

# OUT OF THE ASHES

## PORT PERRY A CENTURY OF PROGRESS



Following the devastating fires of 1883 and 1884, which completely leveled Port Perry's business section, the community rebuilt and looked towards the 20th century full of hope and optimism. The following pages chronical, in part, 100 years of growth.

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# Foreword

As we near the end of the twentieth century, and the millennium, what better time to reflect on the people and events which have contributed to making Port Perry the thriving community it is today.

Over the past century, we've seen this town emerge from being a busy industrial community, its lakefront lined with rail cars, steamboats, grist and lumber mills, to a predominantly farming and tourist destination. How did we get here, and who were the driving forces behind the changes?

This book, *Out Of The Ashes*, will hopefully answer some of those questions.

Throughout the next 300 pages, readers will be introduced to the people whose leadership and progressive thinking were instrumental in the building of roads and bridges, bringing hydro to town and the introduction of the telephone.

In order to chronicle these events, countless hours have been spent scanning thousands of pages of microfilm, documenting news items, locating and printing pictures from *The Port Perry Star* files, and reproducing old photographs provided by the museum and a scores of area residents. Within the pages of this book you will find more than 1,000 photographs illustrating personalities and places from the past 100 years.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, but as with most living documents, we anticipate there will be readers of this book who have in their possession information which was unavailable to us at the time of publishing. We would ask anyone who can add information to submit it for future use, in the event this book is reprinted at a later date.

By no means does the information in this book include all the important persons, issues and events of the past century. Many subjects such as, the steamboat era, coming of the railway, the Lake Scugog watershed, estate homes, and the building of the Scugog Bridge could not be tackled in the detailed manner they deserve. Plans are already underway by local author Paul Arculus and myself to address some of these interesting topics in a future books about the area.

It is important to note, that for the most part, this manuscript does not attempt to detail events, only to capsulize them through the use of condensed versions of actual newspaper articles.

Assuming a community is only as good as those who live and work in it, Port Perry has indeed been fortunate to have hundreds of men and women who

worked to make the community and surrounding areas a better place in which to live over the past 100 years. Many of these progressive, hard working citizens are introduced throughout these pages.

Compiling the photographs of these personalities was one of the most difficult tasks to accomplish, as very often photographs of notable residents were unavailable. Unfortunately, in these cases, we had to proceed without the pictures. Thankfully, through the generosity of area residents, we were able to locate many photographs, until now hidden away in closets and family albums.

Scugog Shores Museum has a wealth of old photographs of men, women and families taken by the the Leonards, Port Perry's most notable photographers from 1850 to 1900. Unfortunately hundreds of them have never been identified. We urge any resident with deep roots in this community to visit the museum and see if you can put some names to the forgotten faces on these old photographs.

This book has been arranged in ten chapters, each one highlighting the events and personalities of a decade. In addition, there is a section at the front dealing with the 'great fires', and another near the back of the book which compares Port Perry today with how it looked a century ago. This feature is followed by an index to assist readers in finding names and places of interest.

Compiling and publishing *Out Of The Ashes* continues a tradition started by Samuel Farmer, publisher of *The Port Perry Star* from 1907 to 1948. Mr. Farmer was the author, printer and publisher of *On The Shores Of Scugog*. In his book he introduced the first settlers to the area and outlined pioneer life leading to the end of the 19th century. The book was published first in 1913, revised and re-printed in 1934 and again in the 1970s, by the Scugog Historical Society.

Reverting to history once again a new company, assuming a former local newspaper's name "*The Observer*," was formed for the purpose of publishing this book and any future publications.

*Out Of The Ashes* is a joint project, co-published by *Observer Publishing of Port Perry*, and *The Port Perry Star*.

We hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane.

J. Peter Hvidsten  
 Publisher  
*The Port Perry Star*  
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*Out Of The Ashes* has been researched and compiled by J. Peter Hvidsten, Publisher of *The Port Perry Star*, as a means of recording the day to day events throughout the 20th century, which contributed to the prosperous and vibrant community we enjoy today.

While every effort has been made to be factual, we recognize by the sheer scope of this project, the possibility of some inaccuracies or discrepancies. At the time of publishing, the information contained within these pages is believed to be accurate, although we realize many new facts could come to light once it becomes a public document. For the most part, the items within have been transferred directly from original newspaper articles. Any typographical errors are "as found" in the original news stories.

In order to chronicle a century of life in Port Perry and area, we have had to draw on many sources for information and photographs. Special thanks to Paul Arculus who kindly shared his resources and knowledge of area history while researching this document, and artist Peter Moore for his spectacular rendition of downtown Port Perry being consumed by fire. We also gratefully acknowledge the following people who willingly shared so many memories and snapshots of years gone by.

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# Port Perry Past and Present

As we take a look at the Township of Scugog, and in particular Port Perry as this century draws to a close, we find a thriving community with an attractive and prosperous business sector. While Scugog is still predominately a farming community, the business of tourism has increased dramatically over the past decade, making the area one of the most popular weekend destinations in southern Ontario.

The Port Perry of today differs greatly with the town of a century ago, when industry was the engine that drove this busy village nestled on the shore of Lake Scugog. The steamships and railway are gone, and the busy lumber, grain and grist mills that lined the waterfront are just memories. Quaint shops have replaced the harness makers, tailors, blacksmiths and general merchandise businesses of a century ago.

While much has changed, the one common link that bridges the century, is the attractive buildings along Queen Street constructed following the devastating fire of 1884. Most of these buildings are still standing, and after years of neglect, many have been restored to their former magnificence.

Today, the town is a mecca for tourism as visitors enjoy strolling along the attractively refurbished main street lined with unique stores and visiting Palmer Park along the lakefront for picnics, boating and fishing.

A number of businesses with links to the past are still operating successfully today. The town's oldest family business is Brock's store, started in 1881 by William Brock, and presently managed by his great granddaughter Marina Brock; the Wagg Funeral Home has provided continuous service under different ownerships since 1846 and is now owned by Myles O'Riordan; the local newspaper, The Port Perry Star, started in 1866 by Edward Mundy, continues to serve the community under the ownership of J. Peter Hvidsten and Don MacLeod; the family business of Emmerson Insurance started in 1917 by Harold Emmerson is now operated by his grandson Larry and partner Jack Dowson; Lake Scugog Lumber, founded in 1934 by Samuel Griffen, is presently owned by his son Ted, whose children Debbie, Paul and Ian operate the business.

Port Perry of today is much different than 100 years ago. Along the lakefront starting north of the pier, where the Paxton and Carnegie Mills used to operate, we find Birdseye Park, the Scugog Memorial Library and Port Perry Marina. South of the pier, Palmer Park stretches out until we come to the Port Perry Tennis Courts which are flanked by baseball diamonds. South of the park along the easterly section of the causeway is Reid's Independent grocery store.

Immediately south of Hwy. 7A we find the furniture business of Ballard and Carnegie and just west is Cashway Lumber. Next is Port Perry Plaza which incorporates a Canadian Tire store, Stedmans department store and a variety of smaller businesses. West of the plaza are two small strip-plazas containing a variety of stores including Kentucky Fried Chicken, Trader's Restaurant, Radio Shack, Williams' Arms, Mr. Submarine, Dollar Store and a Video Rental outlet. Just west of Carnegie St. are the bowling alley and Starlite Bar and Grill.

North of 7A Hwy. is another strip plaza with businesses ranging from convenience stores to restaurants. As we move north along the west side of Water St. we find three more small commercial buildings containing retail stores on the lower floor and apartments above. Next to them Port Perry Muffler Shop operates out of an old garage, and on the site of the former Port Perry Creamery, is a three-story apartment/condominium building with retail stores at street level. Sutton Real Estate occupies the adjacent building, and the Antrim House Pub sits at the corner of Water and Mary St.

In the final block before Queen St., we find the Waterfront Cafe, Pizza Delight restaurant, Ive's Florist and the Pantry Shelf. At the corner of Queen and Water Street, in the former Sebert House Hotel, are the offices of Re/Max Real Estate.

Other businesses found throughout the downtown core include Tim Horton's and Country Style Donuts; Wendy's Hamburgers; Dairy Queen; ESSO, Pioneer, Olco and Suny's Gas bars; the Liquor Store; Port Perry Star office; Port Perry Printing and a number of law, insurance and accounting offices.

Queen St. is lined along both sides with an assortment of businesses, many of which can be seen in photos starting on page 285 of this book. The most imposing of these is the Settlement House shops in the old Blong Block. While the downtown still has a good variety of stores aimed at local shoppers, the trend over the past decade has shifted to cater to the visiting public. Craft and gift oriented stores now dot the main street, offering a



variety of country decorating items, gifts and cards, nostalgia and antiques. Fortunately businesses like the banks, drug stores, post office, hardware, grocery store and liquor stores have remained in the downtown core providing locals with the necessities of everyday life.

Today's Queen St. is nothing like the early part of this century when boardwalks lined the dirt streets; when the horse and buggy mingled with new horseless carriages: when angle parking was on both sides of the street and stop signs were unheard of. Cement roads and sidewalks were constructed in the 1920s; angle parking was eliminated in the 1970s, and the town installed its first traffic signal lights during the 1980s. There are now six signalized traffic lights in town and over the past year four-way stop signs have been erected at both the corners of Water and Queen St. and Perry and Queen St. to help control the increased traffic flow within the downtown.

Very little industry is left in Port Perry, although a handful of companies continue to operate from the town. Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens, which produces frozen food products, has operated from its Old Simcoe Rd. plant for close to two decades. Techstar Plastics manufactures a variety of plastic products in its plant beside Mother Jackson's. South of town, Lake Scugog Lumber operates a lumber yard and a truss manufacturing plant and just south of them, is a small auto parts manufacturer.

Port Perry of 1999 is a very prosperous community with the population at an all time high nearing 7,000 residents and growing. Subdivisions are under construction at both the south and north end of town and others are in the planning stage.

The scenic beauty of the area, attractive downtown, access to Lake Scugog and the quality services are some of the reasons new residents are attracted to the town, which boasts one of the most modern and up-to-date hospitals north of the larger centres, Community Memorial Hospital. The local facility offers 52 acute care and 16 chronic care beds, surgical and obstetrical service in modern birthing suites. In addition, within the town we find a large nursing home, two senior assisted living centres and three senior apartment complexes.

Educational facilities include: Port Perry High School, R.H. Cornish, S.A. Cawker, and Prince Albert public schools, providing excellent quality education for the public system, while two primary-grade Catholic schools, a Christian Reform and Montessori private school provide alternate education.

One of Port Perry's oldest structures, Town Hall 1873, still provides needed space for the cultural interests of the community. Groups such as the Scugog Choral Society and Borelians Theatre Group use the facility to produce musicals and plays for area theatre enthusiasts. A major restoration of the historic building is being considered for the near future.

As the community continues to grow, the recreational needs for area residents increases, and if there is one area in which the town is lagging, it is the need for additional facilities. Scugog Arena, built more than 20 years ago, provides the only ice pad for skating, hockey and broomball and can no longer cope with the demand for ice time. Discussion about a second ice pad have surfaced numerous times over the past decade, with nothing planned at this time.

Earlier this year the 60-year-old public swimming pool located at Birdseye Centre Park was closed, leaving the town without a municipal swimming facility. Both of these recreational needs will have to be addressed in the near future.

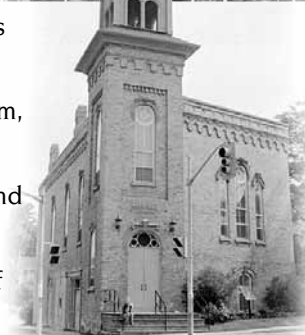
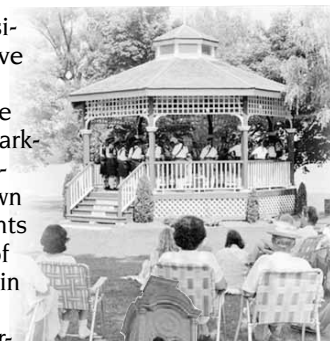
Other facilities for youth and adult recreation include newly seeded and leveled soccer pitches on Old Simcoe Rd. north; the Port Perry Tennis Club courts; ball diamonds at the lake-front and behind the Scugog Arena; the curling club, lawnbowling club and the Durham Rowing Club which operates near the public boat launch.

Of course Scugog's most well known and used recreation facility is Lake Scugog. Whether it's swimming, boating or fishing in the summer; or snowmobiling, skating or ice fishing in the winter; as throughout this entire century, the lake provides endless recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors.

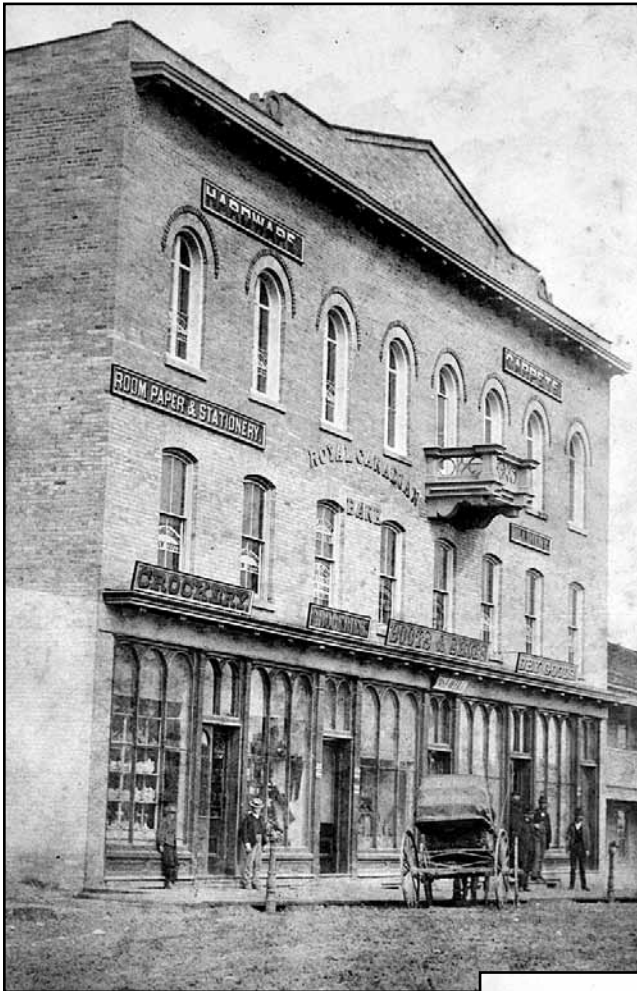
Port Perry of 1999 is a modern, vibrant and prosperous community with many visible links to its historical roots. The old feed mill at the east end of Queen St. is a constant reminder of our heritage; the attractive brick buildings lining the main street and the elaborate architecture of older homes found on tree-lined streets indicates a prosperous past.

There is little doubt, as this century ends and a new one begins, Port Perry will continue to prosper and grow.

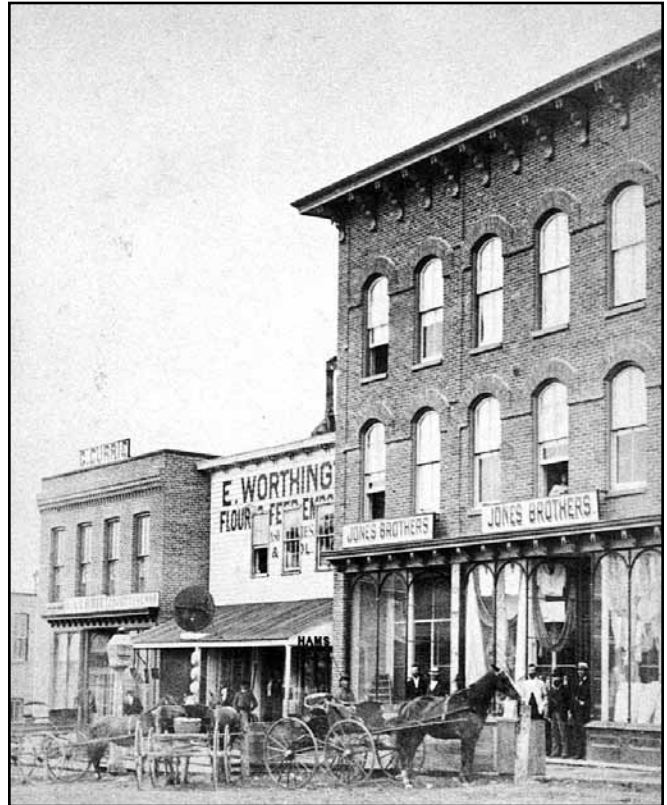
But for now, let's enjoy a look back at our exciting past!



# Buildings Before Fires of 1883 & 1884



Joseph Bigelow's 'Royal Arcade' was located on Queen St., approximately the location of the Settlement House Shops in 1999. The building was completely destroyed in the fire of 1884.



Above is a view of the C. Currie Block, hardware store of E. Worthington, which later became W.L. Parish Hardware and Jones Brothers.



Above, two frame buildings owned by A.H. Reynolds Blacksmith and A.W. Allin's Carriage Shop. Destroyed in the fire of 1884, they were later re-built on the same site.



This painting depicts the fire of Nov. 1883 as it swept along the north side of Queen Street.

# The Fires

*This book primarily deals with events which take place from 1900-1999 in the Lake Scugog area, but in order to appreciate Port Perry of today, it is important to understand the struggles and hardships its townsfolk endured more than a century ago.*

*By all accounts, the village of Port Perry during the 1880s was one of the most thriving and industrious small communities in Ontario County. But that status was shattered by two major fires over the span of seven months in 1883 and 1884. Two fires which brought the town to a complete standstill, leaving this bustling community in shock and smouldering ruins.*

*Undaunted by the tragic events, one of the town's most respected retail merchants, Mr. Aaron Ross, led the call to rebuild by saying, "we are not disheartened, most of us will rebuild, and it may be that out of the present ashes a town will be reared that will be a standing credit to the enterprising merchants of this place."*

*Little did he know how accurate this statement would be.*

*Following is an account of the fires that ravaged the town and were ultimately responsible for the re-building of the attractive downtown we know today, which literally grew.... "out of the ashes".*

By J. Peter Hvidsten  
with files by Paul Arculus

Residents were awakened from their sleep about midnight Sunday night (Nov. 26, 1883) by the sounds of panic and shouting coming from the street, and a bright, red glow streaming through their windows.

Downtown Port Perry was being consumed by a mountain of flame and before it ended the fire had destroyed property valued between \$125 - \$150,000.

The 'fire fiend', as it was called, started near the rear of the Port Perry House, at the corner of Queen and Water St. Fanned by a powerful blast from the south-east, it succeeded in wiping out one-third of the businesses on the north side of the street in three hours.

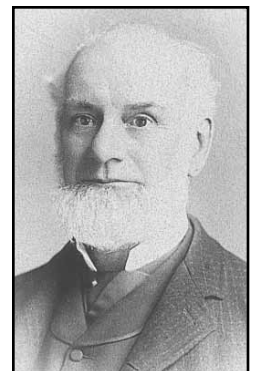
Only the existence of an alley between the Brunswick

House and McCaw's Jewellery store, coupled with the fact that the wall of the hotel fell inwards, saved the remainder of the buildings.

Residents flew to the rescue and the fire brigade was soon on hand, but contending against fearful odds, they were unable to be of much help.

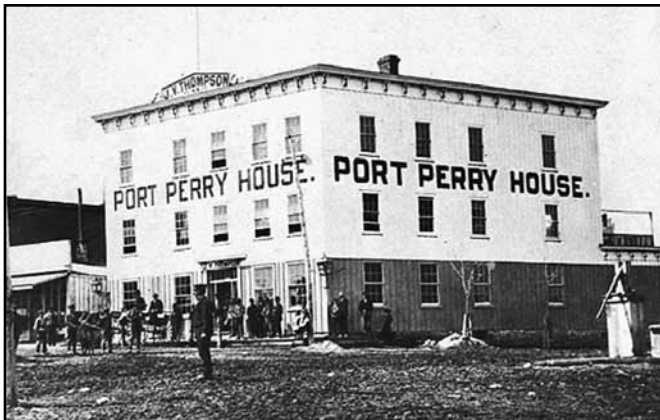
The morning after the devastation a large number of the finest structures in town were laid into sickening heaps of ashes and piles of broken brick. The hearts of the people quaked in gazing on the ruins, and many uttered fear for the future of the town.

Fortunately they did not take into account the daring enterprise of the owners of the property. Before the smoke of the embers ceased, W.B. McGaw, proprietor of the now obliterated but well-known Walker House, was seen passing over the ruins and ordering immediate removal of the bricks and rubbish with a



**AARON ROSS**

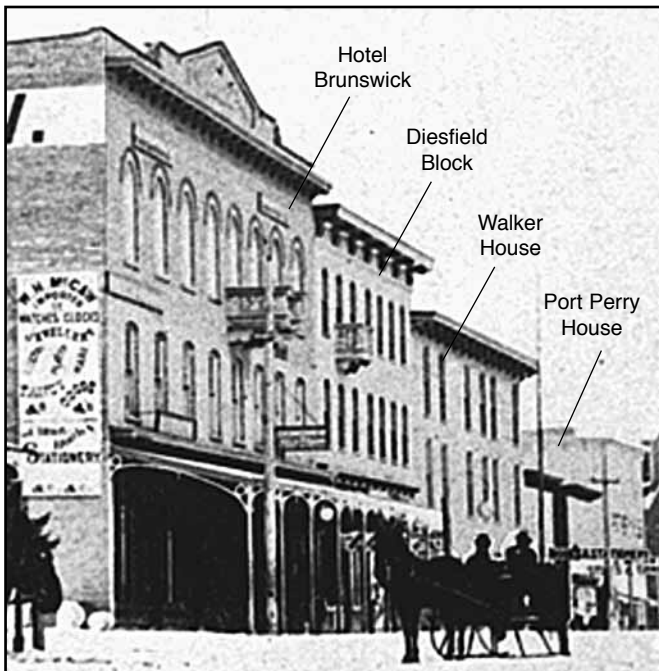
Leads merchants in plans to rebuild the town.



Fire broke out at the rear of James V. Thompson's "Port Perry House" on Nov. 26, 1883 destroying one-third of the town's commercial buildings.

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## THE PORT PERRY FIRES



The 1883 fire destroyed all these buildings, from left, the 'Arcade' building, which housed the Hotel Brunswick; the Diesfield Block, Walker House, Hiscox building and at far right, the Port Perry House.

view to rebuilding on a more magnificent scale. In order to secure still more extended frontage, he purchased an adjoining 24' of property to the east from Aaron Ross.

Mr. Blong, the proprietor of the splendid Hotel Brunswick, now a heap of ruins, ordered the removal of the debris of his famous structure in order to erect as early as possible, new premises still more magnificent and costly than those destroyed.

Mr. Ruddy, the worthy host of the Port Perry House now a victim of the flames, offered to purchase the site of the destroyed hotel

from Mr. Thompson, but Thompson decided to rebuild. Messrs. Diesfield, Hiscox and Worthington were also all expected to rebuild.

In the meantime, those driven out by the flames found shelter as best they could while awaiting the erection of their new premises.

Mr. Blong rented and comfortably fitted up the house belonging to Mr. Thomas Graham opposite the railway station on Water St.; Mr. Ruddy leased and fitted up Mr. D. Ireland's premises (the old Queen's Hotel); Mr. Laing and Meharry returned to the store they lately occupied on the opposite side of the street.

Diesfield's watch, clock and jewellery establishment moved to the north side of Queen Street, opposite the Observer Office; Mr. Charles moved his grocery and liquor business into the premises one door east of the barber shop; The firm of Curts and Henderson secured a lease of a portion of the Market Building on Perry St.

The Griffith Stove and Tinware business located on the west side of Perry Street; Mr. Vansickler, one of our enterprising Livery proprietors established his livery establishment in part of the Mansion House stables; Mr. McKenzie moved his business to the Leonard Block opposite The Market and Mr. S. Graham moved his Blacksmithing shop to the rear of his late premises.

Back in business, in temporary quarters, property owners immediately began the huge chore of removing charred debris and bricks off their lots, in preparation for rebuilding.



**ALBERT A. POST**  
Architect of the beautiful Blong Block

Unfortunately, due to the oncoming winter, aside from the massive clean-up, the only actual construction to take place was temporary premises from which to operate their businesses.

Within three months following the fire, many land-owners had plans drawn-up for new brick buildings and tenders began to appear in the local newspapers for contractors and materials.

One of the first to get underway was James V. Thompson, owner of the Port Perry House, who began laying down large timbers for sills in Feb. 1884. Right behind him came

Some of town's  
finest structures  
laid to ashes

November 1883



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The 'fiery fiend'  
strikes for a  
second time in less  
than a year

July 4, 1884

W. B. McGaw, proprietor of the destroyed Walker House, who began readying his lot for rebuilding as soon as the season allowed.

Mr. McGaw began construction of large new stables and sheds at the rear of his property by February, the stable measuring 48x40' and sheds 91 feet long.

Both Mr. McGaw and Mr. Thompson unveiled plans for new hotels during the same month. Thompson's was described as a three-storey brick building with 11' ceilings on the first floor, and 10' and 9' ceilings respectively on the upper two floors.

Mr. Thompson also purchased a large piece of property to the north of his hotel site at the corner of Queen and Water St., and work began raising the stables and sheds in May of 1884.

Not to be outdone, other property owners began their plans for rebuilding as well. In May architect A.A. Post of Whitby, who had been hired by Jonathan Blong, ran tender ads in local newspapers for contractors to erect a magnificent brick building on the Blong property which would contain five stores.

By mid-June, the re-building of downtown Port Perry was progressing rapidly. The brickwork on Mr. Hiscox's Block was nearing completion; the Diesfield Block was underway; both Mr. Thompson's and Mr. McGaw's stables and sheds were nearing completion; work on the Blong Block was about to get started and tenders had been let for the erection of two brick stores for Mr. M.H. Charles.

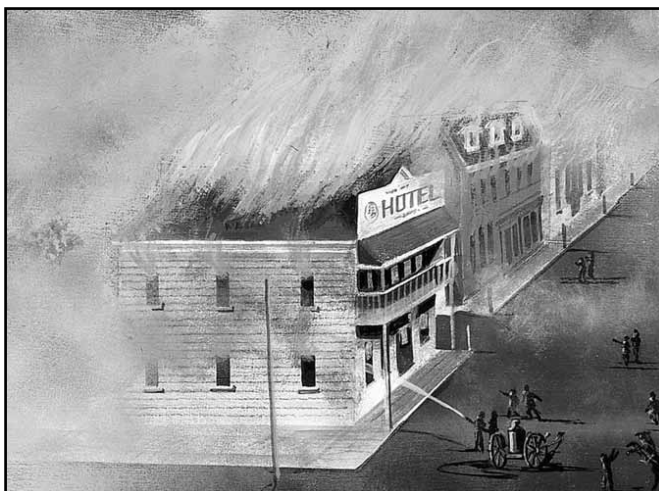
The future was beginning to look bright for downtown Port Perry. Devastated by fire just seven months earlier, new life was being breathed into Queen St. as dozens of contractors began construction of attractive, new brick buildings along the north side of the street.

But the euphoria wasn't to last long.

## THE PORT PERRY FIRES



The Mansion House Hotel, right with veranda, was the location the devastating fire of July 4, 1884 started. It is now the site of post office.



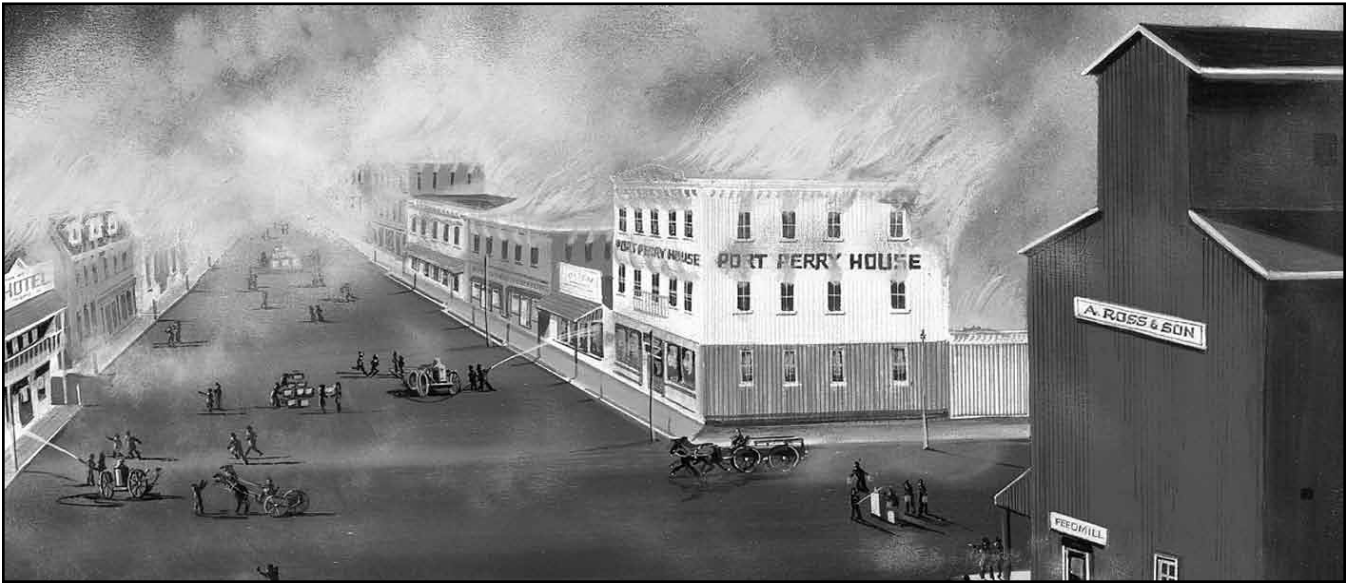
Fire rips away at Henry Charles Hotel (St. Charles) at the corner of Queen and Water St. in this illustration of the July 4, 1884 fire in downtown Port Perry.

## July 4, 1884

During the last week of June 1884, a heatwave hit the citizens of this part of the country. The heatwave continued into July, and as the sun set, on the evening of Thursday, July 3 a breeze drifted in from the south east. Most of the windows of the homes of Port Perry's residents would have been flung open in an attempt to catch the refreshing movement of air. A sense of relief from the intense heat would have no doubt embraced those who had opened their windows, for the breeze began to increase in strength.

In the middle of the south side of Queen Street was the Mansion House Hotel, with its stables and a blacksmith shop at the rear.

A few minutes before midnight, on the evening of July 3, the townspeople were rudely awakened by the persistent ringing of the Town Hall bell. The Town Hall bell acted as an alarm clock for the townsfolk, ringing every day at 7 a.m., noon hour, 1 o'clock and at 6 o'clock



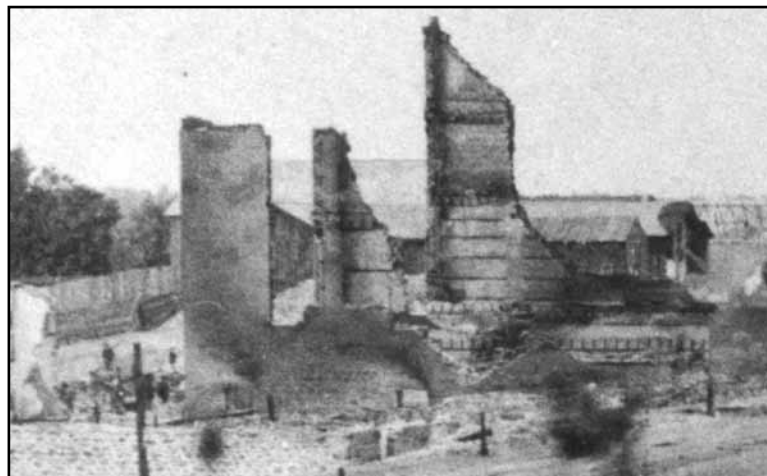
in the evening. However, if it rang at any other time, it could only have one meaning; FIRE! The volunteer firemen made their way quickly to the Town Hall to gather the limited fire fighting equipment available to them and to find out who was ringing the bell.

A fire had been noticed in the stables behind the Mansion House Hotel (site of the Post Office). Aided by the strong wind from the south east, it spread rapidly, first in a westerly direction, then across the road and finally, to the east. Wooden buildings in the middle of a hot dry summer, virtually exploded when sparks settled on them. The fire appliances were totally inadequate to handle an inferno of this proportion. One can only try to imagine the scene of panic and desperation as merchants ran downtown to try to rescue their merchandise. Flames reached dozens of metres into the air and could be seen as far away as Greenbank, Oshawa, Whitby and Port Hope. Attempts to save buildings were futile.

Panic stricken merchants, most of them uninsured, or at best under-insured, smashed down the rear doors of their stores, desperate to save merchandise. Some merchandise was rescued and piled on Perry St., but the heat of the conflagration drove people away and the rescued merchandise itself caught fire, consumed as the fire spread to Perry Street. In less than an hour, the entire business section of downtown Port Perry was an inferno.



This illustration of Port Perry under seige by the "fire fiend" can only begin to give us an idea of the sheer magnitude of the disaster which struck the town in July 1884.



Centre photo, the buildings occupied by Jones Brothers, Parrish Hardware and Geo. Currie before fire of 1884, and above, the remains after the fire.



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From the north side of Mary Street to the south side of North Street, from Water Street to Perry St. and on Queen Street all the way to John Street, the fire consumed every building, house, store, shed and stable, with the exception of three buildings. Tummond's store at southeast corner of John and Queen Streets, (Shopper's Drug Mart); A. Ross & Sons Elevator at the waterfront, and the almost completed Hiscox Block (Emiel's Place) were the only buildings to survive.

As daylight came, a scene of utter desolation confronted the townsfolk. Cries of disbelief and despair would no doubt be heard for miles around. This was a time when few places of business had adequate insurance, the majority would have had none at all. Thirty-three commercial buildings housing almost 50 businesses, as well as factories, warehouses, stables, six lodges and a dozen homes



The attractive Ontario Bank and Brown & Ross building as they looked before fire destroyed them in 1884.



These two buildings were located at the corners of Perry and Queen St. in the 1880s. At top, is the T. Courtice Block, which was located on the north west corner and below, the C. Currie Block, located on the north east corner. Parrish Hardware and part of the Jones Brothers' store are also visible. These structures, along with almost every other building in town were destroyed by the 1884 fire.

were nothing more than ashes and embers. Fortunately the contents of 26 vaults in various buildings were found to be undamaged in spite of the intense heat. Losses climbed to more than \$350,000, with only \$150,000 being covered by insurance.

There were no deaths resulting from the fire, although a few people received burns as they tried to save merchandise and a number of valuable animals were lost. In the stables at the Mansion House Hotel one horse valued at \$300 was destroyed along with other horses and a cow. A similar fate befell other animals in the stables of the other downtown hotels.

Mr. Tummonds store, at the far west end of town, survived the fire but his reputation was tainted by accusations. Whether through envy, mistrust or malicious lies, or a combination thereof, he was accused by *The Observer* as "taking advantage of the adverse circumstances in which the town has been placed by the late fire because being the only store in this place, advanced the price of many of the necessities of life as high as 50, 75, and 100 per cent." Claims which were never proved.

The tragedy of the 1884 fire was largely an economic one. For those on the north side of Queen Street who were just beginning to get themselves re-established after the 1883 fire, the tragedy was even more devastating. This second fire was too much for W.B. McGaw. He had run the Walker House for Dan Ireland and the hotel had been destroyed in the 1883 fire. Rather than stay in Port Perry and re-invest in its future, in October 1884, he moved to Bowmanville and invested in a hotel there.

The newspapers themselves were knocked out of business for three weeks, but on July 24, 1884, the editor of the *North Ontario Observer*, James Baird, commented in his editorial:

"We have to apologize to our patrons for this second interruption to our business during the past eight months. It would almost appear that the fire fiend has a dislike to *The Observer* office. It has hunted us from pillar to post

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## THE PORT PERRY FIRES



Above are the stores in the south east block of Queen St. which were totally destroyed in Port Perry's third major fire, on Sept. 18, 1901.

and driven us around town and came precious near to driving us out of it. No matter in which part of the town the fire starts it is sure to rope in *The Observer* ere all is done. During the past eight months we have twice been driven to the street by fire...”

Mr. Baird then went on to relate that “...The entire village is one grand scene of busy life, whole armies of carters, labourers, stone masons, brick layers and carpenters, are combining their efforts for the restoration of the town and the work is pro-

Ross Block  
saved by fast  
acting firemen

September 18, 1901

gressing with amazing rapidity.”

Temporary accommodation for local businesses were set up in basements, barns, warehouses and other storage facilities while construction got underway. Davenport and Jones set up their general store in the Town Hall basement. T.C. Forman, a staunch Presbyterian was even able to convince his congregation to allow him to set up his store in the basement of the church.

By July 31, *The Observer* reported “the perfect rush of industry which now prevails in the village of Port Perry is highly commendable to the enterprise and manly courage of those who so recently passed through the fire, the burned district is one scene of rush and activity and hosts of busy men are hurrying hither and thither in every direction while the perfect babel of hammers, saws, axes, trowels...is highly pleasant...there are 17 permanent brick blocks under construction.”

By the fall of 1884 the commercial core of Port Perry had taken on a bright new look. Beautiful red and yellow brick buildings, lined both sides of the street, a stark contrast to months earlier when the every building lay a smouldering under the black ash of charred ruins.

## September 18, 1901

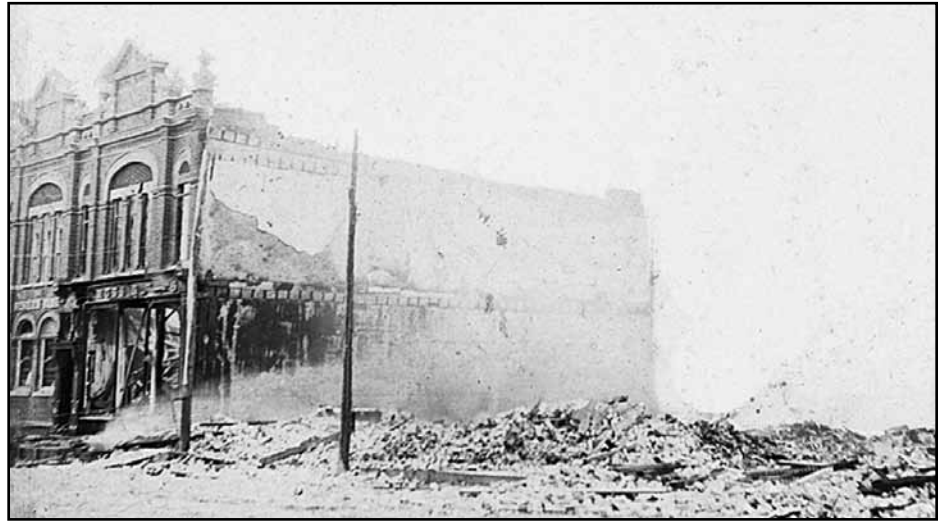
There were at least three more potentially serious fires in the downtown during the 1880s and 1890s, but it was 17 years before the next major fire struck at the heart of the community... the business core of Port Perry. This occurred on the night of September 18, 1901.

