

had passed away a short time before July 1913, but Mr. Muir and Mr. Ironside were at the meeting on July 1st, 1913. A similar meeting or "conference" has been held on July 1st, or a week-end near July 1st every year since that time. Mr. Muir attended the conference on July 1st, 1930. He passed away in February 1931.

The following are some of the Bible doctrines believed and taught in the Gospel Hall:

1. The Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God, the revelation of His mind to man, and the all-sufficient guide for the Christian life. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life on earth, His vicarious death, His resurrection, and His ascension to God's right hand in Heaven.
3. The Divine Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each eternal in His existence, divine in nature, and distinct in personality.
4. That man is ruined by the fall of Adam, and is a sinner by nature (Romans 3:23) and that it is impossible for him to be saved by his own works or religious observances, and must be "born again" before he can enter Heaven. (John 3:3)
5. The love of God to all the world, expressed in the gift of His Beloved Son, Who died upon the Cross that He might be the Saviour of mankind. (John 3:16)
6. All those who accept Christ as their Saviour are eternally saved and when they die go to be with Him in Heaven, but all those who die unsaved go into Hell into conscious eternal punishment. (2 Corinth. 5:6-8, Phil. 1:23, Ps. 9:17, Luke 16:23)
7. The Lord Jesus Christ is coming to raise the dead in Christ. Then they, and all those who have accepted Him as their own personal Saviour will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall they ever be with the Lord. Later He will come in judgment upon the world and establish His kingdom upon earth. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
8. The final judgment of the wicked. (Rev. 20). Here the rest of the dead stand before the Great White Throne in judgment.

In connection with the history of the church which Mrs. Robert Humphrey compiled, she reported that Mr. Muir was the main speaker at most meetings but they had many other guest speakers but no regular minister or elder. They have celebrated their 100th anniversary and she gave two pictures which we can put in the book as they are copies which she had made up for the W.I. She has a book which we can see for further information and she would like to see our book.

The first meetings were in the Grange Hall (which was on the property which is now Lloyd McQuiggan's farm). The Beacon Light was sold about 1918 and demolished.

Mr. McKellar is on the right in the group picture.

A further note : the Culvers moved to Thessalon.

To Mrs & Mrs. Croft Garnham

October 19, 1964.

Dear Members & Friends:

The corner stone laying ceremony for the new Straffordville United Church will take place as part of the regular morning service on Sunday, October 25th.

Service will commence as usual at 9:30 Sunday morning at the present church. For the corner stone ceremony the congregation will proceed in a body to the new church, where the stone will be placed by Mrs. Harry Grant and Mrs. Robert Jackson. Rev. Albert Cook will officiate at the service.

You are cordially invited to join us for this service.

7 Yours truly,

STRAFFORDVILLE UNITED CHURCH  
BUILDING COMMITTEE  
John E. Barclay  
Chairman.

This land was donated by the C. H. Coyle Estate for the new church in Straffordville.



FIRST EDEN



Marg.

Here are the things I promised you way back. They are all from the First Eden Scout Troop. I have a scarf for the tie but have mislaid it. (should follow soon) Bob Nunn was Scout Master & I was Assistant Scoutmaster. I don't know how many we had or how long they stayed together but I remember Joe Salsar? was one of the troop. We held our meetings in the community hall behind St. Alfred Nelsons. I think it was around 1943 or 44. H

I am working on the school Pix. Gord.

TO LLOYD, JANUARY 26, 1982.

(with apologies to H. W. Longfellow)

In the village of Vienna, near the village of Port Burwell  
On the swiftly flowing Otter,  
Lived a leader of our children  
Lived a leader known as LLOYD.

With his wife and sons he lived there  
Lived there in his cosy teepee  
Lived there near the flowing Otter  
Lived in harmony and peace there  
Midst his many friends and neighbours.

In the moon of winter wonder  
and the moon of dazzling summer  
Did he leave his cosy teepee  
Took the children, who all loved him,  
Took them to the woods to teach them  
Taught them all the natural wonders  
Taught them of the birds and their ways  
Taught them how to build a fire  
How to cook, and how to listen  
to the footsteps of the rabbits  
to the sound of falling raindrops  
Taught them how to think of others  
How to grow up good and useful  
by knowing all the ways of nature.

In the last moon of the Hunter  
LLOYD, our leader, packed his wampum  
Took with him his shooting iron  
and his rod for catching fishes  
And departed from our village  
Travelled over mighty mountains  
Crossing many Big Sea Waters,  
Like the mighty eagle soaring  
Vanishing into the distance.

Like a flash of sun in winter  
He returns here to the Otter  
Only to be gone again so swiftly,  
But he tells us of this new land,  
Land of mountains, land of rivers,  
And the ways of men who live there.

