Mullin was well known in London and locally as a singer having recently recorded an album of hymns and will be always remembered for her kindnesses, especially her dedication to music.

**CRUISE WINNER** -- Frank Lafferty of R.R.3, Maidstone was the winner of a Caribbean cruise for two, when he attended the John Deere '86 Farming Frontiers program at Dresden Farm Equipment Ltd. in Dresden last Tuesday, December 10th. About 400 people from throughout Southwestern On-

tario attended the function. The cruise draw was part of a sales program carried out at the local dealership since September. Lafferty, right, received his prize from Dresden Farm Equipment Ltd. president Lloyd Northcott of Dresden.

(Staff Photo - G. Hardy)

Mar. 27, 1986, Star: Pictured was Tom Shanahan and a feature story by Jim Cornett: 100 years down on the farm - Tom Shanahan was stoic and realistic when he replied to the expected question of how he felt about his 100th birthday on Good Friday. "It's not going to change anything. It's too late now," said the popular patriarch of the Shanahan Clan of Maidstone Township. He had hoped he would spend the day on the farm on Con. 7, North Middle Road, where he has lived all his life. But the father of 15 children has been in Windsor Western Hospital Centre for three weeks recuperating from a bad cold. "If it wasn't for this cold, it would be wonderful," he sniffed. Regarding the party his nine surviving children and others planned for him at Pine Grove Farms, owned by grandson Tim Shanahan, he declared "As soon as I get out of here, we'll try it again. I'm not going to let a little thing like this stop me." In the interval, the family had a Mass for him on Palm Sunday, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Maidstone, his home church. His determination to get going again is typical of the hardy life he led on his farm, where he drove a tractor until he was over 85. He once compared farming in the past to farming today, "It was all work. There was no play. Now, they're playing football or hockey. There's nobody working at all." Shanahan drank "very little" liquor and couldn't recall smoking more than half a dozen packages of cigarettes in his lifetime. He brightened at hearing that Paul Martin had been concerned about him being in the hospital. It was Shanahan's late wife, Alice, who nominated Martin the first time he sought the Liberal nomination in Essex East (now Windsor-Walkerville) in 1935 and nominated him each election time during his 33 years as an MP. "My wife ran some of his campaigns and worked hard to get him elected every time, and he never forgot," Shanahan said of Martin. "He said he's coming to see me when he gets back home. And I know he will." The Shanahan home was the last stop for the Martin motorcades which wended their way through the riding in celebration of victory at the polls. Shanahan is anxious to see Halley's Comet as he did in 1910 - "It almost hit the ground the last time" - but he still has no desire to have his first airplane trip. The only trip he wants is by car to his home. And the sooner the better." Mr. & Mrs. Shanahan have always been in the hearts of our Township of Sandwich South as so many of their family has shifted to this area and besides both were rural mail couriers on R. R. No 1 Route out of Maidstone Post Office, which is in Sandwich South for over 25 years and are well known and admired by all.

**Happy Birthday  
DAD**



**Thomas Shanahan  
March 28th, 1986  
100th**

**Rosemary, Oscar  
& Families**

**MARCH 14, 1986. E.F.P.**



**BILL BELLAIRE**  
R.I.B. (ONT.)

*Brown-Barnett Insurance Brokers Ltd., are pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Bellaire to their sales staff.*

*Born and raised in Maidstone and now a resident in Essex, he is a graduate of E.D.H.S. and has been involved in Minor Hockey and Baseball as a player, and currently as coach.*

*Bill is married with two children. His wife Vicki is well known throughout the county in the art of figure skating.*

*Bill invites his friends and acquaintances to contact him anytime regarding Auto, Home, Farm, Life and Commercial insurance requirements.*

**Residence — 776-4045**

Mar. 21, 1986, E.F.P. - The Mass at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Maidstone on Sat. evening, March 15th was dedicated to Frank McCloskey who turned 80 years old recently. Frank has been a good and faithful servant of the church as well as the "candy" man to several generations of children.

Mar. 28, 1986, E.F.P.- Best wishes to Bob Jackson who will be retiring as postmaster of Maidstone soon. Everyone is invited to stop in at the post office on Tues., Apr. 1st to help wish Bob well. Refreshments will be served. Welcome home to Bob and Yvonne Hergott who returned from Europe recently. The trip was certainly beneficial to Bob's bowling arm as he proved Monday evening at the Ridge. His triple series was well over 600 as he led his team to victory over the Overland Express.

Apr. 11, 1986, E.F.P.- Congratulations to Stan and Rosemary Paschin who celebrate their 36th Wedding Anniversary at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 13, 1986. They live at R.R.3, Maidstone.

The Teskey family, Sharon and Roger, who reside on Hwy. #114 at R. R. No. 2, Maidstone and their children Shelley, Melissa and Todd are all Horticulture enthusiasts. Dated June 3, 1986- The Voice of Essex Farmer: The first meeting of the Colchester No. 1 Seed to Shelf Club was held at Sharon Teskey's home recently. After all the members had arrived the leaders (Sharon and Bonnie Teskey) called them together to elect the Club Executive. They are as follows: President, Pauline Farough; Vice-Pres.- Shelley Teskey; Secretary, Melissa Teskey; Treasurer, Jo-Anne Chapman; Press Reporter, Julie Welacky and County Council Representatives, Jo-Anne Chapman and Pauline Farough. The other member is Christie Camphorst. They discussed the section for meeting one in the project booth, then they walked to Sharon's greenhouse where she and Bonnie had seedlings to show them. - Essex Free Press, June 20, 1986: Todd Teskey is pictured with the judge and first winner of the Essex Flower Show sponsored by Essex District Horticulture Society, when he was the Junior Division winner. Also in the same edition Melanie Teskey was shown with her miniature rose beside the Queen of the Show comparing their perfume. It was a perfect rose but size prevailed and the tiny one was a runner-up. Dawn Parr of McGregor grew and exhibited the Show Queen. Shelley Teskey was featured in the Voice of the Essex Farmer on July 15th, 1986 for her 4-H work and Melissa Teskey was chosen to attend a Regional Conference, Aug. 5-7 at Ridgeway College.



**SHELLEY TESKEY, DAUGHTER OF  
SHARON & ROGER TESKEY, R.R. 2  
MAIDSTONE**



APRIL 18, 1986, E.F.P.

Maidstone Postmaster Robert Jackson retires at the end of April after serving since November 1977. John

Reinhart, field service manager, London, was on hand when Essex Postmaster Robert Emmons presented him with a long service medallion on which his name is inscribed. Karen Dowdy (left) will be acting postmaster until sometime in June when an appointment will be made. Mr. Jackson receives the medallion from Essex Postmaster Robert Emmons as the field service manager observes. Mr. Jackson, who will live in St. Thomas, resigns as the Maidstone Post Office completes 135 years of service.

# Royal winner Essex teenager is a

THE ESSEX FARMER, DECEMBER 8, 1981

By Micki McDougall



**GRAND CHAMPION --** Debbie Nostadt of R.R. 1, Maidstone in Essex County received Queen's Guineas (\$250) from Ontario Agriculture Minister, Hon. Lorne Henderson. The

1,220 pound Limousin-Angus Crossbred steer was judged the best of 252 steers entered by 4-H club members from 24 counties throughout the province.

The 1,220 pound Limousin-Angus crossbred steer, entered by Debbie Nostadt, a 17-year old teenager from Maidstone, was the Grand Champion in the Queen's Guineas contest at this year's Royal Winter Fair.

Debbie's steer was judged the best of 252 steers entered by 4-H club members from 24 counties throughout the province. Debbie is a member of the Essex County 4-H Beef Club and the only County representative from Essex at the prestigious Queen's Guineas competition.

