

Frederick Cott, 74, Was Postmaster At Talbotville

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Postmaster, barber and store-keeper at Talbotville the past 24 years, Frederick Cott, aged 74, passed away at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital on Wednesday evening. Mr. Cott was active in business until last weekend.

A native of Lambton County, Mr. Cott was born near Thedford, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cott. He took up barbering at Thedford as a young man and later had shops at Petrolia and Dorchester before going to London and being active in the trade for 18 years before moving to Talbotville.

He was a member of Court Hope Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., London, and of the Talbotville United Church.

Surviving are Mr Cott's wife, Aletha; one son, Lindsay Cott, of Weston; two daughters, Mrs. Elburn (Helen) Gunning, Talbotville, and Mrs. Victor (Jean) Carr, R. R. 8, St. Thomas; two sisters, Mrs. Archie McArthur, Thedford, and Mrs. L. W. Kruse, in California; also three grandsons.

The remains are resting at the P. R. Williams and Son funeral home where Rev. R. C. Copeland, of the Talbotville United Church, will conduct the funeral service at two p.m. Saturday. Interment will be made in Arkona Cemetery.

Observe Wedding Anniversary



May 22nd, 1952.

MR. AND MRS. F. G. COTT, of Talbotville, observed the fortieth anniversary of their wedding, when they were entertained by their family at dinner at Hook's Restaurant on May 25. Their son and two daughters and their families were all home for the occasion—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cott and Freddie, of Weston; Mr. and Mrs. V. Carr and son, Richard, of Delaware; and Mr. and Mrs. E. Gunning, of Talbotville. Fred G. Cott and Aletha A. Walden were married on May 22, 1912, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Walden, Forest. They have resided at Talbotville since 1934, moving there from London, Ont. (Photo by Stollery)

Post-master at Talbotville Royal.

Mr. Fred G. Cott has been post-master and general merchant at Talbotville since May Feb. 12th, 1935, coming from London, Ont. He succeeded John D. (Manley) Calcott, 1926-34.

Mr. Cott moved post-office and general store from large frame building on south-west corner of cross-roads, to third house south of corner on east side of highway, in 1953. In 1953 (spring-time), the old frame, large building and 2 smaller buildings (garage and service station) were completely torn down. An old landmark was surely removed to make way for new modern service station and food bar, operated by Bendell Bros. Corner is owned by Reliance Petroleum Co. of London, Ont. Time marches on.

April 21st, 1955.

Talbotville. Nov. 19th, 1954.



TITLE CONTEST WINNER—Elden Miller, of Rodney, whose suggestion, "The Three Dukes," was selected as the new title for the Wayside Inn, at Talbotville, is pictured here receiving the Bulova watch prize from Edward Escaf (right), one of the three partners in the business. Others

in the picture include, left to right, A. L. (Bud) Bridgeman, of The St. Thomas Times-Journal, one of the judges; George Khoury, a partner in the concern; Mrs. Miller; Harold Stuart, of Talbotville, who was also a judge, and Fred Escaf, third business partner.—(T.-J. Photo).

Talbotville Restaurant Renamed 'The Three Dukes'

"The Three Dukes" is the new name—selected from hundreds of suggestions—for what has hitherto been the Wayside Inn at Talbotville.

Elden Miller, of Rodney, submitted the title chosen by the new management to win himself a handsome Bulova wristlet watch which was presented to him at a celebration dinner party at "The Three Dukes" last night.

Mr. Miller, who is a linotype operator on the staff of the Rodney Mercury-Sun, said he decided to submit the winning entry after realizing that the new management of the restaurant was composed of three partners, hence "The Three Dukes" seemed most appropriate.

Judges Harold Stuart, of Talbotville, and A. L. (Bud) Bridgeman, of The St. Thomas Times-Journal, also agreed with Mr. Elden's trend of thought to select his from the hundreds of suggestions which poured in following announcement of the competition.

The three partners in "The Three Dukes," George Khoury, a man with many years' experience in the restaurant business, Edward Escaf, who is also associated with the hotel business in London, and Fred Escaf, who will shortly graduate from the University of Western Ontario, were present last evening to celebrate the naming of the new venture.

While some of their plans for the near future. Plans are also in the business have already been handed for cabaret and floor show implemented, the trio plan to features.

completely rejuvenate the premises, pave the parking lot and approach to the building and later on acquire adjoining property in order to extend the business. menu cards, table napkins and "Superior service" is the motto.

of the management. The restaurant has been the only stopping place for the Greyhound buses on the Detroit -Buffalo route since 1936 and this patronage is expected to continue. Other travelers however will find "The Three Dukes" a pleasant place to spend a break in their journeys.

A possibly unique feature is that travelers will be able to have their cars quickly refuelled and serviced at a nearby service station while they rest and take a meal at "The Three Dukes."

