

Until 1922 he drove horses in order to make house calls. During the flu epidemic he had six horses and drivers changing shifts every six hours. There was a great deal of snow that winter, necessitating him to travel nearly 24 hours a day because in many homes the entire family would be ill. At this time there were only 23 drugs available and no aspirin.

He has been a prominent figure in public life in addition to carrying out his medical duties.

He is a chartered member of the Ridgetown Rotary Club which was formed in 1930, having perfect attendance the first 25 years. During that time he held various offices. He has been a delegate to 10 international conventions and was District Governor in 1960-61.

His contributions to civic life have been varied, and include chairman and trustee for six years on Duart Public School Board, Medical Officer of Health from 1917 to 1945, Welfare Officer from 1922 to 1967, Coroner for Kent and Elgin 1928-1966, Reeve of Highgate 1955 to 1964, Warden for Kent 1958, member of Children's Aid Society, member of Kent Tuberculosis Society, past member of the Board of Trustees of Chatham Public General Hospital, and Sydenham District Hospital, Wallaceburg.

CHAIRMAN

In March 1971 he was elected Chairman of the Board of Four Counties' General Hospital, and he still holds this position.

Dr. Macpherson is a member and elder of the Duart Presbyterian Church. He is a Past Master of Highgate Masonic Lodge and Past Deputy Grandmaster of Chatham District.

Additional credits to the 57 years of the good doctor's medical practice include being a Member of the College of General Practice of Canada, Past President of the Kent Medical Society, Life Member of the Ontario Medical Association. A Life Membership in the Canadian Medical Association was presented to him in Winnipeg in 1970.

RETIRING?

Dr. John has no thoughts of retiring for he still feels people need his services. In his office he still maintains a well stocked dispensary because it is several miles to the nearest drug store. The 12 chairs in his quaint building are always full and he often works several hours after closing time as everyone must be attended to before he locks the door.

The doctor's laugh and stories are often the best medicine people can receive as they eagerly look forward to his hospital rounds when he administers his tender loving care.

He is a generous man, having donated time and money to institutions and people when the chips were down and he looks for no rewards for his contributions.

WORRIES

Dr. and Mrs. Macpherson maintain a gracious home at which the welcome mat is always out. They are ardent collectors of antiques and stamps. This vibrant man worries about his community because he feels when he is no longer able to carry out his duties there will be no one to follow him as the day of the country general practitioner is nearly a thing of the past. He loves people and the great concern of no replacement to come motivates him to carry on as long as he is physically able.

The congratulations of the community are extended to Dr. Macpherson on the occasion of his 80th birthday, with the accompanying hope that he will have many more years of health to serve his patients, and happiness and leisure to enjoy himself in his golden years.



DR. AND MRS. J. R. MACPHERSON CELEBRATED THEIR SILVER WEDDING Anniversary Saturday with over 350 friends dropping in to their Highgate home to wish them many more years of health and happiness together.

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Mrs Jane McPherson
Aunt of
Mr. J. McPherson, Campbellton -



VERY REV. F. G. STEWART

He resumed his work at St. Andrew's and in community services on his return to Canada. Dr. Stewart was a member of the now defunct K-W high school board and was elected chairman in 1953. During his three-year term as chairman he led the board through its first stages of expansion, which included construction of Eastwood Collegiate. He concluded his 16-year service with the board in 1967.

Miss Elizabeth McEachren R.N.

(Nursing Sister of World War I and former superintendent of Kirkland Lake Hospital.)

Miss Elizabeth McEachren was the daughter of the late Findlay McEachren and Elizabeth Kerr and sister of the late Jack McEachren Sr., Mrs. Bob (Annie Mae) Beaver and Miss Kate Ellen. Born on Lot 1, Conc. 3 Dunwich township in the year 1888 on the farm where our Crinan W.I. Community Hall stands.

She attended Campbellton school to fifth grade (similar to Gr. 9 High School). She went to Toronto to work as a house maid. This married couple where she worked had twin children. The mother thought Elizabeth should be a nurse but Elizabeth didn't believe she had enough education. Both Elizabeth and the lady knew Dr. R. J. McMillan and with their help Elizabeth worked to get enough education to enter Toronto General Hospital from where she graduated in 1914. One year later she went overseas to treat allied casualties in Unit 4 from Toronto General Hospital. She spent time working in the hospitals in France, Greece, Malta before being appointed head nurse of surgery in an English Hospital, where she remained for three years.

Back in Canada she was with the Christie Street Veterans' Hospital for several years before joining the Ontario Red Cross. She was decorated with the Royal Red Cross. She was superintendent at Outpost Clinics before going to Kirkland Lake. In 1930 she supervised a ten bed Red Cross Clinic. It expanded into a 100 bed general hospital. She was superintendent of Kirkland Lake General Hospital for thirty years until she retired in 1960 and came to live at North Yonge St., Toronto.

On October 9, 1972 she passed to her reward at Sunnybrook Hospital at the age of 84. She was buried on October 12 in Fairview Cemetery Dunwich. She was survived by a sister-in-law Mrs. Jean McEachren, two nieces, Mrs. Betty Bell and Mrs. Evelyn Spence, Toronto and 2 nephews, Bob Beaver, Toronto and Jack McEachren Jr. Oakville.