Ontario Agriculture Minister, Hon. Lorne Henderson presented the Queen's Guineas, in the amount of \$250 to Debbie, who said "I'm in shock, I can hardly believe it." The judge for the popular youth event was Fred Noad, of Alix, Alberta.

This was the second year for Debbie at the Queen's Guineas and the first time ever for Essex County to take the coveted prize, which is regarded as the ultimate for a 4-H Beef Club member. Debbie is a high school graduate and plans to attend the Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology next year.

In addition to winning the Queen's Guineas, the steer also placed first in the Limousin-Cross class, beating out 94 other entries.

Reserve Champion in the Limousin-Cross class went to Elaine Pym, of R.R.1 Centralia in Huron County.

ESSEX FREE PRESS  
JUNE Graduates 11/76



Donna Merryfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Merryfield, Maidstone, Ont., graduated from Centralia College of Agricultural Technology, Huron Park, Ont. Diploma in Community Home Economics.

TESKEY - CONT. - Melissa won the right to attend for her work in 4-H achievements. Dated Sept. 20, 1986, Windsor Star: Todd Teskey of Maidstone won first in the Star's Civic Beautification Award winners, in the Junior Garden Division.

July 25, 1986, E.F.P - A balloon released July 19th in Salt Lake City, Utah, landed near Essex the next day.

Laura Gignac was with the family in the yard when she saw it drop into a group of trees. When she brought it down she could see there was something inside. The message read, "This balloon was in the children's parade in Salt Lake City on July 19th, 1986. Please write me and let me know where my balloon landed."

The name is of 13 year old Stephen Rust of Bountiful, Utah. Since Laura, 8, is also a school student she is excited about writing the letter and learning more about the balloon project.

By Hammond's Atlas, if the balloon were wafted in a direct line it travelled (1500 miles) 2300 km. That is about 50 mph if we presume the parade was held around noon. It landed on the Paul Gignac farm, R. R. 1, Maidstone, around 8.30 p.m. Sunday - about 30 to 32 hours.

Aug. 22, 1986, E.F.P. - Michael and Margaret Cassar and family said goodbye to their nephew, Kieran Nolan, who spent the last three weeks visiting Canada from Durras, County Cork, Ireland. He enjoyed the sights and visits with relatives here and in Cleveland, Ohio, as well.

July, 1986, E.F.P. - 30 Years Ago Col: July, 1956 - Word was received of the death of Capt. Thomas Webster, oldest son of Thomas Webster and Sabrina Little, former residents of #3 Hwy., Maidstone Cross.

The Maidstone Knights of Columbus sponsored a family baseball tournament last Fri. and Sat. The teams participating included the Mullins, Belleau, O'Neil, Deehan, Croft, Byrne, Farough and Clarkson families. After many fun-filled games, the Mullins' team ended up in first place, the Deehan team took second and the Croft family placed third. All those who participated had a good time along with some healthy exercise. Following the tournament Emmett McGuire hosted a corn and hotdog roast at his home.

Aug. 22, 1986 E.F.P.  
R.R. #3

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

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Sept. 5, 1986 - Under Sept. 1946, 40 yrs. ago Col. of Essex Free Press: Orville Bellaire was building a new home on his lot next to Robt. Kettels. Also: R.C. Flood, Jr. had his basement and foundation in for his new home next to his parents on #3 Hwy. Also see clipping below on school openings in Maidstone Twp. 40 yrs. ago and the teachers for those schools.

Sept. 5, 1986: Even though Tom Shanahan is 100 yrs. old, he still continues to play cards well. Tom & his daughter Rose-Mary Garrod skunked Oscar Garrod and Jim Shanahan Sat. night.

Sept. 5, 1986- Harrow Fair awards won from Maidstone residents: Shirley Wilson showed the best and had the best nasturtiums, Christmas Centrepiece and display of doll clothes, potatoes and related products.

Melanie and Shelley Teskey won with vegetables as did Pauline Farough.

Aug. 22nd., 1986 - The Parish of St. Mary's recently heard from Fr. Tim Kavanagh of Guam expressing thanks for the celebration 40th Anniv.

## MAIDSTONE CROSS 1986

Last Tues. many people found themselves in a fog the first day of school. Here's hoping that the next few months help clear things up.

This week university students begin their studies in most schools. Good luck to Cara Collins as she begins her term at Brescia College, University of Western Ont., London.

Your prayers and get well wishes are asked for George Markham who has been in hospital this past week facing possible surgery.

On Sun., Sept. 7, St. Mary's Choir travelled to St. Joachim for the 9 a.m. mass. The choir was invited by Fr. Bastien, former pastor at St. Mary's.

## Gertrude Hammer

Passes E.F.P.

Gertrude Hammer (nee Renaud), 81 years, passed away Aug. 5, 1986, at the Essex Nursing Home.

Beloved wife of the late Harry (1960). Dear mother of Harold, Windsor; Raymond, Woodslee; Norman, St. Thomas; Gordon, Belle River; Bernice Sim, Maidstone; Kathleen Long, Rodney and the late Agnes Allard (1983).

Sixteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren also survive. Sister of Frank Renaud, Maidstone; Antoinette Swinton, Tecumseh; Eveline Lawhead, Maidstone and the late John Patrick, Alex, Elmer, Wilfred and Margaret. Niece of Irene Casey, Detroit.

Funeral service held from the Melady Funeral Home, Belle River. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Maidstone. Aug. 15, 1986

Sept. 3 marked the opening of school in Maidstone public school area with the following teachers: S.S. #4 (Malden Road) Mrs. Percy Pitch; S.S. #6 (Renaud Line) Miss Jean Roberts; S.S. #5 (Talbot Road) Mrs. Earl Cleveland; S.S. #8 and 3, Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie; S.S. #9 (Puce Road) Mrs. Edith Metcalf; S.S. #10 (8th Concession) Mrs. Thomas Barry; S.S. #11 (Naylor Sideroad) Miss Edith Clark; S.S. #19 (Elmstead) Mrs. Viola MacMillan. During the summer vacation, hydro has been installed in numbers 4 and 9, also inside toilets. The interiors of S.S. numbers 4, 8, 9 and 10 were redecorated.

Happy birthday to David Duronio on Aug. 20. David, his brother Steven and father, Pat, enjoyed a trip to Toronto's Wonderland with David's godfather to celebrate this special occasion.

Just a reminder, please call in your special occasions especially birthdays. P.S. I lost my school list! Aug. 2, 1986

## Mission donations. S.S. #5 MAIDSTONE

The Essex Free Press, August 8, 1986, OLD TIME CORNER. Some of these pupils married and moved to Sandwich South, especially to the Maidstone area.



Left to right: Unknown, Pat Howe, Shirley Welsh, Johnny Kokovai, Ken Scott, Margaret Howard, Donna Levi, Clayton Moore, Kenneth Whitney, Ruth Harvey, Unknown, Unknown, Miss Alice Mennill, Laura Howe, Laura Sherwood, George Simpkins, Roy Wright, Dale Henriks, Unknown, Charles Harvey, Phyllis Little, Frances Gaston, Annie Harvey, Ruth

Purvis, Mabel Cousins, Gordon Howard, Roy Addison, Bob Howe, Florence Harvey, Gordon Wright, Mary Purvis, Charlotte Koehler, Irwin Koehler, Jack Levi, Lois Knight, Don Davison, Eleanor Moore, Ruth Madams, Charlotte Wilson, Gerald Cousins.

DECEMBER 19, 1986

Christmas greetings from across the Pacific from Fr. Tim Kavanagh in Guam. He sends love and blessings during this Christmas season to all the folks in Maidstone.