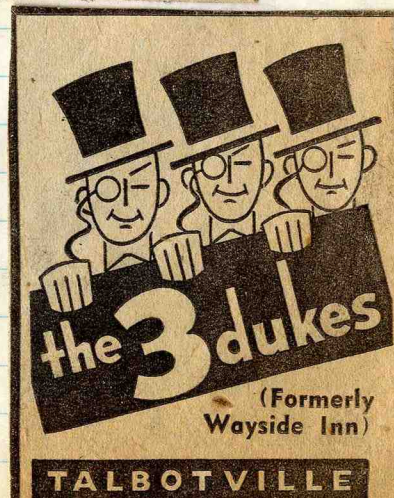
Cars will be collected and returned by the service station staff.

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Patrons may dance at "The Three Dukes" each Saturday evening at present, and it is planned to extend this feature to become more frequent on week nights in the near future.

Three top hats will be the motif of the concern and will be displayed on a neon sign to be erected outside the premises and on table napkins and other articles.

Mr. Khoury said today that there had, in the past, been complaints about the odor of sulphur in the building, caused from the abundance of sulphur in the road ground at this point. This nuisance has now been done away with and a new fresh water system installed as a precautionary measure to prevent the sulphur from tainting the water supplies to the restaurant.



Toronto, Ont. Tues. Nov. 9th. 1954.

THE ST. THOMAS TIMES-JOURNAL

Hicks Family of Talbotville Holds Reunion At Toronto

A family reunion of interest was celebrated recently in Toronto, when five elderly members of the Hicks family, who grew up in Talbotville years ago, met again after a lapse of sixteen years.

The five persons are the four sons and one daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks early pioneer settlers of Talbotville, whose old home was the fine brick house just north of the Talbotville United Church. The four brothers are:

James Hicks, 84, of Calgary, who, for many years, conducted a men's furnishing and tailoring shop in St. Thomas, before moving to the West in 1910.

Dr. A. A. (Fred) Hicks, 75, retired dentist of Chatham.

William Hicks, 87, life-long resident and retired farmer, who still resides on the old homestead, just north of the United Church in Talbotville.

Herbert Hicks, 82, also life-long resident and retired farmer, who resides in Talbotville.

Their sister is Mrs. W. H. Ked-

dy (formerly Nellie Hicks, 80,) who resides in Fenton, Mich., (but often returns to visit her relatives in Talbotville).

The reunion was made possible when James Hicks of Calgary, was passing through Toronto on his journey homeward after visiting with his daughter Mrs. John Fryer (formerly Miss Olive Hicks) of Montreal. Mrs. Fryer left St. Thomas with her parents when a small girl.

Arrangements were made, and relatives from Chatham, Petrolia, Talbotville and Fenton, Mich., motored to Toronto and met and spent the day with their western brother James and his two daughters.

A family dinner was held at a hotel by fourteen members of the family and a few hours spent in renewal of family ties and talk of old times, ere the family group parted once again to go their separate ways.

Four of these fine old folks are over eighty years of age, and Dr. Fred Hicks, "the youngest" is nearing the eighty mark". Their combined ages total 408 years. All are in good health, and made the trip with ease and enjoyment.

Other members of the family present at the Toronto gathering, included: Mrs. John Fryer of Montreal, daughter of Mr. James Hicks; Miss Shirley Hicks of Calgary, who accompanied her father on the trip; Miss Beulah Keddy of Fenton, Mich., who accompanied her mother, Mrs. W. H. Keddy; Mr. and Mrs. William Meek (nee Vera Hicks) and family of St. Thomas, R. R. No. 7; Mrs. Ralph Auckland (nee Irene Hicks) of Talbotville; Mrs. Ted Knudsen (nee Leila Hicks) of Petrolia. The last three named are the daughters of Herbert Hicks of Talbotville.

The last reunion was at the home of Herbert Hicks in Talbotville, in September 1938.

Survey of Talbotville and Its People.

Mar. 31st, 1954.

Dairy farms - Frank + Albert Auckland.
Norman + James Brokenshire.
George + Reg. Clinton.
Ernest + Willard Latimer.
Gold Seal Dairies.

Fruit farms - Fred Bawden + Sons. (apples)
Mrs. Wm. Busch + Son. (fruit + flowers)

Flower growers - Holland Gardens. (tulip, gladioli),

Maple syrup - Fred Bawden + Sons. (Kenneth, Walter)

Cash crops - John Longhurst + Sons (Lester, Alvin)
(beans, wheat N. Brokenshire + Sons. (Robert, James).
beets, corn, etc.) G. Clinton + Son (Reginald).
J. W. + R. Auckland.
J. R. Gunning + Sons. (Elbern + Douglas.)

Beef cattle - John + Gordon Lyle.

Apiary - Mr. Bernie Gilbert.
Mr. Harvey French.

Pasture + Cattle Dealer - Wm. Meek.

Post office, grocer, barber - Fred. G. Cott.
Barber - Gilbert McCallum.

Meat Market - Lawrence Flashman.

Paint shop + custom work - John Catherall

Garage and Service Station - Harold Stuart.
Clarence Berdan + Al. Kirk
Bendell Bros.

Greyhound Bus Terminal - Dumlevy,

Turkey growers - L. B. White, Ken. Small.

Survey of Talbotville, (continued).

Mar. 31st, 1934.