Roll call for September W. I., 1971, meeting was
"Name a building in your district that has disappeared."

The following are buildings that appeared in the latter part of the nineteenth century on Concession 3 from the Graham Road to the Aldborough - Dunwich townline. Many of these have disappeared since then.

A - Buildings on the left side of the road from Graham Road east.

1. John Battle's farm (later Jas. Johnston farm). The house fell to pieces and some of the barn was moved to Chas Jamieson farm.
2. Dan McEachren's farm. The house was moved to Godfrey Montgomery's farm in Dunwich and later burnt.
3. Dan Graham's farm had a log house on it. When the house got old the logs were taken home for wood by M. A. McAlpine.
4. John Mogg's farm - the barn was burnt and the house torn down.
5. Bill Putman's house on the Schleihauf farm was later moved to the Duncan Cowan farm then owned by Schleihauf.
6. David Andrews farm, later owned by Ronald Walker, James McPherson and now by Duncan McPherson. The buildings are still there.

B - Buildings on the right side of the road from Graham Road east.

1. Dougald McKeith farm then Dougald Andrew farm. There are a barn and house on the farm yet.
2. John McLean farm was down by the creek. All buildings are gone now.
3. Duncan McCowan farm up on the hill. Jack Watson lived there later. The house was moved up the concession to Dougald M. McCallum's to replace the old log house. The barn on the McCowan farm burnt. Later the Bill Putman house was moved here. It is gone now.

4. Fleming Jones lived across from John Mogg. Nothing remains now but the orchard. The barns went to Stewart Patterson's at Cowal.
5. Lachlan McGill farm - the log house was torn down. The barn has been remodelled by Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael.
6. The Duncan and Margaret McGill farm was later owned by Dougald M. McCallum. The barn burnt in 1932 and was rebuilt the same year.
7. Archie McCallum farm now owned by William G. McCallum. The barn has been remodelled, a silo built and a frame house built to replace the log house.
8. Hugh Calder farm was on the corner. Buildings were gone long ago.
9. Mary, Phemia Andrews and their mother lived at the end of Concession 3 on the Dunwich Townline. No house is there now.
10. James Andrews farm has both a house and a barn.

ARCHIE McMILLAN

A quarter century after most other men retire and do little other than sit out the rest of their lives, Archie McMillan, one of West Lorne's oldest citizen, keep actively interested in his cattle, the Kiwanis Club, the village and district.

Tuesday, February 27 he celebrated his 91st birthday at home with his wife, Mattie. Had it not been for a slight fall recently on the basement steps, his birthday would have been celebrated in style the previous evening at Kiwanis.

While having the distinction of being West Lorne's second oldest citizen, he is also the oldest and only remaining charter member of the village's Kiwanis Club. No doubt he is the oldest active and regularly attending Kiwanian in Canada, if not in Kiwanis International.

Still suffering the disappearing effects of the fall, Mr. McMillan says he could not "make" this week's Kiwanis meeting, but assured "I'll be on hand next week".

And it is such determination to keep active and interested that keeps him young in mind and spirit.

Reminiscing about life, he says he was one of a family of five sons and three daughters born to John McMillan and Catherine Morrison.

The family farm contained 200 acres on the 3rd con. - the road between Argyle School and Crinan Church - just east of the Division Line.

His earliest recollections are about how poor everyone was. Then his family had the misfortune to lose its husband and father. The farm being mortgaged, Mr. McMillan recalls by the time the mortgage was paid off, plus legal and other fees, all the family had left was 50 acres.

Without admitting it, privation in early life drove him to make a financial success of life. But it was made difficult because he attended school until he was only 10 or 11, and then mainly in the winter months, because he had to work on the farm the rest of the year.

Ferndell school was built just prior to him starting, so he obtained all his formal education there. The rest of his education he obtained by reading, studying and from the "school of hard Knocks."

In 1910 he decided to get into business in West Lorne, so bought a livery stable, which he operated until 1920. One of his contracts was drawing the poles for the telephone line when it was built north of the village.

During the period he also bought and sold horses, and took loads (rail cars) to the Canadian West, where the demand for horses was almost unlimited.

Making a success of this venture he recognized the opportunities for profit in cattle. That was 53 years ago and only now has he made his mind up to get out of fattening cattle, "because they don't want grassers' anymore," Mr. McMillan pointed out.

"I bought cattle for as little as three and a half cents a pound and the best available in the '20s for five and a half cents. Today they bring 44 and 45 cents per pound."

Despite the low prices those were good times, too, Mr. McMillan recalls. In his 3rd con. neighborhood just about everyone was related - the Andrews, the Stalkers, the McMillans etc., - so we had a good time together. "Those were the days when one person's trouble was shared in the community, as well as the good times.

"People were more neighborly than now," Mr. McMillan points out, because each farmer was reliant on his neighbors for help with certain work such as threshing. Today, everyone does his own work with his own equipment, so the days of the threshing gangs and other bees, and the fun and friendship that went with them, are gone. In this regard Mr. McMillan sees living on the farm today just about the same as living in the village.

Until building their first new home on Graham St. in 1949, next to the Community Centre, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan lived on Munroe St., just west of Graham. They build a second home in which they live today.