



Charley Fox

Charley Fox, 88, was named Honorary Colonel of Ottawa based 412 Transport Squadron. He flew with 412 Fighter Squadron from 1944-1945. He wore the Distinguished Flying Cross with Bar for his service in the Air force during WWII. In June 2008, he was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD).

During WWII there were 153 times that he attacked enemy locomotives and vehicles. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he flew 3 patrols and returned to his base in Britain at 11:30 p.m. On July 17, 1944, Charley took off in his Spitfire from the Air force base, inland from Juno Beach in Normandy. Flying reconnaissance, he spotted and fired at a German Staff car and sent it plunging off the road. The car carried German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel aka the Desert Fox.

Charley Fox was a busy man promoting Torchbearers Canada which he spearheaded in 2005. This was a project dedicated to making the country's military wartime contributions and sacrifices alive and relevant for young people. He had a long-time involvement with the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association. He spoke to many audiences from elementary school children to adults. He was also a fixture at many local air shows, acting as commentator.

Canada's wartime history is now part of the secondary school curriculum and Torchbearers have compiled material to complement the course.

Charley Fox - February 1920 - October 18, 2008

PROGRAM

Keystone Complex

Greetings	Len Lynch
Hymn & Prayer	Rev. Diane Macpherson
Introduction of Speaker	Blair Ferguson
Keynote Address	Susan Beckett
Poem – High Flight	Dan MacLellan
O Canada	Kay Chamberlain

Relocate to Memorial Site

Formation to march to Memorial Site

Colour Party	
Piper	James Carmichael
Parade Marshall	Ron Jewell CD
Veterans	
Dignitaries	
No 741 Elgin Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron	
No 2884 West Elgin Army Cadet Corps	

Area Legions

Royal Canadian Legion Aylmer Br No 81
Dutch Canadian Legion
Korea Veterans
Native Veterans of Oneida
Royal Canadian Legion Pt. Burwell Br No 524
Royal Canadian Legion Pt. Stanley Br No 410
Royal Canadian Legion Rodney Br No 525
Royal Canadian Legion St. Thomas Br No 41
Royal Canadian Legion West Lorne Br No 221

Memorial Site

M.C.	Bill Aarts
Prayer	Rev. Diane Macpherson
Moment of Silence	
Last Post	Adam Ferrett
Lament	James Carmichael
Reveille	Adam Ferrett
Flags	Lorne Spicer
	John Neill
	Jack Wagar
	Harvard Assoc. (Tom Hawkins)
	Ian Basson
Lost Airman Salute	
C.O.P.A. Flight 75	
Laying of Wreaths	
Silver Cross Family	Tom Hawkins
Gov 't of Canada	Karen Vecchio for Joe Preston, M.P.
Prov. On Ontario	Steve Peters, M.P.P.
County of Elgin	Warden Sylvia Hofhuis
Township of Southwold	Mayor James McIntyre
City of St. Thomas	Mayor Cliff Barwick
Southwold Veteran	Reg Firby
RCAF	Bill Crabe CGM
Korea Veterans	Bob Maginn & Paul Rochon
No 4 B & G School	Oliver Dunsmore
31 st CER (The Elgins)	Mark Sargent
Pt. Stanley Legion No 410	Mac Kerr
St. Thomas Legion No 41	Wayne Donnelly
Native Veterans of Oneida	Eric Jamieson
Dutch Canadian Legion	Abel Post & Joe Fohkens
427 Wing Airforce Assoc.	Joan Sullivan
O.P.P.	Inspector Ryan Cox
Southwold Youth	1 st Shedden Cubs/Scouts
Benediction	Rev. Diane Macpherson
God Save the Queen	Adam Ferrett
In Flanders Fields	Dan MacLellan
Dismissal	



(L-R) F/O Tom Hawkins & SGT Edwin Hawkins

Edwin D. Hawkins was born April 14, 1925 in Lindsay, Ontario the son of Edwin and Margaret Hawkins.

SGT Hawkins received his elementary flight training at #11 EFTS, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, PQ. He was transferred to #36 SFTS, Penhold, AB (RAF Station) and received his wings at the end of March 1944. He was then sent to #4 Bombing and Gunnery School, Fingal. He was killed in a crash on August 12, 1944. SGT Hawkins' body was sent to Toronto for the funeral with full military honours. His remains were interred in Toronto St. John's Norway cemetery in Grave 10, Plot 34.

Saturday 12 August 1944

FINGAL, ON. – Just before midnight on Saturday, August 12, 1944 Anson MK1 No. 1726, while on a night flying practice, crashed into a field about two miles east of Wallacetown. Both members of the crew were killed. The victims were Sergeant Edwin D. Hawkins and Sergeant Robert D. Sharp.