## MAIDSTONE AUG. CROSS 29/86

Welcome home to all the weary travellers who have recently returned from vacations. Among the most weary must be the 24 members of the three day, 100 mile bike tour of Manitoulin Island. Perry and Joann Burford and family, Marc and Jane Cloutier and family, George and Kay Burford, Max and Liz Perritt and family, formerly of Oldcastle, Mike and Mary (Burford) Power of Toronto and Rick and Donna Wellwood and family travelled by car to Tobermory where they caught the ferry and spent a healthy three days pedalling around Manitoulin Island. As they progressed they soon sorted out the turtles from the jetsetters and broke into smaller groups for easier travelling. Is that a for sale sign on your bike Jane?

## Essex Retirees Social Club

We were pleased to have the Fun Band from the Church of Ascension with us on Pot Luck Day. We enjoyed the entertainment.

Our bridge group meets at 7:30 p.m. every other Thursday evening. Next bridge night is Jan. 22.

A new group of student nurses will be with us starting Jan. 29.

Thanks to all those who submitted entries for our Logo Contest. Among those participating were students from Malden Central Public School, Evelyn Couch, Jim Frith, Elsie Kasburg, Thad Labaj and Hy Lampert. We appreciate the time and effort that went into each design. The Logo selection committee made up of three of our members, Cy Beaudette, Mildred Eldridge, Barb Stockwell, chose the winning logo which was designed by Evelyn Couch. She will receive the \$200 prize money. Congratulations Eve-

**COTE**-Elizabeth Mary (nee Quinlan), Jan. 29, 1987 at Metropolitan Hospital, age 87 years. Beloved wife of the late Roland (1954). Dear sister of James and sister-in-law Pauline, and Wilbert, all of Essex, Delmont and sister-in-law Marion of Windsor and the late Kathleen Mitchell, Eugene, Everett, and Mrs. Gertrude Rouillier. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Resting at the Windsor Chapel Funeral Home, 1700 Tecumseh Rd. E. Funeral service Saturday Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. then to St. John Vianney Church for funeral mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Simon and St. Jude Cemetery, Belle River. Prayers Friday at 8 p.m. PLEASE NOTE VISITING AFTER 3 P.M. FRIDAY.

# Over 100 logos submitted for Essex Farm Safety Association

The Essex County Farm Safety Association (ECFSA) sparked the imaginations of area youth with their recent logo competition. Over 100

logos were submitted, all of them winners, but of course only a few could receive top honors.

Collecting the first prize for

the 12-and-over category was 14-year-old Brian Gignac of Woodslee with his "Inspector Focus" (safety rooster) entry. Second prize went to Mar Jessop, also 14, with an animal cartoon character, "Harvey C. Field". Jeff Reid, 12, of RR 5, Leamington, took third place with his "Louis the Safety Lookout," a flying bird.

In the 11-and-under category, nine-year-old Jason Thomas of RR 1, Maidstone, won first prize with his "Horace Horse" character. "Sighler Silo" won second place for nine-year-old Adam Popov of RR 3, Essex. Tied for third place were Corinne Chiasson, nine, of RR 1 Oldcastle and Jesse Popov (a sister to Adam), five. Corinne's entry was named "Chicken Fluff", and Jesse's was named "Soybot" (a tiny soybean).

Awarded to the first, second and third-prize winners were 10, five and three silver dollars, respectively.

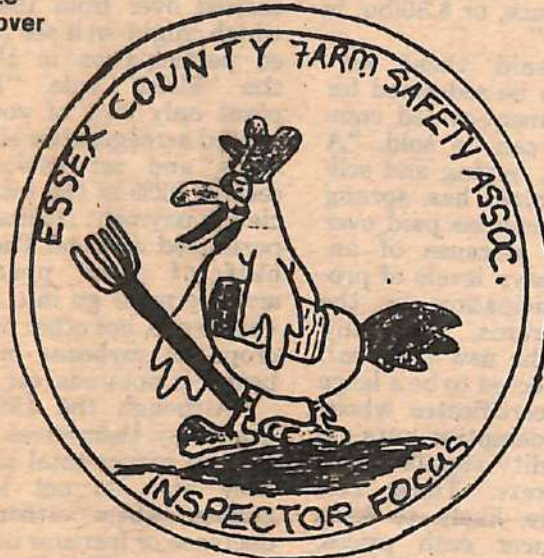
"The logos will be used for future public relations with the Essex County Farm Safety Association's various events such as the International Plowing Match here in Essex County in '89," said Renaud.

The ECFSA is an active group with close to 50 members. Activities in 1987 will include, along with another logo contest, a fire extinguisher demonstration at the Harrow Fair, a family farm work shop in February or March, a first aid course through St. John's Ambulance in February or March, displays at the Essex County Associated Growers' Convention, the Essex County Plowing Match and the Harrow Fair, an awareness program for the Slow Moving Vehicle Sign project and the annual Ontario Farm Safety Association Conference.

Coming up is the annual ECFSA annual meeting and banquet to be held Jan. 20 at the Essex Legion. Featured will be the president of the Ontario association, Bob Goulet, and safety consultant Ron Jones. Also expected to be in attendance is Eugene Whelan, former federal agriculture minister.

THE VOICE OF THE ESSEX FARMER, JAN. 13, 1987

First  
Prize  
12-over



INSPECTOR FOCUS

Brian Gignac

## Pioneer introduces alfalfa variety with verticillium wilt resistance

A new alfalfa variety with moderate resistance to verticillium wilt has been introduced by Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited of Chatham.

"Of all varieties on the Canadian alfalfa market, Pioneer (R) variety 5444 has the highest level of verticillium wilt resistance available," says Tim Welbanks, agronomy services manager for Pioneer.

5444 also has excellent tolerance to fusarium wilt and spotted alfalfa aphid, along with moderate ratings for potato leafhopper and bacterial wilt. However, Welbanks notes, this new variety should not be recommended on land where phytophthora root rot is a concern.

"We've found 5444 to be winterhardy with good growth and above average

yields throughout the growing season," Welbanks says. The new variety has been tested in Canada for more than six years by both Pioneer and independent researchers. It also has been thoroughly tested in the United States and marketed there since 1985.

"5444 will be an ideal variety option for those alfalfa producers who have a real problem with verticillium wilt," Welbanks advises.

Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited is a leading producer and marketer of hybrid seed corn and sorghum-sudangrass hybrids, as well as varieties of alfalfa and soybeans. The company also markets Silabac (R) brand silage inoculants and Diamond (R) brand vaccines for hogs and cattle.

**Mar. 18, 1987, E.T.P.- FUND TO AID IN FIRE TRAGEDY:** The fire that claimed the life of a former Essex resident's child, also destroyed the home and everything in it. A trust fund has been established by Essex United Church. James Kosloski, 2½, son of Bob and Joanne Kosloski of Kenora, perished when the family home burned the afternoon of March 6th. Joanne is the daughter of Walter and Muriel Hyland of R. R. 1, Maidstone. Reports say a neighbor phoned Joanne to report the house was on fire but she was unable to get to the little boy. Another son, Jim, was in school. The home was built last year. According to a report received Monday the fire marshall was unable to identify the cause of the blaze. Donations may be made to assist the young couple at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Essex, to Rev. Douglas Mitchell, in trust. Funeral services for J son were held Wednesday.



