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Former publisher of Port Perry Standard celebrates 60th anniversary of marriage

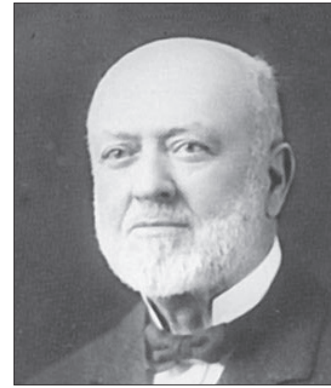
Toronto Globe: January 5, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mundy were 60 years married on Sunday and celebrated their diamond wedding.

Following a morning church service they attended a splendid dinner at the Commercial Hotel where they were presented with a gold-headed cane and a gold watch.

Mr. Mundy is a veteran newspaper man, serving his apprenticeship more than sixty years ago in the office of The Globe; The Leader; The Echo and Colonist, before moving to Prince Albert where he'd edited the Ontario Observer. After that he also published the Ontario Advocate in Uxbridge and the Port Perry Standard in Port Perry. In 1878 he purchased the Ontario Reformer, Oshawa and successfully edited it until the year 1910, when he sold out to the Reformer Printing and Publishing Company, of which he still is president.

Mr. Mundy, who is a native of Hull, England is 83 years of age and his wife, Martha, who was born in Exeter, England is 80 years old. Both are active and in good health. They were married in Toronto by Rev. Mr. Spencer of the Wesleyan Church.



Edward Mundy



Martha Mundy



The Willard Block was constructed in 1885 and is located on the southeast corner of Queen and Perry Street.

Lakefront wharf in poor condition

Port Perry Star: January 8, 1920

James Stonehouse called the attention of the new council to the condition of the waiting room at the wharf. If the foundation is not attended to this winter, the building will probably topple over when the ice goes out in the Spring.

He reported the Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals has refused to spend anything for maintenance on this property, so that the matter of its proper care rests entirely with the municipal council.



The dockhouse at the end of the Port Perry government wharf.

Council turns down Clerk's salary increase

Port Perry Star: February 12, 1920

Rev. J. Ford has tendered his resignation as town Treasurer, to take effect on May 1st. He had asked for an increase in his salary, but the request was not granted.

Mr. Ford explained, "I think it is only right to let the public know that the treasurer's action in asking for increase of salary, from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day, has nothing whatever to do with the composition of the present council."

He said he had made up his mind before Christmas that he could not fulfill the duties for less than the latter amount.

Port Perry canvassing for new rink

Port Perry Star: February 24, 1920

A canvass of the town was held yesterday to raise sufficient money to build a rink, and the sum of about \$5,800 was subscribed.

The rink committee had already on hand about \$1,200, which was raised by concerts, etc. during the past year, and they now have altogether about \$7,000.

The objective was \$9,000, but there were as many citizens whom it was impossible to canvas, and the committee feels quite satisfied that when the other subscriptions are received the total will not be much below the \$9,000 required.

Port Perry has been without a rink for several years, and the result yesterday shows that the citizens are taking an interest in this movement.

1920 TIMELINE

January 1920

The Port Perry Star moved to new quarters in the Jessop Block.

Councillor Davey suggest selling the fire engine, which is a piece of junk.

James Lucas is elected reeve over Jas. Stonehouse. Councillors are Allan Goode, John Nasmith, James Waddell, and Charles Rundle.

Concerns raised that the foundation of the waiting room on dockhouse will collapse in spring if it is not repaired.

W.U. Carnegie has taken his brother D. Carnegie, into partnership. The firm name will be W.U. & D Carnegie Hardware.

A vote to bring hydro power to Port Perry was approved by a vote of 235 in favor and only four voting against the by-law.

February 1920

Reach Public School #3, with an average attendance of five, was closed due to lack of students.

Messrs. E. & C. Beare, have purchased M.T. Beare's interest in the garage business, and have secured a first-class mechanic.

A winter carnival raised \$64 for the Rink Fund.

Mr. W.H. Letcher was elected Chairman of the Board of Education.

March 1920

The library board solicits public and private individuals for \$100 to keep the library from closing.

Reach and Scugog Townships are enthusiastic about securing hydro-electric power.

Bell Telephone asks subscribers to consider two-party lines as a means of reducing the cost to the user.

April 1920

A Port Perry Board of Trade was formed with 25 businessmen as members. Mr. W.S. Short was elected its first president.

Bowes Company Ltd. of Toronto, purchased the egg warehouse of Flavelle & Clemes for a nut shelling factory and for the manufacture of syrups for soda fountain use.

The Aura Lee ice cream parlor was remodelled.

Port Perry's new Public Library in need of financial help

Port Perry Star: March 4, 1920

The Port Perry Public Library is in need of money. For two or three years back, owing to war conditions, the library has had to depend almost entirely on government; municipal; and other grants. The whole amount, including subscription fees, only amounts to about \$400.

Out of this sum the Library is kept open five nights and two afternoons in the week. The Librarian has to be paid, the room must be heated and lighted. What is left is spent for books.

Necessarily the number of books bought is small. And the worst of it is that when few books are bought, the government grant is smaller, and subscribers are apt to become fewer, thus further reducing the income.

Public bodies and private individuals are requested to consider this matter when they have funds at their disposal. It would be a serious loss to the town if the library had to be closed for lack of funds.

One hundred dollars a year additional income would put the library on a good financial basis, and the lack of that amount might seriously lessen the present income through the shrinking of the government grant.

Big liquor seizure made in Port Perry

Toronto Globe: March 31, 1920

Inspector Luke of Oshawa and Constable Nesbitt of Port Perry made a raid on the premises of William Parr, and seized about \$700 worth of gin, rum, brandy and two or three brands of whiskey.

Since January 1st, Parr has brought in over a ton of liquor, and as there were some 1,300 lbs. not accounted for when the officers visited his cellar, he was given a chance last Saturday before Magistrate Purdy to tell where the balance had gone.

Parr made an attempt to convince the court that it had all been consumed on the premises by himself and friends, to whom he supplied the refreshments free of charge. Some of his friends testified that they consumed nightly from one and a half to two and a half bottles each.

The Magistrate, however, thought that the witnesses had all overshot the mark of their eagerness to show to what extent they had helped Mr. Parr to reduce his stocks without the necessity of selling any.

This evidence not being considered worthy of any credence, a fine of \$500 and cost was imposed, besides the confiscation of the liquor.

Parr is a janitor in the Bank of Commerce branch at Port Perry.



The Port Perry Library opened in the former post office building on the north-west corner of Queen and John St., beside the lawn bowling green in 1917.

Reach and Scugog Townships circulate petition for hydro-electric power

Port Perry Star: April 1, 1920

Evidently Reach and Scugog Townships are anxious to secure Hydro-Electric power. And small wonder. When a farmer can secure enough power to grind grain, cut feed, or wood, pump water, light house and barn, and perform much other farm and house work for about \$10 per-month, many of them will have made a great stride toward solving the labor problem on the farm.

At a meeting held in the town hall, Port Perry on Tuesday of this week, Mr. Eisenofer was the speaker, and gave valuable information as to the practical working of Hydro on the farm, and the cost of installation.

Volunteer canvassers will circulate the petition asking the Commission to make a survey and give estimates as to the cost of supplying power to consumers in the two townships. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic.

1920 TIMELINE

April 1920

Council gives approval of a plan by the I.O.D.E. to build two public tennis courts in the park beside the Town Hall.

A.J. Carnegie becomes a dealer for the "Chandler Dispatch" motor vehicles.

May 1920

A bylaw was passed causing all shops to close Wednesday afternoons during June, July and August, and to close Saturday evenings at 10:30 with a penalty not exceeding \$50 for any violation.

Sam Griffen suffered injuries after a 26 foot fall from the roof of a barn he was shingling.

Mr. A.E. Rogerson, proprietor of the Sebert House, purchased the hotel.

June 1920

Port Perry celebrated the King's Birthday with a sports day, including horse races, baseball tournament, aquatic and athletic sports.

Principal T.H. Follick for Port Perry High School had his salary increased by \$250 to \$1,850 for the year.

A delegation consisting of former Port Perry reeves Jas. Stonehouse, W.L. Parrish and S. Jeffrey along with Reeve Lucas, urged County Council to run the provincial highway east from Manchester through Port Perry and on to Lindsay.

July 1920

C. Switzer, Massey Harris Agency with his blacksmith shop.

Greatest Auction Sale on the continent at Brooklin realizes \$130,000.

James McKee, manager, Farmer's Union Mill announces they will no longer give credit, and will sell for cash only.

Henry Parsons, publisher of The North Ontario Observer of Port Perry, the areas oldest newspaper, ceased publication. It began publishing in 1857,

In Ontario there are currently 5670 rural schools: five with only 1 pupil; 12 with 2 pupils; 33 with three pupils and 2,500 more with 10 pupils or less.

Village council approves proposed route of Provincial highway

Port Perry Star: April 8, 1920

A the monthly meeting of Port Perry Council a motion, moved by J.G. Waddell and seconded by Allan Goode was carried. The motion is as follows:

That the Council of the Village of Port Perry, go on record as strongly approving the proposed Provincial Highway from Whitby to Lindsay via Manchester, Port Perry, Seagrave, Sonya, Little Britain and Oakwood, believing that this route would be of greater service than any other to a large agricultural community; and that this resolution be handed to the President of the Board of Trade, to be submitted to the Minister of Highways.

Town Hall park to be fitted up for two tennis courts

Port Perry Star: April 8, 1920

At the monthly meeting of the Town Council a deputation from the I.O.D.E. was present to ask for the use of the park at the Town Hall to be fitted up with two public tennis courts.

These courts which are to be equipped by the I.O.D.E. will be open for the use of the young people of the town. Mr. Waddell said that the park should be so arranged as to place the courts most advantageously no matter if some trees have to be removed.

The request of the ladies was granted and the Parks Committee was appointed to complete arrangements as to the position of the courts and to see if there would be necessity to cut any trees.



The Ontario Observer printing office was located in the Curts & Henderson building on the north side of Queen St., near the Sebert House hotel.



A view from Scugog Island across Lake Scugog at the Port Perry lakefront buildings.

Rogerson expanding his summer resort

Port Perry Star: April 15, 1920

Mr. Albert E. Rogerson, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, has bought the Milner farm, between Pettett's Point and Seven Mile Island.

Provision is to be made here for summer campers, and later cottages will be erected. Two gasoline launches and a number of skiffs and canoes will be available to the guests for transportation and pleasure purposes.

Buying this farm is part of a program of expansion and development which Mr. Rogerson will carry out as rapidly as circumstances will permit. It is intended to add ten rooms, to the present hotel structure. Already the building is equipped with Delco Lighting system, and many improvements have been made.

Every comfort and convenience will be provided for the summer tourist, and efforts will be made to secure a proper share of the trade of the traveling public.

Mr. Rogerson should be encouraged in his commendable enterprise, which will mean added business for the town.

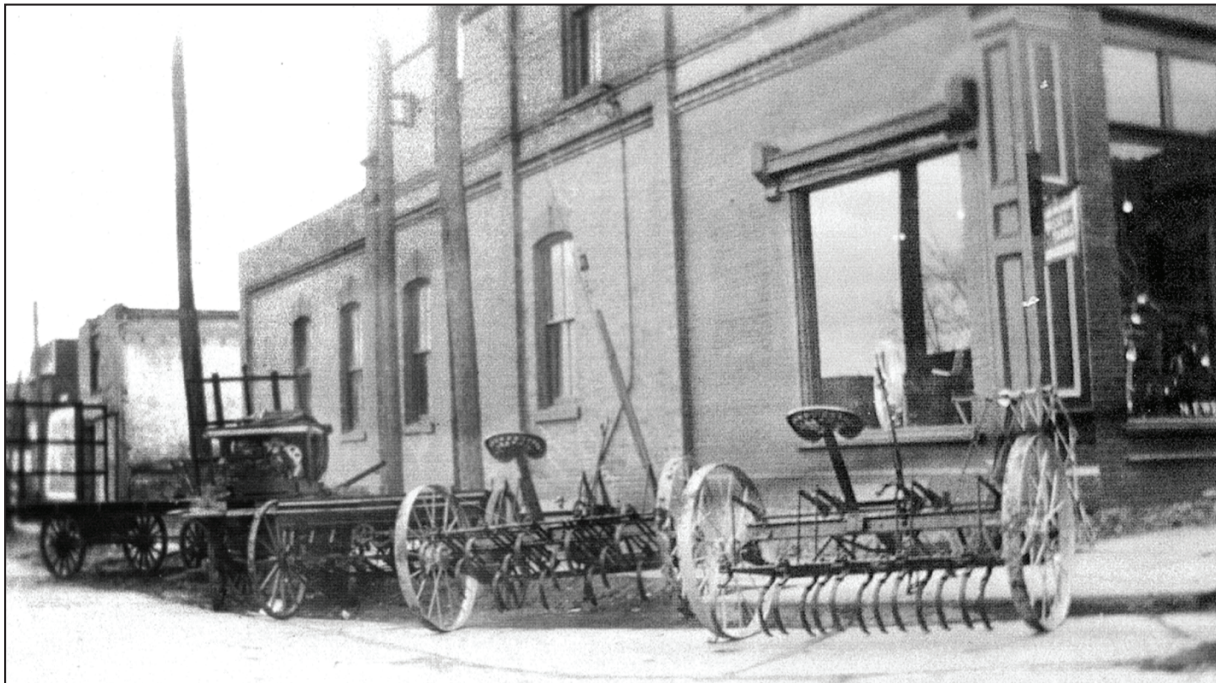
Society to replace board fence at fairgrounds

Port Perry Star: April 15, 1920

The joint committees from the Council and Agricultural Society met at the Fair Grounds last week to consider the matter of re-fencing the fairgrounds and decided to put up a wire fence all around the grounds, and take down the board fence.

They intend to sort the fence out and dispose of half the lumber to defray the expense of the new fence and put by the other part for building purposes.

When the fence is taken down, and put in shape for sale, there will be about 8,000 feet to be sold to the highest bidder.



Ewers Farm Equipment dealership was located in the former St. Charles Hotel during the 1920.

Young man badly injured in fall from barn roof

Port Perry Star: May 15, 1920

That Sam Griffen is alive today is little short of miraculous. Last Thursday afternoon he was busy shingling a barn for Mr. Wm. Irwin on the James Ross farm. He was seated on his "creeper" and in reaching round for something behind him, the creeper overturned and he rolled down the roof and fell to the ground – a drop of some twenty-six feet.

His fall was broken slightly by a pile of old shingles that lay upon the ground. When the lad was picked up (he is only about 17 years of age) he was unconscious, and remained so for some time. Medical examination showed that a couple of ribs were broken, and the system badly shaken.

It has been difficult to ascertain as yet to what extent, if any, Sam has suffered internal injuries. There is general regret that this added misfortune has come, for the family has had more than its share of trouble during the past few years.

Port Perry Motor Club organized

Port Perry Star: June 30, 1920

Port Perry Motor Club was organized on Monday evening, the following officers being elected: President – Cyril C. Jeffrey; 1st Vice President – I. R. Bentley; 2nd Vice Pres. – W. H. Leask; Secretary – Frank Shepherd; Directors – Samuel Jeffrey, Ross Hood, Wm. L. Parrish. The Club is a branch of the Ontario Motor League, which is carrying on campaigns for better roads; the elimination of reckless driving and road hogging. _

Establishing local Touring bureau in the town; giving free legal advice, when required owing to accident or other auto difficulties of a legal character; erecting road signs, and assisting members to get autos through customs, etc.



Interior picture of McGregor's store, Queen St., Port Perry. William "Bert" McGregor purchased the store from R.A. Fitchett. He is seen in centre, with apron and hat.

Island store change of ownership

Port Perry Star: July 1, 1920

Mr. John Joblin, recently pastor of the Methodist Churches on Scugog Island, bought the general store business from Mr. Charles Gordon. Mr. Gordon and his good wife will be greatly missed on Scugog Island, as they have been good workers in the church and for such other agencies as are for the welfare of the community.

Fortunately Mr and Mrs. Joblin are good church workers. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have bought a home in Greenbank, and are moving there.

A daring robbery at Prince Albert

Port Perry Star: July 1, 1920

Mr. Jas. Holman's store was burglarized on Wednesday night of last week, and about a thousand dollars worth of goods were stolen. The goods included sugar, dry goods, tobacco, and other articles of a general store stock.

The building was entered through an upstairs window, and it is thought that the goods were simply loaded on a truck and taken away. As Mr. Holman does not live at the store, and the goods had no distinguishing mark, nothing could be done to trace the thieves.

Clean-up of mess at town dump

Port Perry Star: July 31, 1920

Something is being done, and something more should be done with the town dump.

The Council is cleaning up the mess down by the railroad track on Water Street, and Mr. Waddell is advocating the erection of a fence with a proper road leading to dump. This is a good idea, providing – That's the problem!!

Providing the people can be induced to respect the town and themselves enough to dump the rubbish where it ought to be dumped. It is amazing how careless some people have been in this matter. Some have even dumped material almost on the road, which should have been buried, and is a menace to health.

1920 TIMELINE

August 1920

Chas. Rundle suggests the town be wired for new hydro requirements now, leaving the current wiring in place until the new wiring is completed.

The population of Port Perry is 1200.

September 1920

Motorcycle races and a baseball game between Toronto and Port Perry highlighted the events at the Port Perry Fair.

Mr. W.H. Doubt's tailor shop had \$5,000 worth of cloth stolen in an overnight break-in.

Council appointed Chief Nesbitt night watchman, due to numerous store break-ins.

Messrs. Van Skiver & Richardson will operate a flax mill in Graham's Evaporator staring next year.

October 1920

Bert. MacGregor has bought R.A. Fitchett's butcher business.

The Port Perry Methodist Church was re-opened on Oct. 31 in grand style after being closed for more than \$6,000 in improvements.

November 1920

Halloween pranksters broke into the High School and a number of other buildings about town and hauled gates and fences to the front of the post office.

A.E. Rogerson has bought Mrs. Porter's business interest in the Sebort House. Mr. Rogerson now owns both the St. Charles Hotel and Sebort House and plans to use only the bar and poolroom at the St. Charles until the hotel is needed.

December 1920

Prof. Graham Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Christie is the new head of Engineering Dept. at John Hopkins University, U.S.A.

County Council remains committed to run the Provincial highway from Whitby to Port Perry to Lindsay.

Ross Roach, goaltender for the Aura Lee Hockey Club of Toronto is being compared with hockey great Vernon Forbes.

Port Perry's clerk, W.H. Harris resigned his office due to stress.

Man gets two years in prison for horse theft, arrested on Scugog Island

Toronto Globe: July 15, 1920

"Eddie Mott" expected to get five years, when he was arrested on Scugog Island a week ago Tuesday on a charge of horse stealing. But the magistrate imposed a term of two and a half years.

He has quite a record. On June 13 he stole from Tollendae, a horse and buggy belonging to Wm. Irwin, Big Bay Point. He took them to a farm in East Gwillimbury, where he was working, and remained there two weeks.

Suddenly disappearing, he drove east to Scugog Island, and engaged to work for Thomas Redman. On July 4th he drove back to the farm of David Coates in east Gwillimbury and stole another buggy and a set of harness. As reported last week he was apprehended on Tuesday by Constable Nesbitt and others at the instance of Detective Miller.

At the trial he also pleaded guilty to stealing a stove last fall from Mr. Justice Lennox's vacant house near Allandale. Goods to the value of \$ 100 from Bemrose's store, Bradford. Martin is also alleged to have stolen a gramophone from N. E. Rhodehouse's store, Newmarket,

Last Fall he was sentenced to six months for stealing harness from Brown & McKenrie at Midland, but escaped from the lock-up, and was not heard of again by the police until three weeks ago. Charles E. Martin, who went by the name of "Eddie Mott" here, is 21 years of age, and originally came from Huntsville.



This little building was a dedicated to agricultural studies, and was located at the rear of Port Perry High School.

Plans unveiled to re-wire town, replace generator

Port Perry Star: August 12, 1920

Councillor Chas. Rundle suggested that the town be wired according to Hydro requirements at once. His plan is to leave the present equipment standing until the new wiring is complete. The reasons for the suggestion are:

1. The generator at the powerhouse is 133 cycle, which is an old type that would be very difficult to replace should it wear out or become disabled. Considering the length of service given by this generator, the contingency of a breakdown must be considered, and preparations made to meet it. The present equipment may last a considerable time or it may not. The new wiring, meters, transformers, etc., would be suitable for a 60 cycle generator, which is a modern type, and can be installed at any time

2. The present wiring is in a very bad state, and much power is being lost through grounding.

3. Many houses have been connected with the present plant, and electricity is being supplied on a flat rate, as no 133 cycle meters are on hand, and it would be poor business to buy more of this old type of meter, which would become so much junk as soon as we change to the new system, which must be adopted at an early date.

More than that – flat rate charges are unprofitable to the town. It is claimed that many dollars are lost by this method of charging.

This plan of re-wiring the town now appealed to the Council as being a sensible one, and the Hydro Commission is being consulted to find out what steps must be taken to put the plan into effect. Eventually – why not now?



Charles Rundle

Storekeeper on Scugog Island run over by wagon

The Globe: August 16, 1920

John Joblin was badly injured here yesterday afternoon when his team became frightened and ran away.

He was transacting some business and standing beside the wagon when the horses took fright. He managed to grab the lines, but was unable to stop the horses. They dragged him about 40 yards and finally the wagon ran over his leg, breaking several ligaments in the ankle and cutting his leg badly.

Mr. Joblin is at present proprietor of a general store on Scugog Island, having purchased it only this summer. For the past two years he has been the Methodist minister at all the appointments on Scugog Island.

New hunting regulations

Port Perry Star: August 26, 1920

Partridge may be shot between the 5th and 20th of November only and no person shall take, kill, or have in his possession more than five birds in any one day, nor more than ten for the season.

No muskrat shall be shot or speared at any time, nor shall any muskrat or beaver house or dam be cut, speared, broken or destroyed at any time. No trap must be set closer than five feet from a muskrat or beaver house.

Another important change is that moose or deer cannot be shot or molested while in water.



Two German machine guns and a trench mortar, arrived in Port Perry. One was mounted in front of the post office.

Robbery at Doubt's tailor shop

Port Perry Star: September 23, 1920

On Monday night, September 20th, about \$5,000 worth of cloth was stolen from William H. Doubt's tailor shop. As usual, the theft was probably carried out by some person or persons with an auto. At time of writing, however, there is no clue as to filio thieves.

Entrance was made through the rear window of the store, and the stock was almost entirely removed, perhaps a dozen webs of cloth being left. Linings and everything else of the kind disappeared.

About a couple of months ago Mr. Doubt lost a couple of webs of cloth, and new locks were put on the store. It becomes increasingly evident that some precaution should be taken to protect the public from these continued thefts. No store or building is safe. So far as the professional burglar is concerned, the locks mean nothing to him. The door might almost as well be open, except for keeping out petty thieved.

Other towns are finding it necessary to employ a night watchman and it begins to look as though Port Perry should do the same.

W. H. DOUBT,
Merchant Tailor

Good Stock, and Perfect Fit Guaranteed.

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Lindsay resident visits Port Perry

Lindsay Post: September 2, 1920

It was the privilege and pleasure for this representative of the Lindsay Post to spend the week end at the little town of Port Perry on the west shore of Lake Scugog.

Port Perry was at one time an important industrial centre that was back in the seventies when large mills, foundries and other industries kept a large number of people employed and which helped to spell the population up to 2,000 and over.

Now the population is about 1,200, but still the centre of a splendid agricultural district. The land around Port Perry is especially adapted for vegetable and root crops and large areas are used to raise sugar beets, which are shipped to Kitchener.

A good many farmers are making as high as \$200 per acre at the present time while sugar is so high. A hundredweight of beets will make about seventeen pounds sugar.

On Saturday evening when the farmers began to come in in their cars the streets presented a very busy appearance and a great many people from Toronto motor down to spend the week end, as Port Perry is rapidly becoming a tourist centre, and a good many cottages are being erected along the shore.

Blackstock Fair gets full support of Cartwright

Port Perry Star: October 7, 1920

The outstanding feature in connection with the Blackstock Fair, is the loyal support accorded to it by the Cartwright people. They make their exhibits, attend the Fair; and boost it all the time.

There are no "knockers" of the Fair among the Cartwright people. This continued loyalty is fine, and is the spirit which makes rural fairs the stimulus to good farming that was intended when rural fairs were started.

No expensive attractions are imported. The Fair is its own attraction. If there is a race or, a contest as to who shall have first prize in potatoes. The interest is keen and good natured.

In spite of the fact that rain had fallen in the morning, and the weather was unsettled, the attendance was good, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.



Picture taken from the west side of Perry Street, shows a woman standing front of the Ontari Carriage Works building, circa 1920.

Methodist Church re-opens after major renovation

Port Perry Star: November 25, 1920

If ever a congregation had cause to be gratified at the success of an undertaking, that church is the Methodist Church, of Port Perry. The whole church building has been renovated from the newly shingled roof to the concrete put under the basement floor.

A thorough piece of work has been done, and the finished task is very satisfactory. To accomplish what has been done, required persistent effort considerable self-sacrifice on the part of a number of persons. A few names should be mentioned, notably Rev. Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rose, and Mr. James Stonehouse.

Something over \$6,000 has been spent on the improvements, and at this time of about \$5,500 has been subscribed, so that in all probability the whole indebtedness will be wiped off in the immediate future.

In the basement a great deal of work had to be done because it was found that the sleepers had become considerably rotted. Three new classrooms have been put in, and the whole interior of the schoolroom has been rearranged, and a new entrance has been made at the east of the church basement. The old entrance is now being used for the Primary Department. The former primary room has been converted into a furnace room and kitchen, and the many changes have much improved the room for Sunday School purposes.

In the auditorium changes were made to the building; except in the matter of re-decoration and the installation of a new lighting system. The colours are very simple; cream walls and dark woodwork, without any stencilling or other decoration. The general effect is very pleasing.

Charles Taylor's house burned to the ground

Port Perry Star: December 9, 1920

While Charles Taylor was in Port Perry on Tuesday his house was burned to the ground. It so happened that both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were away from the house when the fire broke out, Mrs. Taylor being at the barn, so that the cause of the fire cannot be accurately known.

In spite of the efforts of the neighbours, most of the furniture and clothing were burned, and the house was totally destroyed. Doubtless more could have been saved had the house been situated where help could have been secured sooner, but it is isolated, and it was fortunate that anything was saved.

A.E. Rogerson buys out Sebert House partner

Port Perry Star: November 25, 1920

Mr. Albert E. Rogerson has bought out Mrs. Porter's business interest in the Sebert House, having purchased the building some time ago. At present some renovating is needed there and the Sebert House bar will be closed for a few days.

The bar and poolroom will be open at the St. Charles and later this hotel will be used only when needed and more particularly in summer time. Mr. Rogerson will conduct his hotel business at the Sebert House in future and will put everything in good order.

He is making plans to increase his summer business and the town is fortunate to have a progressive man looking after the valuable tourist business which can be a real asset to Port Perry.

The management of the Sebert House will be under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McPhail, who have had successful experience in conducting a hotel.

Prof. Graham Christie new head at Johns Hopkins University

Port Perry Star: December 2, 1920

Few items of news will give greater pleasure to the people of this locality than the announcement that Prof. Graham Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Christie, has been appointed to succeed Professor Carl C. Thomas as head of the mechanical engineering department of the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, Maryland. Professor Christie is also Chairman of the committee on the night courses for technical workers.

Prof. Graham has been a most brilliant student and a hard worker. He is unassuming and genial, and his promotion to this position of honour is particularly gratifying to his many friends here, and to the management of the Port Perry High School, of which Professor Christie was a former pupil

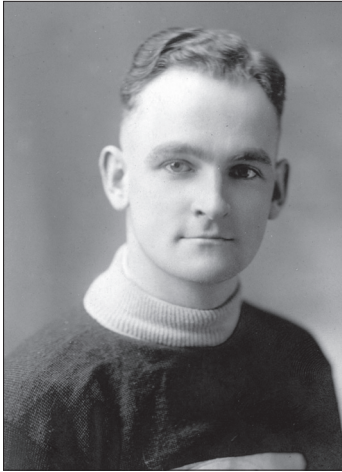


William H. Harris

Port Perry's clerk resigns his office

Port Perry Star: December 23, 1920

At the Port Perry nomination meeting Mr. William H. Harris, in stating that stress of business, made it necessary for him to resign his office, as Clerk of the Village. He spoke of the improvement of the town property and the continued prosperity of its citizens. He considers this an ideal place in which to live.



John Ross Roach

Port Perry's Ross Roach wins fame in hockey

Port Perry Star: December 23, 1920

Ross Roach who is a substitute goalkeeper with the Aura Lee Hockey Club of Toronto, proved himself a star on Saturday night in the game with the University of Toronto.

The Toronto Globe says: "The playing of the two goalers featured the match, Roach especially being in the limelight. The little fellow went about his task like a veteran. Wicked and accurate drives that would have beaten the majority of net guardians he coolly turned aside.

The fans soon realized that he was the main barrier between University of Toronto, and victory. To-day he is being hailed as another Vernon Forbes. In Stewart and Roach the Aura Lee have the best goalers in the city."

Well done Ross.

Greenbank woman dies with injuries from fire

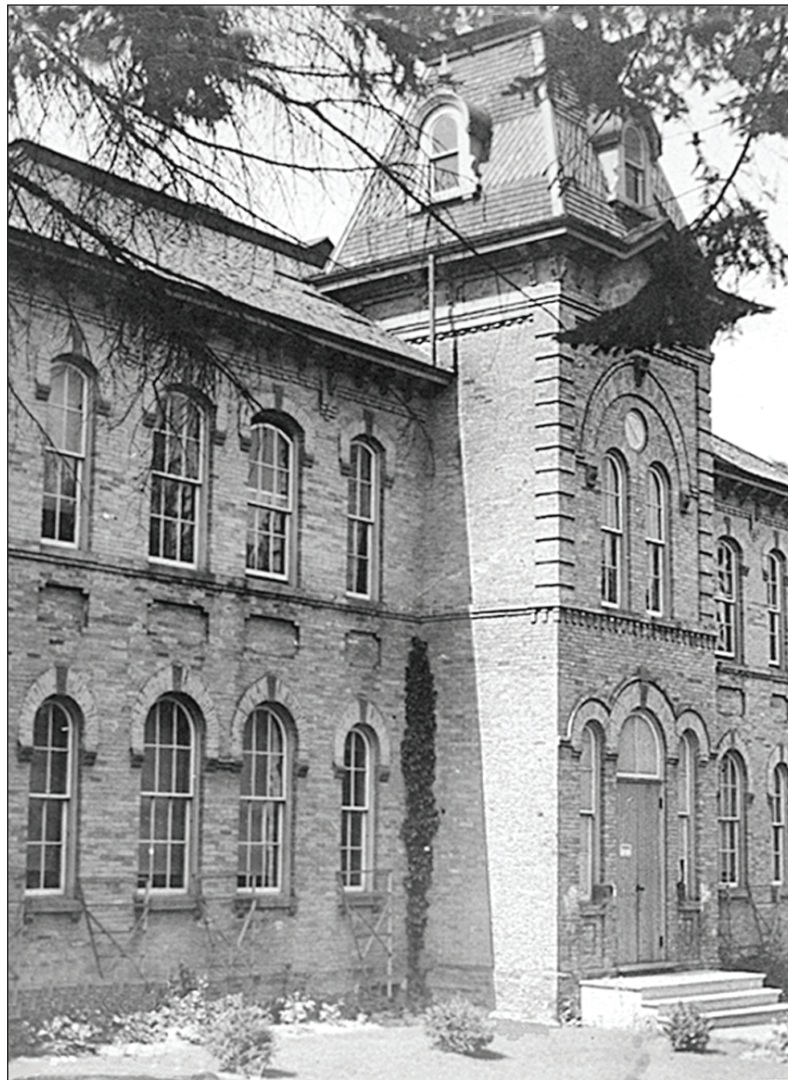
Port Perry Star: December 9, 1920

On Wednesday last week, while trimming the wick of a coal oil lamp, Mrs. Thomas Phair, of Greenbank, was terribly burned about the head, breast and arms.

The unfortunate woman was holding the lamp over the stove when the bowl came off, the oil spilled out, and in an instant the stove and all about it was a mass of flames.

Fortunately her son, Ernest, was just entering the house at the time and after much effort extinguished the flames. But the injuries inflicted by the fire were so serious that Mrs. Phair died on Sunday last.

The funeral service, which was held in the Methodist Church, was very largely attended, for deceased was held in high esteem in the neighbourhood, and had been an outstanding figure in the Methodist Church, being an efficient helper in many departments of the work of the church.



Port Perry "Union" High School, as it looked during the early 1920s.

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Roach starts in net for Granites vs Argos in Toronto game

Port Perry Star: January 6, 1921

A number of local hockey enthusiasts witnessed a game between the Granites and the Argos in Toronto on Tuesday of this week. The Granites won an easy victory, the score being 4-1 in their favour.

According to The Globe account of the game, John Ross Roach played goal after the first period. When the change was made, the fans were eager to see what he would do under fire, but right there the Argonauts did a 'fade away' and the little fellow only had to stop one hard shot all the evening.

Council allows Imperial Oil to new tanks and warehouse

Port Perry Star: January 6, 1921

The Council for Port Perry met on Monday, the 10th inst. with all members present.

The following motion was passed – That this Council grants the Imperial Oil Limited permission to erect new tanks and a warehouse on the Orchard property, on the west side of Grand Trunk Railway, facing on North Street and Water Street within the town limits.

It is hereby understood that Imperial Oil Limited agree to keep the tanks within the 100 feet limit from any buildings.

Plans get underway for construction of a new skating and curling rink for Port Perry

Port Perry Star: February 17, 1921

The object of the undersigned and others who are working for the establishment of a modern skating rink in Port Perry, is to provide a suitable place for healthful winter recreation for young people in the form of skating and hockey, and for older ones in curling.

We recognize and respect the objections of those who are doubtful about the possibility of conducting a rink in such a way that conscientious parents need have no hesitation about allowing their children to attend it alone.

In order to meet these objections, and to ensure so far as we can do at this time, that our object may be realized, it is recommended that the governing by-laws shall cover all reasonable restraints. These by-laws to provide that:-

1. No dividends or directors' fees will be paid;
 2. Voting power will be so distributed that no group can obtain control;
 3. Clear distinction will be made between the rights of skaters, hockey players, and curlers, so that no class can monopolize the privileges, and there will be fair treatment for all.
 4. The time for skating- will be so arranged that children will have plenty of opportunity for skating in the afternoons.
 5. Smoking will be prohibited in the waiting rooms and on the ice.
- The control of the Rink will be placed in the hands of a Board of Directors who will be elected at the annual meeting of the shareholders.

A rink building is planned to provide a covered sheet of ice about 80' x 160' and two curling lengths, besides two waiting rooms and a spectators' gallery. The estimated cost of this building is about \$9,000, and negotiations are under way to secure a suitable location.

New Provincial highway to go through Port Perry

Port Perry Star: February 17, 1921

There has been considerable discussion about the proposed Provincial Highway from Whitby to Lindsay, via Port Perry. As matters now stand, this route has been endorsed by Hon. Mr. Biggs, Minister of Highways, Mr. F. G. Sandy, M.P.P. for Victoria; J. W. Widdifield, M.P.P. for North Ontario; Mr. W. E. N. Sinclair, M.P.P. for South Ontario; Oshawa Town Council; Victoria Good Roads Association; Port Perry Council and Board of Trade.

