

OBITUARIES OF CHARTERED MEMBERS

Mrs. Agnes McCallum MacMurchy, aged 84, descendant of a King Township pioneer family of the sixth concession at Strange passed away early Saturday morning, October 15, 1948, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Hill of Nobleton. The wife of the late Alexander MacMurchy, mother of Norman D. MacMurchy, mother of Mrs. Hill (Ouida) and Mrs. Ross Lymburner (margaret) of Hamilton, she has been in failing health for some years and was latterly confined to bed for approximately five months. A life long resident at Strange, she was the daughter of the late Peter McCallum and more than 60 years ago she married, settling on her late farm residence nearby her father's farm place. Mr. MacMurchy died 10 years ago having played a very prominent part in municipal life as a member of council, later reeve for some years and the warden of York County. Her interest in township affairs has since continued as her son Norman participates in municipal office, being Deputy Reeve of King Township.

Deceased was highly esteemed and widely known. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strange, a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Church; a life member of Laskay Women's Institute Branch. As a hostess, her hospitality knew no bounds and her personal talents she gave toward community benefit. She remained bountiful through her bright personality and her faculty for "silver linings" thoughts and comments.

The funeral was held on Monday, October 17th from the farm residence with the Rev. E. Burch, Mimico officiating, assisted by Rev. W.A. Westcott of Kleinburg. Internment was made in King Cemetery.

On Sunday morning, August 31st, 1947, Mrs. T.B. Smeltzer of Laskay passed away peacefully at her home following poor health for a period of time. The funeral service was held from her late residence on Wednesday, the Rev. M.R. Jenkinson officiating. A large number of friends paid their last respects to one who was well known and highly respected throughout her life. Internment was made in King Cemetery.

Deceased was born in 1875 near Teston, Vaughan township, the daughter of the late James Scott and Edith Wells. At the age of six she came to the fifth concession of King, living on the Scott homestead until her marriage 48 years ago, when she and her husband settled on the Smeltzer farm at Laskay, where she has since resided. Mrs. Smeltzer was an active member of Laskay United Church for well onto 60 years, giving valuable service in the Sunday School and the W.M.S. of which she was a life member. As a charter member of Laskay Women's Institute, she enjoyed a life membership in that organization. Her interest in the community was maintained to a high degree until the last, and her life will be remembered for good works and kindness.

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When King Horticultural Society flourished, Mrs. Smeltzer was one of the strongest members. Her fondness for flowers led her to contribute time and talent to its success.

Two sons survive, Pearson and Scott at home. Two sisters, Mrs. John Ash at Victoria Square and Mrs. L.J. Glass of King. Mr. Smeltzer passed away in 1944 and a brother, ^{Lewis} Louis Scott died in 1943.

Mrs. Geo. Atkinson

The first secretary of Laskay W.I. was the former Catharine Ann Sutherland born on the 7th Concession of King. She was a life long resident of King township, a life member of St. Andrews' Presbyterian church, but attended Schomberg church in the later years of her life, where she also took an active part in church and W.I. work.

Mrs. Atkinson passed away, after a short illness, at her home, lot 21, Concession 9, January 27th, 1950, at the age of 86.

Mrs. Atkinson attended the 40th anniversary of Laskay Women's Institute.

Mrs. Robt. Gillies

One of the charter members of Laskay W.I., was born at the homestead, lot 10, Concession 6, King, was married in 1895 to Robert Gillies, also a native of the community. Mrs. Gillies was the former Laura McCallum. Mr. and Mrs. Gillies settled on lot 15, con. 6, where they resided until the death of Mr. Gillies in 1933. The Gillies were faithful attendants at Strange Presbyterian church where Dr. Carmichael preached for fifty years and who also married them. Mrs. Gillies was a great worker in the W.M.S. work as well as W.I., and remained a member in her home community after moving to Weston, where she resided until her death in 1940.