On Tues. morning, Aug. 26, Mrs. Mike John, a longtime parishioner of Maidstone was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery. Several generations of Maidstone residents made countless trips to "Mrs. John's", the local general store. In years gone by you could buy almost anything you needed there. Mrs. John worked seven days a week and long hours to provide a needed service to the small community of Maidstone. Our sympathy and prayers for her friends and family especially Mrs. Bill Gould (Rose) of Maidstone. Other children include Joe, Chatham; Peter, Windsor; Helen Bondy, Windsor; Michael of Indianapolis, Dolores Holland, Michigan and Mary Coyle, Ohio. Mrs. John was predeceased by her husband Mike and children, George, Philip and Josephine O'Neil. Aug. 29, 1986, E.F.P.

SEXTON-Ralph L. 77 years, Feb. 14, 1987 suddenly at his home. Beloved husband of Rosemary (nee Halford). Loving father of Mrs. Larry Rau (Susanne), Maidstone; Sister Elizabeth Sexton C.S.J. (London); Mrs. Laurence Jobin (Judy), Maidstone and Mrs. Thomas Staddon (Joan) LaSalle. Dearest grandfather of Matthew and Michelle Rau, Jeremy, Jade, Jodi and Jeff Jobin, Michael and Jenny Staddon. Brother of Elmer and Warren, both of Michigan; Mrs. John Morneau (Eileen), Windsor; Mrs. Blake Estabrook (Helen), Montreal and the late Florence Byrne (1972); Stanley (1974) and Edward (1980). Mr. Sexton was a retired farmer in Maidstone for 50 years. Funeral Tues. 9:45 a.m. from Janisse Brothers Funeral Home 1139 Quéllette to St. Mary's Church Maidstone. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Parish Prayers Monday 8 p.m. Donations to Hospice of Windsor would be appreciated as your expression of sympathy.

O'NEIL-Harvey John. On Feb. 3, 1987 at Hotel Dieu Hospital. Dear husband of Irene (nee Molnar). Dear father of Dale and wife, Paula of Charlestone, S.C.; Colleen and Mrs. James Frantz (Cathleen) both of Phoenix, Arizona. Beloved son of Sylvia O'Neil and the late Gordon (1983) of Maidstone. Loving grandfather of Patrick and Phillip O'Neil. Dear brother of Everette, Wilfred, Glen, all of Maidstone; Donald of San Diego; Mrs. Edward Chittle (Doris) of Maidstone and Mrs. George Molnar (Donna) of Amherstburg. Resting at The Windsor Chapel Funeral Home 1700 Tecumseh Rd. E. Funeral from The Windsor Chapel on Fri., Feb. 6, 1987 at 10:15 a.m. then to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Maidstone for funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Maidstone. Prayers, Thurs., at 8:00 p.m. Donations may be made to The Arthritis Assoc. VISITING AFTER 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY.

Nov. 7, 1986, E.F.P. - Frank Lafferty of Maidstone has been awarded a Sales Increase Award by Bo-JAC Hybrid Corn Co., by Mr. Pulaski. Lafferty has been a Bo-JAC Dealer for six years.

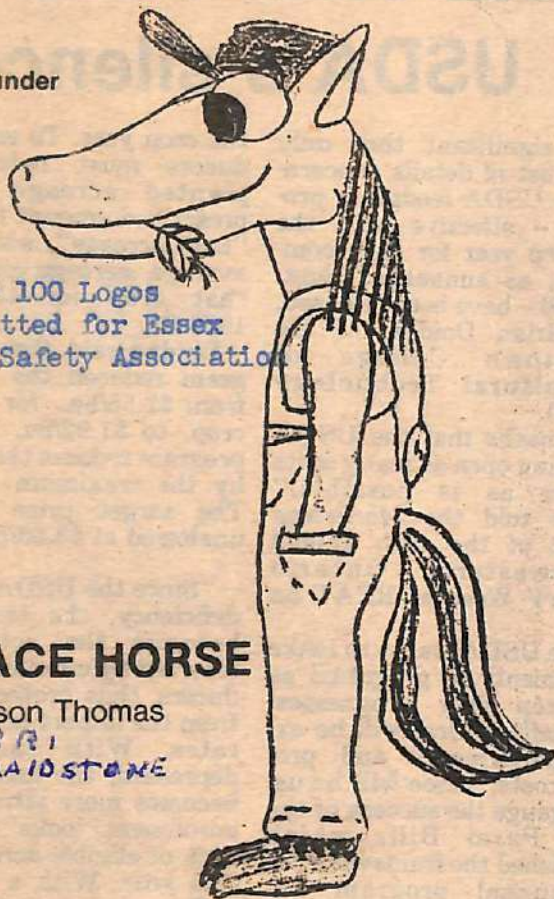
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## The First Maidstone 4-H Club

Have you been wondering what happened to this Club? Well, we are on our third meeting of Etiquette for the '80s. We had difficulty getting started, but our Club now has the following members: President - Nicole Johnson; Vice-President - Melissa Teskey; Secretary - Beth Plancke; Treasurer - Lisa Johnson; Press Reporter - Ed Abbey and members - Robert Jessop and Shelley Teskey. Our Leaders are Sharon Teskey, Bonnie Teskey and Leader Assistant, Shelley Teskey.

Do you know how to eat banana's with the skins on? The "Manners Masters" do. They remove the peel with their fingers, then break small pieces off the banana.

Basic table manners were taught for restaurants, banquets, home, along with dinner table manners demonstrated for both European and North American cultures.

If we ever get the chance we will know not to clink glasses when toasting the Queen.

Assistant leader Shelly Teskey gave an illustrated talk on some common French menu mystery words and their meanings.

We learned how to introduce a guest speaker and thank him after his speech.

Ed Abbey,  
Press Reporter.

## Maidstone 4-H Club

Hi! The "Manner Masters" have learned how to plan a trip, including how many clothes to bring and how to mix and match so we don't need as many clothes for our trip.

Girls would take the basic skirts, pants and tops that co-ordinate easily so they can mix and match. The boys would take shirts that co-ordinate easily with different pants and sweaters.

Packing a suitcase was demonstrated by our assistant leader Shelley Teskey. We also learned how to tip and when to tip on a trip.

When staying with a friend for a weekend some nice gift ideas would be houseplants, flowers, candy or a good book.

Ed Abbey,  
Press Reporter.

## Maidstone 4-H Club

The "Manner Masters" met recently at the home of Mrs. Sharon Teskey. We discussed "Close Encounters of the best kind... DATING."

This meeting was directed by our assistant leader Shelley Teskey (to save any embarrassment to our leaders Sharon Teskey and Bonnie Teskey).

We learned how to ask for a date and to refuse a date politely.

Did you know that corsages are pinned on with the stems down as the flowers grow and it is customary for the Mom or the girl to pin it on. Nov. 18, 1986 - V. of E. Farmer

Ed Abbey, Press Reporter.  
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## MAIDSTONE CROSS

Welcome home to Kathy Markham after four months in Bogoto, Colombia, South America, just in time for Christmas.

## Receives Award

MAY 1, 1987 E.F.P.



Helen Mogyorod of Shawnee Secondary School, Windsor, was presented with the Robert Hillmer Award for being the most outstanding business teacher in the Province of Ontario. It was given by the Ontario Business Educators' Association at a recent conference in Toronto. Mrs. Mogyorod, who also received a life membership in the O.B.E.-A., has been teaching since 1960 and at Shawnee since 1973. She has written four typing books, the first for students at the basic level, that help by teaching reading and spelling skills through typing.

Mrs. Mogyorod received her B.A., B.Ed., and M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Windsor.

Helen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Agocs. She was born and raised in Paquette Corners, married William Mogyorod, and has two children, Veronica and Kevin. She formerly resided in Maidstone and is presently living on Riverside Drive in Windsor.