In addition to these who have put themselves on record as favoring the route via Port Perry, it must be remembered that Ontario County Council favored this route a year ago.

With the assurance of the letter from Hon. Mr. Biggs, which was published in the Lindsay Post of January 11, and with the support of the parties already mentioned, Port Perry may rest assured that the Provincial Highway will be built as originally intended – from Whitby to Lindsay via Port Perry.

But for all that the town is indebted to Reeve Lucas, and Messrs. W. S. Short, S. Jeffrey, and Dr. Mellow, who went to Lindsay last Friday, to uphold the rights of Port Perry.

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Port Perry Council - Reeve Jas. Lucas; councillors W.W. Crosier, Jas. Waddell, C.A. Rundle, Wm. Real.

Council grants permission to Imperial Oil Ltd. to erect new tanks and warehouse on the west side of Grand Trunk Railway, facing North and Water St..

Edward Mundy, founder and publisher of the Port Perry Standard, passed away January 24.

February 1921

A resolution was passed at the Bd. of Education favoring the idea of a consolidated public school.

The planned new skating rink would provide a 80x160 ft. sheet of ice and two curling lengths, two waiting rooms and a spectator's gallery. Estimated cost is about \$9,000.

A canvass on Feb. 22 raised \$7,000 by way of shares for the new facility.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolph celebrate 64 years of marriage.

March 1921

Rev. John Harris, a Methodist minister in this area for years, died.

Advertising begins by the Ontario Referendum Committee, urging residents to vote 'yes' forbidding the importation of intoxicating liquors into the Province.

Ralph Fitchett opens butcher store in Manchester.

April 1921

Port Perry votes 437 to 117 in favor of staying "dry".

H.G. Hutcheson, for 2-1/2 years, manager of Standard Bank, Oshawa, has been transferred back to Port Perry.

Utica store totally destroyed by fire believed to be started by lightning.

May 1921

Dr. C.N. Johnson, formerly of Port Perry, tendered dinner by graduates of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery.

Port Perry Golf Club formed with W.H. Harris president. A nine hole course is being laid out on the fairgrounds. The first game was played on May 24, 1921.

Dry wins with majority throughout Ontario in referendum vote

Port Perry Star: April 21, 1921

So long as the rural districts control the cities in the interests of clean and wholesome life, it will be a good thing for the Province. And they did control them in that direction on Monday in the Referendum Vote.

This fact should be remembered - the artificial life of the city is apt to distort the views of the citizens on moral questions, and the active, wholesome influence of the rural communities will be needed more and more as the years pass.

In fact, it will be necessary for the rural citizens to shake off any tendency to indifference, not only in political matters, but in everything that has to do with the welfare of the people as a whole.

In Port Perry there was a Dry majority of 320 with 437 voting to remain dry, and 117 to allow alcohol. In Reach Township, 916 voted dry while by a majority of 763. Only 153 voted in the opposite.

H.G. Hutcheson returns to Port Perry

Port Perry Star: April 21, 1921

One of the most welcome pieces of news we have heard is that Mr. H. G. Hutcheson, of the Standard Bank, Oshawa, is coming back to Port Perry.

The Ontario Reformer says: "Mr. H. G. Hutcheson, who has been manager of the Oshawa Branch of the Standard Bank of Canada for the last two and a half years, has disposed of his residence, and will move his household effects to his former residence in Port Perry. The transfer will be made about June 1st."

"Mr. Hutcheson's departure will be regretted by the citizens of Oshawa generally. It is quite evident that Oshawa has discovered what Port Perry found out years ago - that Mr. Hutcheson is a good citizen."

Minors must have consent from parents to frequent billard and pool rooms

Port Perry Star: May 10, 1921

At the meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday last, a letter was read from the Attorney-General's Department regarding attendance of minors at the poolroom.

The Act: "The keeper of a licensed billiard, pool or bagatelle room kept directly or indirectly for hire or game, who admits a minor under the age of 18 years thereto, or allows him to remain therein without the consent of his parent or guardian, shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$10.00 for the first, and not exceeding \$50.00 for each subsequent offence.

"Consent" should be in writing, and the Board decided that the keepers of the local poolrooms be notified, and that parents or guardians wishing to allow minors who attend school to frequent the poolroom, be expected to file with the principal of the schools concerned, and the poolroom keepers, a copy of said "consent" in writing.

This action has been taken as a matter of protection to the teaching staff should pupils who frequent poolrooms fail or take a low standing as a result of neglecting their studies.

New agricultural program a high school a great success

Port Perry Star: May 5, 1921

A new feature in connection with the Agricultural and Household Science departments of Port Perry High School is the establishment of a course of lessons and conversations with the students by experts in various lines of farm and household work.

The course has been running some four or five weeks, and is proving most successful and of the greatest use and interest to the students. On Wednesday April 6th Mr. Cecil Heayn gave a most instructive talk to about 30 boys and girls on raising and care of poultry.

On Wednesday, April 20th. Mr. James Lucas gave a valuable talk to the boys on seed selection. Many of his hints will be followed in the cultivation of the experimental plots this season.

The same day the girls had a delightful lesson from Miss Pearson in the Household Science rooms on the subject of dress cutting. The girls, numbering about 20, cannot speak too highly of the lessons.

On Wednesday the the boys were taken to the stables of Mr. George McMillan and shown several types of draught horses and roadsters. This week Mr. James Stonehouse is talking with both boys and girls the subject "Milk and its Products."

On May 11th Mr. James Leask is to speak on "Cattle Raising and Feeding." On May 18, Lawson Honey is to deal with the subject "Raising and Care of Hogs," and on May 25th Mr. Wm. H. Doubt will show both boys and girls his Bees, and explain methods of management.



The Standard Bank of Canada, left, and Brock's Store were located in this magnificent building on the south side of Queen St.

Tablet for bank's fallen veterans during WWI unveiled

Port Perry Star: June 9, 1921

Last Friday morning a simple but impressive service was performed, when a bronze tablet was unveiled at the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in honour of the 1701 members of the staff who enlisted in the Great War, 258 of whom made the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. Walker, manager of Port Perry Branch, acted as chairman and stated that similar tablets are being placed at all branch banks of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

On each tablet are inscribed the names of the members who enlisted from the local branch.

Parking congestion on Queen Street on Saturday nights

Port Perry Star: June 30, 1921

It may be handy to park your car on the main block of the front street in Port Perry on Saturday evening, but the practice is not without its dangers.

When there are two lines of cars - one on either side of the street, the driveway becomes very narrow for the cars that are passing up and down the street, while pedestrians are constantly crossing this congested space.

There is ample parking space on the street by the market, and it would be an act of good sense if more people would park their cars there rather than on the main block of the front street.

Fierce storm rolls through Port Perry, Reach Twp.

Port Perry Star: June 30, 1921

Wednesday afternoon of last week saw the worst storm that has swept over this district for many years. In a very short time the downtown streets and the bowling green were badly flooded, the green being covered by about 18 inches of water.

The electrical storm was terrific, and it is surprising that no buildings were struck in town. But John Jeffrey, Prince Albert, was not so fortunate. He lost his barn, his tractor, his auto, some grain, twelve pigs, and eight loads new hay.

Mr. Wes. Frise, of Seagrave, lost a stable that was struck by lightning.

Norm catches seasons largest fish

Port Perry Star: July 7, 1921

Norman Deshane is the champion fisherman of the season so far. On Tuesday evening he captured a splendid specimen of maskalonge weighing 19 pounds, 9 ounces. Fishing in Lake Scugog is the best this year that it has been for 20 years past.

New bridge over Cawker's Creek

Port Perry Star: July 7, 1921

In a couple of weeks it is expected that the new bridge over the creek at Cawker's corner on the Manchester Road will be completed. It is being built by an outside concern for the County.

The opening for the water passage will be 7 feet x 10 feet, and the road width is to be 43 feet. This width of roadway is sufficient for a Provincial Road should it come this way, which it ought to do if the natural route for traffic counts for anything.

The other day a citizen counted the cars passing a given point on the main street and 269 came this way in an hour and a half.

County clamp-down on Sunday selling of goods

Port Perry Star: July 7, 1921

A complaint has been made to County Crown Attorney J.E. Farewell, that there is a considerable amount of buying going on in the County on Sundays, between farmers and fruit growers, motorists and others.

This is strictly prohibited law.

This illegal practice has become so extensive that complaints have been made to the Attorney-General's Department, and prosecutions will certainly follow, subjecting those convicted of such offence to a fine of \$40.00 and costs; or the persons so offending may be committed to the gaol for safe keeping, or otherwise detained in custody to remain until the following day for trial.

All constables and special constables will be instructed to prosecute offenders.

Tenders are Invited

for Arthur J. Carnegie's home. Mr. Carnegie is leaving Port Perry and his house must therefore be sold.

Note the following specifications:

Central location, fine neighbourhood, good view of Lake Scugog, terraced grounds with garage. The house is constructed of pressed brick with wide and artistic verandahs, sleeping porches to two of the bedrooms, and balconies to two other bedrooms. The house is heated by a Kelsey Furnace with closed-in and dust-proof coal room. Fixed porcelain tubs with hot and cold water attachments in the basement for laundry purposes, together with wringer and stove equipment. Hardwood floors throughout the house, oak-pannelled and beamed dining-room. Two fire-places, tiled bathroom fully equipped, artistic decorations, beautiful electric fixtures.

W. H. HARRIS
Port Perry :: Ontario



Frederick Kent opens his gardens for the season in June 1921.

Injuries and death from series of accidents

Port Perry Star: August 18, 1921

On Wednesday, August 5th, Mr. Hunter Rains, whose home is on the 14th of Reach near Saintfield., was fatally injured while operating a hay-fork rope. He was driving the team that was drawing the rope, and was walking directly behind the whiffletrees.

Suddenly one of the whiffletrees broke, and Mr. Rains received a terrific blow in the abdomen. On Friday he died from the effects of this blow.

Tuesday of last week was a very unlucky day for at least two people in this vicinity. Mr. Mac Beare was just starting out on a motor trip. Just south of the track near the Curts' property he met a big car, and in trying to avoid it, he turned out too sharply, and his car turned turtle. As a result Mac is suffering with a broken shoulder. Fortunately the car fell across a ditch and Mac was able to crawl out, otherwise the accident might have been fatal. On the same day Mr. Robert Butson, of Prince Albert, was kicked in the face by a horse he was attempting to catch, and 22 stitches were put in his face to help repair the damage.

Women are first to have ever swam from Port Perry to Seven Mile Island

Toronto Globe: September 15, 1921

A remarkable swimming feat has been accomplished by three members of the Toronto Ladies' Swimming Club. The President of the club, Mrs. Clair Semple. R.L.S.S., together with Mrs. Alex Wilson, and Mrs. Essie Darrell swam from Port Perry to Seven Mile Island, Lake Scugog, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson.

The course the swimmers had to take measured a full seven miles and this distance was accomplished in five hours and forty minutes. The swim was conducted under the most trying conditions as the water was very choppy, and the swimmers were buffeted about by the waves.

Except for very severe sunburn, none of the swimmers showed any ill effects from the long swim. This is the first time in the history of Lake Scugog that this feat has been accomplished, and the girls are to be heartily congratulated on their plucky and creditable performance under such trying conditions.

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The Farmers Union Milling Co. Ltd. advertising ice available for the season.

Sale of reserved seat tickets for concerts at the Town Hall are available at the drug or jewellery store.

To date 1,200 shares have been issued for the Port Perry Rink Company, Ltd., and nearly \$7,500 has been raised.

June 1921

A bronze tablet was unveiled at the local Canadian Bank of Commerce in honor of the members of the staff who enlisted in the Great War.

F.A. Kent announced the gardens of Beechcroft will be open to the public everyday during the season.

July 1921

Norm DeShane catches a 19 lb. 9 oz. muskellunge in Lake Scugog.

A new bridge at Cawker's Creek on the Manchester Road is being completed.

Sam McConnell, north of Port Perry, lost four horses this week, one as the result of the extreme heat and three others were struck by lightning.

August 1921

Projected rates for hydro, when it arrives, is a minimum of \$1.50 per month for 24 hours service to the average householder.

Harold Archer advertises furnaces and plumbing services from his store in the Leonard Block.

The Standard Garage is the Gray-Dort automotive dealer in town.

Banded ducks from the H.S. Osler reserve at the head of Lake Scugog, have been killed as far away as Trinidad, 2,500 miles from where they were banded.

September 1921

Seventy two students registered for the opening of High School.

Work got underway on the long awaited Port Perry Skating Rink at a cost of \$8,350. It will be 105 x 180 ft. with metal roof. The skating/hockey rink is 60 x 160 ft. and has two curling ices of regulation size on either side of the main building.

The afternoon train is being removed from service in Port Perry.

Barn, animals lost in Scugog fire

Port Perry Star: September 15, 1921

On Monday evening September 12, the barn owned by John Reader, but rented to Arthur Sweetman, was totally destroyed by fire. Ten calves, three horses, six pigs, farm machinery and most of the seasons crop were lost.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed that spontaneous combustion started the blaze. It was a new barn having been built about a year ago. The old barn on the same site was struck with lightning and burned about two years ago.

Mr. Reader and Mr. Sweetman will sustain heavy loss as the building and contents were only partly covered by insurance

Work gets underway on Port Perry's new rink

Port Perry Star: September 22, 1921

Work has started on the long looked for rink building and its program will be watched with interest.

The contract price is a low one even in these times of falling prices, and some of the subscribers who were impatient at the delay in going ahead with the building will be interested to learn there was a difference of \$3,000 between the first estimates made and the present contract.

The contractors have promised to go right ahead with the work and in order that the Directors may make payments promptly as the work progresses, all subscribers are requested to make their payments on or before October 1st., when the last instalments are due.

Masters family escaped serious injury in buggy accident

Port Perry Star: September 29, 1921

While driving home on Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Masters and children narrowly escaped serious injury. The bit broke and the horse ran to-ward home some mile and a half, when the occupants were thrown from the buggy.

Mrs. Masters received injuries causing unconsciousness for some hours, and is still under the doctor's treatment. Mr. Masters and children received only slight bruises. The horse ran home, and only a tug of the harness was broken.

Ralph Fitchette :: Butcher	
will open for business at his new store at Manchester on Monday, March 6. All kinds of fresh meat kept in stock at greatly reduced prices. Phone orders will be promptly filled.	
Bell Phone 119-r-2	Manchester, Ont.

Fitchette's new barn, butcher shop and house lost to fire

Port Perry Star: September 29, 1921

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Fitchette, in the total loss of their new barn, butcher shop, garage, and house by fire on Sunday morning about three o'clock.

Only the splendid service of the bucket brigade saved the rest of the village, as a steady northeast wind blew burning brands and sparks over the buildings.

Fire broke out many times in nearby dwellings and barns, but was immediately quenched by the wonderful work of neighbours who worked untiringly for nearly three hours.

Board of Trade offers to lease waterfront property from GTR

Port Perry Star: November 17, 1921

A deputation from the Board of Trade waited on Mr. Orr, G.T.R. trainmaster, of Lindsay, on Monday morning, and requested a lease of the part of the Grand Trunk property, immediately facing the station between the track and the water edge.

The lease is being asked so that the town may have the right to level the land clean it up and decorate it in a way that will give a suitable impression of Port Perry, to those who visit or pass through the town.

The matter was considered favourably by Mr. Orr, and this move will clear the way for the gradual improvement of the water front.

Mr. Vickery is to retain the lease of the site of his business office, and a right of way across the portion leased by the town.

Manchester Store

A choice line of fresh

Groceries

always on hand. Best quality and prices right.

We can save you money

W. F. Crozier
General Merchant
Manchester - Ont.

Proposal to operate a flax mill at Port Perry

Port Perry Star: November 3, 1921

Mr. Rose, of Pickering, who operates a flax mill there, had an interview with the Port Perry Board of Trade on Thursday of last week in which he proposed to operate a flax mill in Port Perry upon certain conditions.

The conditions are that the town supply a factory rent free, and that he be limited to school taxes only for a term of years. Mr. Rose would also expect to sell \$20,000 worth of stock in the concern this locality.

The mill at Port Perry would become, Mr. Rose

says, one of a chain of ten or fifteen mills which would be feeders for a linen mill, where the coarser grades of linen would be manufactured.

The plant at Port Perry would employ an average of some 50 to 75 hands for nine months in the year. It would be necessary to grow some 200 acres of flax in the immediate neighbourhood of the town to keep the local mill going.

Farmers who grew the flax are provided with seed, and do not have to harvest the crop.

St. John's Presbyterian Church reopens

Port Perry Star: October 6, 1921

Sixty-five years ago, during the ministry of Rev. Mr. Montieth, St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, was built and dedicated to the worship of God.

The officials and members of the congregation are delighted with the result of their renovations. Necessary and extensive repairs have been made to the building, which has been tastefully decorated. And the cost is all paid.

On Sunday, Rev. Wm. Patterson; Cooke's Church, Toronto, was the speaker, and gave two excellent gospel sermons. Monday evening's entertainment was greatly enjoyed. The attendance was large and the chicken pie supper most appetizing. The concert in the Town Hall provided delightful musical numbers



Presbyterian Church, Port Perry re-opens after renovations in October, 1921.

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October 1921

One of Port Perry's leading citizens, Mr. James Carnegie died Oct. 4 at his home. He was a former Reeve, Warden of the County and a successful businessman for years.

Mr. A.L. McDermott announces that he will open funeral service rooms in the Ebbels Block.

The Port Perry Business College operated out of the McCaw Block with C.W.F. Price as principal.

November 1921

The Bd. of Education passed a resolution protesting attempts by Roman Catholic Bishops to change the Assessment Law to give Separate Schools part of the taxes collected.

An Armistic Day service at the Town Hall, marking the third anniversary of the end of the World War, featured Dr. Herbert Bruce as guest speaker.

The Port Perry Curling Club is organized with W.H. Letcher as its president.

December 1921

Citizens asked to conserve their lights so that the rink will not be deprived of sufficient light.

Ross Roach received two offers to enter professional hockey as a goalkeeper, but turns them down.

Mr. Philip Figary purchased the coal business of the Farmers Union Milling Co.

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All Kinds of Live
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We have in stock

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Port Perry, Ont.

Lower Prices for Meats

The condition of the market has made it possible for us to offer lower prices to our customers in all our lines of meat.

BERT MacGREGOR Port Perry

Port Perry Star - March 7, 1921

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at **CORBMAN'S**

Rice, 2 lbs for 25c

Prunes, per lb 20c

Cheese, per lb 40c

Pepper, 1/2 lb for 20c

Figs, per lb. 17c

Currants, per lb 25c

Raisins, per lb 30c

Canned Tomatoes 16c

Canned Corn 16c

Spanish Onions, 3 lbs 25c

Soap Flakes, per lb 25c

Pure Lard

3 lb. pails, 90c

5 lb. pails, \$1.30

20 lb. pails, \$4.90

BROOMS

Yes! We have the best values in town
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Bell Phone 157

PORT PERRY, ONT.

Port Perry Star - March 7, 1921



Coupe

WE sell the Ford as the car to speed up business. By speed we mean going and coming with least loss of time, yet without the necessity of driving faster than the law allows.

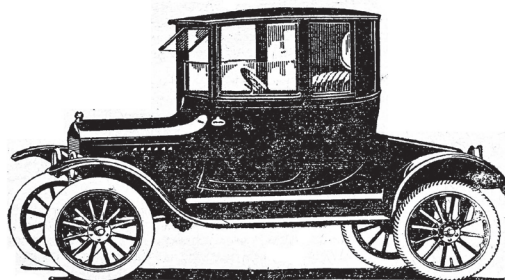
Owing to its short wheel base the Ford wins its way smartly through traffic; it is quick to get away, will turn in small space and makes the trip with fewest delays. That is speed.

It will take you over all kinds of roads in all weathers.

The sturdy Ford engine provides more than sufficient power. The protection and comfort afforded by this closed car permits you to keep your appointments.

This is the car business and professional men want.

Efficient to the utmost, the Ford spends less time in the repair shop. We are handily situated. We render Ford service promptly. The genuine Ford part you may want in a hurry is here on our shelves now. Should you need Ford service a thousand miles away you will enjoy the same prompt attention that we give you here.



McKEE & HOOD
LOCAL DEALERS PORT PERRY

Port Perry Star - November 10, 1921

1922



Port Perry's new skating and curling rink opened in January 1922. The arena was located on the southeast side of Simcoe and Paxton Street. In addition to a large skating surface, the arena also provided curling sheets of ice on both sides of the building.

New Port Perry rink is a first class facility

Port Perry Star: January 5, 1922

So far as a skating rink is concerned Port Perry is on the map. We have the finest building of the kind to be seen outside the cities between here and Niagara Falls.

The building has 16 archtruss spans 72 feet wide, bolted to concrete piers. Each trussed arch will carry a dead weight of eight tons. These arches are connected by 2"x6" purlines spaced from 2 to 3 feet centres, upon which the sheet metal roofing is nailed with a lap of 1 1/2" corrugations.

The main ice is 60 x 160 feet, upon one side of which is seating for 400, people. On the other side is a passageway, for standing room. The waiting rooms, curlers' room and rooms for the hockey teams are at the north end of the building. Above these rooms is a gallery.

A special feature of the rink is the fact that there is a passage way all round the ice, provision for this having been made by a lean-to built at the south end. Another good feature is that there is nothing to obstruct the view of the spectators, all seating and standing room being within the arches. Outside the arches two curling ices have been built with all necessary equipment for this excellent game.

On Monday night last the rink was formally opened by Mr. Geo. Jackson, the President of the Company. In his remarks he traced the history of the movement to secure the rink. At the conclusion of the opening address the decorated barrier was removed.

Now the rink is here, it should become a community centre for wholesome recreation, skating, hockey and curling. A pleasing feature of the conduct of the rink is that the L.O. D.E.' and the W.C.T.U. will jointly provide hot coffee and sandwiches.

Of course, we are not out of the woods yet on the financial point of view. We still have a couple of thousand dollars or more to raise before we are clear of debt.

Council critical of new Provincial highway bypassing Port Perry

Port Perry Star: January 19, 1922

Town Council was held on Thursday evening last, All members present.

It was moved by William Real, seconded by Philip Figary; - That this Council much regret the decision of the Department of Public Works of the Ontario Government in selecting the longer and much more difficult route through this county for the construction of Provincial Highway from the Town of Whitby in the County of Ontario, to the Town of Lindsay in the County of Victoria, thus necessitating a much increased expenditure that cannot be justified besides increasing the distance many miles;

And this council is further of the opinion that no Government other than the one in question would countance so wasteful an expenditure of public

money by selecting the longer and more difficult route and thus increasing unnecessarily the distance between the two points side-tracking and diverting trade from an important place and market like Port Perry; And this Council deems it an essential duty to record to condemnation of so extravagant and unjustifiable waste of public money and the Council of the Corporation of Port Perry hereby repudiates the payment of an expense incurred in the construction or maintenance of said Provincial Highway;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Mr. Biggs, and to the Toronto papers for publication.



Roach best hockey goal keeper in the world

Port Perry Star: March 2, 1922

John Ross Roach has been recognized as the greatest goal keeper in the world. Roach has lived up to all expectations in the Stanley Cup series.

Only a little fellow, weighing 125 pounds, Roach nevertheless has shown that he has nothing to fear when competing against the best sharp-shooters that professional hockey has produced. He gave a splendid exhibition of courage Tuesday night when, after being injured, he continued to play his usual game.

Ross is a graduate of the O.H.A. and has many years ahead of him in "pro" ranks. Well done, Ross.

GTR leases lakefront property to village

Port Perry Star: March 9, 1922

One of Port Perry's main assets is its beauty. Now we have an opportunity to let visitors become aware of this fact as soon as they alight from the train that brings them to town.

The Grand Trunk has leased to the town the waterfront property immediately facing the station, reserving a right of way across said property to Mr. Chas. L. Vickery for access to the present site of his office.

When this fact was made known at the Council meeting, a man who was present immediately offered to work gratis for two days to help clean up the property. If citizens will undertake the work in this spirit the results cannot fail to be of benefit to the town as a whole.

This movement for the beautification of the water front has been made possible by the action of the Board of Trade.

John Rolph celebrates 93rd birthday

Port Perry Star: March 9, 1922

John Rolph, Port Perry's oldest resident, on Saturday celebrated his 93rd birthday. He is still hale and hearty, and on Saturday visited his harness shop and worked at his trade as usual. Sunday, Feb. 26, he and his wife celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

In 1854 Mr. Rolph went to Montreal, but had only been there a few months when cholera broke out. He did much work among the victims, and finally was himself attacked by the disease.

Later he went to Oshawa, and then moved to Prince Albert, a Village a short distance from this place. He married, 1857, Susan Saunders, and has been a resident of Ontario County ever since.

When he and his wife started housekeeping-there were no railroads here, and but little cleared land. There were neither matches, nor lamps, nor many other of the more modern conveniences. Now they have a comfortable home and hosts of friends.



Interior of Thomas Widden's store, Queen St., Port Perry, 1922.

Family escapes burning house in the middle of the night

Port Perry Star: April 27, 1922

Very early Tuesday morning fire broke out in the house on the corner of the old skating rink lot, occupied by Mr. C.W. Price, of the Port Perry Business College.

The contents of the house was almost entirely destroyed either by fire or water. It is fortunate that no lives were lost. Had it not been that the baby was restless; it is quite possible that Mr. Price and his family might all have been burned.

Mr. Price was wakened because of his child's illness, and found the house full of smoke. In a few minutes the whole place was in flames. The fire spread so rapidly that the whole family was compelled to run for their lives in their night clothes.

There was some delay in calling out the fire brigade, owing to the fact that those who went to give the warning did not know where to locate the fire bell rope. To reach this rope at any time when the town hall is locked, it is necessary to break the little glass in the side door on Lilla St., open the door, turn to the right, and, the fire bell rope will be found beyond the steps leading to the main entrance.

However, the men were soon on the spot after the alarm was rung, and they did excellent work as they had a fine stream of water. Considering the intensity of the fire, it is wonderful how quickly the fire was put under control. Had there been any wind, it is almost certain that some of the adjoining houses would have been burned.

It is becoming increasingly evident that a small hose reel which could run along the sidewalks would be a valuable addition to the fire fighting equipment.

Flax Mill industry not coming to town

Port Perry Star: April 22, 1922

Some of our citizens are probably wondering just why the Flax Mill industry did not come to Port Perry, as was intimated. We have just learned from a reliable source, that the reason was that the flax market became very much demoralized and the capitalists in Montreal, who were taking \$400,000 of stock in the company, withdrew their offer of support in the present crisis.

1922 TIMELINE

January 1922

Port Perry Council - Reeve Charles A. Rundle, councillors Wm. Real, W.W. Crozier, R.B. Smallman and Philip Figary, all by acclamation.

Mr. George Jackson officially opened the new Skating Rink on Mon. Jan. 2,. It is one of the finest outside the big cities with its large ice pad, seating for 400, dressing rooms at the north end with a gallery above, and two curling ices on either side.

February 1922

Over 200 persons in Port Perry sign contracts for hydro electric service.

A large crowd attended the new rink for one of the most brilliant carnivals ever. Prizes were awarded for costumes and for skaters. Cora Bowman was best lady skater and Mr. and Mrs. M. Letcher, best couple skating.

Mr. Rogerson is converting the ground floor of the St. Charles Hotel into two stores, one from which Mr. Harold Archer will conduct his hardware business.

The German Field gun has arrived and is now on view in front of the Post Office. It is of five inch bore and had a range of three miles.

February 1922

Port Perry's oldest citizen John Rolph, 93, still goes to work at his harness shop every day.

Harold R. Archer Hardware store moved from Leonard Block to the St. Charles Hotel building.

Mr. E.H. Purdy was appointed Clerk-Treasurer of Port Perry at a salary of \$750 per year.

John Ross Roach named one of the greatest goaltenders in the world. At only 125 lbs. he feared nothing from the best sharp shooters in the Stanley Cup series.

April 1922

A movement for beautification of the waterfront property by the Board of Trade and the I.O.D.E.

The continuing practice of entrance exams for public school students is gaining opposition.

1922 TIMELINE

May 1922

Owing to lack of money and players, the Port Perry Band decided to not carry on for the time being.

Discussion begins and a committee formed to plan on erecting a suitable war memorial to represent Port Perry, Reach and Scugog.

June 1922

Allan Goode purchased the egg warehouse near the station on Water St. for storage.

Hugh Lucas is moving his upholstering business from the Leonard Block to Ebbels Block.

Fred Harran, of the Kenosha House has put up a fine new dance hall, and a number of rooms have been built over the dance hall.

County Council grants \$412 to Port Perry for main street improvements as part of the connecting links of the County roads system.

July 1922

Philip Figary was elected as reeve with a majority of 101 votes. Councillors Smallman and Real, who had supported Mr. Chas. Rundle, resigned their posts immediately leaving three council positions open.

Five thousand black bass were released into Lake Scugog from Dominion Hatcheries, by Mr. Harran of Caesarea.

Roads and streets improvements

Port Perry Star: April 22, 1922

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held last Wednesday evening to discuss the best methods of improving the roads in Port Perry. All were agreed that the roads should be improved without further delay, but just the best course to pursue was the subject of discussion.

It was finally decided to recommend that County Roads and County Provincial Roads within the Corporation should be improved first, and the following resolution was passed:— Moved by Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, seconded by Mr. Wm. L. Parrish, that this meeting of the Board of Trade strongly urge on the Municipal Council the advisability of making a start in the rebuilding of our streets under the County Provincial System and that we would favour the work being carried on as rapidly as possible until the streets designated as County Provincial Roads are completed.

Bowerman's build five gasoline launches

Port Perry Star: May 18, 1922

Capt. John B. Bowerman and his son Thomas have built five seaworthy gasoline launches of twenty foot length and five foot beam. They are of a pleasing design and will be fitted with 3 h.p. marine engines, and will have, a speed of about eight miles per hour.

Three of these boats have already been sold. The other two are still on the market, and any person would be fortunate to have a boat such as one of these.

Committee discusses War Memorial

Port Perry Star: May 11, 1922

Another matter of great interest which was discussed was the erection of a suitable war memorial. A committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. W.H. Harris' (convenor), Mrs. E. H. Purdy, Dr. Sangster, W. Roberts, W.S. Short, Sam Farmer, Wm. Real, C.A. Rundle.

If possible the committee will secure the co-operation of the Township of Reach and Scugog in the erection of this memorial. Necessarily no plans are as yet made; but steps for carrying out this work will be made in the near future.



The Kynosha Hotel, (Kenosha Hotel) was operated by Caesarea businessman Fred Harran in 1922.

Citizens asked to help clean-up lakefront

Port Perry Star: May 11, 1922

A very satisfactory meeting was held in the Treasurer's Office on Friday evening. At this meeting two important matters were discussed.

1. The cleaning up and beautifying the water front, including the lot in front of the Power House.

2. The establishing of a suitable war memorial.

In the cleaning up matter, it was felt that there are plenty of good citizens who would be willing to give a little time; and, if necessary, a little money to see the waterfront made attractive.

The main question was to get some plan in operation and for this purpose a committee was appointed and the ground has been looked over.

It was resolved that the Reeve be asked to proclaim a half holiday on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 17. Upon that occasion citizens are asked to be present in their working clothes, and bring with them rakes, shovels, hoes; etc. Port Perry people have the ability and energy to do the work.

Teamsters are specially invited, as there should be some earth drawn for filling purposes. Crosscut saws and axes will also be useful. Perhaps you will smile at these requests, but some facts are worth stating.

Men who have but little except their labor have, said they will give this freely. Others have offered the use of horses, motor trucks, etc. Still others will donate seeds or flower plants. But you need not be afraid that there will be too much. There is plenty of room for all to work or otherwise help. The water front is Port Perry's front yard, let us make it beautiful.

Lots for summer cottages across lake from Port Perry

Port Perry Star: July 20, 1922

A little real estate deal is going on just across the lake on Scugog Island. Mr. Thomas Collins is clearing up the lake front, and is selling building lots for summer cottages. He has sold some fifteen lots, and it is expected that building operations will begin shortly.

This lake shore property is well situated for a summer resort. It is nicely wooded, and is easily accessible. It is within easy run of Toronto, either by auto or by rail. It is a matter of wonder that this summer resort idea has not been developed before.

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Child's Felt Slippers, sizes 11 to 2	Reg. \$1.25 for 89c
Women's Spats in light gray and fawn	Reg \$2.00 for \$1.35
Heavy Ribbed Worsted Hose	Reg \$1.00 for 89c
Child's undervests and drawers, fleece lined and plain knit,	Reg 85c for 59c each
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Port Perry Star - December 21, 1922

Chas. Rundle, Philip Figary resign at special meeting of council

Port Perry Star: June 29, 1922

A special meeting of the town Council was held on Thursday evening of last week, at which Reeve Charles Rundle and Councillor Philip Figary tendered their resignations. Both resignations were accepted, and Councillor Real was appointed Reeve pro-ten to carry on business until the new Reeve and Councillor are elected.



Charles Rundle

It is intended that the nomination meeting shall be held immediately after the close of the Chautauqua. Posters announcing the date and place will be issued.

A resolution was passed ordering material for construction work for Hydro.

The following resolution was introduced and carried: "That, in view of the resignation of Mr. Charles A. Rundle as Reeve of this Council, we, the undersigned, wish to tender him our sincerest regrets, and also to express our appreciation for his services rendered on behalf of Hydro development; his efforts towards securing some definite and practical help for good road construction; and the interest of the municipality in general, to which he has devoted considerable time and expense.

And further, we desire to express our absolute conviction of his honesty of purpose and integrity in all his dealings with this Council during his term of office as Reeve.

Philip Figary defeats Chas. Rundle to become Reeve of Port Perry

Port Perry Star: July 20, 1922

Monday's municipal election for Reeve resulted with Philip Figary winning with a majority of 101 votes over Charles A. Rundle. Mr. Figary has been given a most unmistakable mandate by the people to "do things." No Reeve has received a more pronounced verdict in his favour, or more enthusiastic support in getting out the vote.



Philip Figary

True to his promise, Mr. Benjamin Smallman resigned from the council as soon as Mr. Figary was elected, and Mr. Real resigned with him. For their action we have not the slightest word of blame. Those who condemn the action, would themselves be most likely to do the same thing if placed in a similar position.

These men worked hard for the town; giving their best. They had supported Mr. Rundle, and when he was defeated, they considered themselves defeated. When they saw that their service was not desired, they resigned.

This clears the way for the next chapter in the program. On Monday evening, July 24, there will be another Nomination Meeting, and it will be necessary to secure three new Councillors to assist the new Reeve and Councillor Crosier who decided to remain in office.

1922 TIMELINE

August 1922

Messrs H.C. Nasmith, H.G. Hutcheson and James Stonehouse were elected as councillors.

Sample street lights were installed at Willard's corner, in front of the Post Office and at the Sebert House.

The rose gardens at Beechcroft, owned by F.A. Kent, are described as being one of the most beautiful properties in the province.

September 1922

Reeve Figary proclaimed Friday afternoon, Sept. 29 a half holiday in honor of the Hydro being turned on that day.

The afternoon train in Port Perry was reinstated.