At midnight, A.J. Sproule's bakery shop (Brock's for Kids) was discovered to be on fire. Within moments, aided by a strong wind, the fire had spread to the adjoining stores at both sides.

Mr. Sproule is reported to have locked the front door of his shop from the inside, then made his way through to the back of his bakery, past the ovens and closed the rear door, locking it behind him as he left for the night unaware of what was to happen in the hours following.



Residents stroll the street looking at the burned out remains following the fire. The damaged remains of Allison's Drug store can be seen at right of this photo.



The smouldering remains of a block of stores on Queen St. south, following the fire of 1901

By the time the fire engine had arrived all the buildings from Allison's drug store to Ross's store on the east were ablaze.

Destroyed were the Purdy Block (stores numbered 174 to 180 on the south side of Queen St.). Directly east of the Purdy block was the store of Aaron Ross and Sons and the Western Bank (Brock's Dept. Store). To the west of the Purdy block was the Allison Block (Nutt's Chocolatier and Dana's Jewellery). Allison's was a drug store occupying the area of both present stores.

Shortly after the firefighters arrived, a loud explosion rocked the Allison building, no doubt from the chemicals contained in the drug store.

The firemen directed their attention to the section of the block which was least affected; the Western Bank and Ross's. Hundreds of gallons of water were

poured onto the roof of the building until it finally gave way. The volumes of water brought the fire to a halt in that location so that structurally, the main floors were left unharmed by fire, although water damaged all the stock and facilities on the main floor. The firemen then gave their attention to the remainder of the block, moving westward.

By morning it was obvious that the entire block was virtually destroyed, with the exception of the brick fronts of the Western Bank and Ross's store which were largely intact. The heat had also destroyed a number of plate glass windows on the opposite side of the street.

Businesses destroyed as a result of the fire, from east to west were: The Western Bank; A. Ross and Sons, general merchants; A.J. Sproule, baker; S.T. Cawker & Sons, butchers; E.H. Purdy produce merchant and grocer; R. Dawson, barber; C.H. Allison, druggist.

The following businesses located in the second floors of these buildings and were also destroyed: W.H. Harris, barrister, David J. Adams, land and money broker, S.M. Newton, publisher of *The Port Perry Standard*, G.A. Powers, tailor, J.A. Murray, dentist, Miss Harrison, dressmaker, Wm. Tremeer, dwelling, Misses McKnight and Crooks, dressmakers, H.B. Clemes and R.G. Baird.

Within days of the fire many of the businesses had relocated in temporary facilities.

The week following the 1901 fire, the editor of the *Oshawa Vindicator* wrote the following in his paper:

"The Port Perry Council is figuring on a better fire protection, but what is prompting them to do so we cannot understand, as nine out of ten of those burnt out there seem always to make big money out of fires. They pay very low



This enlargement of the upper photo shows the badly damaged and charred exteriors of A. Ross & Sons store and the Western Bank. This is the building occupied by Brock's store today.

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## THE PORT PERRY FIRES

rates, considering the dead certainty of a sweeping conflagration every year or two, and, besides, they have no trouble in placing a half more insurance in every case than the building or stock of goods is worth."

Henry Parsons, editor of Port Perry's *North Ontario Observer* responded immediately in his next issue (Oct. 31, 1901): "No man in the country knows better than the writer of the above scandalous libel that there is not a word of truth in it...The vileness of this attack on the businessmen of Port Perry is only equalled by his lying assertions regarding their conduct, and the sooner the good people of Oshawa are made cognizant of the fact that so unscrupulous a defamer has found refuge within its borders the better so that they may make immediate steps to have the brute muzzled before his presence and vile scribbling contaminate the citizens of that fair and prosperous town. Such an unprincipled moral assassin should not be allowed to find a resting place in a civilized community."

The 1901 fire was the last major fire to deface the stores of downtown Port Perry, although other potentially dangerous fires in the downtown area occurred at Courtice and Jeffrey's Harness Shop, (Genuine Article and Little Harbour Trading Co.), Hogg & Lytle (the old mill) and the Carnegies Ford dealership at the rear of Carnegie Hardware store (Home Hardware), but these were also contained to small areas and inflicted no serious damage to adjoining structures.



The 1899 Port Perry Council and staff, photographed around a table at the town hall at the turn of the century. From left are; Treasurer John H. Brown, Councillor James L. Forman, Constable Robert McKnight, Reeve Edward H. Purdy, and councillors Samuel Jeffrey, Frank Yarnold, Tom Rundle and Wm. Bateman.

# 1900 - 1909 A New Century

## Chapter 1



**E.H. PURDY**  
Local merchant elected  
Reeve of Port Perry 1900.

### January

Rev. Wm. Cooper, B.A., pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church married Miss Laura K. Draper, youngest daughter of the late George Draper.

E. H. Purdy defeated Thos. Rundle by a margin of 190 to 127 votes to become reeve of Port Perry.

In Reach Township Thos. Lambe, became reeve by acclamation.

The Town Hall was packed to see *The Merchant of Venice*.

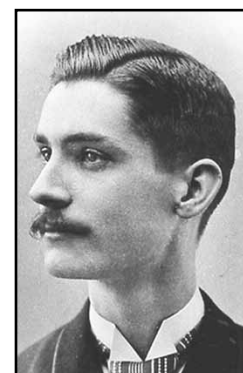
Miss L. Carnegie, Miss M. W. Burnham and Miss L. Meharry gave an enjoyable dance to their friends on New Years evening in the Town Hall.

Major T.C. Forman pressed the Postmaster General for better postal service between Port Perry and Toronto.

Horse races on the ice at Port Perry proved to be the most successful meeting ever held on Lake Scugog.

Thos. Graham was elected president of the Scugog

Agricultural Society. Vice President A. W. Williams, Treasurer J. C. Browne, and Secretary J. H. Brown.



**GEORGE NEWTON**  
Standard Editor 1900.

### February

Port Perry hockey club defeated St. George's of Toronto by a score of 13-7 in a well played match.

Members of the Port Perry Fire Brigade requested their salary be increased to \$15.

The partnership between Wm. L. Marshall and W. P. Jones as Implement Dealers was dissolved.

T. C. Forman, chairman of the Patriotic Concert reported a profit of about \$60 from the concert.

Fenian Raid Medals were presented at the Patriotic Concert to Major T. C. Forman, Captain Billings, Henry Graham, Wm. Nott, Wm. J. Jamieson and Henry Graham, all of Port Perry.

### March

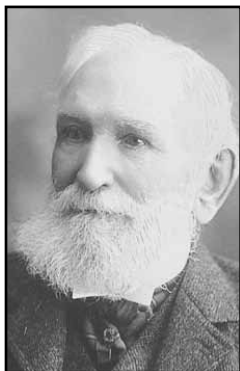
Reeve E.H. Purdy and Jas. Carnegie reported on their visit to Ottawa, regarding the maintaining of the waters of Lake Scugog at a proper height in order not to impede navigation.

John Billings ordered the sale by auction of all his Cochrane St. household property with George



**GEORGE CURRIE ELEVATOR**

The grain elevator was built by George Currie in 1875. It survived the fires of 1883 and 1884 and still stands today as a landmark at the end of Queen St., Port Perry.



**MAJOR T. C. FORMAN**  
Port Perry businessman.

Jackson as auctioneer.

Mr. W. H. McCaw of Port Perry was advertising he was in the position to issue tickets to all parts of the world, and was re-appointed ticket agent for the Grand Trunk Railway.

April

Samuel M. Newton, publisher of the Port Perry Standard, wrote to Port Perry Council claiming \$103.62 for extra printing and advertising for 1899. The letter, on a motion by Mr. Forman, was filed.

Samuel Hooley, while braking on the Grand Trunk Railway near Cobourg, met with an accident that claimed his life. He is the adopted son of the late David Hooley.

The Port Perry Board of Trade was established at a meeting held in the Town Hall on April 4th.

The annual meeting of the Port Perry Baseball Club was held at the St. Charles Hotel with Jas. Carnegie

elected president, G.M. Gibbs 1st vice pres and R.G. Baird 2nd vice president.

Auctioneer Geo. Jackson advertised a two day sale of the contents of the Oriental Hotel, April 27, 28, 1900, when proprietor J. M Brooks decided to retire.

The Port Perry Board of Trade adopted a proposal to hold regular market days on Tuesday and Friday beginning in May.

May

Major T.C. Forman was paid \$23.60 to supply six pairs of rubber boots for the fire brigade.

The school and congregation of St. John's Church, Blackstock will have an excursion from the wharf at Caesarea to Sturgeon Point in June by the Steamer Crandella. Tickets - adults 35¢, children 25¢.

Five year old Mona Philp, daughter of Mrs. T. H. Philp fell into a cistern at the premises of Mr. C. Collacutt, Casimir St. and was only rescued in time to save her life.

Thomas Burke, a seventy year-old Brooklin resident was killed instantly when struck by a train rounding the curve just north of Brooklin station.

Mr. L. Sebert, new proprietor of the Oriental Hotel is adding extensions and additions to this already fine structure. Neither money nor labour is being spared.

G.M. Gibbs, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce announced they were open for business in their new offices, which were unsurpassed in design, equipment and decoration by any in the Dominion.

Mr. Caleb Crandell has further beautified his fine residence by extending and remodeling the piazza.

June

The County of Ontario council has repudiated its engagement with Port Perry for the erection of a House of Refuge, for aged and infirm, in this village.

L. Sebert announced that effective immediately the hotel known as the Oriental Hotel will in future be known as the Sebert House.

A number of townsmen have formed a syndicate, and appointed an energetic Bd. of Directors for the purpose of holding a Fall Fair this year on Sept. 12-14.

S. T. Cawker and



**C. W. JONES**  
Lays church cornerstone at Nestleton Methodist Church.

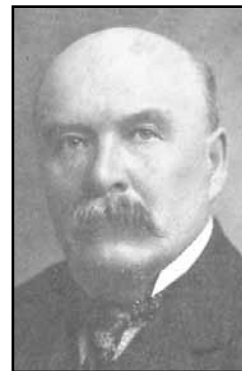
Port Perry group forms the 'Great Syndicate Fair'

August 1900



**GROUP OF MASONS**

Back row, left, Howard Stone, Douglas Adams, W.A. Carnegie, W.S. Short. Front left, Mr. Flint, Mr. W. Beatty, E. H. Purdy.



**PETER CHRISTIE**  
First President of Port Perry's Great Syndicate Fair.



Son meat merchants moved their store into the Purdy Block, two doors east of Mr. Purdy's Grocery store.

A citizen suggested the council to petition the Government to spend \$5,000 on dredging and improving the waterfront as it is fast filling up with rice and muck.

Mr. James, of the Statesman newspaper in Bowmanville made a visit to the Observer office.



**L. BURNETTE**  
Named Honourary  
President of Port Perry  
Great Sydicate Fair.

**July**

Residents of Port Perry area held a Dominion Day celebration including a Wild West Show, rifle match, baseball games, bicycle and horse races and dancing and a concert.

The service of laying the cornerstone of the Methodist Church, Nestleton was held on July 8 with C.W. Jones, Esq. of Port Perry laying the stone.

Employees of the Grand Trunk Railway selected Port Perry as the site to hold their Annual Games. Howard Stone of Port Perry won the cycling trophy.

Mr. Wm. Aldred's new residence, Scugog, was destroyed by fire. The brick clad building was valued at \$1,200 but had only \$300 insurance on it and nothing on the contents.

**August**

The Port Perry Fire Brigade sponsored an excursion by train to Toronto and Niagara Falls. Due to the early departure, the town bell was rung at five o'clock in the morning to wake up those going on the trip.

Port Perry's Great Syndicate Fair officials are: Hon. President L. Burnett, Esq. M.P., President Peter Christie, Vice Presidents James Parr and Anson Taylor, Treas. E.H. Purdy and Secretary G.M. Gibbs.

A petition signed by nearly all property holders in the centre of town asked council to so legislate that a granolithic walk ten feet wide be constructed on both sides of Queen Street.

A double wedding took place at the home of Mrs. E. Wildman of Reach Twp. Mr. Edward Wildman married Miss Edith Bartley and Mr. Thos. Bartley married Miss Minnie Wildman. The wedding took place on Mrs. Wildman's 60th birthday.

**September**

Captain Crandell has threatened to bring a lawsuit against Messers Boyd of Bobcaygeon because they have allowed the water to escape at their mills and is seriously impairing navigation in the river.

Upcoming Fall Fairs included the Great Syndicate Fair, Port Perry, Sept. 12-14; Cartwright/Blackstock Fair Oct. 2, 3; and North Ontario and Uxbridge Twp. Fair Sept. 25, 26.

Mr. Jeffrey reported to Reach Council that Mr. Lewis desired to be relieved of his contract to build the Nonquon Bridge on Conc. 9 and 10, finding it impossible to do for contract price of \$1 per rod.

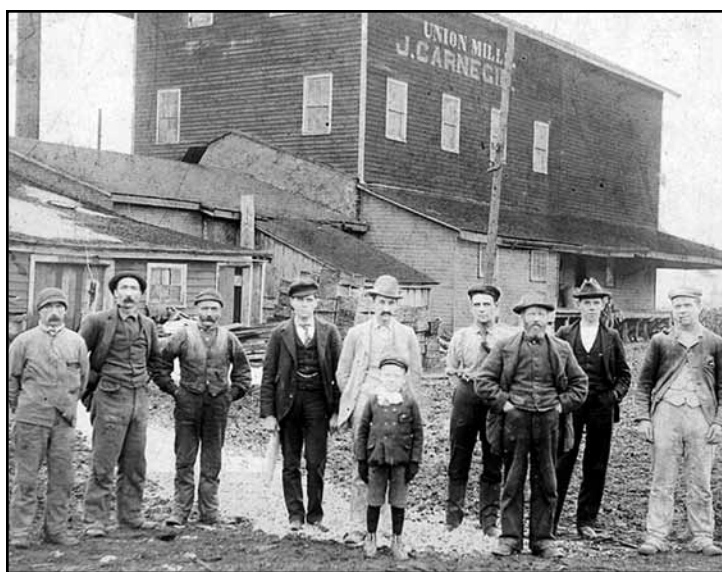
C.L. Vickery advertised he had just received a large shipment of dry Tamarac to be sold at \$3 per cord.

**October**

A petition signed by Rev. W. Kenner and 66 other residents of Prince Albert requested council to



Captain John Bowerman's steamship, The Cora on Lake Scugog.



**J. CARNEGIE UNION MILLS**

The J. Carnegie Union Mills at the lakefront in Port Perry, which burned down on June 14, 1902. Men in photo from left, (unknown) Wm. Frayer, (unknown), Abram Carnegie, James Hortop, Harry Carnegie (boy), Charles Carnegie, James Carnegie, Arthur J. Carnegie and (unknown).

legislate as to prevent bicycling on the sidewalks of the village.

The home of Mr. John Turner was partially destroyed by fire while the entire family were at church.

Former Port Perry resident Eber Fryer was seriously injured while loading a C.P.R. freight car in Winnipeg when the car door fell off and hit him in the head.

November

The Carnegie's Mills were fortunate not to have been destroyed after a fire was discovered. Before local firemen reached the scene with the steamer, the flames had been extinguished.



**CAPT. GEO. CRANDELL**  
Owner of the Crandell  
Steamboat Line.

# 1901

January

Port Perry was honored by a distinguished visitor, Mr. Johnston Paudush of Hiawatha (Rice Lake), son of the Chief of Mississauga tribe of Indians.

Jessop Furniture Co., Port Perry is giving up business and is having a mammoth sale to dispose of furniture that would grace any mansion.

Municipal elections - Peter Hood, Scugog, reeve by acclamation; Anson Taylor, Cartwright, reeve by acclamation; John Boys elected in Reach; and Dr. S.J. Mellow elected in Port Perry defeating E.H. Purdy by 182-156 votes.

The death of Queen Victoria, who died at 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 22, 1901, was noted in a large article in the local newspaper.



**DR. S. J. MELLOW**  
Local Physician and  
Port Perry Reeve 1901.

County Council turned down Port Perry, Oshawa,

Uxbridge and Whitby as the site for a House of Refuge.

February

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Whitby assembled in the Sebert House to bid him farewell as they left the community to live in the "Soo."

Orr Graham, veterinary surgeon retired and sold his practice to Mr. John T. Elliott of Detroit, Michigan.

Highly respected and lifetime resident of Port Perry and Prince Albert, Frank M. Yarnold, died on Feb. 4, 1901



**DR. ORR GRAHAM**  
Local Veterinarian retires.

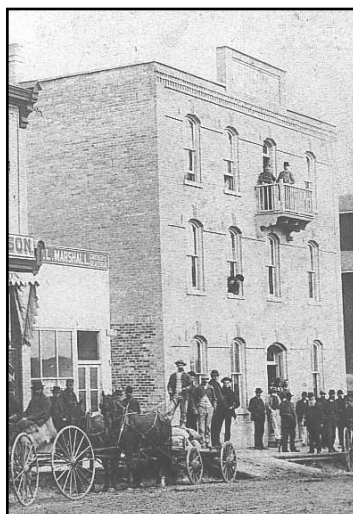


Steamship Crandella  
arrives in Port Perry  
with an excursion  
from Lindsay

June 1901

Captain George Crandell's steamer "The Crandella".





**ORIENTAL HOTEL**

Purchased by L. Sebert in May 1900, and changes name to the Sebert House.

New cement  
sidewalks laid  
on Queen St.

May 1901

Port Perry and Uxbridge met in a 'rattling game' of hockey at the local rink. Port Perry won the match 7-2. The Witney Hotel estate at Epsom was offered for sale or to rent by Norman Stuart.

**March**

Auditors Report shows a total of \$19,958.33 received through taxes and various grants, fines, etc. in the Township of Reach for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

Mr. Jas MacBrien, of the North West Mounted Police, eldest son of James MacBrien, Esq. visited home. He has distinguished himself with bravery and daring feats, on one occasion capturing single-handed one of the most notorious desperados and horse thieves of the plains.

Mr. J. M. Brooks, former owner of the Oriental Hotel has left town to take possession of the Palace House in Peterborough.

**April**

John Jeffrey, of Prince Albert last week marketed 30 bushels of Red Clover Seed, the product of 12 acres for which obtained the handsome sum of \$210.

Mr. John McCulloch, one of our talented young townsmen, passed his final exam with flying colors and is now a fully qualified medical practitioner for treatment of the eye, ear and throat.

The Sons of Temperance met to say goodbye to one of their most amiable and zealous members in the person of Miss Lillian Bond, eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Bond, a florist in Prince Albert.



**GEO. A. ROSE**  
Port Perry Merchant.



**J. M. BROOKS**  
Owner of Oriental Hotel.

**May**

Mr. J. W. Platten of Port Perry was elected as Treasurer on the board of the entire Erie Railway Company.

The out buildings in connection with the Hawkens House in Blackstock are undergoing extensive improvements.

Capt. Bowerman's launch, the Express will convey the Port Perry baseball nine and a few friends to Lindsay on May 24 (Victoria day) to meet the Lindsay team in the first match of the season.

The Guelph Pavement Co. has a large force in town constructing new granolithic sidewalks on Queen St. The contract calls for eight inches of course gravel, three inches of concrete with a top dress of one inch. Price to be

paid is 13 3/4¢ per square foot.

**June**

The Crandella arrived in Port June 12 with a large excursion party. Port Perry was not at its prettiest, owing to the extensive improvements being made in the walks.

Henry Parsons writes - County Council made a second selection for the location of the proposed House of Refuge for this County - this time being Whitby. Next week they meet again and will come back to its first love and decide there is no place like Port Perry, and before another year the structure will be consummated near the head of the Scugog and all the people of the County will say, Amen.

Reach Council ordered more than \$270 be paid to local farmers for damage and death to sheep by dogs. One farmer, L. Burnett, Esq. ex MPP lost nine ewes and two lambs and found six ewes wounded beyond recovery.

**July**

Port Perry celebrations of Dominion Day took place with a smaller than wished crowd due to extremely hot weather. The Uxbridge Band gave an exceptional performance.

Port Perry Methodist Sunday School chartered the steamer Crandella for an excursion to Sturgeon Point, one of the most beautiful and popular summer resorts on the great chain of lakes to the north.



**JAMES LEASK**  
Award winning farmer.



The fire demon strikes again in downtown Port Perry  
September 18, 1901

The G.T.R. Station in Manchester in the early 1900s was located about one mile south of the village of Manchester. Train arriving from Whitby and points south to pick up passengers and milk buckets.

The steamer Express transported members of the Orange Lodge to the 12th Annual July Grand Picnic on Washburn Island on July 12. Prince Albert Sunday School's excursion to Washburn Island aboard on the Crandella takes place July 16.

Two fine brood mares, the property of W. C. Heard of Reach, were struck and killed by lightning during a severe electric storm that passed through the township.

A report by Streets Committee S.J. Mellow, Wm. Bateman and H.B. Clemes, suggested council construct new granolithic walks on property fronting on Water Street.

Council instructed them to arrange with pavement contractors to do the work at the same cost as the work done on Queen St.

Joseph Hood, eldest son of Paul and Lydia Hood, aged 20, drowned while bathing with friends in the Scugog opposite the 9th conc. of Reach.

Queen St. property owners were assessed charges for the new granolithic sidewalks as follows: North Side - L. Sebert \$75.24; Mrs. Wm. Hiscox 31.58; S. Graham 32.49; Bank of Commerce 37.62; James Carnegie 37.62; Mrs. T.J. Ash 14.82; R.J. Bruce 31.92; Mrs. Diesfeld 28.50; Jonathon Blong 102.60; W. H. McCaw 47.88; Thos. Bedford 44.46; W. L. Parrish 36.48; Mrs. A. Currie \$31.98. South Side - R. Penhall \$56.54; Fannie Hiscox \$29.18; Jas. Carnegie \$27.36; Mrs. E. Sinclair 96.44; C.H. Allison 54.26; E.H. Purdy 46.66; Western Bank 46.66; H.L. Ebbels 17.04; B.F. Ackerman 29.82 and Mrs. McHardy 46.86.

August

Mr. E. Mundy, formerly of Port Perry and owner of the Oshawa Reform has been appointed issuer of Marriage Licenses.

The local Board of Health says doctors have neglected their duties in placing placards on homes in which patients with contagious diseases live.

Joseph Bigelow, returned from a three month visit in California.

The worthy and popular Reeve of Reach, Mr. John Boys is erecting a handsome new residence on his fine farm, near Manchester.

September

At twelve o'clock midnight Sept. 18, the baker shop of A.J. Sproule, on the south side of Queen St. in the Purdy block was discovered to be on fire. Despite the best efforts of the Fire Brigade the fire destroyed A. Ross & Sons, general merchants, E.H. Purdy, produce merchant and groceries; C.H. Allison, druggist, J. A. Murray, dentist, S. T. Cawker & Sons, butcher, The Western Bank, S.M. Newton, publisher, W.H. Harris, barrister and many other small businesses.



Railway passengers stroll up Queen St., between the St. Charles Hotel and Sebert House, in early 1900s.



**WATER STREET - PORT PERRY**  
Looking north along Water St. The railway station and water tower are at right.

The number of new scholars enrolled at Port Perry High School is the largest since the school was founded.

October

The newly restored Prince Albert Public Hall was opened with a special meeting with Hon. G. W. Ross, M.P. as chairman, and the Hon. John Dryden, M.P.P. and the Hon. G. E. Foster, guest speakers. The speakers arrived late due to the train on which they were travelling being behind time, as usual.

Mr. Wm. Jamieson was engaged to water down Queen Street between Water and John St. for the season 1901 for the sum of \$150.

An article in the *Oshawa Vindicator* accused those burnt out in the fire on Sept. 18 always make big money out of fires by placing more value on their prop-

erty than the building or stock is worth. The article was printed in the *North Ontario Observer* of Port Perry, but publisher H. Parsons condemned the writer and called the attack scandalous libel without a word of truth.

December

A Grand Soiree is planned for the New Year's Day in Prince Albert, for which the whole community is in preparation.

Mr. James Leask of Reach, during Fall Fairs and the Guelph Winter Fair has carried off no less than 86 prizes; 62 firsts, 22 seconds and two third place finishes, plus \$743 in prizes.

Members of Reach Council gathered at the home of Jos. Baird where a surprise presentation of a handsome and valuable gold mounted cane was presented to Wm. Spence, Clerk of Reach.



**J. A. MURRAY**  
Port Perry Dentist.

Horse racing on  
Lake Scugog ice  
draws large crowds

January 1902



**H.B. CLEMES**  
Port Perry Councillor.

# 1902

January

Elected to local councils - Port Perry, Dr. S.J. Mellow, reeve; W. Bateman, L. J. Forman and H. B. Clemes, councillors. Cartwright, Anson Taylor, reeve; Geo. L McLaughlin, Tho. Wood, Robert Jobb, Robert Thompson, councillors. Reach, R. M. Holtby, reeve; J. T. Doble, and Thos. Lambe, councillors.

Horse races held on Lake Scugog during the Great Winter Meeting were under the auspices of the Port Perry Trotting Association. They were the most successful ever held with vast crowds attending.

Port Perry Curling Club forms nine rinks for this years curling season.

Messrs J. Baird and P. Christie came before Reach Council to request removal of telegraph and telephone poles from the south to the north side of the road leading from Prince Albert to Manchester to facilitate travel during the winter months.



**W. F. RUNDLE**  
Local Implement Dealer

**February**

Enoch Rogers, assessor for Port Perry for more than 20 years, passed away.

A Port Perry hockey team won the Grand Challenge Trophy at the Great Hockey Tournament in Markham, defeating the Markham team 1-0 in the final game.

W. J. Nott, of the Jessop Furniture Co. purchased a grand Winter Hearse made to order for winter roads.

Council suggested the Fire Brigade attach runners to the fire engine for the winter months.

James Staley captured a runaway horse on Queen St. by running down the horse and seizing the reins.

**March**

James Waddell and Geo. A. Rose, two of Brock's most intelligent, enterprising, wealthy and prosperous farmers are retiring and have made Port Perry their home.

Esteemed townsman and far-famed auctioneer Geo. Jackson has been engaged to conduct the Great Dispersion Sale, the property of John H. Douglas, Esq., M.P.P. Warkworth.

Tuesday, 25th inst., was the Grand Opening Day for the Spring of the town's Millinery establishments, owned by Misses L. & J. Stouffer.

**April**

The Church of the Ascension has secured the services of Mr. Lock of Trinity College, Toronto, as their clergyman. Miss Yarnold is organist and Miss Sangster choir leader.

Selwyn Sangster and Chas. Carnegie, two of our most estimable young townsmen left for Regina to enter their duties as members of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Jas. Carnegie has just returned from a four month tour of all the most important centres on the continent.

E.H. Purdy, in order to meet requirements of his farming customers, ordered seeds by the train-load.

**May**

Four distinguished journalists dropped by *The Observer* office for a short visit: S. Frank Wilson of the Wilson Publishing Co.; Murray F. Wilson of the Ladies Journal Co., C.A. Wilson of the North-Ender Publishing Co., and Geo. H. Wilson of the Lindsay Post.

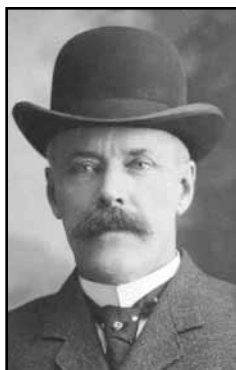
Mr. James Maxwell has purchased, renovated and equipped the Port Perry Woolen Mills.

The Kawartha Lake Excursion Company of Lindsay described Port Perry as being at the head of the Kawartha waters, beautifully situated, good hotel accommodation and boating. Grand place for an excursion.

Major Forman had conferred on him the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration for his long service to the military.

**Fire destroys Carnegie Flouring and Planing Mills**

June 14, 1902



**JAS. CARNEGIE**  
Owner of the J. Carnegie Union Mills at lakefront.

**VIEW OF PORT PERRY**

View of the village, looking east from up the hill on Cochrane Street.





**ONTARIO CARRIAGE WORKS**

Built in 1884 and located at the north east corner of Perry and Mary Streets.

**June**

Capt. Bowerman will run the steamer 'Cora' to Lindsay every Saturday stopping at Pettit's Landing, Hood's Landing, Washburn Island, Caesarea and Plum Point along route starting June 7. A return fare trip to Lindsay is 75¢.

Dr. S. J. Mellow was appointed Coroner for the County of Ontario.

The Carnegie Flouring Mills and Planing Mills were destroyed by a fire which awakened residents in the early hours of the morning of June 14, 1902.

The new stable and contents of Mr. M. L. Crandell, Scugog Street were destroyed by fire.

**July**

Mr. James Carnegie's new mill is well under-way. The engine room is nearly completed and the grinder will be in place and running soon with the planing mill in full blast in about two weeks.

The Port Perry Fire Brigade is leading an excursion to Niagara Falls on the Civic Holiday at

a cost of \$1.80 per person.

Our enterprising vehicle builders, Jas. Swan & Sons have closed negotiations to purchase the fine brick building on Mary St. known as the Ontario Carriage Works.

Word was received that James McBrien, eldest son of Jas. McBrien the popular and indefatigable Public School Inspector, has passed through 15 engagements in the South African conflict unscathed.

Mr. James Maxwell purchased and thoroughly renovated the Port Perry Woolen Mills and is offering 'highest prices' for quantities of wool.

Output at Port Perry Creamery, under the new ownership of Mr. Stillman, has increased dramatically, reaching an output of 8,500 pounds.

Heavy rains have raised the Scugog's high-water mark by a full nine inches.

**August**

Port Perry Electric Light Company is offering for sale by auction all its property not destroyed by the late fire.

G.M. Gibbs, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Port Perry was honoured at a farewell banquet at the Sebert House. Guest speakers included Wm. Ross, M.P., Major Forman, Dr. Sangster, Jas. Carnegie, Mr. Peter Christie and Mr. W.H. McCaw.

**September**

The new steel bridge being built over the Nonquon River will cost \$500 and is almost completed.

Port Perry businessman Mr. Louis Sebert, owner of the Sebert House, died Sept. 29 in his 45th year. Many places of business closed for the funeral.

**November**

Council closed contract with Mr. W.M. Currie for electric light service for three years at \$400 per year.

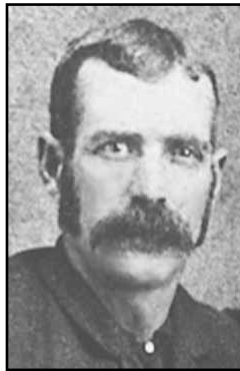
Cook's Restaurant - headquarters for Oysters, Fresh Fish or a delightful luncheon. First door east of The Observer office.

**December**

Port Perry council passed a bylaw making it obligatory on the part of residents to keep sidewalks in front of their properties clear of snow. Defaulters were liable for a fine of \$20. and village authorities could order the sidewalks cleared with charges against their property taxes.

A meeting was held at the St. Charles Hotel in the interest of organizing a Band in Port Perry.

Port Perry Curling Club elected the following officers: Hon. Pres. Wm. Ross, M.P.; President Dr. Graham, 1st Vice Pres. R.J. Bruce, 2nd Vice Pres. Geo. Rose, 3rd Vice Pres. W. H. Letcher, Sec. Treas. F. M. Brown.



**CAPT. J. BOWERMAN**  
Port Perry boat builder and owner of the Cora & Express.



**LOUIS BANDEL**  
Owner of Sebert House.

# 1903



**JOSEPH BIGELOW**  
Port Perry entrepreneur,  
first president Bd. of Trade.

## January

A meeting was held on Jan. 14 in an attempt to amalgamate the Agriculture Societies of Reach, Port Perry and Scugog.

Elections: Port Perry Reeve E. H. Purdy, Councillors Thos. Rundle, J. Stovin, R.J. Bruce, E. Raines. Reach Twp. council elected by acclamation. Scugog Twp. Wm. Aldred, Councillors Wellington Sweetman, Wm. Jackson, J.F. Gerrow and W. D. Hope.

R.G. Baird of the Western Bank was honored at a banquet at the Sebert House and presented a gold watch before his departure for Oshawa.

James Carnegie's newly constructed Port Perry Roller Mills is now completed and in full operation.

Arrangements are about complete to install the Electric Light Plant in a new building and it will be running in a short time.

## February

Reeve E.H. Purdy and councillor R.J. Bruce addressed a public meeting explaining the importance, feasibility and advisability of installing a corporation Electric Light Plant and Water Works system in the town.

Mr. R.T. Stillman sells his Port Perry Creamery to Mr. Jas. Stonehouse and purchases the agriculture and implement business of C.J. Laing in the Market building.

## March

A Board of Trade was organized composed of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog. Officers elected are Joseph Bigelow, president; James Carnegie, vice-president; W.H. Dunsford, secretary/treasurer; council members are Sam. Jeffrey, R.J. Bruce, W.L. Parrish, E.H. Purdy, Jas. L. Forman, Wm. Ross, M.P., W.H. McCaw and J. W Meharry.

Discussions at the first meeting of the Board of Trade included: establishment of a Canning Factory, new Post Office and better mail service.

## April

Veterinarian Orr Graham has resumed the practice of his profession at his office located on Queen Street.

The Port Perry Creamery is now in full blast. Proprietor, Mr. James Stonehouse is an expert in the manufacture of creamery butter.

## May

The business of Mr. Stillman, a dealer in Agricultural Machines and Implements has been purchased by Mr. Chas. A. Rundle.

Port Perry, being the butter centre of the County, was selected by the Grand Trunk Railway authorities to be one of the stations at which to collect butter for exportation to Europe.

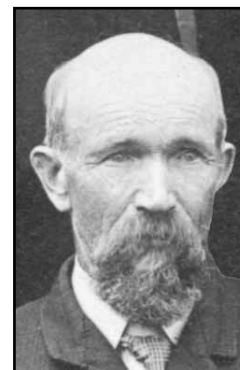
The bylaw submitted to property owners for the purpose of financing the construction of a Water Works and Electric Light Plant was carried by a substantial margin.

## June

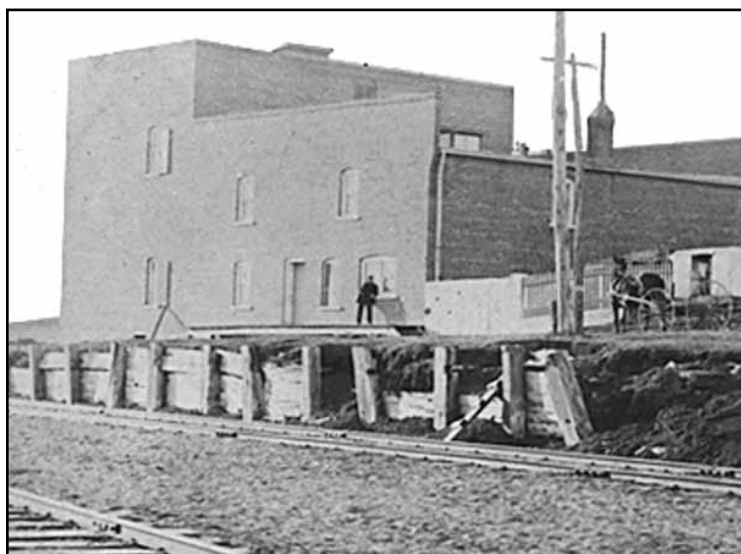
A large deputation of leading citizens and the Band met former Port Perry resident G.M Gibbs at the depot when he arrived for a visit from his new home in Manitoba.

## July

The town was preparing for the home coming and Reunion Festival of Port Perry Old Boys on Aug. 3, 1903, calling it the "biggest day in the town's history."



**WILLIAM ALDRED**  
Reeve of Scugog Island  
1903-1904.



**PORT PERRY EGG WAREHOUSE**

Located on the west side of Water St. the building later became known as the Creamery.





**HOME OF ORR GRAHAM**

Dr. Orr Graham operated his veterinary service at his home on Queen St.

J.R. Marshall, lessee of the St. Charles Hotel for the past three years, has lately become the owner of that fine hotel.

August

Thousands of former residents arrived in Port Perry for the Home Comers Reunion. Seven coaches, drawn by two engines were needed to accommodate the large number of guests and more than 23 different excursions left Toronto by train.

The Ontario Central Fair grounds, Port Perry, was sold to the Regal Packing Company for an Evaporating and Canning Factory business. When improvements are completed it will be capable of peeling and evaporating 2,500 bushels of apples per day and will employ 120 hands.

September

Henry Parsons writes "At a meeting of Uxbridge council a by-law was passed appropriating Port Perry's Market Day (Thursday); they would doubtless steal Sunday if they had any use for it."

The contractors for the new Power House have completed the building within the time limit and the building

meets the requirements for which it was erected.

Thomas C. Paxton, a native of Port Perry, died at the age of 50 years.

October

The fine residence of Mr. G.L. Robson, V.S., and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire. Mr. Robson escaped through a window.

Principal D. McBride of Port Perry High School delivered the opening address to the annual convention of the Teachers of North Ontario held in Uxbridge.

December

Students of Mr. Downey, principal of the Model School presented him with an ebony writing set in appreciation of his efforts.

1903 Port Perry reeve and council were all returned by acclamation for another term. Scugog reeve and council were also returned by acclamation.



**R.G. BAIRD**

Western Bank Manger.

# 1904

January

The election for Reeve in Reach resulted in the return of Mr. Norman Stuart by a majority of about 65 over Mr. John T. Doble. Councillors are R.M. Holtby, Jas Munroe, Thos. Lambe and R. McIntyre.

James Stonehouse, proprietor of the Port Perry Creamery left for Kingston to become the Butter Instructor of the Kingston Provincial Dairy School.

Dr. J. Herbert Sangster passed away at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto.

Captain George Crandell, one of the oldest and most widely known men from the area, died in Lindsay on Jan. 22, 1904 while out shoveling snow.

February

Mr. H. H. Stone has purchased the tailoring establishment of Mr. H. Doubt.

Messrs. Purdy and Archer have entered into a co-partnership as importers and dealers of Coal of all grades.

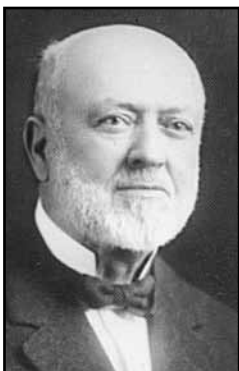
April

Jas. Stonehouse returned from Kingston where he was teaching for the winter, to get his Creamery reopened and operating by May 1.

Mr. Edward Mundy, former owner of the Port Perry Standard newspaper made a visit to town.

May

Port Perry was selected to be one of the Stock Sale Centres being established around the province, with the first sale to be held on June 16th, 1904.



**EDWARD J. MUNDY**

Former publisher of the Port Perry Standard.



**REV. THOS. HAGEN**

Baptist Minister.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER ONE - A NEW CENTURY

June

Mr. D. Perkins, one of the most expert cutters in the Dominion, has opened Merchant Tailoring business in the Blong Block.

Rev. George Robinson and his family have purchased and moved into a fine home in the western portion of town.

June

Train service for Port Perry has been improved, due to the public's demand for more convenient service.

Mr. Joshua W. Curts, Esq., a former leading citizen of our town, was in Port Perry for a visit.

There was a large attendance at the party given by the Loyal True Blues of Port Perry in Town Hall park.

A meeting was held in the Sebert House to form a Kennel Club for the protection of dogs against poisoning.

July

Four valuable Clydsdale horses owned by Mr. Theodore Salter of Reach were killed during a severe electrical storm.

The Baptist Church opened their new vestry at a social evening.

Mr. D. Wakefield and John Hope fell off a barn roof while installing metal roofing, taking the life of Mr. Wakefield and severely injuring Mr. Hope.

August

An electrical storm passing through the area struck and destroyed the barns and contents of John Wannamaker, Scugog, the McQuade barn in Cartwright and the Robert Scott barn in Reach.

A first class granolithic sidewalk from Casimir to Mary Street has been completed by local townsmen Messrs. Waddell and Stonehouse.

Mr. William Mills of Port Perry has just completed the contract to construct a new water tank for the town. It is a mammoth water vessel of perfection.

September

Rev. McFarlane, after a pastorate of over five years, is leaving the Port Perry Baptist Church to minister a church in Rochester, New York.

Mr. Peter Christie declined a nomination at the Liberal Conservative Convention intimating his retirement from public life.

October

A dredge is operating on Lake Scugog.

Mrs. Walter Mark and her son Roy, of Seagrave were thrown from their buggy, with Roy striking his head on a post, causing his death.

November

On Sunday night last about eleven o'clock, the largest, most imposing, most costly and most important building in Port Perry - the Fair Building - was discovered to be on fire, and within a few minutes was reduced to ashes. The building had been used by the Regal Packing Company as a fruit evaporator until it closed before the end of last year.

The authorities of the Port Perry Race Association have decided on Jan. 11, 12 and 13 for the annual winter horse races on Lake Scugog.

December

Port Perry Board of Trade held a Christmas Fair, which was patronized beyond the most sanguine expectations of its warmest advocates.

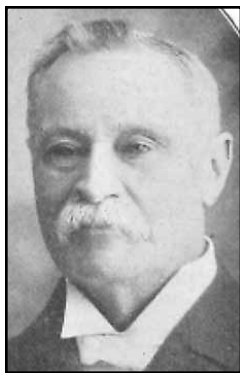
W.J. Meharry was appointed Chief of the Port Perry Fire Brigade for 1905. Robt. McKnight is treasurer.

The number of births, deaths and marriages in 1904 are as follows; Births 16 males, 14 females; deaths 18; marriages 17.



**PORT PERRY CURLING RINK**

A group of Port Perry men in the Port Perry Curling Rink, circa 1900. The rink was located on Casimir Street.



**REV. GEO. ROBINSON**  
Purchases home in town.

## Port Perry's Fair Building lost to fire

November 1904



Grandstand at Port Perry's Ontario Central Fairgrounds escaped destruction by fire.



# 1905

## January

Municipal Elections - Port Perry by acclamation Reeve E.H. Purdy; Councillors H.G. Hutcheson, Geo. Jackson, C.H. Allison and Jas. Waddell. Reach Twp. Reeve J. T. Doble; Councillors R. McIntyre, Jas. Braham, Alex Leask and Wright Crosier.

Tablets to commemorate the first four principals of the Toronto Normal School were unveiled at the school. The principals who served from 1847-1898 were Thomas Jaffray Robertson, John Herbert Sangster, Henry A. Davies and Thomas Kirkland.

## February

Messrs. Geo. Gerrow and Marshal Stonehouse have entered into a co-partnership and have an extensive showroom of furniture in the Blong Block.

G.M. Jones has joined the firm of Jones and Co. and it will in future be known as Jones and Son.

## March

The St. Charles Hotel has changed hands, and the new proprietor is Mr. Niles Searls, a prominent and respected citizen of Prince Edward Cty.

The Port Perry Kennel Club offered \$100 reward to anyone providing information about the vandal who poisoned two of the town's most valuable dogs.

## May

A representative of Bell Telephone was in town arranging to secure contracts for new solid back transmitter and bi-polar telephones. All present phones will be removed and the new style installed.

Captain Bowerman will commence his trips in his fast-sailing and tidy little steamer, Cora starting May 13. The boat has been thoroughly overhauled and re-painted.

The town continues to complain to the Post Office about the poor delivery service, sometimes taking four days to get a reply from places only four miles away.

## June

More than one hundred residents and businesses have subscribed for new or additional telephones and will soon be ready to do business direct from their homes at a moment's notice.

Our esteemed townsman Mr. Wm. Kennedy left on Tuesday last on a trip to Europe.

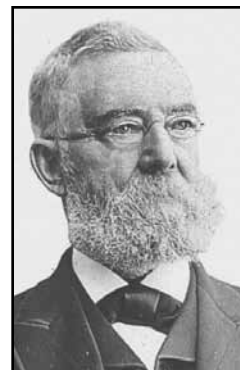
A survey of the route of the Kincardine and Port Perry Electric Railway is near completion. It will run from Port Perry in a westerly direction past the fair ground, passing one concession north of Manchester, then to within forty rods of Utica, then along the ravine to the town of Uxbridge.

## July

Mr. W.F. Nott and staff are putting the finishing touches on the new interior of the Methodist Church and the magnificent auditorium.

Mr. Geo. Newton, formerly of Port Perry and now publisher of The Dispatch in North Bay visited town.

Messrs. T.R. Stafford and Son of the Granite and



**DR. J. H. SANGSTER**  
Name etched in bronze.



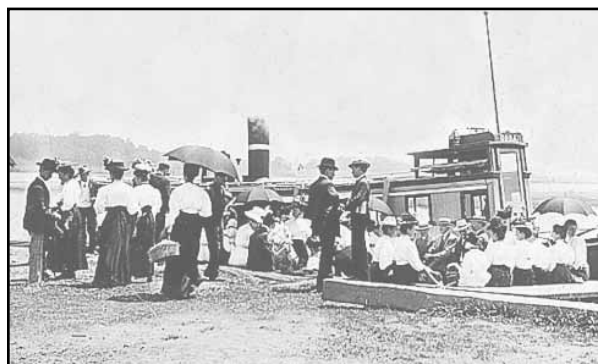
**NEW WATER TOWER**

Drilling for water near the new tower.



**WILLIAM KENNEDY**

Built first flouring mill in Port Perry in 1878.



**EXCURSION ON THE CORA**

Throughout the summer months, the Cora took many groups on excursions and picnics on Lake Scugog.



**JOHN FOY**  
Scugog Township's Clerk-Treasurer for almost 50 years.

Marble Works, Toronto have opened business in the same line in Port Perry.

Negotiations have already been closed for about two-thirds of the right-of-way between Uxbridge and Port Perry for the Kincardine Electric Railway.

Lake Scugog was re-stocked with a carload of parent black bass weighing between two to five lbs each, from Lake Erie.

The Observer had a very pleasant visit from Mr. E.J. Mundy, of Denver, Colorado, formerly an esteemed resident who for many years published The Standard successfully in Port Perry.

**August**

A number of local residents were struck by lightning when a storm passed through the area. Mr. Henry Love of Greenbank and Mrs. R. J. Evans of Port Perry were both dazed when lightning struck near them.

Mr. F. L. Perry of Winnipeg, great grandson of Peter Perry, Esq., the founder of the village of Port Perry visited town.

**September**

Merchants in Port Perry banded together to shorten terms of credit to customers from six months or a year to a limit of three months.

**October**

Mr. Fallis has resigned as postmaster of the Prince Albert Post Office, a position which he held for 18 years. Mr. Holman has been appointed as his successor.

**November**

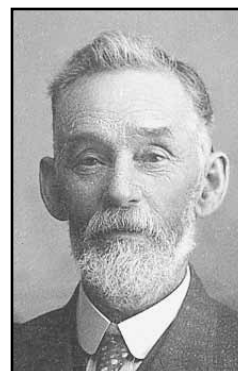
Mr. John Foy, the Clerk-Treasurer of Scugog for the last 49 years and ten months has decided to retire and has handed in his resignation. Thos. Graham was appointed the new Township Clerk and John Jackson the Township Treasurer.

**December**

Capt. Bowerman was contracted to convey the sugar beet crop for 1906 from the shores of Scugog in the townships of Mariposa, Cartwright, Reach and Scugog to Port Perry railway depot for the Keystone Sugar Company.

Popular townsman Mr. Howard Tummonds has purchased the Port Perry Skating Rink and is having it thoroughly overhauled and refitted. The seating capacity is being increased and electric lights are being doubled.

Jas. Stonehouse proprietor of Port Perry Creamery has purchased the Blackstock Cheese Factory.



**WM. McCLINTOCK**  
Local Merchant.

John Foy resigns  
after 49 years  
service as  
clerk-treasurer  
November 1905



**THOS. GRAHAM**  
Appointed Clerk of Scugog Township.



**ICE RACING ON LAKE SCUGOG**

During the first part of the century, horse racing on Lake Scugog attracted thousands of visitors to the town every January.



**ICE BOATING ON LAKE SCUGOG**

Lake Scugog was used for a variety of events, including sailing on the frozen lake in the winter.

# Business and Commerce



**SAMUEL STOUT**  
Cut hair at a barber shop in small building between Sebert House and Curts & Henderson store.



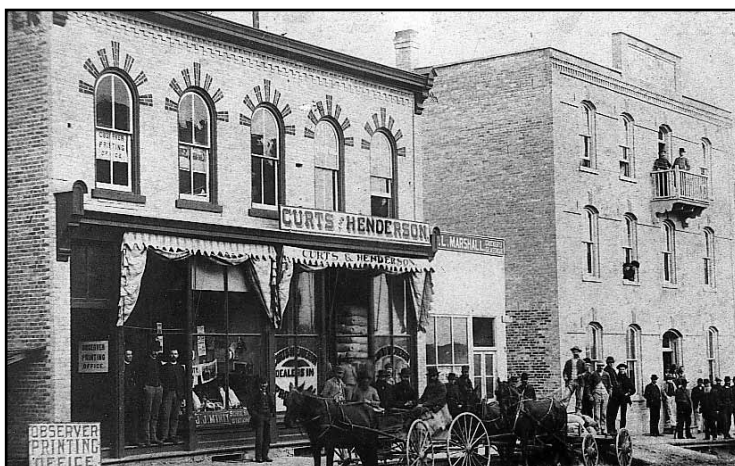
W. L. Parrish Hardware Store in the early 1900s now Lukes Country Store.



**W.L. PARRISH**  
owner of Hardware Store located at 207 Queen St., Port Perry.



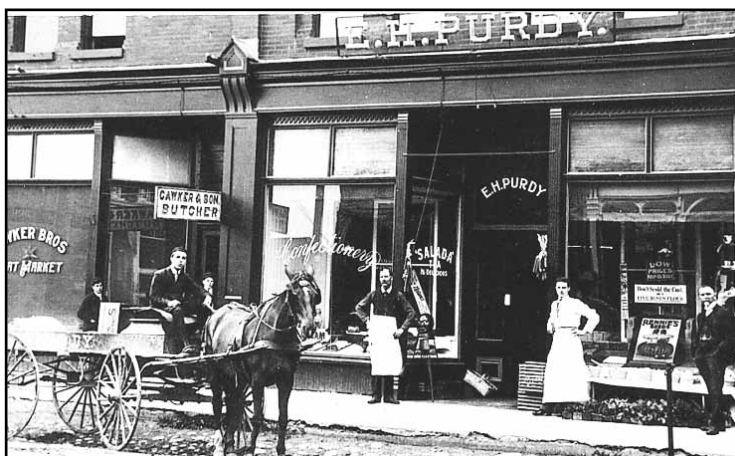
**SAMUEL T. CAWKER**  
Meat Merchant operated his business next to Purdy's Grocery and Confectionery store. (bottom photo)



Curts & Henderson block in early 1900s is now occupied by Emiels Place Restaurant.



**J.M. BROOKS**  
Owner of Oriental Hotel (right of photo) auctioned its contents and retired from the hotel business in April 1900.



E.H. Purdy Groceries and Cawker Bros. Meats located at 178 Queen Street.



**E.H. PURDY**  
Owner of a successful Grocery and Confectionery business on south side of Queen St., Port Perry.

# 1906

## January

Elected to the local councils for 1906 - Reach Twp. Reeve J. T. Doble, councillors Wright Crosier, Jas. Graham, Thos. Lambe and Alex Leask.

Scugog council all elected by acclamation - Reeve Peter Hood; councillors Wm. Jackson, Chas. Sweetman, J.F. Gerrow and Geo. McHoull.

Port Perry W.L. Parrish became reeve after Mr. Purdy's resignation as a candidate for the post was accepted.

Many records were broken during the races on the ice at Port Perry and the community was the centre of attraction for many of the most representative and reliable of the sporting fraternity. Port Perry has had the honor of witnessing the most wonderful contest of fast horses on ice ever witnessed on earth.

## February

Through a line which has been erected by the Bell Telephone company from Port Perry, residents can now reach the villages of Cadmus, Blackstock and Nestleton.

A special meeting of Port Perry council was held to consider the proposition of Jos. Bigelow in regard to a provisional agreement regarding supplying electricity by transmission of power from the Trent Canal.

A disastrous fire broke out in a house recently erected by Christopher Hodgins on Scugog Island, which resulted in the complete destruction of the property.

## March

Dr. Mellow received costs and damages in his suit against J. Eaton who by running his automobile by the doctor's horse at a high rate of speed on the streets of Port Perry caused damage to horse and buggy.

Mr. M. Shepiro purchased the brick building on the corner of Queen and John Streets, in the western part of the business centre of Port Perry and is holding a Special Bargain Day with all prices down below water mark.

Mr. Johnathon Blong had the misfortune to overturn a coal oil lamp in his beautiful Beech St. home, igniting the valuable carpet and furniture. Fortunately the fire was extinguished by Messrs Wm. and Robt. McGill.

## April

The Port Perry Electric Light and Waterworks Plant cost the town \$22,000 to construct and the authority predicts a saving of over \$500 in expenses this year.

The Port Perry Baseball Team was organized at the St. Charles Hotel with officers elected - president W. Short, manager, N. Searls, secretary, Wm. McGill, treasurer. Team colors will be red and black.

## May

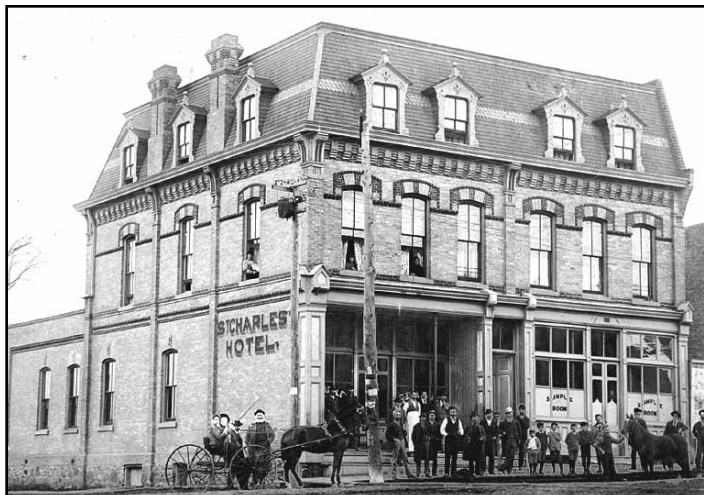
E.H. Purdy has been appointed agent for the Sale of Lands of the Land Department of the Union Trust Company.

The township appropriated \$1000 to be spent on the streets of the corporation during the year 1906.

Mr. Fred. Brock began construction of his new residence on a beautiful lot on the north side of Queen St.

## June

Mr. R.J. Bruce has sold his extensive hardware business and stock to Mr. A.J. Carnegie, one of our rising young businessmen.



**ST. CHARLES HOTEL**

Located on the corner of Queen and Water St, the hotel, pictured here in early 1900s, is now owned by Guy Latrielle of Re/Max Real Estate.



**JOHN T. DOBLE**  
Reach Twp. councillor.



**R.J. BRUCE**  
Sells R. J. Bruce Hardware Store to A.J. Carnegie.

Town builds electric light, and waterworks plant near lake

April 1906

July  
Mr. Waddell, Reeve W.L. Parrish and Mr. C.H. Allison were appointed to supervise the building of a suitable building to enclose the Weigh Scale property.  
The village paid Mr. W. F. Nott \$8.50 for painting the exterior of the Town Hall and Mr. James Ross was paid \$9.00 for 45 loads of gravel at 20¢ a load.

August  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Crandell were in town visiting relatives and looking at Seven Mile Island on the banks of the Scugog as a suitable site for a summer resort.  
The new barn and contents of Mr. Thomas Dewey of Reach was destroyed by fire.



**R.F. DOWNEY**  
Port Perry Model School principal elected president of teachers' association.

Mr. Watson Hodgson, 79, one of Port Perry's most estimable citizens, was killed when his buggy was struck by a train at the Perry St. railway crossing.

Septemeber  
John Nott, cabinet maker in the town for almost 60 years, was offering for sale a well selected stock of furniture and undertaker's supplies.  
Coal merchants in the town agreed to fair prices for coal and published the prices in the newspaper.

A large party of Chemong Indians paid Port Perry, and their brothers of the same race and band on Scugog, a very acceptable visit. The visitors were accompanied by Chief Joseph Irons and were chaperoned by Chief Johnson and Mr. George Goose while visiting here.

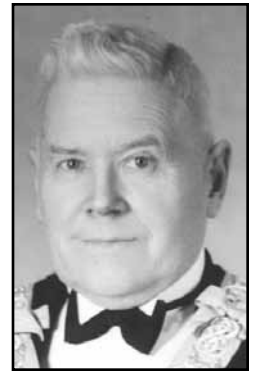
October  
R.F Downey was elected president of the North Ontario Teachers' Association at the annual meeting held at Beaverton.

The mortgages on St. John's Presbyterian Church and the manse were paid off by the congregation and consigned to flames at their Jubilee service in commemoration of their 50th Anniversary.

November  
Port Perry was still considered one of the premier locations for light harness horse racing on the ice, being the initial meeting of the best horses during the season.  
Mr. John White of Cartwright was returning home from Oshawa with a load of potatoes when he was struck and killed by a train at a crossing just north of Raglan.  
An early freezing of Lake Scugog caught frogs off guard. For miles near the shore the ice was covered with frogs which were slipping around lively.

The 37th annual Port Perry Winter races organized by the Port Perry Trotting Assoc. will take place Jan. 8 and 9, 1907. Mr. H. Collacutt is the new president of the association.

December  
Mr. Thomas Stewart has leased the Port Perry Skating Rink for the present season.



**C.H. ALLISON**  
Operates C.H. Allison Drug Store on Queen St.



**R. J. BRUCE HARDWARE STORE**

The R. J. Bruce Hardware Store just after it had been sold to Art. Carnegie in 1906. Pictured from left are: Stuart Bruce, Dave Milne, Harold R. Archer, Wm. U. Carnegie and George A. Rose.

# 1907

## January

W.H. Cline, publisher of the Port Perry Standard, changes name of newspaper to The Port Perry Star.

Port Perry Reeve W.L. Parrish, councillors H.G. Hutcheson, C.H. Allison, J.G. Waddell and Rev. Geo. Robinson.

Scugog Reeve Peter Hood, councillors W.B. Jackson, J. F. Gerrow, George McHoull and James Davey.

Reach Twp. Reeve W. Crozier, Deputy Reeve Thomas Lambe, councillors J. Graham, A. Leask and J. Marks.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade president Joseph Bigelow occupied the chair. W.H. Cline was appointed clerk for the evening and discussion was held about the proposed Canning Factory to be established in town. Mr. J. G. Forman is in town selling stocks in the company.

## February

Dr. Mellow was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Board of Education at the first meeting of 1907. Members of the board included J.H. Brown, W.H. Harris, H.L. Ebbles, G.M. Jones, W. Kennedy, Geo. Rose, Dr. Archer, Orr Graham, W.H. McCaw, J.W. Meharry and A. Orchard.

Mr. C.H. Allison announced he had sold his drug and stationery business to Mr. E. B. Flint of Newark, N.J.. He

takes possession the first of March.

The St. Charles Hotel changed hands once again, with Mr. Searles disposing of this business to Mr. Allward of Toronto. Mr. Searles and his family have returned to their former home in Wellington, Prince Edward County.

## March

Port Perry council made grants of \$10 each to the Agricultural Societies of Port Perry, Reach, and Scugog.

A complaint was sent to the Railway Commission regarding the very poor and inadequate accommodation provided by the Grand Trunk Railway Co. for passengers travelling over the line between Whitby and Lindsay. The company replied promising to attend to the matter.

Mr. W. H. Crandell, formerly of Port Perry and more recently manger of the hotel "Oakwood" in North Dakota, has purchased the Rockland House in Bobcaygeon

## April

A grand Band Concert was given in the Town Hall by the Port Perry Citizen's Band assisted by Miss Carolyn Beacock, soprano soloist, Bert Harvey, comedian and Alma Tripp, piano soloist.

A Grand Trunk train had an accident just north of Myrtle. The engine, tender and a car load of live stock stayed on the track but several coaches were derailed. No one was seriously injured.

## May

C.W. Jones & Sons, who operates one of the most popular stores in town, have decided to give up their store business in Port Perry and devote themselves to their lumber interests.

The steamer Cora delivered 185 cement tiles to Port Perry. The tiles were purchased from Mr. L. Stephenson,



**QUEEN ST. QUARTET**

Four well dressed men standing near the corner of Queen and Perry Street, Port Perry in the early 1900s.



**EDWARD B. FLINT**

Buys drug store from C. H. Allison.



**DR. ROB. ARCHER**

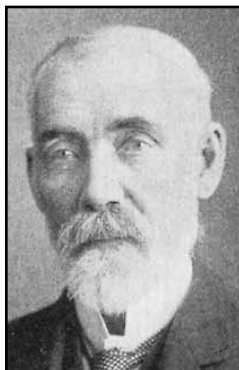
Port Perry area doctor, brother of Dr. David Archer.



**E. H. DUNK**

Joins firm of Jones, Dunk Co.





**DUGALD McBRIE**  
Port Perry High School  
principal for 31 years.

Scugog and shipped from Pettit's Point where they were manufactured.

Mr. Arthur J. Carnegie and family left for Regina, Saskatchewan, where they will reside in future.

June

Mr. James Carnegie was unanimously elected to the House of Assembly at the convention of the Liberals of South Ontario held in Whitby.

Mr. McKnight with a crew of men and the road grader are making much needed improvements to Perry St., north of Queen.

July

Mr. N. W. Stafford proprietor of Port Perry Granite and Marble Works has relocated his business from Queen St. to Perry St., north of the post office.

Workmen engaged in building a kitchen in the rear of Mr. Wm. Hodgon's house on Queen St., near Borelia corners came upon the remains of a very old human skeleton. The skull appeared to have been crushed and it was lying face down in the ground.

Carnegie Mill's tug, The Stranger, brought up a scow load of 25,000 bricks and a quantity of tile last Saturday from Fox's brick yards near Lindsay.

Concerns were being voiced for the low level of the water in Lake Scugog, which is fully two feet below its proper level making navigation to Lindsay almost impossible.

August

Messrs. C.W. Jones & Sons have decided to remain in their store in Port Perry after unsuccessfully trying to sell their business, stock and general merchandise.

Water on Lake Scugog is receding at a rate of one inch every 24 hours and is now fully four feet below its normal level.

A Port Perry High School Reunion is being planned for September 30.

September

Port Perry High School Principal Dugald McBride was presented a purse of gold and a very handsome cabinet of silver cutlery during the High School Reunion ceremonies.

Messrs. David and Arthur J. Carnegie purchased the business of Mr. Jas Carnegie. It includes the flour and grist mill, planning mill, saw mill, lumber yard, residential property, and the steam tug Stranger.

W.H. Cline announced he was selling the Port Perry Star and returning to the ministry, and introduced Mr. Samuel M. Farmer as the new owner effective immediately.

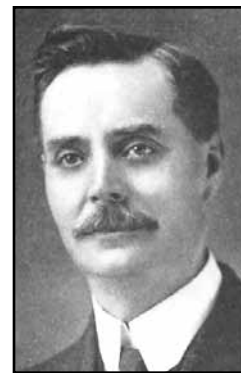
October

The Western Bank has opened a sub-agency of their Port Perry branch in Blackstock with Mr. W.J. White in charge under the direction of Mr. H.G. Hutcheson.

Mr. E. Allward, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel was fined \$50 for selling liquor during prohibited hours.

Town fire hydrants have been fixed and residents can rest assured that fire protection is of the best.

Navigation has become so bad in Lake Scugog, only the Cora, which draws 3 feet, 9 inches of water can navigate parts of the lake. All other boats, including the Stranger which draws 5 feet, 6 inches of water are lying idle.



**SAMUEL FARMER**  
Purchases Port Perry Star in  
September 1907.



Cedar arches, decorations and flags decorate Queen St. in the early 1900s for the annual Orange Parade on July 12 in this view taken from top of the grain elevator.

November

Mr. E.R. Dunk is the new member of the Jones, Dunk and Co. which has purchased stock and business of Jones and Sons.

December

Dr. E. L. Procter disposed of his business.

Mr. James Leask of Greenbank was in Chicago with his short horn calf, Roan King, and took the grand championship prize.

Reeve W.L. Parrish travelled to Ottawa to seek help in improving Lake Scugog, but spent most of his time waiting and was given only seven minutes for his interview.

Students of the Model School presented a comfortable Morris chair to principal Mr. R. F. Downey to express their appreciation of his services as a teacher.

Ice and wind  
cause severe  
damage to the  
Scugog Bridge

April 1908

# 1908

January

The Toronto Globe reported the Port Perry Ice Races one of the greatest ever seen in Canada. Lady May and John McEwen paced a dead heat with their time equalling the world's ice record.

At a convention of the Liberal Conservatives of South Ontario, held in Oshawa, Mr. Peter Christie was nominated to contest the riding for the Federal Parliament

In the election for Reeve, W.L. Parrish defeated Geo. Gerrow by 219 to 84 votes. Councillors for 1908 are Waddell, Doubt, Stonehouse and Hutcheson.

February

Reeve W.L. Parrish was elected Warden of the County of Ontario. He is the youngest member of the 22 representatives of the County Council Bd.

Dr. David Archer was appointed the Medical Health officer for the town.

Pine Grove Cemetery Bd. appointed a committee to look into building a vault on the property.

March

A fancy character costume and skating carnival took place at the Ontario Central Rink, Port Perry.

During the year 1907 in Port Perry there were: 20 births, 18 marriages and



Scugog Bridge was damaged by ice during the spring thaw in 1908. Photo shows ice damage to the upper cribbing and railings. Men on bridge are Ben Pettit, second left, (grey whiskers). Geo. Jackson next to Ben and Sam. Wakeford in boat. Others are unknown.



15 deaths. One person died at age 95, one at 88, one at 80 and the remainder at 70 or over.

The Port Perry Citizen's Band performed a concert at the Town Hall.

There was a call for additional lighting at the Grand Trunk Railway Station as passengers arriving on the evening train were stumbling over luggage in the dark.

April

A licence fee for a billiard room was \$500 for the first table and \$250 for each additional table.

James Stonehouse, operator of the Creamery, was appointed by the Government as Sanitary Inspector and Instructor of Creameries in eastern Ontario.

Mr. S.H. Graham, 52, editor of the Oshawa Vindicator, died of heart failure. He was engaged in the newspaper business all his life, having served his apprenticeship with Mr. E. Mundy of the Port Perry Standard office, Port Perry.

A severe wind storm blew the roof off the home of Mr. Wesley Hadley.

Messrs. Colville and Town will open a new bakery in the store formerly occupied by Mr. W.G. Monet.

The Scugog Bridge (causeway) received some severe pounding with the ice this Spring and the railings and telephone poles are badly broken.

Samuel Farmer writes: "It is very natural a healthy minded boy should wish to carry a gun, as it is a sign that he is going to be a man some day. With the privilege comes responsibilities and it is certain they should not be allowed to shoot on the streets."

Work was suspended at Carnegie's grist mill as the water is too high and is interfering with the machinery.

May

More than 7,640 feet of cement sidewalk was laid in 1907 in Port Perry by Mr. Waddell at a cost of \$687.00.

Rev. Wm. Cooper preached his last sermon as pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church before he and his family left for Mount Forest.

June

Rev. Mr. McQueen, of Port Perry has been ordained as a Baptist minister and will officiate in a church at Henrietta, near Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. Chas. F. Cook, formerly of Sunderland is the new barber in the village.

The town was collecting money to purchase four acres at the corner of Caleb and Crandell, opposite the High School to purchase and develop a public playground. The cost was estimated at \$500.

The Weber Gas Engine Company conditions for building in Port Perry included: the corporation guarantee the bonds of the company to the amount of \$40,000; the town provide a free mill site of approximately six acres and that the company be exempted from taxation, except so far as school taxes.

Mr. Downey, principal of the public school in Port Perry for the past six years, has been appointed principal of Central School, Peterboro, a much larger school.

A cyclone passed through the area last Friday and unroofed four barns and badly wrecked a house. A storm like this has not been known around here for many years.

July

County Council authorized the Reeve of Port Perry and Scugog to commence work on the Scugog Bridge, to repair damage



**EMMA McCAW**  
Wife of Wm. H. McCaw and mother of eight girls.



**DR. DAVID ARCHER**  
Port Perry doctor in practice with brother for 30 years.



**THE STEAMBOAT STRANGER**

The Stranger was owned by Jas. Carnegie, and was used to haul scows loaded of bricks, tile and lumber from Lindsay to Port Perry.



**T. J. WIDDEN**  
Appointed Municipal Auditor.

caused in the Spring. Recommended was that piles be driven along the outer edge, raise part of the structure two feet, use steel stringers covered with cedar timbers with iron rods to keep them in position. Roadway to be from 16' to 18' wide. Cost estimated at \$1000.

Carnegie Milling Company's steamer 'Stranger' was burned to the water's edge on July 20 and the hulk sank about 30 rods off shore of Caesarea. Over heated bearings are believed to have caused the fire.

A Lawn Bowling Club was established with about 20 members, headed up by George Gerrow, president; James Carnegie, vice-president and Samuel Farmer, secretary/treasurer.

**August**

A Port Perry team won the Kawartha Lakes Championship flag during the Sturgeon Point Regatta. The team of Messrs. Flint, Bowerman and D. Carnegie sailed the "Cora" to victory.

A vote on a by-law to loan the Canadian Weber Gas Engine Company the sum of \$30,000 to build a new plant passed with a large majority, 281 for - 21 against.

A deputation consisting of Reeve W.L. Parrish and council members, along with Wm. Ross, Samuel Farmer and F.L. Fowke met with the Hon Geo. P. Graham to discuss ways to remedy the low water in Lake Scugog.

A boom of 30 white oak logs lost in Lake Scugog between 40 and 50 years ago has been found. Work has begun to raise the logs, found in five feet of water and two feet of mud. The logs are valued at almost \$20,000.

**September**

Repairs began on the Scugog Bridge. Work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible, now that the harvest is over.

Drs. Archer and Archer narrowly escaped injury when their recently purchased automobile took a header into the ditch.

Electric lights are becoming so popular Mr. Currie says he will be busy until November installing new lights without any new orders.

Most of the machinery on the burned out steamer 'Stranger' has now been recovered. The boat sunk in about 12 feet of water and a diver from Lindsay was used to recover the equipment.



**JAMES MacBRIEN**  
Former Public School Inspector, elected V.P. of the Teachers' Association.

Weber Gas Engine Co. plans to build 16,000 sq. ft. plant

November 1908



Queen Street, Port Perry was still a dirt road and heavily lined with trees in this photo taken circa 1910. At right is the United Church, and two small frame houses can be seen further east along the street.



**STANDARD BANK**

Standard Bank, Port Perry, in building now occupied by Brock's Department Store.

**October**

Mr. Dugald McBride was named president of the Teachers' Association at convention held in Uxbridge. Mr. James MacBrien of Prince Albert is vice-president.

Council passed a bylaw banning pigs in the village within 150 feet of any dwelling. They also prohibited the use of pits in connection with water closets or outhouses and urged proper cleaning and disinfecting to avoid a menace to public health.

A notice was posted that cows are not allowed on the streets and roads in Port Perry after October 15th.

A.W. Allison has sold his Blacksmith business of twenty years to Mr. Arthur Dowson.

Mr. R.J Goundy of the Weber Gas Engine Co. visited town with his architect and plans for a new building for the Madison Williams property. The 80x200 foot building is 30 feet high and plans are to work during the winter to be ready for operation in early spring.

Carnegie Milling Co. is erecting a new 26'x70' saw mill on the wharf south of the grist mill. Work is expected to begin soon to build a new boat to take the place of the Stranger burned some months ago.

**November**

Mr. Yarnold was engaged to take levels and survey the Madison Williams property for the Webber Gas Co.

The railway station received a new coat of paint.

D.A. Hagerman tendered his resignation as Reach Township treasurer after serving the township for 22 years. Jas Munroe appointed to take his place.

The Madison Williams factory is slated to be torn down in preparation for the erection of the Weber Gas Engine Co. The new building will require over 400,000 bricks and 1000 barrels of cement. Twenty men are working on the building and 15 teams hauling gravel and stone. Floor space is 16,000 sq. ft.

**December**

The Standard Bank of Canada and the Western Bank of Canada merged with H.G. Hutcheson manager of the Port Perry Branch.

A by-law was passed declaring Monday, Jan. 4th election day in Port Perry.

H.G. Hutcheson announced he would run for the office of Reeve, due to the retirement of the present Reeve, Mr. Parrish.

In Scugog Wm Jackson was acclaimed Reeve. In Reach Twp. James Graham was acclaimed Reeve and Alex Leask Deputy Reeve.



**DAVID CARNEGIE**  
Operated Carnegie Grist and Lumber Mills.



Looking east along Queen St., towards Lake Scugog and the railway station, July 1909, people begin to gather to watch the Orange Parade make its way through Port Perry. Decorations included a large cedar arch at the corner of Queen and Water St. and banners and flags on the Sebert House (left) and the St. Charles Hotel (right).

# Parades, Bands & Celebrations



The Orange Parade on Queen St., circa 1900. The parade is led by a man on a white horse and followed by the Port Perry Band, led by bandmaster Professor Samuel Stout.



Port Perry Citizen's Band at the Blackstock Fair. Back left Lloyd Hunter, unidentified, Bob Cawker, George Davey, H. Hutcheson, Bruce Snelgrove, Harold Burton, John Orde, A. Roach, Harold Woon, J.W. Jackson, A. Andrews, unidentified, R. D. Woon and W. Webster. Front left, unidentified, Art. Jemison, Fred. Densham, I.R. Bentley, Vic. P. Stouffer and Bert MacGregor.



A large gathering of well-dressed residents outside of W.H. Letcher's Furniture Rooms at the corner of Queen and Perry Street, circa 1915. Unfortunately no details of this special event are available.

# 1909



**H.G. HUTCHESON**  
Port Perry Reeve 1909.

## January

Port Perry Reeve Hibbert G. Hutcheson. Council - Hugh Carmichael, James Forman, Geo. Gerrow, Jas. Stonehouse.

Work on repairs to the Scugog Bridge were completed at a cost of \$1,640.

The 40th annual horse races on Lake Scugog were held, with smaller than usual crowds.

T.J. Widden and Jas. Lucas were appointed auditors for municipal accounts at a salary of \$15 each.

Manager John Roach was praised for the way he operated the skating rink.

## February

A contract for the construction of a dam and lift lock at Lindsay, which will help improve water levels in Lake Scugog has been executed for \$37,000.

Council learned that the Weber Gas Engine Co. are negotiating for a position in Barrie, including \$40,000 without interest with free light and free water.

## March

Mr. S. Jeffrey has signed a contract to purchase one of the popular Ford touring cars.

Some 60 men are at work at the Lindsay locks, tearing away the old structure.

Messers Flavelle & Clemes received an order for 10 tonnes of ice per day from a Rochester firm.

Vote to be taken in Barrie on April 12 regarding the Weber Gas Engine Co.

## April

Mr. S.E. VanCamp, of Seven Mile Island, has purchased the Walling foundry. Greenberg Bros. open jewellery business in Blong Block. (store formerly of Miss Walker, Millinery).

Urge cleaning up lake front so citizens can enjoy nature.

Suggest the band be asked to play concerts at lakefront, as concerts are now given in Town Hall.

## May

St. Charles Hotel loses tavern license. Mr. E. Allward, proprietor, is given three months to sell his business.

C. Percy Rolph opened cleaning and pressing shop and W.A. Boyce purchases the butcher business of Mr. I.J. Wheeler.

A by-law was passed to restrain the use of tobacco by young persons.

County Council was asked to consider a new roadway to be cut to follow the south end of the Island. The large hill between Port Perry and Cartwright (Ham's Hill) is

unsafe for travel, especially in the Spring and it does not promote trade between the areas.

The Currie Block is being renovated. A new brick facing being made.

Steamer Cora brought in tow of logs consisting of some 20,000 pieces for Carnegie's new mill. Their new boat the "Scugog" is also giving good service.

Steamer Cora brings tow of 20,000 logs to Port Perry

May 1919



**ARTHUR S. EBBELS**  
Port Perry businessman.



Interior view of the tinsmith shop of W.L. Parrish Hardware, located above his store, with tinsmiths Charlie Collacutt and Pat Turner.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

June

Twenty-one carloads of stock were shipped from Port Perry during month of May. Total value about \$25,000.

Mr. Allward's license in the St. Charles Hotel is to be renewed.

Citizens Band holds moonlight cruise on Lake Scugog.

July

R.M. Jewell, photographic work of any description.

Mr. Sam. Graham caught a large perch and upon inspection found 5 inch long bass inside the fish.

Mr. Jas. Lucas landed a large muskellunge near the Island weighing 17 1/2 lbs.

A large crowd gathered on the street to watch the Orange Parade in Port Perry. Worshipful Master Bro. Wm Kennedy, who has been a member of the Order for 51 years, called the meeting to order.

August

The Hon. John Dryden died at the age of 69.

Mr. Arthur Wales, Toronto, has purchased the St. Charles House from Mr. E. Alward.

A new cement culvert was built across Queen Street just east of the Methodist Church by Mr. Gerrow at a cost of about \$340. The road was closed for some time while the cement dried and there were many complaints by residents.

G. T.R. is building a new water tank at the station yard.

Fire destroyed 10 buildings at Little Britain. Special train with two hose sections sent from Toronto responds.



**QUEEN STREET - CIRCA 1900**

Section of the south side of Queen St. with the Ontario Bank, (arched windows); doorway to Henry Doubt's tailor shop upstairs; Ross and Sons store (now Brock's Store), and the Standard Printing and Book Store.

## CHAPTER ONE - A NEW CENTURY



**QUEEN ST. PARADE**

Parade marches past W.G. Monet's store at 235 Queen Street. Below, a view of the windows of W.G. Monet's store.



Rural mail delivery has been granted to Columbus, Raglan and Taunton.

September

Port Perry's water tank was repaired and new float installed. The tank was built six years ago and this is first repair.

The Big Red Apple Evaporator operating on Lilla St., owned by Mr. Joseph Bigelow, employs 15 men and can process 300 bushels of apples a day. They sell all their dried apples to the T. Eaton Company.

James MacBrein, former Inspector of Public Schools in Ontario County for nearly 40 years, passed away.

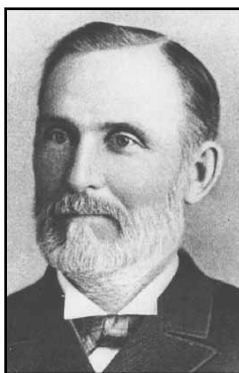
Mr. Jackson completed work on sidewalks being laid in town for this year.

October

A deputation headed by Rev. John Harris, attended council with a petition bearing 183 signatures, requesting Council submit a Local Option bylaw to the people of Port Perry.

Messrs. Rose & Co. open branch store in Lindsay.





HON. JOHN DRYDEN  
Dies at age 69.

The Bowling Club have secured a new plot of land which will be levelled and made ready for next year.

November

J.W. Collins, Barber shop and tobacco business move to the Purdy Block. Mr. Currie suggested the necessity of introducing meters for the electric light system because the town loses money on flat rate light charges.

A severe ice storm cut off telephone and telegraph connections, destroyed telephone poles, trees and put electric lights out of operation.

December

Jas. Stonehouse suggested flooding the new bowling green to provide skating for the children in the afternoons.

Port Perry enacts a by-law to prohibit the sale by retail of spirituous fermented or other manufactured liquors in the municipality.

Four persons plunged through the thin ice on the lake while out skating, with nothing serious resulting from the incident.

An old building at the back of the St. Charles House, known as the Railroad Hotel is dangerous and should be torn down.

Now that the round house has gone the cattle pens stick out like a sore thumb and the railway should remove them. Years ago the engine used to remain in Port Perry over night and the round house was built for it then. When the railway authorities moved the engine to Lindsay the round house was used as pump house for a time, but it was recently removed.

Salaries for Port Perry firemen amounted to \$210.

Following the final council meeting of 1909, Reeve Hutcheson entertained several ex-reeves and officials of the town at Cook's restaurant.

Mr. H.G. Hutcheson was returned as reeve of Port Perry by acclamation for 1910.

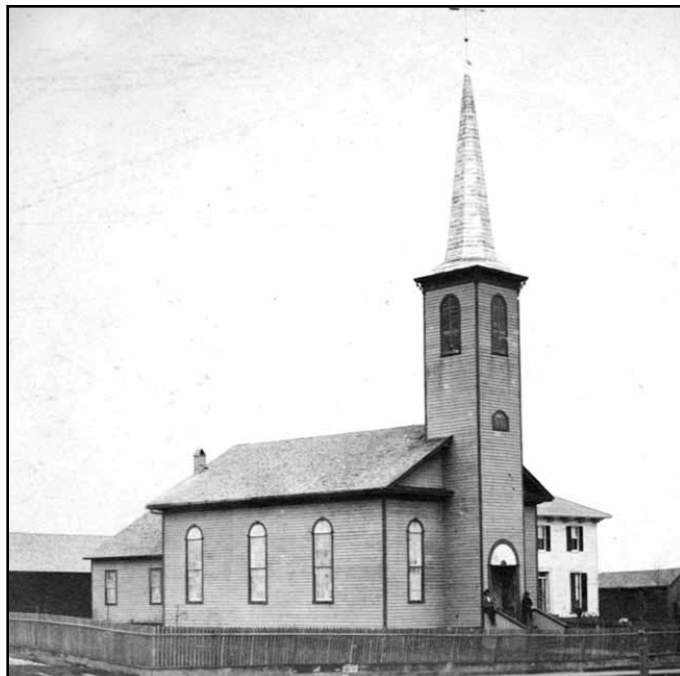
The high expectation of the Weber Gas Engine Co. have all but vanished, with only a huge foundation to remind residents of the company.

Mr. Arthur Ebbels leaves for Picton where he takes a new position in the Standard Bank.



This circa 1900 photo shows Perry Street looking north from Queen St. At right is the A.W. Allins Carriage Shop and A. H. Reynolds Blacksmith Shop and the cupola seen over the roof of the white frame house, is from the old Williams Foundry, before it was torn down in early 1910. At the reins of the horse drawn wagon is James Coates, with his son Russell.

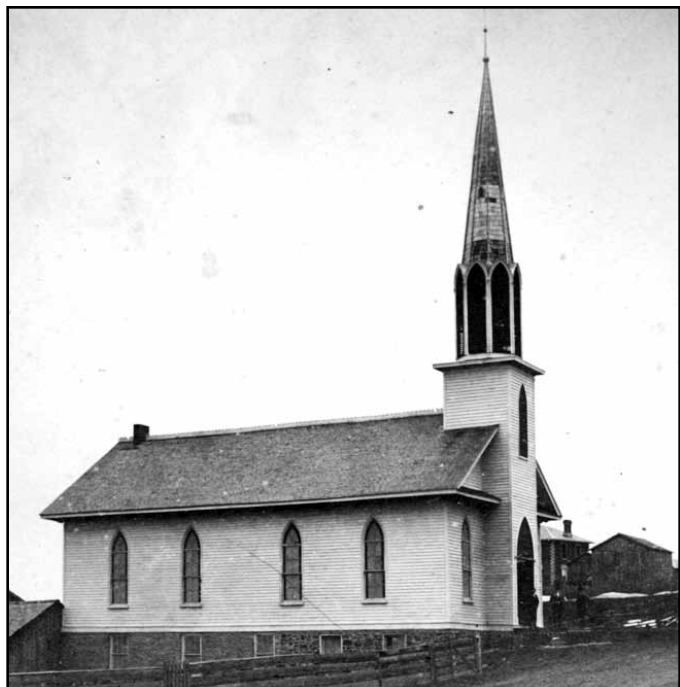
# Places of Worship



The Port Perry Baptist Church was located at the corner of Queen and Rosa St. Port Perry. (the property is now occupied by Stonemore Daycare Centre).



The Presbyterian Church as it looked on Queen St., Port Perry in the early 1900s looked much then, as it does today.



The Methodist Episcopal Church as it looked when it was located at the corner of Queen and Caleb St. in the early part of the century.



The Catholic Church, which was located at the corner of John and Casimir St., was torn down in March 1975.

# 1910 - 1919

## The Teen Years

Chapter

# 2

### January

Port Perry Reeve H.G. Hutcheson; councillors Geo. Gerrow, Hugh Carmichael, Jas. Forman, Jas. Stonehouse. Both Reach Twp. and Scugog Twp. elected their reeve and council by acclamation.

Local Option is defeated with the largest vote ever polled in Port Perry. Votes 'For' 206; 'Against' 182 - just 27 votes short of the required majority.

Mr. A. Orchard has purchased the coal business of Messrs. Flavelle and Clemes.

Howard Tummonds has returned home and is opening an office in his home as Veterinary Surgeon.

The old Madison Williams Foundry building is scheduled to come down at last. Forty years it has stood and years ago was a thriving business of Mr. Thomas Paxton who later had a partner, Mr. Tait. Mr. Madison Williams operated the foundry for a number of years, turning out turbine water wheels. All that will be left on the site is the foundation for the new Weber Gas Engine Co. which was never built.

Cawker Bros. have purchased the Livery Stables of Jamieson and Dennison and are prepared to supply first class Turnouts.

Mr. Currie and Mr. Raymes have resigned from their work at the powerhouse.

Mr. J. Tinsely is the new engineer at the powerhouse with a salary of \$50 per month.

### February

Dr. G. Coates, has purchased the bakery and confectionery business of Mr. Chas. Pearn.

Newly decorated Methodist Church, at Woodville was almost completely wrecked by an explosion of gas from the acetylene gas plant, which lighted the church. Mrs. McKee wife of the sexton was seriously burned as she had gone to see what was causing the lights to go dim.

Mr. Tinsley of the Electric Light Department is busy installing meters.

### March

Locks at Lindsay are expected to be finished early in the summer.

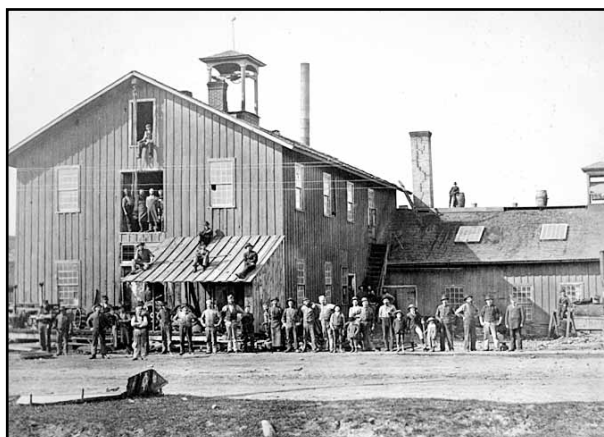
Council was given notice



**THOS. PAXTON**  
Owner of Paxton & Tate Foundry.

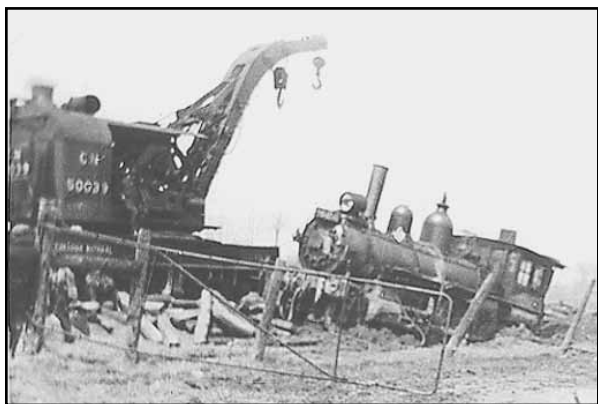


**MADISON WILLIAMS**  
Owner Williams Foundry.



**WILLIAMS FOUNDRY**

The Paxton & Tate foundry, later owned by Madison Williams, was located near the corner of Pery and Paxton Street. It was demolished in 1910 to make room for the Weber Gas Engine Co.



**RAILWAY ACCIDENTS**

Accidents along the rail lines happened often, and many of them involved collisions with animals. This one took place near Manchester.

on behalf of Mr. Madison Williams that he will bring suit against the town re: the Foundry property.

Miss Olga Diesfeld is giving up her business, (jewellery, silverware, china).

Capt. Bowerman sold his steamer "Cora" to Carnegie Milling Co. The Alligator "Scugog" has been shipped by train to Kingston. Mr. Bowerman intends to purchase a new gasoline powered launch which will hold about 30 passengers for this season.

R.M. Jewell, photographer, over T.J. Widden store.

Mr. Benjamin Smallman

has bought the blacksmith business of Mr. S. Graham.

**April**

The Carnegie Milling Co. have purchased 8,000 acres of oak, gum, cypress, hickory and elm timber in Arkansas.

At a meeting of Council at the Town Hall a by-law was passed authorizing the purchase of the old Fair Grounds for the purpose of providing a public park and athletic grounds for the use of citizens and visitors to Port Perry. (fairground was located at the south end of what is now known as Carnegie St.)

Dr. Orr Graham's departure from Port Perry will be keenly felt when ice racing time comes again.

A wall in front of the bowling green is being built of cement. Mr. Farmer suggests the corner property next to the bowling green should be secured for a reading room and public library.

The Sinclair lot has been selected as the site for the new Post Office in Port Perry. \$5,000 has been set aside for the work.

The balance of Miss Diesfeld jewelry, etc. has been purchased by Greenberg Bros., who will continue the business here.

**May**

Mr. VanCamp suggested that all owners of boat houses club together and put up a union boat house with a truck and track to haul boats out of the water.

The Agriculture Society has handed \$750, to council for its share of Fairground Purchase money. The old Fairgrounds are now the property of the town.

May 6, 1910 - His Majesty King Edward VII died, 15 minutes before midnight with Queen Alexandra by his bedside. A special service was held in the Methodist Church to mourn the loss of the King.

**June**

Population of Scugog Island is 416 persons and there are three schools operating on the Island.

Mr. R.L. Borden, leader of the federal Conservative Party visited town.

The bowling green has been put in excellent shape. Mr. Wm. Mills has furnished the dressed fence posts which are used in front of the lawn.

Mr. J. W. Thompson of Toronto purchased the Sebert House from Mr. Louis Bandel, who has owned it for the past



**OLGA DIESFELD**  
Operated Jewellery business.



**PORT PERRY LAKEFRONT**

View of the Wm. Ross Elevator and Carnegie Mill along the lakefront. At far left is the water tower near the station.



**VIEW OF PORT PERRY IN 1912**

This unusual view of Port Perry is believed to have been taken from the home of F.A. Kent, in Kent Estates. Note the large number of buildings stretching out onto the point at left, which is now known as Birdseye Centre. Inlet in front of photo was known as Kent's Bay.

Town hires Lindsay contractor to remove weeds from lakefront

August 1910

10 year.

Mr. Dugald McBride is retiring after teaching for 54 years, (40 in Port Perry). He was honored by teachers and students with a number of presentations.

Mr. Joseph Bigelow has moved a section of the recently purchased Noxon Evaporator to the rear of the Big Red Apple Evaporator for much needed space.

David J. Adams, J.P., of Port Perry, died.

July

Weeds in the lake are creating problems and Council is looking into have them removed.

At a meeting of the Board of Education a motion put forward by Geo. Rose and seconded by E.H. Purdy named Mr. Geo. Stone Vice Principal of the School with an increase in salary of \$100, effective Sept. 1910.

Grand Trunk Railway tied up with labor troubles. Word has been received that no tickets are to be sold until further notice.

The council is conducting negotiation with the owners of a powerful steamboat to destroy the weeds in the lake.

Jones, Dunk & Co. to become The Dunk, McIntyre Co.

August

Herbert Sweetman, son of the late Wm. Sweetman of Scugog Island, drowned after falling from a canoe while out fishing with friends on Lake Scugog.

Mr. John Nott has retired from furniture business, after 60 years.

The John Carew Lumber Co. of Lindsay, have contracted with the Corporation to remove the weeds from the waterfront. The work will be done with a drag of timber and boom chains drawn by a strong side wheel steamer.

Mr. R.S. Jenkins has been secured as the new Port Perry High School principal, to succeed Mr. Dugald McBride who resigned earlier this year.

September

Dr. R.L. Graham has purchased the dental practice of Dr. F.D. McGrattan, who may go west.

Mr. R.S. McQuaid opened a moving picture theatre where the bowling alley used to be.

Church of the Ascension reopened for services after being thoroughly renovated and redecorated.

The town offered a \$10 reward for information leading to the detection of persons defacing new sidewalks by leaving footprints in the cement.

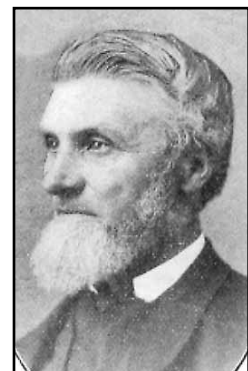
Local farmers Jas. Leask, Alex Lee and Wm. Graham were among the exhibitors showing cattle at the Port Perry Fair.

The general store at Manchester owned for the past two years by Jas. Munro, has been sold to A.D. Ferguson.

October

Mr. Wales sold the St. Charles Hotel to Mr. Proctor, who came here from Toronto.

Messrs. Hutcheson, Gerrow, Stonehouse, Parrish and Farmer inspected the dangerous Cartwright Hill and



**JOHN NOTT**

Furniture maker retires after 60 years in business.

came to the decision building a road around the hill would be better than trying to cut it down. The new road would require a right of way through the property of Mr. Thos. Pearce, but he has not yet agreed to the proposal.

A delegation from Port Perry travelled by boat to inspect the new dam at Lindsay. Present were Reeve H.G. Hutcheson, Port Perry councillors, Mr. F.L. Fowke, M.P. for South Ontario, Mr. McLellan, Superintendent of the Trent Valley Canal System and Star editor Samuel Farmer.

A fine cement vault has been completed in Pine Grove Cemetery.

**November**

Rev. Geo. Robinson of the Methodist Church, is leaving town to live in Toronto.

Council authorized a plebiscite to be taken at the next municipal elections to determine whether or not cows shall be allowed to run the streets of the town next year.

A train engine engaged in helping the evening train over Highpoint ran into a cow and was derailed.

Winter came early, dropping about six inches of snow on the area.

**December**

Messrs. John Bradley and Dorman Corbman are putting the skating rink in order.

Mr. F. L. Fowke, Ontario South M.P., notified Reeve Hutcheson that plans for the new post office will be ready for inspection in January.

Mr. S.E. VanCamp travelled to Toronto and secured the agency for Ford motor cars for the coming season.

The Standard Bank of Port Perry opened a sub agency in Nestleton.



**JAMES L. FORMAN**  
Port Perry Councillor.

# 1911

**January**

Port Perry Reeve Geo. Gerrow. Council - Jas. Forman, H.G. Hutcheson, Hugh Carmichael, Jas. Waddell. Reach Twp. Reeve Alex Leask. Scugog Twp. Reeve John F. Gerrow.

Robert McKnight, town constable and street commissioner for Port Perry since 1874 died suddenly January 9, 1911.

The fortieth annual ice trotting races took place with smaller than usual crowds and some races being cancelled due to a severe winter storm.

Reeve Gerrow circulated a petition to County Council asking for a grant to buy a right of way around Ham's Hill on the Island to build a road around the hill.

**February**

A. Ross and Sons announced his retirement from general retail store business, having sold the entire stock to Mr. Brock. Mr. William Ross will retain the grain and seed business, moving to the Ackerman Block west of the St. Charles Hotel.

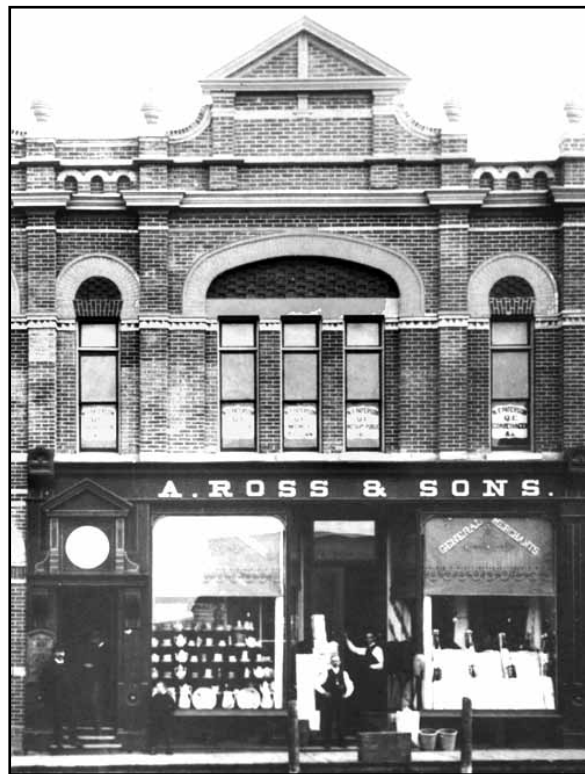
February 8, 1911 - Early Days in Reach and Scugog, a historical sketch by Miss E. Yarnold.

Mr. George Rose received a color sketch of the new post office which shows a clock tower on the two-storey brick building.

Council purchased 100 chairs formerly used in the moving picture show for the basement of the Town Hall.



**ROBT. MCKNIGHT**  
Town constable dies.



**A. ROSS & SONS**

Mr. Ross retires from business in 1911 and sells to William Brock.





**LILLA STREET - PORT PERRY**

Intersection of Queen and Simcoe (Lilla) Street as it looked in 1912 looking south, with United Church on left, and Town Hall 1873 at right.

**March**

William Ross real estate agent advertises: \$1,700 buys a six room frame house, two large halls, electric lights, small garden, on a large roomy lot in Port Perry.

Two local stores, Greenberg's Jewellery Store and Marshall Stonehouse Furniture Store announced they were selling their stock and giving up business.

George R. Davey announces purchase of the stock of Oke & MacGregor.

Claremont and Ashburn Telephone Co. secure franchise for telephones in Port Perry. The Bell Telephone had an exclusive franchise which was not renewed.

**April**

Electric light plant to be shut down at 11 p.m. as so few people use it after that hour it is considered a waste.

Owing to an outbreak of measles, chicken-pox, whooping cough and mumps, the public school was closed until after Easter.

Mr. Arthur Dowson purchased the old "Railroad Hotel" on Water St. and is expected to tear it down to make room for a new blacksmith shop.

The steamer Cora brought in her first tow of logs of the season, despite the water being a full foot lower than last year.

**May**

The barn and house belonging to Mr. Isaac Rodman, of Scugog was destroyed by fire.

Reeve Gerrow received a letter from Mr. F.L. Fowke, M.P. stating that advertising for tenders to build the new post office will be issued soon.

Council receives complaints about the logs now in the water in front of the wharf making it impossible for boats of any size to land.

Mr. F.W. Dunham of Toronto bought the St. Charles Hotel from Mr. Al Proctor.

Mr. Frederick A. Kent of Toronto, one of the firm of jewelers of that name, has purchased the Gimby property for a summer residence.

Port Perry's oldest citizen, Mr. Samuel Stoutt passed away. He was more than 100 years old and while living here was a barber, musician and the first leader of the Port Perry band.

Mr. Yarnold began surveying the property for the new post office.

Council announced it would lay cement sidewalks this year on the following streets: Perry, Water, Lorne, Lilla, Rosa, Ella, Caleb, John and parts of Queen St.

Mr. Dorman Corbman has bought the skating rink.

The cow is again permitted to roam the streets.

Mr. E. R. Dunk of Dunk-McIntyre has sold his interest in the business to Mr. McIntyre and is moving to Windsor.

**June**

Barn raising took place at the Isaac Rodman farm, which was burned to the ground about five weeks ago.

Charles Bowerman is pilot of the government steamer "Bob



**FREDERICK A. KENT**  
Owner of Kent Estates.

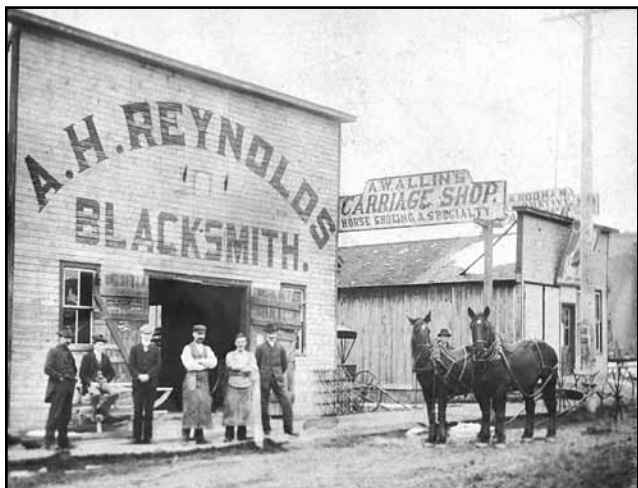


**GEORGE DAVEY**  
Member of the Port Perry Band and local merchant.



**RAILROAD HOUSE HOTEL**

Located on Water St. during late 1800s it was torn down in April 1911.



**PERRY ST. BLACKSMITH SHOP**

The shops of A.H. Reynolds, Blacksmith and A.W. Allin's Carriage Shop at the south east corner of Perry and North St.

Hall" which is mapping out a channel in Scugog Lake to be buoyed for the summer.

The Bell Telephone construction gang are busy preparing to receive extra wires for the rural lines.

Coronation Day Celebration was held June 22.

Dr. Mellow ran his auto into a light pole damaging both.

Mass Meeting to discuss reciprocity. A resolution was passed condemning reciprocity.

F. W. McIntyre announces that he has purchased the Dunk-McIntyre business and



**HON. G. W. ROSS**  
Ex-MP sells his grain and seed business.

will continue in the old stand.

Dr. Robt. Archer fell from a train near Whitby landing in the ditch beside the track. He was unconscious for an hour before recovering, and walked to Whitby station for help.

July

County Council has granted \$600 to buy right of way and build road around Ham's Hill. This is the hill on the end of Scugog Island over which the road to Cartwright climbed, and we do mean climbed!

Mr. Hutcheson and Mr. J. Forman moved that a pavilion be built on the wharf.

The Bowling Club has had electric lights installed on the green so that they may bowl in the evening.

Township is progressing on clearing weeds from the lake in front of the town. Gravel has been laid at end of Queen St.

Mr. Art. Dowson has cleaned up the lot where the Railway Hotel was located and built a modern, well equipped blacksmith shop. Stables are connected with the blacksmith shop where horses can be purchased or exchanged.

August

Ex-M.P. Mr. Wm. Ross has sold his grain, seed and real estate business to James Lucas and plans to move to Toronto.

*Bell Telephone  
opens office in  
Port Perry*

*August 1911*



View of the Scugog Bridge looking east towards Scugog Island, taken for a post card about 1910.

# Business and Commerce



Above: Interior view of E.H. Purdy's Hardware store with Mr. Purdy chatting to Joseph Raines as he sits on a stool in front of the counter of the store.  
Left: Harold Emmerson working in McIntyre's store, which was on north side of Queen St., about Lukes Card Shop.



**DOUGLAS D. ADAMS**  
Adams Bankers and Brokers office in Port Perry. Photo shows Douglas Adams and father D.J. Adams seated.



Bottom right: Interior view of W. L. Parrish Hardware store taken in the early 1900s, with enlarged view of Mr. Parrish with a customer, above.



Interior view A. J. Davis Drug Store, Port Perry during the early 1900s.





A group of telephone installers in front of the Sebert House.

Mrs. Scott of Toronto caught a twenty one and a half pound muskellunge near Washburn's Island.

Harold Archer was presented a medal by the Royal Humane Assoc. for saving the life of two young people, Miss Dhel Purdy and Mr. Earl Whiteway, who were out skating when the ice gave away in Dec. 1909.

Mr. Thompson has sold his interest in Sebert House to Mr. McKee who now runs it alone.

Fifteen thousand bushels of apples wanted at evaporator.

Mr. R.S. Jenkins resigned as principal of Port Perry High School and will be succeeded by Mr. Neil McEachern.

John Stovin is busy installing a metal ceiling in the Town Hall and the interior is being improved and painted.

The Bell Telephone office is finished and consists of a waiting room, two public call cabinets and a general office. There are four operators taking six hour shifts.

A contract was let to Messrs. E. Fielding and Dunn of Port Perry to build the new roadway around Ham's Hill on Scugog.

**September**

Tree growth on the Scugog Bridge has been so rapid, it has become a danger to the travelling public as it hides the view of the road.

After running the telegraph office for the Great Western Telegraph Co. for 28 years, Mr. A.J. Davis is severing connections with the company.

A nine hole golf course has been made at the Fairgrounds.

**October**

W.H. Letcher and Son bought the furniture and undertaking business of Town and Spears.

Port Perry's chief constable Samuel Graham left for Oshawa for a job as night watchman at the McLaughlin Works.

Work began on a new post office in Uxbridge, while Port Perry has not heard when work will start here.

Assessed populations in 1911 - Port Perry 1,172; Reach 2,843; Scugog 449; Uxbridge 1,567.

**November**

Independent Telephone Co. are installing poles for a line running from Brooklin to Port Perry.

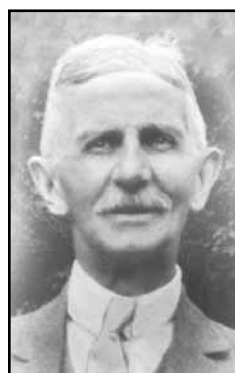
Two game preserves in this locality, The Scugog Game Preserve and the Cartwright Game Preserve. Both have rights to forbid hunting on their property.

Mr. George Cotton has sold the Seven Mile Island to a Toronto man, Mr. Wilson, and his family will occupy it.

Mr. Dorman Corbman announced his ice skating rink will be known as the "Olympia Skating Rink" following the grand opening.

**December**

Contractor Trick of Oshawa has the work of building the Post Office well in hand. It is proposed to work all winter,



**A.J. DAVIS**  
Owner of Davis Drug Store.

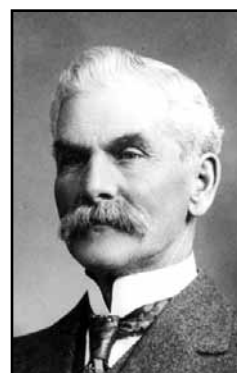
*Arena to be known  
as the Olympia  
Skating Rink*

*December 1911*



**QUEEN ST. PORT PERRY 1915**

View of Queen St. looking west from downtown. Note gravel roads.



**W.H. LETCHER**  
Buys local furniture and undertaking business.

using a fire to keep the mortar from freezing.

Another factory, the Dymond Gas and Gasoline Engine Co. of Toronto, wants to locate in Port Perry. They want \$35,000 on usual mortgage conditions, free water and a railway switch.

Messrs. Chas. and Geo. Cawker, son of S. Cawker, Port Perry purchased a hardware business in Toronto.

There are currently 190 telephones on the Port Perry switch board and 100 more to be added.

Less than 30 people came out to the nomination meeting with the Port Perry council being re-elected by acclamation for 1912.



**WILLIAM BROCK**  
Brock's Dept. Store.

# 1912

## January

Port Perry Reeve Geo. Gerrow; councillors Jas. Forman, Hugh Carmichael, H. G. Hutcheson.

Reach Reeve Alex Leask; Dep. Reeve Ralph McIntyre; Councillors Dobson, Johnson and John Stone. Scugog Reeve W. Sweetman.

The Dymond Gas Company which was looking to locate here went into bankruptcy in Toronto.

W.G. Monet bought the grocery and flour and feed business of Mr. E.H. Purdy.

## February

Mr. D. McBride was elected president of the Public Library board and Mr. S. Jeffrey was elected chairman of the Board of Education.

The switchboard of the Independent Telephone Co. is being installed at Flint's Drugstore.

Turner & Robinson coal, (opp. Matthew-Edwards Warehouse).

## March

Mr. Jos. Britton intends to start a blacksmith shop in A.W. Allin's shop on Perry St. He will have a wood working department with Mr. Allin in charge.

Last week Port badly needed coal, eight carloads have been sitting at Whitby, some since Feb. 12. It finally arrived on Friday, March 1.

The harness business known as Jeffrey & Courtice for the past 25 years will become Samuel Jeffrey & Son.

Mr. C. C. Jeffrey is going into partnership in the S. Jeffrey & Son harness saddlery business with his father.

The Bell Telephone Co. have bought Drs. Bascom and McClintock private line.

Mr. E.D. Wallace of Port Hope is taking charge of the local Bell Telephone office.

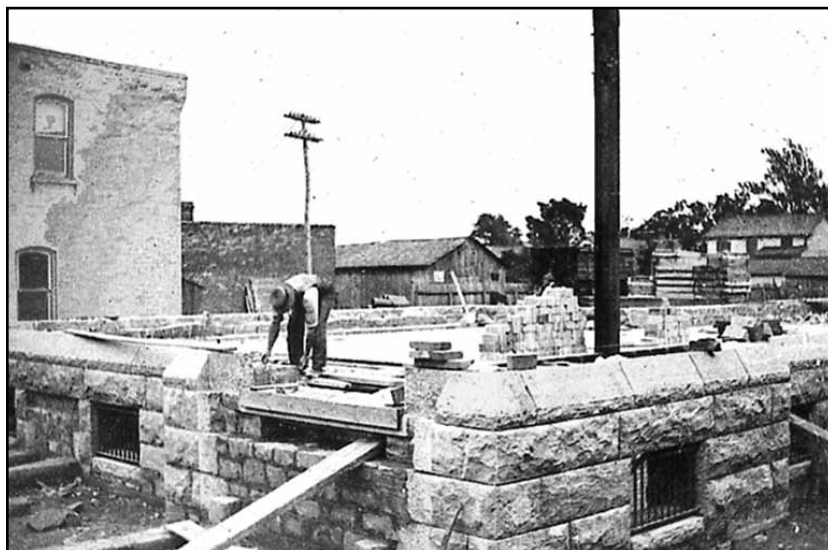
## April

Water tore out a great piece of the railway embankment at Beaver Meadow Creek, some 30 ft. deep and 60 ft. wide. The G.T.R. Crew have been busy all week replacing the bridge.

Mr. Wm. Cook was appointed Chief of the Fire Brigade of Port Perry.

The Bd. of Education reduced teaching staff at the Port Perry Public School from five teacher to four and increased salaries to \$500, just slightly higher than the average salary of \$484 paid to Ontario teachers.

Work on the post office was being delayed due to the bad conditions of the roads, which made it impossible to haul sand for concrete work.



### POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the foundation and first floor of the Post Office gets underway in early 1912. The basement has stone walls two feet thick, with the exterior surface of white dressed stone.

Dead fish lined the shores of Lake Scugog following the ice going out, causing a menace to public health.

Water on the Scugog bridge has risen to a depth of two feet and is yet rising.

The home of Mr. Wm. Ross on Casimir St. was sold to Mr. Charles Richardson Stewart.

Mr. Milton McDermott accidentally took a drink of tincture of aconite at Flint's Drugstore, thinking it was whisky, to help relieve a sore throat. Despite the efforts of Drs. David Archer, Mellow and Covill he died a short time later from the poison.

May

Mr. Frederick A. Kent is making extensive improvements to his property. Waterworks to be installed, a house to be built for the caretaker and family, lawns leveled and a bowling green built.

Owners of cars in town are listed as: W.L. Parrish, S. Jeffrey, E.H. Purdy, Dr. Mellow, Dr. Archer, S.E. VanCamp, P.G. Graham, H. Parr and Frederick A. Kent.

Burglars entered Mr. W. Willard's store and blew open a safe with explosives causing considerable damage to the store. A few items of clothing and \$15 in cash were taken. In the past few weeks, the Sebert House, and the Utica and Myrtle stores have also been victims of burglars.

Shut your gates, the cows will be on the streets soon. Those who require tags for same may obtain them from Mr. Cassidy at the usual fee.

Port Perry council met with Scugog council to discuss who would be liable for the upkeep of the new road around Ham's Hill. Scugog does not want the additional cost of maintaining another road as it is more benefit to the residents of Cartwright and Port Perry than to Scugog.

June

Edward B. Flint has sold his drug business to Orval Byers.

An accident at the power house left the town without electricity and in darkness for a week.



**PORT PERRY STATION**

Grand Trunk Railway engine No. 2470 arriving from Lindsay at the Port Perry Station in 1912. The station was located in what is now Palmer Park. The Union Milling Co. can be seen at right of photo.



A view of downtown Port Perry, circa 1912, looking east. Note the wooded sidewalks and hitching posts.



Road around Ham's Hill is officially opened

August 1912

July

Port Perry and County Council will spend \$200 each to complete work on the Ham's Hill Road. Scugog will be responsible for maintenance of the road.

The cornerstone of the new post office, in which Mr. Airey has carved a simple maple leaf, was set at the northwest corner of the building, under the tower.

Seventeen year old Karl Ross drowned near the dock at the foot of Queen St. when he got stuck in the mud while playing with friends.

Mr. Wm. Donaldson of Markham was appointed the new principal and science master of Port Perry High School.

Scugog council unanimously declined to assume, or maintain the new road around Ham's Hill.

Carnegie Milling Co. is constructing a new wharf and the town has ordered a new weed saw.

August

The new road round Ham's Hill south end of Scugog was opened last week, a lasting monument to the persistent effort of Reeve George Gerrow of Port Perry. The road eliminates the need of climbing the big hill.

Mr. W.H. Palmer, who has the contract to lay cement sidewalks has been busy and several blocks are being put down by Jas. Waddell.

One of Port Perry's youngest and most progressive businessmen, Douglas Adams, died following an operation to remove his appendix.

Surveys were being taken for construction of a bridge between Cartwright and Mariposa near Janetville, to be submitted to the Dominion Government.

September

New cement sidewalks are being laid on the school property.

Mr. George Stone was formerly invested to act as principal of the High School until a permanent principal is secured.

Brickwork has started on the new post office and it is progressing nicely.

October

Adams and Hutcheson, successors to David J. & Douglas Adams.

Joseph Bigelow is advertising he needs 15,000 bushels of apples for the Big Red Apple Evaporator.

Seven Mile Island Hotel is a popular spot for duck shooters this season.

J. Cassidy reports to council the weight of bread sold at bakeries in Port Perry.

November

Local duck hunters complain that the millionaires and other heirs have bought up all the good marshes and there are few good places for locals to shoot ducks.

Speedsters even then; team of horses driven at high speed by young fellows crash head on into Dr. Coates horse. He tried to avoid them by pulling well over. One horse killed, another badly injured.

Mr. Jas. Carnegie was honoured by friends at the Sebert House. Mr. Carnegie is leaving Port Perry after a quarter century as a leading businessman in town.

Council considers banning cows from the street, since dust from automobiles makes the grass along roadsides unpalatable, and the cows do not keep it close cropped as they did before the car came along.

December

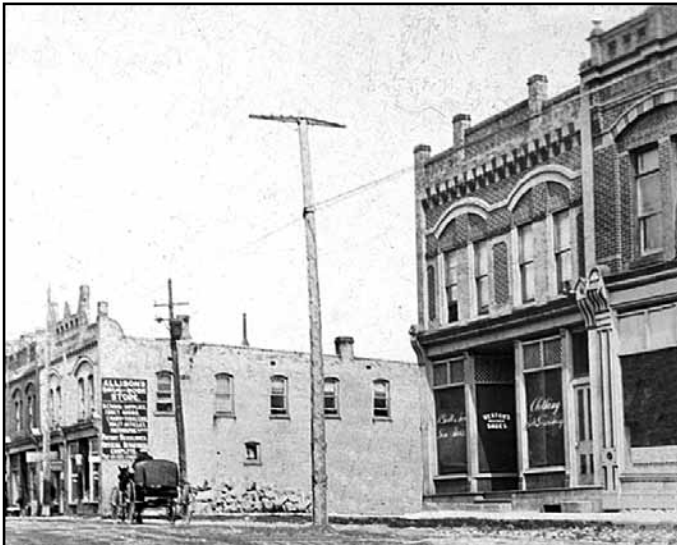
Canning factory proposed on the Flavelle property, Water and Casimir St., which would employ 50-60 hands during the running season.

Mr. J.W. Meharry has received an appointment in connection with Immigration Dept. which will make him resident of Ireland for some time.

During 1912 three blocks of piping of a waterworks system was installed along Cochrane St., with many residents hooking up and installing complete bathroom outfits in their houses.



SAMUEL CAWKER  
Owner of Cawker's Meat Market on Queen St.



View of the south side of Queen St. the later part of 1912 or early 1913, before the new Post Office was built. The pile of rocks beside Allison's Drug Store's wall, is quite likely white granite stone used for the foundation of the post office.

# 1913



**DR. C.W. MOON**  
Seagrave veterinarian.

## January

Hot elections for council in both Port Perry and Reach. Mr. George Gerrow was returned as Reeve for Port Perry, and his council consisted of Jas. Lucas, H. Carmichael, Jas. Forman, S. Graham.

Reach elected Mr. Ralph McIntyre as reeve in a six man race. Mr. J.T. Dobson was elected Deputy Reeve by acclamation.

In Scugog Mr. J.W. Crosier declined a nomination for reeve and J.T. Sweetman was elected. Council members were all elected by acclamation.

Clarence Cook is prepared to sharpen skates, having purchased Mr. Dorman Corbman's outfit.

Mr. Edwin Hartry has rented his market garden to Mr. Wm. Ettey, who came from Yorkshire, Eng. Mr. Hartry joins the Bell Telephone.

Bylaw to prevent cows running loose on the streets was well supported with 209 voting in favor of the cow on the street and only 93 opposed.

## February

A vote was taken re: financial assistance for starting a canning factory: 191 voted for the bylaw, eight opposed.

An immense crowd attended the carnival at the Olympia Rink with a good display of fancy costumes and music by the Whitby Citizen's Band.

A deputation from the village council asked County Council to assume the roadway around Ham's Hill and to make a \$300 grant for gravel.

Reeve Gerrow and Mr. W.H. Harris were in Toronto at a special meeting to look into the proposed radial railway and power line proposal which would link Toronto, Uxbridge and Port Perry.

Dr. W. A. Sangster, who has practiced dentistry here for 18 years, has entered into a partnership in Toronto and will be leaving town.

## March

Work has begun on the interior finishing of the post office.

The Canning Factory people have bought the curling rink property.

Dr. C.W. Moon of Seagrave has sold his veterinary business.

Ford garage opened in Jas. Swan's carriage shop, Percy Graham proprietor.

## April

Samuel Farmer, publisher of The Port Perry Star began printing his book, *On The Shores of Scugog* in the newspaper as a weekly series.

Bell Telephone says there are 392 phones now in operation in the local branch.

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Crooks escaped a fire in the Seagrave Station which burned the building right to the ground.

Mr. Art. Dowson will give up blacksmithing and devote his time to his livery business.

The Agriculture Society have taken an option on the skating rink building. If purchased they will use material to construct buildings on Fairgrounds.

Jim Johnson, Scugog Indian guide is dead. Hundreds of Torontonians knew him as the greatest guide of the whole Iroquois valley.

Mr. Jas. Carnegie has purchased the workshop and lot next to the bowling green from Mr. A. Campbell and intends to make a new

Village passes bylaw to stop cows running at large on streets

January 1913.



**GEORGE GERROW**  
Reeve of Port Perry  
1911-1917.



View of the Baptist Church steeple, left, and Port Perry Union School from a field behind the school.



**THE STEAMSHIP 'ESTURION'**

The Esturion was one of the many paddlewheel steamers which took excursions from Port Perry up Lake Scugog and the Scugog River to Lindsay.

brick dwelling on same.

F.H. Simpkins of the Canning Factory informed council it would not be in operation this season, and that they need more help in the matter of financing.

May

Council decided to cut off electric power to Prince Albert subscribers due to the heavy demand and overloading of machinery in town.

The premises of W.S. Short's liquor store was broken into and robbed of a quantity of sealed liquors, prompting calls for hiring a night watchman in town.

June

Wm. Mills planning factory was destroyed by fire. He intends to build a new factory on the site of the Vickery factory.

It is expected the new post office will be ready for occupation by the beginning of September.

Independent Telephone line erected from Port to Greenbank.

July

The paddle steamer Esturion, from Peterborough, made its first excursion from Lindsay along the muddy, weedy Scugog River to Port Perry and received a grand reception at the Port.

Passengers on the 7:30 train were delivered to Port Perry on the front engine, after four cars derailed, ripping up tracks near Manchester.

August

Mr. Robinson has retired from the firm of Turner and Robinson but Mr. J. Turner will continue in the coal business.

Rev. John Harris was honored on the occasion of his 50 year jubilee in connection with the ministry of the Methodist Church.

Extremely low water grounded the Esturion at the mouth of the Scugog River and an excursion planned for Lindsay had to be cancelled.

September

Port Perry Fair hired the services of Chas. K. Hamilton to entertain with a flight in his airplane over the grounds during the fair, but due to late arrival of the plane, he was not able to fly.

October

Post office to be moved into the Armouries, at the rear of the new post office, until the proper building is completed. The clock for the tower has been shipped from Liverpool, England.

The instructor has arrived to take charge of the School of Infantry Training which has established here. Classes take place in the basement of the Town Hall.

Samuel Graham becomes the first caretaker of the new Port Perry post office building.

November

Talk continues about building a bridge across the Scugog River adjacent to Janetville.

The laying of the corner stone of the new Armouries building in Blackstock village took place. Mr. J. H. Devitt with a silver trowel "well and truly laid" the corner stone.

About 30 men are cutting timber in the Christie bush north of Manchester for the Carnegie Milling Co. An estimated 2 million feet has been cut and ready for skidding as soon as the snow flies.

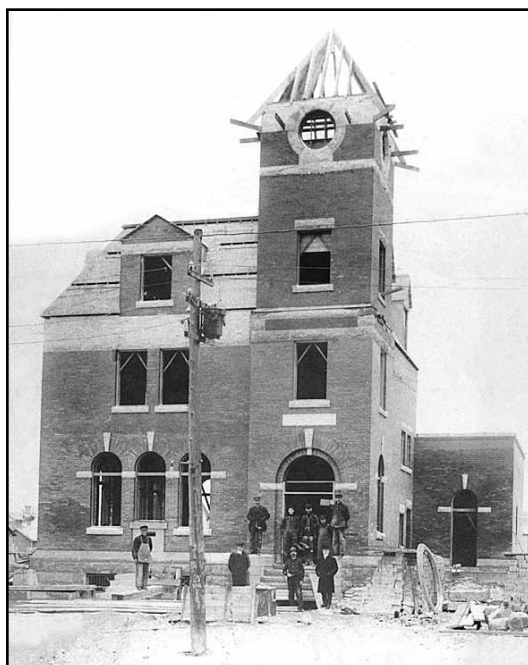
Mr. George Davey has sold his business to Mr. H.A. Sydie..

December

Jas. Leask & Sons have for the fourth time carried off the Grand Championship honors for the best steer at the Toronto Fat Stock Show.

Orders for Sam. Farmer's book On The Shores Of Scugog were coming in fast. Only 225 books were issued at \$1.00 per book.

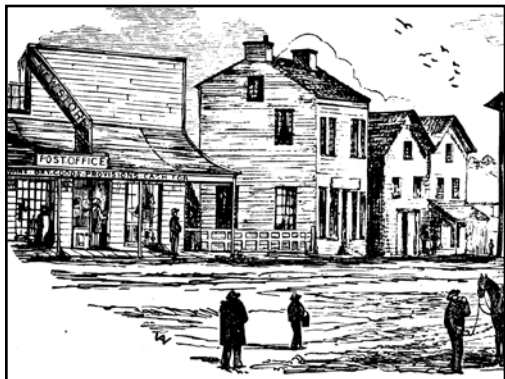
Skating on the lake has become very popular this winter with large crowds out every afternoon and evening.



**POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION**

Construction on the Post Office well underway.

# The Post Office



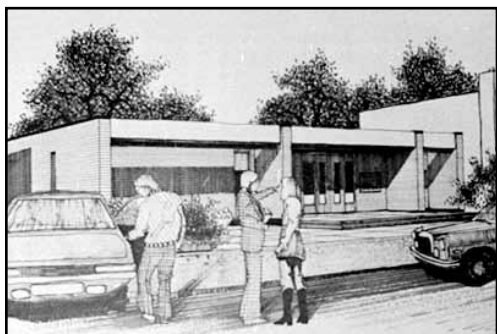
**THE FIRST POST OFFICE**

Located in downtown Port Perry, the post office was opened in 1852 in Joseph Bigelow's building (far left).



**POST OFFICE CIRCA 1900**

The Post Office was located on the NW corner of Queen and John St. during the late 1800s. It was vacated in the early 1900s and the library was moved into the ground floor in 1916. The building was later torn down to make room for the new War Memorial Library, which opened in May 1935.



**PLANS FOR NEW POST OFFICE**

During 1972, Canada Post announced the old post office would be torn down and would be replaced with the new one storey structure like the one shown above.

The first post office opened in Port Perry in 1852 with Mr. Joseph Bigelow as postmaster, in a building owned by Mr. Bigelow about where Settlement House is today. (left photo).

The next location for the post office was in a two-storey brick building at the west end of Queen St., across from the present day I.G.A. store. (centre left photo).

During the early 1900s, the post office was located in temporary sites at Rose & Co. in the Leonard Block at corner of Queen and Perry St., and a storefront in the Willard Block (now Royal Bank building).

The current post office was officially opened in Jan. 1914 and has since become a landmark in downtown Port Perry. At one point in 1972 it appeared the building might be torn down and replaced by a modern new structure (bottom left), but fortunately a group of local concerned citizens convinced the government of its historic value, saving it from demolition.

## POSTMASTERS

Joseph Bigelow became the the first postmaster in 1852, holding the post for 17 years.

At least two others held the position during the ensuing years, Mr. Henry Gordon and Mr. Hurst, who was succeeded in 1883 by Mr. John Burnham.

Mr. Burnham held the position of postmaster in Port Perry until his death in 1928, a total of 45 years, at which time his daughter Mrs. Marion Orde took over the duties until Feb. 1930.

Next to become postmaster was Mr. George Hull, a position he held until 1958 when his son Bruce assumed the roll. Bruce Hull held the position for 24 years of the 37 he spent working at the local post office.

In 1982, Mr. Hull retired and Robert Walker assumed the position of postmaster for Port Perry, a position which he retains to this day.



The Port Perry post office was officially opened in January 1914 and has remained as a landmark in downtown Port Perry for most of this century.



Joseph Bigelow



John Burnham



Bob Walker



Bruce Hull



George Hull



Marion Orde

# 1914



**W.J. JACKSON**  
Scugog Township Reeve.

## Businessmen form Retail Merchant's Association

February 1914

Rev. Dr. John Abraham, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church since 1880, announced his intention to retire on Sept. 9, completing 35 years at the church.

Mr. Isaac Rodman, of Scugog Island, was the first to cross the lake on the ice with a team of horses, the bridge being so bad it is unpleasant to travel.

A Retail Merchants' Association was formed in Port Perry with F.W. McIntyre as president. Other committee members are W.G. Monet, Aylmer Cawker, James Lucas and A.J. Carnegie.

Usual procedure for handling fire alarms: The person who notices a fire runs to the Town Hall, breaks the glass in the door and pulls the rope to ring the bell. Firemen and citizens from all parts of town, change and rush to fire dragging the reels unless a horse can be found.

W.S. Short defeated E.H. Purdy for the position of chairman of the Board of Education.

Pressure by the township resulted in a letter from the government agreeing to keep Lake Scugog waters at a proper level; to construct a fishway at Lindsay and to restock the lake with bass fry.

Reports of thirty-five below zero temperature and earthquakes. Not severe.

### March

Council approve application for a Carnegie Library grant to build a free Public Library. Sum for purchase of site not to exceed \$500 and annual grant not to exceed \$1,000.

### April

Mechanics are busy installing the Post Office Clock.

The local Bell Telephone office was granted \$6,500 for telephone extension in the district.

Mr. Joseph Bigelow has suggested having the C.P. Railway build a stub line from Myrtle to Port Perry.

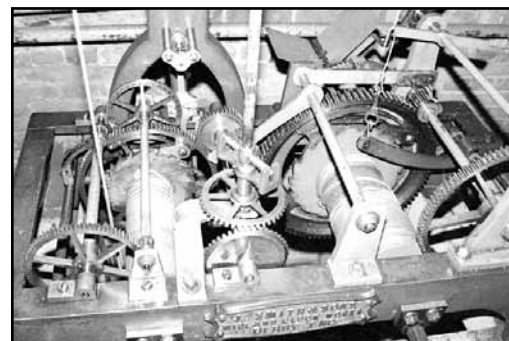
A new sidewalk is to be installed in front of the post office this summer.

W.H. Letcher has sold furniture and undertaking business to his son Merlin Letcher.

The job of bell ringer performed by the local police chief at the Town Hall, four times a day, came to an end. New machinery was installed in the tower which will ring the bell automatically leaving the Chief to tend other chores.

### May

A deputation of citizens appeared before council asking enforcement of Provincial law which prohibits children (under



Mechanism for post office clock, which was manufactured in Midland Clock Works, Derby, England, is installed.



**BEATTY'S HARDWARE STORE**

Billy Webster and Nick Swan outside store, located at 158 Queen St.



**BOATING ON LAKE SCUGOG**

A gas powered launch similar to those built by Wesley Collins.

16 years) from loitering in public places after 9 o'clock in the evening.

The post office clock began to strike the hours.

Principal T.H. Follick reports Port Perry High School shows 98 students on the roll and the Public School has 188 students.

**June**

George Nesbitt narrowly escaped death when his horse and wagon were hit by a train at the CPR crossing on the Raglan Road.

Town Hall curfew bell rings at 9 p.m. to get children off the street

July 1914

Reeve Ralph McIntyre of Reach disposed of 50 acres of his Chalk Lake property to Count Rochereau, who plans to convert it into a summer resort.

A severe storm dropped hailstones as large as hen's eggs on the area. Mr. James Leask lost 158 panes of glass in his house.

Former students welcomed back to Port Perry for reunion.

Mr. W.J. Quinn has bought the Jessop block and will remodel it for a moving picture show and vaudeville performances.

Merchants decide to make Wednesday afternoons a half-day holiday in Port Perry during July and August.

Work on a new wharf at the lakefront in Port Perry got underway with a \$4000 grant from the Government. The wharf will extend easterly into the lake .

**July**

The town bell will be rung at 9 p.m. warning all children under 16 years to be off the streets by the time the bell ceases ringing.

Mr. T.H. Follick, principal of Port Perry High School is leaving town to take charge of the High School in Athens, Ont. near Brockville.

Mr. A.E. Garbutt, principal of Port Perry Public School has resigned and taken a position in Fort William.

Bell Telephone are erecting 70 more miles of wire and the Port Perry Exchange will have 600 subscribers when completed.

**August**

Mr. J. A. Hamilton has been engaged as principal of Port Perry High School and Mr. T.W. McLean as Public School principal.

Dr. Herbert Bruce was elected as vice-president of the Congress of Clinical Surgeons.

Indications are the 'auto' has come to stay. For a time the people of the rural areas opposed the horseless carriages, but now are major purchasers. The Ford is the popular car here, being the only one sold for the past two seasons.

Local men begin enlisting for military service overseas.

Philip Polito, fruit dealer, opens in Diesfeld Block.

**September**

S. Jeffery & Son have an order for 100 sets of harness to be ready in two weeks for the government.

Mr. Jas. McKee sold Sebert House hotel to Mr. H.A. Sydie who in turn sold to Mr. Fred. Carr.

Mr. Wesley Collins has finished building his second gasoline launch and has orders for four more.

Subscribers of the Port Perry Star received a large War Map free with subscription of \$1.00 per year.

**October**

Much talk about a hydro-electric radial line to Port from Toronto. Big majority vote for hydro electric bylaw.

Pile driving to start for the new wharf this week under the watchful eye of Mr. C.L. Vickery. The structure will be 210 feet long.



**C.L. VICKERY**

Builds new town wharf.



**ISAAC RODMAN**

Scugog Island farmer.



November

Mr. L. G. Hall has bought the butcher business of W.A. Boyce.

Carpet Ball League formed among local lodges.

December

Percy Graham has bought the curling rink and will take it down to build a garage.

An open air skating rink will be erected at the back of Post Office.

The old arena on Lilla St. is considered unsafe and the curling rink is too small for pleasure skating.



**HUGH LUCAS**  
Appointed Inspector of  
Harness for Dominion.

# 1915

January

Reeve - George Gerrow (accl.). Council - Hugh Carmichael, F.W. McIntyre, J.L. Forman, Jas. Lucas. Reach acclaimed J.T. Dobson as reeve.

A band has been hired to play at Central Skating Rink every Friday for the rest of the season.

Ice being stored for summer supply is of good quality this winter, being a full 18 inches thick and thoroughly clear throughout.

February

Mr. Samuel M. Newton, former editor of the Port Perry Standard (Star), was elected mayor of Prince Rupert, B.C. for 1915. He also served as mayor in 1914 and 1912.

Mr. Hugh Lucas appointed inspector of harness for Dominion Government. Mr. Lucas goes to Berlin, Ont. where he will supervise some 350 men.

One of Port Perry's enterprising business men, Percy Graham of Graham's Garage died at 37 years of age from typhoid fever.

March

OAC reports 1914 as the driest growing year on record. From harvest 1913 to harvest 1914 precipitation was 5-3/4" below normal.

Following the death of Percy Graham, the local Ford agency taken over by Wm. Graham and W.U. Carnegie.

Trent canal to be opened in spring from Trenton to Peterboro. It is currently open from Lake Simcoe to Healey Falls. Total length of the waterway is about 200 miles of which only about 20 are actual canal.

Five fish inspectors will patrol waters of Scugog, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls for six weeks to keep poachers out and make sure lakes are not depleted of fish.

Johnathon Blong, a longtime resident of Port Perry and builder of one of the leading business blocks in town (The Blong Block) after the fire of 1884, died in Toronto on March 20, 1915. He also built the commodious house now occupied by Mr. Frederick Kent at Beechcroft.

William Brock, one of Port Perry's staunchest and most respected business men died March 24 at 72 years of age after a lengthy illness.

April

Sarvis Brothers have purchased the Ingram Bakery & Confectionery.

E.H. Purdy appointed Police Magistrate for Port Perry. He is the first Magistrate in 30 years, and now enables court cases to be heard here rather than in Whitby.

A letter from a local lad, Lieut. E.D. Wallace from England says, "we are already for a German landing. We



**J. T. DOBSON**  
Reach Twp. Reeve



**SAMUEL NEWTON**  
Elected Mayor of Prince  
Rupert for second term.



**WM. U. CARNEGIE**  
Obtains Ford Dealership  
with Wm. Graham.



**ICE CUTTING MACHINE**

The winter of 1915 was one of the best for cutting ice blocks.



**CUTTING ICE**

Work crews cut blocks of ice from Lake Scugog by hand.

are only 45 miles from them now, but Britannia rules the waves."

S. Klebanoff of Toronto has leased a store in the Blong Block and will sell men's clothing, boots and shoes.

Advertisement: "Hear and see the singing and talking moving pictures at the Royal Theatre, Port Perry. Adults 25¢, Children 15¢."

S.E. VanCamp is the Overland automobile dealer

**May**

After 40 years of successful business in Port Perry Mr. William Hugh McCaw has sold his jewellery and stationery business to Mr. J.D. Robertson of Whitby.

Mr. H.S. Osler has sold fifty acres of his Pine Point property to a syndicate of gentlemen for unknown use.

Pine Grove Cemetery company purchased the William Luke house and lots. Reuben Bond, the caretaker will move into the house.

The St. Charles Hotel license was transferred from Geo. Cole to Messrs. M. McWaters and S. Mosure.

Pte. Edward Gray killed in action (of Scugog).

A Patriotic Meeting was held at the Town Hall with Messrs. J. McE. Murray and H.G. Hutcheson presenting the case of the Allies in the present war.

A memorial service was held in honor of those who have given their lives in battle at the Church of Ascension.

Dr. J. Beldon Lundy has taken over the dental practice of Dr. R.L. Graham.



**WILLIAM H. McCAW**  
Sells jewellery business to J.D. Robertson in May 1915.

**June**

Canada's top professional motorcycle speed fiends demonstrated at the grand "King's Birthday Celebration" held on June 3.

A Port Perry Citizen's Patriotic League was formed to "do its bit" for the great war now raging in Europe.

Mr. Wilmot Walker sold his prize winning Holstein cow for the remarkable sum of \$675.

Port Perry Citizens have raised over \$7,000 for the patriotic fund - \$5,000 asked.

Dr. W.A. Sangster appointed as dental surgeon to overseas forces.

Mr. S.E. VanCamp sold his splendid property at the north end of town to Mr. Fred. Kent.

Council passed a bylaw prohibiting cows and other animals from running at large within the municipality, and poundkeeper Mr. Jas. Staley has been ordered to rigidly enforce the law.



**DR. W.A. SANGSTER**  
Port Perry dentist is appointed Dental Surgeon.



**MAJOR SAM. SHARPE**  
Recruiting Port Perry men to go overseas.

Tax rate for 1915 has been set at 28 mills on the dollar, which includes one mill for a special war tax.

Mr. Harry Willard bought the Beasley property on Perry St. to build a factory to manufacture shells for the British.

The Port Perry Band is very busy, having seven engagements in one week.

**July**

Port Perry businesses announce they will close each Wednesday at 12 noon for July and August.

The Catholic Church was struck by lightning causing a fire which destroyed the steeple and cause more than \$2000 damage to the interior of the church.

A cloudburst caused a washout under railway tracks near Manchester Station delaying traffic for a time while repairs were made

Local men met at Port Perry's lakefront with rakes, forks and scythes to get rid of the heavy growth of weeds

in the lake.

Mr. T. H. Follick was re-hired, after a years absence, as principal of Port Perry High School for the next term.

Successful businessman W.G. Monet has sold his grocery business to Mr. J.F. McClintock.

Howard White, son of Mrs. White, has received a Victoria Cross for bravery after carrying a wounded soldier to safety from the trenches under heavy fire.

Major Edgar, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie cited for bravery.

A petition was sent to Ottawa asking that provision be made at the new wharf for bathing facilities.

**August**

Disney Bros. of Oshawa have sold their furniture and undertaking business and intend on opening a similar shop in the Blong Block, Port Perry in September.

A coin dated 1812 was found on the property of Rueben Crandell, the first settler in the township of Reach.

C.L. Vickery is tearing down his old factory at the corner of Perry St. and Mary St. for a new house.

Dr. E.A. Totten will continue the dental practice of Dr. W.A. Sangster. Cartwright Township raised \$4,200 for patriotic fund.

**September**

Major Sam. Sharpe, M.P. presided over a recruiting meeting on Queen St. in front of the post office. Only Harvey Smith of High Point responded to the call.

James Stonehouse bought a new Chevrolet motor car from M.T. Beare, the local agent.

Mr. Arthur J. Carnegie is building a fine new home on Bigelow St. on a hillside well above the street.

Mr. Charles A. Rundle purchased the machine shop and garage of Mr. S.E. VanCamp.

Port Perry wharf has been completed by Mr. C.L. Vickery. The construction used 4,405 bags of cement, 381 loads of gravel and 958 loads of stone.

**October**

Local enlistments for overseas service include: Harry Abbots, 27, William Rolph, 43, and William Druenan, 43.

Mr. L. Stein & Co. opens a gentleman's furnishing and clothing store in a store in the Leonard Block, recently occupied by Leonard Jeffrey.

**November**

A Ford Runabout was priced at \$480: A Ford Touring Car at \$530., and a Ford Town Car cost \$780. The Chevrolet was priced at \$660.

A fire at the Sebert House was detected

Government wharf and dockhouse at lakefront completed

September 1915



**PORT PERRY WHARF**

Construction of wharf was completed in September 1915, with a change house for swimming.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER TWO - THE TEEN YEARS

by Mr. W.C. Ingram about 2 a.m. The building looked doomed but hard work by the firemen and lots of water saved the building. There was considerable damage to the basement and first floor.

M.T. & E. Beare Chevrolet dealers, are building a new brick garage on Queen Street.

December

A Local Option bylaw was drafted, prohibiting the sale by retail of liquor in the municipality of Port Perry. Bylaw to be submitted to public vote at the annual election.

Private Charles Crosier, wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, was the guest speaker at the Town Hall. The large crowd overflowed into the streets during the recruiting meeting.

Reach and Scugog Township councils were re-elected by acclamation.

Mr. Harold Emmerson and Mr. H.H. Stone take charge of business purchased from H. Doubt and Son.



**J. G. WADELL**  
Port Perry businessman.

# 1916

Port Perry votes  
to make town dry

January 1916

January

The Local Option bylaw passed in Port Perry by a vote of 234 in favor and 126 against. Uxbridge also voted for the Local Option making Ont. County almost entirely dry.

Port Perry council Reeve George Gerrow (acclamation); councillors James Lucas, J.L. Forman, Morley Campbell and F.W. McIntyre.

W.J. Jackson, Scugog Reeve named Warden, defeating Mr. J. T. Dobson of Reach by a vote of 13-12.

Merchant tailor Mr. H.H. Stone has purchased the stock of Mr. H. Doubt and Son.

Mr. J. Cowie, our popular band leader, has been appointed leader of the new Muskoka Battalion Band.

The open air rink is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday on Perry St. on Mr. Willard's property.

February

Lieut. Co. Sam. Sharpe makes an appeal to local church ministers to preach a recruiting sermon to bring the Ontario County Battalion up to 250 men.

A.J. Thompson was appointed fire chief and Wm. McGregor a captain of the local fire department.

Residents of south Lilla St. petitioned council for the water main to be extended to Scugog St.



**PORT PERRY STATION**

This photo of the station shows a train arriving from the north. The building at left is the back of the St. Charles Hotel on Queen St.



**THE HUTCHESON HOME**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hutcheson relaxing in their home.

Mr. E.H. Purdy was elected chairman of the Board of Education.

There was a record attendance at the Soldier's Concert, given by members of the 116th Battalion at the Town Hall.

**March**

Jas. Stonehouse of Port Perry Creamery announced he would open for business again in April.

Disney Brothers are expanding, moving into the store being vacated by Mr. A. Klebanoff.

Fire broke out in the engine room of the Jas. Lucas Grain Elevator, but damage was slight.

The old Post Office building at Queen and John St., owned by the late Alex Palmer was slated for sale by auction on March 30.

**April**

Wm. Nesbitt was appointed Constable of the Village of Port Perry. In addition to his police duties, he is the tax collector, caretaker of the Town Hall, poundkeeper, special constable under the Curfew Act, road commissioner and bread inspector.

A delegation to council suggested the town take over the old Post Office site to build a public library when conditions become suitable.

Longtime Port Perry businessman Jas. L. Forman owner of T.C. Forman and Son, died.

Mr. W.S. Short, purchases the grocery business of the late J.L. Forman.

**May**

Local Option became law May 1, 1916. Fines for non-compliance were \$100 or more.

Pte. Edward Hooley killed in action.

Bicycle riders are warned not to ride on the sidewalks, or they will be summoned before the magistrate.

Messrs. S. Graham, T. Stewart, and Cyrus Crozier were appointed constables for Port Perry by the County Judge.

John Brimble was struck by a Ford auto on Queen St. and killed when the car ran over him.

Mr. Jas. Waddell was elected to council to take the place of deceased councillor J.L. Forman.

**June**

Assessment of the St. Charles Hotel and the Sebert House were reduced because the value of the hotels is less under Local Option. The Sebert House was reduced from \$6000 to \$4500 and the St. Charles from \$4900 to \$4000.

R.B. Smallman's brother was lost when his ship it went down at sea.

Howard E. White, son of Mr. George White was killed in action.

The barn of Wm. Tummonds on the 6th concession was destroyed by lightning

**July**

About 40 young people of town enjoyed a journey to Seven Mile Island where they enjoyed swimming, boating and an appetizing feast in front of the hotel.

Mr. Jos. Stone has purchased the furnishing of the Sebert house and rented the business. He will be open on July 20, with rates at \$2.00 per day.

**August**

Council will undertake to construct a cement roadway 16 feet wide from the railway crossing west along Queen St. to the creamery at Borelia; from Widden's corner (Perry and Queen) to the northern limit of the town; and from Beare Bros. Garage south past the Catholic Church at a total cost of about \$25,000.

The Scugog Bridge will have \$800 spent on improvements, including 500 loads of crushed stone.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church was re-opened Aug. 6, after being remodelled and redeccorated.

Headway with Radial Railways is grinding to a halt.



**WILLIAM NESBITT**  
Appointed Port Perry's Chief Constable in April 1916.



**BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES MacBRIEN**  
Commander of 4th Division.

New cement road is constructed from Water Street to Borelia

August 1916



Interior view of Port Perry High School classroom. Students surround room working in the laboratory.

Improvements at Port Perry High School include new hardwood floors, new desks, pictures for the walls, new books for the library and a new apparatus for the laboratory.

September

News from the war front reports Pte. Wm Andrus recovering from wounds inflicted by 13 pieces of shrapnel in his neck and arm.

Constable Nesbitt was appointed weed inspector. His salary has been set at \$12 per week from May to November and \$9.50 per week the remainder of the year.

Messrs. Jas. Waddell, F. W. McIntyre, J. Lucas and Morley Campbell tendered their resignation as councillors due to ongoing criticism regarding the new cement roads being proposed for the town.

October

Port Perry's new councillors took the oath of office.

Lt. Col. Jas. McBrien was promoted to the rank of General, in command of the 4th Division.

Recruiting will be renewed at a Patriotic Meeting followed by a military dance at the Town Hall.

James Lucas, grain and seed merchant has sold his seed business to Hogg & Lytle, Ltd.

I.R. Bentley, opens jewellery business next to Byers Drug Store.

November

Complaints of speeding automobiles on town streets.

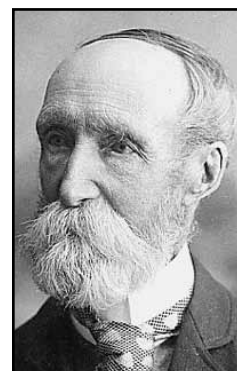
Port Perry Star begins to use an extra page for local news and advertising.

Local hunters Jos. Hood, Mr. Orchard and John Leask all report deer plentiful this season.

December

Carnegie Bros. Hardware caught fire during the afternoon of Dec. 15. The fire brigade did splendid work, saving the building from being completely destroyed.

Reach council presented a cane to retiring Reeve, Mr. J. T. Dobson.



W.E. YARNOLD  
Highly respected citizen dies.

The town mourned the death of W.E. Yarnold (surveyor), a resident and businessman in Port Perry for more than sixty years.

George Gerrow was returned by acclamation for the seventh term as Reeve.

Public Library moved to comfortable quarters on the ground floor of old Post Office beside the bowling green.

W.U. Carnegie held a Fire Sale of Hardware with \$10,000 of stock to be sold.

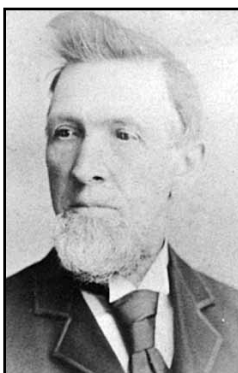


DELMONT COTTAGE

Seven Mile Island resort popular with local residents.



# 1917



**JOSEPH BIGELOW**  
One of Port Perry's most influential businessmen.

## January

Mr. John Stone is Reeve of Reach Twp and Mr. Allan Goode Deputy Reeve.

Oshawa says it wants to withdraw from the County of Ontario.

Mr. McCaw becomes manager of the local Bell Telephone office.

New Parish House in connection with the Church of Ascension was formally dedicated by Bishop Sweeny and Rev. Muirhead.

Port Perry Public Library officially opened to public in its new home, in the renovated old post office building, next to the bowling green at Collacutt's corner.

After a brief illness, Mr. Joseph Bigelow died Jan. 28 in his 89th year. He was a prominent Port Perry businessman for more than 60 years, held the position of postmaster for 17 years was appointed Justice of the Peace and held the position of Reeve on four occasions.

## February

The electric light plant was almost forced to close due to lack of fuel, but a load of slabs were secured and tided over the difficulty.

The Board of Education re-elected E.H. Purdy as chairman.

Mr. Albert Roberts purchased the Royal Theatre, in the Jessop Block, from Mr. Quinn.

Mr. J.H. Brown resigned as treasurer from the municipality after serving more than 30 years in the town's finance office.

## March

Council offered a \$5.00 reward to the first person to the fire hall with a horse or motor vehicle to haul the hose reel to the fire. The person and vehicle must remain at the fire for at least one hour.

One of Port Perry's most familiar figures, Mr. John Nott, 92, died. He was a well-known furniture dealer and undertaker and held the position of Justice of the Peace for a time.

The fuel crisis at the Electric light plant has passed. Cars of coal ordered last fall have finally arrived.

Mr. Roberts has made the promised improvements in the Royal Theatre, including lengthening the hall and raising the seats.

## April

Council intends to spend about \$5000 on the streets and sidewalks this year.

Mr. A.H. Rose sold his business, known as "The Fair" to Mr. E.C. Taylor of Sunderland.

Brock Bros. & Co., grocery and dry goods.

Prices for men's furnishings - Suits \$15.00; Shirts \$1.50; Socks 20¢; Ties 75¢ and Hats \$1.25.

## May

Local automobile dealers are: W.U. & H. Carnegie (Fords); A.F. Carnegie (Overland cars); Beare Motors (Chevrolet and McLaughlin cars).

W. Letcher has bought furniture & undertaking business of Disney Bros. Mr. Archie McDermott



**THE LEONARD BLOCK**

Occupied by Rose & Co. store, known as "The Fair" during the early 1900s. Post Office was located in this block for a brief period.



**CARNEGIE MILLING CO.**

Located on Port Perry's lakefront where the Marina and Library stand today. It was sold to the Farmer's Union Milling Co. in 1917

who has worked with Disney Bros. is going to Toronto.

J.D. Robertson, jeweller, has made an assignment to W.H. McCaw.

June

Butcher shops in town began closing Monday and Wednesday afternoons, due to a scarcity of help.

Sgt. Wm. Andrus won Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Council decides on 24 feet as the width of Port Perry streets when being constructed.

The Port Perry Star changes publication dates from Wednesday to Thursday.

County recommends taking over of road from Manchester to Lilla St and north to Seagrave. Also road from Port Perry to Scugog Island.

Mr. A.C. Taylor of the 'Corner Store,' Port Perry bought the grocery business of F.C. Collacutt. This stock will be moved to the Rose & Co. premises for quick sale.

July

The Farmer's Union Milling Co. of Port Perry buys The Carnegie Milling Co. for the sum of \$27,000. The company is made of up John Watson, R.M. Holtby, C.A. Honey, W.E. Tummonds, Allan Goode, John Casker, John W. Crozier, William Bowles and Jos. Baird. Change of ownership to take place Sept. 1, 1917.

A large crowd attended the Royal Theatre to see the famous "Battle of the Somme."

August

Co. Sam. Sharpe, Commanding Officer of the 116th Battalion was reported missing, but found safe later.

A channel has been cut through heavy weeds to the wharf for an excursion from Lindsay.

A fire in the boiler room of the Carnegie Mill caused little damage as it was put out promptly by the Fire Brigade.

September

A young aviator of an airship, heading for Toronto from Camp Borden, lost his way and came down in a field just north of the village. Large numbers of town folk flocked out to see the mechanical bird.

Reports of casualties and deaths from the war continue to find space in the newspaper.

Mr. Harold Emmerson has bought the Fire Insurance business of Pearse and Ward on John St., north of Catholic Church. The business has been established for 40 years.

Arthur J. & David Carnegie purchased J.D. Robertson Jewellery stock and offer it for sale at 25 per cent discount.

F.W. McIntyre's store advertises a formal showing of fall fashions.

October

Mr. H.W. Linke was recognized for 25 years with the Bell Telephone, mostly in Uxbridge and Port. Port has now 650 subscribers..

Carnegie Milling Co.  
sold to group of  
local businessmen

July 1917



**WILLIAM TUMMONDS**

Part owner of Farmer's  
Union Milling Co.

Pte. Randolph Switzer and Sergt. Harry Abbots awarded Military Medals.

Mrs. Geo. Jackson was elected president of the Women's Patriotic Association.

A plea goes out for more money for the war cause saying "the war goes on; men are suffering ; the need is great; we must pay again." More than \$4000 was raised in Port Perry.

Registration for war service is slow in town. All men 20-34 years must report by Nov. 10th or are liable to arrest.



George Currie's home at the corner of Queen and Ella Street. The Port Perry Union School can be seen in the background.

**November**

Mr. J.C. Browne, retires as the Massey Harris dealer, after 34 years in business.

With purchase of 50¢ of candies, the Aura Lee Candy store was giving a free suitable box for sending overseas.

A family reunion at the home of Mr. Charles A. Honey brought together nine brothers and one sister for the first time in 36 years.

The Port Perry Star offers a combined subscription with the Toronto Daily Star for \$4.00 per year.

**December**

The public library is in need of funds to keep operating.

Port Perry citizens, who were asked to purchase \$80,000 in Victory Bonds, far surpassed their objective buying over \$200,000 worth of the bonds.

The Citizen's Union Committee ran a large ad saying they would "Never" vote for Pro-Germans, Suppressors of Free Speech and Slackers.

Santa Claus arrives for a visit with the children in town on Dec. 24.

Arthur J. & David Carnegie sold the jewellery stock of J.D. Robertson to W.H. McCaw. The business is bought by James McKee of Scugog.

# 1918

**January**

Port Perry: Mr. Samuel Jeffrey defeated Mr. James Stonehouse by one vote to become reeve, 133-132 votes.



**SAMUEL JEFFREY**  
Port Perry Reeve 1918.

Reach: John Stone re-elected Reeve by acclamation.  
Scugog: Reeve Peter Hood.

Mr. John Roach purchased the St. Charles Hotel.

Lt.-Col. Sam. Sharpe awarded D.S.O.

Brigadier General James MacBrien made Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

An axle broke and two freight cars were thrown from the track in front of the Port Perry train station.

The winter snow storm created the biggest blockade on record. Seven trains held up at Burketon, Mr. McPhail had 150 people to feed and at Myrtle Mr. Williams had 70 people to feed. There is said to be 12 ft. of snow on the Port-Lindsay line in the McConnell cut. The mail came through Whitby by stage.

Samuel Farmer was elected president of the Public Library board.

**February**



**THE PORT PERRY CREAMERY**

Believed to be the building opened by Allan Goode in April 1918.

Bowling Club is George Gerrow.

All boys between 13 and 19 are asked to register for farm labor as their contribution to the war effort.

W.R. Murray has become the local dealer for Gray Dort cars on Queen St.

Two more sections were added to the Bell Telephone switchboard to accommodate the growing number of subscribers.

One of Port Perry's earliest postmasters, Henry Gordon passed away. He also held positions of magistrate, Reeve and Warden of the Cty. of Ontario at one time.

Reports from the War: Lieut. Clarence Vickery badly gassed and Lieut. Frank Spence seriously wounded



**ALLAN GOODE**

Opens Port Perry Creamery.

**April**

Area residents and farmers are asked to eat less bread and grow more wheat to send overseas to the Allies who are greatly in need of food.

The breakup of heavy ice on Lake Scugog has damaged many boathouses.

W.U. Carnegie erected new Ford garage at rear of Bank of Commerce and put in a new gas bowser in front of his hardware store.

Mr. Allan Goode, who purchased the Port Perry Creamery from Jas. Stonehouse, has opened in a fine new building with new machinery and a first-class pasteurizer.

**May**

A.J. Carnegie to be manager of Farmer's Union Milling Co. taking over from Mr. Watson.

An order-in-council was passed imposing severe censorship upon the press regarding criticism of Canada or her Allies.

A 27' boat driven by a 25 h.p. motor, built by Capt. Bowerman and his son George was launched in the lake.

Col. Sam. Sharpe, jumped to his death from the second storey window of the Victoria Hospital, Montreal. He commanded the 116th Battalion at Vimy Ridge before having a nervous breakdown and being hospitalized in England in April.

**June**

Fire broke out in the basement of S. Jeffrey & Son harness shop. Most of the damage (\$8,000) was from the water poured on the fire.

D. Corbman opens grocery department, has also phonographs and records.

**July**

J.W. Platten, Port boy honored. Long list of corporations he has served as director, most recent International Mercantile Marine Co., New York.

Reeve Samuel Jeffrey was appointed to buy and distribute

Flt. Lieut. George Howsam won the Military Cross for bravery

All places of business ordered closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, even if they burn wood. Grocers, butcher and bakers may remain open till noon Saturday.

Drenching storm with high winds damaged and ripped roof off a number of area barns.

A.F. Carnegie takes Overland Dealership.

**March**

President of the Port Perry

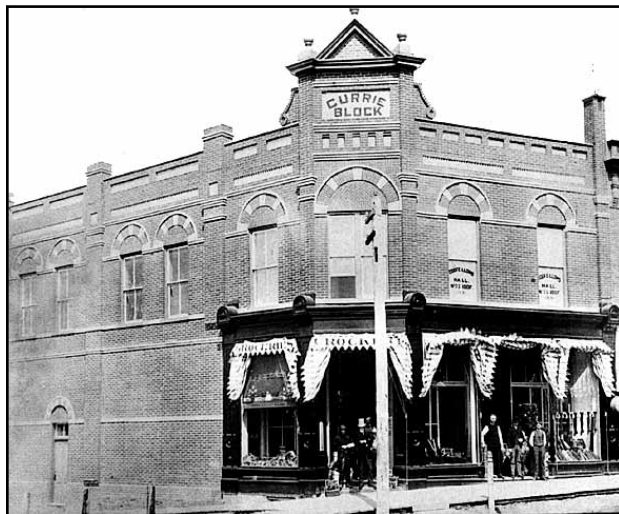
Port Perry residents hold huge party to celebrate the end of the war

November 1918



**ARTHUR J. CARNEGIE**

Appointed manager of Farmer's Union Milling Co.



**THE CURRIE BLOCK**

Located on the north east corner of Queen and Perry St., Port Perry,  
The Oddfellows Hall was on the upper floor.

coal for the Village of Port Perry.

The Port Perry Anglican Church was vandalized. Broken were two windows and a valuable offering plate.

**August**

A barn operated by Mr. Luther Smith at the Head, Scugog Island was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Maintenance of the building on the wharf has been neglected and it is being gradually destroyed by vandals.

Salaries of teacher at Port Perry High School are now \$1000 per year.

Mr. Ralph Fitchett of Manchester has bought the Cawker Bros. butcher business.

Mr. Lakey's barn, west of Manchester, was struck by lightning, destroying the barn and contents. The livestock was saved.

**September**

Mr. S. Jeffrey, Reeve of Port Perry was married Sept. 2 to Miss Ada Ellena Broad of Little Britain.

A good turnout for the Port Perry Fair which was held on Sept. 26, 27.

Graham Limited bought the Big Red Evaporator will use it for drying turnips. They will employ about 30 men and 15 women and run day and night.

**October**

Former Reeve, Mr. George Gerrow and his wife have sold their residence to Mr. Allan Goode and are moving to Toronto.

Dr. J.D. Berry has sold his house and is leaving Port Perry.

The Orchard Coal business was bought by the Farmers' Union Milling Co.

Sam. Graham giving up caretaking of Post Office.

Schools, Churches and lodges are also closed because of "Spanish" flu, but no serious cases reported here and no deaths in spite of rumor.

**November**

The War ends on November 11, 1918. Port Perry celebrates with a half mile of torchlit autos decked for festivities, along with the Port Perry band and returned soldiers marching to Manchester and back. Celebrations, including a huge bonfire at the rear of the Post Office and rockets shooting across the scene.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. S. Jeffrey and Mr. C.C. Jeffrey, the Post Office announced improved mail service adding an outgoing and incoming route. It will necessitate running a stage route between Port Perry and Myrtle.

The official record of Victory Funds purchased by residents of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog was \$325,200.

Milk prices rise to 12¢ per quart.

**December**

Plans were made for a reception for returning soldiers. Mr. Samuel Farmer elected chairman of a group to make arrangements.

# 1919

**January**

Reeve - J. Stonehouse. Council - G.R. Davey, Jas. Ward, Jas. Swan, Allan Goode.

Arthur Bond takes over duties of caretaker at Pine Grove Cemetery from his father Reuben Bond.

Mr. H.L. Ebbels sold his law practice to Mr. W.H. Harris, after 40 years in Port Perry.

**February**

J. Bowerman & Sons, open a auto, marine and stationary engine repair shop opposite Farmer's Union Mill Co.

Graham's Limited closed all their factories, including the Port Perry turnip evaporator.



**JAMES STONEHOUSE**  
Port Perry Reeve 1919.

**March**

A resolution by Reeve Stonehouse at County Council, demands GTR replace train No. 379 running from Whitby to Manilla Junction.

Sarvis Bros. Bakery was sold to Harry and Bert White, former residents of Port Perry.

Mr. A.E. Rogerson, Toronto has bought the St. Charles Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding to manage. The house will be remodelled and will re-opened in April.

Union Church services, which were started because of the fuel shortage ended.

**April**

Reeve Stonehouse received word the 1:30 and 5:30 trains will be back on service starting in May.

Council passed a bylaw changing from standard time to conform to the new time adopted by the railroads and post office.

Cpl. A. W. Allin has been discharged and accepted the position of caretaker of the schools.

A reception and presentation was accorded to Port Perry soldiers returning from the war at the Town Hall. S. Farmer read a list of those killed in action: Lt. E.D. Wallace, Lt. A.B. Doubt, Lt. R. Soper, Sgt. Gord Hood, Pte. H. White, Pte. E. Hooey, Pte. Thos. Raines, Pte. Art. Clark, Pte. J. Dobbin, Pte. A. Jeffrey, and "The Last Post" was played. A presentation of a gold band ring was made to returning soldiers.

Dr. W.A. Sangster resumed his dental practice having returned from overseas.

**May**

Dr. E.A. Totten, who occupied Dr. Sangster's dental office during the war period, is leaving town for Port Hope.

Port Perry's electric light plant was shut down for about two weeks while repairs were undertaken by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

A delegations of townsmen met with Sir Adam Beck to request Port Perry be placed permanently on the Hydro System.

A long distance telephone circuit is being built between Port Perry and Toronto at a cost of \$20,000.

P.G. Morrison has purchased the drug business of Mr. Orval Byer.

John Roach becomes the dealer for Briscoe Cars in Port Perry.

**June**

The Farmer's Union Milling Co. offers to investors \$30,000 in first mortgage debentures with interest bearing at 6 1/2 per cent.

The town applied a coat of oil over Queen St. to reduce dust.

An increase in long-distance phone calls brought the price of a call to Toronto up to 30¢ from 25¢.

Mr. Ed. Griffen is remodeling Mr. Wilson's Seven Mile Island house, with a 16 foot double deck verandah around the house.

**July**

The refurbished and redecorated St. Charles Hotel has re-opened and everyone is singing its praise.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches announced Union Services during July and August.

Fishing is reported to be great with many muskellunge weighing between 12 and 16 lbs. being caught.

Council received permission to clean and repair the damage at the wharhouse, but with no financial help from the federal government.

Port Perry Creamery is churning out 11,000 lbs. of butter each week.

Saturday night is a busy shopping night in Port Perry, but often happy, social gatherings of people on the street forget about shopping until quite late, sometimes keeping the shopkeepers open until midnight.

**August**

A large crowd gathered in Port Perry for the Civic Holiday. The day was celebrated with a Peace procession, aquatic sports, baseball, basketball and track and field



**JOHN ROACH**  
Port Perry dealer for  
Briscoe Cars.



**FIRE AT HOGG & LYTLE**  
Fire guts offices and front end of elevator building in Aug. 1919.



Prohibitionists vote  
to keep booze out  
of Port Perry

September 1918



**QUEEN STREET WEST**

Queen St., looking east about 1915, shows dirt roads and horse and wagon still in use for transportation.

events and a fireworks display in the evening.

Jas. McKee takes over the Ford business, gas oil and auto accessories of W. U. & H. Carnegie.

A serious fire broke out in an implement shed and spread to the office of Hogg & Lytle, gutting the entire front end of the building. Quick work by the Fire Brigade prevented it spreading to the big grain elevator.

The barns and house of Mr. Charles Lamb, Manchester were burned to the ground.

September

Port Perry council petitioned the government for a share of suitable German guns and trophies, taken during the war, to be allotted to the Village of Port Perry for display in front of the Post Office.

Reeve Stonehouse continues his efforts to have the Hydro-Electric Commission bring power to Port Perry.

October

Booze is put out of business as prohibitionists voted to retain Ontario Temperance Act by a large majority.

Mr. George Stone unveiled a memorial tablet to the high school students who died during the war. A flag staff, 79 feet high and the bronze tablet were erected at the south-east corner of the school grounds.

November

Public meeting is held to discuss the possibility of building a rink for Port Perry.

Mr. Fred. Brock was selected chairman of a committee to investigate a permanent rink.



**BEARE MOTORS**

Dodge-DeSoto dealer at west end of Queen Street in 1919.

The Hydro-Electric Commission is preparing an estimate, in time for the municipal election, on the cost of rewiring the town for electricity.

The local branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce purchased, from Jas. Carnegie, the building in which they have been located for a number of years.

Jas. McKee Garage becomes McKee & Hood.

Hydro-Electric Power Commission send engineer to look over the situation with view to coming here.

December

A terrible storm, with winds up to 80 mph brings front wall of Beare's garage down on three people, Augustus Raines, his wife and sister-in-law Miss Hazel Griffin. Mr. Hugh Lucas, a few steps behind escaped without injury. Immediate help removed the debris and found that Gus. Raines had suffered a fractured skull and other severe injury resulting in death. Mrs. Raines and Miss Griffin were severely burned. Gus. had been married only three weeks. Other places suffered severe damage as a result of the same storm.

# Scugog Bridge or Causeway



A floating bridge was built to link Port Perry with Scugog Island in 1854.

Lake Scugog and the marsh around the area created plenty of traffic problems for early settlers. Prior to the building of a bridge, a ferry had to be operated during the open season for travel between Port Perry and the Island.

In the years 1853-54 the Scugog Bridge was built by the County of Ontario, connecting Port Perry with Scugog Island. Although the floating bridge was a vast improvement from previous methods of travelling to and from Scugog Island, it proved to be very unstable and tenders were let for the construction of a new bridge.

Construction of the 600 foot bridge started during the summer of 1876. Logs were lined along the sides of the floating bridge and the centre filled with gravel and sand until the bridge sank, forming a foundation for the first solid, permanent roadway connecting the Island to Port Perry.

Spring damage was common, but in April 1908 the bridge received a severe pounding with the ice, snapping the railings and telephone poles. Repairs to the Scugog Bridge were completed at a cost of \$1,640.

In September 1929 Ontario County Council, which controlled the road, began work on widening the Scugog Bridge to accommodate the use of motor vehicles. A light track was laid and dump cars used to dump the fill along the stretch of roadway. This was the last major expansion of the Scugog Bridge/causeway for many years.

Due to continual damage and flooding of the causeway each spring, in 1960 the provincial government spent \$1.5 million to re-build the link to Scugog Island. The result of this massive project just east of town is the causeway bridge which is still in use today.

Note - Rumours of the causeway having been built on top of old Model T Fords are untrue, although there is a reason for the misconception. Following a fire at Carnegie-Day Motors, behind Carnegie Hardware, a number of burnt-out cars were hauled to the town's lakeside dump at the west end of the causeway and buried. About 1961, the cars were removed during construction along the causeway.



The Scugog Bridge after it became a permanent road in 1876.



An old model T Ford crosses the Scugog Bridge in the early 1920s.



A car makes its way from Scugog Island to Port Perry over the flooded causeway in the spring of 1960.

# 1920 - 1929

## The Twenties

# Chapter 3



**JAMES LUCAS**  
Port Perry Reeve 1920-21.

### January

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.

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

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

Rev. J. Ford tendered his resignation as town treasurer, when his request for a salary increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day was not granted.

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

Mr. W.H. Letcher was elected Chairman of the Board of Education for 1920.

### March

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

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.

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.

Mr. A.E. Rogerson prop. of St. Charles Hotel bought the Milner Farm between Pettits Point and Seven Mile Island. He plans to make provision for summer campers, with launches, skiffs and canoes available for pleasure. Mr. Rogerson also plans to add 10 rooms to the present hotel.

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

### May

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



**PORT PERRY STAR'S NEW HOME**

Star moved to Jessop Block and became first business in town to operate motors with electricity in October 1922.



**DOWNTOWN PORT PERRY  
ABOUT 1920**

The St. Charles Hotel (left) and the Sebert House (right) were both owned by Mr. A. E. Rogerson.

of a barn he was shingling.

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

June

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.

The Director of War Trophies from Ottawa announced a German trench mortar had been allotted to Port Perry for the park.

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

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

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

Jas. 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.

August

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

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 starting next year.

October



**HENRY PARSONS**  
Closes North Ontario  
Observer in July 1920.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

### German war guns arrive for display

November 1920



**BERT. MacGREGOR**  
Buys butcher business.

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 \$6000 in improvements.

November

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.

About \$1000 has been raised for a new rink for Port Perry.

Two German machine guns and a trench mortar, were received in Port Perry. Plans are to mount the war mementos in front of the post office.

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

December

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.

The High School received a battle-scarred machine gun from the Department of Militia, Ottawa, which will be displayed in the building.

High School students petitioned the Board of Education requesting the gymnasium be fitted up for their use.

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.



**THOMAS H. FOLLICK**  
High School principal.

# 1921

January

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

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.

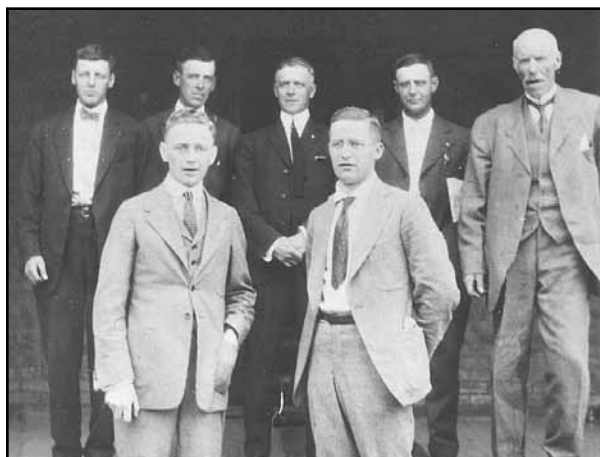
Mr. and Mrs. John Rolph celebrate 64 years of marriage.

March

The high school required minors, who frequent poolrooms, to supply the school with a consent in writing from their parents. The consent is to protect the school against criticism from those who fail or obtain low standings, as the result of neglecting their studies.

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.



**THE CARNEGIE FAMILY**

Mr. Jas. Carnegie, far right, with his sons in 1921. From left back, David, Charles, Abram F., Arthur J. Front left, Harry and William U.



**LITTLE SCHOOL HOUSE**  
 Located at rear of the Union School.

Ralph Fitchett opens butcher store in Manchester.

**April**

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**

A meeting was held to discuss if Port Perry is to have a Consolidated School.

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.

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**

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 every-day during the season.

**July**

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**

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**

Seventy two students registered for the opening of High School.

Mrs. Wilson of Seven Mile Island, along with two friends swam, from Port Perry to Seven Mile Island in five hours and forty minutes.

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 x160 ft. and has two curling ices of regulation size on either side of the main building.

R.A. Fitchett of Manchester loses barn, butcher shop, garage and house in an early morning fire. Only the heroic efforts of the bucket brigade saved the rest of the village, as the strong wind carried sparks to many nearby buildings.

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

**October**

One of Port Perry's leading citizens, Mr. James



**DORMAN CORBMAN**  
 Port Perry businessman.



Dorman Corbman in his fruit and confectionery store on Queen St.





**JAMES CARNEGIE**  
Respected Port Perry  
businessman dies.

Carnegie died Oct. 4 at his home. He was a former Reeve, Warden of the County and a successful businessman for many years.

St. John's Presbyterian Church is re-opened after extensive renovations. Church was built 65 years ago.

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

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 town leased land between the tracks in front of the GTR station and the waters edge so it could be levelled and cleaned up to make it look better.

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

December

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.

Work on building  
of new arena gets  
underway

September 1921

# 1922

January

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

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.

March

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 Blk to St. Charles Hotel Bldg.

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

A movement for beautification of the waterfront prop-



**GEORGE JACKSON**  
Officially opens new arena.

erty by the Board of Trade and the I.O.D.E. The GTR land has been leased for \$5 per year to the town.

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

**May**

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.

Captain Bowerman and his son Thomas have built five new 20 foot gasoline launches with 5 foot beam for this season.

**June**

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.

Oiling of Queen St. from the Sebert House to Simcoe St. gets underway.

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

Reeve Chas. A. Rundle resigned his position, due to allegations of wrong-doings by Councillor P. Figary, stating he could not afford a legal battle, but he would offer his services as reeve again in an election. Mr. Figary resigned as councillor to run for reeve.

**July**

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

**August**

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**

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**

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.

The Star is the first business in town to use hydro to run a motor. Mr. Farmer noted the convenience and quietness of hydro power.

**November**

Jeffrey's harness factory was destroyed by fire.

Beare Brothers garage in Uxbridge was totally destroyed by fire.

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



**PORT PERRY SKATING RINK OPENS**

The beautifully decorated Port Perry's Arena, located on Lilla St. (Simcoe) near the corner of Paxton St. was officially opened by George Jackson on Jan. 2, 1922. The Port Perry Band (centre back) played tunes while the crowd looked on.



**PHILIP FIGARY**

Elected Reeve following resignation of Chas. Rundle.



German canon placed at lakefront near the station as a memorial to local war veterans.

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.

Mr. Ross Roach bought the Pool Room from Frank Williams.

**December**

Accolades continue from the West about the "the best goalie in the game," Port Perry's Ross Roach.

The Rink opened for business with a large crowd attending, and the curling ice is ready for the season.



**CHAS. A. RUNDLE**  
Resigns as Reeve.

# 1923

**January**

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**

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**

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**

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.

Mr. Dugald McBride and Mr. George Stone have both been given honorary life memberships in the Ontario Secondary Teacher's Federation.

**May**

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

Harold R. Archer has sold his hardware business to the Carnegie Hardware Co.

**June**

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



**REFLECTING POOL AT BEEHCROFT**

Kent family around the reflection pool, from left, Hellen Wellington, E. Audry Kent, Mary-Lou Lungston, Mrs. F.A. Kent, Mrs. Smith (mother of Mrs. F.A. Kent), Howard Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. Lungston, Mrs. Howard Wellington (Mrs. Smith's sister).

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**

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

Council favorably recieved 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**

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**

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

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

**October**

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**

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**

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.



**GEORGE STONE**  
Retires after 40 years  
teaching at High School.

Teachers receive  
honorary life  
memberships

June 1923



A group of well dressed young men and women pose for a picture in front of the dockhouse, located at the end of the wharf.

# Homes and Interiors



The residence of W.S. Sexton, located at corner of Lilla and North Street.



The home of D.J. Adams on Cochrane St., Port Perry. The house was later owned by H.G. Hutcheson.



A view of the parlour at Beechcroft about 1918.



The parlor of Mr. John Burnham's home about 1900.



A view of the furnishing at Beechcroft about 1918.



The home of T.C. Forman at corner of Queen and Caleb Streets.



**GERROW'S BAKERY**

Interior view of Gerrow's Bakery in 1924 with, from left, Edna, Grant, Maria, Jessie (holding Lola) and Mansell Gerrow with baker Bert Hunt in background. The bakery is now known as Hank's Pastries and is owned by Ken and Angie DeJong.

# 1924

## January

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

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

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

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 for users.

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



**GEO. A. McMILLAN**  
Ont. County Warden 1924.



**COL. J.E. FAREWELL**  
Crown Attorney 50 years.



**Grand Opening of  
Port Perry's new  
cement streets**

August 7, 1924

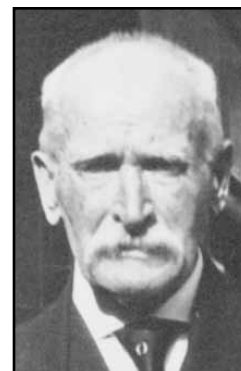
**May**

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.

Mr. Geo. Stone was honored at a dinner by the Board of Education on his retirement after 40 years teaching at Port Perry High School. A presentation of an inscribed cane was presented by a former student Major-General James MacBrien.



**DR. J.A. MURRAY**  
Local dentist for 58 years.

**June**

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**

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.

Some 400 automobiles found their way to Kent's Estates Sunday for a showing of Mr. F. A. Kent's rose gardens. During the day more than 2,000 people visited.

**August**

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.

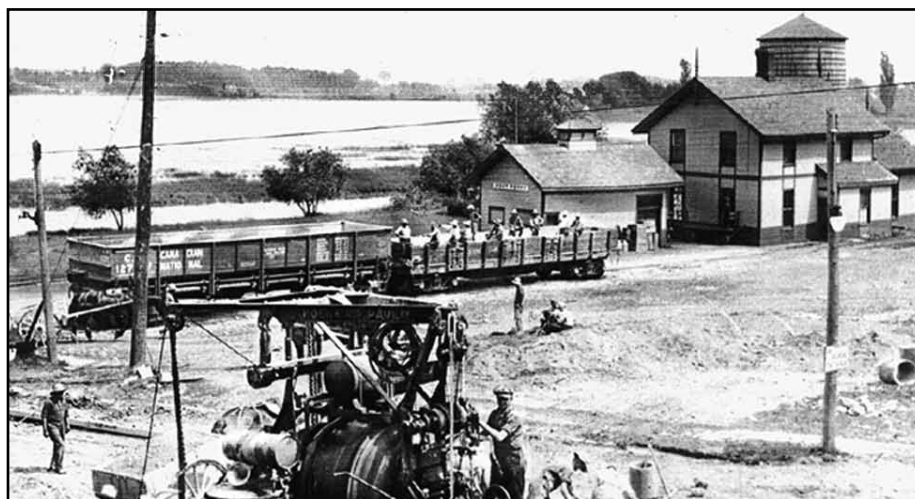
Council has placed a spring board at the dock for the pleasure of divers.

**September**

Mr. Jas. Stonehouse, a highly respected resident of Port Perry and former Reeve, died of heart failure while on vacation in North Dakota.



Paving on Queen Street during summer of 1924. Street was opened August 7.



**PORT PERRY STATION**

Paving of Queen St. finally gets underway during 1924. Work crews are seen here unloading supplies from train at railway station, in location that is known as Palmer Park today.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario officially opened the Port Perry Fair.

### October

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

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

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

## CHAPTER THREE - THE TWENTIES



The magnificent looking Port Perry Union School, located at the corner of Queen and Rosa Street, as it looked after it was built in 1873.

# 1925

### January

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.

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

### February

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.



### BROCK'S STORE

Interior of Brock's Department Store in April 1925 with clerks Louella Brent, Mrs. Claude Vickery and owner Arthur Brock.

### March

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.

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

Mrs. G.W. Schell, is sell-



**E. Y. SPURR**  
Port Perry Councillor.

ing out. N. Ewers has resumed his truck service.

**April**

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.

**May**

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. H.S. Osler has planted 500,000 young trees in Cartwright Twp.

Major General James McBrien, Chief of Staff of Nation Defense, Ottawa, was married. He was born and raised in Prince Albert, Ont.

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

**June**

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

Discussions begin on construction of a new High School.

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.

**July**

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 McKaw 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**

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**

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.

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**

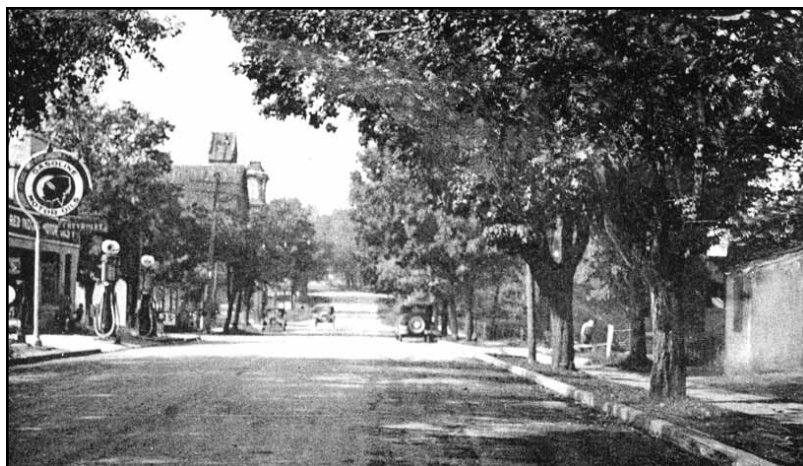
The Church of the Ascension re-opens after weeks of being redecorated.

Ed. Balfour announces the opening of his



**OKE & MCGREGOR**

Grocery store on Queen St. about 1910.



**QUEEN ST. - PORT PERRY**

Tree-lined west end of Queen St. shows Beare Motors at left, with the United Church and Town Hall towers in background. Owner of small building on right side of street is unknown.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER THREE - THE TWENTIES

“cash and carry” butcher shop in the Rolph Block.

November

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.

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

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.



**HAROLD ARCHER'S GARAGE**

First Pontiac dealership in Canada started by Harold. R. Archer in January 26, 1926 in Port Perry located at approx. 239 Queen St. Donald Anderson pictured here with car converted for snow travel.

# 1926

January

R.M. Holtby elected Honoray President of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society and Mr. Grant Christie named president for 1926.

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

Harry King of Seagrave won the silver cup in a mile race at Port Perry Skating Rink

E.B. Walker elected chairman for a second term of the Port Perry Board of Education

Chas. A. Rundle, a former Reeve, councillor and esteemed businessman in Port Perry died.

March

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.

Ex-servicemen from the area met at the Armouries in the basement of the Post Office to form a club for veterans

of the war.

The Port Perry Star began running excerpts of Rev. F.G. Weir's local history book, Scugog and It's Environs.

Major-general J. H. MacBrien was guest of honor at a regimental dinner of the Toronto Regiment.

April

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

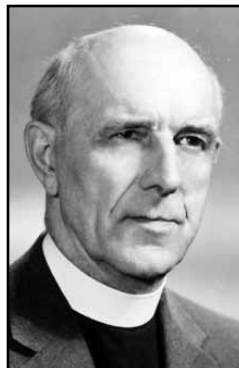
The Port Perry Bd. of Education engaged Mr. John T. Hornsby, Lindsay as architect for a new school.

A delegation of school trustees visited Brighton to see the combined High and Public School building in that town.

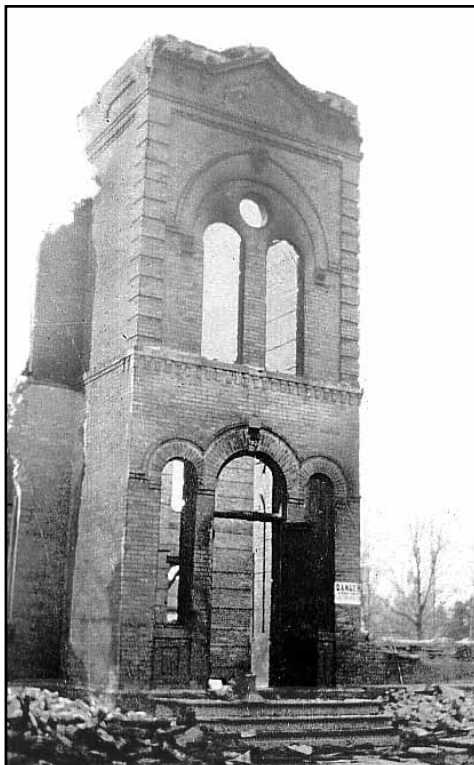
Stores in Port Perry agree to cut back opening to only two nights a week - Tuesday and Saturday.



**GEORGE SWEETMAN**  
Ont. County Warden 1926.



**REV. F.G. WEIR**  
Writes local history book  
Scugog And Its Environs.



These photographs illustrate the charred remains of the Port Perry Union School after the fire devoured the building in April 1926.



## Port Perry Union School destroyed in tragic fire

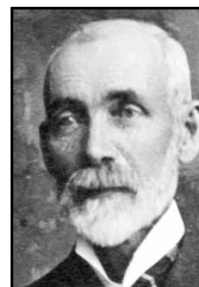
In September 1873, a brand new and magnificent "Union School" opened its doors to the students of Port Perry and area.

It was called the Union School because the building housed the Public School on the ground floor and the High School on the upper floor. Mr. Dugald McBride was principal of the High School and Mr. Rae his counterpart in the Public School.

In 1926, when Mr. Thomas H. Follick was principal, a tragedy struck. The huge wood burning furnace in the basement of the school had been lit by the caretaker Mr. A.W. Allin, to warm the school for a board meeting during the Easter vacation of April 1926.

Mr. Allin went home and then returned in the early evening to make sure that all was well, but when he opened the front door he found the school interior in flames. The single fire-fighting apparatus of the town proved to be of little help and the school burned to the ground.

After much controversy and delay, a new school was built just north of the original site. It was officially opened on May 18, 1927, amid much festivity and a lengthy parade.



**DUGALD  
MCBRIDE**

Port Perry High School  
principal 1871-1910.



**THOMAS H.  
FOLLICK**

Port Perry High School  
principal 1912- 1926.

**June**

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 F.A. Kent died in Toronto.

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**

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.

**September**

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 Ontario 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.

Maj. Gen 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**

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.

Mr. Joseph Ashton sold his restaurant business to Mr. Jas. Ruddy.

**November**

The Port Perry Picture House, located at the Town Hall, was showing moving pictures every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Adults 25¢; Children 15¢.

The Bd. of Education paid \$350 to the estate of Thomas H. Bates for land expropriated for the new Port Perry High and Public School.

Ralph Whitfield of Toronto was found guilty of shooting with intent in the wounding of Harold Archer who attempted to stop a robbery.

**December**

Temperance workers were defeated in their attempts to save the Ontario Temperance Act when Ontario voters elected Conservative G. Howard Ferguson as Premier.

The Star published sketches and details for new high and public school.

Poor turnout for nomination meeting but four men nominated for reeve: Neil Sweetman, Jas. Lucas, Samuel Jeffrey and Morley Campbell.

The Port Perry Band played at the arena on New year's Night.



**TEMPORARY CLASSROOM**

Following the fire which destroyed Port Perry High School, classes were set up in a number of the local church basements.



**GRACE SWAN**

Opens private Port Perry Hospital on John St.

Plans for new combined school get underway

June, 1926



# 1927



**DORMAN CORBMAN**  
Fruit and Confectionery store owner.

Proclaim holiday  
for opening of new  
school

May 18, 1927

### January

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.

Lawson Honey was elected president of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society. Vice president Grant Christie.

### February

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 under-way and hopes are to finish after the Easter holiday.

The town was without water for two days after water pipes under the road broke and had to be repaired.

### March

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

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.

Sealed tenders requested to bid for property owned by Bd. of Education, includes; Baptist Church property, frame church, framed building known as Mechanics' building, woodshed and lot.

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.

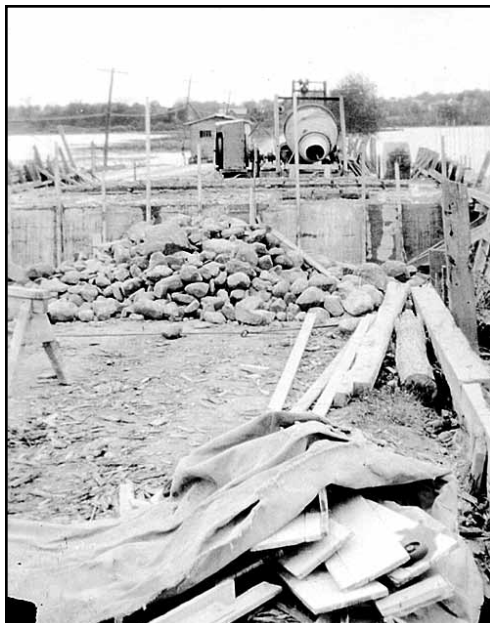
### May

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 pro-



### COMBINED SCHOOL OPENS

Port Perry's new \$100,000 combined Public and High School was officially opened with great celebrations during May 1927.



Construction on widening of the Scugog Bridge gets started in April.

ceedings 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

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.

Jack M. Carnegie and William Day take over Ford business of Hood Motor Sales and will be named Carnegie-Day Motors.

July

Queen St. is jammed with biggest crowd in years to take part in Confederation Celebrations.

Tax rate is struck at 45 mills.

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.

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

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.

Raymore Mfg. Co., has purchased the Allan Goode Foundry property for a site to manufacture heaters, grills, toasters, etc.

Bd. of Education received over 300 applications to fill one teaching job at Port Perry Public School.

September

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.

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.

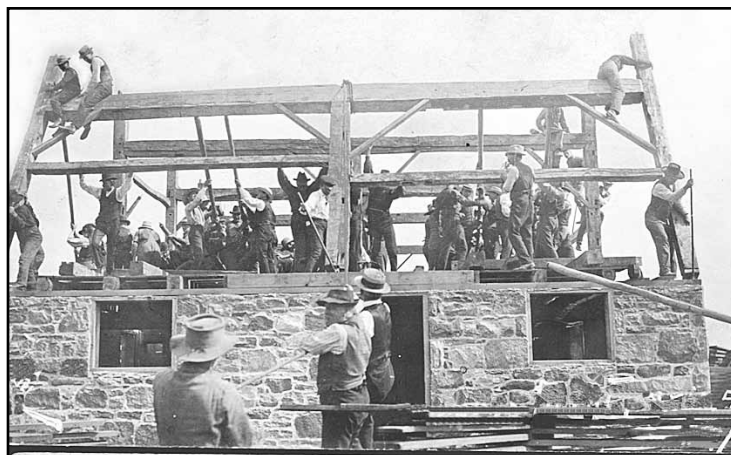
Council was notified that Port Perry would only have one train a day starting in October. A delegation met with railway officials to voice their concern and regular service was re-instated.

October

F.W. McIntyre celebrated his 20th year of business in Port Perry selling men's, women's and



**F. W. McINTYRE**  
Celebrates 20 years in clothing business.



**BARN RAISING**

Typical scene at a community barn raising event like the one at the farm of Howard McMillan. Above barn raising took place on the Vernon farm south of Manchester.

## OUT OF THE ASHES



### SCUGOG BRIDGE DETOUR

A car carefully makes its way along a floating wooden detour bridge during the construction of a concrete bridge on the road to Scugog Island.

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.

## CHAPTER THREE - THE TWENTIES

children's clothing.

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.

Willard and Co. closing-out their business and offer huge stock at clearance prices.

November

Mr. A.W. Jackson, Warden of Ont. County turned the key to open the new brick school at Scugog Centre.

J. 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

Port Perry Public School is Graded No. 1 by R.A. Hutchison, inspector of Public Schools.

# 1928

January

Council elected by acclamation for 1928 - Reeve Robt. Somerville; Council - Madison Williams, J.E. Jackson, Jas. McKee and W.W. Crosier.

February

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

F.W. McIntyre Drygoods goes out of business after 20 years in town.

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.

April

Port Perry Star offers \$1,000 worth of accident insurance for one dollar with every subscription.

F.W. Ferguson selected as Whippet dealer for



### ARCHER MOTORS

During 1929, Harold Archer purchased the Willard Block and renovated the building, making it into a modern garage, with gas bousers out front.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER THREE - THE TWENTIES

Port Perry; Standard Garage, Durant Star Car dealer.

Hugh Lucas of Port Perry was appointed Governor of the County Jail at Whitby.

Beacon Electric Co. bought out the Raymore Co., and it is now being operated by Mr. Hunt and Mr. Allan Goode.

### May

The Provincial Hwy. between Manchester and Saintfield, about seven and a half miles, will be constructed of cement this year.

A thorough remodeling of the Willard Block by Mr. Harold Archer has turned the building into an up-to-date garage with every modern convenience.

Mr. W.H. Harris purchased a 22' sailing sloop with an 8' beam in Toronto and has sailed it to Lake Scugog.

### June

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.

Port Perry Band leader John Roach died suddenly.

### July

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.

Former Port Perry Reeve Geo. Gerrow passed away July 20 in Toronto.

Royal Bank opens branch in the Blong Block, Port Perry with Mr. B.D. Henry as manager.

### August

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.

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.

Cement highway in now completed to Greenbank.

### September

Sutcliffe and Sons of Lindsay open drygoods and clothing store in former McIntyre location.

A.G. Clark opens farm machinery shop in Blong Block.

John Warren Burnham, died Sept. 23, He was a most highly respected citizen, who spent 45 years as postmaster in Port Perry, never missing a day. He also held the post of Clerk of the Court for a period of 58 years.

The Corporation requires all parties who retail milk to procure a licence before October 1/28.



**JOHN ROSS ROACH**  
Named as one of greatest goaltenders in the world.

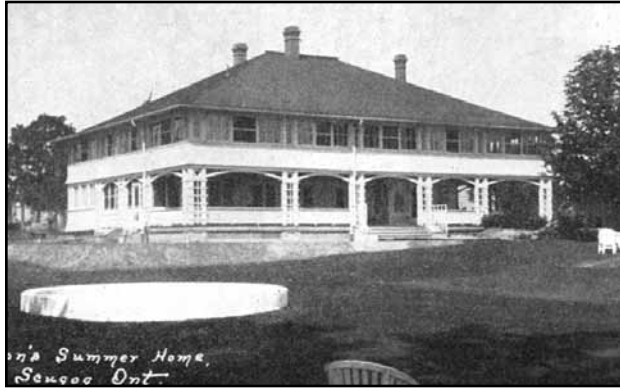


**JOHN BURNHAM**  
Postmaster for 45 years.



This view of the waterfront taken from the lake, shows a train pulled up in front of the Port Perry Station about 1925. To the left is the water tower and at far right is the office building of C.L. Vickery Coal, Wood and Lumber. The business was sold to Fred. E. Reesor in April 1930 following Mr. Vickery's death.

# Seven Mile Island Estate



The main residential building, circa 1920, is impressively set on a large manicured lawn. The 5,200 sq. ft. two storey house has four fireplaces, eight bedrooms, a den, large kitchen and livingroom with beamed ceilings.

One of the most luxurious residential estates in the area was located on a private island known as Seven Mile Island on Lake Scugog. The 91 acre estate is linked to Scugog Island by a 1650' paved causeway which extend through 65 acres of wild-life water sanctuary.

The property was developed by Alex R. Wilson and his wife Mary during the 1920s and 1930s.

There were five houses on the property which is landscaped with winding walkways through large rock gardens and arbours. A stone teahouse overlooking a huge reflecting pool is found in the middle of the woods and dozens of statues and fountains grace the property.

In recent years the property has become run down and much of it's grandure is in ruins.



Not far from the main residence is this 50'x24' swimming pool overlooking Lake Scugog. It is surrounded by a 7'8" lattice fence and at the far end of the beautiful pool are two cabana style change rooms.



This beautiful white lattice arbour leads from the main roadway to a large fountain and the 28 room main residence.



The Teahouse, located in front of the reflecting pool near the lake.



View of the manicured lawns at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Wilson of Seven Mile Island about 1930.

**October**

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**

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.

Jas. McKee and Son, owners of the Superior Store, enlarged their space and now occupy the entire 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. Geo. Hall lately with Mr. A.R. Wilson of Seven Mile Island, has purchased Cook's Restaurant.

**December**

Alix Gilboord Store robbed for the third time since coming to Port Perry. This time thieves took \$535 worth of clothing and drygoods.

R. B. Smallman's Blacksmith Shop was broken into by two thieves, who were captured and sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary.



**TRAIN WRECK**  
Heavy rains washes out tracks near Manchester, derailing train.

# 1929

**January**

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**

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.

Warnings to drivers and skaters on the ice, that ice is being cut out of the lake just in front of the dock house at the end of the wharf.

Reeve Somerville announced the construction of a cement roadway from the Town Hall to the Borelia corner. Urge County to continue it 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.

**April**

Lake Scugog Fur Farm, operated by Geo. 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.

**May**

Another washout derails train just north of Manchester. Both engineer and fireman were able to jump free and no one was hurt. Road to Manchester also impassable, no traffic in or out for days.

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.



**HAROLD ARCHER**  
Port Perry businessman.



Cement highway  
from Port Perry to  
Manchester opens

August 1929

Former Standard Bank property will be vacated and amalgamated with Bank of Commerce. H.G. Hutcheson is manager and E.B. Walker, remains for a time as associate.

Mr. Geo. 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. Geo. Rennie will occupy the Archer home. His mother is coming to keep house for him.

H.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 Star office.

**June**

Over 100 people of Scugog and Port Perry searched all night to find a three year old child, asleep on a log in a boggy area.

County Council votes 22-1 in favor 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.

**July**

Fishing great on Lake Scugog this year Mr. Geo. Jackson catches 22 lb. Muskalunge, Elijah Beare a 20 lb. lunge.

A camp for boys has been established on a delightful spot at Stephenson's Point. Eighty boys enjoyed the camp last week, and next week 150 boys from Weston will be there.

**August**

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.

Opening of the new highway from Port Perry to Manchester takes place at the Town hall Sept. 30 with the Hon. Geo. S. Henry performing the ceremony. A banquet took place at the Sebert House and a dance at the High School following the opening.

Harold Archer returned from a 3,075 mile trip to Winnipeg and back to Port Perry in his Pontiac Six, taking 5 days to complete the round-trip journey.

**October**

W.H. Doubt, tailor has moved to Oshawa.

Gordon Sweetman purchases Graham Garage, operated by Mr. Wesley Boynton, located next to Port Perry Star Office.

Wm. McKay raises the price of milk to 12c. qt.

**November**

Carnegie-Day Motors dissolved. Will now be known as Carnegie Motor Sales. J.M. Carnegie.

**December**

F.W. Brock's Grocery Depart. becomes Red & White Store.

Robbers were busy Sunday night breaking into the premises of Beare Bros. Garage, Superior Stores, Carnegie Motors, Carnegie Hardware and were attempting to break into Brock's Store when Arthur Brock heard the commotion and called police. He fired a warning shot which scared off the robbers before being apprehended.



**SWEETMAN'S GARAGE**

Gord Sweetman takes over former Graham Garage, located next to Port Perry Star office in November 1929.



**JONES & SON**

Interior view of Jones & Son store with a group of ladies. From left, unknown, Maggie Brooks, Miss. James, Olga Diesfeld and Katie Sebert.

Chapter

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1930 - 1939  
The Thirties



**FRED. E. REESOR**  
Starts Coal and Building  
Material business.

January

Council - Reeve Robt. Somerville acclaimed; Councillors W.W. Crosier, James McKee, J.E. Jackson, Norman Ewers.

Major-General MacBrien visits Canadian Legion in Port Perry where a banquet was held in his honor.

Ethel Henrietta Kent, wife of owner Mr. Fred. Kent passes away at her home in Port Perry.

Peter Christie was presented a beautiful cabinet by his fellow workers on the Royal Winter Fair Board.

The town market is to be moved to the Town Hall starting next month.

February

George Hull takes over as postmaster at Port Perry post office from Mrs. Orde, who has carried on since the death of her father John W. Burnham one year ago.

Reeve Robt. Somerville named chairman of the Pension Board for Ontario County. Receives \$5 per day and 5c. per mile for services.

Mrs. Z. M. Jackson elected Chairman of the Board of Education, and Mr. R.B. Smallman, vice-chairman.

March

W.R. Willan, tailor, goes out of business.

Bylaw fixes speed limit within corporation at 20 miles per hour. Five dollars and costs for violation.

Port Perry Milling and Lumber Company announces it will conduct business only by cash.

The Uxbridge Journal and the North Ontario Times merge under owner Harold Cave to become the Uxbridge Times-Journal.

April

Mr. A.J. Davis retires after almost 50 years serving the community and has sold business to A.M. Lawrence of Oshawa.

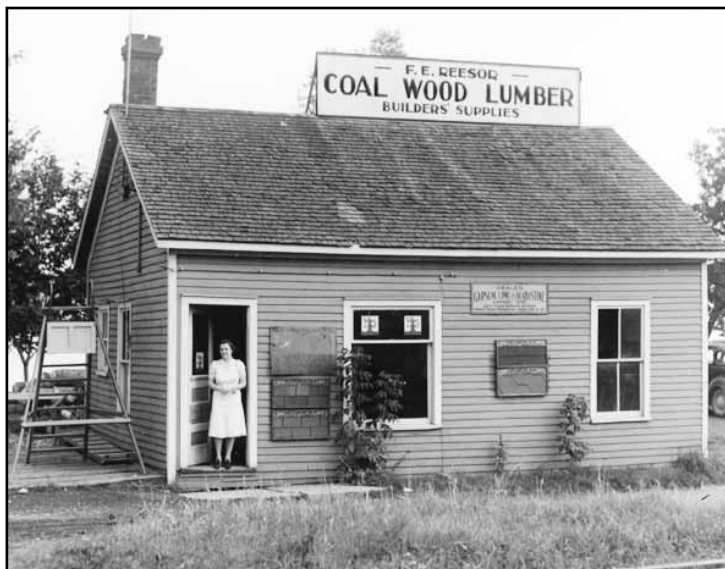
Mr. Lewis McLean wins two scholarships.

Longtime coal and lumber merchant Charles L. Vickery dies, and his business goes up for sale.

Ont. Railway Board refuses appeal to detach certain lands from Corporation Port Perry and attach to Reach Township.

C. L. Vickery's business is purchased by Mr. Fred. Reesor, a well respected citizen of Markham.

Port Perry Milling Co. is purchased by Mr. Samuel Griffin of Detroit. Business will be operated as Sam.. N. Griffen Lumber Co.



Fred. Reesor's office located at the lakefront in Port Perry during 1930s.



The fine house owned by the Curts family was located on north east corner of Water St. and 7A Hwy. It burned to ground in November 1930.



**ANDY M. LAWRENCE**  
Purchases A. J. Davis  
Drug Store in April.

**May**

The morning train from Whitby to Lindsay through Port Perry will remain at least until the end of June.

At the urging of the Lake Scugog Improvement Assoc., the municipality instructed owners of buildings or boat houses along the waterfront at the foot of Mary St., to remove them at once.

Toronto firm advertises for machine operators and women to work on ladies' clothing, in soon to be opened Port Perry operation.

Oshawa law firm of A.W.S. Greer and R. D. Humphreys opens branch office in McCaw Block on Queen St.

**June**

Half day holiday Wednesday afternoons starts in town.

Agriculture Society holds street dance with George Wade and his Corn Huskers.

Port Perry Dominion Store, operated by Alix Gilboord selling out of business.

Beare Motors becomes an authorized Sunoco Gasoline agent in town.

**July**

The Canadian Chautauqua comes to Port Perry for five days.

Mr. Fred. Kent decides not to open his gardens at Beechcroft this year as extensive renovations are being done.

Ottawa sends the "Harwood" to clear weeds from Lake Scugog at Port Perry, Caesarea and the channels.

Harold R. Archer starts on 3,200 mile trip to Vancouver in a Pontiac car, via Chicago, accompanied by Murray Williams and expects to make trip in five days.

Tom Bowerman takes trip in beautiful mahogany launch 'The Falcon', which he built, to owner at Point Au Baril on Georgian Bay.

**August**

Robbery at Standard Service Station in Manchester nets thieves about \$500.

In order to save money, C.N.R. proposes tri-weekly passenger service between Whitby and Lindsay. Southbound Mon., Wed., and Fri., and northbound Tues., Thurs., and Saturday.

**September**

Schools postpone opening until Sept. 15 due to the prevalence of infantile paralysis in the community.

Oshawa Lumber Co. establishes yard at the plant of Swan Brothers with local men Mr. William Hodgson and Mr. C.V. Gilbert in charge.

**October**

Four Toronto men caught raiding Peel's Poultry Farm, knocked out Ronald Peel and escaped in a car. The thieves were chased by Mr. Peel, Chief Nesbitt and Harold Archer to Myrtle where the car left the road injuring one. The other three were placed under arrest.

John Medd wins five first at Victoria County Plowing Match, also silver cup and silver tea set at Peterborough Plowing Match.

**November**

Man sentenced a year in Guelph Reformatory for attempting to rob Peel's Poultry Farm. Three associates fined \$20 each.

The fine brick home of the Curts family, at the corner of Water and Scugog St., was totally destroyed by fire.

Council decides to accept tenders for the position of a night watchman for the community.

Chicken stealing becoming a problem. Russell Wray, north of Honey's Corner reports thieves steal more than 700 roosters, pullets and geese.

Man charged with stealing chickens from Sinclair Robertson sentenced to 22 months at Guelph Reformatory.



**SAM. N. GRIFFEN**  
Purchases Port Perry  
Milling and Lumber Co.

# Beechcroft at Kent Estates



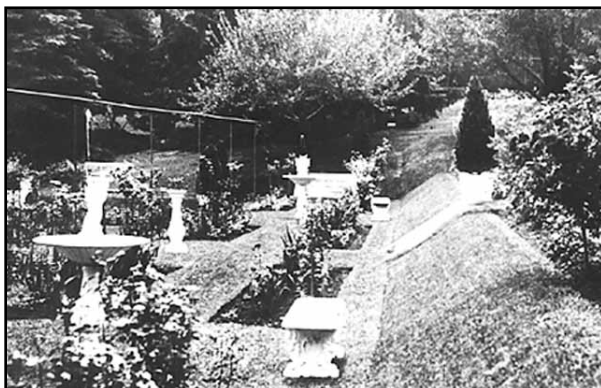
Beechcroft House, the summer home of Frederick A. Kent - circa 1915.



Reflecting pool with fountains at Beechcroft about 1921.



A view of the rose gardens at Beechcroft. The property became known by local residents as the "Kent Estates" in later years.



View of the middle terrace of the rose garden at Kent Estates, Port Perry.



Rose gardens at Kent Estates overlooking Lake Scugog.

Frederick A. Kent, a prominent jeweller from Toronto, purchased 8 acres and a house in Port Perry overlooking Lake Scugog on May 9, 1911 for a summer home. He purchased an additional 17 acres in 1915. Over the next five years, he enlarged the original house, constructed large rose gardens with a reflecting pool, fountains, benches and walkways.

In 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Kent opened Beechcroft to the public, welcoming visitors from all over Ontario. On one occasion in 1924 an estimated crowd of 2,000 people visited the beautiful rose gardens in one day.

The property which Ethel and Fred. Kent fondly called 'Beechcroft' became their permanent home where they raised two children, Audrey and Beverly. But following the death of his wife, Mr. Kent closed the gardens to the public and he lived on the property until 1955, when he passed away.

Before his death, Mr. Kent donated a large piece of land, fronting on Simcoe St. to the town, as a site for the new Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital. The remainder of the property was eventually divided into lots, which now form Kent Estates.



**QUEEN STREET WEST**

View of the west end of the business section of Port Perry about 1930. Store on left is Merlin Letcher's funeral parlour and furniture store.

County Council takes first steps to have an overhead bridge up at the railway crossing just north of Raglan.

December

The 65 year old 'Yellow Schoolhouse' north of Port Perry burned to the ground, but the teacher's desk and some books and maps were saved. Plans underway to build a modern new school.

Geo. Leask, Seagrave wins many prizes with his shorthorns at the Royal.

Mr. William Corrin retires after 45 years service to the Port Perry Fire Brigade.

One of Port Perry's oldest, most beloved and respected citizens, Mrs. James Carnegie died on Sat., December 13 at the age of 83.

# 1931

January

Port Perry Reeve - Robert Somerville; Councillors - W.M. Letcher, H.R. Archer, Jas. McKee, J. Weir.

Seven boys were badly burned at a cottage on Honey's Point after they entered a boat house and started a fire in a stove. The boat house and the boat were completely destroyed in the fire. Injured were three Wallaces', two Simms', a Mills and a Goldfield boy.

Arguments for daily railway service to Port Perry fall on deaf ears, tri-weekly train service to start immediately.

Mr. Stratton named as principal of Port Perry Public School after Mr. Clarence Werner resigns to take a position in Hamilton.

A building at the rear of Carnegie Hardware was totally destroyed by fire Jan. 17, 1931. The former livery stable was home to the Ford dealership of Carnegie Motor Sales. A number of new Model T Fords were lost in the \$8,000 blaze.

February

Board of Railway Commissioners order the return of the daily train from Whitby to Port Perry and Lindsay.

Complaints of low water levels on Lake Scugog and that stoplogs being out at Lindsay Dam.

March

Trains, autos and buses were at a standstill for two days as the worst storm in years dumped snow on the area. Local businessmen worked in shifts to help road crews open road to Manchester.

Popular cartoonist Jimmy Frise comes home to give one of his popular cartoon talks at the Presbyterian Church.

April

Chief Thomas Marsden, of the Scugog Island Mississaugas, passed into the Great Beyond. He had held the office of Chief for the past five years.

R.M. Holtby, invited to judge Holstein cattle at the National Dairy Show in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. J.W. Crozier opens Law office above Observer office.

Ontario County Sheriff Paxton will retire in July after 44 years of faithful service to the county. Sheriff Paxton was born in Port Perry and lived here until one year ago was failing in his health.

H. G. Hutcheson recipient of handsome gift by staff as he retires as bank manager.

May

Roy Cornish engaged by the Board of Education to teach the Third Book in the Public School at a salary of \$1000 per year.



**J. F. PAXTON**

Retires after 44 years as Sheffiff of Ontario County.



I. R. BENTLEY  
Jewellery Store owner.

June

George Jackson, auctioneer, one of Port Perry's best known and loved residents died suddenly.

Letter is received from District Medical Officer of Health, regarding "numerous installations by individual property owners contrary to the provisions of the Health Act...in that the effluents from septic tanks, kitchen sinks, etc. are being passed directly into open ditches. Action will be taken by the M.O.H.

July

Mr. George Stone, well known and outstanding teacher for 40 years at P.P.H.S. passes.

Gen. Jas. MacBrien is appointed to head the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The town bell is repaired and ringing again.

Dr. Jas. A. Mathers has sold practice to Dr. W.S. Harper of Madoc.

August

The corner of the road approaching the causeway has been cut back giving a much better view (corner of Water and Scugog).

Sutcliffe & Son, operated by Miss Ida Downer, is selling out and moving to Lindsay. Jas. McKee & Son have purchased the Sutcliffe store and are moving.

September

L.W. Nelson, well known drygoods merchant in Bowmanville and Oshawa, opens a drygoods store in Port Perry.

A new cottage under construction, by Harold Archer at Lakeside Beach was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

October

Unveil memorial window in Prince Albert Church, in memory of the late Rev. S.C. Philip and late Rev. S.C. Philip, Jr.

St. John's Presbyterian Church celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Toronto visitor suggests Port Perry build a new library, in keeping with the community spirit of other things in the town.

Mr. Harry Nasmith appointed clerk-treasurer of the village, following the resignation of Mr. E.H. Purdy, at a salary of \$1200.

I.R. Bentley Jeweler and Optometrist, celebrates his 15th anniversary in business in Port Perry.

November

Sam. N. Griffen, owner of Griffen Lumber, Coke and Wood co. appointed distributor agent for Ontario Shore Gas Company.

Railway announces no passenger trains will run the Whitby to Lindsay line on Mondays and Thursdays.

Gerrow's Bakery with new windows recently installed at the store.

December

Alix Gilboord of Port Perry Dominion Store announces he will close store.

# 1932

January

Reeve - Robt. Somerville. Only two men qualify for council - need another nomination meeting to fill seats. Following a 2nd nomination meeting W.M. Letcher and F.E. Reesor qualified and were elected.

Grant Christie Reach Twp. Reeve.

Flt.-Lieut. G.R. Howsam, Staff Officer of Civil Government Air Operations, Department of National Defence, promoted to Squadron Leader.

Robt. Somerville of Port Perry, elected Warden of Ontario County.



Port Perry Police Chief William Nesbitt with his car.





**ROBT. SOMMERVILLE**  
Ont. County Warden 1932.

One million  
pounds of ice cut from  
Lake Scugog

March 1932

**February**

Tom Bowerman commissioned to build a beautiful mahogany gasoline launch for Mr. Claude Pearce of Toronto. This will be the second mahogany launch he has constructed.

**March**

Sam. N. Griffen Lumber Co. has stored 10,000 cakes of ice (estimated weight one million pounds) this year to keep things cool this summer.

Tax rate set a 53 mills for 1932 with provisions to pay in two installments.

Mr. T.W. McLean retired from the Library Board after serving for 17 years in the offices of secretary and chairman.

Alix Gilboord re-opens his Dominion Store.

Mr. Robert Sommerville was honored at a banquet at the Sebert House, on his election as Warden of the County.

**April**

Mr. A.J. Davis, former owner of Davis Drug Store, passes.

John Ross Roach, played brilliantly in net for the New York Rangers, but it wasn't enough to stop the Toronto Maple Leafs, who won the Stanley Cup.

New fishing regulation forbids fishing mudcats from a boat or raft, until the regular fishing season opens.

Mr. Jas. Boe appointed the local Ford Dealer.

More cleaning up of the lake front.

The Horticultural Society has had more of the junk piles removed from south of Reesor coal sheds and asks the citizens not to dump there.

**May**

Plans to improve tennis court, located next to Town Hall, with new method of marking to be tried.

Mr. Geo. Hall has moved his restaurant business to the premises recently vacated by Carnegie Motors.

T.W. McLean, former public school principal, died.

**June**

E. Norman opens shoe repair in Blong Blk.

Thora Kaufman, Alice Hayden, Frances Christy and Marjorie Real all receive their nurses caps after training at St. Michael's Hospital.

Al-Marie Gardens, the summer home of Alex and Mary Wilson on Seven Mile Island closed to the public during the summer months.

Venture Tea Room re-opened.

Mr. Statton was re-engaged as Principal of the public school at a salary of \$1200.

**July**

Dr. R.B.E. Wilson, physician & Surgeon will open an office in the Leonard Block.

Fishing great this year. Jimmy Frise catches two big 'lunge' and some fine green bass with his casting rod.

Dr. C. Peterson succeeds Dr. Jeffrey as partner of Dr. Rennie.

Chambers & Son, Bakers & Confectioners, have purchased the business of E.K. Tuff. Hygenic Bakery.



**JIMMY FRISE**

Former Port Perry boy Jimmy Frise, cartoonist for Toronto Star and creator of Birdseye Centre, fishing on Lake Scugog.

September

Port Perry High School opens with 140 students enrolled.

Mr. Geo. Stephens has purchased the Shoe Repair Store of Mr. John Doubt. Mr. Stephens has worked with Mr. Doubt for 18 years.

Henry Parsons, 94, dies on Sept. 29. For many years he was owner and editor of the North Ontario Observer, which ceased publication in 1920.

October

The Presbyterian Churches of Ashburn, Utica and Port have joined under one pastoral charge.

Dr. Herbert Bruce, former Port Perry resident, appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

November

Nelson's drygoods store closed end of month.

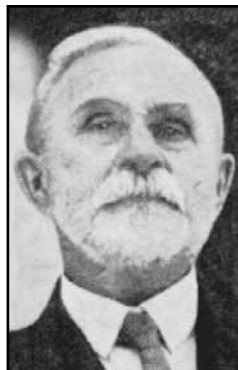
December

Dr. R.B.E. Wilson closes his office in Port Perry.

D.E. Steckley takes over the chiropractic practice of J.A. Heatherington in the same location.

Reach Council acclaimed. Grant Christie, Reeve; Wm. Parrott, Deputy Reeve; Councillors W.C. Ashenhurst, A.E. Dobson and Robt. Stanwick.

Jonathon Aldred Reeve of Scugog Twp.



**J. H. DOUBT**

Sells shoe repair business.

# 1933

January

Port Perry Reeve - W.H. Letcher; Council - Fred. Reesor, J. Weir, Harold Archer and Ted. Jackson.

A.M. Lawrence starts an experimental lending library.

Chamber's & Sons Bakery moves business to the Nelson Block at the corner of Water and Queen St.

Port Perry Dominion Store (Alix Gilboord) moving to Nelson Store, who recently closed.

February

Port Perry Star offers free advertising for exchange and barter only.

History of banking in Port Perry, Royal Canadian, failed 1868; Ontario, withdrew 1888; Central, failed 1887 (open only short time); Western, absorbed by Standard 1909 (opened 1888); Commerce, open 1898; Standard took over Western 1909 and absorbed by Commerce 1928; Royal open 1928, withdrew 1932.

March

Bd. of Education makes cuts in salaries to public school teachers and caretaker totaling \$1,195.

Mr. S.M. Newton, former owner of the Port Perry Standard, died at his home in Prince Rupert, B.C.

Members of the Fire Brigade make a presentation to Fire Chief W. MacGregor for his many years service to the community.

April

Every effort made to cut school expenditures, rate down 1-1/2 mills.

Due to overcrowded conditions of the primary classes at the public school, new students only accepted until September.

A big Boot and Shoe Sale at J.F. McClintock's store.

May

Committee formed to begin fund raising for much needed repairs and improvements to the stage at the Town Hall.

Mr. Jas. McKee announces he purchased Burns Grocery in Whitby and is closing out his business.

Mr. Gordon McKee has taken over the Superior Store and will continue to oper-



**W.H. LETCHER**

Port Perry Reeve 1933.

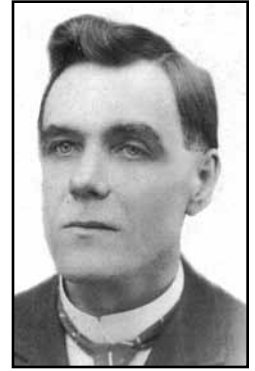


**JONATHON ALDRED**

Scugog Reeve 1933.



**ARCHIE McDERMOTT**  
President of newly formed  
Businessmen's Assoc.



**SAM. M. NEWTON**  
Former owner of the Port  
Perry Standard newspaper.

Port Perry  
Bottling Plant  
destroyed  
by fire

July 1933

ate same after moving to the Royal Bank building.

Miss Elizabeth Allin, former Port Perry student wins Royal Society Fellowship and \$1,500 prize.

June

H.H. Mulligan has opened an up-to-date Ladies Hairdressing and Barber Shop.

Port Perry Dairy (formerly Hillside Dairy) installs modern pasteurizing equipment and offers pasteurized milk at no extra cost.

Businessmen's Association formed with Mr. A. L. McDermott elected president; J.E. Jackson, secretary and Mr. E. Hayes, treasurer.

July

Port Perry Bottling plant totally destroyed by fire July 18. Some quantities of sugar, syrup and cases of drinks were rescued and Mr. Murell Goode's new home is saved.

August

Business Men's Civic Holiday Sport Day features aquatic sports, track & field events, ball tournaments and a street dance.

Port Perry Bottling Works temporarily housed in part of the Port Perry Creamery He will rebuild this fall under supervision of the Coca Cola Company of which he is affiliated.

The Jas. Swan Building (Carriage Works at the corner of Mary and Perry St.) to be remodeled for shoe factory owned by W.M. Letcher who purchased Williamson Shoe Factory of Newmarket.

New roof for Port Perry Schools with a 20 yr. bonded rating.

Ferguson Bros. successor to Jas. McKee.

Mrs. W. Chapman helped avert a robbery at T.J. Widden's Store by alerting Donald Anderson, who yelled and fired a shot, scaring the robbers off.

September

A Port Perry Bowling Rink won gold medals at an Ottawa tournament. Members of the team were William Graham, Armstrong McFarlane, John Murray and Dave Carnegie, skip.

Thieves break into Carnegie Hardware, by prying lock off the front door. Some goods stolen.

October

Sam. Farmer announces his intention to revise and reprint his local history book "On The Shores Of Scugog," with several new additions.

Work on repairs to the arena underway, with the west side being entirely remodeled and supports changed to a cement wall to avoid heaving by frost.

Council decides to proceed with laying 3400 feet of water mains on Lilla St. (Simcoe), Balsam St. and Union Ave, at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

November

An early snowstorm in the area, destroyed 1600 barrels of apples at the farm of Mr. Pallock.

Work well underway on the new water main extension in town.

A flag pole and Union Jack flag were donated to the Public School by Mr. James Lucas. R.B. Smallman, Chairman of the Bd. of Education and Roy Cornish, principal accepted the gift.

December

Over 500 transients (a nice word for hobos) have been fed in Port Perry and housed overnight in the Town Hall during 1933. Every home has given away all possible old clothes. How long can this state of affairs last?

The only store left standing after the big fire of 1884, a frame structure owned by the late William Tummonds was destroyed by fire. The building was located beside Beare's Garage.



**PORT PERRY BOTTLING WORKS**

New plant, located on Perry St. north, across from the Scout Hall, opened in fall.

# 1934

## January

Grant Christie, Reach Reeve, elected Warden of Ontario County on the second ballot.

Joseph Baird, bailiff, died on Jan. 2.

University extension lectures in high school.

## February

John Ross Roach, in net for Syracuse, blocked 51 shots playing with a knee injury and received the greatest ovations in the history of hockey as he was carried off the ice.

W.J. Anderson elected chairman of the Port Perry Board of Education, succeeding Mr. R.B. Smallman. Mr. R.D. Woon, was selected as the new secretary-treasurer, replacing Mr. W. A. Christy, who died in Jan.

## March

Water mains frozen as temperatures plummet to 30 below zero. Main in front of Geo. Hall's Restaurant burst, flooding basements and properties.

Mr. Isaac Turner has returned to town and is prepared to do business in furs and poultry.

Mr. John Murray purchased the Carnegie house next to the lawn bowling green.

Chambers Bakery is selling out to Messrs. Hutchison & Jemison.

Highway to be built on abandoned right of way of Canadian Pacific from Lindsay to New Nestleton, thence to connect with Hwy. #7 at Port Perry.

## April

Harris and Harris (J.E. & W.H.) have taken into partnership Robert Harris and Ralph Wallace, the law firm to be known as Harris, Harris & Wallace.

County Council appoints committee to investigate the low water levels on Lake Scugog.

Messrs. Brooks and Rowland open the Port Perry Custom Hatchery, in the Leonard Block. They have hatched over 10,000 chicks already this spring.

## May

Tenders were let for the building of the new Public Library in Port Perry.

The municipality begins annual oiling of certain streets within the town.

## June

Mrs. J.W. Burnham received greetings from the graduates of Bishop Strachan School at its commemoration ceremony in Toronto. Mrs. Burnham was the first pupil to register when it opened back in the 1860s.

Cartwright celebrates its centennial. Parades, sporting activities, and an address by Dr. Herbert Bruce, Lieut. Governor of Ontario.

Reports of a 30' sea serpent seen in Lake Scugog. Closer investigation finds it is a large duck leading a dozen young ducklings in her wake.

Two armed robbers entered the Bank of Commerce just at closing time and tied up Mr. L.H. Corner and Mr. Harry Major and drove away with \$4,200., after stopping to get ten dollars worth of gas at the Superior Store.

## July

Mr. H.R. Archer has enlarged and improved his garage with a large brick annex to the workshop.

Lakefront improvement program well underway.

Bear Bros. Garage erecting a 48'x60' addition to garage with grease pit and other modern conveniences for auto repair.

## August

Bylaw to raise \$1,500 by debenture issue for erection of War Memorial Library passes with good majority. Total cost of library expected to be \$5,500.

More than 2,000 people attend the Street Fair and Dance following the most successful Sports Day yet for the Business Men's Association.

County of Ont. work at improving Cartwright Bridge.



**GRANT CHRISTIE**  
Warden Ontario Cty. 1934.



**MANSELL GERROW**  
Takes over family bakery.



Archie L. McDermott, and employee Arnold Glenney with the last horse drawn, glass-sided viewing hearse Mr. McDermott owned.

September

A large crowd gathered Sept. 20 at the remodeled Prince Albert for its official opening. The school was moved back from the and now has a good basement.  
 Port Perry Public School opens with 170 registrations and the school with 142 pupils.  
 Gardiner, of Pine Point appointed Game Warden for Lake district.



**W.A. BEATTY**  
 Port Perry businessman for 55 years.

October

Letter from Jim Miller re: the editor passing the entrance.  
 Cecil E. Beare is at the World's Fair in Chicago as a guest of Chrysler Airflow Club.  
 Allan Wallace receives appointment as Justice of the Peace at Port Perry.  
 Port Perry residents contribute to the car of fruits and vegetables shipped to the stricken areas of Saskatchewan.  
 Cornerstone of the new War Memorial Library laid on Oct. 16 by W.H. Harris during an afternoon ceremony.  
 Wm. Webster to carry on harness business of Mr. W.A. Beatty who passed away Oct. 19., after 55 years in business.



**CECIL E. BEARE**  
 Local Chrysler Dealer.

November

Petition signed by 248 voters presented to council requesting bylaw be submitted re: the sale of beer and wine in Port Perry.  
 Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Gerrow of Gerrow's Bakery have moved to Oshawa. The bakery business will be carried on by sons Mansell and Grant.  
 McDermott Funeral & Furniture Store has been renovated to provide separate parts for each service and the funeral section can be transformed into a chapel in a few minutes. This service will be of great benefit to those who cannot hold the funeral service in their home.  
 A.G. Dowson's trotting horse, Baba Vini, won the grand champion standard bred horses at the Royal.

December

Miss Enid Wallace was the Valedictorian at the Port Perry High School Commencement.  
 Mr. Samuel Farmer's revised book of On The Shores of Scugog comes off the press and goes on sale for \$2.00 per book.  
 Mr. Arthur Waridel of Saskatchewan makes an offer for the Port Perry Flouring Mill conditional on securing fixed assists for five years.  
 Hopkins and Farmer, radio repairs, Westinghouse and Delco parts.

Cornerstone for new Port Perry War Memorial Library is laid.

October 16, 1934



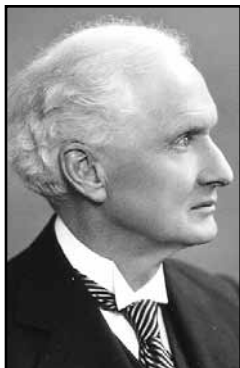
**PORT PERRY STAR**

Located at 235 Queen St., Sam. Farmer (right) with staff members from left, George Davies, Bruce Beare and Irving Boyd during summer of 1935.

# 1935

January

Reeve - W.M. Letcher. Council - H.R. Archer, J.E. Jackson, R.M. Holtby, R.J. Harris.  
 Reach Twp. Reeve Wm. Parrot, Deputy Reeve Wesley Crosier.  
 Bylaw passed to grant fixed assessment for flour mill in order to get the mill operating again. Mr. Arthur Waridel, manager .  
 The fight is on to retain railway service. Reeve Letcher calls an emergency meeting of Reeves from Brooklin, Whitby Twp., Reach Twp., Scugog Twp. and Mariposa at the Town Hall in Port Perry.  
 The Anglican, Presbyterian and United Church reunite to sponsor a



**DR. HERBERT BRUCE**  
Appointed to position of Ontario Lieut. Governor.

preaching mission with services being held at the United Church.

Lake Scugog Milling Co., operated by Mr. A. Waridel, has been thoroughly renovated and is ready to do chopping for farmers.

**February**

The Uxbridge Skating Rink was totally destroyed by fire.

Work is progressing favorably on the new beautiful War Memorial Library and it will be completed soon.

Mr. Gordon McDonald, Greenbank, purchased the Standard Garage from Mr. Jas. Boe and will operate it as McDonald Motors.

Mr. T.J. Widden sells out and closes his business.

H. W. Boynton opens butcher shop in Leonard Block.

**March**

Insurance agent H.W. Emmerson moves his office to his home on Bigelow St.

Cephas Sleep announces a general insurance business in Purdy Block. at premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Adams, Hutcheson and Emmerson.

H.H. Mulligan moves his barber shop to the premises lately vacated by T.J. Widden in the A.M. Lawrence Block.

Meeting held at the Railway Station in Port Perry between businessmen and representatives of the railway.

Work underway to change over rural hydro lines to a separate system operated through Uxbridge.

**April**

Port Perry tax reduced by two mills for 1935, being set at 46 mills.

Lawrence Drug Store holds coupon hunt. Youngsters were up at daylight to find coupons and turn them in for Easter eggs.

**May**

Stores close May 6 in honor of 25th Anniversary of the King's Coronation.

A vote regarding the sale of beer in standard hotels in Port Perry is postponed until two months after the by-law is given first and second reading in council.

Businessmen's Association meets at Sebert House and elect H.R. Archer president. Two business women attend, Mrs. L.G. Hall and Mrs. Pyatt. Banquet prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Weir.

Hearing held at the Town Hall re: abandonment of the Whitby-Lindsay line of the C.N.R.

The War Memorial Library is opened with colorful ceremony. Hon. H.A. Bruce, Lieut. Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Bruce assisted by Maj. Gen. Jas. MacBrien perform the ceremony. Both gentlemen are former residents of Port Perry. Maj.-Gen. MacBrien flew in from Ottawa, landing on Lake Scugog. A Memorial niche and Book of Remembrance were an important part of the dedication ceremony.

**June**

Major General Jas. MacBrien, formerly of Port Perry, is Knighted.

John Farmer sets up radio repair business.

The Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agriculture Society hold a Street Dance in front of the Post Office with music by Van Walker's Orchestra.

**July**

One of Port Perry's leading citizens, E.H. Purdy, passes. He has held all municipal offices over the years - Councillor, Reeve,

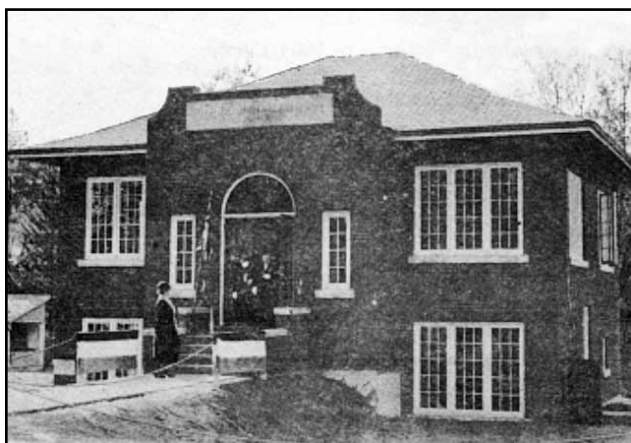


**THOMAS J. WIDDEN**

Retires from business in February 1935 after 43 years at what became known as Widden's Corner (Queen and Perry St.).



**JAS. MacBRIEN**  
Knighted.



**WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY OPENED**

Pomp and ceremony for opening of the new War Memorial Library in May 1935, with the Lieut. Governor Dr. Herbert Bruce present for the occasion.

War Memorial Library officially opened

May 1935





**G. A. PALMER**  
Opens Groceteria store.

Clerk-Treasurer, Board of Education, Magistrate and Justice of the Peace.  
C.P. Rolph dry cleaning over the Observer Office.

August

Over the Civic Holiday, large crowds take part in the Port Perry Sports Day. Over 3,000 turn out for the Caesarea Regatta and Field Day.  
Residents say "No" 400 to 271 regarding opening of liquor outlets in Port Perry.  
Jack-O-Lantern Dance Pavilion on Port Perry Beach.

September

Mr. R.M. Holtby the unanimous choice of the Reconstruction Party delegates to be the standard-bearer of the Hon. H.H. Stevens Party in the next federal election.

October

Liberals win 168 seats in election against 10 other parties: Conservatives, Social Credit, C.C.F., Independent Liberals, U.F.O., Liberal Progressive, Independent, Doubtful, Independent Conservative and Reconstruction Parties.

Roy H. Cornish elected president of the South Ontario Teachers' Institute.

November

Bell's Drygoods opens in the Blong Block, next to the Dominion Store.  
Mrs. L.G. Hall opens a ladies ready-to-wear dept. in her millinery store.  
Annual Rink meeting called for second time, as there appears to be no interest shown. Do you want a rink in Port Perry?

December

Arthur Brock elected president of the Rink Directors at the annual meeting.  
Bank of Commerce closes its branch in Blackstock, leaving Cartwright Twp. without a bank.

Sam. Farmer offers his revised book On The Shores Of Scugog at \$1.50 until Christmas. Regular price \$2.00.

Milton Goode moves to Fergus where he has purchased a creamery.



**A. B. CAWKER**  
Chairman Bd. of Education.

# 1936

January

Congregation of Port Perry United Church celebrate its Golden Jubilee with three days of celebrations.

Millions mourn the death of King George V who died Monday, Jan. 20, ending a reign of 25 years. Large crowd attends memorial service held at the United Church, including the public school children.

February

Mr. A.B. Cawker elected chairman of the Port Perry Bd. of Education.

Board of Railway Commissioners order the abandonment of railway between Port Perry and Cresswell. That part between Port and Whitby to be rehabilitated and continue to operate.

The worst fire in downtown Port Perry in years caused \$15,000 damage to Carnegie Hardware. The fire started at the back and spread to the upper storey and workshop, causing the roof to fall in. Geo. Hall's Restaurant and Caruso's Fruit Store also suffered loss from water and smoke.

March

Fred. Bailey removes 20 tons of carp from Lake Scugog, using nets and a barrier of iron pipes. Carp sold in Toronto.

Floods and storms cause both buses to be stuck in front of Peel's Farm followed by a string of trucks.

Bellette Beauty Shop opens in Venture Tea Room.

Mr. Thos. Graham, noted farmer of Scugog passes. He was a Reeve of Scugog Twp. for three years and clerk-treasurer for 28 years.

The Carnegies are busy rebuilding their Hardware store, which was damaged by fire last month.

April

Arrangements are completed by which the Port Perry Hospital will be carried on at the same place.



Sadie Hortop at the door of Cephias Sleep's Insurance office on south side of Queen St., which opened in March 1935.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER FOUR- THE THIRTIES

Mr. Beverley Smallman appointed Instructor of Biology at Western University, London, Ont.

Bd. of Education required \$2000 support from Town Council to support the schools. Board cuts high school teachers' salaries by 10 per cent to make up difference.