### MAY 17/87 Star

**LITTLE**—Cecilia, 92 years, on July 16, 1987 at Grace Hospital. Beloved wife of Leonard. Dearest mother to Mrs. Dorothy Faulkner, Windsor and Mrs. Frances Gaboriault, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. Also survived by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Resting at the Anderson Funeral Home 895 Ouellette Ave. PLEASE NOTE: VISITING FROM 3 to 6 P.M. ON SATURDAY. Funeral services Monday, July 20 at 1 p.m. Rev. Dr. William Lawson, D.D. officiating. Interment Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorial tributes to the Art Gallery of Windsor would be appreciated by the family.

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## Undefeated Pee Wee Champs



After completing the schedule with a record of 15 and 0, Bill Arps Auto Repair baseball team went on to finish the playoffs as the 1986 Pee Wee House League champs. The other teams of the league can be commended for their efforts, since many of the games were close match-ups. Thanks must be expressed to Larry Ross and Art Sweet who assisted as first base coaches, to Linda Jessop and Peg Ross who were game statisticians and, of course, to our generous sponsor Mr. Bill Arps. Even more emphatically coach

McKibbin would like to extend her gratitude and congratulations to an exceptionally cooperative group of young men. The members of the team are, Front Row: Wade Bosse, Jason McKibbin, John Osborne. Back Row: Assistant Art Sweet, Mark Jessop, Bill Fenton, Tom Jobin, John Jobin, Sponsor Bill Arps, Matt Jessop, Lawrence Sweet, Ross McKibbin, Kirk Boose, Glenn Krieger, Coach Barb McKibbin. A great season, gentlemen!

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Some of the winners of the Essex County Plowing Match awards attended the annual banquet where they received their trophies. Front row: Jeff Hicks took second

place in 4-H competition, Alan Jessop was second for those 10 years and under, Robert Jessop was first for those 11 to 13; all three were from the Maidstone area. John Renaud, of Maidstone Township, accepted the trophy for his brother Jim who was second in the utility class of five furrows. Back row: Diana Brown was winner in competition for boys or girls from 14 to 17 years, and Allan Rogers was best in 4-H competition.

July 3, 1987, E.F.P.— The Top Grade 8 student graduate of St. Mary's School, Maidstone was Kristen Gyetvai, who with Christopher Angelini received the University of Windsor Awards for outstanding scholastic achievement, Kristen also won the outstanding female athlete award. Richard Jack Hicks graduated from Grade 13, Essex District High School. Tracy Lee Pringle graduated from Grade 12 at E.D.H.S. — Daniella Polewski, daughter of Vic. and Carolyn, of R. R. 3, Maidstone received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Windsor Convocation on June 14, 1987. Jade Jobin was on the Honour Roll at St. Mary's School, Maidstone for Gr. 8, and was the class valedictorian for the graduation exercises. Graduating from Essex High School, Kathleen Tofflemire came in 17th out of 22 Ontario Scholars, having 80.83% and received the \$500 Award from Royal Canadian Legion. Br. #188, Kingsville (Col. F.J. Jaspersen) Award. She is the daughter of Steven and Jacqui Tofflemire.

Mar. 6, 1987, E.F.  
Local participants

## Ontario Youth Parliament

This year's 19th Ontario Youth Parliament will be held at East Plains United Church on March 13 - 16 in Burlington. The Ontario Youth Parliament is an organization run by youth for youth. It is an ecumenical non-partisan forum modelled on the Ontario legislature. The focus of the four-day weekend is dual, with an emphasis on learning to express ones opinions through the parliamentary system and on opportunities for individual growth in times of fellowship and reflection. The session includes daily in house sittings with debate on legislation concerning: the legalization of midwifery; standardized provincial university entrance examinations; mandatory drug testing for civil servants; workfare.

This year's Premier is Leslie Quinton from Kingston and the Leader of the Opposition is Tim Ralph from Collingwood. There is also 30 other cabinet members which are responsible for the organization and management of the parliament.

O.Y.P. is open to 150 young men and women aged 15 - 20. There are six delegates from Essex County who have been accepted to this year's parliament. They are Kathleen Tofflemire who is the Provincial Secretary for this session, Kristie McKim, Kirk Tofflemire, Cindy Grove, Margaret Gold and Carrie McLean.

### JANUARY 1987 E. Farmer Last Week's Winner

The winner of the Mystery Farm contest as appeared in the Jan. 13 *Voice of Essex Farmer* was Ernest Martin Jr. of RR 2 Essex. He correctly identified the farm as being occupied by Walter Hyland of RR 1 Maidstone. Mr. Martin wins a \$20 merchandise voucher redeemable at Touch O'Class in Cotnam.

April 11, 1987 -  
Windsor Star: 5-YEAR  
OLD BOY KILLED ON  
BYCICLE ran a headline

A five-year old Sandwich South Twp. boy was killed Fri. after the bicycle he was riding was struck by a van in front of his home in the Maidstone area. Essex OPP said Christopher Lafferty, of County Road 8 was crossing the highway at about 2 p.m. when the bike collided with a Standard Auto Glass delivery van driven by Edward A. Grondin, 25, of R. R. 1, Amherstburg. The boy was carried for a distance of 100 metres (300 feet) before the van came to a stop. Essex OPP are investigating. He was the son of Larry and Margaret Lafferty, Dear brother of Larry, Jr., Jason, Charles and Tanya. Loving grandson of Harvey and Kathleen Lafferty, Essex and Gerald and Irene Diemer, Woodslee; great grandson of Grace Lafferty and Olive Boose. Resting at the Bisnett Funeral Home, (Cozy Corners) Sandwich South after 7 p.m. Saturday until 9 a.m. Monday, Apr. 13th, thence to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maidstone for funeral mass at 9.30 a.m. Interment St. Mary's Church Cemetery.

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# Life's never been d

**'I**T WAS interesting because we never knew what was coming up over the horizon..."

That's how 83-year-old George Hornsey quickly sums up his days on the Great Lakes and connecting rivers working on vessels ranging from freighters to tugboats.

The job that began when he signed on as a 16-year-old deck hand looking



JIM CORNETT'S PEOPLE

for adventure wasn't glamorous enough to keep him working at it beyond four years, however.

For one thing, he wasn't jubilant at the prospect of losing his life when the grain carrier on which he was serving was in danger of

capsizing.

Being shot at by a hostile lumberman and being recruited with his workmates to fight a raging bush fire for five days didn't get him pleasantly excited either.

His remaining working days saw him building wooden bodies for cars in Windsor and Detroit, and he saw action overseas with the Essex Scottish Regiment during the Second World War, when he was injured during a bombing raid.

In the miscellaneous department, his activities have included writing sniping letters to the editor on various subjects, writing poems, one of which was used in a war bond drive in Woodstock, calling for square dances, serving a two-year stint as president of the Windsor branch of the War Pensioners Association of Canada and helping to organize the Essex County Senior Citizens Association.

At the moment he's settling in at Huron Lodge, Windsor's retirement home for seniors, following the death of his second wife, Helen, last August.

A NATIVE OF London, Eng., he was two years old when he came to Canada in 1905 with his parents, George Hornsey and the former Elizabeth Fletcher, and two sisters. On a second voyage a decade later, "we circled the iceberg that sank the Titanic."

He quit school in Stratford at age 12, worked in a harness factory, a threshing firm and at other jobs and then grew restless.

"I got the urge to go sailing in 1919 and the closest spot I could find with boats coming in was Goderich at the grain elevator. I waited on the dock while the Glenlyon unloaded its cargo

of grain and I worked my way to Midland where one man was getting off. I got his job as a deck hand for \$30 a month plus board."

Windsor was a port of call his first season and he remembers "my first impression was 'what a dump.'"