John Rolph, Port Perry's eldest citizen, turned the switch in the Town Hall starting a new era in Port Perry as Hydro was turned on.

October 1922

The 1st Port Perry Boy Scout troop was formed with about 40 boys taking part in the first hike on Scugog Island. Mr. M. R. Arlidge is the scoutmaster.

Reuben Crandell Jr. died at 90 years of age in Port Perry. He is the son of Reuben Crandell, the first white settler in Reach Twp. in 1821.

Mr. Geo. Collins has put through the sale of the Hiscox Block, Mr. C.H. Nicholls, of Uxbridge being the buyer. This building is at present occupied by Messrs. C. Rundle, Henry Parsons, and Frank Williams.

November 1922

Jeffrey's harness factory was destroyed by fire.

Bear Brothers garage, Uxbridge was totally destroyed by fire.

Mr. Ross Roach left for the Pacific coast with the Toronto St. Pats for a short hockey series.

Council leased Beech Street to Mr. F.A. Kent. He was authorized to make whatever improvements he likes to the road leading to Beechcroft, subject to a public right-of-way to the lake.

The town purchased a 15 h.p. electric motor to power the general water supply.

The Port Perry Star started setting type with a linotype typesetting machine.



Man in a boat at the Port Perry lakefront, with the railway station and water tower in the background.

Work gets underway on hydro construction

Port Perry Star: June 1, 1922

Port Perry's contract with the Hydro had expired, but the Railway and Municipal Board have extended it. This matter was arranged by our town solicitor, Mr. Harris. The contract has been ratified by the Council, and work will begin at once.

Mr. John Livingstone, Toronto, has been engaged as construction superintendent, and it is expected that the work of staking out the town will begin this week, and an estimate made of the material required. Work will be done by local men, some 16 or 20 being needed.

The poles are available. The Hydro engineer and the Bell Telephone man are busy surveying the route of the transmission line to the north, and the work of construction will begin as soon as materials arrive.

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Port Perry Star - May 11, 1922

Veteran journalist Charles Mundy sells the Oshawa Ontario Reformer

Port Perry Star: August 17, 1922

New men will control the Ontario Reformer, in Oshawa starting in September. The purchasers are Messrs. J.E. MacKay and J.C. Ross. Both these gentlemen have had wide experience in newspaper work, and should be of great service to a growing town like Oshawa.

It will seem curious not to have Mr. Charles Mundy associated with the newspapers of Ontario County. For 50 years back he and his father, Edward Mundy, have conducted successful papers at Port Perry and Oshawa. Mr. Mundy will be greatly missed if this change in business causes him to leave Oshawa.

Hood's barn destroyed by fire

Port Perry Star: August 2, 1922

Mr. Paul and George Hood's barn at the foot of Scugog Island was burned to the ground on Saturday July 29th. The origin of the fire is thought to have been spontaneous combustion, due probably to the very large amount of hay that was stored in the barn.

An investigation into the cause of the fire was undertaken by Deputy Fire Marshall C.H. Cowan, which showed the following findings:

The fire occurred at about 9.45 p.m. and had its origin in the top of the barn, which contained 75 tons of new hay, and 10 tons of old hay.

A roaring noise attracted the attention of Mr. George Hood and upon looking out the barn was seen to be all on fire in the top.

A minute later when Mr. Hood opened his cow stable door everything, inside the stone wall had perished, including a bull, two cows, 20 hogs, and 60 hens. Total loss by the fire about \$8,800; total insurance carried \$7,200.

John Rolph given honour of turning on hydro power

Port Perry Star: October 5, 1922



John Rolph

When John Rolph turned the switch in the Town Hall on Friday evening last, starting Hydro for Port Perry, a new era for the town began.

Later, when in simple language, he pictured conditions of his boyhood days, it sounded like a romance. Those were the days of tallow dips, of flint and steel; days when fire was jealously guarded, when a boy would be sent with tin cup to borrow a live coal from one of the neighbours if the fire should go out.

Mr. Wm. Kennedy, another old resident gave a reminiscent address, calling to mind the work of the early Councils, and paying special tribute to the late Joseph Bigelow, whose work for the town will be remembered with gratitude.

Reeve Figary presided at the meeting, and made the gratifying announcement that the cost of installation would likely be only about 75 per cent of the estimate. Messrs. James, Parker, and Purcell, of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, traced the growth of the work, praised Mr. Livingstone for the excellence of the local construction, and urged a generous and wise use of current as the surest road to Hydro success.

Form Port Perry Scout troop

Port Perry Star: October 19, 1922

The 1st Port Perry Troop, Canadian Boy Scouts, are requested to meet at 7 p. m. Friday, 20th October, at the Club Rooms of the the Post Office building, which have kindly been placed, temporarily, at the troop's disposal by the executive.

All members of the troop and boys who have passed their eleventh birthday and desire to join must be present, as patrols for the coming year will be formed. Remember, a Scout is punctual.

The first "Hike" of the 1st Port Perry Troop, Canadian Boy Scouts, was taken on Saturday afternoon last. About 40 boys turned out and thoroughly enjoyed the tramp on Scugog Island.

Three "tenderfoot" Scouts joined, bringing the roll up to 35. The Troop should have from 50 to 60 on strength when at camp the coming summer, so all boys should "be prepared" to go along.

Star installs hydro power

Port Perry Star: October 26, 1922

The Port Perry Star is enjoying the use of Hydro power, ours being the first motor to be used in town. We much appreciate the convenience and quietness of this form of power.

Various other improvements are being made in our equipment, by means of which we shall be able to better serve our customers. Of these we shall tell you later. In the meantime we have a two and a half h.p. gas engine for sale (International). It is in excellent condition, and is fitted with magneto, and detachable cement base. A low cash price will buy this first-class engine.

Ross Roach wins laurels in the west

Port Perry Star: December 7, 1922

Mr. Ross Roach has captivated the sport loving people of western Canada by his brilliant goal-tending. To say that Port Perry has a wonder in Ross is putting it mildly.

It is not possible to express in mere words the wonderful work he does in goal. Let it be said that he is the talk of this town, and on every side you hear the remarks - "How does he see them all?" "Did you ever see anything like him?" "The best goalie in the game".

A clipping from a Winnipeg paper commented "Many fans will tell you that goalie Roach was the entire St. Patrick team. There is no denying the fact. That Roach gave one of the greatest exhibitions of goaltending ever seen on local ice. Though only a midget, less than 5 ft. 6 in. In height, he looked twice as big as his citadel to the Edmonton sharpshooters. Time and again the westerners would beat the defence only to find a veritable stone wall between the posts".



John Ross Roach

Oshawa mayor buys Bowerman boat

Port Perry Star: August 2, 1922

Mr. John Stacey, Mayor of Oshawa, has purchased a fine 28 foot launch from Capt. John Bowerman, and is having a six cylinder Buick engine installed. The boat will remain on these waters and no doubt will be a very speedy one.

We have in the neighbourhood of a dozen pleasure launches now in town, designed and built by Capt. Bowerman. With all these fine launches and so many lots being sold by Mr. Collins opposite our town, it should make Port Perry a very desirable place for summer campers.

Jeffrey's harness factory suffers great loss in fire

Port Perry Star: November 2, 1922

Had there been a little more wind, or a little less water, Port Perry would have suffered one of the worst fires in its history on Saturday evening of last week. As it is the damage has been confined to the one building, but that is very extensive.

At 6 p.m., when Jeffrey's harness factory was closed there appeared to be no signs of fire, but within 15 or 20 minutes of that time, a smart blaze was burning in the back end of the premises.

The fire brigade was called immediately, but although everything was done as well as it could be done with the equipment at their disposal, the fire gained considerable headway in the few minutes that elapsed before the water started its work.

After that there was a steady fight for two or three hours, and at times it looked as though the fire would get the best of it, and spread to adjoining buildings. Fortunately this was prevented, and the fire brigade deserve every credit for their excellent work in this respect.

Yet, in spite of these facts, the harness factory is a complete ruin and the contents are a wreck. Part of the roof and one floor has fallen in, and the back of the building is in very bad shape.

The most unfortunate part of the matter is that a number of men will be thrown out of work temporarily, just when orders are beginning to come in after a slack summer.

The loss is quite heavy, but is well covered by insurance.

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Port Perry Star - November 11, 1922



The Courtice and Jeffrey Harness Shop, about 1900. Fire destroyed much of the building in 1922.

1923

Fire at Farmers' Milling Co.

Port Perry Star: January 25, 1923

The milling plant of the Farmers' Union Milling Company narrowly escaped destruction on Monday. Fire broke out in the engine room at noon and made rapid headway. An unfortunate circumstance was the delay in securing water, owing to the fact that the hoses were frozen. This was due to lack of fire in the Town Hall.

Had it not been for the work of the bucket brigade and the check given to the fire by the use of a fire extinguishing compound called Pronto supplied by Mr. Harold Emmerson, the destruction might have been much greater.

However, the water supply arrived at last, and the fire was put out. but not before the engine and the interior of the engine room had been considerably damaged.



An old photo of the Carnegie's Union Mills, which later became the Farmer's Milling Company.



The "Union School" which was a school from both elementary and high school students.

War Memorial to honour soldiers being planned for Lake Scugog lakefront

Port Perry Star: January 18, 1923

A memorial to the soldiers who went to the Great War from Port Perry, has often been discussed, and many excellent suggestions have been made. Some of these suggestions were quite ambitious, and there is no doubt that had they been carried out any one of them would have been a creditable memorial to the soldiers.

The problem was to raise the money to carry out these plans. To secure a design that was at once pleasing to the eye, worthy of the effort, and within the range of our purses, was not an easy task. In this matter it might be stated that it is expected that the total cost of the proposed memorial will be between \$800 and \$1000.

It is intended to place the memorial near the G.T.R. Station, on the space north of the weigh scales. The memorial will face the lake, and will occupy a space 66 feet long, running north and south and 33 feet wide. This plot is to be surrounded by a low wall.

In the centre of the enclosure a large concrete base will be built, and on this base the big gun sent to Port Perry through the courtesy of Major-General MacBrien, will be placed, and will be properly painted. At each of the front corners of the plot there will be erected a cement pillar, surmounted by electric lights. On these three cement structures, to be suitably finished in white or some other attractive surfacing tablets will be placed.

The one in the centre will be erected to the memory of the Port Perry soldiers who died in their country's service. On the two pillars at the front the tablets will be placed bearing the names of the soldiers from Port Perry who served in the Great War. At either side of the central base suitable flower beds will be made and kept, and the rest of the enclosure will be in grass.

The work of erecting a memorial has been in the hands of a committee.

Port Perry Dominion Store

We received quite a lot of Fall and Winter Goods and we have reduced the prices for Fall business. We guarantee that it will pay you to visit our store before you do your shopping for Fall and Winter goods. We are not advertising articles and prices this week, but everybody will save money and be satisfied, if they come to our store.

Watch our advertisement next week for specials. Some Good Bargains will be offered.

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Port Perry

1923 TIMELINE

January 1923

Reeve - P. Figary. Council - Geo. Jackson, Allan Goode, J. Stonehouse, H.G. Hutcheson.

Talks begin about erecting a memorial for war veterans near the GTR station. The memorial to feature a small wall with the big German gun mounted on a concrete base, and tablets with the names of those who died and served during the war.

Good work by the bucket brigade prevents a disastrous fire at Union Milling Company before it completely destroyed the building.

The old box stoves at the Town Hall to be replaced for a suitable furnace.

February 1923

Mr. Harold Archer purchased the Carnegie Hardware business and plans to amalgamate it with his own when he moves to the Carnegie store.

Council to vote on the question paying councillors for meetings attended.

March 1923

C. A. Rundle moves his implement shop to the building behind the Willard Block on Perry St., formerly used as a market.

Bylaw passed prohibiting dumping in the old dump east of Water St. The new dumping ground is located at the north end of Water St. past the Milling Co. and the railway switch.

Shareholders of the Port Perry Rink Company passed bylaw to execute a mortgage for \$2000 to pay the balance of the rink.

April 1923

The Salvation Army opened a mission in the Purdy Block over McClintock's store.

Proposed location for the Soldier's Memorial was changed. The new suggestion is in front of the Hydro powerhouse, to be part of the waterfront improvements.

May 1923

Mr. C. McArthur, sold his milk business of 12 years, to J. Peel and Sons.

Harold R. Archer has sold his

Mysterious death of woman thought to be murder

Port Perry Star: January 4, 1923

Some mystery surrounds the death of Martha Ann Hyland, formerly of Port Perry, who moved to Toronto a year or two ago, and later to Newmarket.

On Wednesday morning of last week she was found by her sister, Laura Emmeline Hyland, lying dead with her face in the creek which runs through the Hyland farm, in Whitchurch.

At first it was thought her death was accidental, but now the authorities suspect foul play. A post-mortem examination shows that, though found with her face in the water, no water was in the lungs. Doctors say also that examination reveals a lump on the head.

The creek is only a few feet wide, and a few boards form a dam, where the water is dipped out. This particular point on the creek is out of view from the house, being hidden by the barn but is visible by the neighboring house on the hill across the creek.

Henry Hyland and his sister, Laura, maintain that for months and years past then have been "hounded" by unseen enemies, and because of this

the Hyland family has wandered from place to place. Asked if he thought these enemies had anything to do with the death of his sister he said yesterday that "they didn't help any."

Financial resources of the family gradually have dwindled as a result of this "hounding" he explained, and in this Miss Laura Emmeline concurred. Their mail had been held up, said Mr. Hyland, and when he ran a real estate business a few years ago in Toronto, "a spy lived next door," he claimed, adding that advertisements put in the papers for business were unanswered because of the mysterious influence of their enemies.

Mr. Walter Hyland told something of the history of the family. All were born in Nestleton, and he twenty six years ago, had taught school at Caesarea. He said they made several thousand dollars by selling out at Markham and then came to Toronto.

The brother and sister of the dead woman have been detained as witnesses, and will be examined as to their sanity

Council petitions railway officials to remove weigh scales

Port Perry Star: March 8, 1923

The Council has been interviewing the railroad officials with a view to having certain improvements made at the station. Two of the most notable of those improvements are the removal of the weigh scales to the stock yards, and the lighting of the station with electric lights.

We have no doubt that the railway people have their own troubles, but we fully believe that proper accommodation for the public will eventually pay both the railway and the public.

There is a disposition on the part of the citizens and on the part of the Council, to have the waterfront cleaned up and made into a beauty spot which could be very attractive for travellers.

We understand that negotiations are going forward for the removal of the weigh scales. This action will simplify matters in connection with the Soldiers' Memorial.

Man trampled to death by bull

Port Perry Star: January 4, 1923

Elmer Hobbs, aged 37, was trampled to death by a bull on James Dyer's Prospect Hill farm, Grantham Twp., on Saturday evening. Returning with the cattle from a stream, Dyer missed Hobbs, being attracted by the antics of the bull he discovered the body of Hobbs lying on the floor of the stall with his chest caved in.

Mr. Hobbs, who leaves a widow and five children, came from Ontario County nine months ago. He was born in Cartwright, and leaves his father and five sisters in eastern Ontario.

Unlawful to dispose of trash at old dumping yard on Water Street

Port Perry Star: March 22, 1923

Port Perry council passed a bylaw in 1922, that it is unlawful for any person to dump any material on the old dumping ground east of Water Street, under penalty of the law. The new dumping place is at the north end of Water Street, going down between the Milling Company's premises and the Railway switch.

Any persons found obstructing this roadway or in any way refusing citizens access to these grounds will be dealt with according to law.

Contributions taught for Port Perry Memorial to honour local soldiers

Port Perry Star: April 26, 1923

You may get ready your contribution to the Soldiers' Memorial on May 4th. The collectors will be around that day. A large amount of money will be required from any citizen to carry out the plan now in hand.

Some changes have been made in the original plan by which it was intended to erect the Memorial on a vacant lot north of the weigh scale. Before going ahead with the project investigation was made, and it was found that the lot in question was the property of Railway Company and consequently was not available without permission from the railroad authorities.

It was thought advisable not to carry out the original plan especially when it would appear that a memorial placed on railroad property would itself become the property of the railroad. A natural result of this discovery was to seek another spot for the memorial and that place has been located, with the consent of the Council, in front of the Powerhouse.

This will now be converted into Memorial Park and there will be general improvement of the water front, including a memorial entrance a proper disposition of the war trophy sent by Major General Mac Brien, and a pavilion or wide verandah in front of the powerhouse.

This will be in harmony with the general clean-up policy at the lake front. We owe it to those who went to the "Front" to make some proper "memorial of the sacrifice they made. Other and more ambitious schemes have been mentioned, but some of them seem to be beyond our means and would simply postpone the day when the Port Perry Memorial would be raised and the day is now long past due.

Port Perry High School teachers Dugald McBride and George Stone have both been given honorary life memberships in the Ontario Secondary Teacher's Federation.



Port Perry opens and new town dump, beside the old railway line, at the north end of Water Street during the 1920s.

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hardware business to the Carnegie Hardware Co.

June 1923

A theatre inspector reported no movies could be shown at the Town Hall until safety improvements were made regarding entrances and fire escapes.

The dockhouse on the wharf is being renovated and cleaned of obscenities painted on the building.

Highland Beach on Scugog Island, owned by Mr. Clifford Coulter, is one of the best summer resort in the area, with a good beach, hydro, and a pier for boaters and bathers.

J.C. Cockburn is the local representative for the Arctic Silver Fox Ranch Co.

July 1923

The home of Dr. Robt. Archer was completely destroyed by fire while he and his wife were away.

Council favorably received a proposal by the War Memorial Committee to purchase the old library building, tear it down and build a new library with a Memorial Wall in memory of those who fell during the Great War.

Methodist and Presbyterian churches to hold Union meetings during holidays.

August 1923

Owing to the ill health of Mr. Sims, Mr. White has resumed the bakery business.

The Carnegie rink with Messrs. Jas. Lucas, McIntyre and Sommerville won the Port Perry Bowling Tournament over 39 rinks.

Tenders were called for laying 14,000 sq. ft. of cement sidewalk in the village.

Jas. McKee and Son open a foot wear store in the St. Charles Hotel, called the Palace Shoe Store.

Council adopted a resolution confining cars to angle parking in the business section on Saturday nights to relieve traffic congestion.

September 1923

Over one thousand people visited Mr. F.A. Kent's grounds to see the 1000s of daliahs in bloom on his



North side of the dockhouse, at the Port Perry Wharf. Photo taken during a regatta about 1940.

Banquet for Board of Education

Port Perry Star: May 3, 1923

A new departure in school activities in Port Perry was inaugurated on the evening of Wednesday, April 25, when Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Farmer were host and hostess to the members of the Board of Education and the staff of the High and Public Schools, at a dinner held in the Port Perry Armouries. The guests, to the number of twenty-five, enjoyed a sumptuous banquet of many and varied delicacies. This was followed by toasts, presided over by Mr. Farmer, as toastmaster.

Milk business changes hands

Port Perry Star: May 3, 1923

Mr. C. McArthur who has supplied milk for the Village of Port Perry for almost 12 years has sold his business to Joseph Peel & Sons, who will take charge of it shortly and expects to distribute both milk and cream from L.G. Hall's butcher shop. Customers will be able to secure milk at any time the shop is open.

The herd of Joseph Peel & Sons have been Tuberculin tested and will continue under Government inspection. Their great aim will be to provide good wholesome milk.

Soldiers' memorial drive underway

Port Perry Star: May 3, 1923

The drive for the Soldiers' Memorial Fund takes place on Friday. Some twenty ladies have undertaken to do the collecting, and they are asking at least \$500, and you may be assured that if \$600 or more is given, the money will be well used to make a fitting memorial to those who sacrificed much for our freedom and welfare.

We have been tardy with our acknowledgement of their service. So that we can afford to make up the lateness of our memorial by a generosity that will be worthy of our citizens.

Bowerman builds new boats

Port Perry Star: May 17, 1923

Capt. John Bowerman and his sons have build seven motor launches this last winter. Among the buyers are: Mr. William McGill, Cincinnati; Mr. Charles Legge, Toronto; Mr. Fred Harran, Caesarea; Mr. Addison, Toronto, and Mr. Arthur Carnegie, Port Perry. All these boats will stay on Scugog waters.

Archer sells hardware building to Carnegie Hardware Company

Port Perry Star: May 17, 1923

Harold R. Archer has sold his hardware business to the Carnegie Hardware Co., and wishes to thank his many customers for their loyal support and to state that he trusts that his successors in business may enjoy similar liberal patronage from these customers.

Stock Reduction Sale

We have two Stocks of Hardware now, having bought our the Carnegie Hardware Company. We only need one of those stocks, and in selling the surplus, you will have an opportunity to buy Hardware to your advantage, and this is true in spite of the fact that wholesale hardware prices have advanced sharply recently.

HAROLD R. ARCHER
Hardware Merchant, Port Perry

Making Good CLOTHES is our specialty

We have the finest range of overcoats, both tailor made and ready to wear, we have ever had. Come in and see them—it costs you nothing. Fine wool is advancing. Buy that good suit now.

Don't forget that I have a nice line of Men's Caps and the prices are right.

W. H. DOUBT
Merchant Tailor



Port Perry Council adopted a resolution in August 1923, confining cars to angle parking in the business section on Saturday nights to relieve traffic congestion. The above photo, taken circa 1945, shows angle parking on both sides of Queen Street.

Water front war memorial moving in the right direction

Port Perry Star: May 17, 1923

Gradually the water front is being put into proper order, and the present Council is to be complimented for the part they are taking in the clean up. The old sheds by the powerhouse have been torn down, and the rubbish that has been accumulating there has been removed.

The day is not so far distant, since lumber piles and coal sheds, and all the kindred evidences of industry were considered an asset to the town. But now the lumbering industry is gradually leaving us. We owe all the former prosperity of the town to lumber and grain, but the lumber is passing, and with the passing we must begin to consider what are the permanent sources of the livelihood of our townspeople.

Dockhouse being renovated, repaired and cleaned up from filthy writing on the walls.

Port Perry Star: June 27, 1923

The building at the wharf is being thoroughly renovated by the Council, and a general clean up is being instituted around the water front. We are glad that this is being done and now that the clean up is started it will be the business of the citizens to see that it is kept clean.

It is unfortunate that there are persons who are both destructive and capable of making filthy marking on the building. Some of these are already known to the authorities, and other persons are being watched.

It is not generally known that the writing of obscene language in public places is an indictable offence, and accordingly the offenders are liable to a term of two years imprisonment. For lesser offences, such as petty breakages, writing on the property, or otherwise disfiguring it, a penalty of \$20.00 may be imposed as provided by Section 539 of the Criminal Code.

Fishing is unusually good this year

Port Perry Star: June 27, 1923

Fishing has been unusually good this season. Maskinonge of ten and twelve pounds have been quite plentiful, and the bass are of good size. One lunge is reported over near the Caesarea Park as tipping the scales at 17 1/2 pounds, but there has also been good fishing on this side of the lake.

Indeed, after this item was written and put into type, Mr. Neil Sweetman, Mr. Fred Ferguson and Mr. Jos. Hood made a fine catch a mile or so north of Port Perry. They caught one lunge weighing 22 pounds, another 11 pounds and several good bass.

It would be good business if all the motor boat owners at the Port Perry end of Scugog Lake would make a line up some morning and have a snap taken. And a photo of the morning's catch of fish would make a good picture.

Port Perry woman stricken with typhoid fever

Port Perry Star: August 9, 1923

Mrs. Samuel Mosure, after a little over two week's illness passed peacefully away. Up to the time she was stricken with typhoid fever, Mrs. Mosure was apparently in her usual health.

The fever from the first was severe, but hopes were entertained for her recovery until pneumonia set in, after which every effort of the physicians proved unavailing and she passed way on July 17, 1923.

Extensive repairs required to town hall before being used for movies or theatre

Port Perry Star: June 7, 1923

Reeve Philip Figary, Reeve received a report form the Theatre Inspector on the conditions of the Town Hall, and advise that before these premises can again be used for moving pictures or theatrical entertainments changes will be required.

There must be a stairway at least 6 feet in width with a handrail at either sides at the entrance to the auditorium proper. At least two emergency exits with fire escapes to the ground must also be installed. The stairway to the balcony must be the same width as the general entrance and exits which also require fire escapes to the ground.

The operating room must be in a position that will not obstruct either entrance or passage ways. All seats must be fastened to the floors, and be a distance of 30 inches apart, and exit lights must be installed for all exits.

The report was submitted by O. Elliott, Director

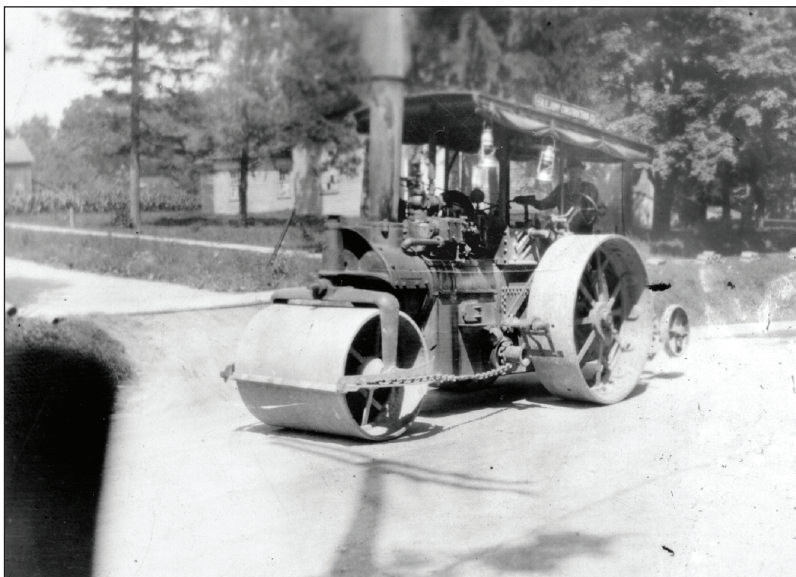
Dr. Robert Archer's home destroyed by fire

Port Perry Star: July 5, 1923

One of the finest homes in Port Perry was destroyed by fire early on Saturday morning last. Just a little before four o'clock in the morning campers were passing through the town, when they noticed flames at the rear of Dr. Robert Archer's house.

They gave the alarm, and shortly the fire brigade was on the scene, and did very good work with a couple of streams of water; but the fire had gained great headway and in spite of all that could be done, the whole interior of the house was destroyed. In fact everything but the brick walls will have to be renewed, before the house will be fit for habitation again.

This house was built only a couple of years ago, and was a credit to the town. How the fire started has not yet been determined. Both Dr. and Mrs. Archer had been away for a couple of weeks. Nobody was living in the house at the time of the fire.



Construction on Queen Street, at the intersection of Rosa St., 1923.

Picnic benches in "Battery Park"

Port Perry Star: August 23, 1923

The Park Committee has at last produced a table to use for picnics on the lake front - Battery Park - as we hear it facetiously termed, on account of the heavy artillery placed there. It is a combination of table and chairs for ten - two auto loads or one Ford car lot.

The summer is on the wane but while its appearance is a trifle belated it is not too late to be useful and we hope to see one or two more follow it - one at the Town Hall Central Park would be appreciated.

Queen St. being graded, gravelled.

Port Perry Star: August 9, 1923

The main street of Port Perry will soon be in first class condition. At the present time the western section of the street is being graded and gravelled. There is a very credit-able amount of work being done on the roads this year, and it is of good quality.

Angle parking on Saturday nights in the downtown

Port Perry Star: August 23, 1923

Port Perry Council has adopted a resolution aiming at relieving traffic congestion on Saturday nights by confining car parking in the business section to angle-parking only.

Chief Nesbitt will be assisted on Saturday evening next by two officers in carrying out this regulation. We feel all car owners will co-operate to render this measure effective as it is much to their advantage, involving no sacrifice and is a benefit to the business men and public generally.

If you don't know what to do ask the Traffic Cop.

Historic lakefront dump on Water Street closed the the dumping of garbage

Port Perry Star: August 23, 1923

The historic dump is no more – it has long outlived its usefulness – which was to fill in the marsh road leading to the bridge, which was slightly depressed at high water. Old settlers tell of having seen lunge swim across it rather than take the culvert, but this condition has been remedied and the marsh pretty well filled in.

A new dump was created, which is less in the public eye, by a by-law passed this year, but it remained an eyesore until all the old tin cans refused to dissolve.

Councillor Jackson superintended workmen this week engaged in burning any junk that could be induced to ignite, bury bottles and cans, cut down weeds. His reward was several china saucers found in the garbage, another councillor – whose identity is not known, but suspected – arrived in time to find a perfectly good teapot stand.

Let this eyesore become a beauty spot. Earth or ashes may still be deposited there as they help to widen the road but it is ten dollars and cost to throw a sardine can inside the town line.

High school undergoes building renovations and equipment updates

Port Perry Star: September 6, 1923

Many improvements have been made in the Port Perry high school building and equipment. A number of new desks have been installed. The basement has been greatly enlarged for coal purposes. A new doorway has been built into the teachers' room which should prevent frost in the future.

A floor has been put into the mechanics' building, the brick school has been wired for electric lights, and many other minor improvements and equipment have been added.

We trust that the scholars will make good use of their opportunities, and remember that teachers are indeed very anxious for the advancement of the pupils.

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property at Beechcroft.

Bell Telephone installs a public telephone at the fairgrounds for use during Fair day at 5¢ a call.

October 1923

Beechcroft closes until next season for re-seeding of the lawns damaged by the large crowds over the past summer.

Hood Motor Sales is the Port Perry dealer for Ford.

A.J. Davis Drug Store holds Rexall One Cent Sale.

T. Raines & Sons become agents for Toronto Windmills.

November 1923

A vote at the Armistice meeting, regarding the erection of a War Memorial Library as a suitable way to remember those to perished in the Great War, carried without a contrary vote.

The Powerhouse was opened to display the new fire fighting equipment.

December 1923

Renovation work at the Town Hall has seen the replacement of almost every joint under the floor which was rotten, and the rebuilding of the back stairs which were unsafe.

A bylaw to establish a Free Public Library was passed, with a board consisting of three members appointed by the town and three by the Bd. of Education.

Books of rink tickets went on sale at 10 for \$1.25 for adults and children 20 for \$1.50.

Tag Day raised \$109. for the rink fund.

Port Perry Statistics - 1922-23: Population 1115; Area 600 acres; assessment \$804,800; municipal taxes \$17,992; school taxes \$10,462; debentures \$8,696.

Memorial Library to honour those who served in the war

Port Perry Star: November 16, 1923

At the "Armistice" Meeting on Monday evening, Mrs. Wm. H. Harris, presented the following report of the War Memorial Committee.

Somewhat over a year ago a War Memorial Committee was organized for the purpose of erecting a memorial to those who fell and those who served in the Great War. Several proposals came before this Committee; but the most of them on being examined have proved to be unfeasible. But we now have a plan which we wish to lay before you.

First, however, let me tell you what we have done to finance the War Memorial. Last May a canvass was made of the town for funds and \$373.71 cash was raised toward the Memorial. The I.O.D.E. have donated \$250.00 and since then a cheque for \$10.00 has been received, making a total of \$633.71.

The plan now endorsed by the Committee is that a Library, to be known as the "War Memorial Library" be built. The present Library site has been purchased by the Library Board, and the property will be deeded over to the town when the payments are completed.

We propose to tear down the present building, and erect at the rear of the lot a story and a half building consisting of a basement for heating purposes, a ground floor divided into two rooms for Library use, with two smaller rooms, (one a rest room and the other a lavatory), both of which are badly needed in the downtown section of Port Perry.

We have been assured by a competent contractor that such a building can be erected at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, and possibly at \$4,500. These figures include the heating plant.



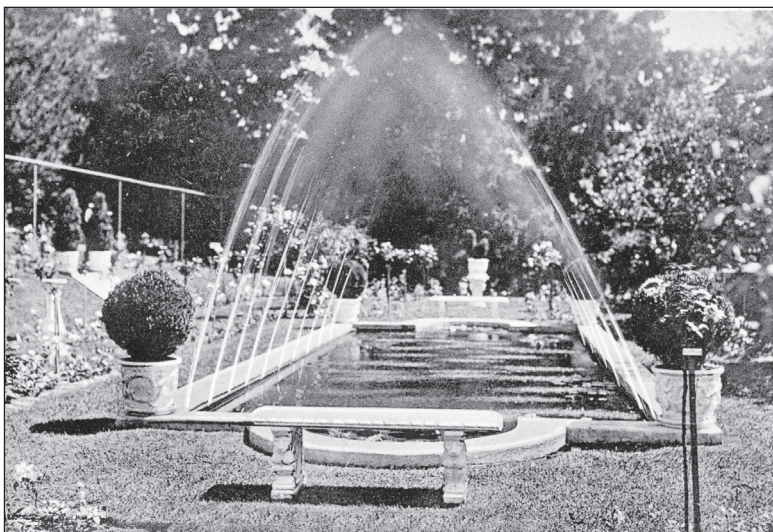
Town proposes to tear down old library building to construct a new War Memorial Library.

Beechcroft gardens closed until spring

Port Perry Star: October 18, 1923

The grounds at Beechcroft will be closed to the general public from October 15th until notice is given next spring. Owing to the increased number of visitors this past year, much damage was done to the grass. It will be reseeded lawn during the late fall and early spring, when the ground is wet and soft.

Residents of Port Perry and vicinity will appreciate the necessity of this course, so that conditions will be favourable next summer.



Fountains at Beechcroft gardens, home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kent.

THE PALACE SHOE STORE

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We carry a large stock of the most popular lines on the market, in all sizes and widths in Leather Boots and Oxfords, Patent Oxfords and Strap Slippers for ladies, girls, and children. We also have a full line of Rubbers, Heavy and Light Boots for Men, Women, and Children; to fit every foot.

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The Port Perry Creamery on Water Street, where Allan Goode manufactured ice cream starting in 1924.

Five men escape injury in car accident

Port Perry Star: January 10, 1924

At least five people in Port Perry have very great reason to be thankful that they are alive to-day. Just how they escaped sudden death or serious injury is one of those mysterious miracles that enter our lives and intervene at times of great danger.

A party of five – Messrs James Ruddy, Percy Ingram, Dr. McMaster, Samuel Farmer and Wm. Graham, were taking a motor trip to Toronto on Wednesday last. The car was a heavy Studebaker. When a short distance south of Myrtle Station, a stretch of glare ice was encountered. The car slewed and the driver, in trying to right it, nosed into the ditch; to the right of the road, another slight turn brought the car parallel to the road and facing in the opposite direction to which the car had been going. Then it tipped completely over until it was upside down. Very fortunately the ditch was deep, and the side of the car caught on the edge of the ditch so that it did not settle flat on the ground. Had this not been the case there is little doubt that the occupants of the car would have been killed or seriously injured.

As it was, all were able to crawl out with no serious injury sustained by any person. The top of the car and the wind-shield were completely destroyed, otherwise the car does not seem to have been badly damaged.

Council enacts new snow removal bylaw

Port Perry Star: January 17, 1924

At a meeting of Port Perry council on Monday, a snow by-law was passed, the main provisions of which are:

That occupants or owners of premises must remove, within ten hours, all snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions from the sidewalks abutting their premises, and neglect to comply with the by-law shall render the offender liable to a fine of not less than one dollar or more than twenty dollars.

In case of vacant property the Chief Constable may remove snow, ice, or other obstructions and charge cost of such removal to the property.

The Port Perry skating and curling rink in need of funding

Port Perry Star: January 24, 1924

It has been felt for some time that there are many people in town, and friends of the town, who would gladly contribute something in a campaign to reduce or wipe out the debt against the Port Perry skating rink.

In the recent "tag day" effort the results were very gratifying – some \$235.00 in all; but that effort is not felt to be sufficient, or to properly express the appreciation of our townspeople of the rink. A substantial reduction of the rink indebtedness is essential for several reasons.

1. The payment of interest is an unnecessary burden, which adds materially to the difficulty of paying running expenses. \$140 per year for interest could be saved if the debt were wiped, out.

2. The rink needs painting. We have an investment of about \$11,000 in that building and it would be unfortunate if it were to be allowed to run down at the heel, for lack of funds.

3. Proper eavstroughing is needed on the east side. This eave troughing would help carry off the water properly and save the foundation on that side of the building.

Any person feeling kindly disposed toward this project will be given an opportunity to assist by contributing toward the Rink Debt Reduction Fund.



A partial view of the Port Perry skating and curling rink, located on Simoce Street, just south of the present day Scout Hall.

Bruce Campbell trophy skating race

Port Perry Star: March 6, 1924

On Monday evening this somewhat delayed event took place at the Port Perry rink. It was well contested. In the open race for men there were seven contestants and in the junior race there were eight.

The ice was a bit heavy, and some of the contestants found that it takes considerable wind to make 16 laps of the rink in fast time. As a result some had to drop out of the race before completing the mile.

The winner of the junior race was Morley Doubt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Doubt, Port Perry. The senior event was won by Keith McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. McMillan, Greenbank.

This event through the generosity of the donor, who wishes to be anonymous, will become a big feature of the program in connection with the Port Perry Rink. The cups were very handsome, and thoroughly worthy of the donor.

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Leading Confectioners
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Allan Goode, Manuf'r,
Port Perry.

Goode's Creamery installs modern ice cream machine

Port Perry Star: March 27, 1924

At another part of the waterfront, down in the "egg house" Mr. Allan Goode is doing some good work for himself and the town.

He is installing a thoroughly modern ice cream plant, which will be a credit to Port Perry. Considerable rearrangement is being made in the building, which is being equipped with the most modern machinery for making ice cream.

With his characteristic business energy Mr. Goode is carrying forward this new enterprise, and it is expected that he will be ready for manufacturing operations about the first of May. Then we shall be able to secure "Goode" Ice Cream made in Port Perry. A 20 h.p. hydro motor will be required to run this plant.

Union Mill is humming at the lakefront

Port Perry Star: March 27, 1924

A little stroll about town reveals the fact that as the seasons roll around, Port Perry goes on with business as usual. Down at the Farmers' Union Milling Company there has been hauled in a nice cut of logs, and soon we expect to hear the hum of the saw mill.

Between two and three thousand cakes of ice have been put into the ice house by the Company. It is interesting to watch the process of cutting, floating to the house, and then elevating the blocks to the packers. A much better system than was in vogue in the "good old days." The quality of ice is first class, there being a clear block about 18 inches thick.



Men sawing out cakes of ice on Lake Scugog, circa 1920.

Paying off \$1,000 from the rink debt

Port Perry Star: April 3, 1924

Port Perry people and their friends will be pleased to learn that \$1,000 has been paid on the indebtedness of the Port Perry Skating Rink.

The season of 1924 has been financially successful. One outstanding factor in this success has been the work of the management committee, composed of Miss Grace Davis, Mr. Mac Beare and Mr. Geo. R. Davey. These people have spent a great deal of time and effort in keeping the rink, running at a profit.

Miss Davie was particularly active in devising ways and means of raising money. Her work has been very efficient and in the matter of securing subscriptions the thanks of the shareholders are due to Miss Davis.

A second factor in the success of the rink has been the loyal support of the Port Perry Hockey team. The boys played well this year, won the district, and added a substantial sum to the receipts of the rink.

A third factor of success has been contributed by the generous services of the Port Perry Band. Their playing has been greatly appreciated by the skaters. We hope that this organization will be permanent now.

Further effort is to be made to raise funds for the rink in order that the building may be painted this summer if possible. As soon as convenient a metal roof will be put on the curling sections. Another improvement that could be made if money were forthcoming would be to put in a wood floor in one of the curling sections, which would ensure proper curling ice. This will require some get-together on the part of all concerned, if it is ever undertaken.

1924 TIMELINE

January 1924

Port Perry Council - Reeve Philip Figary; Councillors Jas. Stonehouse, H.G. Hutcheson, Neil Sweetman, Geo. Jackson.

Col. J.E. Farewell, former Crown Attorney Ontario Council over 50 years died from injuries in an auto accident.

George A. McMillan, the Reeve of Reach Twp., named Warden of Ont. County.

Jack Miner visits Port Perry to address the children in the afternoon and a public meeting in the evening.

Alex. Naples Fruit Store is damaged by fire.

Twenty-five thousand dollars to be spent on Port Perry roads, construct 20' road from Queen St. along Perry to railway (north) from railway on Queen to Town Hall and on Water from Queen to railway.

February 1924

At the urging of Mr. Fred. A. Kent, plans are underway to form a Horticultural Society for Port Perry.

Ralph Wallace, winner of the gold medal for first place in the High School Entrance Exams gave the address at the High School Commencement.

March 1924

About 3,000 cakes of cut ice have been stored in the ice house this season by the Farmer's Union Milling Co.

Oshawa officially became a city on March 8, 1924.

April 1924

Thanks to the efforts of Miss Grace Davis, and Messrs. Mac Beare and Geo. R. Davey, \$1000 has been paid off the indebtedness of the Skating Rink.

Mr. Geo. Stone announced he would retire from teaching at the end of the term. He taught at Port Perry High School for 40 years.

Reeve Figary announced due to a surplus of Hydro, he expected the minimum rate to be dropped to \$1.50 per month and a 25% cut to commercial users.

The Library announced it was now open to the public with free service

Man injured when horse bolts and buggy turns over

Port Perry Star: April 10, 1924

Mr. Morley Moase had a narrow escape from serious injury on Sunday last. He was driving between Port Perry and Myrtle and was passing a place where it looked as though an auto had been mired.

At any rate a couple of sticks had been put in holes made in the road. One of these caught in the front wheels of Mr. Moase's buggy, and later in the gearing. The buggy was turned completely over on top of the horse, and Mr. Moase was thrown out in such a manner that he lost the lines.

The horse ran, and when everything was gathered up the buggy had only two hind wheels and the box left. Mr. Moase had a couple of ribs cracked. Fortunately Mr. Switzer happened along with his car and was able to bring the injured man home.

Horticultural Society organized in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: April 17, 1924

On Monday evening, in the Parish Hall, Port Perry, a Horticultural Society was formed with about seventy members. The following officers and directors were elected: President – Mr. F. A. Kent. 1st. Vice President – Mr. H. G. Hutcheson, 2nd Vice President – Mr. S. Jeffrey. Directors – Dr. Lundy, Mrs. A. H. Rose, F. W. McIntyre, Samuel Farmer, W. H. Clark, Miss Grace Davis, Wm. Ettey, W. H. Harris, Mrs. I. R. Bentley, J. Dowling.

Mr. Geo. Baldwin, of Toronto, gave a most interesting address on horticultural work in connection with the home garden. His main thought was that in connection with the home flower garden there should be continuous bloom. A proper study of plantings would make this possible.

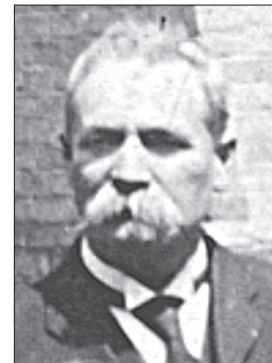
George Stone retires after teaching for 40 Years

Port Perry Star: May 22, 1924

After teaching mathematics and physics in Port Perry High School for forty years, Mr. George Stone is retiring from the teaching profession. The Board of Education gave a complimentary dinner in his honour, followed by a public gathering in the Methodist Church at which he was presented with a suitably inscribed cane and an address.

Mrs. Fred Brock read the address, and the presentation was made by Major-General James McBrien, Chief of Staff, Militia and Defence.

The dinner which was prepared by the Household Science Department, under the direction of Miss Irene Glasgow, was a most enjoyable meal, beautifully served – a great credit to all concerned in its preparation. The place cards were made by the High School students, pupils of Miss Harris.



George Stone

COAL NEWS

Spring Announcement

I have completed arrangements whereby I receive a regular supply of D.L. & W., and D. & H. Scranton Coal this season.

Prices as follows:

Nut and Stove \$16.00 a ton delivered.

Egg Coal \$15.50.

These prices guaranteed until the 1st of June.

Special prices on Pea Coal, and small size Nut Coke—if ordered now.

\$12.50 a ton delivered. We must move this to make room for new shipments.

SOLWAY HARD COKE

The best on the market—a car just arrived of the large nut size, suitable for heaters or furnaces.

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A car of large lump Eastern Kentucky Domestic Coal just arrived.

\$10.50 a ton delivered.

Your orders solicited.

P. FIGARY

PORT PERRY DOMINION STORE

We wish to remind the public that our big anniversary sale, commencing May 15th and continuing May 26th, will surprise you all with our good quality of goods and prices, and special on the 17th of May, the day we opened the store, one year ago, we will give good bargains that you will remember to the 2nd anniversary. Don't miss the 17th of May and visit the Port Perry Dominion Store.

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PORT PERRY PHONE 177

Goode's Ice Cream factory to open in May

Port Perry Star: May 1, 1924

The average citizen who is in the habit of saying – "there's nothing doing in Port Perry" would do well to go to Mr. Allan Goode and ask for the privilege of seeing through his beautifully equipped ice cream factory.

Mr. Goode is certainly to be commended for his enterprise. Speaking without professional experience, we should judge that he has set a good standard in his layout of the new plant. His equipment is of the most modern type and the machinery is very attractive in appearance. The whole place has a clean, well-lighted, wholesome appearance.

The factory will likely be in operation about the 12th of May, and we expect that "Goode" Ice Cream will be a popular luxury in this locality, particularly when it becomes known that Mr. Goode intends to use sweet cream. His idea is to supply the best; not to give an adulterated, cheap mixture; which, while it would give quicker profits, would not give permanent satisfaction.

New cement road contract awarded

Port Perry Star: May 22, 1924

The contract for the Port Perry Road construction has been let to Messrs. King & Holmes, of Oakville. The road is to be concrete, reinforced where required.

The work begins at once and all the local labor possible will be employed.

The contract price is \$33,500.00. Of this \$8,500 to be paid by the town, which will give a tax of \$1.35 per foot frontage, to be paid in ten years.

Equipment, crews arrive to construct new cement road

Port Perry Star: June 2, 1924

The road construction machinery has arrived, and at time of writing is being unloaded.

The work of road construction which is being done by Messrs. King and Holmes, of Oakville, will be started on Water Street, opposite Goode's Ice Cream Factory. The construction will continue north until the main street is reached, and that work will be done next, leaving the section along Perry Street north to the railway tracks to the last, as it is expected that the gravel will be drawn in from the north.

It is estimated that between 2,400 and 3,000 loads

of gravel will be required in addition to the broken stone, cement, etc. This will give good work for our teamsters, at a time when there has been a slackness.

One thing should be remembered, however, the price for teaming throughout the Province is considerably lower than in former years, and there are plenty of men glad to do the work at the current teaming rates.

When asked the probable length of time required for the construction of the Port Perry road, Mr. Holmes said that they should be out of here in about six weeks.



The crews and supplies arrive at the railway station for the construction Port Perry new cement road.

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for users.

A Horticultural Society was organized with about 70 members and the first president Mr. F.A. Kent.

May 1924

Street watering has started for the season.

Mr. Allan Goode opens his beautifully equipped ice cream factory.

E.H. Gerrow and Son purchase the bakery and confectionary business of H.S. White.

Dr. J.A. Murray has been practicing dentistry in Port Perry for 58 years.

June 1924

Road construction machinery has arrived and work will be started on Water St. opposite Goode's Ice Cream Factory. Work pouring the new cement roads is expected to take six weeks.

The Port Perry Band is being re-organized under the leadership of Mr. Ross Roach.

July 1924

A large showing of automobiles attended Dominion Day celebrations at the waterfront.

Port Perry's new cement roads are scheduled to open Aug. 7. More than a mile of road was laid using approx. 50 carloads of broken stone, 20 carloads of sand, 1000 loads of gravel, 4,500 bbls. of cement and 13,000 sq. yds. of re-inforcing wire at a cost of about \$33,000.

Fred. Jennings caught an 18 lb., 44 inch lunge.

August 1924

Horses and buggies, decorated automobiles, bands, politicians and residents marched along Queen St. to the St. Charles Hotel corner where a platform had been erected for the grand opening ceremonies of Port Perry's new cement streets. The days celebration included addresses from politicians, swimming exhibitions, aquatic sports, motor boat parade, community sing-along and a concert with dancing on the new pavement. Council has placed a spring board at the dock for the pleasure of divers.

Theft of decorative flowers from cemetery.

Port Perry Star: June 2, 1924

Complaints recieved by the Cemetery Company, that some one is stealing flowers from the cemetery. Several plot owners have beautified their plots by planting tulips and other flowers and some thief is going into the cemetery after dark and taking the flowers from the flower beds and a large number have disappeared.

The Cemetery Company are offering a substantial reward for information that will lead to the conviction of the guilty parties. An article appeared in the press a short time ago where a party was convicted of stealing flowers from a city cemetery and the punishment was six months in jail.

125,000 trees planted south of town

Port Perry Star: June 19, 1924

Mr. George Coulton planted out this spring 125,000 young trees, covering about 65 acres. The trees are on the Stevens Farm, near Shirley Rd., owned by Mr. Osier. Mr. Coulter says the Port Perry boys that helped him are good reforesters.

This is a good move and will make a fine forest some day. The trees are mostly pine. Mr. Osier has a large plantation of pine at Pine Point, Scugog Island, where about 221/2 acres were planted in 1924, some of these trees now reach a height of 18 feet.

Progress report on new town roads

Port Perry Star: June 26, 1924

The building of the cement road is going along famously. The laying of cement has been in actual operation now since Monday morning. The cement mixer is an ingenious contrivance, and is a great labor saver.

The gravel is hauled to the machine in dump carts, is dumped onto a huge shovel, four bags of cement are dumped in with the gravel or stone and the whole thing is then tipped up and poured into the hopper.

Long iron piping conveys the water to the mixer and in a few minutes the mixing is done, the travelling bucket is filled and the contents are emptied on the road, upon the surface of which reinforced wiring is placed in great sheets about 5 x 10 feet.

ANNOUNCEMENT**E. H. Gerrow & Son**

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City Dairy Ice Cream

Served at the Store, or supplied in Bricks or Bulk.

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Equipment and crews are seen working on a section of the new cement road along Queen Street, in these 1924 pictures.

Town plans party for the opening of the town's new road

Port Perry Star: July 24, 1924

Port Perry will soon have accomplished the laying of the new Cement Roads, and we shall be "on the map" in a very definite future. In fact, judging by the traffic that has come to our town in recent weeks, we have put down our new roads just in time.

It looks as though we shall not be able to keep the people away from Port Perry, and we shall be wise if, year by year, we extend our policy of making things comfortable and attractive for tourists.

Along the lines of this policy is another phase that is even more important than that relating to tourists – and that is our service to the community in and around Port Perry. Tourists come and go, but the home people are with us all the time. A good time to give evidence of our belief in this policy of serving the home folk is right now.

As a matter of fact, the merchants are entering heartily into a united effort to put on a "Cut Price Week" in the sale of all lines of merchandise, and, having seen the advertising, we feel warranted in saying that Cut Price Week will be an unusual money-saving event for people who buy in Port Perry.

But there is an additional opportunity to show our good-will to the home folk. We can decorate the town and give our visitors a royal welcome and good time on the 7th of August. The Council will be justified in spending a proper amount of money to provide a good time for those who come to our town to celebrate the opening of our new roads.

We have spent \$33,000 or more to make it easy and comfortable for people to come to Port Perry, and now we want the crowd. We want a big crowd on August 7th, and we want the people to keep coming. We have put down what will be equal to a mile and one-sixth of cement road, 18 feet wide, 12,500 square yards, and that requires a big lot of material.

Approximately there have been used – 50 carloads of broken stone, 20 carloads of sand, 1,000 loads of gravel, 4,500 bbls. of cement, and 13,000 square yards of reinforcing wire. If this material were all loaded on wagons, 3,200 of them would be required, and there would be a continuous procession reaching from here to Uxbridge.

So far as we can learn, the work has been done by Messrs King & Holmes in a rapid and efficient manner. The men have worked splendidly, and Mr. Holmes has been "on the job" all the time.

GRAND OPENING AT Port Perry

The new street pavement will be formally opened on

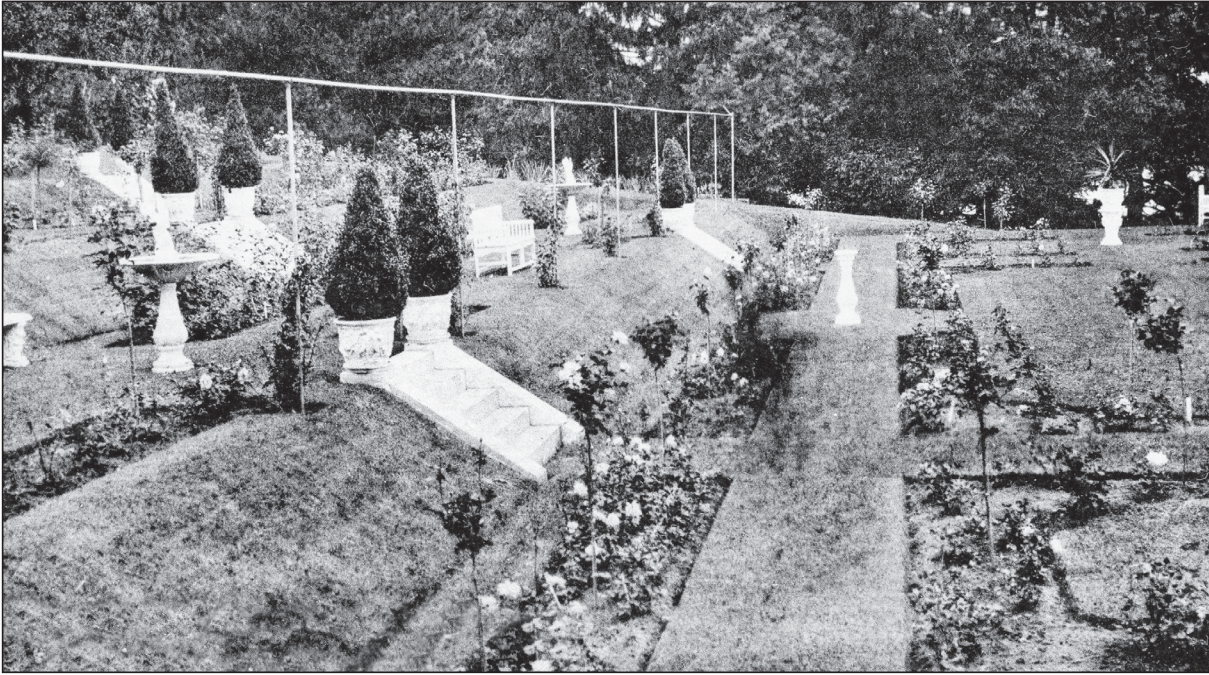
August 7th

1924

Representatives of Provincial Government and the County Council will be present.

Music by the
PORT PERRY BAND
and
PORT PERRY ORCHESTRA

The War Memorial Committee will provide a good programme.
P. FIGARY,
Reeve.



The beautiful gardens of Beechcroft, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kent, Port Perry.

Over 2,000 at Kent's Gardens to see the roses on Sunday

Port Perry Star: July 24, 1924

Some 400 automobiles found their way to the Kent's Beechcroft Gardens last Sunday. A great

Many townspeople walked up, and these pedestrians had a great time on the road between the railway and the entrance to the gardens. It kept them busy dodging automobiles and find a reliable footing.

By the time they had reached the gates, they had accumulated a considerable quantity of dust and been at some risk in reaching their destination.

The crowds going in this direction will likely increase from year to year, and proper steps should be taken for the comfort and convenience of these people.

Sunday was fine and the roses were very beautiful. The privileges that have been accorded to the public by Mr. Kent have been greatly appreciated, and the behaviour of the visitors has been very courteous. Many people are regular visitors to these lovely gardens, and thoroughly enjoy the unfolding beauty as the season advances.



A section of the new Port Perry cement road, looking west towards the United Church, 1925.

Celebrations in Port Perry for opening of new cement road

Port Perry Star: August 15, 1924

Residents had grave misgivings as to the big road opening celebration to take place on August 7th. The rain fell in torrents, and even when daylight came the weather was far from hopeful looking, but later in the day all doubts as to the weather were dispelled, and we enjoyed one of the most delightful afternoons that it was possible to have.

The projectionists began to gather in good time, and this part of the program was thoroughly enjoyed. Much skill and good taste was shown in the decoration of the parade.

The parade over, the formal opening took place at what used to be known as the St. Charles Hotel corners, where a platform had been erected. Reeve Figary was chairman and introduced the speakers.

During these opening proceedings the Port Perry Band gave fine musical selections. Down at the dock a great crowd had been gathering for the fun was to start with the aquatic sports.

The sports were to be unusually good owing to the generous courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Wilson, of Seven Mile Island. Mrs. Wilson brought three expert swimmers to town who delighted the people with a diving and swimming exhibition. At the conclusion of the performance, the three young ladies were presented with beautiful baskets of flowers an expression of appreciation from the town.

The other events in the aquatic sports were: Motor Boat Race; Tandem Canoe Race; Greasy Pole; Tilting Canoe; Swimming Races and more. When these sports were concluded it was pretty nearly seven o'clock, and people had to hurry with their suppers to be ready for the next part in the program.

The next part was the band concert and community singing which occupied about an hour. When the band concert was over the downtown section of Queen Street was packed with people, many of whom had been enjoying the moving picture demonstration

put on by the Hood Motor Sales.

Next came the community dance on the new pavement in front of the Post Office. The crowd was so dense that it was something of a problem to bring in the orchestra. The new dance floor new dancing floor became well filled if not crowded. This form of amusement will likely become very popular in Port Perry.

Port Perry municipal statistics

Port Perry Star: August 31, 1924

"Municipal Statistics 1922-1923". The statistics deal with nine items: Assessed population, assessed area; total assessment; assessed for schools only; taxes imposed; municipal and schools, debenture debt; municipal and schools; sinking fund.

Population: Port Perry, 1115

Area: Port Perry, 600 acres

Total assessment: Port Perry, \$804,800

Municipal taxes: Port Perry, \$17,992

School taxes: Port Perry, \$10,462

Municipal Debentures: Port Perry, \$8,696

School Debentures: Port Perry, (nil)

Sinking fund: Port Perry, (nil)

The Palace Shoe Store

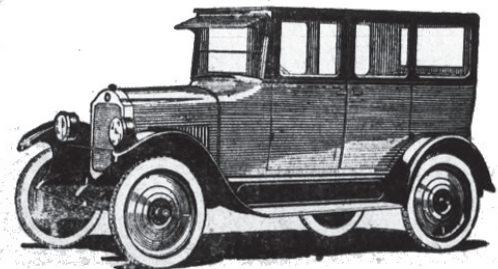
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Port Perry, Ont.



The Port Perry Band circa 1925. Standing left to right: Lloyd Hunter, unknown, Bob Cawker, George Davey, Hibbert Hutchinson, Bruce Snelgrove, Harold Burton, John Orde, Arnold Roach, Harold Woon, W. Jackson, A. Andrus, Harry Preston, R.D. Woon, Wm . Webster. Sitting left to right: Ben Ward, Art Jemison, Fred Densham, I.R. Bentley, Victor P. Stouffer, band leader, and Bert MacGregor.

Wilson's provide generous gift to the Port Perry Band

Port Perry Star: September 11, 1924

When the Lieutenant-Governor comes to Port Perry Fair on Friday, he will be greeted by Port Perry's Band, decked out in new uniforms, the gift of Mrs. A.R. Wilson, of Seven Mile Island.

These uniforms, twenty-two in number, are of oxford grey with red piping and gold trimming for the caps. Bandmaster Roach's uniform will be trimmed with gold throughout. Both bandsmen and citizens are delighted because of this very generous gift, which has come at a very timely occasion.

At the recent street dances, under the auspices of the band, collections were taken up to the amount of \$180.00, so that financially the band is in good shape, and is prospering well under the leadership of Mr. Ross Roach.

An item of unusual interest at the Port Perry Fair will be the load drawing contest by two-horse teams, similar to that staged at the Regina Fair, where it rivalled in interest the horse races.

Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario officially opens Port Perry Fair

Port Perry Star: September 18, 1924

The Port Perry Fair was highly favoured in a number of respects. In the first place the day was was find – a really remarkable achievement for the weather last week, when rain seemed to be the order of the day.

In the next place we were honoured by the presence of the Henry Cockshutt, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, who most courteously consented to open the Fair. While in Port Perry, the Lieutenant-Governor was the guest of the town council, who provided a most pleasing luncheon at the Sebert House. Some twenty citizens of the town were present to take luncheon with Mr. Cockshutt which was a great credit to the management of the Sebert House.

There was a strong note of optimism in the opening speech by Mr. Cockshutt. At the conclusion of the address, the Lieutenant-Governor proclaimed a holiday for the public schools taking part in the parade, said holiday to take effect on Monday of this week. Needless to say the proclamation was received with delight by the children.

Band enjoys afternoon at Wilson's estate

Port Perry Star: October 9, 1924

The Port Perry Band travelled to Seven Mile Island on Sunday afternoon last, and spent a most enjoyable time as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex R. Wilson. The members of the Band were shown over the beautiful grounds and home and a very pleasant social hour was spent with musical selections by the band. The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson is very greatly appreciated by the members of the band.

Arrest of thieves follows return of bonds

Toronto Globe: October 20, 1924

One arrest and the return of nearly all the bonds stolen were yesterday's developments in connection with the safe robbery at the warehouse of Hogg & Lytle, in Port Perry, on October 11th.

The prisoner is Harry Lang, a paroled man, who was placed behind the bars when he made his regular report at the Toronto Detective Department. Ever since the robbery, the Provincial and city police have been working in close cooperation on the case. The bonds were returned to the owner, James Lucas, manager of Hogg & Lytle, Limited, in a letter received by him yesterday morning and postmarked Toronto. With the exception of about \$850 the proceeds of the robbery have now been recovered.

Last Friday night in response to a phone call, Lucas went toward Manchester, where the robbers were to hand over the bonds, worth over \$11,650, in return for a cash payment of \$3,000. The robbers saw Lucas in communication with Provincial Constable Storey, and a sensational automobile chase on the Kingston Road by city and Provincial police followed. The robber's auto, with bullet holes in it, was found abandoned on the Kennedy Road.

Two fires destroy barn and lodge hall

Port Perry Star: November 6, 1924

Two serious fires were reported on Saturday last at Port Perry and district. About eight o'clock on Saturday night a fire alarm was sent in that Mr. Thomas Brent's barn was on fire and in a very few minutes the whole structure was a burning mass fanned by a strong south wind which carried sparks for blocks. At the same time the wind blew the heat and sparks from Mr. Brent's residence which was, only some thirty feet from the barn.

The other fire resulted in the total destruction of the L.O.L. Hall at Purple Hill. In this instance the fire was started from a spark of a threshing engine which ignited some grass near the hall. The volunteer firemen devoted their efforts to the protection of a nearby barn, and did not notice the blaze at the hall until it was beyond their control. The building was a wooden structure valued at \$1,600.

Charles Laing sentenced to three years

Port Perry Star: November 18, 1924

Charles Laing who was found guilty, of the theft of bonds to the extent of \$11,650 from the warehouse of Hogg & Lytle, Port Perry, appeared for sentence and was given a term of three years in Kingston Penitentiary by Judge Ruddy.

The case took up most of the second day's sitting at the Court of General Sessions for the County of Ontario. Witnesses for Crown gave evidence, the most important evidence of the case was given by Constable Taylor, of Whitby, who has been gathering evidence against the prisoner.

Second man arrested in bond robbery

Port Perry December 18, 1924

Another arrest has been made in connection with the bond robbery at Port Perry and Oshawa police are investigating the connection between the recent safe blowing in Oshawa and the men now under arrest.

Toronto Police credit the prisoners, and Charles Laing, with numerous robberies in York and Ontario Counties and the blowing of the railway station at Brooklin. Since the Laing trial, Andrew Sinclair of Toronto has been arrested.

1924 TIMELINE

September 1924

Mr. Jas. Stonehouse, a highly respected resident of Port Perry and former Reeve, died of heart failure while on vacation in North Dakota. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario officially opened the Port Perry Fair.

October 1924

Members of the Port Perry Band visited Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Wilson of Seven Mile Island and were presented a gift of uniforms for the band.

The office of Hogg & Lytle was broken into and \$11,000 of Victory Bonds were stolen from the safe.

The Ontario Temperance Act was retained in a vote by a majority of 40,000.

November 1924

Mr. John Rolph is retiring from harness business.

L.O.L. Hall at Purple Hill was totally destroyed by fire.

Bert MacGregor's slaughter house burned to the ground.

Mr. Allan Goode moves his creamery to the Ice Cream Factory with a fine new churn from Peterboro to be installed in the new creamery.

Mr. John Harris and Mr. Douglas Lucas called to the bar.

December 1924

Two men were arrested in connection with the \$11,000 bond robbery at Hogg & Lytle.

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JOHN ROLPH

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The Port Perry Creamery on Water Street, where Allan Goode manufactured ice cream starting in 1924.

Hopes fade for the erection of Blackstock continuation school

Port Perry Star: January 8, 1925

It will be interesting to watch proceedings at Blackstock in connection with the erection of the Continuation School. Last summer Cartwright Council passed the necessary by-law permitting the sale of debentures to the amount of \$8,000 for the erection of a Continuation School at Blackstock, officially known as S.S. No. 2.,

There was opposition to the project, and at the recent municipal election, the Reeve elected is opposed to the movement. In the School Board, too, complications have arisen, as one of the trustees, favourable to the erection of the school, re-signed; and one opposed to the erection was elected.

The Board now stands two against erection and one for it. On the face of it, it looks like a defeat for the erection of the school, but we understand that some further developments may be expected

Division in vote for Presbyterian Methodist Church union

Port Perry Star: January 15, 1925

In the recent Church Union vote in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, the result was that 88 members voted for union, and 98 against, out of a membership of 241.

The campaign was a strenuous one. But it is over, and the matter of the work of the church is now of first importance. It matters not how keen the controversy, nor how honestly members have differed in their views of the policy of the church authorities. The fact remains that every church member has promised loyalty to one Master, and the prayer and watchword of every member ought to be "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth."

There is much along this line that the good sense and Christian spirit of the members will suggest. In any case, the King's business must not be allowed to suffer. Bear and forbear are two excellent words for times of difficulty.

Horticultural Society elect new officers

Port Perry Star: January 15, 1925

The annual organization meeting of the Port Perry Horticultural Society was held in the Parish Hall, Church of the Ascension, on Monday evening January 12th, with about 20 members present.

A start was made in the beautification of the town, including the flower beds in front of the Post office and the railway station. It was suggested that arrangement be made with the town council to have the "pound" put in property shape, and if possible to have this part of the town's equipment located in a less conspicuous place.

In the discussion of the subject of town beautification, the matter of dogs and chickens was considered. It was felt that neither dogs or chickens would be allowed to roam at large.

At the request of Mr. Fred Kent, he was relieved of the office of president. The elections resumed as follows: Hon. Pres., Mr. F.A. Kent; President, H.G. Hutcheson; 1st Vice President, Samuel Farmer; 2nd Vice President, Samuel Jeffrey; Secretary Treasurer, Miss E. Alexander.

Presbyterian/Methodist congregations unite to form a local United Church

Port Perry Star: February 26, 1925

A unique event in the history of the church activity of Port Perry has taken place. The unionist minority of the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church has united with the Methodist Church congregation to form a congregation of the United Church of Canada.

The Official Board of the Methodist Church and the Unionists of St. John's each nominated six persons for Elders and at the morning service on Sunday, February 15th. They were elected by the congregation and inducted as the Session of the congregation of the United Church.

Town Hall all fixed up

Port Perry Star: March 26, 1925

Chief William J. Nesbitt has spent his winter hours to good advantage. The basement of the town hall has been nicely cleaned and painted, and the whole of the fire equipment and room are in good shape.

It is pleasing to note that the two police cells have been turned into one, and are in whole some condition. The addition of a sink and running water in the basement is a fine move.

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California Lettuce, good heads, each 15c and 20c.
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D. CORBMAN, Port Perry

1925 TIMELINE

January 1925

Reeve - Philip Figary: Council - Morley Campbell, Robt. Somerville, Neil Sweetman, E.Y. Spurr.

Oshawa separates from the County of Ontario.

Members of St. John's Presbyterian Church voted 88 for and 98 against union with the Methodist Church and plans to organize a congregation of the United Church of Canada.

Total eclipse of the sun viewed by Port Perry citizens - not again in this area until year 2144.

Mr. F.A. Kent was elected as Honorary President of the Horticultural Society in appreciation of his generosity.

R.M. Holtby appointed fieldman for the Canadian Holstein Breeder Association.

February 1925

Rev. A. E. Thornley resigns from pulpit of St. John's Church to join the United Church. It was decided that for the present all who believed in church union would worship in the Methodist Church.

James McKee and Son to add grocery department to their shoe store and change name to the Superior Store.

March 1925

Earthquake shook Port Perry about 9:22 p.m. Saturday evening. Around town floors heave, dishes fall, but no real damage as the quakes epicentre was over 300 miles away in Quebec.

John Rolph sells out his harness business.

Well known and loved Port Perry physician, Dr. S.J. Mellow, 66, passes. Also Reuben Bond, of Prince Albert died. He was caretaker of the Pine Grove Cemetery for 27 years.

W.T. Rodman opens tailor shop in the McCaw Block.

Mrs. G.W. Schell, is selling out. N. Ewers has resumed his truck service. Art Prentice moved his barbershop into the Leonard Block on Queen St.

April 1925

Port Perry Cafe opens, Fong Soy, proprietor.

Reeve Philip Figary of Port Perry dies at the age of 56. He was well respected and active in many community affairs.



Philip Figary

Port Perry Reeve Philip Figary dies at early age

Port Perry Star: April 1925

Reeve Philip Figary was in his third term as Port Perry's reeve, when he became sick and passed away on April 21, 1925, while in his 56 year. In death, Port Perry lost one of the best municipal officers that had ever given themselves unstintingly in the interests of the community.

At County Council, following his death, the chair occupied by Reeve Figary was draped in black as a token of respect to his memory.

He is survived by his wife Florrie, their five children, and two children from a previous marriage. A large crowd gathered for his funeral, and he was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery on April 23, 1925.

Dr. James Mathers sets up medical practice in town

Port Perry Star: April 30, 1925

Dr. James A. Mathers, of Toronto, has bought the medical practice and property of the late Dr. Samuel J. Mellow.

Dr. Mathers has had eight years experience in medical work, having two and a half years hospital work in the Canadian Medical Corp, Overseas, and one year at Toronto General Hospital, as well as five years in general practice.

He comes here immediately, and has high recommendations. He is a married man with two children, and will be a welcome addition as a citizen of Port Perry.

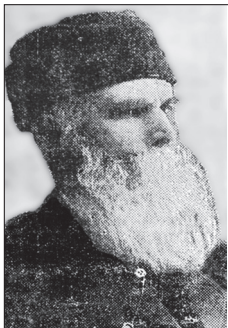


Residence and Medical Office of Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, Queen St., Port Perry.

Town saddened, John Rolph passes away in 96th year

Port Perry Star: May 7, 1925

One of the most interesting and kindly figures among he citizens of Port Perry died on Saturday, May 2, 1925. Mr. Rolph was active in many phases of community life.



John Rolph

For 45 years he was treasurer of the local Bible Society, and he took a prominent part in both church and Masonic work. He was also secretary of Pine Grove Cemetery Co., and served as a military drill instructor.

He loved his work at his harness shop and came down to his shop everyday until he retired and sold his business in November 1924, at 94 years of age. John Rolph was 96

years old when he passed away. He was interred at Pine Grove Cemetery.

LAST CHANCE

Balance of stock must be cleaned out in two weeks, including a few Single Sets of Harness and parts, Team Back Bands, Belly Bands, Hame Tugs, Halters, Collars, Tools, etc.

Everything must go at your own price.

Building also for sale or rent

JOHN ROLPH

1925 TIMELINE

May 1925

John Rolph dies nearly 100 years old. Was Irish immigrant leaving Ireland in the days of the Potato Famine. When he first came to Port Perry there were few houses and no streets except Queen St.

Mr. Henry S. Osler has planted 500,000 young trees in Cartwright Twp. The plantings consist of soft maple, ash and spruce.

Port Perry Horticultural Society imports a shipment of over 1,000 rose bushes The Society has a membership of over 200.

Mr. Neil Sweetman is the acting reeve, and Mr. H. G. Hutcheson is the new councillor.

June 1925

A transformer in Greenbank blew during a damaging storm, putting Port Perry in the dark until Hydro crews made repairs.

In respect of the memory of the late Reeve Philip Figary, a black cloth was draped over the seat he occupied at County Council by his colleagues.

Mr. F.A. Kent wins sweepstakes at Toronto Rose Show held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Group plans to build a park band stand

Port Perry Star: August 25, 1925

At the joint meeting of Chautauqua guarantors, and representatives of the Port Perry Band council, a sufficient number representing each party were present and the following resolution was passed.

"Moved by F. W. McIntyre, and seconded by R. D. Woon, that the Reeve, Messrs. Hutcheson, J. Roach, I. R. Bentley and Miss Grace Davis, be a committee to procure plans and specifications and costs estimates, select a site and report at a later meeting at the call of the chair."

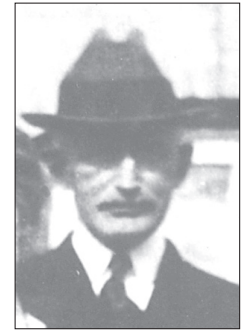
We hope the building of the Band Stand will not be delayed. The way to get anything done is to do it NOW!

Elected by acclamation

Port Perry Star: July 2, 1925

Some eleven hundred Port Perry citizens were absent from the nomination meeting on Monday evening. In other words there were not more than ten people present.

Two nominations were made – Mr. Neil Sweetman for Reeve, and Mr. Richard Woon for Councillor. Mr. Edward H. Purdy, Town Clerk, accordingly declared these men elected by acclamation to the respective offices for which they were nominated.



Neil Sweetman

F.A. Kent wins sweepstakes at Rose Show

The Toronto Globe: July 2, 1925

It was a rose revel. The marble columns of the Pompeian Room of the King Edward Hotel have looked down on many gatherings, staid and solemn, hearty and hilarious, but yesterday, on the occasion of the Toronto Rose Show they were lost and bewildered in a riot of color and a barrage of perfume.

Everywhere on table, floor, and entwined about the pillars – the queen of flowers shone in a thousand different tints and wafted a thousand lovely fragrances on the erstwhile desert air. No rose is born to blush unseen so long as this annual carnival of the Ontario Rose Society continue.

The sweepstakes rose, "General Superior A. Jansen" was won by Fred A. Kent, Port Perry, who received a silver trophy.

Great crowds are coming this year to see Mr. Kent's Rose Gardens, Last Sunday afternoon the road from the railway track to the Kent's grounds were lined on both sides with autos. Each summer the crowds grow larger, and each summer the gardens are made more beautiful. Every effort should be made by the Council to give easy and safe access to the grounds.

Widening of Scugog Bridge continues

Port Perry Star: September 17, 1925

The work of widening Scugog Bridge is being continued. A piece of land has been bought from Mr. T. Collins and earth is being hauled from it to the bridge to do the filling. A light track has been laid and dump cars are being used. Part of the work is being done by means of a gasoline engine.

Cartwright bridge also needs widening badly. It was alright in the old day when people had time to wait at a "turning-out place" for rigs to pass; but these days of hurry and autos we have no leisure to stop, and we cannot chat with the folk anyway, for it is altogether likely that we do not know them. They may be from Missouri or Toronto, or anywhere else on earth and are in a hurry to get back again.

Cartwright Bridge should be repaired and widened soon.

1925 TIMELINE

July 1925

Only ten people attend nomination meeting at which Neil Sweetman was acclaimed as reeve and Mr. R.D. Woon, councillor.

Cars line both sides of road from railway to Kent Estates as visitors come to view the Rose Gardens.

Mr. I.R. Bentley has bought the McCaw Jewellery and Stationery Store and will move into these larger premises.

N.F. Patterson, Q.C. dies in Port Dover. He practiced law in Port Perry for many years and was among the first to receive the title of Q.C. when it was established by Queen Victoria.

August 1925

Controversy over who pays for Continuation school being built in Cartwright.

Council looking at sites, plans and costs for building a band stand.

The Tennis Court is closed due to the damage being done to nearby property in spite of the erection of a back-stop.

September 1925

L.G. Hall has sold his butcher business to Cawker Bros.

Port Perry Fire Brigade prevented a disaster, when a fire destroyed Mr. Wright Crozier's house and barn in Manchester. Luckily they were able to prevent it from spreading to the Town Hall and Church.

Master barn builder William H. Worden died at his home in Prince Albert. He built impressive barns around souther Ontario for more than 50 years.

W.A. Hare announces the opening of an optical parlor in the Leonard Block.

A special sand sucking machine is at work widening the channels on the Scugog Game Co. Reserve. Scugog Bridge is being widened. A light track has been laid and dump cars are being used to bring the fill.

October 1925

The Church of the Ascension re-opens after weeks of being redecorated.

Dr. J. A Mathers was appointed as Coroner for Port Perry and district.

Church of Ascension getting a face-lift

Port Perry Star: October 8, 1925

Sunday last, October 4th, witnessed the re-opening of the Church of Ascension after some weeks in the hands of the decorators for redecoration. A hard wood floor was laid in the chancel and sanctuary at the same time.

The work was done done by Mr. P.C. Brown, a Toronto decorator, and he is to be congratulated upon the happy result achieved. He has brightened the former sombreness of the church interior, without losing anything of the proper dignity of such an edifice.

There is a beautiful blending of colours, and the mural decorations are in harmony with the whole plan.

A new pulpit of Gothic style build by Mr. E. Brookes will be installed on Sunday evening, October 18th. The pulpit is built entirely of oak and and in addition of the fine craftsmanship in joining and woodworking, there are several pieces of woodcarving which harmonize with the Gothic design.



The Church of Ascension, Port Perry, circa 1920.

Scugog woman on the Silver Screen

Port Perry Star: October 29, 1925

Some Port Perryites visited Shea's Hippodrome Theatre, Toronto, the other evening, and were rather surprised when under the head of "Fox News" to see Mrs. Isaac Taylor of Scugog in company with a number of Rama Indians in native costume taking part in Indian Ceremonies.

"There's Mrs. Taylor" said one to the other out loud enough to attract attention, and pointing excitedly at the screen, much to the amusement of the theatre goes in adjacent seats. "Shut up" said his companion not enjoying the attention attracted thereby.

Well, a movie isn't a church, you can speak out if you want to, can't you? The other patrons didn't have any friends in the picture or they would have said something.

Modern new garage for Queen Street

Port Perry Star: November 12, 1925

Messrs. Mac Beare and James Boe intend building an up-to-date garage on the lot between the house of Mr. Joseph Britton and Mr. Robert Bartley, on the south side of Queen Street, Port Perry.

The main building will be constructed after the type of the large garages along the main highways and in the city. The material used will be cement blocks for sides and south-end, brick and stucco front. There will be many conveniences for the travelling public, including a rest room for ladies. The front of the building will be of the canopy porch style.

The house at present on the property is to be moved to the rear end of the lot and used for storage purposes. A feature of the construction will be continuation of the cement culvert over the creek and the general levelling of the property so that the creek will be entirely covered. Work is to be begin this week if possible and the garage should be a great credit to Port Perry.

Note: The new Standard Garage, opposite the Bowling Green, opened for business before the end of December 1925.

Moving picture show to open at Town Hall

Port Perry Star: November 29, 1925

We are to have a moving picture show in Port Perry, to be conducted by Mr. Scott, of Toronto, formerly Chief Inspector of theatres in Ontario. Mr. Scott is moving to town, having taken Mrs. White's house, and will hold shows on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights of each week.

His experience in the picture show business should be of real service in giving Port Perry people the best the screen can afford. He has already booked up some fine films including "The Ten Commandments". The first show will be to-night. This show will be run to suit the audience. A suggestion box will be found in the hallway, and any ideas for improvement that you may have will be appreciated by Mr. Scott.



The new Standard Garage, Queen St, Port Perry, circa 1930.

Tower removed from the old Baptist Church

Port Perry Star: December 17, 1925

Interest was centred on the removal of the tower of the Baptist Church last week especially on the night of the high wind.

Some facts regarding the building will be of interest to those who have lived in the village for a number of years. The structure was put up as a Mechanics' Institute (Public Library) in 1858. At that time there was no tower on the building. The auditorium was used for public meetings. As it was near the Methodist Episcopal Church, (then conducted in what is now the Primary School) there anniversary entertainment was held there.

After some eight years – in 1866 – the building was taken over by the Baptist congregation and the tower was built, the work being done by Messrs Robt. MacGregor and William Robinson.

It was splendidly put together, and so far as it was concerned would have lasted for many years to come. But the timbers in the square entrance were beginning to rot, and it is quite probable that in a very big wind-storm, the underpinning might have given way with disastrous results.

The Baptist church boasted of the first choir, and had the first organ, an instrument made by the late J.W. Davis, father of Mr. A.J. Davis and Mrs. Coburn.

Through death and removals, the Baptist congregation was weakened until finally the church had to be closed for lack of support, and the property was taken over by the Board of Education and used for physical exercise and household science work.

When one studies the way it which the tower was built, it shows thorough workmanship and excellent material. When the builders were at the top of the scaffolding used for the erection of the tower, they could see Lake Ontario.

More power from new transformer

Port Perry Star: December 24, 1925

On Sunday last the final work of linking up the new transformer at Greenbank was finished. This will give Port Perry plenty of power. Recently we have been using pretty nearly all that the lines, would carry. Our peak load running up at times to about 120 h.p. instead of the 50 h.p. which was originally expected that Port Perry would use. We understand that a handsome surplus is piling up in the Hydro account.

1925 TIMELINE

October 1925

Miss Isabel Lucas elected First Vice President of the "Freshmen's Class" at Victory College, Toronto.

Ed. Balfour announces the opening of his "cash and carry" butcher shop in the Rolph Block.

November 1925

Harry Birkett killed instantly when removing Bell Telephone wires. Wires dropped on high tension wire.

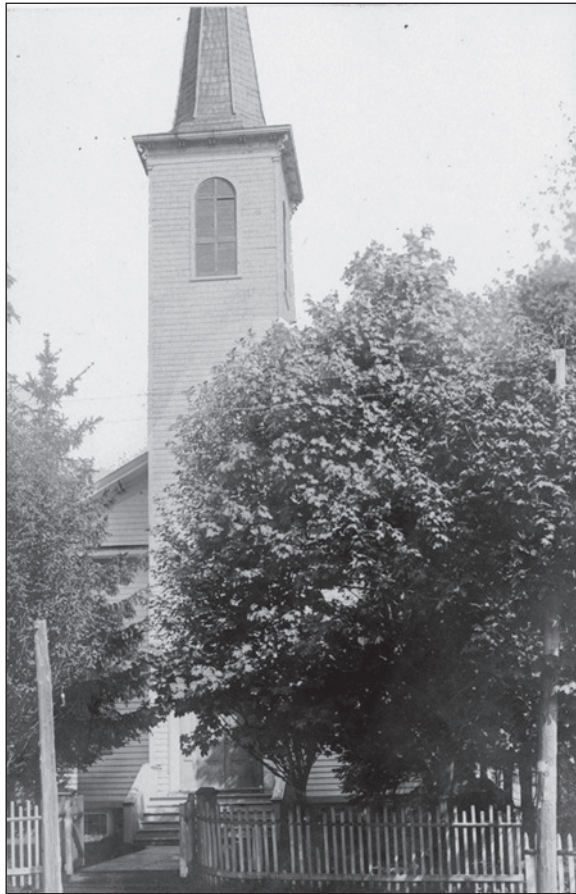
Parents were warned of a stranger in town asking young girls to go for a ride with him.

Tenders were being received to pull down the tower of the Baptist Church, Port Perry.

Moving picture shows return to the Town Hall by Mr. Scott who has moved to Port Perry. A new exit has been installed on the west side near the stage.

December 1925

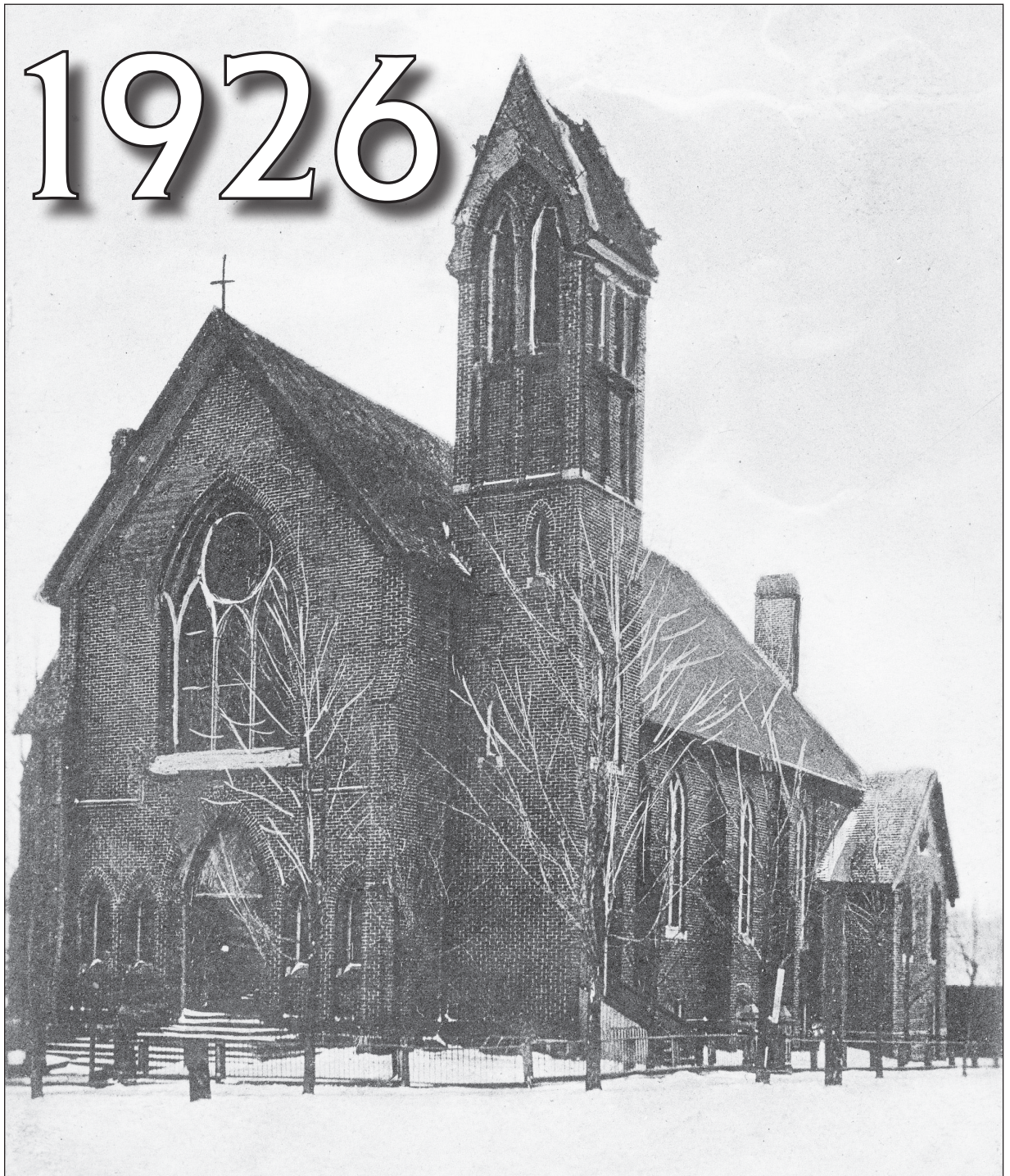
Tower removed from Baptist Church. This building was erected by the Mechanic Institute (Public Library) in 1858. About 1866 the Baptist congregation took the building and the tower was built. When the tower was in place, Lake Ontario could be seen from its peak. The Baptist Church boasted the first choir and organ. The organ made by J.W. Davis, grandfather of Miss Grace Davis.



The Baptist Church, located at the corner of Queen and Rosa Streers, had it's tower removed in 1925.



Blackstock Continuation School opens in September 1925



40th Anniversary of the Port Perry Methodist (United) Church

Port Perry Star: February 4, 1926

Sunday was a fine day for the Anniversary services of the United Church of Port Perry. The subscriptions were good in aid of the church funds. The trustees asked for \$800 and the members gave \$848. This puts the church in good financial condition.

In the evening the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church courteously withdrew their service, and many members joined with the United Church in the evening service.

It was on January 24, 1886 the present United Church was opened and dedicated. The first trustees of the church at the time of the opening were – Aaron Ross, Thomas Courtice, J.H. Brown, S.E. Allision, John Powers, James Boxall, S. Bruce, J.W. Isaacs, Chas W. Jones, W.T. Parrish, Wm. Brock, Wm. Ross, James Lund, Wm. Bateman, Jas. Jewett, Jas Heal, Alonzo Jones, Wm. Hiscox and C.J. Pearce.



George Sweetman

Scugog reeve elected Warden of Ontario County

Whitby Gazette: February 4, 1926

George Sweetman, reeve of the Township of Scugog for the past five years, was elected Warden of the County of Ontario, at the opening of the January session of that body held at the Court House.

The new warden was elected on the second ballot. When the results of the vote was announced by County Clerk A.E. Christian, the new Warden was warmly welcomed to the chair by his colleagues, who gowned him lustily and sang, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The election of Warden took very little time - in former years three or four ballots have been necessary to arrive at a definite decision.

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D. CORBMAN, Port Perry

Moving building across Lake Scugog on horse-drawn sleigh

Port Perry Star: February 11, 1926

Mr. Lawson Honey has a busy time getting the building, recently occupied by the late Mr. Crane, ready to be moved to his farm. The building was raised, placed on sleighs and eight horses were attached and after dodging a few wires, the whole outfit moved steadily away.

This is a very rapid way of moving a building, and it was fortunate that the lake could be used for the purpose.



Dorman Corbman is seen here behind the counter at his "Aura Lee" grocery and confectionary store.



The Armouries building at the rear of the Port Perry Post office, circa 1925.

Ex-servicemen form new veterans club

Port Perry Star: March 18, 1926

Former servicemen from the area met at the Armouries in the basement of the Post Office to form a club for veterans of the war.

An effort had been made to revive the local branch of the Grand Army of United Veterans, but in view of the efforts being made to organize a Dominion-wide Canadian Legion to include all existing Soldier Organizations, the local veterans felt that an independent local club was the best means of getting ex-service men together until such a time as the Club might decide to carry on as a branch of the one big Legion, which is not the fact.

Officers elected for 1926 – Honorary Presidents: Maj. General James H. McBrien and Capt. Wm. A. Sangster. President, Padre, Rev. S.C. Jarrett; 1st Vice Pres. Capt. J.A. Mathers; 2nd Vice Pres. J. E. Jackson; Secretary Melvern R. Arlidge; Treasurer W.E. Roberts. General Purpose Committee: J.a. Hayden, R.J. Hood, A.L. McDermott, R.J. Tinsley and A.W. Morley Campbell.

Harry King wins one mile race

Port Perry Star: February 25, 1926

Harry King of Seagrave won the silver cup in a mile race at the Port Perry Skating Rink Friday night. It was a "free for all" contest and the cup will remain the property of the Rink Company until it has been won twice by the same person. Six contestants started in the race with Guy Raines taking second place. The other four did not finish.

Mr. King's name will be engraved on a shield and he will have possession of the cup until December when it is to be returned to the Rink Co., to be contested for again.

The cup is a generous donation by Bruce Campbell, a former friend and resident of Port Perry.

1926 TIMELINE

January 1926

R.M. Holtby elected Honorary President of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society and Mr. Grant Christie named president.

D. McDonald, Reeve of Reach Twp. Port Perry Council - Reeve Neil Sweetman and councillors Robt. Somerville, James Lucas and Madison Williams.

Geo. Sweetman, Scugog Reeve for the past five years was named Warden of Ont. County.

February 1926

Harry King of Seagrave won the silver cup in a mile race at Port Perry Skating Rink

E.B. Walker elected chairman of the Port Perry Board of Education

Chas. A. Rundle, a former Reeve, councillor and esteemed businessman in Port Perry died.

March 1926

Plans for the new Memorial Library have been approved, but due to the deaths of Dr. Mellow and Reeve Figary, both staunch supporters and members of the board, progress has been slowed.

The Port Perry Star began running excerpts of Rev. F.G. Weir's local history book, Scugog and Its Environs.

Major-general J. H. MacBrien was guest of honour at a regimental dinner of the Toronto Regiment.

April 1926

Port Perry suffered one of the most severe losses in recent history when the combined High and Public School, valued at \$65,000, was destroyed by fire Wed. April 7.

Temporary arrangements were made to hold classes in various church basements and the Town Hall.

May 1926

The Port Perry Bd. of Education engaged Mr. John T. Hornsby, Lindsay as architect for a new school.

A delegation of school trustees visited Brighton to see the combined High and Public School building in that town.

Stores in Port Perry agree to cut back opening to only two nights a week - Tuesday and Saturday.

1926 TIMELINE**June 1926**

Mr. Stover of Port Perry Flour Mills has thoroughly renovated and electrically equipped the mill.

Maurice Midgley was seriously wounded by a .22 when the gun fell off the lap of his brother Ross while he was operating a cultivator.

Rev. F.G. Weir agrees to publish "Scugog and Its Environs" in book form if he gets 250 orders for the book at \$1.25 per volume.

Ambrose Kent, father of Frederick A. Kent, Port Perry, died in Toronto. Mr. Kent was a founder of what was considered to be the oldest jewelry business in Canada.

W.H. Doubt, tailor, announces he's going out of business July 1. His business is to be taken over by W.R. Wilan, merchant tailor.

Plans for a combined school to be built on Rosa St. facing east, with the high school at south end and public school at north end of building, are progressing despite some opposition to plans for new school.

County Council passed a by-law setting equalized assessment of 16 municipalities in the County, including Port Perry.

August 1926

In one of the largest votes every cast, a by-law approving construction of a new composite public and high school passed by a 248 vote majority with only 67 opposed.

Frank Crosier, owner of the Manchester general store sold the business to Arthur Crosier of Port Perry.

Mrs. James (Grace) Swan, nurse, was advertising Port Perry Private Hospital at \$5 per day.

A collision between a bus and car on Queen St. opposite Beare Motors, ripped open the gas tank of the bus and the gasoline ignited exploding in the culvert in which it had drained.

Work on the new school commenced and is moving forward rapidly. The Bd. of Education had to expropriate land from the Bates property.

Public Library will be a War Memorial

Port Perry Star: April 1, 1926

About a year ago now, the War Memorial Committee, and Library Board met in conjunction with our Town Councillors. Plans were discussed for the raising of funds to build a Memorial Public Library to commemorate the lives of those who served and those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

It was suggested by the Town Council that the committee raise \$2,500 during the summer months and then appeal to the Council for further help of some kind. This suggestion was accepted, but owing to the deaths of Dr. S. J. Mellow and Mr. P. Figary, all plans were suspended for the time being.

We are now desirous of carrying out the plans made a year ago. The time has come for an active campaign. Mr. H. G. Hutcheson, a few weeks ago published in this paper, an article which set forth the plans of the proposed building and also the present condition of our finances. We have about \$1,300 on hand and \$300 more promised. This means only \$900 to raise in order to obtain the \$2500.

We feel sure that all good citizens will want to have some part in the erection of this Memorial. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted. The ex-service men of this community have recently re-organized with a membership of over 100 men. They are keenly interested in this memorial.

Scugog Island horse thief arrested

Port Perry Star: May 20, 1926

A young fellow named Currie, who has been working on Scugog Island, was arrested on Monday for horse stealing.

It seems that the horse was stolen last June in Bowmanville, but evidently Currie was not satisfied with the horse he got for recently he took it back to the stable from which he stole it - and traded it for a better doing.

In some way the police got track of him and his arrest followed. He was taken to Cobourg on Tuesday after spending the night in the Port Perry cell.

**Port Perry Dominion Store
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Our Mid-Summer Clearing Sale has given us good results and many people received their good bargains and they were surprised at the bargains we were giving. People came from 15 miles away and they said it paid them better to come to our store, than to send away for their goods, and for the convenience of the people that have been very busy and not able to come to our sale, we are extending the time of our sale to July 10th, in order to give everybody a chance to get their share of the bargains. In many line we are cleared out, so we are getting new stock and it will pay you to call in and see our first quality goods and low prices.

SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 3rd.
Ladies' Silk Dresses, beautiful shades and latest styles, only \$8.95
Gingham House Dresses, regular \$1.25, Sale Price 2 for \$1.79
Ladies' Silk Stockings, to clear at 49c pair.
Ladies' Lisle Stockings, regular 35c. To clear at 2 pairs for 49c.
Ladies' Fine Vests, 35c. or 2 for 49c.
Pure Linen Towelling, good bargains, only 13c. yard.
Special Bargain in Men's, Ladies' and Children's Running Shoes.
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We will have a lot of good bargains on July 3rd. Come and see them.

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Port Perry magnificent Union School following a tragice fire in April 1926 which destroyed the school.

Raging fire destroys historic Port Perry High School

Port Perry Star: April 15, 1926

Port Perry suffered one of the most severe losses in its history when the combined High and Public Schools were destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening of last week. The main building and all its contents were a complete loss.

The fire was discovered by the caretaker, Mr. A. W. Allin, when he went to open the school for a meeting of the Board of Education. He had put on a fire in one of the furnaces, and had arranged the registers so that the heat would be directed to the room in which the Board was to have met. He then went home for a time.

When he returned about half past seven, the building was burning briskly, and was even then doomed to destruction. The alarm was given, and the fire brigade was soon on hand, and, while every effort was made to save the property, the fire had too big a start, and the firemen were powerless to save anything.

It was a wonderful spectacle. That roaring furnace of flame, situated as it was at almost the highest point in town, lit up the whole countryside. The walls had been splendidly built, and retained fire like the sides of a huge furnace. The flames would leap high above the walls, where the wind would at times catch them, and whirl them forward in quest of new fuel.

How Mr. Albert Orchard's house escaped is a mystery, but it did escape, even to the windows, which were saved by hanging wet blankets over them. It is a blessing that nobody was hurt, although some of the firemen did have a narrow escape when the tower fell. Even in the wrecking of the walls subsequent to the fire, there have been no accidents.

This is very remarkable when one considers the recklessness of both children and grows folk. "Curiosity

killed a cat," and the same thing is liable to kill more than a cat if people will go near swaying walls and dangerous scaffoldings. Parents should warn their children not to go near these dangerous places, and grown folk should set a good example.

The Present Situation – At the present time arrangements have been made to hold the school sessions in the basements of the various churches, with one class of the High School in the Town Hall. There has been some necessary delay owing to the need for securing permits to use the churches for school purposes.

In the meantime the Board of Education have secured necessary equipment to carry on immediately. It is to hoped that the citizens will appreciate the courtesy of the church people in granting the use of their buildings, and realize that any abuse of the privilege on the part of the pupils will be reflected in the taxes. Necessarily the Board of Education has had to assume the responsibility of leaving the various premises to be occupied in as good condition as when first occupied by the schools. Parents are requested to instruct their children accordingly.

The fire insurance adjusters came to look over the situation; they complimented the Board upon the business like way in which insurance matters had been looked after, a proper inventory of the contents of the school being readily available. Until recent years, too, the amount of insurance carried was far too small. This matter was remedied to some extent by increasing the insurance, so that the amount carried at the time of the fire on the main building and contents was about thirty thousand dollars.



Archer Motor Sales was located on the southeast corner of Queen and Perry Street. It is seen here circa 1930.

Man in critical condition after being shot accidentally

Port Perry Star: June 10, 1926

A tragic accident happened just south of Port Perry on Monday, when Maurice Midgley was shot by a 22 rifle.

Maurice was cultivating a field, and his younger brother, Ross, was in the locality shooting sparrows with the rifle. Maurice thought he would like to have a smoke and asked Ross to drive the cultivator for a couple of rounds. Ross climbed on the cultivator taking the rifle with him and laying it across his knees. The next thing Ross knew, the rifle had disappeared, and he heard a report. Stopping the horses he saw Maurice going across the field. After going a short distance he fell.

Help was quickly secured, Mrs. Midgley being in the field at the time. Maurice was found to have been shot in the groin, and was bleeding very freely. Mr. J. O. Scott happened to be near and succeeded in stopping the bleeding to some extent.

The doctor was secured, and it was decided to take the young man to Toronto for an X-ray examination, and the ambulance was secured. Reports received here from Toronto indicate that the young man is in a very critical condition.

The bullet cut the main artery supplying blood to the leg, and the loss of blood was very great. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Midgley.

Chester Asling taken by paralytic stroke while fixing windmill

Port Perry Star: July 22, 1926

While Mr. Chester Asling was fixing Mr. Wilson's windmill at Epsom, he was taken by a paralytic stroke. He dropped the wrench he was using and attracted Mr. Wilson's attention.



Chester Asling

He then uttered the one word "stroke". Mr. Wilson gave the alarm and sent for help. He then immediately climbed to the stricken man, and had to hold him there for about half an hour until means were secured to take Mr. Asling down. He was eventually rescued from his perilous position and taken to his home.

Mr. Asling seemed to be conscious of what is going on about him but is unable to speak. Mr. Asling has been a resident of Epsom for a great many years. He has been teaching school at Epsom and Utica until a year or two ago, and has been very highly respected as a man of sterling good qualities.

We are glad to report that there are signs of slight improvement. We greatly regret to hear of his serious misfortune, and hope that he ratty recover.

Courageous youth paddles though swells to rescue man from overturned canoe

Port Perry Star: July 26, 1926

Despite the fact that the waters of Lake Scugog were heaving with a heavy swell on Tuesday night, 16 year old W.C. Taylor, of Toronto, paddled one and a half miles out from William's Point in a leaking canoe and rescued a young man an 18 years old boy whose canoe had capsized.

Taylor, who was spending his school vacation alone at his parents' summer home, was walking along the shore about dusk on Tuesday, when he heard a call for help. Looking across the lake, over which a rough swell was rising, Taylor saw that the occupant of a canoe was getting into difficulties.

Not taking time to go for a motor boat, he promptly jumped into a canoe and paddled with all speed to the helpless canoeist, who was in the water with his canoe capsized.

Shouting to the youth, who was almost numbed and exhausted by his battle in the cold water, to take hold of the front of the canoe the rescuer succeeded in getting him aboard.

With darkness quickly closing out, a view of the shore, and a leaking canoe with a double weight to paddle to safety. Taylor was faced with a dangerous task, which he, however, safely accomplished. His coolness and bravery throughout the trying ordeal having triumphed, despite the heavy odds against him.

W.C. Taylor, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, is a scholar at Williamson Road School and a grandson of Mr. Charles Taylor of Port Perry.

1926 TIMELINE

September 1926

Harold Archer was shot in the thigh in attempt to stop tire thieves. The car was later found smashed up and abandoned, but the men escaped.

A contract for the new school has been let and it should be finished by April. Until then classes are being held in the basement of the United Church.

Chief Constable Nesbitt was forced to fire shots into a car to stop it after the driver refused to stop. Oswald Branch, the driver, was arrested for transporting liquor contrary to the provisions of the Temperance Act.

A large crowd turned out for a street dance in aid of the Library Fund. Music was supplied by the Port Perry Band, The Adanac Orchestra and the Scugog Fiddlers.

Major General James MacBrien made a flying stop to visit his mother and sister. He and his party landed their plane in a field owned by Mr. Joseph Peel.

October 1926

Port Perry dentists joined their colleagues from across the province in providing free examinations and advice to anyone coming to their offices on Dental Health Day.

I.R. Bentley, jeweller, celebrated his 10th anniversary in business in Port Perry with a sale.

Mr. Joseph Ashton sold his restaurant business to Mr. Jas. Ruddy.

November 1926

The Port Perry Picture House, located at the Town Hall, was showing moving pictures every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Adults 25¢; Children 15¢.

Joseph Ashton sells his restaurant to James Ruddy. Mr. Ashton's former store will be taken over by Hood Motor Sales..

W.R. Willan takes over the tailoring business of W.H. Doubt, located in the Blong Block.

December 1926

Temperance workers were defeated in their attempts to save the Ontario Temperance Act when Ontario voters elected Conservative G. Howard Ferguson as Premier.



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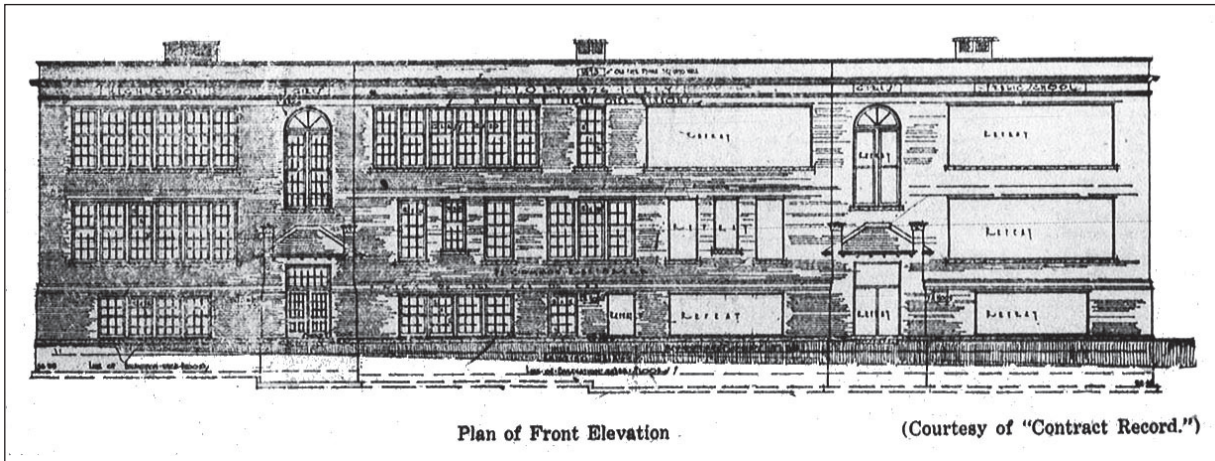


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Architect's rendition of the east side of the proposed new Port Perry High School, 1926.

Description of new Port Perry High School released

Port Perry Star: July 22, 1926

The proposed High and Public Schools at Port Perry will consist of what is really a three storey building – basement, first floor and upper floor. The basement will be almost entirely above ground, there being only a drop of about two feet from the ground to the basement floor.

The length of the building is 163 feet, the width 72 feet and the height will be 40 feet. This structure will be erected facing east on Rosa Street at the point where Ottawa Street is to be closed. A sketch of the front elevation of this proposed building may now be seen in the window of the Bell Telephone Office.

There will be eleven classrooms in the combined school – five in the Public and six in the High School. In the Public School the rooms will be arranged so that two of them will be on the first floor, and three on the upper floor. The seating capacity of the Public School will be 175.

In the High School the arrangement of the rooms will be as follows: Domestic Science at the South East corner of the basement; two class-rooms on the first floor and two, and a room for science and agriculture, on the upper floor. These rooms will be 23 x 32 feet and the seating capacity of the High School will be 140 exclusive of the Science Room and Domestic Science Room.

The present attendance of the High School is 110 and the Public School 165. Besides the classrooms there will be attached to the High School a gymnasium 35 x 70 feet above which will be an assembly, hall of the same size.

The assembly hall will be used for physical culture for the girls. This will be necessary as boys and girls have to take physical culture at the same time, and extra classes can be held there if necessary, also all school functions.

The building is to be steam heated and electrically lighted, the boiler room and coal bins extending out to the West side of the gymnasium. The specifications call for a brick faced building with walls backed by interlocking tile. These tile walls can be plastered

without lathing.

The gymnasium walls are to be of white brick. The floors throughout the school are to be of hardwood, except in the lavatories which will have mastic flooring. The stairways are to be of steel throughout, except the handrail which will be of wood. The wood trim will be chestnut.

The lavatory accommodation is ample and of modern type. Provision is to be made to have fresh spring water pumped to the bubblers for drinking purposes.

All classrooms will be amply lighted at the left side by massed windows, there being 168 square feet of glass in each room. The blackboards, set-in cupboards, electric wiring, heating, etc., are to be included in the contract price – everything except the movable school equipment and the electric fixtures.

There will be recreation rooms in the basement in both High and Public School for the use of the scholars in bad weather.

On the first floor at the front, centre of the building there will be teachers rooms and a library for the High School. In the library will be a vault for the keeping of school records and other valuable papers. The combined science and agriculture room will be on the upper floor, and will be properly equipped. As is the case with the Domestic Science room, the agricultural classroom equipment is paid for by the Government.

The instructions for the equipment of the Domestic Science room are that all necessary utensils, stoves, etc., are to be put in, and this will be without cost to Port Perry. Provision is being made for the installation of an electric stove, electric plates and a kitchen sink.

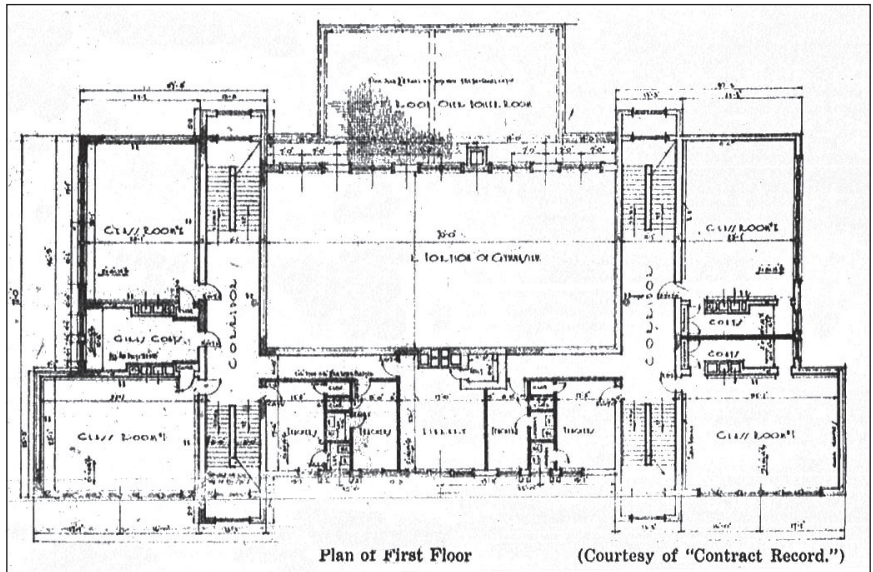
As the Primary School will be housed in the new Public School, the little school building will be free for use as a Farm Mechanics building, and it will be moved to a suitable place on the premises, probably just to the west of the new school.

Proper provision is being made to separate the High and Public School play grounds. Three acres being

allowed for the High School, and two acres for the Public School.

The building will be set back about thirty feet or more from the road front, and immediately in front of the school the space will be devoted to lawn and suitable flowers and shrubery.

The High School girls will have their play grounds to the south of the building including the actual site of the old school, and the High School boys will use the old campus, considerably enlarged.



Plan of First Floor (Courtesy of "Contract Record.")

Architect's drawing shows the layout of rooms in the new school.

Contracts for new school awarded

Port Perry Star: August 19, 1926

The contract for masonry, brickwork, carpentry, roofing and tin-smithing, was awarded to Schultz Bros. Ltd., Brantford, at \$67,231.

Other tenders will be accepted immediately and the total cost of the building will be \$90,000.

The work is to commence at once, and it will be advisable for all who wish to be employed on the building to make application, as even at this date outsiders are beginning to drift in looking for work.

Hundreds gather to attend official opening of new bandstand opened

Port Perry Star: August 26, 1926

The ceremony of opening the new band stand took place last Friday evening, and many hundreds were present at the ceremony. The Band was present and gave some selections befitting the occasion.

The address of presentation was made by Mr. H.G. Hutcheson in his usual felicitous manner. He spoke on behalf of the Chautauqua Society and Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Wilson, of Seven Mile Island, the donors.

The surplus funds of Chautauqua were devoted to the building of the stand, and these funds were handsomely supplemented by a very generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. McIntyre received the stand on behalf of the band in a brief speech of appreciation. The stand is situated at the foot of Queen St., just as you turn south on Water Street. It is a handsome structure and is a credit to its builders, Messrs. MacGregor and Powers, and to the town.

Slowly but surely Port Perry is developing into a popular summer resort, Thousands of automobiles pass through the town each week during the summer and the general verdict is that Port Perry is one of the prettiest places the tourists visit.

This tourist trade is worth while, and the band stand will be an asset in this direction. The task will be to keep the whole water front in harmony with the band stand. At the conclusion of the presentation ceremony, the Oshawa orchestra took charge of proceedings and soon the main thoroughfare was a gay scene where the dancers enjoyed themselves most thoroughly until after midnight.

The rain most obligingly kept off until after the dance, and then it came in torrents and has been pouring most of the time since.

We hope that the opening of the band stand will be a signal for some open air concerts at the lake front. The committee who have had charge of this work, are to be complimented upon carrying it to a most successful issue.

The townspeople are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for their generous gift to the band, and hope that they all enjoy the result of their gift.



The new band stand was located on the east side of Water St., near the corner of Queen.

Harold Archer shot through the left thigh during robbery

Port Perry Star: September 2, 1926



Harold Archer

A robbery committed on Sunday night resulted in a shooting affray on the following Tuesday night, in which Mr. Harold Archer was shot through the left thigh.

On Sunday night Mr. Archer's garage was robbed of a number of tires and several gallons of gasoline. Before the robbers left town they were spotted by a couple of citizens, as the tires were piled in the back of the car with the paper wrapping still on them. The car was also running without lights at the time.

Both these circumstances were suspicious and drew special attention to the car and its occupants. But no alarm had been given regarding the robbery, so the robber, slipped away. Having succeeded in their first venture, the robbers came back on Tuesday night.

A return visit had been expected, and a number of Port Perry men were on the lookout. The car and its occupants were located about midnight on Tuesday, and word was sent to Harold Archer, who in company with some other men went south to Casimir Street, where the car was parked in front of Mr. McCrea's house.

The men in the car were told that they were wanted down town. Harold and Art Kight jumped on the running board of the car, and the car turned north along Lilla Street. When they reached the Town Hall, instead of turning down town the car shot straight north.

Harold attempted to stop the car but the driver stepped on the gas, and at the same time Mr. Archer was shot through the left thigh.

Chief Constable fires shots into car carrying illegal liquor

Port Perry Star: September 9, 1926

Port Perry is getting more lime-light than is pleasant lately, and while it "put us on the map," there are other more respectable ways that we should prefer.

Oswald Branch, of Bowmanville, was told to stop his car by Chief Constable Nesbitt on Friday afternoon. He refused and the Chief fired a number of shots into his car.

This resulted in his complying with the request of the officer, the car was seized, as was also the cargo of beer which it contained. Branch was arraigned before Magistrate Purdy, of Port Perry forthwith, and was fined \$800 and costs for transporting liquor contrary to the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act.

Chief Constable Nesbitt and County Constable Hugh Lucas, both of Port Perry, attempted to apprehend Branch shortly after five o'clock. Branch evaded them in his high powered Hudson car, but the officer took up the chase.

Again they commanded him to come to halt. This he refused to do, when it was decided to take more drastic steps. Constable Nesbitt therefore opened fire upon the car, shots pearcing the body of the sedan, and shattering the glass in one of the doors. This had the desired effect. Branch bringing his Hudson to a standstill and surrendering to the police.

He was taken before Magistrate Purdy and fined as aformentioned. Inspector C.A. Mason of Oshawa asked for the disposition of the car, and it was consequently seized and held at Port Perry for further instructions.

Dr. Archer escapes serious injury when car turns over

Port Perry Star: September 24, 1926

That Dr. Robert Archer is alive today is nothing short of a miracle, and that miracle was wrought largely by his own presence of mind.

On Saturday last the doctor received a hurry call to Scugog Island. A straw stack had toppled, hurling Mr. Chris. Pettitt against a stone wall where his spine was thought to be seriously injured.

The auto was quickly taken out and Dr. Archer drove at high speed toward the scene of the accident. As he passed the farm of Mrs. Adams he encountered some fresh gravel. He might have dodged this had it not been for some stones on the side of the road; but in trying to avoid the stones he ran into the gravel. The result was the immediate overturning of the car twice on one side of the road, and after righting itself turned over again after reaching the road.

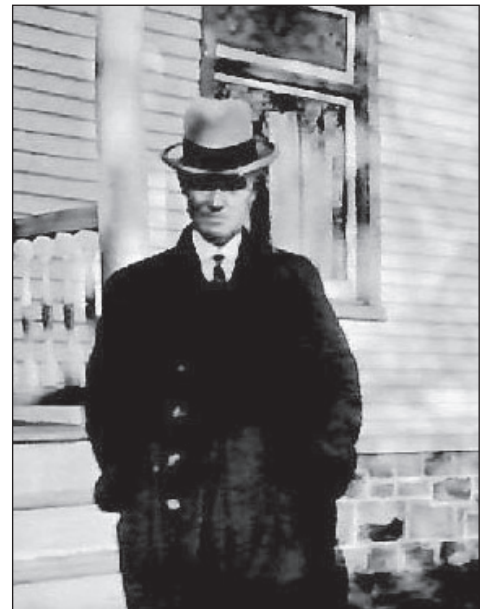
The Doctor had presence of mind crouch down behind the steering wheel and escaped with a number of bruises and a bad shaking.

Mr. Wright Crosier was near when the accident occurred and after helping him from the car, (which was very badly damaged) he offered to take the injured man home, but the reply was "Take me on the Pettitt's."

In spite of everything Dr. Robert Archer is going his rounds as usual, and is doing remarkably well considering the terrible nature of the accident which



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Port Perry -- Ontario

Osler's son-in-law drowns while hunting ducks in the marshes

Toronto Globe: November 4, 1926

William G. Dean, 26, son-in-law of F.G. Osler was found drowned in the marshes of Lake Scugog, about a mile south of Port Perry. He was found in the cockpit of his duck boat, which upset while he was out hunting ducks.

The water where he was drowned is only five feet deep. The cockpit in the boat where he had been sitting is about 12 inches sure. With his legs extended up under the deck, a hunter often has difficulty in getting out of one of these boats.

The upturned boat was discovered at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by E.F. Osler, Samuel Wakeford and Jack Murray of Port Perry, the latter being an employee of the duck-shooting club.

Four men had been out shooting together and Mr. Dean had been left by himself in his boat in one "hide" while the others went further through the marsh.

The three men took the body to the clubhouse, three-quarters of a mile away and there called Coronor J.W. Mathers of Port Perry. Dr. Mathers pronounced the man dead and that an inquest was unnecessary. He was removed to McDermott's Undertaking Parlors, and later taken to Toronto.

The local hunting club to which Mr. Dean belonged numbers many prominent Toronto men among its members. The club holds about 1,000 acres of land, mostly marsh, along the shore at the south end of Scugog Island.



Beare Motors was a Dodge-Desoto dealership when this picture was taken about 1920. They later switched to General Motors and McLaughlin automobiles.

Land appropriated by Board of Education

Port Perry Star: November 18, 1926

On Monday last the Board of Arbitrators – Messrs. R.M. Holtby, James Hortop, and W.J. Cook met to fix the price of the land expropriated by the Port Perry Board of Education.

The following is their award:

That the said Board of Education do pay to the Estate of Thomas Herbert Bates the sum of \$350 in full compensation to the said Estate of Thomas Herbert Bates for the land so expropriated, and

That the said School Board and the said Estate of Thomas Herbert Bates do each pay their own solicitor's costs and their own witness fees and one-half of the costs of the arbitrators and of the stenographer.

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Whitfield found guilty of shooting with intent

Port Perry Star: December 2, 1926

Ralph Whitfield, 20, of Toronto, was committed to Portsmouth Penitentiary for six years by Mr. Justice Lennox in the assizes at Whitby, Friday, he having been convicted on a charge of shooting with intent.

Harold Archer, Port Perry garageman, was the man shot through the leg in Port Perry, the night of August 31st, as he and another man attempted to arrest three youths in a stolen car. Three flashes were seen and three reports heard, and Archer fell to the street wounded.

Ralph Whitfield is guilty of shooting with intent. Twelve of his countrymen returned a verdict of "guilty", late Thursday afternoon, after a few minutes deliberation.

Mr. Justice Lennox, presiding at the Fall Assizes at Whitby, reserved sentence after hearing an impassioned plea, from counsel, E.F. Singer, of Toronto, for clemency. With consent of the Crown, a stay of proceedings was granted in the second charge of shop breaking and theft.

This crime carries a life sentence as a maximum.

For nearly one and a half days, a crowded courtroom heard one of the most dramatic trials ever held in the historic courtroom of the Whitby County building. This was a serious charge, an echo of the

shooting of Harold Archer, Port Perry garage owner, while he, with another man, attempted to arrest three youths in a stolen automobile.

The climax was reached Thursday morning, however, when Whitfield's pretty, eighteen-year-old sweetheart went into the box for a grueling, which was enough to break the heart of any girl of tender years, but which failed to shake the love which the girl held for Whitfield, for three years.

Her evidence, which was corroborated by the evidence of the younger sister, fought to show that her twenty-year-old lover was in Toronto, and not at Port Perry, the night of the shooting. The girl told a strong story in a careful and intelligent manner, ever expressing her hopes that Ralph would yet make good if given the chance he had never received.

She told of begging money from her hard working mother to give to Ralph for food and room rent during the autumn, when he was unemployed and destitute. She told of meeting him daily by appointment, when she gave him enough money to tide him over for that day. Her ambition and the ambition of her mother was to set the boy on his feet so that he might marry the girl and give a name to her baby who will be two years old in February next.

Port Perry to have "high-class" school

Port Perry Star: December 2, 1926

Typical of the higher class of school building that is being erected is some of the smaller centres of Ontario is the one that is now in course of construction in Port Perry. It was designed by John T. Hornsby, architect, Lindsay.

The school is being built to replace one that was destroyed by fire. The original building was a combined public and high school, and when the rebuilding was being discussed, the Ontario Department of Education tried to encourage the local board of education to build two separate schools in view of the fact that the grant for the high school work, would if a combined school were used, be reduced to one-half.

The local board, however, foreseeing a possibility of their being refused the money for two schools, decided to develop, if possible, a scheme whereby they would have a single building, and yet be able to comply with the regulations of the Ontario Department.

By having only one building it was considered that the initial cost of erection and the maintenance expense would be less than if two separate schools were erected. The final plans were approved by a board of inspectors, who were satisfied that the arrangement would not prejudice the grants for the high school.

The average tender was \$107,000, although by making certain eliminations, that amount has been reduced. The contract for the carpentry, masonry and roofing is being carried out by Shultz Bros. Co., Brantford. Other contracts are as follows: heating, Carnegie Hardware Co., Port Perry; painting, James Casey, Toronto; plastering, R.C. Dailey, Toronto; steel stairs, Architectural Bronze and Iron Works, Toronto; mastic floors, Vulcan Asphalt and Supply Co., Toronto; plumbing, Boxall & Mattie, Lindsay.

Nomination meeting poorly attended

Port Perry Star: December 30, 1926

Port Perry nomination meeting was poorly attended, not more than 75 or 100 persons were present. As will be seen by the appended list of nominations there were plenty of names suggested, and this year enough have qualified to ensure a council.

The outstanding piece of good news in the matter is that one of our young men, Mr. Ted Jackson, has qualified and will take a seat at the Council Board.

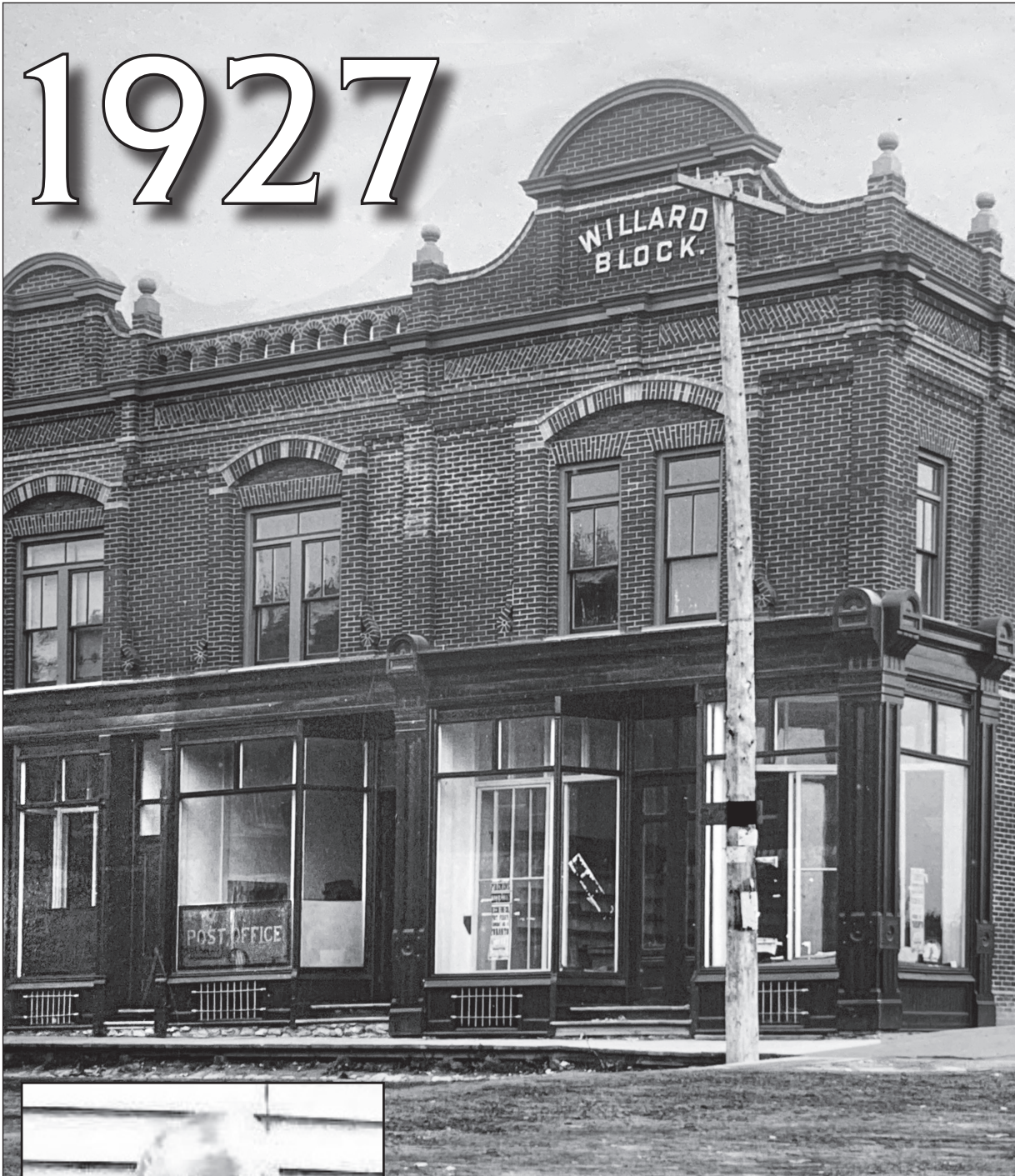
Nominations were as follows:

Reeve – Neil Sweetman, James Lucas, Samuel Jeffrey, Morley Campbell.

Councillors – Robt. Somerville, H.G. Hutcheson, James Lucas, James Waddell, George A. Rose, J.F. McClintock, J.E. Jackson, Morley Campbell, Madison Williams, Allan Goode, Neil Sweetman.

Trustees – Wm. J. Anderson, John Nasmith, George R. Davey, Aylmer Cawker.

1927



The Willard Block

William Willard, left, built this impressive building on Queen St about 1885, which became known as the Willard Block. The business conducted by Mr. Willard was that of dry goods, boots and shoes, clothing, carpets and furs of all kinds.

Mr. Willard operated out of the store on the west side of the building, while there were two other stores to the east, one of which served as the Port Perry Post office.

At the rear of the building facing onto Perry Street was the market building. Upstairs was the office of Dr. Wm. A. Sangster, dentist, and also home of the public library.

Agricultural Society elects new officers

Port Perry Star: January 27, 1927

The annual meeting of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society has held at the office of the Town Treasurer on Wednesday of last week.

The auditors reports showed an improvement in the finances of the Society and a reduction of the note standing at the bank. In addition to this the grandstand has been re-shingled.

The officers elected were: Hon. President, R.M. Holtby; President, Lawson Honey; 1st Vice, Grant Christie; 2nd Vice, J. Sutherland; 3rd Vice, Morley Campbell; Sec. Treas., Neil Sweetman.

Progress at the new high school

Port Perry Star: February 10, 1927

The heat has been turned on at the new school, and gradually things are shaping up to finish the building operations. The steel stairs are in and plasterers are at work.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Education it was decided to put in mast flooring throughout the school except in the gymnasium. The steel stairs, metal watering and mastic flooring all end to make the building practically fireproof. In fact there will be put little woodwork to burn.

There are many details yet to be arranged, and equipment secured, but it is possible that the new school may be ready for occupation at the time specified, after the Easter holidays.

1927 TIMELINE

January 1927

Port Perry Council - Reeve Neil Sweetman, councillors Robt. Somerville, Morley Campbell, J.E. Jackson, Madison Williams.

Council discusses having taxes paid in two instalments, one in midsummer and the other in the fall. No action taken.

F. W. Thompson reeve of Reach Twp. George Sweetman reeve of Scugog Township.

Lawson Honey was elected president of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society. Vice president Grant Christie.

February 1927

Manufacturers of sleighs decide to make distance between the sleigh's runners the same width as a car's wheels, so they can travel the roads easier.

A fine carload of heavy horses arrived in Port Perry from Manitoba by train which are to be sold at the Sebert House yards.

Work is progressing at the new school. Steel stairs are in, plastering is underway and hopes are to finish after the Easter holiday.

March 1927

Mr. T.W. McLean president and Dr. J.B. Lundy treasurer of the public library.

Little Ernie Edgar and other Indians from the Scugog band entertained with war, pipe, snake and other dances at the Scugog Island Hall.

A large turnout for the carnival held at the arena, Harry King winning the Bruce Campbell Trophy one mile race. Fred. Ferguson offers the bankrupt stock of the estate of W.S. Short.

Miss E.V. Gamble, well known public school teacher for 23 years, died.

April 1927

The Town Hall was packed, with plenty even standing in the doorway, for a fiddler's contest. Henry Franklin of Port Perry was the winner.

A Joint Stock Company was formed to take the place of the present Bowling Club, with plans for extensive improvements.

Willard's Store News

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Town without water for 48 hours

Port Perry Star: February 17, 1927

The townspeople felt relieved when it was learned on Monday evening that after being without town water for nearly 48 hours, the water pipe which had broken was fixed.

It is difficult matter to get at these pipes under the road and Messrs. Greaves and Rhymes had a difficult job in digging to the trouble. It is very fortunate that no fire occurred during the period when we had no water.

Town Hall in need of safety improvements

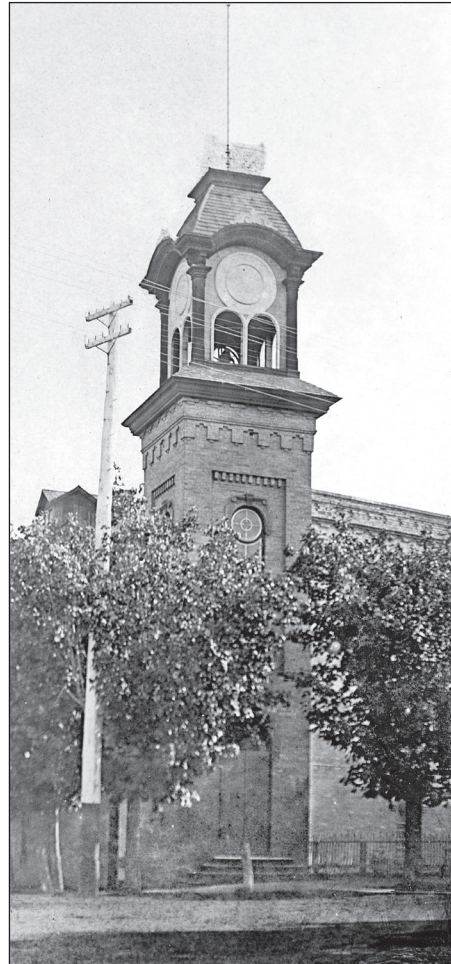
Port Perry Star: February 24, 1927

Stringent government restriction have been placed on places of amusement, effecting the use of the Town Hall.

For man years there have been agitations for the improvement of our town hall from a safety viewpoint. The hall is not in good shape, and one changes will have to be made before we can freely use the building with constant permission from the Government.

It should be state that Mr. Scott has nothing whatever to do with they condition of affairs. He is being held responsible by the Government for the use to which the town hall stage is put, and would be subject to penalties if improper use is made of the stage.

The situation can be improved by renovating the stage with fireproof fittings and providing suitable dressing rooms with running water equipment. When these improvements are completed, and we understand it will receive the immediate attention of council, then the hall can be used for any local entertainment, without permission from the Government.



Scugog Island Indians entertain large audience with dances at Town Hall

Port Perry Star, March 10, 1927

The Indian people put on a very interesting entertainment in the town hall, Scugog, on Friday evening last. The performance was worthy of a larger audience than was present.

The main part of the program consists of a number of dances including the war, pipe, snake, chicken, future warrior and farewell dances.

Little Ernie Edgar as the future warrior was a star, and when an offer was made to repeat any one dance that the audience might choose, the unanimous choice was the future warrior dance. But the future warrior who is only about six years old was asleep and so the war dance was repeated instead. The program of dances wee interspersed with musical numbers both instrumental and vocal.

Those who prepared the entertainment deserve great credit. It required a great deal of time and much patient work to prepare the costumes and train these who took part. It would appear to us that no detail of the Indian costume was overlooked or left out.

We heartily recommend this performance to any who may desire something out of the ordinary, something of historical interest. The program should be accompanied by a sympathetic explanation of the dances and what they signify in the life of the Indian peoples the whole can thus be made far superior to much of the stuff that people pay to see.

Bd. of Education calls for sealed tenders

Port Perry Star, April 7, 1927

Sealed tenders to buy the following buildings and property belonging to the Port Perry Board of Education will be received by the undersigned:

Baptist Church property - frame church and additions, wood shed and lot.

Frame building known as old school.

Frame building known as Mechanics' building

Frame outhouse, metal clad outhouse.

Particulars as to possession and removal may be had from W. J. Anderson, or F. Shepherd. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W.A. Christie., Secretary.

Hydro extended service to Prince Albert.

Port Perry Star, May 5, 1927

It has been definitely decided to extend the Hydro Electric service to Prince Albert, a sufficient number of users having signed contracts. This will increase the Port Perry load.

Five years ago Hydro was installed in Port Perry and rates were based on 50 h.p. consumption load. We really started with 80 h.p. Now we are using 143 h.p., and, if all goes well, by next winter, we shall be consuming 175 h.h.

Negotiations are now underway to supply a good block of power to Mr. Wilson of Seven Mile Island.

Port Perry Library reports on past year

Port Perry Star, March 10, 1927

Our Public Library is free to all that are bona-fide residents of Port Perry. The only charge is for a card to those that wish to borrow books.

Every resident should embrace the opportunity of the Reading Room where a good supply of the choicest magazines and a considerable Reference Section are available. Our stock of books are added to from time to time, as necessity and finances permit.

On the present property, the Library Board has been paying the mortgage in annual installments and the accrued interest until the principal sum remains at \$400. This should be wiped off in two years, or even earlier if desired.

The addition of a coal heater, in constant operation, has made the Reading Room more comfortable. The Library is an asset of Port Perry and should commend itself to the loyal and liberal patronage of all citizens.

For 1926 there were 124 new borrowers added – making the total list of borrowers 548 – a very commendable percentage of our population. Let every citizen boost this institution which holds a position of importance second to none in the community.

The War Memorial Library Committee has on hand in cash \$1,600 and promises \$300 – towards the erection of a new building to commemorate the unselfish sacrifice of many of our heroes, the time for which is long past due, but which will surely come.



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1927 TIMELINE

April 1927

Due to widening of the Scugog Bridge, arrangements have been made for citizens requiring to dump rubbish, to dump it on the south side of the bridge, not on the bridge.

May 1927

New combined Public and High School is officially opened by the Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture. Cost of the structure was \$100,000. Days proceedings included a luncheon, parade, formal opening, concert and dance demonstrations.

Wed. May 18 was proclaimed a half holiday by the Reeve for the opening of the new school.

Port Perry decides to extend hydro electric service to Prince Albert. Mr. Alex R. Wilson of Seven Mile Island is also interested in supply of power.

June 1927

Mr. Fred. A. Kent closes his gardens at Beechcroft to the public on Sundays, but they remain open during the week.

Plans being made to hold a Confederation Celebration on Sat., July 2, to celebrate 60 years as a country. Celebrations include sporting events, races, water sports, fireworks, bonfire and a street dance.

Board of Education advertises for tenders for the position of caretaker for the new Port Perry High and Public Schools.

Jack M. Carnegie and William Day take over Ford business of Hood Motor Sales and will be named Carnegie-Day Motors.

July 1927

Queen St. is jammed with biggest crowd in years to take part in Confederation Jubilee Celebrations.

Waterfront to be cleared of weeds, with \$1,400 of surplus funds from the Jubilee Celebration being used for the cleanup.

Work is underway on a new solid brick school at S.S. No. 2, Scugog Island at a cost of \$6,500.

Capt. Geo. Howsam flew his airship over and around Port Perry for some time while on his way to Camp Borden.



The new Port Perry Public and High School was officially opened in May 1927. Large crowds, as seen in the photograph below, lined up to take part in the opening of the new joint school.

Opening ceremonies held for new Port Perry school

Port Perry Star, May 19, 1927

Someone said "things went off with a 'bang'" and the phrase aptly describes proceedings in this sense that the interest displayed by the public exceeded all expectations.

The people arrived in hundreds and crowded the assembly hall far beyond its supposed capacity, flowed into the corridors, and packed them, crowded the adjoining rooms, and then hundreds went away because they could not sit in the hall.

Preceding the formal opening a luncheon was tendered to Hon. John S. Martin the local members of Parliament, some county and municipal officials.

The management of the parade was in the hands of Mr. Smallman, and his forces were marshalled for march at three o'clock headed by Sgt.- Major Hayden and the "Chief," next came the Port Perry Band, the cadets, (looking very smart) and the scholars led by Harold Cawker and Archie Farmer as flag bearers, then the ex-students, the guests, officials, and general public.

At the door of the school a dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. S. C. Jarrett the key was presented by the Chairman, Mr. E. B. Walker, to Hon. Mr. Martin, who unlocked the door and declared the school officially opened.

Then the people swarmed into the building, and in a very short time the assembly hall was packed. Mr. Walker then called by Rev. Wm. Higgs to open with prayer. This was followed by scripture reading by Rev. W. L. Atkinson. The chairman's address followed in which he briefly outlined the story of the building of the school and cost.

Mr. Samuel Farmer spoke and said "This is a proud day for Port Perry, a day when one of our great dreams has come true. If the old school could turn out the great men and women, the new one should be able to do even better. The scholars should be taught to take pride in the school. The whole town should be proud of it."



Toronto Globe reports formally opening of new joint school

Toronto Globe: May 19, 1927

John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture in, the Ontario Government, formally opened the new high and public school building in Port Perry today. Preceding the ceremony, more than 500 school children, former students, municipal officials and citizens, led by the Port Perry Band, paraded from the centre of the town to the school building, where Mr. Martin opened the door to admit them.

Later in the Assembly Hall a program of music was provided by pupils of the school, and between numbers various officials and guests delivered addresses.

Although the new building houses both public and high schools, the two branches are distinctly separated, with only one passage connecting them. The building, which cost \$100,000, provides 11 classrooms, an Assembly Hall and a gymnasium, while five acres of ground surround it.

Joint stock Co. plans club house, and improvements for lawn bowlers.

Port Perry Star, April 21, 1927

Arrangements are going forward whereby a Joint Stock Company will be formed to take the place of the present Bowling Club.

It is the intention of the new company to make many new improvements around the "Green", such as a new club house, with rest room and accommodation, for a restaurant and sanitary conveniences, as well as many other new touches to the property.

The shares of the new company will be sold at \$10.00 each and will be put on the market for those wishing to invest and help push the project to completion. Messrs. M. Williams, Robt. Somerville, Wm. Graham and Merlin Letcher, are the finance committee to dispose of the shares.

Ross Hood moves to Peterborough

Port Perry Star, June 30, 1927

We are sorry to lose Mr. Ross Hood, who has taken the Ford Agency in Peterborough. This is one of the best agencies in the Toronto district, and we sincerely hope that Ross will have the same success which his industry and good judgment have earned for him here.

Ross is deservedly popular and he will leave the town with good wishes following him. It is too bad we could not keep him here but life's changes have to be met.

The new firm – Messrs. Jack Carnegie and Will Day have succeeded Mr. Ross Hood and have taken the Ford agency here. They are both active, well liked young men and are worthy successors in a business that has been prosperous and popular in Port Perry.

We wish them every success.

Plans for new elementary school for Scugog Island

Port Perry Star, July 21, 1927

A fine new solid brick school is to be built at once at S.S.No. 2, Scugog Island. The cost will be about \$6,600 and the school will be built by Contractor Morrow, of Woodville. Mr. J. T. Hornsby, of Lindsay is the Architect.

The new structure will be of brick 28' x 32' with basement and cloakrooms. It will be furnace heated and the school is being built over the well, so that the water will be inside the building.

About an acre and a half of land is being added to the school grounds and when the construction is completed this will be an exceptionally fine rural school. The work is to be rushed and it is hoped to have the school ready this fall.

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July holiday attracts large crowds to Port Perry

Port Perry Star, July 7, 1927

We had the biggest crowd in Port Perry last Saturday night that has been here for years. The front street was jammed full of people and it was something of a task to find room for the street dancers.

The early part of the day's program was but poorly attended; but as soon as the events were started at the waterfront, the crowd collected and continued to grow until it passed all previous bounds.

The fact is we can give a very attractive program at the waterfront, while anything we may give at the Fair Grounds is necessarily not greatly above the ordinary unless very great expense is entailed. Other and bigger places can outshine Port Perry in programs such as are given at the Fair Grounds. Unfortunately, of course, it is difficult to collect from spectators at the lake aide, and some of these spectators must be very

hard up or very stingy – \$8.60 was the collection from those who enjoyed the water sports.

Perhaps this matter can be remedied, however, and an effort will be made to do this. Programmes of sports cannot be given without expense, and if all would chip in a little the burden would be light.

It will be necessary to have the weeds removed from the water. They are rather worse than usual this year. We need to revive something of the spirit of our forefathers who used to do things for the good of the community. A "bee" among those who use the Lake – the swimmers, motor boat, row boat and canoe owners – could do a great deal to remedy the present unpleasant condition owing to the weeds.

One Wednesday afternoon spent in this work would do a great deal. The voluntary work could and should be supplemented by help from the Council – the hiring of a big boat to drag a railway iron, or something of that sort. It is not a big task, but it should not be delayed.

At the Fair Grounds the chief attractions were the baseball games, the races, the Band and the singing of the scholars of the High and Public Schools. The baseball resulted in a win for Seagrave with Honeydale second. The girls' soft ball game was between Blackstock and Brooklin, and the latter carried off the medals.

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Airship piloted by Capt. George Howsam passes over Port Perry while on his way to Ottawa

Port Perry Star, July 21, 1927

Twice lately Port Perry has had the pleasure of seeing airships pass over the town. The first time was when air squadron accompanying Lindbergh flew over here on the way to Ottawa for the big celebration.

On Monday morning a lone aviator flew over here, apparently on his way to Camp Borden. He gave a very fine display of aviation, circling around over the town for five or ten minutes, and then flying away on his journey.

It is a pretty sight to see the airships when skillfully managed, as they circle and soar and dip. This machine came very close and could be very plainly seen.

We learned later that the aviator was Port Perry's Capt. George Howsam, who has been in northern Saskatchewan for some time.



George Howsam

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Queen Street becomes a through street

Port Perry Star, August 11, 1927

At the points where four streets cross Queen Street – Stop Signs" have been put up for the instruction of motorists.

A general remark made about those signs is that they are obeyed by out-of-town motorists, but are quite frequently disregarded by our own citizens. This it not right, as the signs are put up for the protection of the lives of our people, and it is a simple thing, and a wise one to pause long enough at a crossing to see that the way is clear.

Nothing was said about these signs in last week's issue because no by-law of enforcement of the new rule had been palmed, and unfortunately there are people who will not obey rules unless there is a penalty attached for disobedience. That is not a good attitude for practically all laws are named to ensure the welfare and gaiety of the citizens.

By-law No. 912 to name Queen Street, Port Perry, a through Highway for Public Traffic as laid down in the Highway Act.

The Council of the Corporation of Port Perry enacts as follows: Every operator or driver of every vehicle shall immediately before entering or crossing Queen street, Port Perry, designated as a through Highway bring the vehicle to a full stop.

Any driver of a vehicle not complying with requirements of the By-Law shall be liable to a Fine of \$5.00 and costs, and if fine is not paid at once he shall be sent to Jail for 10 day for said offence.

By-law passed First, Second and Third Readings and Passed and the Reeve and Clerk authorized to sign the same and the Corporation Seal affixed thereto.

New industry coming to Port Perry

Port Perry Star: August 18, 1927

Through the efforts of F.C. Clarke, Industrial Commissioner, of Toronto, who was engaged by this town some two months ago, Port Perry is to secure an Electrical Mfg. Co. The company are makers of an excellent line of heaters, grills, toasters, etc., and will employ considerable help both male and female.

The company, Raymore Manufacturing Co., have purchased the Allan Goode Foundry property and have started work on alterations. The company have been assured of financial support in the purchasing of shares which will be sold in units at market value of \$25.00 per share.

Four local business men will be placed on the Board of Directors, placing the management in Port Perry. It looks like a big thing for the town as it will employ all local help and the citizens should get behind this concern and give it proper support.

General MacBrien inspects troops

Toronto Globe: September 6, 1927

The 34th Ontario County Regiments were guest of Port Perry yesterday when they went into camp for the first time since the ward. More than 200 of all ranks, from Oshawa and Whitby were under canvas.

Inspection of the regiment was by former Port Perry High School graduate, Major-General J.H. MacBrien. General MacBrien is the former Chief of staff of the Canadian Militia, who inspected the veterans who also took part in the service.

The ceremony included the trooping of the colours, sporting events and military competitions and gymnastics at the Port Perry fairgrounds.

1927 TIMELINE

July 1927

Community mourns loss of Dr. Robert Archer, well known physician and surgeon in Port Perry for more than 30 years, who died July 23.

August 1927

Neighbors from miles around came to the farm of Howard McMillan of Greenbank for a barn raising to replace his barn lost to lightning.

Queen St. is designated as a through street under the Highway Act. Vehicles entering or approaching Queen St. must now come to a full stop.

Rev. F.G. Weir's book - "Scugog and Its Environs" goes on sale.

Prince Albert United Church was re-opened after a thorough renovation and decoration.

Raymore Mfg. Co., has purchased the Allan Goode Foundry property for a site to manufacture heaters, grills, toasters, etc.

Board of Education received over 300 applications to fill one teaching job at Port Perry Public School.

September 1927

Ontario 34th Regiment hold Military Tournament and Massed Parade at Port Perry fairgrounds. The occasion was marred by the death of Sgt. W.F. Huxtable, who fell from the back of an advance guard truck, receiving head injuries that caused death in two hours.

Thieves broke into the rear of Alix Gilboord's store and stole about \$400 worth of goods.

Port Perry High School opened with 100 students.

Mr. Dugald McBride well known and respected principal of the Port Perry High School for 40 years died Sept. 24.

Council was notified that Port Perry would only have one train a day starting in October. A delegation met with railway officials to voice their concern and regular service was re-instated.

October 1927

F.W. McIntyre celebrated his 20th year of business in Port Perry selling men's, women's and children's clothing.

Scugog Island loses a valuable member of the community

Port Perry Star: September 1, 1927

We lost a valuable member of our Indian congregation, Scugog, in the person of Joseph Elliott, who passed away in Christie Street Hospital, on Friday, July 29th, at the age of 38 years.

The funeral service was held in the Indian Church, Scugog, on Sunday, July 31st, after which the body was laid to rest in the little cemetery to the north of the church.

J., as he was familiarly known, was respected and liked by all who knew him. He was quiet and gentle in his disposition. He had more than ordinary ability, and could turn his hand to many things, and was always ready to help in matters pertaining to the church.

He had been receiving medical attention for some time, and it was no surprise when he went away to the hospital, but nobody supposed he was dangerously ill, or that he was so near the end as he really was.

We visited him at the hospital and found him though very weak, yet quite cheerful; nor did it make much difference when he realized that he was soon to pass away.

Joe was well cared for in the hospital. His comrades Tanner and Sornberger and certain of his friends on Scugog are to be commended for the great kindness they showed in doing so much for Joe during his last days, to relieve him of every anxiety and to perform every possible service for him before he passed away.

He leaves a wife and child and many friends to mourn him and to keep him in lasting remembrance.

John Marsden, another member of our Indian congregation passed away in the General Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, August 12th, at the age of 61 years.

A funeral service was conducted by and it Rev. J.W. Bonner, of Bowmanville, on Sunday, August 14th. He was laid to rest in the Indian burying ground. He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters to mourn him.

New electric sign on display at the Standard Garage

Port Perry Star: September 15, 1927

Much interest has been show in the new electric sign on display in the wind of the Standard Garage at Port Perry. It is the latest invention of Joseph P. Clean, an inventor of world-wide repute.

The machine is a silent talker and can be made to say anything you wish in any language by use of electricity. Mr. G.P. Land, of Whitby, will be in Port Perry for a few days demonstrating this wonderful new invention.

Mr. M.T. Beare will be glad to show you the sign.

Oshawa Sergeant dies after fall from truck in Port Perry

Toronto Globe: September 5, 1927

Sgt. W.H. Huxtable of the Ontario Regiment Armouries at Oshawa died in Port Perry less than two hours after receiving sever injuries when he fell from the rear of an advance-guard truck as it was passing through Port Perry.

He was one of a party which left Oshawa early in the afternoon for camp near the town to pitch tents for the regiment which went under canvas today for two days.

The accident occurred just off the Main Street when the truck was going over a railway crossing. Sgt. Huxtable was sitting on the slatted side and was thrown off his balance. He hung on with his hands but a second bump caused him to fall to the road, lighting on the back of his head. When picked up he was unconscious.

Dr. J.A. Mathers of Port Perry rendered first aid and then had him removed to the hospital where he died shortly after 4 o'clock.

1927 TIMELINE

October 1927

Public School teachers of South Ontario met for a convention in Port Perry in the new assembly hall of the High School.

The Provincial Highway opens to traffic and there is now a cement road from Manchester to Toronto.

November 1927

Mr. A.W. Jackson, Warden of Ont. County turned the key to open the new brick school at Scugog Centre.

John McClintock was elected president of the Port Perry Rink Co.

The Raymore Co. begins operation in Port Perry manufacturing Sun Ray Grills.

Goode Bros. Creamery (Milton and Allan) captures Butter Sweepstakes at Royal Winter Fair.

December 1927

Port Perry Public School is Graded No. 1 by R.A. Hutchison, inspector of Public Schools. He suggests those not having to write final exams, be dismissed one week before final examinations.

Chief Nesbitt arrests two Port Perry youths near Owen Sound for theft of Ford car and 100 skunk skins from shed at rear of Alix Gilboord's store. They were later sentenced to two years in jail.

One of Port Perry's most respected and prominent citizens, Mr. William H. Letcher died Dec. 14.

Population of Port Perry at year end is 1,150.



The CNR railway station along Port Perry's waterfront as it looked about 1927.

Improved railway service being considered for Port Perry

Port Perry Star: October 27, 1927

While we are not certain that Port Perry is to again have an evening train, the probability is strong that this improvement will be made in the local railway service.

About a week ago a number of our townsmen

had the pleasure of meeting Mr. D. McMillan, Superintendent of this district, who most courteously listened to our presentation of the claim of Port Perry, in which it was urged that the train now connecting with the one that leaves Toronto at 1.30 p.m. be made three hours later so that connection may be made with the train which leaves Toronto at 4.30 p.m.

While Mr. McMillan did not promise that this change would be made, he gave favourable consideration to the idea, knowing that in former years passenger traffic had been quite heavy on this line.

Later Mr. Gill, another official of the C.N.R. came to town and said that we might expect to see the desired change made, if it can be arranged. Of course he, too, was careful not to make a definite promise as doubtless many adjustments will have to be made.

Should this concession be made by the Canadian National Railways in spite of the fact that the road is not paying its way so far as passenger service is concerned, it is to be hoped that the public will respond to the improved service and give the Canadian National Railway all the business possible.

We should certainly be badly handicapped if the Railway did not operate here, and we should be prepared to use the transportation which is available all the year round.

C.N.R reduces service for Port Perry to one train a day

Port Perry Star: September 22, 1927

When it was quietly announced that, after Saturday of this week, Port Perry would only have one train a day, and that really giving no proper accommodation in daily access to Toronto, the citizens began to busy themselves in the matter.

A meeting of the business men was called, and telegrams of protest were sent to the chairman of the Railway Board, the Minister of Railways and the District Superintendent of the C.N.R.

As a result of those telegrams, Mr. McCaul, Inspector of Railways for the Commission, came to Port Perry and had an interview with a representative delegation of men from Port Perry and adjoining municipalities.

New school opened at Scugog Centre

Port Perry Star: November 10, 1927

The new school at S.S. No. 2, Scugog, was officially opened for the purposes of education on Monday afternoon, November 7th. Prayer was offered by Rev. Fred Joblin after which Mr. A. W. Jackson, Warden of the County, turned the key and declared the building officially opened.

Inside the opening ceremonies continued. The whole program was well enjoyed and the performance added a bit of colour and interest to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Now, S.S. No. 2 has a new up-to-date school building. This is the third to stand on the same spot. When the first building was put up we cannot say – it still stands however in the corner of a field by the main road where Robert Jackson lives.

The second school was built in 1889. It was taken down and part of it was incorporated into the new building.

The architect and contractor and all who had a hand in it have done a good job. No. 2 has a school that is a credit to the community. All that is necessary for the boys and girls and the teacher to be perpetually thankful is for them once a year to take a visit to the old log house and think of the time when that was the temple of learning in this section.

Port Perry thieves caught at Owen Sound

Port Perry Star: December 15, 1927

Mr. Alix. Gilboord will get back the Ford car that was stolen from him on Wednesday night of last week. What is better still – the car has not been damaged.

For a few days it looked as though the young men were going to be lucky; but, a day or two ago, word came from the Chief of Police, at Owen Sound, saying that a Ford car had been found there without a license number. As this car answered pretty well to the description of the car stolen in Port Perry, the serial number was sent and verified.

Chief Nesbitt then went to Owen Sound and laid claim to the car for Mr. Gilboord, and found things in pretty fair shape. One of the suspected boys had a relative at Tara, a village about a dozen miles from Owen Sound, so Chief Nesbitt drove over to Tara, and found both the wanted boys.

He arrested them, and at the time of writing arrangements are being made to bring the boys back to Port Perry, after making some attempt to identify the skunk skins stolen from Mr. I. Turner at the time when Mr. Gilboord's car disappeared. These skins are said to have been sold for \$90 in Orangeville. It is estimated that the skins were worth something like \$200, and the probability is that the Orangeville buyer will be a loser.

It is said that the boys, when arrested, were willing to talk, and confessed the whole thing, but there has been no trial, and, until after that, nothing certain can be said. The whole episode is bad and stupid. The two boys could earn the \$90 which they are said to have got for the furs in a month; but they chose the exciting way, with the result that they will probably have ample time in jail to think over what they have done.

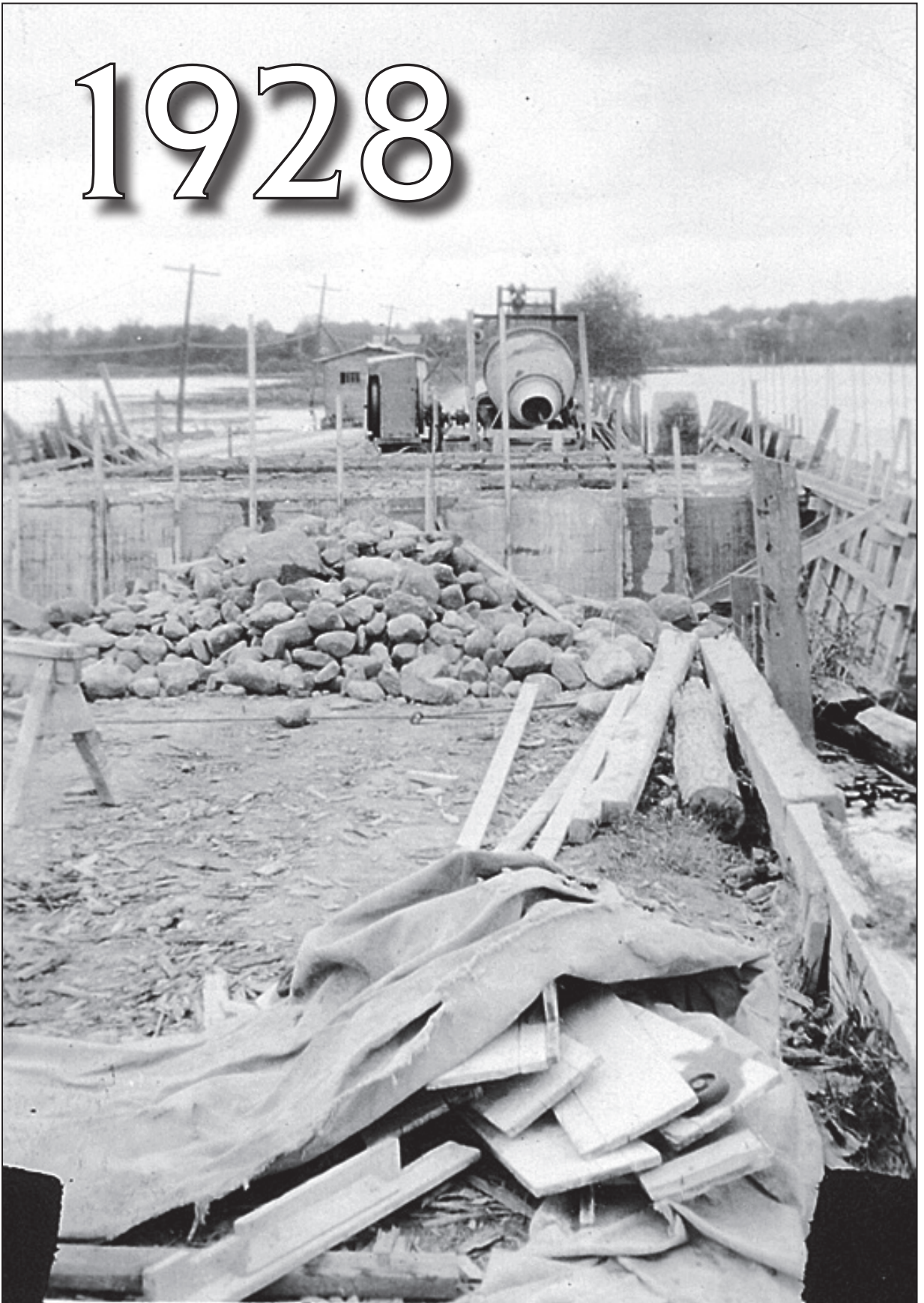


Chief Wm. Nesbitt



A large crowd gathers in front of the new Port Perry High and Public School for the official opening of the school in May 1927.

1928



Construction got underway on a cement bridge along the causway between Port Perry and Scugog Island.

1928 TIMELINE

January 1928

Council elected by acclamation for 1928 - Reeve Robt. Somerville; Council - Madison Williams, J.E. Jackson, Jas. McKee and W.W. Crosier.

February 1928

Ont. County's share of the Whitby to Manchester highway, completed last year, was \$52,000 or 20 per cent of total cost.

Dorman Corbman, fruit and confectionery moved to Leonard Block.

Public Library Board elects T.W. McLean, chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Letcher, secretary, Dr. J.B. Lundy, treasurer. Librarian is Miss Hazel Cockburn.

March 1928

F.W. McIntyre Drygoods goes out of business after 20 years in town. He and his family are moving to Hamilton. Harry Willard moved his business into the vacated McIntyre block

A new concrete bridge is being built in the causeway, connecting Scugog to Port Perry. It will take about six weeks, but a floating bridge has been constructed to accommodate traffic until it is finished. Piles are being driven 32 feet into mud, clay and quicksand to hold the bridge. Cost of the bridge contract \$3,264.00

April 1928

Port Perry Star offers \$1,000 worth of accident insurance for one dollar with every subscription.

An epidemic of mumps takes hold in Prince Albert.

F.W. Ferguson selected as Whippet dealer for Port Perry; Standard Garage, Durant Star Car dealer.

The Beacon Electric Co. have bought out by the Raymore Company plan and equipment are are not in operation Mr. Hunt and Mr. Allan Goode are operating the factory.

Beacon Electric Co. bought out the Raymore Co., and it is now being operated by Mr. Hunt and Mr. Allan Goode.

May 1928

The Provincial Hwy., between

Old school printer dies in Whitby

Port Perry Star: January 12, 1928

William Taylor, who died January 2, 1928, was a pioneer resident of Port Perry and one of the few remaining members of the printing trade of the "old school". He was apprenticed at a time when, as Mr. Taylor used to say, "the printers came to work in top hats".

Mr. Taylor was formerly engaged with the "Ontario Observer" when it was published in Prince Albert. He learned his trade there and Mr. Parsons remember his former employee with pleasure.

The deceased was born in Cornwall, England and came to this country when quite young, living for a period near the town of Port Perry. In the early 1900s the moved to Toronto and worked for the former "Toronto World", almost until the time it went out of existence.

He later returned to the district and conducted a fruit and truck farm on the shores of Lake Scugog. Following the death of his wife, he returned to Toronto and resumed his chosen trade of printing.

New business openings

Port Perry Star: February 2, 1928

Miss Mildred Palmer announces she will open a millinery parlour this month one door east of the Port Perry Star office.

Mrs. Olive Hall who has been known in the community having worked in the millinery business, and Miss Annie Martin, who has been in charge of F.W. McIntyre's Millinery Dept. open the Rite Hat Shoppe in the showroom of the new Archer Block.

Resident leaves \$42,000 to charities

Port Perry Star: February 9, 1928

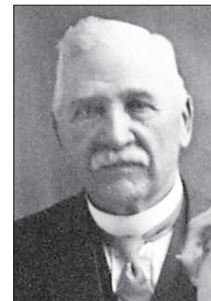
Zacheus Burnham, a well known boat builder from Port Perry, who was childless left a total of \$42,000 to charity. The funds were divided equally among the Muskoka Free Hospital, the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, the Toronto General Hospital and the Home for Neglected Children of Ontario County.

Former physician, Dr. George Jones honoured at Imlay City, Michigan

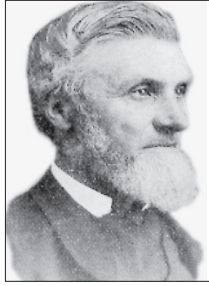
Port Perry Star: March 1, 1928

A former Port Perry physician, Dr. George W. Jones, who is 89 years old, and the oldest practicing surgeon in eastern Michigan was recently honoured in Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Jones moved to Imlay City in December 1870 and has been there ever since. He is hailed as one of the most influential residents of Imlay City, having served as postmaster for 12 years, and in 1916 was made an honorary member of the Stage Medical Society.



Dr. George Jones



John Nott

John Nott celebrates 60 years in business in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: March 8, 1928

On Monday let Mr. John Not completed 60 years of a business life in this town. On the 11th of March 1847 he moved to this locality and began his career as a furniture dealer and undertaker.

With the exception of a few weeks after the big fire in 1884, he has been continuously in business here.

Construction begins on concrete bridge along the causeway

Port Perry Star: March 29, 1928

When the old floating bridge that connected Port Perry with Scugog Island became a permanent roadway, no account was taken of the troubles of future generations. They had troubles of their own, and everybody, both here and on the Island was too glad to have the job done, that to question the methods adopted.

Today a new concrete bridge is being building and the puzzle is to drive piles into post where there are neither logs nor stones.

The James Mitchell Col, of Toronto have their work cut out in building the concrete bridge. It has a span of 20 ft. And is 28 ft. Wide. Twenty-five hundred feet of piles are to be driven and the following material is to be used - 200 yards of gravel, 200 years of stone and some 700 bags of cement.

The piles are being driven in some 32 feet - that is where they do not strike a big stone or log. When the pile goes down properly for the 32 feet, it passes through several feet of mud, then it strikes two layers of clay, and finally quicksand.

After the pile has been allowed to set for awhile,

then it is given a test drive. The remarkable thing about his is the fact that the quicksand grips the pile and in most instances it cannot be driven any further.

It will be about six weeks before the new structure will be ready for use - but a floating bridge has been constructed for the accommodation of traffic. However, it does not look like a good place for speeding just now.



Temporary detour along a rickety floating bridge whil construction takes place along the causeway

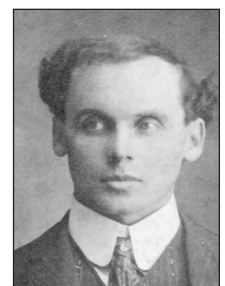


Port Perry man new Governor of the Ontario County Jail

Port Perry Star: March 19, 1928

Mr. Hugh Lucas has been appointed to the position of Governor of the County Jail, at Whitby. There were a large number of applicators for the position, but Mr. Lucas was chosen and should fill the position admirably.

Mr. Lucas has lived in Port Perry all his life, and when he and his family move away from this town in a few days, they will be greatly missed.



Hugh Lucas

Body of child found in lake

Toronto Globe: July 13, 1928

The body of a male child, which is thought to have been a month old, was found floating about 100 yards from shore at Lake Scugog by two boys, John Orde and William Cawker, today. The body was badly decomposed.

On the instructions of Chief Constable Nesbitt, the body was taken from the water, and later a post-mortem examination was made by Coroner J. A. Mathers. It is stated the child was born alive. The Preliminary inquest today was adjourned until July 27.

Note: At the inquest, Dr. J. A. Mathers brought in the following verdict: The unknown male infant which was found in Scugog Lake, off the mill property, at Port Perry on Friday, July 13th, 1928, came to its death in an unknown manner at the hands of some person or persons unknown.

Caesarea community holds first annual Lake Scugog Regatta

Port Perry Star: August 9, 1928

Lake Scugog Regatta Association are delighted with the success of their first event staged at Caesarea last Monday. In spite of the threatening weather between two and three thousand persons were present to enjoy the excellent program of aquatic and other sports.

The day's proceedings were opened at 10 a.m. with a baseball game between the married and the single men. Mr. Russell Nesbitt, M.P.P. pitched the first ball, and played through the game.

The aquatic events were well contested. The double canoe race, in which there were 16 entries, was sensational. The single canoe event had 12 entries. Five motor boats entered the big race for the Caster trophy.

In the sailing event the Harris boys of Port Perry, led the race until the last leg, when they lost the wind. There were 12 entries in the Men's Open Swim.

It was decided to hold the event yearly.

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Manchester and Saintfield, about 7.5 miles, will be constructed of cement this year. A fleet of 36 trucks will be employed to haul the material.

A thorough remodelling of the Willard Block by Mr. Harold Archer has turned the building into an up-to-date garage with every modern convenience.

The Fisheries Department placed 50,000 Pickerel "fry" into the Nonquon River last week.

Mr. W.H. Harris purchased a 22' sailing sloop with an 8' beam in Toronto and has sailed it to Lake Scugog.

June 1928

A hydroplane "The Moth" owned by Mr. Shepherd of Toronto made an unexpected touchdown on Lake Scugog on its way to Algonquin Park.

The Port Perry Band will give open air concerts on Thursday nights, and the stores have agreed to stay open that night during the summer.

About 100 people honoured Mr. T.H. Follick, who is retiring after a 40 year career in the teaching profession. A banquet was held in the Port Perry High School gymnasium.

Port Perry Band leader John Roach died suddenly. Mr. Roach was well respected in the town, and was the father of NHL goaltender Ross Roach.

Cecil Beare bought out his brother Earl from their garage partnership. Cecil with continued the business under the name Beare Brothers, with Cecil V. Purdy as his new partner.



Wilson's host Garden Party at their Seven Mile Island

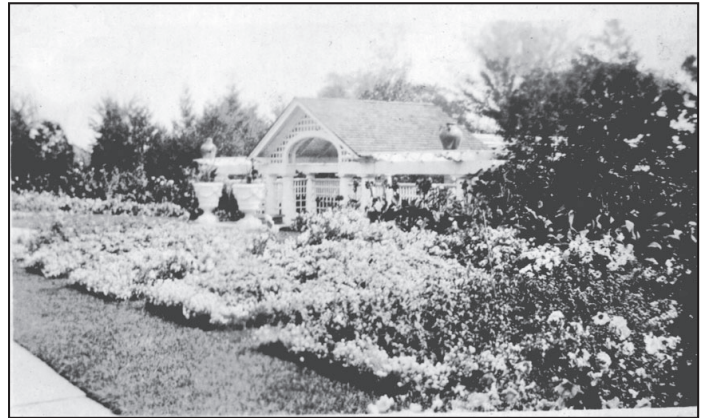
Port Perry Star: August 9, 1928

A Garden Party was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, at their home on Seven Mile Island. Over 2,000 people from Port Perry and vicinity, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and were enthusiastic in their admiration of the beauty of the wonderful gardens.

Seven Mile Island has been transformed. Neither time nor expense has been spared in the construction of lawns and rock gardens. Each has a beauty of its own, and would give great pleasure to the garden lover, who would be content to wander amid the flowers and shrubbery for hours. When tired, what could be more restful than to turn to the lake, and from the lookout watch the changing scene as the day passes or the sun sets in its glory.

Added to the charm of the place itself, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had made ample provisions for the entertainment of their many guests. A delightful program was rendered.

The dancers from the Birdsall Studio, the soloists, the youthful comedian and the violinist all received heartiest applause. Port Perry Band, under the leadership of Mr. Harold Bateman, acquitted themselves well, and were honoured guests of the occasion.



Lake Scugog - what should be done?

Port Perry Star: August 16, 1928

There are few people who live in this district who do not see the splendid possibilities of Lake Scugog. All it needs to make it one of the most popular lakes in Ontario is a judicious expenditure of money. Its natural scenic beauty, coupled with its readiness of access to the citizens of both Toronto and Oshawa, warrants the expenditure of both money and time for the improvement of this lake.

There are five main points to be remembered in all efforts to improve the Lake.

1. Maintaining the water level.
2. Securing clear central channels, and sub channels to the various points along the lake and Island shores.
3. A campaign to control lake weeds.
4. Appointing a Fish Conservator, whose duties shall include
 - (a) Prevention of illegal fishing.
 - (b) Replenishing the fish supply in proper manner.
 - (c) Destruction of carp—enemy of 'lunge, bass, and pickerel.
 - (4) Installing and maintaining a proper fish slide at Lindsay.
5. Advertising and popularizing Lake Scugog.

The first three of these objects are the business of the Dominion Government; the fourth is under the control of the Ontario Government and the fifth is the task of every resident in this district—a task, that properly performed will bring rich returns. Lake Scugog is under the control of the Dominion Government. The lake was made by order of the Government when water concessions were given to William and Hassard Purdy at Lindsay in 1832, and the lake is maintained by the locks at Lindsay, which are under Government control.

Lake Scugog Improvement Association formed

Port Perry Star: August 23, 1928

Lake Scugog needs attention for its improvement and is worth a great deal of effort to put it in a shape where the public can enjoy it most.

With this idea in view, a meeting was arranged at the Sebert House, Port Perry, Friday evening of last week; and to that meeting were invited representative men from all the communities that skirt the Lake Shore.

Necessarily the number of invitations were limited, the idea being merely to start a movement which should be open to all who are interested in Lake Scugog.

The meeting was a success in two particulars:

1. The area about Lake Scugog which was represented.
2. The fact that the Lake Scugog Improvement Association was organized.

The officers of the new association are:

Hon. President—Mr. Alex R. Wilson, Seven Mile Island.
President—Mr. Hibbert G. Hutcheson, Port Perry.
1st Vice President—Mr. A. G. Storie, Oshawa.
2nd Vice President—Mr. George Sweetman, Scugog.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. Samuel Farmer, Port Perry.
Solicitor—Mr. W. H. Harris, Port Perry.

There are five main objects which the Association will foster, and it is pleasing to know that men of influence have promised to take up the work in an energetic way, as follows:

1. Maintaining the water in the Lake at a proper level
2. Keeping the channels open to navigation.
3. Controlling the weed growth in so far as is possible and wise.
4. Securing to Lake Scugog a good fish supply.

5. Publicity. Three distinct public bodies are concerned in the program—The Association is to be incorporated; and membership will be open to all who wish to further the improvement of Lake Scugog. The annual membership fee will be \$1.00. Persons who are familiar with the work to be done, will readily see that this movement must be continuous; that it will need general support from all the communities that surround the lake; and that expert advice will be needed, so that the effort for improvement that are made shall not be misdirected.

Among those who were either present at the initial meeting, of the Association, or who promised to support the work, are the following: Mr. Henry S. Osier, Mr. Alex R. Wilson, Mr. Fred A. Kent, Mr. Russell Nesbitt, M.P.P. These men all have large interests in Lake Scugog property and many of them have for years shown most practical fashion how Lake Scugog may be improved.

Cartwright man shot, loses lower part of his arm

Port Perry Star: September 6, 1928

Cringing with fear, William Lambert, 16 year old, was placed in police station cells at Bowmanville by Provincial Officer Thomas Mitchell, on a charge of wounding and causing bodily harm to Charles Collett, 18 years.

He is in the Port Perry Hospital in a serious condition following the amputation of his left arm at the elbow after it was found impossible to save the lower part of the arm, so badly was it shattered by the gunshot fired from a twelve gauge gun in the hands of young Lambert.

Lambert was employed by Collett two weeks ago on their farm in Cartwright township, just outside Port Perry. The injured youth took charge of the farm when his father began working at his trade as a lithographer in Toronto.

George Wright, another employee of the farm, and Lambert were preparing to wash the dishes, when it is alleged that Lambert picked up the single barrelled shotgun and as he pointed it at Collett it discharged.

Lambert became frightened and picking up a few of his belongings told George Wright he was going to leave. "I cannot hold you," Wright told him, "but you might as well stick and see the whole thing through." Lambert, however, immediately left the farm, stating that he intended to walk to Oshawa and get on a bus for Toronto. He was given a lift in a truck which took him straight to Toronto while provincial constables were watching the highways and the bus stations for some trace of him. The Toronto detective department was notified and Lambert was arrested.

Collett had loaded the gun the night before the shooting to kill an owl which had been bothering the chickens. According to Wright, Lambert was told by Collett not to touch the gun as it was loaded.

John Warren Burnham passes, he had served as Port Perry postmaster 45 years

Port Perry Star: September 27, 1928

John Warren Burnham, who died on Sunday morning, September 23rd, 1928, was a most highly respected citizen of Port Perry, and in his passing the town loses one who is known to all, and who had an intimate part in the daily life of the town.

His was a wonderful record – forty-five years as postmaster, and in all that time never a day absent from duty through illness, and rarely, if ever, away from business for any other reason.

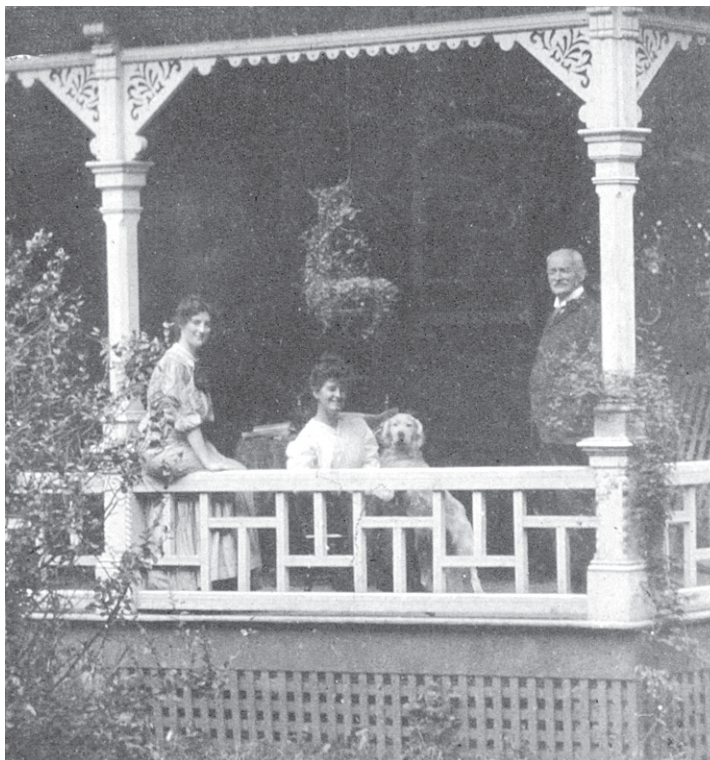
He served our people as postmaster under three great rulers—Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and the present ruler, King George V.

Mr. Burnham was a man of simple and regular habits, fond of his daily walk, and with his interests and affections centred in his home, a home deeply appreciative of his kindly presence and influence, and a home that will keenly feel his loss now that he has passed to the treat beyond.

Mr. Burnham was born at Whitby in 1849, the eldest son of Judge Zacheus Burnham. He became Clerk of the Court when he arrive in Port Perry in 1871 and held the office until his death, a period of 58 years.



John W. Burnham



John Warren Burnham and family members on the porch of their home located on Perry Street, Port Perry, circa 1920.

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July 1928

Physical Education has been placed in the program at Port Perry Public School for the next year.

Repairs underway on the aging and rotting water tank. Consider new steel tank for \$5,000 or cement tank for \$2,000.

The body of a new born baby was found near one of the boat houses in Port Perry. It had been in the water for about ten days.

New troughs have been installed at the bowling green. They are underdrained, filled with gravel and slatted on the bottom.

Former Port Perry Reeve Geo. Gerrow passed away July 20 in Toronto. He was credited with having built the bowling green.

Royal Bank opens branch in the Blong Block, Port Perry with Mr. B.D. Henry as manager.

August 1928

Gala Day on Scugog. Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Wilson open grounds Seven Mile Island for garden party when whole community attends.

Outstanding feature of the day, swim from Port to Seven Mile Island. Robert Harris and Arthur Carnegie entered. Arthur was taken out of the water after a few miles, Robert finished in four hours and thirty-four minutes. Both received a gold watch from Mrs. Wilson.

The first annual Lake Scugog Regatta, was held a Caesarea on August 6, 1928. About 3,00 people attended the event. It was decided to hold the event yearly.

Lake Scugog Improvement Association formed to maintain water level, keep open channels, control weed growth, secure good fish supply. A.R. Wilson gives \$1,000 to association.

Construction of the cement highway from Manchester to Greenbank is completed.

September 1928

Sutcliffe and Sons of Lindsay open dry goods and clothing store in former McIntyre location.

Charles Collette a Cartwright farmer had his arm amputated after being shot by a worker at the farm

Vic Stouffer appointed new bandmaster

Port Perry Star: October 18, 1928

At a meeting of the Port Perry Band on Monday evening, Mr. Victor Stouffer was appointed Bandmaster of the local band. Mr. Stouffer is an accomplished musician and we feel the band should succeed under his leadership.

The band will continue to practice each Monday night at the town hall. Any musicians in the district wishing to join the band, please notify the Vice President, Mr. Bert MacGregor or the secretary, George R. Davey.

It is a big contract for a band to keep going in a small town, where it is difficult to find employment for musicians. The management of the Port Perry Band are to be congratulated on their achievement in keeping the band alive, when their finances are so limited.

We feel the boys must play for the love of music.

Roads need protection from winter with snow fences

Port Perry Star: October 25, 1928

The season of the year will soon be at hand, when with snowstorms, come blocked roads and the tying up of the motor traffic.

From what we have noticed during the past few winters, a good deal of this could be avoided with very little inconvenience or cost to the individual farmer. The majority of the farmers, seem very reluctant to revert to the horse and buggy or cutter if the road is any way passable for a car.

There is not only the saving of time, but the comfort of riding in a closed car in comparison to an open cutter or buggy.

The chief cause of roads being blocked is the rail fence, the majority of which are already in a bad need of repair. The plan that is adopted in numerous other townships – of first requesting the occupants of farm lands bordering on the roads and concessions to lower there fences during the winter months, and where they do not comply with the request the fences are taken down at the expense of the farmer.

There are other places where the erection of short stretches of snow fence would prevent the drifting of snow, the cost of which would be covered by the money saved from doing away with snow shovelling.

A suggestion has been made that a petition be gotten up and signed, requesting the township and county councils to take this matter up before the snow flies.



The Port Perry Brass Band, circa 1925, when John Roach was bandmaster. Following the death of Mr. Roach in June 1928, band member Victor Stouffer was appointed the new bandmaster.

Goaltender John Roach traded by Maple Leafs to New York Rangers

Port Perry Star: October 25, 1928

We are pleased to learn that a deal has just been completed whereby J. Ross Roach, star goalie from Port Perry, and Messrs. J. A. Weir, have been traded to the New York Rangers for the coming season.

The Maple Leafs, Roach's former team mates will receive Lome Chabot, and a cash consideration in this deal.

Roach is a stellar net guardian and was always well regarded in Toronto. The Toronto Club states, financial considerations alone are responsible for his transfer. We wish him the best of luck in his new situation.

Lorne Chabot, the new Toronto goal keeper also has a good reputation, having many fine performances to his credit while with the Rangers.



John Ross Roach

Multiple break-ins as thieves keep busy in Port Perry this past week

Port Perry Star: December 13, 1928, 1928

Twice within a week Port Perry was visited by thieves who have apparently been very busy in this neighborhood.

First Mr. Ben Smallman's blacksmith shop was broken into on Monday night, then Mr. Gilboord's store was robbed of over \$500 worth of goods. That same night Mr Dunsmore's car was stolen.

The police were notified, two of the thieves were captured and some of Mr. Gilboord's goods recovered. The captured thieves have been sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary. Mr. Dunsmore's car was found where it had been abandoned on the lake shore west of Dunbarton, and was brought back by Chief Nesbitt, who has had a busy time lately.

Provincial Police Officers Mitchell and Taylor, of Oshawa, have been working with Chief Nesbitt on these robberies and it is hoped that the other robbers will be caught.

On Friday night last week Brock Brothers store was robbed of about \$300 of goods, the thieves selecting the best merchandise in the store. Of the perpetrators of this robbery no clue has been found at time of writing.

Former PPHS principal dies in house fire

Port Perry Star: December 28, 1928, 1928

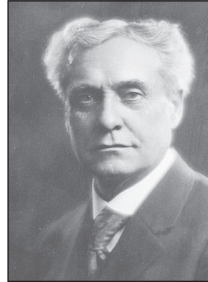
Thomas H. Follick, a former principal and Port Perry High School has died in a fire. He and his wife arrived in Niagara Falls a day earlier to visit his sister, Mrs. Jonas Johnston, and had retired for the night.

When the fire alarm sounded, none of the occupants seem to have realized the seriousness of the fire, for they remained to dress before going outside. It was not until half an hour after the arrival of the firemen that Mr. Follick was missed, and by that time the inside of the house was practically destroyed.

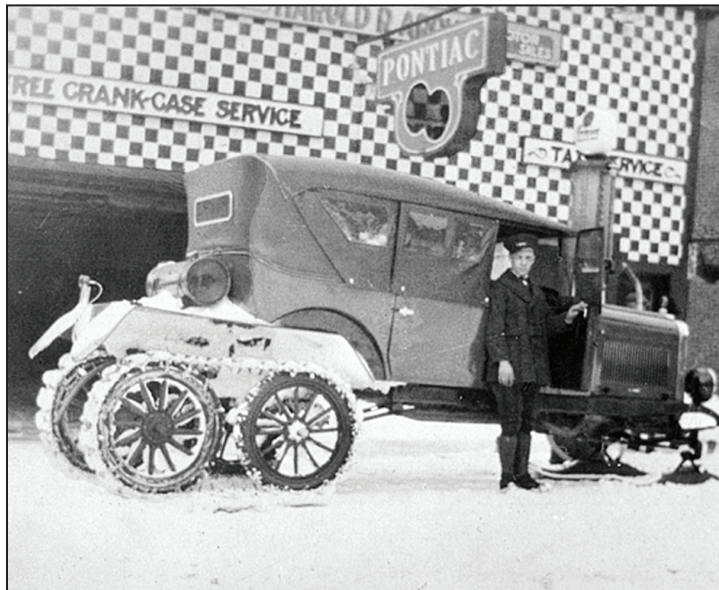
Firemen burst in and searched through the smoke and found the body, fully clothed, in the bathroom. Death had been caused by suffocation. Coroner McGarry opened an inquest, which was adjourned until Jan. 2.

The fire was caused by an overheated stove and the explosion of an oil stove. The damage will amount to \$5,000, and there was insurance of only \$2,500.

Mr. Follick was born in Durham County and taught school in St. Mary's for 13 years; and for 15 years was Principal of Port Perry High School, from which he retired in June last.



Thomas Follick



Harold Archers service station, in the west block on Queen St, circa 1925. Mr. Archer became the authorized Pontiac dealer in town and later moved to a larger facility at the corner of Queen and Perry St. (now the Royal Bank).

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with a shot gun.

A.G. Clark opens a farm machinery shop in Blong Block.

The Corporation requires all parties who retail milk to procure a licence before October 1, 1928.

October 1928

South Ont. Plowmen's Assoc. hold annual Plowing Match at farms of Messrs. John Boys and Alex Johns, just west of Manchester.

Mr. Victor Stouffer has been appointed Bandmaster of the local band. Mr. Geo. R. Davey is the secretary.

The Toronto Maple Leafs traded John Ross Roach, star goaltender from Port Perry, to the New York Rangers.

November 1928

Despite the merger of the Standard Bank and the Bank of Commerce, Standard manager Mr. Hutcheson, said both banks in Port Perry will be kept operating indefinitely.

James McKee and Son, owners of the Superior Store, Port Perry, have enlarged their store and now occupy the entire ground floor of the St. Charles Hotel block.

A large group of local men had secured licences to hunt deer and are off on the hunt.

Tourist revenue for the past year in Port Perry area amounted to \$10,000, proving the importance of the tourist trade.

Mr. George Hall lately with Mr. A.R. Wilson of Seven Mile Island, has purchased Cook's Restaurant.

December 1928

Alix Gilboord Store robbed for the second time since coming to Port Perry. This time thieves took \$535 worth of clothing and drygoods.

Edward H. Purdy was elected president of the rink committee at a meeting held on December 5th. R. B. Smallman's Blacksmith Shop was broken into by two thieves, who were captured and sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary.

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The Standard Bank of Canada, circa 1890, in the building currently occupied by Brock's Department Store, Port Perry.

Dr. John A. Murray, a dentist for more than 60 years dies

Port Perry Star: January 24, 1929

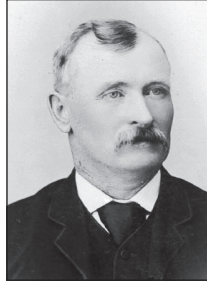
Dr. John A Murray, a dentist for more than 60 years in Port Perry died while visiting his brother Fred, in Canton, Ohio on January 16, 1929.

In the pass of Dr. Murray, Port Perry loses one of its oldest residents. He had practiced dentistry in the town for 63 years, having learned the profession from Dr. Cottingham.

Dr. Murray was born in Ingersoll, Ont. and came to Port Perry in 1866 when he was only 21 years old. Here he learned the profession of dentistry from dental surgeon, Dr. John H. Cottingham.

In 1870 he married Miss Laura A Foote and they raised five children while living in Port Perry.

No man was more throughout interested in his hometown, and he knew the town history as very few knew it. He had seen many changes in the locality, having twice suffered from fire.



Dr. John Murray

Warning of ice harvest on Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star: February 7, 1929

The ice harvest is started, The quality of ice that is being secured is very good. The cutting is being done is much nearer the track used for driving on the lake than usual, and warning is being given to avoid the hole in the ice out from Mr. Vickery's office, and the dock house about 150 feet.

Those who are skating on the lake should also be careful.



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January 1929

Port Perry's reeve and council re-elected by acclamation.

Geo. A. McMillan Reach Twp. reeve; Geo. Sweetman Scugog Twp. reeve.

Mr. T.H. Follick, retired principal, dies in a fire at his sister's home in Niagara Falls, after house became totally engulfed in fire during the night. Mr. Follick was High School principal in Port Perry for 15 years.

February 1929

Earl Carnochan of Reach was lucky to escape with his life, when there was a cave-in at the Harrison gravel pit. He was seriously injured and will not recover for some months.

John Jeffrey was elected president of the Pine Grove Cemetery Co. Other officers are T.J. Widden, sec.treas; L. Bond, caretaker.

Reeve Somerville announced the construction of a cement roadway from the Town Hall to the Borelia corner. He urged the County to continue the road through to Manchester.

The pilot of a "Gypsy Moth" airplane provided some 20 residents of town a ride over Port Perry for \$3 per person.

March 1929

Port Perry Public Library completed a successful year, adding 80 new members for a total number of borrowers at 729, and total circulation 8,919 books.

While repairing a chimney on Tuesday, Fred Moore died, after falling from the roof of the house and never regaining consciousness.

April 1929

Lake Scugog Fur Farm, operated by George Schell is advertising for trappers supply Muskrat skins.

Severe storms cause damage and washouts. Washout on Whitby to Lindsay railway causes tie-up for several days.

A Tennis Club was formed with B.D. Henry, president; W.M. Letcher, Vice President, A. Mitchell, sec.-treas. W.H. Harris and Mrs. J. Nasmith were named honorary presidents.

Man escapes being crushed to death at gravel pit

Port Perry Star: February 7, 1929

Earl Carnochan, of Reach Township, narrowly escaped being crushed to death in the Harrison gravel pit, west of Myrtle last Saturday.

The usual thing happened. The gravel had been dug out under the bank until there was quite a cave, and into this hole Carnochan had gone to work. A great quantity of earth came down on him without warning, and, as a result he was pinned down so that he was rescued with difficulty.

Dr. Mathers was rushed to the scene, and upon examination it was found that the unfortunate man was badly crushed. His head and shoulders were badly hurt.

Two ribs were broken, but the worst injury was to his right leg, which was terribly dislocated at the knee. It is probable that Mr. Carnochan will not fully recover from his injuries for some months.

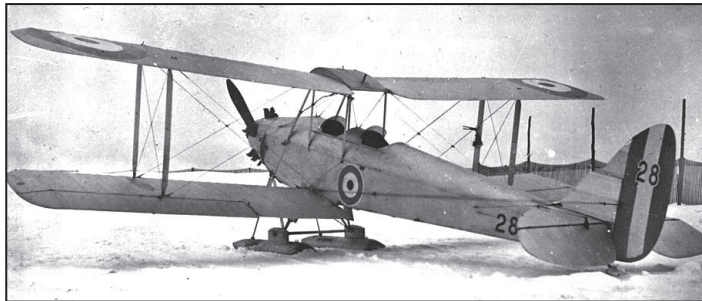
Port Perry residents get ride in Gipsy Moth biplane

Port Perry Star: February 8, 1929

Some twenty or more residents took a short airplane trip above the town on Monday afternoon. The plane, which is a De Haviland Gipsy Moth, is owned and operated by Mr. Irvin, of Whitby.

In structure it is a biplane, that is to say has two wings, and is powered with a four cylinder Gipsy engine. It seats two quite comfortably and is capable of carrying quite a load beside. For winter travel it has been equipped with skis and during its local sojourn it and took off from the ice.

On Monday afternoon it was kept very busy. All the passengers seemed to think they had gotten their money's worth (\$8). A young lady who was among the first to go up said she enjoyed her flight immensely.



A De Haviland Gipsy Mother aircraft on Lake Scugog, Port Perry.

Road to Manchester in poor condition

Port Perry Star: April 18, 1929

Only those who are responsible for the upkeep of roads in Reach Township will realize how expensive those bad spots on the road between Port Perry and Manchester are.

It is a detriment to Port Perry and the people who are specially served by that road; and is the indirect cause of much road destruction along the concessions leading to the highway.

Because there has been a bad strip of road between Port Perry and Manchester, all other roads leading to the cement highway are cut up badly at a great cost to the township in the matter of upkeep. In the interests of economy this piece of road should be cemented.

Cement road extended to Borelia

Port Perry Star: February 21, 1929

An outstanding event in Port Perry is the announcement made by Reeve Robt. Somerville that the cement road along Queen street is to be extended from the Town Hall to Borelia corner, ensuring a solid enduring road right to the top of the hill at all seasons of the year.

The Reeve should be thanked for his continued effort in this direction, and it gratifying to him and to the ratepayers that his efforts have been crowned with success.

A most determined effort should now be made to have this road between Borelia and Manchester constructed at once.

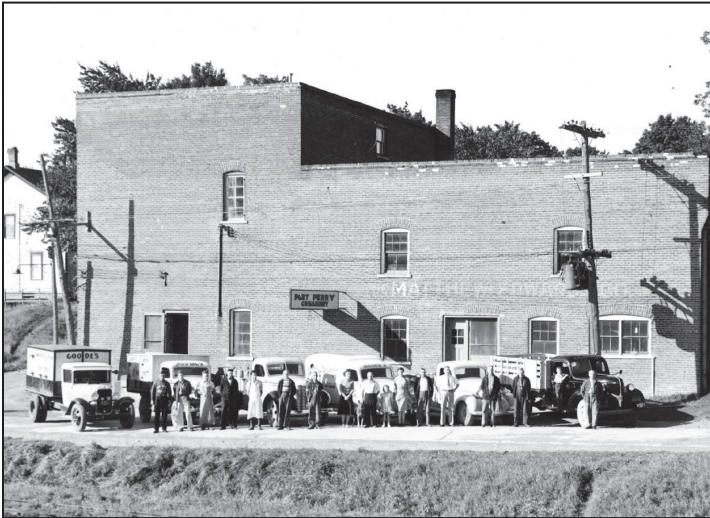
Modern improvements underway at Goode's ice cream factory

Port Perry Star: April 18, 1929

Installation of the Waltham Refrigerating system at Goode's Ice Cream factory marks another forward step in this popular Port Perry business. The new system does away with ice in the cabinets of the retailers and it also does away with the slop and mess of melting ice.

Everything is dry and clean in the new cabinets, which are so arranged that four refrigerating cartridges (20 below zero) are placed in receptacles about the can.

Daily service is given and an even temperature is maintained without "packing." In connection with this new refrigerating plant, a handsome Ice Cream Truck has been purchased with capacity for carrying one hundred gallons of ice cream.



Goode's "Port Perry Creamery" and Ice Cream Factory, Water Street.

Train derailed just north of Manchester

Port Perry Star: May 9, 1929

For the second time this year traffic was suspended on the Whitby-Lindsay branch of the C.N.R. when the morning train was derailed a little north of Manchester after the rainstorm of May 2nd.

The first washout was at Brooklin, and took quite a bit of filling. On this occasion the roadbed had been undermined, but there was no serious indication of danger, as the ties and rails were not moved.

The first sign of trouble was the spreading of the rails, and the engineer just had time to apply the emergency and air brakes after shutting of the steam. Then the engine slid off into the ditch and rolled over onto its side, taking the tender with it.

Both engineer and fireman managed to jump free and escaped serious injury, although both were bruised. The baggage car also jumped the track, but remained upright; but the passenger coach stayed on the rails, and beyond a severe shaking the passengers were unhurt.

The first attempts to remove the wreck and restore it to the rails were not entirely successful. The engine was turned right side up, but it sank axle deep in the mud. The tender had to be cut loose from the engine. The wheel base of the tender was entirely wrecked.

It was not until Monday that the engine was finally lifted from the ditch, and then it required two derricks to lift it. The trouble was that the locomotive had sunk in the mud up to the floor of the cab, and the track was not in a condition to stand the strain of such a heavy lift from a single derrick.



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May 1929

Another washout derails train just north of Manchester. Both engineer and fireman were able to jump free and no one was hurt.

The barn and stock of Henry Thomas, Greenbank was completely destroyed. Damage estimated at more than \$7,000.

Conditions are being improved at the lakefront. The ground has been levelled and seeded, trees are being planted and a barrier installed to prevent cars from parking at the edge of the lake.

Former Standard Bank property will be vacated and amalgamate with Bank of Commerce. H.G. Hutcheson is manager and E.B. Walker, remains as associate.

Mr. George Hall purchased part of the lakefront and will be tearing down the old saw mill built by Mr. Arthur Carnegie to build a dancing pavillion.

Dr. George Rennie will occupy the Archer home. His mother is coming to keep house for him.

Harold R. Archer has bought the H.H. Stone property next to the post office and Walter Cook is opening a restaurant in the Rolph Block next to the Port Perry Star office.

June 1929

Over 100 people of Scugog and Port Perry searched all night to find a three year old child, found asleep on a log in a boggy area.

Mr. P.G. Morrison moves his drug store into the Arch Block, occupying the store formlery owned by Mr. H. H. Stone.

The Parsonage, Centre Church and Township Hall, Scugog Island, are wired for hydro.

County Council votes 22-1 in favour of constructing a cement road from Manchester to Port Perry this summer.

The Royal Bank will move to the Ferguson Block, just east of Post Office.

The 'Human Fly' Jerry Hudson gives a demonstration of climbing, by scaling the outside wall of Sebert House.

Plans undereway for a dancing pavilion on Port Perry lakefront

Port Perry Star: May 23, 1929

One of important changes in the town is the purchase of part of the mill property at the lakefront by Mr. George Hall for recreation purposes. Mr. Hall is to be complimented, upon his enterprise and our people will watch with keen interest for the success of his venture.

The tourist cottages are being turned into a dancing pavilion, and the old sawmill, which for 20 years past has manufactured our local forests into lumber, is being torn down.

The forests are gone – times have changed. This sawmill was built by Mr. Arthur Carnegie.

Royal and Commerce banks move to new locations on Queen Street

Port Perry Star: May 23, 1929

The Royal Bank has leased the property at present occupied by Mr. P. G. Morrison's drugstore. Various negotiations are on foot to suitably locate all concerned and many rumours are afloat as to the probable outcome of the moves.

It is expected that when this institution occupies the new premises some noticeable improvements will be made in the building. The date of this change is not yet set.

Another banking change will be the amalgamation of the two branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which takes effect on the 4th of June.

The former Standard Bank property will be vacated, and the building on the north side of street will be the branch headquarters, with Mr. H.G. Hutcheson, as local manager, and Mr. E.B. Walker, associate.



Bank of Commerce on north side of Queen St.

Water level in Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star: June 27, 1929

Superintendent Kilaly of the Trent Valley Canal System spoke to residents of Port Perry and vicinity regarding water conditions in Lake Scugog.

He contended that so far as control at Lindsay is concerned the matter had received proper attention in view of the need for caring for the discharge of waters at freshet time.

A suggested was made to Mr. Kilaly that the Scugog channel should be re-buoyed and that records at Lake Scugog levels should be kept and that a tug should be supplied to help the property owners bordering the lake to keep channels open from the main channel to the several landing places.

Child who wandered away found asleep on a tree trunk

Port Perry Star: June 6, 1929

Last Saturday night more than 100 people from Scugog and Port Perry joined in an all night search for three-year old Mabel Greenhill, of Toronto, who strayed from her people at Lakeside Beach, Scugog Island.

The little tot had picked flowers on Saturday afternoon and got separated from her brother and was lost in the woods. Not until Sunday morning was she discovered asleep on the trunk of a tree about a mile from the cottage where they were staying.

"I cried and cried and called from mother", she said. "But she didn't come so I climbed here and fell asleep."

Great was the relief to the parents and the community when word came on that Mabel had been found; for the people had about given up hope that the child could be alive. Indeed the lake at Rogerson's point was dragged in expectation of finding the body.

Complains of rough road on Water St.

Port Perry Star: June 27, 1929

A anonymous resident writes that anyone travelling over the road leading into Port Perry will find the road very rough and suggested it should be paved further south than it is.

He pointed out that Water St., from the corner of Queen St. south to the Creamery is smooth, but that's where the pavement ends. South from the railroad crossing on Water St. to the next corner, the road is exceedingly rough with hollows in the road about the size of a basin.

If the road were paved, it certainly would form a much more pleasant entrance to the "big city" of Port Perry.

Lake Scugog gives up plenty of bass and muskalunge to local fishermen

Port Perry Star: July 4, 1929

Dominion Day used in the muskalunge and bass season in the water of the district and Lake Scugog established a record that would be hard to beat. Hundreds of "lunge" and bass were taken from the waters of the lake.

A complete count would be impossible to obtain without a roundup of the various game wardens, but at Port Perry along 68 lunge and 79 bass were reported to Warden J.C. Cockburn.

Launches, rowboats and candies were docking at frequent intervals throughout the day with catches as high as 16 lunge, or 12 bass and 1 lunge.

Two of the biggest fish were brought in by Eligah Beare, who had to struggle first to land a muskellunge that weighted 20.5 ponds and later a 16 pounder.

Accident traps three people under overturned car, seriously injured

Port Perry Star: July 25, 1929

On Sunday afternoon, a Toronto motorist found on overturned car at the head of Scugog Island, with three persons pinned underneath. He succeeded in releasing the victims of the auto mishap and took them to their home in Port Perry, also securing a doctor.

Upon the doctor's arrival it was found that the young girl – Pearl Sutcliffe, was in a very bad condition, as her side had been pierced in two places. At the back the wound has cut the liver, and at the front had pierced the abdomen.

Dr. Mathers, after an X-Ray had been taken by Drs. Jeffrey and Rennie, had the child removed to Oshawa Hospital.

The next oldest girl had her knee badly cut; but otherwise escaped serious injury. The driver of the car, Roy Shaver, of Manilla, was unhurt. Apparently the driver had attempted to turn the corner of the road at too fast a pace and lost control of his car which turned over, and held the occupants until help arrived

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July 1929

Fishing great on Lake Scugog this year Mr. George Jackson catches 22 lb. muskalunge, Elijah Beare a 20 lb. lunge and Mrs. Stewart Collins, 17.5 pound muskalunge.

Gordon Sweetman has purchased the Graham Garage, beside the Star Office from Wesley Boynton, and will open shortly for repair service.

A camp for boys has been established on a delightful spot at Stephenson's Point.

August 1929

Earthquake tremors were felt in Port Perry for about 20 minutes, although very little damage was reported.

Cement highway from Manchester to Port Perry is now under construction and should be completed in five weeks.

September 1929

Opening of the new highway from Port Perry to Manchester takes place at the Town hall Sept. 30 with the Hon. George S. Henry performing the ceremony.

Harold Archer returned from a 3,075 mile trip to Winnipeg and back to Port Perry in his Pontiac Six, taking five days to complete the round-trip journey.

October 1929

A Hamilton firm have made arrangements with W. Henry Doubt to open a clothing factory in Port Perry, which would imply more than 150 hands.

November 1929

Carnegie-Day Motors dissolved. Will now be known as Carnegie Motor Sales. J.M. Carnegie.

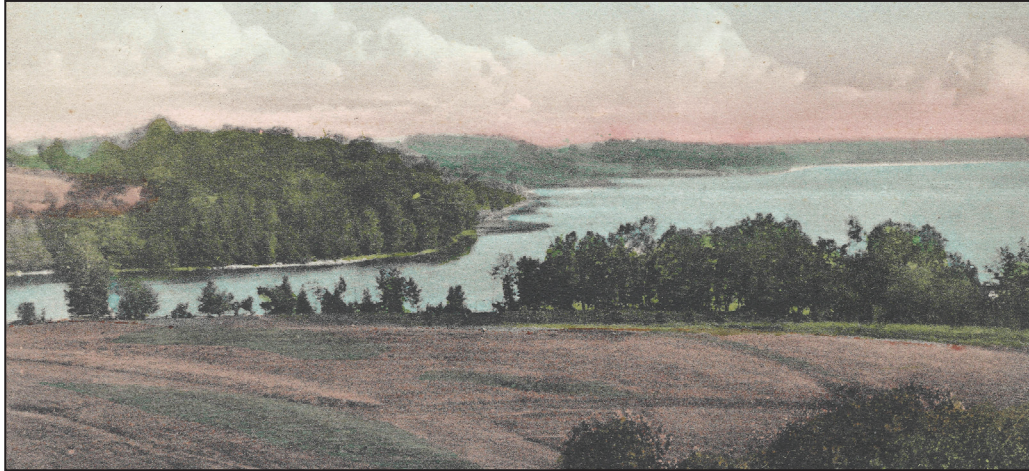
Mrs. Jack Carnegie announces the opening of a Lending Library at her home on Bigelow St.

Rev. F.G. Weir sells his book "Scugog and Its Environs" for 25¢ a copy to clear out his inventory.

December 1929

Frederick W. Brock announces he will join the chain of grocery stores known as Red & White.

A new large transformer station has been installed at the fairgrounds, which completes the strengthening of the system.



New summer camp for boys opens at Stephenson's Point

Port Perry Star: July 11, 1929

More than 80 boys from Reach, Uxbridge and Scott townships attended camp at Stephenson's Point, Scugog Island this week. The spot on Lake Scugog has been leased for five years to an interdenominational group of churches.

The camp is open to all boys of the district, who are taught swimming, camp craft, Bible study, first aid and music by very capable instructors.

The camp tents, of which there are 19, are grouped in a large horseshoe, with a big marquee which is used for a dining tent and assembly hall. The grounds have been lit with electricity and a permanent cookhouse has been erected.

The camp is kept spick and span at all times. Every morning there is a clean-up period, during which the whole campground is cleared of refuse and debris. In view of the success of the camp it is intended to make it an annual event, and plans include expanding it to two weeks, with a week each for boys and girls.

Port Perry plans for Civic Holiday celebrations

Port Perry Star: August 1, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, of Seven Mile Island have felt for some time that Port Perry should have an annual celebration on the Civic Holiday, Monday, August 5th. Accordingly there will be no picnic at their gardens at Seven Mile Island.

Instead of that Mr. Wilson is making a very substantial donation to help with the expense of putting on the celebration, which will be held under auspices of the Port Perry Band. The committee has been able to arrange a most attractive program, and good prizes are being offered for the various events.

Special attention is being given to horse races at the Fair Grounds, with a purse of \$500 offered, \$250 for a 2.15 class, and \$250 for a 2.22 class. The committee in charge are getting into touch with some first-class horsemen, and arrangements are under way to get the track in shape.

Aquatic sports, horseshoe pitching, street parade, soft ball, street dance, and band contest; will round out a big day. Various other details will be announced later.

Outbreak of robberies in Uxbridge, Port Perry

Port Perry Star: August 8, 1929

Every once in a while there is an outbreak of robbery in the district. A few days ago Uxbridge suffered five robberies, and on Monday night the premises of E.H. Gerrow & Sons, P.G. Morrison, and the Port Perry Café were all entered during the progress of the street dance.

In the Gerrow premises the thieves made two hauls, one of \$20.00 and the other of \$45.00. In the Port Perry Café they were more fortunate, securing some \$400.00 from an upstairs room. This they entered by securing a ladder that was being used by the painters at the Royal Bank building.

In Mr. Morrison's case, the thieves were evidently disturbed. Mr. Morrison says that 'there was evidence of their entrance through an upstairs window, which they entered by removing a screen. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison heard a noise and went to investigate, but the thief evidently heard too, and departed.

Construction of cement road to Manchester underway

Port Perry Star: October 22, 1929

The long awaited road between Port Perry and Manchester is now in process of construction, and at the present rate of going it looks as though the job would soon be completed.

Our pioneer forfathers would have been startled could they have seen present day methods of building roads. They produced roads that met the needs of their day but they did the laborious work almost entirely without machinery, and the roads they built would be almost useless to-day with the constant stream of traffic.

Nowadays special companies build roads and do it with a rapidity and performance that is most surprising. With a fleet of 50 or 60 trucks to draw gravel, and a giant cement mixer that can digest a whole truckload of gravel and cement as fast as they can be drawn to the place, the daily production of road is amazing.

And such road! Smooth, hard, even in crown and easy of grade, it is one of the triumphs of modern civilization that even the Romans might have envied. It is quite probable that in five weeks from now the road will be open for traffic and we shall have a permanent tie to the main highway; and the old mud-plowing days on the road between here and Manchester will be over.

This is one of the most important steps that has been taken in the history of Port Perry, and should be a distinct asset to our town.

Official opening of Port Perry to Manchester cement road

Port Perry Star: September 30, 1929

The official opening of the new cement road between Port Perry took place on September 30th and there was a good turnout at the Town Hall to hear the addresses by municipal officials.

The opening ceremony was performed following speeches by the Hon. George S. Henry in front of the Town Hall. The Port Perry Band gave much appreciated music during this part of the celebration. At 6.45 p.m. on Monday, September 30th, 1929, a new era for Port Perry was begun.

In discussing the building of highways, Mr. Henry gave some interesting data regarding road construction. The piece of road recently laid between Port Perry and Manchester is of the highest possible type, and will in all probability last a life time.

To build a road of this type, 20 feet wide, require 4,000 tons of material to the mile, and the hauling of this huge amount of road metal requires an outlay of 200 per ton mile. As the material for the Port Perry to Manchester road was hauled 12 1/2 miles it would cost \$2.50 per ton by the time it reached its destination, in addition to the cost of digging from the pit and washing free from impurities.

Call for night watchman after multiple robberies overnight

Port Perry Star: December 12, 1929

A robber or robbers had evidently laid out a big program to be carried out in Port Perry last Sunday night, but found some surprises, and the program was cut short rather suddenly.

They apparently began operations by securing a Chevrolet sedan at Beare Bros.' Garage. Then they seemed to have visited Superior Stores, where some shoes and other articles were taken. Later one man entered the store of Carnegie Motor Sales, and by breaking open the cash register, secured about eight dollars in cash.

The next move took him to the Carnegie Hardware store, which he attempted to enter. Doubtless he would have succeeded, but in their travels some one had tried the door of F. W. Brock & Son's store, and had aroused Mr. Arthur Brock, who was sleeping over the store. When the robber tried to make an entrance into the Carnegie store he was in full view of Mr. Brock, who brought a rifle into play, and shooting low, effectually scared the burglar from his purpose.

Before this Mr. Brock had notified Chief Nesbitt by telephone of what was going on. the chief and Mr. Brock gave chase, but the robber had a long start, and he turned ran north, and disappeared.

At some time during the night, Mr. Harold Archer's house was entered and some silverware was stolen. A child's bank was also looted and some dollars taken.

The police were notified at once of the loss of the Chevrolet sedan, and before 6 p.m. Monday it had been located and was taken to No. 4 Police Station, Toronto, where Mr. Beare identified it and it was brought home. There is need for the employment of a night watchman in Port Perry, and for the installing of a burglar alarm system.

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