



South Dorchester Township Council
1964.

Front row - Councillors Donald Irish and Harold Jenkins,
Reeve J.B.Wilson and Councillors Gordon Pettit and John Charlton.

Back Row - Rev.Ross Ferguson, Springfield who conducted the
brief inaugural ceremony, James Wilson, Roads superintendent, Robert
Millard, Township representative on the East Elgin District High
School Board and Fred Hide, acting Clerk - Treasurer.

Harold Davies, Farmer on Concession 8, north of Cressley
Hunter represented South Dorchester Township on the East
Elgin District High School Board. He acted as Chairman
of it in 1952.



Harold Davies

Charles Cartwright of South Dorchester visits
Iquitos, Peru.

Upon his return, he was interviewed by Mrs. Kenneth McNeil. The following is a summary of that interview.

A life long dream became a reality for Mr. Cartwright, seventy three year old, retired butcher who has lived many years on the 10th concession of South Dorchester, when he boarded the cargo ship, the Veras, in New York Harbour, bound for Iquitos, Peru. He had always wanted to see some of the little known places of the world and after much study and research, decided to travel up the great Amazon as far as an ocean going vessel could take him.



Charles Cartwright

As the British owned vessel of the American Booth lines steamed out of New York on February 18th 1965 with English officers and Brazilian Crewmen aboard, Mr. Cartwright discovered that he was the only passenger. He was immediately adopted by the crew and christened 'Ben' after the father in the Bonanza television series. They took care of him both on ship and in port and he feels that because of them, he was able to see that part of the country never before seen by tourists.

The first port of call was Guanta, Venezuela. Next was Port of Spain, Trinidad. Then 540 miles out to sea and along the north coast of South America and up the Para River to Belem, Brazil. Ships have to enter the Amazon by way of the Para because of the muddy, shallow, vegetation overgrown delta at the mouth of the Amazon.

Two hundred and fifty miles up the Para River they entered the Amazon, which is a muddy, deep river with much debris, such as trees and logs swirling in its channel and deep jungle growth right to the shoreline on each side.

Shacks appeared along the River edge. Natives, washed their clothes, fished and lived right by the River. Once when the boat was close enough to the shore to toss a pebble, Mr. Cartwright asked how deep the river was. To satisfy his curiosity, a sounding was taken and was found to be ninety three feet. The Amazon is the only navigable river in the world without a single bridge to cross it. The Captain told him that in his fifteen years of cruising this route, he had only seen four crocodiles.

At Itecesteria, Brazil, he talked to a Catholic priest from Nova Scotia, who described this part of the country in one short sentence - "Time has stood still".

Mansaus, A thousand miles up the Amazon reflects the splendour and wealth of the rubber boom of the late 1800's and early 1900's. Today it is only a memory. The streets are made of flat stones, laid in geometric pattern. ~~The stones~~



The stones had been brought from Portugal as balast for the ships. There are no stones along the Amazon, just fertile, jungle silt.

The floating docks at Manaus have been built to accomodate high and low water levels. High water level, caused by run off from melting snows from the Andes, strikes about June, when the river rises from forty to fifty feet.

One impressive sign of the rich rubber days at Manaus, is a beautiful opera house. It had been built in England of Italian marble, dismantled, shipped to Manaus, Brazil, and re-erected as before, (About 1903)

The last stop, Iquitos, took Mr. Cartwright into what is called the backward part of Peru. However since the aeroplane, it has had more contact with other parts of Peru and the city itself was much more modern than one could expect. It is the distribution centre for that part of South America, depending greatly on such ships as the Veras to bring in supplies and to take out shipments of mahogany and plywood. At this

point, the river is a mile wide and a hundred and twenty feet deep.

On the return trip down river, they were able to double their speed because of the current (eight knots going up, sixteen knots going down). From Belem, they headed north to British Guiana and picked up a cargo of frozen shrimp for Charleston, N.Car.

Arriving back to New York, they had travelled eleven thousand, One hundred miles in two and a half months. It was the first time the Veras had carried a passenger to Iquitos and return. The first mate present Mr. Cartwright with a perfectly kept log, recording times, Ports of call, cargo, distances and interesting events, also a certified document that Mr. Cartwright had twice crossed the Equator.

Finding Brazilian tobacco too rank for his taste, he tried at Charleston, N.Car. while they were unloading cargo for a more palatable brand. When he asked for a good rum soaked cigar, the attendant, looking very puzzled, said in her southern drawl - "Mister, down here, we drink rum."