For most of the summer his ship sailed from Windsor to carry cars made in Detroit to Chicago.

"Hudson and Essex cars were brought from Detroit on the old ferry boats and switched to the Glenlyon at Windsor and taken to the municipal dock in Chicago. Regulations wouldn't allow a ship to go to one U.S. port to load and to go to another U.S. port to unload," he said.

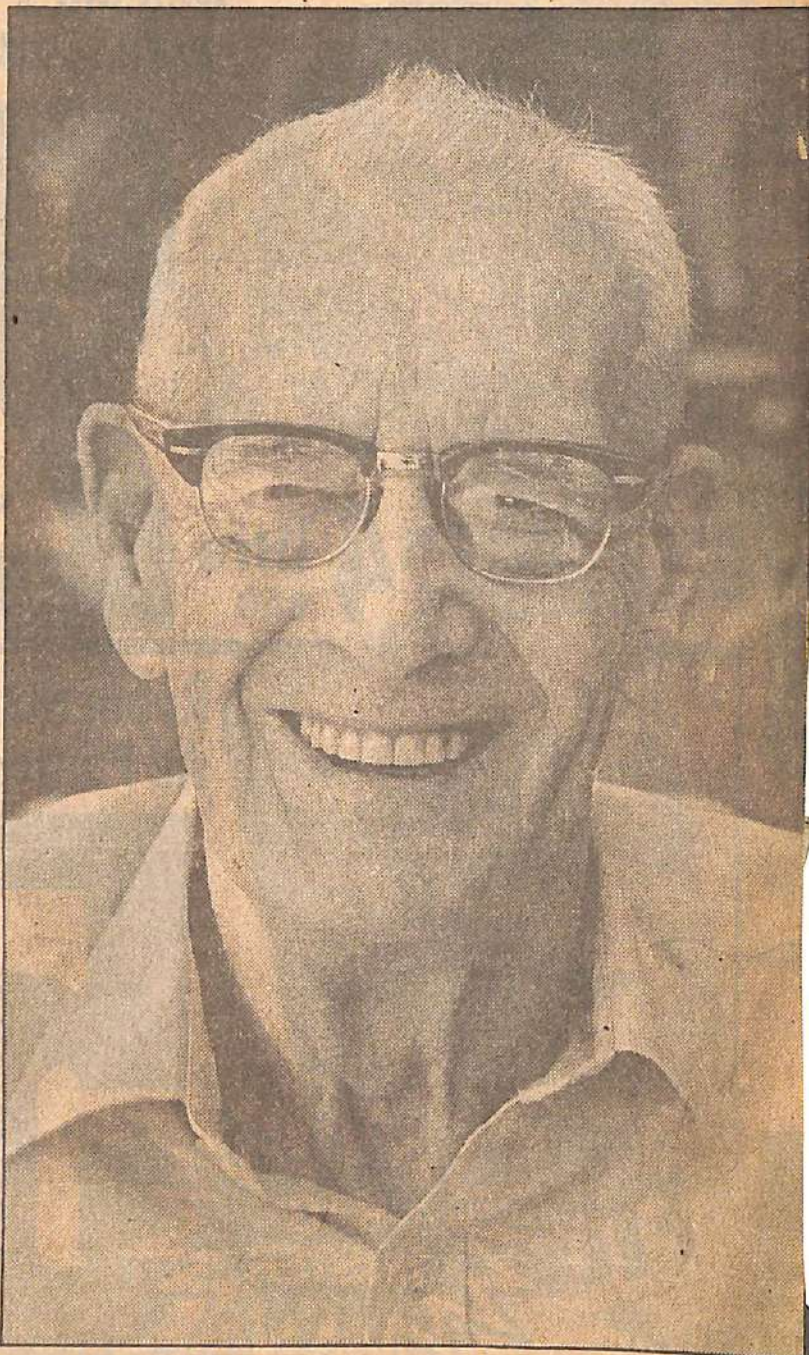
"Then we would lift the ramps to get rid of fish flies in a layer six inches

thick. They stunk. A pet bear we had ate them."

His second season was aboard the Glenfinnan but it was shortlived when "I kicked over the traces, resulting in a fight with the first mate and me being told to get off at the Sault," he said.

"We had too many Courtright sailors (those accustomed only to a short cross-river trip) on board and every time we rolled a bit somebody got sick and someone else had to do their job. This resulted in shifts lasting 36 hours without sleep while unloading grain.

"I GOT TIRED after 36 hours, went to bed and revolted when I was asked to do another job. I was told to get out of bed and batten down the hatches and I replied, 'okay, but not today, tomorrow.' The first mate ordered me



GEORGE HORNSEY has survived a lot of risks in his 83 years

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## Christmas at Maidstone Museum



Visitors came to sing carols, visit and share the Christmas atmosphere of days long gone, at the Maidstone Township Bi-centennial museum Sunday. Convenor Mildred Cline (right) offers some hot mince tarts to three of the youngest guests, Christina Addison, David Addison and Nancy Colantonio.

## Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Returning

The Actor's Trunk Com-

pany and their exciting production of the theatre for children classic, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, is returning to the Cleary Auditorium on Saturday, December 27 and Sunday, December 28.

Thousands of school children have laughed, clapped and sang along with this very special troupe of players. The Actor's Trunk Company was founded in Windsor twelve years ago by Dr. Sue A. Martin, Director of the School of Dramatic Art, University of Windsor in order to provide work opportunities for graduates

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of the school and give to children a creative and colourful introduction to the magic of theatre. This production is directed by a University of Windsor graduate, Stephen Coopman.

This wonderful story of the beautiful princess who must flee the palace in order to save herself from the evil queen has long been a favourite of children. Finding refuge in the cottage of the seven little men, the Princess Snow White with the aid of the dwarfs and a handsome prince is able to foil the wicked queen.

These performances for the public are: Cleary Auditorium, 201 Riverside

## Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Denis St. Louis, of Tecumseh, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Denise Michelle to Gerald Eyraud, son of Mrs. Evelyn Eyraud, of Maidstone and the late Stanley Eyraud. The wedding will take place on Saturday, September 13th, at St. Anne's Church, Tecumseh. AUG. 22, 1986 EFP

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## Essex Tyke '86 Champs



Left to right, front row: Darrell Kellestine, Chad Stratford, Danny McCallum, Michael McCarthy; Back Row: Bill Bellaire (coach), Brad Rocheleau, Jason Welsh, Carson Shaw, Darrick Lamb, Phil Bellaire, Andrew Goudie, David Harrison, Ron Harrison (manager). Absent: Derrick Ruston and David Hold.

In an exciting ball game down at the park, the tyke champs for the second year in a row were crowned. A very successful year and a lot of fun was had by the whole team and parents. Each boy always gave 100% everytime and the results were an undefeated year once again.

Thanks to manager Ron Harrison, to our ever on-time scorekeeper Elaine McCarthy, to Jimmy, Wayne and Bill who oftentimes helped us and to all the parents that sat on the lawn chairs and encouraged the boys and rooted them onto victory. Also to Minor Baseball who I feel was sometimes unjustly criticized during the season. Like the boys that play the game the executive also are there for fun and learning. Mainly the above boys are to be congratulated for a very successful year. That made my job easier. Coach Bill Bellaire

March 24, 1987, The Voice of the Essex Farmer: SEED FAIR WINNERS - Bob McKim was the winner, but runner-up were Bryan and Waleter Hyland, Maidstone. Trophies will be presented to the winners. The Hylands won in Oat and Hay Classes.