Carpenter, house-builder - Elmer Auckland.

Cement contractor - James Travers.

Mover - Danny Palmer.

Body car shop - Wilkinson.

Poultry buyer - Chas. Pangborn.

Beauty parlor - Mrs. E. Kenny.

Motels - J. Grufner.

Orchestras - Harold Stuart.
Al. Kirk.

Market Garden - Emerson Hobbs, Mrs. M. Busch.

Minister (United Church) - Mr. R. C. Winlaw (student).

P.S. Teachers - Miss Gwendolyn Goff, ^{Rev. S. Milley (sick-leave.)} Strathroy -
Mrs. Elizabeth (Brown) Johnston.

Music teachers - Mr. Carl Edmunds (school) ^{Iona Station} St. Thomas.
Mrs. Ralph Graham (itinerant) ^{Shedden}

Meals, lunches, etc - Greyhound Bus Terminal.
Bendell's Dairy Bar.

Maisy Dancing Studio - Miss Alma Riva.

S.S. superintendents - Ralph Auckland, Albert Auckland.

Telephone & fire alarm - Mr. & Mrs. Stuart McCallum.

Tea, coffee, spice salesman - Clarence Bawtenheimer.

Survey of Talbotville. (continued).

Mar. 31st, 1954.

Students,-

University of Western Ontario - Guy Allen (London)

St. Thomas Collegiate Institute,-

Lorne Auckland (Grade 9), Beverley Gould (9).

Audrey Clinton (9), Gladys Dobbie (9).

Eleanor Parker (10) Wayne McCallum (10).

Vocational School, St. Thomas,-

Donald Stuart (9), Eleanor Voaden.

Colleen Kelly,

Student nurse - St. Thomas Memorial Hospital - Susanne Shiell.

Village Fire-Fighters,-

Dan Palmer, Elmer Auckland, Stuart Fife,
Al. Kirk.

Assessor - Ralph Auckland.

Tax Collector - Charles C. Minor.

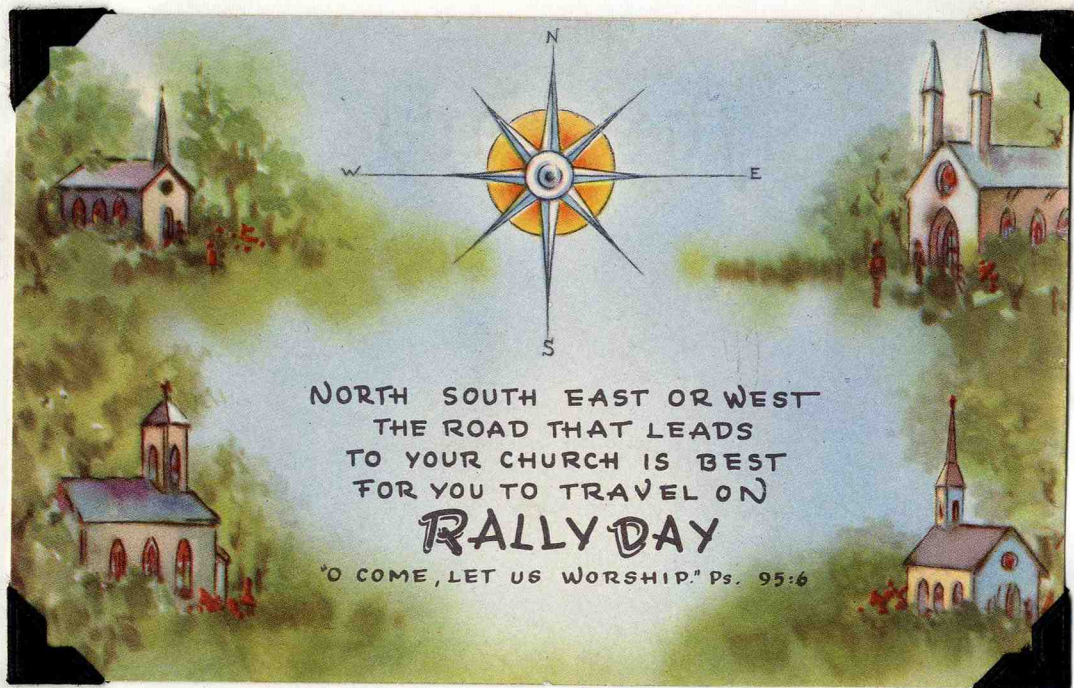
Plumber, etc - Roy T. Wallis. Talbot St. St. Thomas.
and son, Wm. Wallis

Public School Teacher - Miss Frances Fitcher, London, Ont.

Pupil-nurse in training - Miss Diane Shiell.
Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas, Ont.

Robert
Halkes
Astoria
Gunning
Kelly

Talbotville United Church.





Collecting farmers' cream in Talbotville, Ont.,
in the old-fashioned way. Summer, 1920. 19
Driver - Wilfrid Fife. Summer - Morley Thomas, (small child)



First Ford coupe.

First Ford Coupe car in Talbotville, Ont.
owned and driven by Mr. William (Billy) Ramey.
Passenger is Mr. Walter Auckland.