Miss Octavia McCallum

One of the charter members of Laskay W.I. was born at the homestead in Strange where she worked faithfully with the Institute and W.M.S. In 1919 she married Robt. McQuade and spent the later years of her life in Collingwood. She passed away in 1940 after a lingering illness. The burial took place in Collingwood.

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Funeral service for Mrs. Mary McTavish Boys, Laskay, was held in Laskay United church, Friday, March 8th. Mrs. Boys was 90 years old, a Prominent church and community worker, she was the widow of William H. Boys and died at her home from a stroke which she suffered on March 1. Although her health was failing for two years, she remained quite active until last fall. A resident of the Sixth Concession of King for 70 years, she was born at Chesley, Ont.

After her marriage in 1899 she lived on her husband's farm at Boy's Lake until 1916, when they retired to Laskay, where she lived for 41 years. She was the oldest and longest resident of Laskay, Mrs. Boys was a widow for 25 years.

Mrs. Boys had a remarkably active and useful life. She was a fine leader and organizer and was a pillar of her church and the Women's Institute. She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and of Laskay W.I. of which she was one of the founders 49 years ago. Her community service was outstanding as she had been president both of her WMS and Institute branch on more than one occasion.

Mrs. Boys also led an active life in Sunday school work for over 60 years and always took part in young peoples' activities. She was director of Laskay Dramatic Club when it functioned several years ago.

Her charming personality, her lively sense of humor and executive ability as well as her good neighbor attitude made her a beloved and highly respected citizen.

Surviving are her sons, Frederick, Oak Ridges, Harold, Whitby and a daughter Winnifred, at home, also three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Gillham, 80, of Aurora, a former King township resident passed away at Rest Haven nursing home and was buried in King City cemetery on Monday, March 11. She was the widow of the late Lewis Gillham, who died in March, 1956. She had been in poor health for a number of years from a serious heart malady. F

Mrs. Gillham was the daughter of James Ash, Yonge St. and after her marriage came to King township 52 years ago where she and her husband farmed for 48 years, moving to Aurora four years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Gillham celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. She had belonged to All Saints Anglican church and WA and at one time was in Laskay Women's Institute.

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Mrs. Gillham is survived by two sons, William, Sharon, James, Temperanceville and two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Faires (annie) and Mrs. Frank Robertson (Hazel), Aurora. There are thirteen grandchildren and a brother, John Ash, Gormley.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jean E. Robbins Gillies, 82, Richmond Hill, formerly of King Township was held, in Richmond Hill, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1957. Internment in King Cemetery.

The widow of John Gillies, who predeceased her in 1942, Mrs. Gillies died in St. Michael's hospital, Toronto, following an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Gillies lived on the Sixth concession of King following her marriage 50 years ago until she moved to Richmond Hill after her husband's death. Mrs. Gillies was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Strange, for as long as she lived on the Gillies farm and later transferred her membership to the Richmond Hill church. She was made a life member of WMS of th, t church about two years ago, but retained her membership in the S range auxiliary until her death. She was a charter member of the Laskay Women's Institute.

With her late husband, she was a connisseur of fine china collected from many countires in the world. In her possession were 250 plates and 1500 jugs and pitchers. She was familiar with the historical aspect and composition of each of the 1750 pieces. Mrs. Gillies had travelled considerably and had collections from the the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, United States, India, Mexico and other places. Some of her china came from India.

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A life-long resident of King Township, living at Strange, Laskay and King City, Mrs. James MacCallum was laid to rest Monday afternoon in the family plot in King City Cemetery. Mrs. MacCallum died in March, 1959.

In her eighty-fifth year, Mrs. MacCallum died at her Springhill Road home, her heart failing after pneumonia. Mr. Bruce Will of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church conducted the funeral service in Aurora parlors, where relatives and long-time friends gathered to pay their last respects. Pall-bearers were a neighbour, Mr. Donald McCallum and relatives, Mr. Marshall McMurchy, Mr. Donald Gillies, Mr. Walter Monkman, Mr. Gordon McCallum and Mr. Bert Ross.

