

EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Lanark County Council Reduces Tax Levy

Lanark County Council, on recommendation of the finance committee last week reduced the county tax levy by 41 mills or from the rate of 2.28 mills for the present year; this by reason of the fact that the sum of \$185,446.48 required for county financing this year is less by \$7,178.86 than the amount needed last year.

participate in a demonstration parade in Perth and will bivouac at the fair grounds that night. The convoy will leave Pembroke on Monday morning, to be at Renfrew that night; come to Perth, via Almonte and Carleton Place, for Tuesday night; go to Ottawa, via Smiths Falls, for Wednesday night; go to Arnprior for Thursday night; on Friday will return to Pembroke.

Draggling operations have been carried on at Rideau Lake in an effort to locate an airplane believed to have crashed into the lake Sunday. Pilot of the missing plane was LAC William C. Oquendo who was operating out of Uplands RCMP base and who was on a routine training flight at the time.

Dinner of Perth, evident in so many ways in the past came very prominently to the fore at the weekend when Percy McLean, president of the Ottawa branch of the Red Cross announced that the Fountain residence at the southeast corner of Somerset and Metcalfe streets in Ottawa had been purchased for \$14,000 by Mrs. Danner, and donated to the Ottawa Red Cross Blood Donor Service. The property was formerly the residence of Nelson Porter.

Everyone has heard of the hen that hatched out chickens but who ever heard of a gobbler hatching turkeys. Just the same, a gobbler belonging to Mrs. George Pretty, Clayton, has been sitting diligently on a nest of fifteen turkeys for the past two weeks. He takes less time off to eat than do members of Parliament (which is said to be the shortest possible time) and there he is back on the job again. Such devotion to duty deserves a fine reward. It may be added that the unfortunate hen turkey jumped the job. — Almonte Gazette.

Perth Post Office In Early Days
Between 1817 and 1822, Perth's only mail connection was with Brockville. At first the mail was carried on foot, and later on, on horseback, or by stage. Colonel Josias Taylor was the first Postmaster. Then came Francis Allan, his son, James Allan Sr. (in 1844), J. P. Grant (1851-56), and W. J. Morris.

The Private "I"

I'm disgusted. Two weeks ago, members of the Rotary Club of Perth and a number of high schoolers spent long hours cleaning out the Tay. So what happens? I spot some fathead throwing paper in the water three days after the cleaning. There ought to be a law . . .

Perth Events 50 Years Ago

John Loughney of Bathurst purchased D. Lee's residence on Wilson Street.
George Park of Winnipeg was visiting his father, M. Park, Watson's Corners.
Street watering rate in Perth was reduced from 6 to 4 cents per foot frontage.
Thomas McLean was recuperating at a satisfactory rate after an attack of typhoid fever.
Ontario farmers had sold over 200,000 pounds of wool at an average price of 64 cents.

The Caldwell Mills at Lanark were destroyed with a loss of \$100,000, on which there was an insurance of \$51,000.
A shaft was being sunk on the Templeton property on Herriot Street by the Wampole Company to ascertain the condition of the ground for foundation purposes.
County Council named Reeves C. M. Forbes and William Patto to superintend the completion of a historical sketch of the county, the compiling to be done by W. P. McEwen and J. M. Walker.

BORN
Findlay — In North Elmley, on Thursday, June 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Findlay, a daughter.
MARRIED
Byrne — Dowdall — On June 26, at Perth, Miss Mary E. Dowdall and Peter Byrne, both of Drummond.
Featherston — Brunton — In Beckwith, on Wednesday, June 20, Miss Brunton, to Howard T. Featherston.
Sloan — Allan — At Perth, on Wednesday, June 27, Miss Winnifred Allan, daughter of Mrs. John Allan, Perth, to Alex Sloan, Scotch Line.

On Sunday, June 22, approximately 1400 cadets from this military district go to the Connaught rifle ranges near Ottawa for a week in camp.
Among these will be 45 cadets from No. 187 Perth Collegiate cadet corps. E. A. Fleming of the Perth Collegiate staff will be in charge of the PCI cadets. The cadet officers who are going to camp include: Cadet Captain John Wickware; Cadet Officer Keith McLaren; Cadet Lieutenants John and Ken Darou; C. S. M. Ken Cowie; Platoon Sergeants Ormond Hopkins, Robert Shank; Sergeants Jack Anderson, Emmett Buchanan, Francis Conlon, Robert Miller, Frank Mullins, Arthur Walroth, Jack Wilson, Raymond McKinnon.
H. A. O'Donnell, K.C. and Mrs. O'Donnell were in Kingston on Sunday attending the ceremonies in connection with the graduation of the final group

Baker — At the Private Patient's Pavilion, Toronto West Hospital, on Tuesday, June 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, nee Betty Gemmill, a son.
Smith — At Lanark, on Wednesday, June 17, to Mrs. and Mr. George F. Smith, of Balderson, a daughter.
MARRIED
Rodger — Thompson — At Rosetta United Church, on Saturday, June 20, by Rev. B. K. Kront, B.A., P.D., Isabel Macdonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, to William Stewart Rodger, both of Lanark Township.
DIED
Chamberlain — At Perth, on Sunday, June 21, Mrs. James Chamberlain, nee Susan

Stone, in her 85th year.
Scott — In Kincardine, on Monday, June 22, Elizabeth Martha Stanley, widow of the late Judge James Henderson Scott, of Perth.
In 1851, the postage rates (which had been exorbitant) were reduced and the first postage stamps were issued. In 1853, a daily mail functioned between Perth and Ottawa, and, in 1855, to Lanark. With railway communication established between Brockville and Montreal (in November, 1855), outside news reached Perth more expeditiously — by means of a daily mail from Brockville.
On January 25th, 1856, the first train from Brockville reached Perth. In that year decimal currency superseded the old system — with its pounds, shillings and pence. By 1866, Perth had two mails a day from Brockville. In 1873, the registering of letters was commenced. Finally, in 1884, Perth secured connection with Toronto, through the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Smiths Falls and Perth Dog Control Officer Lloyd Wilkins must feel prosecuted these days. Told by the Falls Council to purchase a uniform, Wilkins brought in a bill for \$178. Smiths Falls Councillor M.R. Wiseman wryly commented: "I fail to see how he can catch dogs any better in a fancy uniform than he could in a jacket and slacks." Come on, M.R., you know clothes make the man. Or dogcatcher.
Plans are shaping up for the July 7 Glen Tay Block Race. Being a betting man, I was coerced into running against Peter Code. Well, I say running. Actually, I figure the last three, four or five miles will see me doing a brisk walk. How about an exhausted crawl?
A CJOH film crew was here Monday to film sections of the town. A 15-minute film is being planned for next Sunday, or the following week. Check your listings and be sure to peep at the tube that day.
"Perth Remembered" books are now on sale in most stores. If you haven't purchased yours yet, get going. The 176-page anthology is a most stimulating book.
Peter Sabiston tells me bookings for the Arrah Wanna are coming in, but there are still openings for cruises on the Ottawa waterways. Peter (287-1831) will fix up reservations for you. There's a chance, I understand, that bookings for August will also be made, if the demand is great enough. As it stands now, the cruises are going to be run July 2-8.
Congratulations to . . . the Civitan Club of Perth which last week sponsored a softball match between the Ottawa Rough Riders and the CJET No-Stars. The match drew an overflow crowd to the Fair Grounds and raised over \$100 for club work — which includes helping retarded children. Incidentally, the Riders won a squeaker, 23-8.
Storefronts in town continue to go Centennial. Last week, two Gore Street establishments were graced by provincial emblems. And others are expected to follow suit. As well, the painters are busy on many fronts (no pun intended). The Courier is one of the buildings getting a new life.
Once and for all, Perth is ACTUALLY 151 years old, not 150. It's confusing, I'll agree. In 1966 (year 150) it was decided to hold our 150th birthday celebrations during Centennial Year. There, that's the last time I'm saying it.
Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gamble who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last weekend. They played hosts to hundreds of friends who visited them Saturday and Sunday.
The speeders are still on the town's main streets. Maybe a little more use of the radar would discourage the hot-rodgers . . .

The Old Perth Ski Club Members



How many of these Perth ski club members can you name?

Your Cancer Society Report

A meeting of the Lanark County Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society was held in the cafeteria of the G. W. M. Hospital, Thursday evening, June 15th, at 8 p.m. Representatives were present from Carleton Place, Smiths Falls and Perth. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Robertson of Carleton Place presided.
Boundary lines of the Lanark County Unit of the Cancer Society were discussed and it was decided to have Mr. Strader of Almonte get additional maps re the boundaries.
A meeting of the Eastern District Council is to be held in Ottawa on June 23rd and it was decided to have delegates from the three branches at this meeting, contact Mr. Strader and discuss the relocation of the Unit and the selection of the campaign chairman.
Perth Branch reported the sum of \$118.00 had been realized from the sale of daffodils. The campaign chairman reported that \$2,683.35 had been collected during the campaign in Perth.
The slate of officers for the coming year is as follows: Campaign Chairman, Mr. G. E. Foster; President, Mrs. S. Chartrand; Secretary, Mrs. H. Duby; Treasurer, Mr. A. McLellan; Educational Secretary, Miss D. Spence; Dressing, Chairman, Mrs. R. Chaplin; Gift Cupboard Press and Publicity Convener, Mrs. J. Lynn; Transportation Convener, Mrs. A. Valley; Telephone Convener, Miss I. Walker.

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