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# Rocky chose farm life and local scene

**H**E LIKES to tell about singing in a Detroit night club with Frank Sinatra and turning down offers to work with Bing Crosby, Arthur Godfrey, Kate Smith and Horace Heidt.

But Albert "Rocky" Rosnovan claims to have no regrets about choosing farming over a career in network radio or music halls.

"Entertainment was my hobby but it could have been my career," says the 67-year-old veteran of part-time music making. "I like the local people. I'd rather entertain 100 friends locally than 100 strangers in New York."



**JIM CORNETT'S PEOPLE**

As it turned out, nobody was able to keep him down on the farm after he saw the world of data processing. That line of work provided him with his daytime living from 1946 to 1982 in the Windsor-Detroit area.

At night and on weekends, he was leading bands at local night clubs, hotels and roadhouses.

"In the 1960s, I played the Bellevue (now Danny's) for five years when it was a classy place."

Today, the sax and clarinet player and vocalist leads a band through "the standards from the 1930s to the 1980s" on Saturday afternoons at Abar's Island View Tavern.

Rocky, a Detroit native who settled with his Romanian family on a Maidstone Township farm at the age of two, was 15 when he had his first tryout with a big name in show business.

**KATE SMITH**, the songbird known far and wide for her radio theme song When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain, presented Rocky with a mountain to climb.

She was in Detroit searching for talent for a daily radio program sponsored by the Tasty Yeast Co. in Trenton, N.J.

After singing P.S. I Love You, Rocky was picked for the job which called for singing and conversation 15 minutes a day for \$150 a week.

"I didn't take it — I still wanted the farm life," Rocky said.

But he didn't come away from the audition without a spot somewhere in radio.

Joe Gentile, radio funnyman who went on to become a Detroit sportscaster, was there, too. He approached Rocky after the tryout and declared: "You've got a nice voice. Do you ever listen to Happy Joe? I'm Happy Joe." *Cont. on following page*



**ALBERT 'ROCKY' ROSNOVAN** playing saxophone with his band at one of the local clubs  
*Star photo/Nick Brancaccio*

May 22, 1987, E. F. P. - Congratulations to Leneath Damphouse, daughter of Larry & Renee, who was married to Michael Pettit, on Sat., May 17th at St. Mary's Church, Maidstone. The bride was beautiful in her lovely gown accented by a long flowing train and accompanied by bridesmaids and flower girl in deep pink ruffled dresses. The bride and groom received a lovely send-off when a host of pink and white balloons were released as they left the church.

July 3, 1987, E.F.P. - Congratulations to the newly elected executive of the Maidstone Knights of Columbus: Bob Croft, Gerry Lachine, Mike Cassar, Dan Hebert, Harry Fraser, Gordon O'Neil, Jim Croft, Roy Deehan, Vic Polewski, Rocco Desantis, Ed. Byrne, Mike Markham, Emmett McGuire and Phil Fyraud. These men do good work.

July 3, 1987, E.F.P. - Congratulations to the Grade eight graduates of St. Mary's School as well as the kindergarten graduates. Top grade eight student was Kristen Gyetvai, Oldcastle, and Christopher Angelini receiving the University of Windsor awards for outstanding scholastic achievement, and who on the Honour Roll. Others on Honour Roll were Brian Souilliere, Nicole Johnston, Jade Jobin and Heather Grondin. Female Athlete, Kristen Gyetvai and male Athlete, Ron Gagnon. Jade was valedictorian.

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Joe was then the 26-year-old host of Early Morning Frolic, a three-hour program which was launched in the early 1930s and kept the 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. spot on Windsor's CKLW for more than 20 years.

Rocky accepted Joe's offer to join the cast as The Mad Man from Maidstone. Sometimes he opened the show when Joe wasn't present to go on the air at 6.

"While I was singing on the show, I got potato sacks of fan mail."

Rocky's first nightclub work was at 18 in Detroit where "the pay was \$5 a night for a singer and two of the five dollars went to the booking agent."

Clubs on his list included the 509 Bar, The Bowery and the Flame Show Bar.

"I worked at The Bowery with Frank Sinatra when he was just starting out. The emcee was Frankie Rapp, still going strong around here."

At 19 he was offered a job at \$50 a night to be a table singer — but not dancer — at Detroit's Commodore Club.

"I IMPRESSED people in a tuxedo I bought at a pawn shop. Everybody in the place was well-dressed."

"But I thought of the farm and the good, clean life and didn't show up one night."

Rocky's mind wasn't changed after the boss told him "you're a good-looking young man and you have a lot of talent — you're not going to be handed things on a gold plate."

He laughed about the offer of protection at the Arena Bar:

"Five guys were sitting at a table. They were beautifully dressed and they acted so nicely. One said 'We really like you. You're a nice kid. If anybody gives you a hard time, let us know, and we'll bring you back the buttons.'"

He could have had a stint on Detroit radio station WMBC's Happy Hour Club with Danny Thomas, Johnny Desmond and Dorothy Collins. But although his manager, Johnny Lunga, told him "you're going to be rich and you're going to be famous," Rocky retreated to Gordon O'Neill's farm near the Windsor Airport.

Even Bing Crosby asked through Rocky's manager that "this great singer" make a record to submit to him "but I never did a thing — I stayed on the farm."

"One time, in 1939, I got a telegram telling me to be at the Bowery Club to be on the St. Patrick's Day show at \$500 for one night. But I didn't show up."

He preferred to stay on the farm.

"A couple of months passed by and a big limousine pulled up at the farm. Johnny Lunga got out and told me 'you're going to die in this place'. He told me off when I wouldn't leave and he left. He joined the army."

"That was the end of the night club career in the U.S. from 1935 to 1939."

**ROCKY WAS MARRIED** in 1940 to Dorothy Kett and they became parents of a son, Randy, and a daughter, Karen Bowman, both residing in Windsor. The marriage ended in divorce in 1978.

The same year he married he "bought a clarinet, took seven lessons and started a band — the Al Rosnovan Orchestra."

His nickname came in 1941 when he was coaching a fastball team known as the Transmission Rockets.

Offers started coming again in 1942.

"Scouts for the Horace Heidt and the Musical Nights show heard me at the Michigan Theatre and I was offered a chance to go on the circuit for \$1,000 a week, sponsored by Philip Morris cigarettes."

"But my wife said 'you've got a good job at Ford, a band three nights a week, close to home. Don't go.'"

Rocky stayed with Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd., which he joined in 1940 in the plant. He transferred to an office job in the data-processing department in 1946 and five years later was head of the department.

To satisfy his desire to entertain musically, he lined up his five-piece band in 1945 to play at Lappan's Tavern for \$5 per player nightly. That stint continued for 11 years.

**ONE LAST SHOT** at the big time came when "John, my brother, suggested I go to New York to try out for the Arthur Godfrey Show."

"In the studio, an old hag sitting at a piano said 'introduce yourself, tell me what you're going to do, and then do it.' I sang Wagon Wheels and was asked 'can you come back on Monday so we can arrange to put you on the talent show?'"

"My wife discouraged me from staying Friday, Saturday and Sunday because of my jobs at Ford and Lappan's so we went home."

He stuck with data processing, working for 10 companies in Michigan from 1956 until retiring due to heart trouble in 1982. Two years later he had triple bypass surgery.

"I played the Killarney when it was a classy club six nights a week with a group called the Ross Novan Trio. I think I was trying to kill myself. It was while I was commuting to Detroit."

Rocky married again eight years ago. He met his second wife, Patricia, a native of London, Eng., at the Towne House where he was singing.

"She loves music."

Rocky the promoter even promoted his own birthday party — "I wanted a party if I lived to be 65 so I promoted one, attended by 250 people on a Sunday afternoon at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 143."

