

Mrs. J. Wilkins, O'ridges

Mrs. Jenny Wilkins, 79, who was often referred to as the mother of Oak Ridges, died last week at Atikokan where she had become ill five months ago while visiting with her daughter Mrs. Herbert (Alice) Runi.

Mrs. Wilkins, who possessed a keen interest in community affairs and people, moved to Oak Ridges in 1919, being born in Ottawa. For a number of years she served on the local school board as trustee. A member of Temperanceville United and that church's Women's Institute, she also assisted in the old St. John's Anglican Church parish hall, now the home of Fred Judge, Botsford Crescent. She was also a member of the Rebecca lodge, Aurora.

Her interest in the people of the community and district knew no bounds. For a number of years, before the present York

County Hospital was built, she nursed from house to house for local doctors.

She was also vitally interested in the new St. Paul's United church, which incidentally, is built on land previously owned by her.

Surviving are daughters Alice and Mrs. Clark (Emily) Archibald, of Bolsover; and son, Frank Wilkins of Owen Sound. She was the aunt of Oak Ridges resident Jack Blyth. Her husband, Fank Wilkins died seven years ago.

WILKINS, Jennie — At Atikokan, Ont., on Monday, January 9, 1961, Jennie Blyth, wife of the late Frank Wilkins, Oak Ridges, Ont., and dear mother of Alice (Mrs. Herb Rooney), Atikokan; Frank, Owen Sound, and Emily (Mrs. Clarke Archibald), Bolsover; dear aunt of Marguerite (Mrs. G. Tapley), Brampton, and Jack Blyth, Oak Ridges. The funeral will be held in Oak Ridges United Church on Thursday, January 12 at 2 p.m. Interment Aurora Cemetery. The casket will be open in the church from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Open House Celebrate 25th Anniversary

"Just Married - For 25 Years" read the sign at the back of the car that whisked Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blyth of Oak Ridges away from an anniversary party at the Ridge Inn.

More than 200 guests offered their congratulations to the couple at the open house and along with relatives, neighbors and local friends, out-of-towners came from Atikokan, Ottawa, Oakwood, Toronto, Cedarbrae and Stroud.

Best man at the wedding 25 years ago Ken Gould of Stroud was present and Irene Blyth's mother, Mrs. George Gould, Cedarbrae, was also a special guest.

Later on Sunday the honored couple with about 70 relatives and close friends, were entertained at a surprise buffet dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gallacher, Elmgrove Ave.

A silver tea service was presented to the Blyths on behalf of the guests with Bob Woolley making the presentation. 1964

Traffic Lights For Oak Ridges Expected Daily

Work on the stop lights at the King Side Road and Yonge St. in Oak Ridges may be started this week and, if so, will be finished by Christmas, an official of the Department of Highways told "The Liberal" this week. It had been expected that the lights would be erected some time ago.

In order to speed up installation the lights were not being erected in the usual way by the department itself, the official said. A contract has been given to Donovan Construction Company of Canada, Ltd., of Toronto, the firm which installs traffic lights for that city. Cost price of the Oak Ridges installation is \$1,920.

Although the intersection is a T, four sets of poles are being installed. Purpose is to give extra crossing safety to pedestrians. The lights will be traffic-actuated, both on Yonge St. and on the King Road.

There was sport at Curtiss Corners now Oak Ridges

By GRANT McCACHEN

As told to Peggy Johnston

"Today I have staying at the Ridge Inn, two ladies, Laura E. Hudgin and Edna Hudgin, of Los Angeles, California, who lived in Oak Ridges when this building was known as Curtiss Hall, and Oak Ridges was known as Curtiss Corners.

"William Jess Hudgins, father of these ladies, bought the hotel from Dave McGaffin about 1902. One year later, local option was voted in, in Whitchurch, and the place has been dry ever since.

"Mr. Hudgins was quite a sporting man and owned several very fast stallions which sired numerous fast horses in the area. Percy Ash of Lake Wilcox (now deceased) had several very fast trotting horses from this strain.

"My father being a blacksmith, did the shoeing for Mr. Ash, which I remember as a young man

"After about three or four years Mr. Hudgins sold to Mr. Redmond of Newmarket, who in turn sold to Fletcher Thompson whose widow still lives in Oak Ridges.

"Jack Malloy bought the hotel from Fletcher Thompson, and after renovating the building, sold to John Thompson, who with his wife, Annie Elizabeth, operated as Summit Hotel for approximately 25 years.

In November, 1954, Grant McCachen, his wife and mother, Mrs. E. Ross bought from J. Thompson and have operated as the Ridge Inn ever since.

"Today, on August 5, I have Art Wells as guest. He has just told me of walking from Temperanceville to Bond Lake, and paying five cents to see the first movie he ever saw, on a sheet, in the pavilion at Bond Lake Park. 1961



NOVEMBER 10, 1955

Native Of King Community**Clayton Beynon, Prominent Mason
Passes On After Lengthy Illness**

On November 1, Clayton Beynon passed away at his home after over a year's illness. Born on the farm now owned by Mr. T. J. Thomasson, he spent practically all his life on the second concession of King where his family now reside. Enlisting in 1915, he was in France and Belgium with the 15th Battalion. In 1916 he was wounded at the Somme and at Passchendaele in 1917.

