

the neighbours--Jonathon Wade--to close a gash on her head. Elmer was away from home at the time. A ~~new~~ house was moved from the Lyle property across the road to replace the one destroyed by the storm.

Henry Berdan at one time carried the mail from the tower to the Post Office in the Lewis home.

In 1909 he sold to John Rice and moved to Frome where he built the big brick house now owned by Bud Marr. In 1925 he moved to Shedden where his wife died in 1929. He then went to live with his sister Helen in Talbotville where he died. He and his wife are both buried in the Congregational cemetery at Frome.

Charles Clayton Minor

Charlie was born in Yarmouth township in 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley Minor. His great grandfather came to Canada with the United Empire Loyalists. He came to the Middlemarch area of Southwold township in 1905 and in 1910 he and his father bought the Sam Down farm from George Spackman in Paynes Mills. That farm is now owned by Harry Lisovec.

In 1913 when the gas line went through here he walked the line from here to Muirkirk and back checking the main line for any leaks. He would stay overnight in Dutton and come back the next day.

He owned one of the early models of the 490 Chevrolet passenger cars.

Charlie served on the township council and was the youngest member on the County Council during his terms as reeve. While in County Council he was on the committee that bought the first snowplow for Elgin County.

He was tax collector for 25 years and Corn Bore inspector at one time.

For 7 or 8 years, around 1926, he hunted every fall in the Golden Valley district with Jim Todd of Yarmouth.

Charlie, with Mont Pow, served on the committee for the first International Plowing Match held in Elgin County in 1940 on the Ontario Hospital grounds.

He was a past master at Warren Lodge in Fingal and was appointed Very Worshipful Senior Sword-bearer of the Grand Lodge. He was also a Past Principal of Palestine Chapter in St. Thomas.

Charlie entertained each year in his home the members of the Mocha Shrine who joined with him. It was usually an oyster supper. He also entertained township council many times, always preparing everything himself.

He retired from farming in 1948 and built a new house for himself on a lot on the east corner of the farm. That house is now owned by Charles Oldham. He did carpenter work around the community for 10 years. He never married and died May 7th, 1958 at the age of 66.

John Cameron Brown

On September 3, 1940, at the St. Thomas Memorial Hospital a happy, bouncing baby boy was born to the proud parents Mark and Olga Brown of R.R. 1 Southwold. His name was John Cameron Brown.

During his pre-school days he became very mischievous and what a tease.

At the age of 6 he started school at S.S. #3 Southwold. At the age of 8 years his father bought the farm north of Paynes Mills where they now live and we were all glad to have John start to our school at S.S. # 7 Southwold.

During his public school years he was very interested in and won a public speaking competition. He loved the Christmas concerts, generally taking the part of a minister, a teacher, or the village dude. He made an excellent chairman at his last concert.

John graduated with honours from the Arthur Voaden Vocational School and then decided that he wanted his grade 13 at the Collegiate Institute. This he accomplished. He entered Huron College and is now completing his third year for the ministry.

We are proud to have John and his recent bride Carol here with us tonight. We will continue to keep in touch with him we hope as he moves about the country in his chosen profession.

Enie Lyle Wyatt

She was born in 1871 in Bainsford, Scotland, which is near Glasgow. There was a large family of 3 boys and 5 girls. They emigrated to Canada in 1873 when Enie was 2 years of age. Enie's full name was Alexandria Lyle. The family settled at Mount Pleasant Farm which is now the home of Gordon Lyle at Paynes Mills.

Enie attended public school at Paynes Mills in a log building situated on the north side of #3 highway. She then went to Collegiate in St. Thomas and to a model school which was situated on Wellington Street. Having completed a year at model school she started teaching at Paynes Mills Public School in 1892 at a salary of \$300.00 a year. By this time the school had been rebuilt on the same site when the two sections # 18 and # 7 joined together. One of her beginners in 1892 was Harry Lewis Sr. One day he became quite restless in school and when Enie tried to correct him he said "Take your hands off me or I'll phone the police".

In order to become a qualified public school teacher at this time it was necessary to go to Normal School in Toronto after 3 years of actual teaching. Enie taught for 3 years but her father would not permit her to go to Toronto. Because her three older sisters were married, he said that she had to stay at home and help do the work. Dr. Atkin, the school inspector at this time, tried to persuade the father to let her go on because she had proven herself to be a very good teacher, but this was to no avail and Enie stayed at home until her marriage in 1903.

She married Henry James Wyatt from St. Thomas. He worked on the Michigan Central Railway and later moved to the West where he became a conductor on the C.P.R. He returned to St. Thomas and they were married at the house as had been all the other girls. Each of the girls received a piano for a wedding gift from their parents. The newly-weds went to Medicine Hat, Alberta to live. They had 5 children--1 boy and 4 girls.