"My 65th birthday was a birthday to remember — on May 3, I had a triple bypass and on June 3, I was playing at my own party."

## MAIDSTONE CROSS

Congratulations to Tammy Mailloux, daughter of Barb and Doug, who recently won the Windsor Star Poetry Contest. Tammy is a St. Mary's graduate and a student at Essex High School in grade 13. She took first place with her poem that reflected the teenagers desire for communication with adults instead of preaching by adults.

May 23, 1987 E.P.D.

## Books THE WINDSOR STAR POETRY CONTEST MAY 23, 1987

### 17-to-19-year-olds



First:  
**TAMMY MAILLOUX**

Age: 19 years

School: Essex District High School

Parents: Doug and Marg Mailloux, Talbot Road, Maidstone Township

### Don't Preach To Me

Don't preach to me about nuclear war, holocausts, the destruction of the world and its devastating consequences because I've heard it all before; about making the grade, being successful, being the best. Just leave me alone.

Don't preach to me about money, inflation, the cost of living or about talking to God, confessing my sins, burning in hell because I've heard it all before; about morals and values, and about what everyone else's children do. I don't care.

Don't preach to me about these things; war money God sex

Just talk to me.

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## Prize Winner at Maidstone Variety



Jason Eggleton of Maidstone was the winner of a Chester Cheetah doll, sponsored by Frito-Lay, at Maidstone Variety. The winning ticket was drawn by Susan Nikita.



25th  
Anniversary  
of Ordination



REV. C. S. QUINLAN  
MASS OF  
THANKSGIVING  
11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, May 31st  
at  
St. Mary's Church  
Maidstone  
followed by  
OPEN HOUSE  
in the Parish Hall  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
You are invited  
to attend.

Aug. 25, 1987, The Voice of the Essex Farmer: At the Essex County Plowing Match held at Max Smith's Farm, East of Essex, on Aug. 15th., 1987, winners in class 1 for boys and girls, 11 - 13 yrs. old were Robert Jessop of Maidstone 2nd., and his brother Allan, third. They are the sons of Grant and Margaret Jessop of No. 3 Hwy., Maidstone, formerly farmed in 6th concession, Oldcastle.

STAR, DEC. 8/86  
MacKENZIE--Donald. 74  
Years. Sun. Dec. 7, 1986 at  
Windsor Western Hospital.  
Late residence, RR#2, Wood-  
slee. Beloved husband of Ruth  
MacKenzie (Harrow). Dear  
father of Miss Kathy MacKen-  
zie, Puce, Keith (Elaine)  
Maidstone Township, Doug  
(Judy) RR#2, Woodslee. Dear  
brother of Mrs. Louis (Evelyn)  
Cowling, Windsor, Mrs.  
Agnes Little, RR#2, Maid-  
stone, Mrs. David (Dorothy)  
Harrow of Leamington, Mrs.  
Otis (Jean) Vitor, Tecumseh,  
Glen MacKenzie, RR#3, Es-  
sex and Clifford, RR#2, Maid-  
stone. Dear grandfather of  
Heather. Dear son in law of  
Mrs. Lillian Harrow, Essex.  
Pre-deceased by one sister,  
Bernice Rounding (1944).  
Resting at Leslie R. Dufort  
Funeral Home 318 Erie St.,  
South, Leamington until  
Wed., Dec. 10 thence to Essex  
United Church to Lie In State  
from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.  
where funeral service will be  
held with Rev. Douglas Mit-  
chell officiating. Interment in  
Greenlawn Memorial Gar-  
dens. As an expression of  
sympathy the family would  
appreciate donations to Essex  
United Church Building  
Fund. (Visitation after 7:00  
p.m. Mon.)

Potential Artists Win Credit Union Prize

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Young area artists received gifts of money and coloring supplies as winners in the Woodslee Credit Union, Essex Branch, contest to celebrate Credit Union Week. They are Stephanie Ganderton, Essex, Kristen Bennett, R.R. 1, Essex, Lindsay Lewis of Essex (front), Jeff Hanson, R.R. 2, Essex and Kenny McLean of R.R. 2, Essex. Essex branch manager, Mike Tomkins, presents an award to Kenny.

Turkeys fleeing the axman feathered a nest egg for six young area artists.

They were the winners in the Woodslee Credit Union, Essex Branch, colouring contest as celebration of Credit Union Week.

Manager Mike Tomkins said the six were selected from more than 100 entries in the contest that was also

involvement of children in Credit Union activities.

In two categories, under six and six to twelve years, the children painted the pictured outline of the turkey and the pilgrim. Each Woodslee Credit Union branch participated separately.

Prizes were \$25, \$15 and \$5, and each winner received

a colouring book and box of crayons.

Winners in first category were Kenny McLean, 5, of R. 2, Essex; Kristen Bennett, 4, of R. 1, Essex and Lindsay Lewis, 5, of Essex. In the older category they were Stephie Ganderton, 12, Essex; Jeff Hanson, 11, of R. 2, Essex and Jenny Lachine, 12, R. 1 Maidstone, respectively.



HELPING MAKE WISHES COME TRUE -- Essex Junior Farmers retiring provincial director Mark Balkwill presents a cheque for \$500 on behalf of his club to the new provincial director Brian Hyland. The money goes to the Children's Wish Fund, an organization which makes dreams come true for children with terminal illness. Feb. 24, 1987 -- Voice of the Essex Farmer (Staff photo - Jeffrey Carter)

Feb. 10, 1987 E. Farmer  
Elected to the new ex-  
ecutive along with Wright  
were: vice-president Kevin  
Smith of Woodslee; treasurer  
Karen Racicot of Essex;  
secretary Tammy Mailloux;  
provincial director Brian  
Hyland of Maidstone and  
news-letter editor Sharon  
Haggins of Cottam.



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TRY BUYING IN BULK -- David and Gerry Santo offer a new service. Smaller farmers who want the lower cost of bulk buying can join San-Agri Services and still keep their business to themselves. Five different distributors have been signed up. Products available include chemicals, fertilizers, automotive parts, sales and service cars and trucks, fuel and seeds. The Santo brothers operate a farm west of Essex on County Road 8 with their father Steve Santo Jr. and also sell seed corn. They hope the service can provide average savings of three to five per cent.

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## The Lucky Pac Man Winner

DEC. 21, 1986  
E.F.P.



It was Pac Man draw time at the Maidstone Variety and Suzy Nikita displays the winning name as she made the official draw while Chris Zinyk, son of the store owner, holds the box. The winner of the Pac Man was Karen Newton of Essex. It was donated by Chris Zinyk of Essex in a co-operative promotion with Maidstone Variety.

THE VOICE OF THE ESSEX FARMER, MARCH 10, 1987



## Built to Last

Dominic and Wilma Bissonnette  
West of Essex and South of Maidstone

Built in 1919 by Alex Dawson, the home owned by Dominic and Wilma Bissonnette still boasts many original features. The metal roof, along with many windows, most of the molding and doors and the beautiful hardwood floors have been with the home since day one.

The large, squarish, two storey-home has four large bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. Downstairs is the kitchen, another bathroom, den and a living room and parlour, separated by double sliding doors. The outside walls are doubled-bricked and the support beams in the home are of an impressive size.

After the Bissonnettes had moved into the home about 25 years ago, they remodelled the kitchen and added the downstairs bathroom. The home, which was one of the first in the area to receive electricity, has also been rewired and a more modern furnace was added. Before it was heated by coal.

The Bissonnettes, who raised seven children in the home, moved into a smaller house they built next door and currently rent the old one to a relative. They continue to farm.

The house was also occupied by Milford and George Dawson, sons of the builder.