Returning home in 1919, he held the rank of Sergeant.

On June 14, 1927, Elsie Phillips became the bride of Kelly, as he was affectionately known in the district. They settled on the homestead farm where the family still reside. A member of the Temperanceville United Church, the deceased was on the Board of Stewards for a number of years. His kind disposition and sense of humor showed in all his community activities.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie, daughters Margaret (Mrs. Ross Kirby) Florie, Ruth and only son Robert, also his sisters Jean, Maud, Hester, Nora and brother Dennis.

At the time of his death, Mr. Beynon was Ruling Master of Robertson Masonic Lodge, King City. On Thursday, November 3, the Masonic Order paid its last respects when over one hundred Masons, representing twenty different Masonic Lodges, were present at Wright and Taylor Funeral Parlours, where the service took place. On Friday a funeral service was conducted by Rev. V. C. Wood of Temperanceville United Church, assisted by Rev. H. E. Wellwood, Richmond Hill, and Rev. G. Lynd, Port Credit.

Interment took place in Aurora Cemetery with Norman Burnett, Fred Hare, Charles Henshaw, Ewart Jennings, Wilbert Jennings and Nelson Thompson acting as pallbearers.

Relatives were present at the funeral from Welland, Canfield, Niagara Falls, Alliston and Norwood.

Many of the floral tributes were sent to hospitals, including Sunnybrook, and baskets to three churches, St. Johns, Hope and Temperanceville.

Mrs. And Mrs. Arwood Harman Receive 1957**Prominent In Temperanceville
Celebrates 50th Anniversary**

One hundred and ten guests visited Mr. and Mrs. Arwood Harman at their home, Spruce Hill Farm, on Saturday, March 9th, when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Janett M. McDonald and Arwood Harman were married at the United Church parsonage, Aurora, by Rev. James H. Stonehouse, on March 6, 1907. In their youth they both lived within one half mile of their present home, on the second concession, 1 1/4 miles north of Temperanceville. Mr. Harman brought his bride to this homestead where he has lived for over sixty years. They have two children, Miss Mae Harman, on the staff of Central Y. W.C.A., Toronto, and Leonard Harman, who, with his wife and daughter Joan also live in Toronto. For the golden wedding celebration, Mrs. Harman wore a pretty grey figured silk dress and a corsage of tiny golden mums and daffodils.

Throughout the rooms were gift bouquets of golden chrysanthemums and daffodils. A nest of walnut tables was a gift from nearby neighbours, while the W. A. of Temperanceville Church presented them with a floral and gold cup and saucer.

Other beautiful gifts were cake and sandwich plates with gold trimming, tea pots, vases, a potted chrysanthemum and innumerable congratulation cards.

The tea table was most attractive with its bouquet of golden 'mums and bronze daisies, with golden coloured candles in silver holders. The large white wedding cake was decorated with gold-coloured roses and leaves.

Pouring tea were Mrs. Duncan McDonald, sister-in-law, and Mrs. Calyton Beynon, niece of the couple. Assisting were Miss Joan Harman, their only grandchild, Mrs. L. Lewaska, a niece, Mrs. Ross Kirby of Maple, Mrs. Gordon McCallum of Schomberg and Miss Ruth Beynon of Temperanceville, the three daughters of Mrs. Clayton Beynon.

Charter Member

Mrs. Harman is the only charter member of Temperanceville W.A. and W.M.S. She is interested in church work and in the past has acted as vice-president and secretary of the W.A. Mr. Harman is the oldest resident of Temperanceville, who attended the Temperanceville School in his youth. For the same school he served in the capacity of trustee for a number of years.

Cities And Suburbs

12 Turkeys, 90 Pies Launch Church Feasts



Art Burnell, Telegram

JOAN HARE, 8, HAS TASTY FILLING Had "seconds" of turkey at church supper

Temperanceville, Oct. 18—(Staff Special)—It's pumpkin pie and turkey supper time again in Ontario rural areas as the small communities all over the province load their tables to raise funds for church work.

The whole thing provides men-folk with a good bang-up supper and the women with a night off from the hot confines of the kitchen.

In this community, a small hamlet three miles east of King, the Women's Auxiliary of the United Church, held their annual turkey supper last night.

The 300 persons who sat in shifts in the church basement, polished off 12 turkeys weighing a total of 290 pounds, 90 pies and an undetermined number of cakes. Hampers of potatoes, carrots and other vegetables and fruit helped make the affair the biggest supper in the church's history.

Temperanceville which was named after a large Temperance Lodge in the area and was once centre of a large staunch temperance district was founded in the early 1800's and the first United church built of logs in 1809. The congregation was organized by a Robert Love, in 1805.

A second church, said Rev. E. C. Moddle, the present rector, who was up to his elbows in soapy water washing dishes from the supper, was built in 1854. The present church was built in 1897 and recently renovated at a cost of \$3,400. Proceeds from last night's supper will help defray this expenditure.

Mr. Moddle said the growth of the district within the past few years had expanded the parish until now there are nearly 200 families belonging to the United Church.