On Mr. Cartwright's first trip to South America, he remained on board the ship, which hopped from one port to the next, unloading and loading cargo. His brief glimpses of the natives made him curious to know them and their way of life. Upon his return, he studied hard at his Spanish and Portuguese languages and in January 1966, he again embarked on a freight ship bound for Brazil.

This time he went ashore at Belem, eighty miles up the Amazon. Once this had been a city of untold wealth. Today it is a place of unbelievable squalor, poverty and decay. The people though are happy and friendly and made him most welcome but Mr. Cartwright says "If you are dissatisfied with life here, go and try to live in Brazil for a while. You'll soon find out how blessed you are."

Retired Farmer Andrew Roberts Dies



ANDREW ROBERTS

August 6th, 1959.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hillis

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Hillis, 1 Forest avenue, widow of David Hillis, and a former resident of Brown City, Mich., whose death occurred on Monday, took place from the P. R. Williams and Son funeral home on Tuesday evening. Rev. R. C. Copeland, interim pastor of Central United Church, conducted the service. The remains were forwarded to Brown City, and a funeral service was held there at the Carman funeral home on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Scott D. MacDonald, Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit, conducted the service there. Interment was made in the family plot in Brown City Cemetery.

Andrew Roberts, well known retired farmer of the 11th Concession of Yarmouth, died in the Hospital Annex at Yarmouth Centre, Saturday evening after an illness of 3 months (1956)

Born in South Dorchester 92 years ago, son of the late Andrew and Barbara (Brown) Roberts, pioneer farmers of the district, Mr. Roberts began farming at an early age, in South Dorchester. In 1904, he moved to the 11th Concession of Yarmouth and farmed until his retirement in 1927, when he moved to St. Thomas.

His wife predeceased him in 1953. They had celebrated their golden wedding fifteen years ago. While in Yarmouth, they attended the St. James Presbyterian Church and after moving to St. Thomas, they attended Alma St. Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are one son, Murray, 11th Con. Yarmouth Mrs. Elizabeth Hillis and Mrs. Bertha Van deWalker both of Claire, Michigan. Two daughters, Mrs. Lathe (May) Curtis and Mrs. Archie (Ella) Russell, predeceased their father.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. J. K. West Interment in the South Park Cemetery.



CHANGING PASTORATES —
Rev. George A. Shields, Springfield, has accepted a call to the three-church charge of the United Church taking in Yarmouth Centre, Talbotville and North Yarmouth Townline. Mr. Shields will assume his new pastorate at the end of June. He has been pastor of St. John's Church, Springfield, and of the Trinity and Crossley - Hunter United Churches the past six years, being called there from Innerkip. A pastoral committee has been set up at Springfield to fill the vacancy being created there.—(T-J. Photo.)

A Son of a pioneer family of the Crossley Hunter Community becomes central figure of a human interest event.

(Dr. Frank Luton was born on the 9th Concession of South Dorchester, on the farm where Ross Evert now lives (1959) A brother C.O. Luton is father of Mrs. J.H. (Shirley) Clinton of St. Thomas.)

Dr. Frank Luton, son of a prominent South Dorchester family and now in his 80th year, is still a practicing physician, as a Michigan State Health Department staff doctor on the northern Lake Michigan resort island, called Beaver Island.

Following the sinking of the freighter, Carl D. Bradley, a correspondent of the Detroit News sent in this story :- "A 70 year old doctor went on the most dangerous mission of his life today. It was enough to frighten a man half his age but when it was over Dr. Frank Luton declared 'I'm ready to do it again, if they need me.'

Dr. Luton, only physician on this northern resort island, volunteered without hesitation yesterday, when an urgent call for help was radioed by the German freighter Transontario. The ship said that it had picked up the body of one crewman from the sunken freighter Carl D. Bradley and that there may be a breath of life in the body.

Dr. Luton strapped on a life preserver and took off in a navy helicopter. The plan was to lower him in a harness onto the pitching deck of the German ship. The seas which had torn the Bradley apart were still wind whipped and angry. The landing on the German ship would not be easy, even for an athlete. Nevertheless Dr. Luton got into the harness and the door of the helicopter was opened. They were just ready to lower the doctor, when a second message flashed in on the radio.

'Officers of the German ship had examined the victim more carefully and were certain that he was dead so the Doctor was not needed after all. The helicopter flew him back to Beaver Island and Dr. Luton prepared to resume his regular practice.

Dr. Luton came here two years ago to care for the island's permanent population of less than 200 and vacationers who come here in the summer.