James and Enie celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1953.

Enie passed away on January 24, 1954 at the age of 85 and her husband died 3 years later.

Reverend Robert McIntyre

Reverend Robert McIntyre and his wife Hattie had charges at the Presbyterian Church in Delaware and at Alma Street Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas before he accepted the charges of Tempo and South Delaware in 1901.

They had six sons named Charlie, Bert, Milton, Robert, William and Harvey and one daughter Annie who married John Little of Scottsville. One of his sayings was that he had 6 sons and each one had a sister.

Rev. McIntyre held church services in the Paynes Mills school in 1905 and organized the Presbyterian Church in the new Paynes Mills Hall in 1908. In one of his sermons he told about an infidel who was teaching his little girl that there was no God - he wrote on the wall "God is nowhere" and told his girl to read it. She read "God is now here." It was the duty of the younger boys to hunt their Jersey cow at milking time which was pastured on the roadside. One Hallowe'en the cow was fenced into an enclosure back on the sideroad and she was not found for twenty-four hours.

Rev. McIntyre was a lover of horses and was always ready to race anyone. He kept two horses and a fine buggy. On meeting anyone he would tip his stove-pipe hat and say "Beautiful day today" whether it was raining or not. Another favourite saying was "Don't do as I do, Do as I say". Part of his duties included preaching at Elgin Manor, the county poorhouse.

He left the charges in the district to another near Niagara Falls. He was known as the "Marrying Parson", as couples came from all over to be married by him, even from across the border.

He was always generous and ready to offer a hand in any type of work where he could assist. While visiting his ~~congregations~~ congregations they would often supply him with eggs, vegetables or meats. Before returning home, if he found someone in need, he would give it all away.



This picture was taken by a Times-Journal reporter and appeared in the paper on March 15, 1961 with the following write-up.

Double Indemnity--The small community of Payne's Mills on No. 3 Highway does not have a population that climbs even into the three-figure bracket, but what it lacks in size, it makes up in its incidence of twins. In the length of an average city block, there are four pairs, all healthy, lovely youngsters, attesting to the fact that this pioneer Elgin settlement is a good place to live.

The senior members of the octet are Keith and Kenneth Blackman, who in July will mark their 13th birthdays. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blackman, who are the parents also of two-year-old Bradley and Barbara seated in the foreground of the picture. Tracy and Tammy Dawdy, the six-months old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dawdy, proved quite an armful, but Keith and Ken managed to hold them still long enough for picture taking. The two blonde boys in the centre are Terry and Larry, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Williams, and Saturday March 25 will be of major importance to them, marking as it does their first birthday.

PAYNE'S MILLS

PAYNE'S MILLS. — One of the community's senior citizens, Mrs. J. McPherson, will observe her ninety-sixth birthday on Friday, April 14 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Small, with whom she resides.

Members of the Campbellton Scotties, of which Mrs. McPherson was a member, will be her guests to help celebrate the event.

She enjoys good health and spends a part of each day playing her violin and the piano.

Another senior citizen, Mrs. A. Campbell, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. V. Pow, and Mrs. Mary Simpson, a patient in Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas, have both passed the ninety mark.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Siple have sold their farm to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walters, of South Yarmouth.

Miss Dinah Leal, of Windsor, and Miss Lois Parsons, spent the weekend at her home here.

Mrs. Gordon Lyle is improving but is still confined to her home.

Mrs. Fred Bawden, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Auckland spent Sunday in Aylmer with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Minor.

The Institute will hold the regular meeting in the hall on Thursday and will entertain the district executive with a smorgasbord dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bawden leave for Ottawa on Friday to attend the wedding of the latter's niece, Miss Jean Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Bawden and Keith visited on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carruthers, Mount Brydges.

PAYNE'S MILLS

PAYNE'S MILLS — William (Bill) Bawden has returned from Queen's University, Kingston to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bawden.

Miss Tracy Dawdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dawdy has returned home from the Ontario School for the Deaf at Milton for the Christmas holidays.

Les Greives is much improved in the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker, of New Zealand and Mr. and Mrs. William Garden of Stoney Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bawden.

Harvey Minor, Port Stanley visited his sister Mrs. Fred Bawden.

Several of the Central Junior Farmers and Elgin Girls will entertain the patients at the Elgin Manor on Saturday evening.

The Payne's Mills School pupils will hold a Christmas concert on Monday evening, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bawden visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carruthers in Mount Brydges last week.