Edwin Hawkins' brother Tom Hawkins is laying the wreath today on behalf of the Silver Cross Families for Southwold Township.

More information in Southwold Remembers...#4 Bombing & Gunnery School Fingal

Silver Cross Family 2008

Missing Man Formation

The missing man formation is an aerial salute performed as part of a flyby of aircraft at a funeral or memorial event; typically in memory of a fallen pilot. This formation is called "the missing man flyby".

Several variants of the formation are seen. The formation most commonly used is based on the "finger four" four – aircraft combat formation. The aircraft fly in a "V" shape with the flight leader at the point and his wingman following his left. The second – element leader follows on the flight leader's right, and his wingman follows on his right. Thus, as seen from the front, the "V"s left leg is longer than its right. This formation flies over the ceremony low enough to be clearly seen and when directly over the site, the second-element leader executes an abrupt pull-up, while the rest of the formation continues in level flight until all aircraft are out of sight.

In all cases, the person performing the pull-up, split off, or being missing, represents the fact that the person or persons honoured has departed us.

The first funeral flyby of aircraft occurred during WWI when British fighter pilots honoured the funeral of German ace Manfred von Richthofen (The Red Baron).

We honour all of Southwold Township's departed veterans with this magnificent aerial tribute.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Tom Hawkins for his patronage of the annual Southwold flyby. Mr. Hawkins' brother, SGT. Edwin D. Hawkins died in a flight training accident August 12, 1944. He was stationed at No. 4 Bombing & Gunnery School, Fingal.

SILVER CROSS FAMILY WREATHS

2000 Dora (Chamberlain) McArthur laid the wreath in honour of her brother Lance Corporal Murray Leroy Chamberlain – Army. He was born August 8, 1925, the son of Roy and Lena Chamberlain of Southwold Station. His siblings are Jean Palmer, Carl Chamberlain and late Clayton Chamberlain. Murray enlisted in July 1944 and was sent overseas in January 1945. He served in Holland and Germany. He died February 1946 from injuries suffered in a road accident. He is buried in Holten, Holland. Ralph and Jean Palmer named one of their sons Murray, in honour of her brother.

2001 Marie (Graham) Dicker laid the wreath in honour of her brother Private Clifford Gordon Graham – Army. He was born May 1914 in Saskatchewan. The family moved to Fingal in 1931. He was the son of William and Elva Pearl Graham. His siblings were the late Bernard Graham, late Lloyd Graham, late Grace Silcox, late Bess Rutherford, late Alice Matthews, late Beatrice Culver and late May Graham. Clifford was killed in a motorcycle accident in England on June 12, 1940. He is buried in the United Kingdom. Hugh and Grace Silcox named their son Clifford in honour of her brother.

SILVER CROSS FAMILY WREATHS

2002 Mignon (Moore) Barnes laid the wreath in honour of her brother Company Sergeant Major Wilfred “Anson” Moore – Army. He was born September 14, 1918 son of Leonard and Elizabeth Moore of Shedden. His other siblings are Lillian Jones and late Alice Peckham. Anson enlisted January 8, 1940 and was sent overseas June 10, 1940. He trained in England and served in Sicily before taking part in the Italian Campaign. He was killed in action in Italy on September 16, 1944. He is buried in Coriano Ridge War Cemetery, Italy. Ray and Alice Peckham named one of their sons Vaughan Anson in honour of her brother.

2003 Ruth (Beer) Elliott (deceased April 2008) laid the wreath in honour of her brother Corporal Lorne W. Beer – Army. He was born November 23, 1912 in Saskatchewan. The family moved to Shedden. Son of George and Elizabeth Beer. His other siblings are John Beer, Katherine Brandeau, Viola McFarlane, Ken Beer, Charles Beer, late Florence House, Cecil Beer, Glenn Beer and Gladys Barrett. He served with No. 10 Infantry Division as a mechanics instructor at Camp Borden. He died September 4, 1943 while riding a motorcycle during maneuvers. He is buried in Shedden Cemetery. Jack and Gladys Barrett named one of their sons Lorne, in honour of her brother.

2000



Lance Corporal
Murray Leroy Chamberlain
ARMY

2001



Private
Clifford Gordon Graham
ARMY

2004



Flying Officer
Keith Alexander Hills
RCAF

2005



Flight Sgt. (Air Gunner)
George Edwin Moore
RCAF

2002



Company Sgt Major
Wilfred "Anson" Moore
ARMY

2003



Corporal
Lorne W. Beer
ARMY

2006



Pilot Officer (Bomb Aimer)
Donovan Derbyshire
RCAF

2007



Private Eugene Wallace McLellan RCIC



Sergeant Ross Campbell McLellan RCAF

SILVER CROSS FAMILY WREATHS

2004 Marion (Hills) Tufford laid the wreath in honour of her brother Flying Officer Keith Alexander Hills - RCAF. He was born in 1920 and was the son of John and Ruth Hills in Tara, near Owen Sound. His siblings are Hazel Cross, late Helen Beetlestone and Ralph Hills. He joined the air force in 1942. He was killed in May 1945 in Bath, England. He is buried in Brookfield, England. There are two nephews named in his honour.

2005 Margaret Moore and Laurelee (Moore) Orr laid the wreath in honour of Margaret's brother-in-law Flight Sergeant (Air Gunner) George Edwin Moore - RCAF. He was the son of William and Ida Moore of Shedden. His siblings were the late William Moore and late Clarence Moore. All three brothers were in the RCAF. George enlisted in the air force on February 21, 1943. He was sent overseas in August 1943. He was killed in action on June 29, 1944 at the age of 24. His Lancaster aircraft failed to return from a night trip to Metz, France. There is no known grave for George. There is a marker in Surrey, England. Bill and Margaret Moore named their son George in honour of his brother.

SILVER CROSS FAMILY WREATHS

2006 Ann (Derbyshire) Grimes laid the wreath in honour of her half brother Pilot Officer (Bomb Aimer) Donovan Emmerson Derbyshire - RCAF. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Derbyshire, Southwold Station. His siblings are the late Mac Derbyshire, Eric Derbyshire, Ruth Derbyshire and ½ brother Bill Derbyshire. Donovan was killed in action on May 23, 1944 at the age 21, during night action over Germany. He is buried in the War Cemetery in Rheinberg, Germany.

2007 Maurice McLellan laid the wreath in honour of two brothers Sergeant Ross Campbell McLellan - RCAF. He was born November 1, 1919. Ross enlisted in the air force in 1941. He was sent overseas in 1943 where he was stationed in North Africa. Ross was reported missing on July 22, 1943 at the age of 24. He is buried in Italy.

Private Eugene Wallace McLellan - RCIC. He was killed in action on July 5, 1944 at the age of 22. He is buried in Surrey, United Kingdom.

Both were the sons of Archibald and Floraneal McLellan of Southwold Station.

All three sons were in the Military. After Ross and Eugene were killed, Maurice was sent home.

William Eugene Crabe CGM – RCAF

William Crabe, Warrant Officer Second Class, RCAF, was born in St. Thomas, Ontario on October 26, 1922. He grew up near Fingal, across the road from what would be the No. 4 Bombing and Gunnery School during WWII. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Russell Crabe. He grew up with four siblings – Frank (WWII Veteran), John, Len and Jim. He enlisted in the air force on November 11, 1942 in London, Ontario. He was stationed at No. 1 Workshop until October 29, 1943 and then at No. 3 Bombing and Gunnery School where he received his wing on January 28, 1944. Bill was sent overseas on the ship the Amsterdam, arriving April 1, 1944, where he was stationed in England. He was posted with 170 Squadron at Hemsell. Hemsell was a permanent RAF Station.

Bill had 29 trips as a mid-upper gunner in bombing raids over Germany and submarine bases in Holland. He also went on food drops over Holland.

The following is the official record of his action for receiving the CGM (Conspicuous Gallantry Medal) (Flying) on March 20, 1945 was published in the London Gazette on Mach 20, 1945.

“This airman was the mid-upper gunner detailed for a sortie one night in February 1945. Soon after leaving the target, the aircraft sustained severe damage. The rear gun turret was wrecked. Flight Sergeant Crabe went at once to attend to the trapped rear gunner. Assisted by another member of the crew he cut away the side of the turret, and then trying a rope round himself Crabe climbed into the wrecked turret. He was completely exposed to the slipstream and in danger of falling and was not wearing a parachute. Heedless of this and despite intense cold, this valiant airman toiled until he succeeded in freeing the gunner and getting him back into the fuselage. Unfortunately his comrade was dead. Although his efforts were in vain, Flight Sergeant Crabe’s brave and determined bid to save his co-gunner were worthy of the greatest praise.”

Only 12 Canadians have received the CGM Medal. Bill returned to Canada on September 6, 1945. He will be laying the wreath today on behalf of the RCAF Veterans.

Thanks to all who put up displays today

1. The Elgin Military Museum, St. Thomas
Ian Raven
2. Fingal Wildlife Management Area
(former No. 4 Bombing and Gunnery Airfield)
Lorne Spicer
3. Fingal United Church/Boxall W.I.
4. Frome United Church
5. Middlemarch Women’s Institute
6. Shedden Women’s Institute
7. Memorial Committee
8. Blair Ferguson
9. The Late George Keen, DFC

Books

Southwold Remembers.. The War Years
Southwold Remembers.. #4 B & G School - Fingal
Southwold Remembers.. The Fingal Observer



Poppy Plaques

Lorne Spicer and other helpers have applied 683 poppy plaques to Southwold Veteran's tombstones in Elgin County, St. Thomas and other cemeteries. The Veteran's family has approved every plaque that is applied.

There are 108 poppy plaques on hand. Let our committee know if any Veteran has been missed.

Thanks to all including

Captain George Shaw, Captain Mike Yates CO
No 741 Elgin Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron
Captain Mike Bridgman CO
No 2884 West Elgin Army Cadet Corps
Ron Jewell CD
Bill Webster – Memorial Crosses
Mary Clutterbuck – Photographer
Keith Orchard & Ken Humphries – P.A. System
Southwold Township Volunteer Fire Department
Rosy Rhubarb Committee

Refreshments served by Boxall Women's Institute

Southwold Township Veteran's Memorial Committee

Chairman	Stan Lidster Lorne Spicer Len Lynch Noble Tufford Mary Clutterbuck Perry Clutterbuck Pat Temple Blair Ferguson Hugh Orchard Diane Macpherson
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Glossary of Terms/Shortforms

CO – Commanding Officer

CD – Canadian Decoration

COPA – Canadian Owners & Pilots Association

CGM – Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

No. 4 B & G – Number 4 Bombing and Gunnery School

31CER (The Elgins) – 31st Combat Engineers Regiment

F/O – Flying Officer

EFTS – Elementary Flying Training School

RAF – Royal Air Force

RCAF – Royal Canadian Air Force

RCIC – Royal Canadian Intelligence Corps

D-Day – A term generally referring to June 6th, 1944, but a general Military term for invasion

Remembering the Liberation of Holland Herinnering aan bevrijding van Nederland

All Dutch people are invited to attend the ceremony

Iedereen van Hollandse afkomst is va harte welkom om deze ceremonie bij te wonen

When Remembrance Day Services are held Sunday November 8 in Shedden this year, they will celebrate the Liberation of Holland.

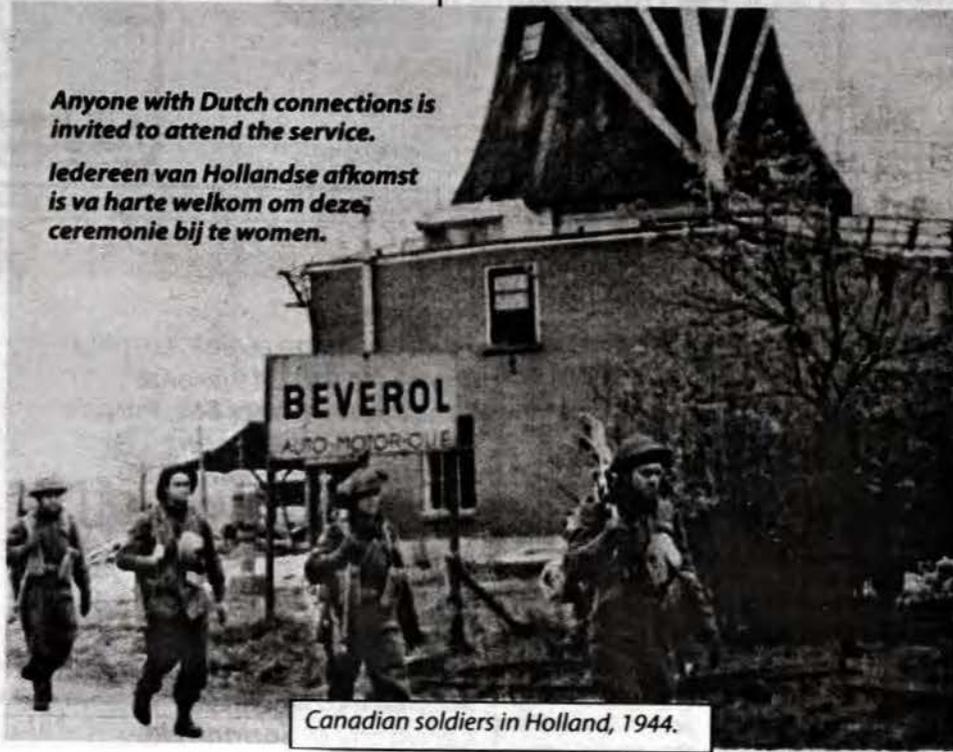
Beginning inside the Keystone Complex at 9:30 am, Rev. Diane Macpherson, a native of Southwold and daughter of former reeve Albert Auckland, will lead the assembly in non-denominational worship.

Ted Barris, an author, journalist and broadcaster, will address the assembly. Mr. Barris has authored sixteen books, including five books on Canadians at war.

"There are a number of reasons to choose this theme," explains Committee spokesperson, Len Lynch. "We have enjoyed a strong participation from the Dutch-Canadian veterans over the first ten years of services here. One of our first services was attended by long-time Southwold residents Joe and Willie Vandermaarel, natives of Holland who lived through the occupation of their homeland during World War II. They were moved by a flyover from the Harvard Association and it reminded them of the sights and sounds they experienced as youngsters in Holland. When we were doing our research for the book Southwold Remembers... The War Years (published in 2002) we discovered that a number of Southwold veterans participated in the Liberation of Holland. It just seemed fitting that we honour that achievement and particularly Canada's role."

Anyone with Dutch connections is invited to attend the service.

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Canadian soldiers in Holland, 1944.

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St. Thomas alderman Bill Aarts will present recollections of the occupation and liberation of Holland from a number of local residents who grew up in Dutch communities during the war.

The assembly will move to the Memorial Site at the Keystone Complex at approximately 10:45 am for the presentation of wreaths.

The Silver Cross Family will be represented by Harold Nott, namesake and nephew of former Fingal resident Trooper Harold Nott who perished in the Holland campaign in September 1944. Members of the Dutch Canadian Community will attend the flags for the memorial services. Korean Veteran Ron Jewell will serve as Parade Marshall.

The Southwold community has lost four of its honoured veterans over the past few weeks with the passings of Bill Crabe, Flossie Trimble, Stewart Brown and Hank Bowlby. Mr. Crabe was Southwold's most highly decorated veteran, having been awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal for an act of heroism in a bomber during WWII. Bill Crabe also participated in food drops to starving residents of Holland during the occupation by German troops.

Anyone with Dutch connections is invited to attend the service.

*Shedden W.D.
Tweedsmuir History
Dora M^o Arthur - Curator
April 2010*

REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE

TO THE VETERANS OF SOUTHWOLD

TOWNSHIP WWI WWII Korean War

Shedden Women's Institute

We appreciate that you and /or your organization put up a display at the Keystone Complex in Shedden on November 8, 2009 to help us celebrate the Liberation of Holland, May 5, 1945 and the Veterans who fought in the Wars.

The date for **2010 is Sunday November 7 starting at 9:30 a.m.**

Led by a Piper, Colour Party, the Veterans, Cadets, and the Dignitaries will march to the outside Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

Sincerely

Mary

Mary Clutterbuck
6619 Boxall Rd, R.R. # 2
Pt Stanley, Ont
519 - 769 -2822

Committee

Chairman	Stan Lidster
	Lorne Spicer
	Len Lynch
	Pat Temple
	Blair Ferguson
	Perry Clutterbuck
	Mary Clutterbuck
	Hugh Orchard
Twp. Staff	Michele Drewitt

*The little booklet about your branches
Murray is special*



SOUTHWOLD MEMORIAL SITE

Shedden Women's Institute

*Thank you very much for your participation
in the Remembrance Service at the
Keystone Complex, Memorial Site,
Shedden, November 8, 2009*

Southwold War Memorial Committee

ONTARIO BICENTENNIAL MEDAL

In December, 1984, twenty-seven Elgin County residents were presented with Ontario Bicentennial medals for their volunteer contributions to Elgin County. All the ingredients of the medals were produced in Ontario and were accompanied by a certificate signed by Premier William Davis.

Ralph Palmer was the only recipient from the Shedden area. Ralph is a co-owner of the Red and White store in Shedden and is an active member of the Shedden Volunteer Fire Department, the Shedden Cemetery Board, the Shedden Community Centre and the Iona Station Baptist Church as well as supporting many other community events.

Ralph is the son of the late Leonard and Ruth Palmer and is married to the former Jean Chamberlain. They have four children, Leonard, Murray, Brenda Silcox and Peggy Lehrbass, and eight grandchildren.

FRANCIS L. POLLOCK

Francis L. Pollock and his wife, the former Zelpha Taylor, (of the same family as the millionaire E.P. Taylor) moved to the Shedden area shortly after the first world war and rented the house on the N $\frac{1}{4}$ lot 13 SNBTR later torn down by Mr. Horenz. Mr. Pollock had several bee yards in the Shedden, Lawrence Station and Iona Station areas and his honey extraction plant was on the lot (now vacant and owned by Grant Waite) at 104 Union Road. This lot had an excellent water supply from a very large well used by George Drake to flood his ice rink which had been at this same location in earlier years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pollock raised Leslie Wood who later lived with his family at 169 Talbot St. He also became a beekeeper in Shedden and had his extractor in a barn behind his house.

When Alice McDiarmid married Arthur Vicary in January of 1923, she and her father, Alexander McDiarmid, moved to her husband's farm in Middlesex County and the house on the S $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 17 SNBTR became vacant. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock moved into this house in the spring of 1923.

It should be pointed out that Mr. Pollock was a beekeeper during the summer and an author who lived in Georgetown during the winter. As well as being a published poet, he was also a fiction writer, "Bitter Honey", "Jupiter VIII", and the "Woods Rider" being the titles of some of his novels.

Mr. Pollock was rather eccentric and was a man of few words. He usually wore a long baggy sweater, smoked a curved stemmed pipe and drove his ancient Dodge trucks at a snail's pace. He kept a small note book in one of his sweater pockets and he would sometimes stop walking even in the middle of the road to jot down ideas for his novels.

Shedden Women's Institute

Mr. Pollock also made mead, a potent liquor of fermented honey and water and he usually carried a bottle of this in his other sweater pocket. His next-door neighbour on the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 16 SNBTR was Fred Teetzel. One day they met at the line fence; Mr. Pollock stuck a bottle through the fence and Fred took a long drink without a word being exchanged.

Another neighbour, Herbert Parks, lot 16 NEBTR, had a swarm of bees on the end of his barn and he called Mr. Pollock to come and collect them. Mr. Pollock was rather inebriated when he arrived but he began piling boxes in the back of his truck in order "to reach the bees. Climbing unsteadily up on the boxes, he fell with most of the bees coming down on top of him. Slowly he rose, brushed the bees off into a box and went home.

Mrs. Pollock was also very fond of the mead and her car had to be pulled out of the ditch on more than one occasion by Mr. Parks. Mrs. Pollock was very well educated and lady-like; she wore lovely clothes made of beautiful fabrics and was very talented at hand crafts. She attended meetings of Shedden Women's Institute and made a leather writing case which was presented to Alice Vicary on her marriage by the Institute. A favourite gift to her friends was a package of "Many Flowers" soap which was made in a factory owned by Taylor relatives in Toronto. The Pollocks loved children and gave gifts to the small Vicary children when they visited. Many a ride I have had in Mr. Pollock's old truck on my way home from school at Lawrence Station.

When Mrs. Vicary returned as a widow with her young children to her home in 1938, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock rented the McAlpine house lot 15, concession 2 at Lawrence Station. Shedden Women's Institute

They lived there until after the second world war when the business was sold to Vincent Potts of Fingal and they retired to Georgetown, Ontario.

This is Francis Pollock

By Katherine Hale



DURING the hurly-burly of the first book week in Toronto, a well-known publisher gave a luncheon in honor of one of his authors, Francis Pollock, of Shedden, Ontario, whose latest novel, "Jupiter VIII", was then being widely reviewed.

But I knew him better through a former book called "Bitter Honey", into which was curiously interwoven an exciting drama of bee-farming. Not since reading Maeterlinck's prose poem, "The Life of the Bee", had I felt such an interest in the affairs of this extremely complex social insect. And the author made one highly curious about himself. There were unusual qualities in his work, which combined a modern love story with one much older and more elemental that wove in and out of the novel's fabric—the unchanging but undulant pattern of the loves and labors of the bees. Maeterlinck, the Belgian playwright and essayist, had written a psychologic study; in this a poet and practical bee farmer seemed to have combined.

Naturally one was curious to observe this phenomenon. But we waited until after one o'clock and still the guest of honor had not appeared. Our host began to look anxious. But shortly a powerful figure towered in the doorway, grey-eyed, middle-aged, with an enquiring air of extreme aloofness but the kindest of smiles—this was Francis Pollock.

Since that day I have become aware that he has said things which must have had a considerable influence on a wide and important audience, for some twenty years ago his stories began to be serialized in the popular American magazine, "Youth's Companion". It was there that "Wilderness Honey", a story of bee-keeping in the Haliburton district, and "The Woods-Rider"—Bees in the Swamps of Alabama—

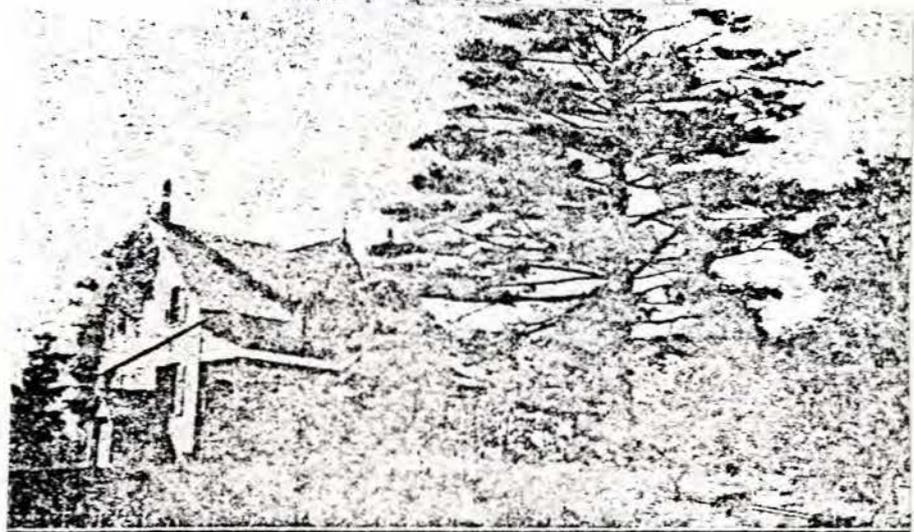
appeared and were read by thousands of young people who were thus introduced to the possibilities, the hazards, and the rich rewards of this fascinating department of farming. These three books, which I have lately reread, almost tempt one to forsake all and follow this ancient culture—a tribute to the writer's skill and experience as much as to the enthusiasm of the bewitched reader ready to try a new experiment with life, though the truth seems to be that this is one of the least hazardous of financial experiments.

"Much of my childhood," says Mr. Pollock, "was spent in a village in North Huron County, a primitive spot where deer and bear are still occasionally seen. I spent all my available time with a gun or fishing rod, or a boat, or snowshoes. I wish I could find a place like that

now. I afterwards went to the Collegiate Institute at St. Mary's, at the same time as T. A. Russell and Arthur Meighen; afterwards to Toronto University, where I did not graduate, but instead went to Cuba to write special articles about the Revolution then in progress. I spent part of the next year in France, Italy and New York, and did a year of teaching in an Ontario rural school. The next years I spent in writing fiction and verse for the New York magazines.

"Later I became interested in bee-keeping, and had a small apiary at Stouffville, and another in Alabama, for the winter. Then I determined to build up a real business which would earn a living, and leave me half the year entirely free to write. I established this at Shedden, Ontario, with a modern honey-plant, power driven machinery, and a lot of old cars and trucks."

The fruits of this life, half rural, half literary, are, so far, the two recent novels and some very fine poetry. As to the latter—however fine it will probably bring only one to every hundred or more readers of Mr. Pollock's prose. Yet it is typical of the sense of literary reality possessed by this experienced and unusual writer that he should say—looking back, and looking forward: "My long suit is poetry!"



The home of Francis Pollock at Shedden, Ont.

S $\frac{1}{4}$ Lot 17 SNBTR from the Canadian Countryman 1930's
Other information D. Vicary & B. Teetzal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

DR. ANDREW McDIARMID.

[Reprint from PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF AMERICA.]

McDIARMID, Andrew, Winnipeg, Manitoba, son of Andrew and Ann (Smith) McDiarmid, grandson of John McDiarmid, was born July 17, 1854, near St. Thomas, Elgin county, Ontario, Canada. He was educated in the public schools and at the Normal school, Toronto, receiving from the latter a certificate as a public school teacher in 1871; commenced the study of medicine in 1876, at Toronto, having previously been under the preceptorship of Drs. J. M. Penwarden and his brother, John McDiarmid, and later under Dr. R. G. Brett; attended three courses of lectures at Trinity Medical College; received the degree of M. D. from the University of Toronto in 1879; was made a fellow by examination of Trinity Medical College in 1879; gold medalist, Trinity Medical College, 1879; and received the degree of M. D., from the University of Manitoba in 1883. He also attended lectures at the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital of Chicago, in 1892.

Dr. McDiarmid commenced the practice of medicine in 1879, at Florence, Ontario, continuing there three years, and in 1882 removed to Winnipeg, his present residence. He is a member of the American Medical Association; of the Manitoba Branch of the British Medical Association, president in 1893-'94; of the Canada Medical Association, secretary for Manitoba in 1893; a member of the Masonic fraternity, Lodge, and Chapter; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Canadian Order of Foresters; Ancient Order of Foresters; Royal Templars of Temperance; Sons of Scotland; and Ancient Order United Workmen.

Dr. McDiarmid was one of the founders of the Manitoba Medical College, in 1883, was professor of chemistry in the same from 1886-'92; and has been professor of obstetrics and gynecology since 1890; and gynecologist to St. Boniface Hospital since 1891. He is also a member of the council of the University of Manitoba. He was appointed

professor of obstetrics in the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital of Chicago in 1894 (and will shortly remove to that city.)

In gynecological surgery, Dr. McDiarmid has performed abdominal and vaginal hysterectomies, laparotomies, etc., and in November, 1891, he published in the *Northwest Lancet* a paper on "Separation of Lower Epiphysis of Femur, Amputation, Recovery."

Married, June 23, 1880, Miss Emma R. L. Brett, sister of Dr. R. G. Brett, of Banff, Northwest Territory, Canada. They have two children: William Albert, and Emma Alida Winona McDiarmid.



ANDREW McDIARMID.

Andrew McDiarmid was born in a log house on S $\frac{1}{4}$ lot 17 SNBTR, Southwold, the fourth son in the family of ten children of Andrew and Ann McDiarmid. It was a very hot summer and his mother became very ill with "childbed fever". Many years later her son said it was a miracle she survived.

Andrew attended Shedden & Fingal school and then Normal school. In 1874 he taught at Shedden briefly and for several years in Haldimand County. Although he spent several summers as a travelling salesman selling books and portraits, most of the revenue for his medical education came from his father's farm.

The accompanying article details his medical career to 1894 when he moved from Manitoba to Chicago. He practised for many years in Chicago and upon his retirement spent several years travelling with his wife to foreign countries.

His daughter Alida married the British Consul in Chicago and their descendants live in Texas. His son Will had two daughters who resided in New York State.

Dr. McDiarmid's brother-in-law Dr. R. G. Brett mentioned above became Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. Dr. McDiarmid is buried in Chicago.

Shedden Women's Institute.

Beth Vicary



Mrs. Emma McDiarmid, wife of Dr. Andrew McDiarmid whose story appears on the previous page, is shown being introduced to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Several years previously Mrs. McDiarmid had been introduced to the Duke in Alberta when he was Prince of Wales. Her son-in-law Lewis Bernays, British consul in Chicago, was able to remind the Duke of this before he met Mrs. McDiarmid a second time. As this picture was being taken he said, "Darling, I want you to meet my old friend, Mrs. McDiarmid."

Aunt Emma was so thrilled she bought dozens of copies of the newspaper and mailed them to her relatives including her niece, Alice Vicary of Shedden.

DR. JOHN McDIARMID

John McDiarmid, oldest child of Andrew and Ann Smith McDiarmid was born on June 4, 1846 near Watson's Corners on lot 12 NEBTR. He moved with his parents to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 17 SNBTR in 1852 and attended public school in Shedden and high school in Fingal.

When the present brick house was built on S $\frac{1}{4}$ lot 17 in 1865 John and his younger brother Alexander "tended mason" - carrying bricks and mortar up ladders to the bricklayers.

John attended Trinity Medical College and received his MD from the University of Toronto. In 1874 he set up practise in Bryanston a few miles north of London and his sister Elizabeth kept house for him. In the Middlesex County Atlas of 1878 he is listed as John McDiarmid, M.B., M.C.P.S.O., Bryanston.

In May of 1877 he married Mary Amelia Ferguson the daughter of a farmer near Bryanston. They continued to live in Bryanston until January 1879 when Dr. McDiarmid took possession of the practise and drugstore of Dr. Couse in Wardsville. His father and brother on the farm near Shedden financed this venture. The drugstore was sold at a loss in July 1880 and in 1883 they joined Dr. Andrew McDiarmid in Manitoba.

Rather than stay in Winnipeg, Dr. John and his family went to Brandon when it was a scattered village of tents. He was a true pioneer and the first physician in Brandon. For several years he owned a farm of several hundred acres as well.

He helped to start the first protestant congregation in Brandon and was instrumental in having a pioneer church and later St. Paul's United Church built where he was a lay minister and clerk of session.

Mrs. McDiarmid started the women's groups in the church and the Sunday School and was the founding president of the YWCA in Brandon.

On May 29, 1927 the entire church congregation celebrated the McDiarmid's golden wedding anniversary. They had three children, Reg, Florence and John who died as an infant. Reg's widow and daughter still live in Brandon (1978) and Florence's two children Catherine and John Cochrane live in Toronto.

Mrs. McDiarmid died in 1930 and Dr. John died October 16, 1936 and they are both buried in Brandon.



Mrs. Milson (Violet McDiarmid) Stafford, Dr. John McDiarmid, Mrs. Wm. Guest (Elizabeth McDiarmid) and Mrs. Nelson Bawtenheimer (Marion McDiarmid). All three women were members of Shedden Women's Institute and Mrs. Guest was the first president.