"This is my first experience like this," said the doctor, "but we do have accidents." He recalled that one man was killed in a saw mill and that an Indian had been found dead at one time.

Dr. Luton is employed by the State Department of Health. Because of the island's isolation, 40 miles out in the Lake from Charlevoix, it is difficult to find a private physician to stay here.

November, 1958.

25 Years Devoted Service, Recognized.



LEADERS HONORED — The Belmont Community Centre was filled last night to honor Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGregor who have served the Yarmouth Belmont 4-H Club as leaders for over 25 years. Mr. McGregor was presented with an easy

chair and Mrs. McGregor with flowers and a diploma from the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Left to right are Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Charles Farquhar and Mrs. Norman Taylor. —(Photo by Graham.)

Belmont Couple Honored For 4-H Work

BELMONT.—Twenty-five years of work on behalf of the 4-H Club movement by Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGregor, of Belmont, was marked last night when members of the Belmont, Yarmouth and Dorchester 4-H Calf and Farm Club held a reception to honor the couple.

The reception was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Yarmouth and Dorchester Agriculture Society.

Mr. McGregor has been leader of the 4-H club for 25 years and was presented with an easy chair. Mrs. McGregor received a diploma for her outstanding contribution to agriculture for the same

period. The diploma was presented by Mrs. Norman Taylor on behalf of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Charles Farquhar made the presentation of a potted plant, a gift from the local Agricultural Society.

The chairman of the meeting was Keith Riddle, agricultural representative for Middlesex County. The major part of the evening's entertainment was provided by members of the 4-H Club, the highlight of which was an address by Caroline Davies, entitled, "Unused Wings". Miss Davies represented Elgin County at the Provincial finals of the 4-H clubs of Ontario held in Toronto

this month.

A. V. Langton, agricultural representative for Elgin County, conducted the election of officers for 1960 of the Yarmouth - Belmont Agricultural Society.

Elected were: Frank Moore, president; H. Jenkins, first vice-president; John Taylor, second vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Wintermute, secretary-treasurer. Directors elected were: Yarmouth, Charles Farquhar; H. McKellar; Westminster, S. Laur; John Cousins; South Dorchester, Harold Davies; Don Jenkins; North Dorchester, Harvey Murray; Bruce McLellan and Belmont village, Samuel Richardson.

Crossley Hunter Group of The Kingsmill -
Mapleton Institute at Belmont Fair, 1959.

A Float.



On the left - Donna Jean Legg, Mrs. Walter Mathews,
Painting the chair is Mrs. Max Zavitz
Standing at the right - Mrs. Don Legg, Mrs. Russell Lunn,
and Mrs. Hiram Jenkin Jr.



Mrs. Walter Mathews, Donna Jean Legg, Mrs. Max Zavitz,
Mrs. Hiram Jenkin Jr and Mrs. Russell Lunn.

Eugene and Aleta(Dance)Sweet,
surrounded by their children and
grand children on the fiftieth
anniversary of their marriage.



On August 18th, 1964, Mr. and Mrs. E.L.Sweet quietly observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage with their children, John, Jean(Bishop) and Dorothy(Beck) and their families with a family dinner, served to them in the banquet room of Clarke's Restaurant at Ingersoll.

Following the dinner, the party returned to the Sweet home where the afternoon was spent in reading their cards and telegrams, opening their gifts and taking pictures.

Anne Bishop, the oldest grand daughter modelled the Bridal gown of fifty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet had been married at the home of the Bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C.Dance of Kingsmill, on August 18th, 1914, by Rev. John Veale of Crossley Hunter Church.

For forty years, they farmed at Crossley Hunter. Five years ago they moved to a home a mile east of Kingsmill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Legg Keep 50th Anniversary

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Legg at Kingsmill was the scene of a happy gathering on Wednesday, Dec. 2, when many friends and relatives called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Legg on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were assisted in receiving their guests by Mrs. Henry Legg and Mrs. Thurman Legg. Mrs. Gordon Legg and Mrs. Jesse Legg invited the guests to the tea room. Mrs. Sam Legg and Miss Valerie Caughell were in charge of the guest book.