Report on 13th World Ploughing Contest

Kenneth Bawden, St. Thomas

At the International Plowing Match held in 1964 at Peterborough, I was recommended by the Ontario Plowmen's Association and chosen by the Canadian Plowing Council to act as trip manager for the Canadian Champion Plowing Team, also to act as the Canadian Judge. Dr. Carl Willis, Prince Edward Island, and Mr. Donald Dunkeld, Clarendon, Ontario, were the champion plowmen to plow at the 13th World Ploughing Contest held in Norway.

In the early spring of 1965 I met with Mr. Ray Frey and Mr. Jack Martin of Imperial Oil Limited and made all arrangements for tickets, passports, etc., for myself, the plowmen, and our wives.

The two plowmen and I received beautiful blue blazers with the Canada Maple Leaf Crest, donated by Simpson-Sears Limited, which we were very proud to wear and for which we received many compliments.

The date of departure for the trip was September 30th from Toronto International Airport. We met Mr. and Mrs. Dunkeld, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and Mr. F. A. Lashley, and a number of plowing friends at the airport. The S.A.S. jet plane from Toronto to Montreal was one hour late leaving Toronto and it was necessary to make a phone call to Montreal to hold our connecting plane. When we arrived in Montreal we met Dr. and Mrs. Willis. The press was also on hand to take pictures as we boarded the plane.

We departed from Montreal at 11 p.m. bound for Copenhagen, travelling via the northern route--Goose Bay, Labrador, Iceland, over the northern tip of Scotland. We travelled at heights up to 38,000 feet at 575 miles per hour. When flying over Iceland and Labrador the captain reported the temperature was 78 degrees below zero. Flying conditions were excellent.

Our trip had been planned for a three day stopover and tour in Denmark. We landed in Copenhagen on October 1st and were met by Miss Edel Anderson, representative of Esso Ltd., Denmark, who was very nice and made our tour of the city very interesting. The second day Miss Anderson met us at the hotel with a small bus and we enjoyed visiting the historical places and old castles and museums. The tour through the country was very beautiful.

October 3rd.

We flew from Copenhagen to Norway, landing at Fornebu Airport, Oslo. A member of the Department of Agriculture met us. We picked up the small rent-a-car that had been ordered for the ladies and a taxi, which took us about 35 miles north of Oslo to Sundvollen Hotel where our wives stayed for the duration of the contest.

October 4th

Carl, Don, and I went on about ten miles further to Klekken where we were billeted in the Klekken Hotel. This was also the headquarters for the World Ploughing Organization. We met Arnold Wold from Norway, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Swift, who were host and hostess for all the countries during their stay in the Klekken Hotel, and our own representative to the W.P.O., Mr. Alex McKinney.

Dinner was served and everyone went out to the plowing site at Sorum Gord to locate the tractors and plows which were housed in a very large tent for the duration of the contest. Donald Dunkeld used a Massey-Ferguson 165 and Carl Willis used a Ford 400. Both used Kverneland Hydrein plows.

We returned to Klekken for dinner at 6 p.m. That night we met all the other plowmen and trip managers from all the other countries.

October 5th

Breakfast at 7 a.m. was followed by announcements. Buses left for plow fields at 8 a.m. Carl and Don received their equipment and started to practice plowing in stubble, very wet and difficult after seven weeks of rain. Buses left for Klekken at 5 p.m. Dinner was at 6 p.m., with a welcome reception by Esso Norway and Agricultural Authorities.

October 6th

Breakfast was at 7 a.m. and announcements. We departed by bus to Sorum Gord practice fields at 8 a.m. to do more practice work in the stubble field. Lunch was served to everyone in the field. After lunch I attended a meeting of judges and returned to Klekken by bus for dinner followed by "Briefing of Competitors."

October 7th

After breakfast at 7 a.m. and announcements we returned by bus to Sorum Gord practice fields to work on the sod today. Met Mr. Hakon Kverneland from the Kverneland Plow Co., Fabrikk, Norway, and Mr. Lars Skjaveland of Claremont, Ontario, the Kverneland representative formerly of Norway, who helped the boys with the instructions on how to set the plows. We returned by bus for dinner. The plowmen drew their stubble land plots. Films and slides were shown of the 1964 World Ploughing Contest.

October 8th

Breakfast was again at 7 a.m. and announcements. We departed by bus at 8 a.m. for Sorum Gord to the Contest field. The plowmen took up their positions for the Opening Ceremony at 9:30 a.m., the Official Opening of the 13th World Ploughing Contest. Immediately after the ceremony all contestants, on their tractors, paraded to the stubble land plots and started to plow at 11 a.m. The stubble field had two runs of plots and the ground was very heavy and wet.