When we see the maples turning  
When we speak of hunting, camping,  
We will think of LLOYD, our leader,  
Always think of him with gladness  
Though our hearts are filled with sadness  
at his leaving for the new land.  
May the spirits always guide him, help him,  
As he always helped his neighbours  
And their children, always, always.

Betty Guest.

Letter to the editor of the Advertiser,

I see a report regarding the passing of the Civil War veterans.

I am one of them who is still here. I went from Vienna, Ont., in October, 1863, to Buffalo, and enlisted in the 24th New York Cavalry. We went to Auburn and were mustered in the United States service, then sent to Camp Stoneman, Washington, to drill. We were then stationed at Camp Daly until the last of March as cavalry.

We had our sabres, revolvers and carbines, but they took them away from us and brought us muskets. Our officers would not accept them, so they gave us back our carbines, and sent us to the front as foot soldiers. We were demounted until October, 1864, when we then received our horses.

I was in the Wilderness campaign and the battle at Spotsylvania court house. While standing in line of battle at Spotsylvania, I saw U.S. General Wadsworth shoot down a man who was within 20 feet of him.

Our next battle was at North Aaron, then at Peebles Farm, and on the 16th of June we were before Petersburg, where we had two days of heavy fighting.

We then went into breastworks, in one week, out one week, until October. Then we got our horses. I was in the battle of Weldin Paul Road station. The last battle was at Five Forks. We were under Sheridan just before Lee surrendered.

I was discharged on the 17th day of July, 1865, at Clows Mill, Virginia, and arrived home Aug. 6, 1865. I also had a brother who went from Vienna in May, 1863, and enlisted in the 13th New York cavalry. He served until the end of the war. He was just past 15 when he enlisted. He is still alive, and lives in Springdale, Ark. He is past 81. I will be 84 on Sept. 8. I have lived in Vienna and Bayham since the war. I have been a member of Vienna Lodge, A. F. and A.M. for 59 years.

Calvin W. Cookson,  
R. R. # 1, Port Burwell, Ontario, Sept. 25, 1929.

On Sunday C. W. Cookson quietly celebrated his 85th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. Bradley, all of his family being present in honor of the occasion. Mr. Cookson for several months past, has not enjoyed his usual good health, not being able to go about as formerly, and for this reason the birthday celebration was very quiet. During the afternoon ice cream, cake and other dainties were served and all enjoyed the afternoon spent together. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Cookson of Batavia, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. W. White and daughter Vera of Eden; Mr. and Mrs. Cowan of Goshen; and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKibbon and son Harvey of this place. Mr. Cookson's

many local friends wish for him a speedy recovery and many more happy birthdays, as he is well known locally, both fraternally and socially.

#### Death of a Pioneer

Calvin Wilbert Cookson, well known citizen of this vicinity for many years, a man highly esteemed and prominent socially, passed away on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. from heart trouble, after an illness extending over a period of about one year. Besides being closely identified with the early developments of this harbor and community, he was also a veteran of the American Civil War. The deceased had not enjoyed good health for a number of years, and had been in very poor health for the past year; his death was not unexpected.

A week previously he had quietly celebrated his 85th birthday, when his entire family of four children had been present in honor of the occasion. He was predeceased seven years ago by his wife, and since then had made his home with his daughter upon the old homestead, about one half mile west of the village on Nova Scotia Street.

Surviving are four children, three daughters and one son, Mrs. A.J. McKibbon, of this place; Mrs. L. Bradley, on the homestead; Mrs. W. White, Eden and Frank, of Batavia, N.Y. The funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p.m., with service at the late home and interment in St. Luke's Cemetery, Vienna.

Born in Lenius, State of Maine, the late Calvin Wilbert Cookson possessed a most interesting life history. When 16 years of age, in 1862, Mr. Cookson, with his parents, came to Vienna to reside. In 1863 he returned to Buffalo, where he enlisted in the 24th New York Cavalry, in which he served until the conclusion of the war, receiving his discharge from the army in July, 1865, when he returned to Vienna.

In November of the same year he married Sarah Harvey, and for 23 years this worthy citizen resided in Vienna and vicinity. To this union were born seven children, of whom only four are living.

Thirty-one years ago, with his family, Mr. Cookson removed to his late comfortable home on Nova Scotia Street, where he spent the rest of his life and raised his family. During his residence here he occupied the position of first inspector on the public work in progress on the first real harbor improvement undertaken here.

He also cleared the right-of-way for the new T., L.E. & P. Railway, which was built from Tillsonburg to Port Burwell in 1895. In November, 1870, Mr. Cookson became a member of Vienna Lodge, No. 237, A.F., & A.M., just two months after the lodge had been organized, and had been a visitor and worker in Oriental Lodge, No. 181, A.F., & A.M., of this place, for the past 50 years. Before his death he was the oldest living member of the local Baptist church, and in politics was a staunch Reformer.