The tea table was beautifully appointed and centered with the three tiered wed-

ding cake, banked by a floral arrangement of golden 'mums presented by their granddaughter, Miss Shirley Evert. Mrs. Roy Learn, Mrs. Roy McGregor, Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mrs. Bruce Rohrer presided at the tea table assisted by Mrs. Clarence Caughell, Mrs. Paul Gillett, Mrs. Beverly Legg, Mrs. Stewart Scanlon, Mrs. Donald Legg, Mrs. Frank Wiltsie, Mrs. Robert Rolland, Mrs. Mac Robbins, Mrs. Ward Dickhout and Mrs. Gordon Richardson. Others assisting were Mrs. Margaret Wiltsie, Mrs. Harold Davies, Mrs. Ansel Martindale, Mrs. Walter Moore and Mrs. Herb Thomson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Legg were married December 2nd, 1914. Mrs. Legg was formerly Theresa Roberts.

They had one daughter Mrs. (Marie) Ross Evert who died in 1956.

They have lived on the Legg Homestead where Mr. Legg was born.



A family dinner at the Iroquois Hotel and a reception at the Lyons Community Hall marked the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wood.

Mr and Mrs. Wood have lived the fifty years of their married life on the farm which his pioneer grandfather, Rev. Neil Wood took up in the early days of the community. To them were born seven children. Alex of Crossley Hunter, Hiel and Donald of Brantford, Stanley of St. Thomas and George of London. Audrey (Mrs.H.J.Olsen) R.R.#6, St.Thomas. Another daughter, Myrtle Viola died a number of years ago.



Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Wood

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On October 27th, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Willsey observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jack Dale (Alice) of Belmont.

At an attractive table, those who poured tea during the afternoon and evening, were Mrs. Roy McGregor, Mrs. Nellie George, Mrs. Leta Jenkins, Mrs. Bruce Rober and Mrs. Fred Taylor.

On October 27th, 1915, the couple had exchanged vows at the home of the Bride's parents with Rev. Leonard Bartlett as officiating clergyman. There are eight children - Mrs. Gordon (Clara) Glenister, Aylmer, Clarence, Crossley Hunter, Leonard, Lyons, Harvey, London, Mrs. Ted (Marie) Cline, London, Mrs. Ansel (Dorothy) Charlton, Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Jack (Alice) Dale, Belmont and Milton also of Belmont.

Also there are twenty five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Some of the Young people, who have made their mark, in the world.



Harold Hide

Harold Hide received his Public School education at Crossley Hunter School. In 1943, he graduated from Belmont Continuation School and went on to Wells Academy in London, where he received a Business Course.

From here, he went to the Commercial School in Stratford, where he taught for a year. While in Stratford, he attended a Church where two of its members were missionaries in Africa and he felt led to do the same, so he returned to London Bible Institute, where he studied part time and taught in Wells academy part time from 1945 to 1948.

He spent the summer of 1947 in Manitoba under the Canadian Sunday School Mission. During the year 1948 - 49, he attended

Missionary Health Institute in North Toronto and during the summer of 1949 he attended the Institute of Linguistics at Caronport, Saskatchewan. On his return from Saskatchewan, he was received by the Mission Council for work in Nigeria, West Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission, which is Interdenominational and International in scope.

On May 24th 1950, he sailed from New York and arrived in Lagos, Nigeria on July 1st. His first three months were spent at the Hausa Language School. The next nine months were spent in the Sudan Interior Mission Headquarters Bookshop at Jos.

Having mastered the language well enough to begin his work as a missionary, he was posted to Rinjin Gani, 22 miles from Jos.

During 1954 - 55, he spent his first furlough in Canada. In September 1959 he married Elma Sawatzky, a missionary on an adjoining field and in October they came to Canada for Harold's second furlough, His wife's first one.



HAROLD and ELMA HIDE
Cheryl Charlene

1965
Picture

Harold Hide Marries Elma Sawatzky in Africa.

KANO, N. NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1959, dawned clear and bright after the heavy rains of the day before. There were prayers of thanksgiving for this was to be the wedding day of Elma Sawatzky and Harold Hide.

The ceremony took place at three in the afternoon in the big stone church of the Sudan Interior Mission, Kano. Potted ferns, tropical greenery and yellow marigolds made an impressive background for the wedding party.