A year ago Mrs. McCallum was among the chartered members honored at the fiftieth anniversary of Laskay Women's Institute. She was made a life member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church W.M.S. at Strange and a few weeks ago became a charter member of the newly-formed St. Andrew's W.M.S. in King City. The former May Ross, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, who farmed at Strange. When she married she moved to a nearby Laskay farm. Upon her husband's death, she came to King City.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Wilbert McCallum of Cookstown; one grandson Bruce McCallum of North Bay; and a sister and three brothers of King City, Mrs. Kate Port, Mr. Charles Ross, Mr. Duncan Ross and Mr. Herbert E. Ross.

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The death of Mrs. Maggie Peas Teasdale, Aurora in her 95th years on Friday, March 8, 1957, made the third in two days of three former neighbors who had resided on the Sixth Line of King in the Strange-Laskay community. Mrs. William Boys of Laskay and Mrs. Lewis Gilham of Aurora and Mrs. Teasdale raised their families in the same district. Mrs. Teasdale was buried in Aurora Cemetery on Monday. Before moving to Aurora she and her late husband had operated the general store and post office at Laskay from 1898 to 1921 and were closely connected with Laskay United Church. For as long as she was able, she returned to this church when anniversary services were held.

Surviving are her sons Frank and George, Aurora, and Edward, St. Catherines. Her daughter Edythe, Mrs. H. Gramshaw, Toronto. A daughter, Mary who was a registered nurse died in September, 1945.

The death of Mrs. Marion M. Boys, Laskay, following a week's illness was a profound shock to her husband, Lawrie Boys, her sister, Mrs. Effie Bath, ^{an} and others of the Collins family and community. She passed away in York County hospital, Newmarket, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 27, 1956. Funeral service was held in Laskay United Church.

Rev. Mr. Jenkinson paid sincere and heartfelt tribute to the life work of service to church and community which Marion Boys had served quietly, willingly and efficiently. She has left her imprint indelibly and decisively in whatever capacity she acted and everywhere drew forth admiration and devotion from her associates. Modest and sincere in her undertakings she emanated goodwill and companionship, and her wholesome mirth was a rare quality.

Mrs. Boys came to Laskay community 27 years ago and in July, 1938 became the wife of Lawrie Boy. She was a member of Laskay church; a former president of the W.M.S. and lately, quilting convener. She had taught Sunday school and was a member of the church choir. On the Sunday when illness struck her she was taking part in the special W.M.S. annual service at the church.

In the Women's Institute branch, Mrs. Boys was a enthusiastic member and was district director at the time of her demise. She was also a director on the W.I. Hall board and Sunshine convener of the branch.

Mrs. Boys found time to attend all sewing meetings of the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

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A funeral service was held in Aurora parlors for Mrs. John Percival Forester of Strange, the former Lila Lloyd, who died in her 83rd year. Rev. Martin Jenkinson, minister of Laskay United Church where Mrs. Forester was active in the Women's Missionary Society, conducted the service. Burial was in Aurora Cemetery. Acting as pallbearers were Mr. Marshall McMurchy, Mr. Lawrie Boys, Mr. Fred Boys, Mr. Norman McMurchy, Mr. Ross Folliott and Mr. Fergus Lawson.

Mrs. Forester was born at White Rose, before it became known as Mount Pisgah. Her farming parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lloyd, died when she was a young girl. Skilled in sewing, she did it professionally at Eaton's before her marriage and always liked needlework as a hobby.

Mrs. Forester lived in Whitchurch Township until 1933. Since then she and her husband farmed at Strange. Mr. Forester was a president of the Women's Institute and also a life member. Even in her eighties she kept busy with reading, fancy work and gardening interests. Her death came in March, 1959. She is survived by her husband, Percy Forester; their son at home, George, his wife and five daughters; and a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Nelson of Toronto with her three sons and a daughter. There are three great-grandchildren. Last November Mr. and Mrs. Forester celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary.