



Winning decorations

West Lorne Horticultural Society held its Christmas decoration show, with one of the best displayed by Peggy Mitchell, right. Other

members are, from left, Marion Craig, Mary Lippold and Dr. Eunice McKishnie. — (T-J Photo).

Douglas Todd reeve of WL nine Years

Reeve Douglas R. Todd, 46, died suddenly Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

In 1971 he served as the warden of Elgin the only Reeve of West Lorne to hold that office in the previous 54 years.

He was chairman of the county's Local Government Study Committee, presently being carried out under the direction of Elgin, St. Thomas and Ontario. He was a county representative on the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital Board, and served on county council's education committee and finance and apportionment committee.

Reeve Todd was first elected to West Lorne Village Council in 1962, and began serving as Reeve in 1966.

Reeve Todd was said to always demonstrate good judgement in conducting business of county council and village council.

He was highly respected by fellow county councillors, and the county appreciates his many contributions during his years of service.

A member of West Lorne United Church, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, a member of McColl Lodge A.F. — A.M. 386, and a member of the West Elgin Planning Board since its inception.

Surviving are his wife, the former Suzanne McKillop; two sons, John and Michael; one daughter Susan; four brothers, William of Halifax, Peter of Wisconsin, Richard of London, and Bruce of Windsor.

The funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 27th from Padfield Funeral Home, West Lorne, with Rev. James Vanslyke of the United Church officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Heart Foundation.

McColl Lodge held a memorial service Friday



evening.

Pallbearers were: Harley Lashbrook, Geo. Johnston, Ray Peckham, Jim Buttinger, Donald M. McKillop, and Julian Krzyworaczka.

Honorary Pallbearers were Elgin Municipal officials, Ex. Wardens Assn., Board of Governors Elgin Gen. Hospital, and West Elgin Planning Board.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphries

75 years celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphries will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary July 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bobier Home in Dutton.

At 98, Harry Humphries is still enjoying good health but requires some care so is living at the Bobier Home. While 92-year-old Grace (Michener) Humphries is living at the Mapleview Apartments in West Lorne, Ont.

The couple was married at the First Baptist Church, Welland, Ont., July 11, 1911.

The Humphries have four children, Katherine Cox of Welland, Ont., Archie Humphries of West Lorne, Ont., Norma Cook of St. Thomas and Floyd Humphries of Talbotville. The couple has 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

HARRY HUMPHRIES

Harry Humphries, formerly of West Lorne, passed away Wednesday, December 31st, 1986 at the Bobier Convalescent Home, Dutton. He was 99.

Born in Dutton, son of the late Daniel and Catherine (Boyle) Humphries, he lived most of his life in West Lorne.

Surviving are his wife Grace Michener, sons Archie, West Lorne, and Floyd, St. Thomas; daughters, Mrs. Katherine Cox, Welland and Mrs. Norma Cook, St. Thomas; brother, John Humphries, Rodney; sisters Mrs. Susie Staddon, Eagle and Mrs. Alice Michener, Beamsville. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, two sisters and two brothers died previously.

Funeral service was held at the Padfield Funeral Home, West Lorne, on Saturday, January 3rd. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, West Lorne.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS F. RIPLEY

West Lorne couple marks 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ripley, West Lorne, celebrated 50 years of married life March 4. On that day in 1927, Vera, daughter of the late Joseph K. and Catharine (Page) Holland, and Tom, son of the late Walter A. and Sarah (Robinson) Ripley were married at Lincoln Road Methodist Church, Walkerville. The couple, both born in West Lorne, live in the house on Main Street, where Tom was born.

Employed by Seaman-Kent until its closure during the depression, Mr. Ripley worked for Ontario Hydro, until Seaman-Kent reopened as Erie Flooring. He retired there in 1970. Until last year, he was a secretary of Erie's union.

A member of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES), and McColl Masonic Lodge, he was a member of the Library Board and is a member of Evergreen Cemetery Board.

Mrs. Ripley, an active member of West Lorne's Methodist Church, now United, which was formed under the initiative of her grandfather, has been a member of the choir for 53 years. For 36 years she has been secretary of the women's group, and is a member of session. Mrs. Ripley is a life member of OES which she joined 53 years ago. She has been worthy

matron three times. She is active in the Women's Institute, being a past president, and secretary for the past 19 years.

For 25 years she has been correspondent for the St. Thomas Times-Journal, operating its West Lorne office for the five years it was open.

Always active in community affairs Mrs. Ripley was a member of the Community Hall Board. She is captain of the Cancer Society's fund raising drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley are the parents of a son, Walter A. Ripley of Windsor, and a daughter, Mrs. Jon (Yvonne) Jewell of Dutton; grandparents of five, as well as great grandparents of five.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley were vacationing in Florida on the date of their golden wedding anniversary, but upon their return during the latter part of March, were guests of honor at a surprise celebration hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, Terry and Mark.

In the afternoon a host of well-wishers attended a tea at the United Church catered to by the OES. The United church Women served dinner to 50 following.

Many cards, flowers and gifts were presented to the highly esteemed couple.



Long-time service honored

Susan Jakob, left, president of the Elgin Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, presents certificates marking the 25 years of volunteer service made to the group by Vera Ripley; the

20 years of service by Joseph Schmid, and the 20 years of service by Lois Carroll, at the unit's annual meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Aylmer. — (T-J Photo).



Tom and Vera celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary

Earl Lemon Night

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Honored for civic contributions

About 375 people jammed the Elgin International Hall just west of West Lorne Wednesday night to honor Earl Lemon on the occasion of his retirement from the business community after 60 years. Mr. Lemon, 82, started with a small general store in the village 60 years ago, and operated a number of businesses, the most recent a dry goods store. He was a member of the 91st

Battalion in the First World War, serving three years in the army. He was also the reeve in 1938 and 1939. Pictured are his wife Grace, Mr. Lemon, Ray Peckham, president of the Kiwanis Club of West Lorne who organized the event, and Reverend Fred Dunn of Canton, Ohio, and formerly of West Lorne, who was the guest speaker. — (T-J Photo).