A prelude of hymns was played with Mrs. Michael Glerum at the organ. After Mrs. Cyril Forth, acting as the bride's mother, was seated, Miss Mary Suhm sang "Oh Promise Me" (words written by Norman Clayton). The two African gentlemen who ushered, Emmanuel Olawoye and Usuman Leman, came forward and lighted the candles in the carved wooden candelabra. Mary Suhm sang "Lord Bless This Hour." As the joyous old wedding march by Lohengrin began, Miss Fannie Belle Farver, the bridesmaid, dressed in an aquamarine tafetta faille ballerina length gown, started down the aisle. She carried a bouquet of yellow, orange and white marigolds. Behind her came the flower girls, Joyce and Kathy Ratzlaff, carrying small bouquets of marigolds, their faces like little blossoms above their matching aquamarine gowns. The bride, escorted by Mr. Cyril Forth, met Harold and his attendant, Mr. Douglas Tucker, at the altar. Elma's wedding dress was made of white imported organdy with lace overlay and had a big organdy bow in the back. She wore a finger-tip veil and carried a lovely cascade bouquet of yellow and white marigolds and white roses. Rev. Michael Glerum performed the double-ring ceremony in which Elma and Harold repeated their vows from memory. As they knelt, they were given a charge, and a prayer of blessing and benediction was offered. After Mary Suhm had sung "Our Prayer," they rose, and were presented to the congregation as Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hide.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wickstrom were the hosts as some ninety guests assembled in the nearby guest house dining room. The tables were decorated with yellow flowers and green candles surrounded with sprigs of "snow-on-the-mountain." Gifts were displayed on a table near the front of the room. The three tiered wedding cake was beautifully decorated with white and yellow frosting. Guests were treated to angel food cake, ice cream, coffee and tea. After the bride and groom had had their traditional first bites of the wedding cake, the top layers were lifted to reveal that the bottom layer was a box containing individually wrapped slices, already for serving!

As everyone relaxed, Mary Suhm sang "Dedication." Eleanor Forshey, Marian Ward, and Audrey Hurlbert



sang "Consecration Hymn," and Lloyd Wickstrom favored all with "Marriage Prayer." After the reading of a number of telegrams of congratulation and good wishes from friends and relatives in Canada, the United States, India and Nigeria, the groom expressed his appreciation for all the kindness shown to him and his bride during the past few days and for the gifts and best wishes given them by fellow-missionaries, Africans and other European guests. He also told about his first impression of Elma and how he had just recently learned that she had not been unnoticing of him at the time either. Elma was also called upon to speak. She said a few words, but claimed to be speechless. Lloyd Wickstrom sang "Oh God Our Help," and Mr. Glerum closed in prayer.

Elma and Harold are spending a few days honeymoon here in Nigeria after which they will leave for furlough, expecting to arrive in Canada the last week of October. They plan to be in Ontario until the middle of December and in British Columbia until the end of April. They will then return to Eastern Canada until the first of August at which time they expect to return to Nigeria.

(Sgd.) Pearl Hershelman

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Ontario. Vancouver 15, British Columbia.

Marion Fuller is a direct descendent of several pioneer families of the Crossley Hunter community (See Vol.I, Page 13 "Robert Brown", also Page 31 -Photo of Margaret Ferguson, her maternal great grandmother and Page 10 - A thrilling story involving her maternal grandmother) Marion's home is north of Aylmer. Upon graduating from Aylmer High School, she became one of the High School Secretaries for some time. Her training for Airline Stewardess is the fulfillment of a girlhood dream.



A GIRL AND HER GUITAR—Betty Hide has a hobby that keeps her busy and happy! She likes country and western songs, and sings them for her own pleasure as well as for family and friends, providing her own accompaniment on her guitar. Recently, she entered a competition in Toronto, and won the trophy over a large field of competitors. The silver cup holds a place of honor on the wall cabinet in her room at the local Y.W.C.A. — (T.-J.

Betty Hide is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hide of Crossley Hunter. After attending Crossley Hunter School and Aylmer High School, she was employed for some time at the Bank of Montreal, Aylmer, and later at the Bank of Nova Scotia in St. Thomas. During the winter of 1960, she entered a Caravan Talent Show, sponsored by The Ontario Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Betty competed in two classes, Country and Western Style and in the Sacred music class. Betty sang to her own guitar accompaniment and carried off first prize in each class. What makes this quite outstanding, Betty has never had a music lesson and this is her first attempt in competition with others, many of whom were well trained.



James Jenkins

James Jenkins, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins, was elected by acclamation to represent East Elgin in The Ontario Older Boys Parliament. This forty fourth annual event was held at Waterloo Lutheran University December, 1964.

In July 1965, James, along with Deanna Begart of Sheddow was chosen to represent Elgin County for selected 4 H members from Southern Ontario in the 4 H Centennial trip visiting Montreal and Eastern Ontario.

At the Kiwanis Club's Annual 4 H Club's Banquet the evening of November 3rd, 1964, Jean Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins was presented with The Bank of Commerce silver tray for the highest aggregate score. She shared top County honors with Stuart Stansell.

Jean is a consistent winner as shown in the following picture of her with some of the trophies she has won.