May

Port Perry Star launches huge subscription drive offering a 1936 Chevrolet Coach, Vacation trip to Hollywood and cash commissions as prizes.

June

Bell's Drygoods, located next to the Dominion Store, announces they are "Going Out Of Business."

Thieves break into the offices of Goode's Creamery stealing typewriters, adding machine, cash register, office equipment, and two 40 lb. boxes of butter.

July

Mrs. Cephas Sleep and five persons from Toronto trapped in burning boat, rescued by Ben Smith with a punt who took four elderly people ashore, two younger ones swam part way and were picked up by cottagers.

Port Perry Businessmen elect M.A. Gerrow president at their annual meeting held at the Sebert House.

W.H. Harris, trustee of the assets of Port Perry Milling Co. offers for sale waterfront property at the foot of Queen St. 137'x300' including the Dance Pavilion, refreshment booths and car sheds.

H.G. Hutcheson writes to the newspaper, urging the businessmen and council to purchase the lakefront property offered for sale for use as a public park.

August

Harold Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards, drowns in Chalk Lake.

Scugog Lakeside Beach Association inaugurates a Regatta and Sports Day, which they hope to make an annual event.

Public meeting re: road to Peterborough. Nothing really settled.

J.F. McClintock Grocer sells out.

September

Businessmen take no action on call to help buy lakefront property as no definite proposal has been made regarding the property.

Mr. Fred. Schell requests council to ask Game and Fisheries Department to allow use of pound nets as a means of catching and freeing the lake of carp.

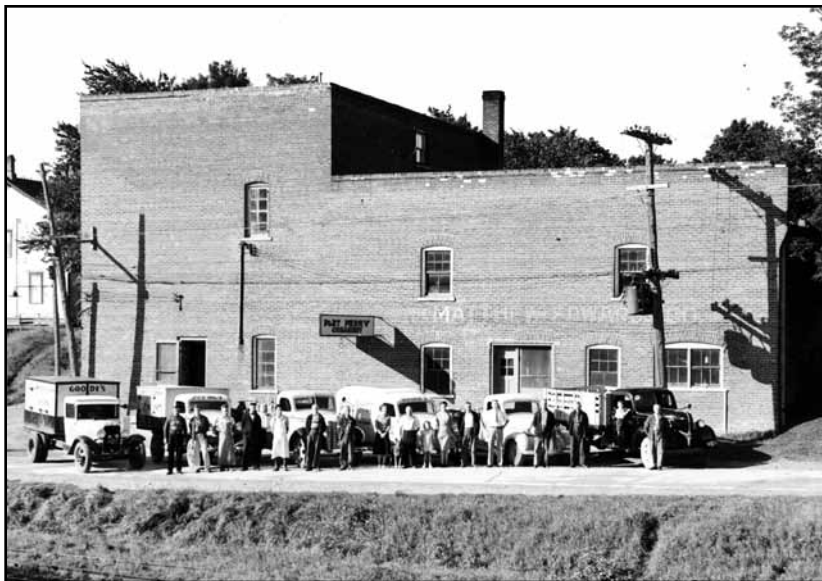
G.A. Palmer opens Port Perry Groceteria in former McClintock store.

October

Lorne Beare of Port Perry, leaves for Boston to "try out" for the Boston Bruins hockey club.



Frank Dowson with a 1929 Port Perry Creamery delivery truck.



**PORT PERRY CREAMERY**

The Creamery was located at the corner of Water and Casimir St. and was owned by Milton Goode when this photo was taken in 1938.

Lake Scugog Lumber & Coal Co. purchases the business of Sam. N. Griffen Lumber Co.

November

Three busloads of students from Port Perry High School travel to Toronto as guests of the Royal Winter Fair.

December

King Edward VIII abdicates the throne to marry Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

Council passes bylaw putting the Town Hall under the care of Wm. Nesbitt.



**CEPHAS SLEEP**

Opens insurance business in March 1935.

# 1937



**JAMES EDWIN (TED) JACKSON**  
Port Perry Councillor and local auctioneer.



**W. M. LETCHER**  
Elected 1937 Ontario County Warden.

January

Reeve - W.M. Letcher. Council, J.R. Baird, Geo. H. Bridger, R.M. Holtby, J.E. Jackson.

Reeve Letcher elected Warden of Ontario County.

Mrs. Zula Mae Jackson retires after 15 years service on the Board of Education, She is only the second woman to have ever held the position of chairman.

Mr. Fred. A. Kent donates 40 volumes of books to the Public Library from his own private library.

February

Port Perry Businessmen stage a banquet to honor and publicly recognize Mr. W.M. Letcher, Warden of Ont. County. Ninety guests packed the dining room at the Sebert House, including many former Wardens.

March

With a broken hip received when he fell into a grain bin at the Hogg & Lytle, Joe Sisson climbed 15 feet out of the bin and then down six flights of narrow steps to safety.

Businessmen hold their annual meeting, electing A.W. Brock as president. Subjects discussed included tree planting, improvements of the waterfront, removal of carp from lake and a proposed Bell Telephone bylaw.

April

A.M. Lawrence Drug Store undergoes renovations, introducing a clean, open, inviting look with an 'open dispensary' not to be equaled except in the most advanced drugstores in the larger centres.

Reeve Letcher announces the lowest tax levy since 1926 with the mill rate being set at 45 mills.

Strike at General Motors effects local business. Mayor of Oshawa asks for Federal intervention.

May

Coronation of King George VI. Greatest Empire crowns its King.

Telephone History recalls first subscribers in Port Perry. 1855 lists only business phones, there were no residential phones. S.E. Allison, drug; Ont. Bank, A. Ross & Sons and W.J. Trounce & Co. flour mill were the first to have telephones. In 1887 ten phones are listed and only one, a doctor, is a residence.

June

Wrecking crews are tearing up the railway lines between Port Perry to Manilla.

A meeting of local citizens and politicians took place at Caesarea discussing the re-stocking of Lake Scugog, and asking the Dept. of Games and Fisheries to stock the lake with year-old Pickerel fingerlings.

July

Blackstock United Church celebrates 50th Anniversary. Waterfront property, consisting of the Dance Pavilion offered to the town for \$800.

Port Perry loses an outstanding citizen, with the death of Geo. A. Rose in his 83rd year.

Port Perry 5¢ to \$1 Store, proprietor Howard Durkin.

August

Another good crowd for the Business Men's Sports Day. Thousands join in the fun with an estimated 3,000 packed on the front street during the street dance in the evening.

Dr. L. B. Lundy moves his dental office to the McCaw Block, over the Bell Telephone office.

Old Time Gospel Services held in a Big Tent on the Waridel's Mill grounds for an entire week.

Reeve W.M. Letcher receives a medal from Buckingham



**TED. JACKSON AUCTIONEER**

Ted. Jackson in front of his storefront located on the south side of Queen St., beside the St. Charles Hotel.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER FOUR- THE THIRTIES

Palace to be worn in commemoration of Their Majesties Coronation, May 12, 1937.

Goaltender Lorne Beare signs with the Atlantic City Sea Gulls. Has promising career ahead in the NHL.

### September

Port Perry Drygoods opens for business, operated by Mr. Sam. Levinson.

Residents from Cartwright, Manvers, Scugog, Port Perry and Reach packed the Town Hall to discuss delays in building Provincial Hwy. link from Port Perry to Peterborough.

### October

Gordon Sweetman's Garage announces it is selling all stock and accessories and giving up business.

As loser of an election bet, Doug Frayer pushed Tom Jackson from Caesarea to Port Perry in a wheelbarrow.



Doug Frayer and Tom Jackson reach Carnegie Hardware in Port Perry.

### November

Port Perry business men honor Hon. Gordon D.

Conant, Attorney-General of Ontario at a banquet. Dinner served to 100 guests by Mr. John Weir of the Sebert House.

Lions Club of Port Perry formed with H.G. Hutcheson, P.G. Morrison, sponsors. Provisional president is Mr. Ernie Hayes.

Negotiations for widening Queen St. on the main business block underway. Utilities needed moved include hydro poles, water hydrants, telegraph poles, gasoline pumps and telephone poles.

### December

Thieves break in to McDonald Motors and steal a 1938 Plymouth sedan, \$135 in cash and auto parts.

A.P. McFarlane elected president of the Port Perry Rink Company.

Chief Wm. Nesbitt, Chief Constable in Port Perry since 1917 passed away in his 69th year.

Poor turnout for Nomination Meeting at Town Hall.

Mr. Frank Gerrow elected Reeve by acclamation in Reach Twp.



**A. P. McFARLANE**  
President Port Perry Rink Company.

# 1938

### January

Port Perry Reeve - W.M. Letcher.

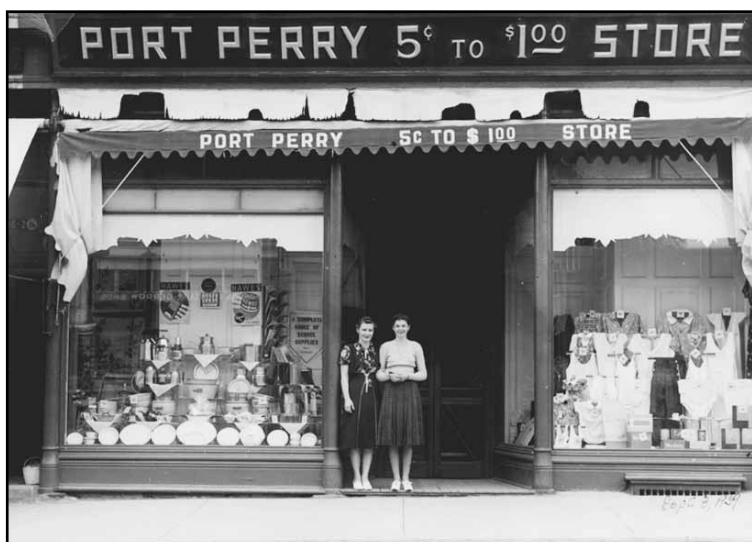
T.J. Widden, who operated Widden's Corner for 43 years, only retiring five years ago, passed away in his 81st years.

The Greengrocery Store closes until spring. R. Wakeford, proprietor.

Port Perry Lions Club receives its Charter on Mon., Jan. 10. at a special banquet held at the High School auditorium.

Carp on the increase in Lake Scugog at a rate estimated to be 200 tons a year. Only 50 tons taken out in 1937.

Geo. Hull, Port Perry's genial postmaster, installed a stamp canceling machine valued at \$200 at his personal expense to help give quicker service to the public.



The Port Perry 5c to \$1.00 Store as it looked in September 1939. That's store clerks Carmen Blewett (Leahy) on left and Marion Brent (MacMaster) on right. Store was owned by Howard and Sadie Durkin.



The first Ontario County snowplow operated by Archer Motors, Port Perry in front of the Scugog Island store, then a Red and White Store in February 1939. In photo are, left, Ross Prentice and Don Anderson.

**Lions Club formed  
in Port Perry**

November 1937



**DR. J. B. LUNDY**  
Elected President of the  
Durham Dental Society.

**February**

J.F. McClintock moves his seed business to Myrtle Station.

Mr. Mansell Gerrow, elected Chairman of the Board of Education.

The 1938 Ice Carnival is held at the Port Perry Arena. Jean McDermott was crowned "Queen of the Carnival by Reeve Letcher.

**March**

Sir Jas. MacBrien passes in 60th year on March 5th. and is buried in Ottawa with full military funeral.

Chiropractors of America to erect memorial to Daniel David Palmer, founder. Town donates site at lakeside park.

Dr. David Archer receives honorary life membership from the Ontario County Medical Association.

W.F. Dobson, Clerk-Treasurer of Reach Twp. for over 30 years, retires. He is succeeded by Mr. T.J. Sager.

Port Perry Rink Company discusses moving the arena to a new site, repair structure and enlarge building. The Directors will investigate a new location.

Andy M. Lawrence elected President of the Port Perry Business Men's Association.

**April**

Messrs. Caruso and Chapman take over the Greengrocery Store from R. Wakeford in the Blong Block and will re-open as the Port Perry Fruit Market.

Mr. Waridel is moving the balance of the dance hall off the town lot and it is making a considerable difference in the appearance of the newly acquired park property.

Dr. J. B. Lundy was elected president of the Durham Dental Society.

Morrison's Drug Store and Jemison's Bakery broken into and robbed by thieves.

Albert Snowden, buys out Gordon Sweetman Garage.

**May**

Special arrangements being made for an Ontario Cty. Holstein exhibit at Port Perry Fair.

New highway from Port Perry to Peterborough designated by Highways Dept. as 7A Highway.

Certain sections of sidewalk being ripped up for Bell Telephone conduit. Hydro poles to be removed from business section of Queen St. to the back of the stores, and pavement widened.

Pontiac demonstration car stolen from Archer's Motors by the side door of the garage. Not discovered missing for 24 hours.

**June**

Five people trapped in a burning car, two miles north of Manchester, were rescued by a passing motorist.

Construction of the new Central Ontario Highway to get started immediately. Highway, which extends from Sarnia to Montreal, goes through Port Perry and Uxbridge.

Constitution and bylaws for the Port Perry Business Men's Assoc. discussed and adopted.

Club House of the Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club being remodelled and enlarged.

**July**

Lions Club build diving platform at end of government wharf and a triple swing set at the waterfront park.

Palmer Memorial Park dedicated on July 28. Special programs at Lakeside Park. Autos from all States in the Union and all parts of Canada made up the motorcade of Chiropractors who came to dedication of Memorial to Daniel Palmer, founder of Chiropractic. Heavy rain spoiled much of the planned program.



**WM. DOBSON**  
Reach Twp. Clerk resigns  
after 30 years service.

**August**

Powerboat races new feature at Caesarea Regatta. More than 2000 were spellbound as they watched the thrilling races in the 2.25 class.

Work on the Port Perry to Peterborough Rd. ready to start. The Scugog Bridge will be widened and the road will go over Ham's Hill, which will be cut down.

**September**

Elizabeth Symes, graduate nurse from Port Perry who lives in Oshawa, disappears from her home. Police from two countries search for pseudo doctor who is believed have taken her and fled to the United States.

Lowest quote for erection of new 63,800 gallon wooden water tank for Port Perry was \$1,850. from The Ajax Co.

**October**

G. F. Manning, sec.-treas. of Port Perry Hydro System announces power to be shut down on four days, for 10 hours per day, while repairs made to high tension lines.

The Central Ontario Highway road construction contract, from Port Perry to Peterborough is canceled. Emergency meeting held between politicians and citizens of the 40 affected municipalities at Town Hall. W.M. Letcher chairman.

**November**

Prof. A.G. Christie of John Hopkins University, formerly of Manchester, elected President of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1939.

Improvement is made in conveying the water past the back of the United Church, through the new cement culvert on Queen St. and past the Bowling Green.

A new water tank is being erected at a cost of \$1,700. Twenty feet high and 26 feet in diameter.

Following a six week search by police, bogus doctor Albert J. Hubble, was arrested in Oregon and extradited to Canada to face charges of fraud. His woman companion was not charged.

Council purchases CNR abandoned railway right-of-way north from the tool house to the 7th concession for \$10.00.

The clothing store of Howard Stone was robbed of about \$800 worth of clothing. Lake Scugog freezes over for the first time this year on Nov. 15.

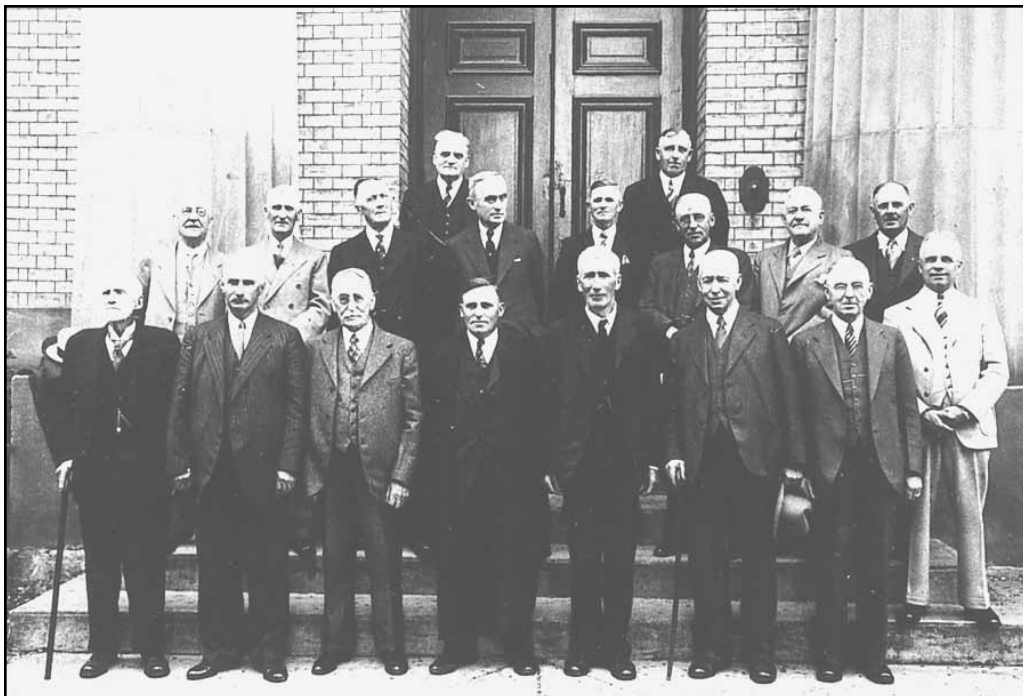
**December**

Mrs. McClintock announces the opening of her beautifully appointed tourist home, Cricklewood Lodge, on Dec. 2, 1938.

Reeve Letcher elected by acclamation at one of the most poorly attended nomination meetings in years. Council elected by acclamation - Jos. R. Baird, Geo. H. Bridger, R.M. Holtby and Fred. E. Reesor.

Mr. Frank Gerrow acclaimed as Reeve in Reach Twp.

Mr. Sam.. T. Cawker died on Dec. 15th. He was one of the town's first businessmen, opening a butcher shop in 1869 and operating it until 20 years ago, when his sons took it over.



**REUNION OF WARDENS OF ONTARIO COUNTY**

Whitby, Ontario - June 8, 1938 - Back left, Fred. T. Rowe, 1935; James M. Read, 1930. Centre left, Dr. T.E. Kaiser; John Ross 1925; Geo. A. McMillan 1924; W.L. Parrish 1908, G.M. Forsyth 1928; F.L. Mason 1917; N.D. McKinnon 1918; Grant Christie 1934; Front left, D.A. Brown 1912; John Fallowdown 1913; R.R. Mowbray 1893,1909; Lyman A Gifford 1938; Geo.C.Sweetman 1926; Albert W. Jackson 1927; Geo B. Johnston 1933; W.M. Letcher 1937.



**MRS. W.M. McCLINTOCK**  
Opens Cricklewood Lodge  
in Port Perry.



# 1939

## Last passenger trip on the old Nip 'n Tuck

May 1939

### January

Reeve - W.M. Letcher - Council - F.E. Reesor, R.M. Holtby, J.R. Baird, Geo. Bridger.

The bell tolled and the flag was flown at half-mast as Jas. Lucas, a leading citizen of Port Perry was laid to rest.

### February

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willard celebrate 71 years of married life.

Superb decorations, gorgeous costumes and excellent skating were all part of the brilliant spectacular Skating Carnival held at the Port Perry Rink.

Port Perry Lions celebrated their first anniversary at a banquet held at the High School.

The Nip and Tuck went off the track just north of Myrtle and it took 14 hours to get it back on the rails. The next day, it went off the track again in Port Perry.

### March

Reach Twp.'s clerk-treasurer T.J. Sager, a former tax collector with the township, was arrested and charged with embezzlement of \$3,000 in township funds. Mr. Sager was tax collector from 1934-38 and was appointed clerk-treasurer last year.

Port Perry Business Men's Association elected Harry Peel president at the annual banquet at the Sebert House.

Mrs. Armstrong MacFarlane was appointed Librarian for the Port Perry Library, starting in April.

### April

Public Works Department at Ottawa has approved the appropriation of \$15,000 for waterfront improvements at Port Perry. All local labor to be used.

Ross Bailey, 17 yr. old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bailey, Cartwright killed instantly while attempting to adjust mechanism of dump truck.

### May

Scugog Bridge flooded as the water is the highest its been in years.

Special train to take folk to Toronto to see the King and Queen. A day never to be forgotten by those who went. It was the last trip for Nip 'n Tuck.

### June

Ron. Peel of Peel's Poultry Farm was able to meet rush orders to supply 100 capons for the King and Queen when the Royal Train passed through the area.

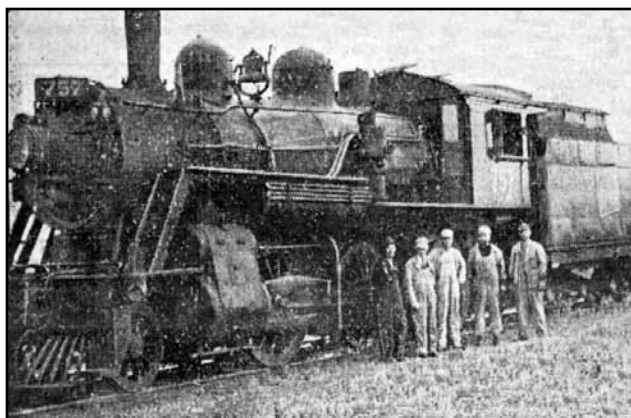
Mr. Howard Lilly opens the new Spruce Lawn Dairy Milk Bar.

The Scugog River stocked with 25,000 muskellunge fry.

Prof. Graham Christie, John Hopkins University, receives honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering, in recognition of his work in steam power production.

### July

The Northern Star, a new hydroplane is invented and built by J.K. Lawrence



**NIP 'N TUCK'S LAST TRIP**

Train makes last scheduled run to Toronto with passengers to see the King and Queen in May 1939.



**KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH**

Many from Port Perry travel to Toronto and other centres to catch a glimpse of the new King on the Royal Train.

(brother of Andy Lawrence). The plane had room for four passengers and the pilot and could travel on water or snow. It's inaugural trip was on Lake Scugog on July 1st.

Waterfront improvements to include a landing slip north of the wharf and a retaining wall.

Mrs. Nellie MacGregor was honored for her 25 years of service to the Bell Telephone Co.

**August**

Prof. A.G. Christie, receives further honors. He has been elected honorary Life Member of the British Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

Work progressing at the E.G. Michell Tourist Park. Construction of a 30x80 ft. swimming tank is underway as well as clearing of the land.

A barge and pile driver have been constructed for the lakefront improvements that are underway.

**September**

Britain and France declare war against Germany. Canada to organize two overseas divisions.

A young man killed by lightning, while in a boat during violent storm on Lake Scugog.

E. G. Michell purchases the Port Perry Coal Yard from W.G.W. Pyatt and effects an amalgamation with the Lake Scugog Lumber and Coal Co. Ltd. Offices will be in the same place as occupied by Port Perry Coal Yard.

Dr. David Archer died Sept. 20.

**October**

Airplane slip and other improvements at waterfront well underway.

Hwy. 7A has been newly surfaced from Port to Taylor's corners.

A new Port Perry Band is formed, with 20 musicians signed up. Mr. Milton Tripp is the interim bandmaster.

**November**

Mr. M.T. Beare receives appointment with Allis Chalmers Rumley Co. Ltd. of Toronto. His headquarters will be Hanover.

Mr. Victor P. Stouffer resigns his position as choir leader at Port Perry United Church after 16 years service.

Drainage at the foot of Queen St. is diverted to empty into Lake Scugog at the end of Mary St.

Town Hall to have roof replaced and tower removed as part of improvements to the hall. Stage to be enlarged by removing the stairs and wings, and the front entrance remodeled.

**December**

Some businesses operating at the end of 1939 - Port Perry 5¢ to \$1 Store; Kaufman's Billiard Room, Port Perry Drygoods (Levinson's); The Venture Tea Room; The White Kitchen Restaurant, Mulligan's Beauty Shoppe; F.E. Reesor; Dominion Stores; I.R. Bentley's Jewellery; A.M. Lawrence Drug Store; Gerrow Bros. Bakery; Royal Cafe; Morrison's Drug Store; Jemison's Bakery; Lake Scugog Lumber & Coal; Harold Emmerson Insurance; F.W. Brock & Son; W.E. Webster; Cawker's Meat Market.



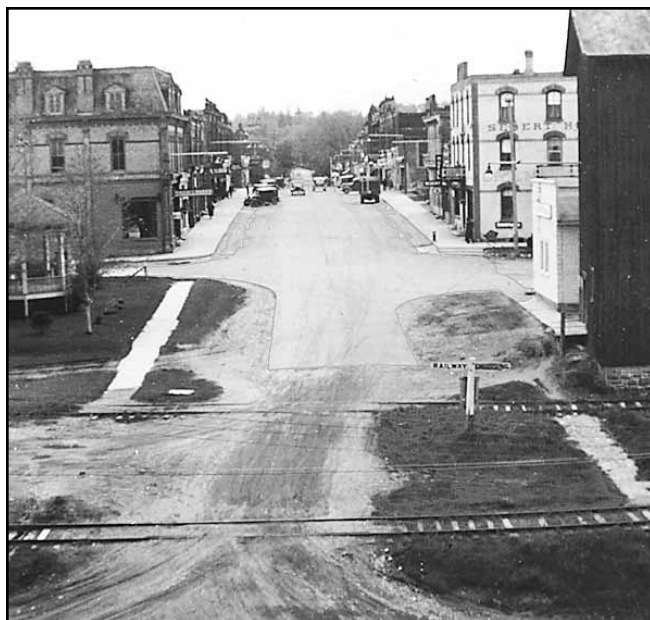
**E. G. MICHELL**  
Purchases property for Birdseye Centre Park.



**NORTHERN STAR HYDROPLANE**

Hydroplane built and operated by J. K. Lawrence could seat four passengers and the pilot.

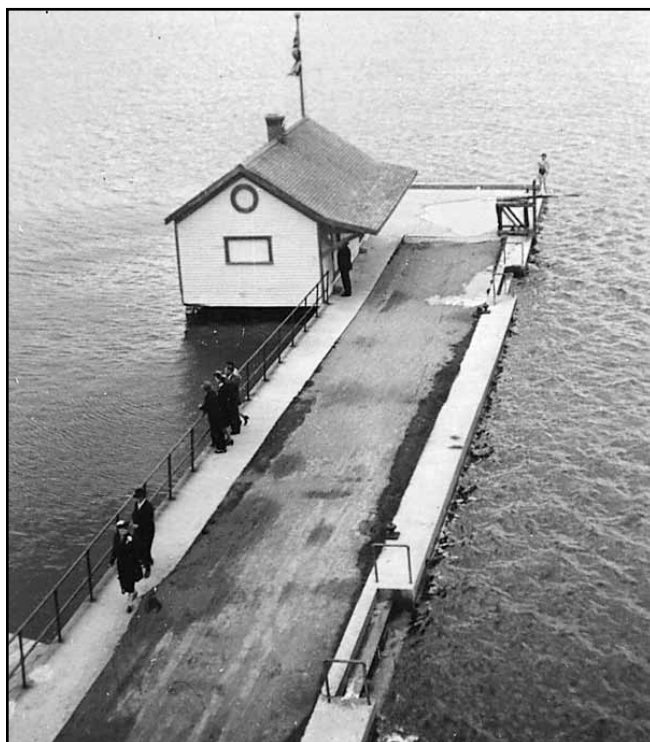
# Port Perry's Waterfront 1940



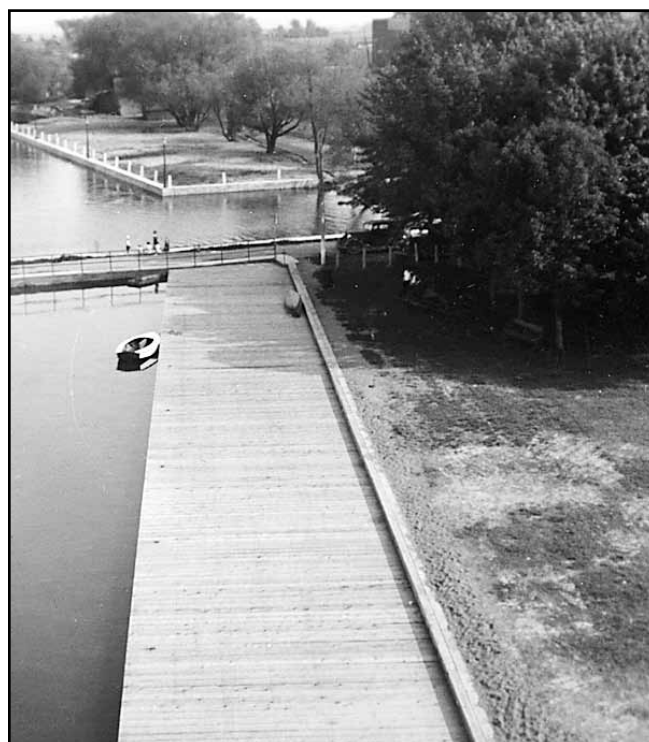
These views of downtown Port Perry were taken by George Emmerson from atop a large pile driving machine when new docks were being installed along lakefront. Note the old gazebo standing at the corner of Water and Queen St. and the railway lines still in place along the waterfront.



This view of the waterfront shows the old Carnegie Mill and a group of other smaller buildings and boat houses, (approx. location of Port Perry Marina today). This picture was taken prior to the speed boat races which were held on the lake, a few can be seen tied-up along the dock.



View of the old 'Dockhouse' on the end of the government pier.



View of the new dock after it was installed about 1940.

# 1940 - 1949 The Forties

## Chapter

# 5

### January

Port Perry 1940 Council: Reeve - W.M. Letcher. Councillors- H.R. Archer, Grant Gerrow, R.M. Holtby, J.E. Jackson.

Reach Twp. Reeve John S. McDonald.

The big ice house belonging to Lake Scugog Lumber was moved off the Michell Tourist Grounds in preparation for further development of the land.

Local citizens being canvassed for the War Work Fund. Port Perry donates more than \$2000 to the cause.

A.W.S. Greer, Lawyer, opens office in Blong Blk.

Donald Beer is opening an insurance office in the Blong Blk.

### February

The 40 piece Royal Regimental Band of Oshawa headlines the Royal Ice Carnival at the Port Perry Arena.

White Kitchen Restaurant. 40c meals. Henshaw Transport.

The Port Perry Star presents the latest news from the War in a large article on the front page every week.

The Red and White Store is operated by F.W. Brock & Son.

Lions Club hold banquet to celebrate the occasion of their 2nd Charter Night Anniversary, with Lion Jim Kerr presiding.

### March

Miss Catherine Allison, daughter of Mrs. S.E. Allison, has presented the Soldiers Memorial Library with 80 volumes of current literature. Miss Allison is Supt. of General Hospital., Winnona, Minnesota.

### March

Meeting is held at the Public Library to see if there is enough interest in forming a Port Perry Yacht Club.

Port Perry Lions hockey team wins the Eastern Ontario Juvenile against Campbellford.

### April

Port Perry Bottling Works announces deposits on bottles of Coca Cola will be reduced from 3¢ per bottle to 2¢ per bottle.

Port Perry Business Men's Association hold



FRED. A. KENT  
Owner of Kent Estates.

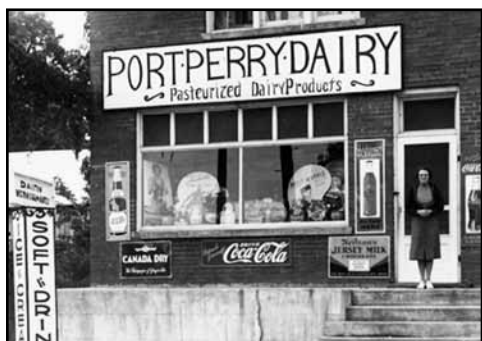


1940 REACH TWP. COUNCIL

From left: Fred. Christie, clerk; Mr. Wilson, Deputy Reeve Robt. Swanick, Thomas Harding, Reeve John S. McDonald, Grant Christie and Jim Lee, Road Superintendent.



Port Perry Dairy Bar on Water St. in the mid 1940s. The Supertest Garage to the south of the Dairy was owned by Irwin Tripp and sold to Bob Archer in March 1956.



Port Perry Dairy about 1950 with employee Cora Gerrow on porch. She later married Irwin Tripp, who operated the garage next door to the dairy bar.

annual meeting. Officers re-elected by acclamation - Pres., Harry Peel, 1st Vice-Pres. Art. Jemison, 2nd Vice-Pres. Grant Gerrow, Sec.-Treas. Percy Densham.

The Lake Scugog Fish and Game Association formed. E. (Eddie) Michell chairman, Arthur Brock, 1st vice-pres.

Regent Theatre in Oshawa advertising "Gone With The Wind" playing. Reserved seats \$1.00

Port Perry Yacht Club forms with plans to build a small club house at the lakefront.

**May**

Fire fighters were called to the home of Fred. A. Kent Estate where a grass fire was running wild threatening their home.

Wing Com. Geo. R. Howsam, formerly of Port Perry, has been appointed Senior Staff Officer No. 4 Training Command, Regina.

Port Perry Farm Bureau organized to promote better farming and farming conditions.

E.G. Michell and Sam. N. Griffen given exclusive use of the name "Birdseye Centre Cabin Park" by the Toronto Star for their

tourist park on the lakefront. Cabins are being constructed and the swimming pool is now ready.

C.N.R. applies to abandon the Port Perry to Whitby railway line.

Mr. Dennis McKinzey has been appointed Ford Dealer, Manchester.

**June**

Fifty-fourth Anniversary of the United Church. Re-built pipe organ and chimes presented by S. Jeffrey and Frank Courtice.

Milton Goode opens the Port Perry Cheese Factory on June 10.

Conscription called for all able-bodied men up to 45 for home defense, except those in vital industry.

Ontario County Council adopts equalized assessment for its municipalities.

The Chiropractors of Ontario held a picnic at Palmer Memorial Park with almost 100 attending.

**July**

The Port Perry Lions Club held its first Power Boat Regatta at the lakefront.

Formation of a volunteer Home Guard for Port Perry, Cartwright, Scugog and Reach with headquarters at the Armouries in the Post Office. J.E. Jackson, O.C. More than 100 sign up first week.

Geo. Brewer of Toronto hauls in 23 lb. Muskie.

Open air church services at Palmer Memorial Park, Sunday evenings.

Inspector of Schools R.A. Hutchison expresses high praise for the operation and efficiency of Port Perry Public School.

**August**

National Registration for Canadians. Everyone over 16 years of age must register by Aug. 21. Local registration at Town Hall or the Armouries.

John W. Crosier, former Port Perry Solicitor, passes in Guelph.

"Bill" Hayes, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs.



John Sweetman of Scugog Island makes his way south along the Island Rd. in March 1940.

E. Hayes, Port Perry, with parents in Ottawa has chance meeting with the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice and Princess Juliana and their party.

September

Registration of guns at the clerk's office. To date more than 300 shotguns and rifles have been registered.

Manoeuvres for the Civil Guard take place on Scugog Island with the Guard defending against invading forces along west side of the Island.

Principal McClellan reports attendance at Port Perry High School increased from 113 last year to 141 this year.

October

The I.O.D.E. approaches council offering assistance in cleaning up a number of unsightly areas around town.

A decision by the Board of Transport Commission, in regards to abandonment of the Port Perry to Whitby railway line was deferred.

December

F.E. Reesor Lumber and Coal is joined by son F. Gordon Reesor.

Local firemen enjoy their annual banquet at Cricklewood Lodge.

Milton Goode is building an addition to his Port Perry Creamery and Cheese Factory.



The White Kitchen Restaurant was located beside the Port Perry Star office at 235 Queen St.

# 1941

January

Port Perry Council 1941 (acclaimed) - Reeve W. M. Letcher (9th consecutive year) Councillor - R.M. Holtby, H.R. Archer, J.E. Jackson, Grant Gerrow.

Reach Twp. Reeve Robert Swanick; Scugog Island Reeve Russell Hood; Cartwright Twp. Reeve Creighton Devitt.

Reach Twp votes on a two year term for council. Less than one tenth of those eligible, voted 106 against and 43 for a two year term.

Local women busy preparing shipments of hand knit socks, scarves, helmets, sweaters and mitts to send to the soldiers overseas.

Ross McLean repairs radios from his shop at the back of the Sebert House.

The Agriculture Society elected W.F. Thompson president, Fred. Christie 1st vice-pres., Samuel Farmer 2nd vice-pres., and R.D. Woon Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Beverly Smallman appointed to do war work at the Dept. of Agriculture in research of the storage of grain.

February

Mr. Ronald A. Peel elected chairman and Mr. Andy M. Lawrence vice chairman of the Port Perry Board of Education.

Dentists in Port Perry - Dr. H.H. Armstrong; Dr. W.A. Sangster and Dr. J.B. Lundy. Lawyers - Arthur W.W. Greer; Russell D. Humphreys.

Full house at the Town Hall for an Amateur Night in aid of the War Savings Certificates Campaign.



Birdseye Center Pool after being constructed in 1939.

March

Port Perry goes over the top of \$10,000 objective in War Certificate purchases.

After losing almost \$30,000 from 1936 to 1939 on the Port Perry to Whitby Railway, the Board of Transport Commissioners gave Canadian National Railways permission to abandon the line.

"Cricklewood", a house of home-like service to the traveling public, operated by Mrs. McClintock, has been closed.

Reach Township  
votes for two-year  
council terms

January 1941





Cricklewood Lodge was opened in 1938 and closed in March 1941. It was located at the corner of Cochrane and Queen St.

White Kitchen Restaurant operated by Walter Cook.

**April**

Despite efforts by E.G. Michell to have the Whitby to Port Perry rail line kept open, officials announce it will be abandoned June 30, 1941.

The town's oldest twins, Johnny and Geordie Raymes reached their 90th year. They have been residents of Port Perry since 1858.

**May**

Council sets the mill rate for 1941 at 47 mills on the dollar, up one mill from last year.

Argue's Grocery store celebrates it's first anniversary in town.

Port Perry Dairy and Spruce Lawn Dairy announce milk prices will increase to 10¢ a quart.

The regular weekly meeting of the Junior War Workers was held at the Public Library.

Dr. G.I. Christie was guest speaker at a banquet for Mr. and Mrs. Innes in Brooklin put on by the farmers of Ontario County.

E.G. Michell announces the opening of Birdseye Swimming Pool May 24th. Season tickets for \$1.50.

Reeve W.M. Letcher proclaims June 2-23 for the Port Perry Victory Loan Campaign

**June**

Victory Loan Parade held in Port Perry with music at the bandstand by the Regimental Band and a bonfire at the lakefront. Loan objective for Reach, Port Perry and Scugog is \$115,000.

The United Church at the Centre of Scugog Island was totally destroyed by fire. It was moved to the present site from the Fred. Jackson farm in 1868.

Retaining wall in front of bowling green badly damaged after the heaviest rain-fall in recent years causing extreme flooding.

Port Perry business people close their stores in respect, during the funeral for Mrs. W.L. Parrish.

**July**

Community open air services being held on Sundays throughout July and August.

Sam. Farmer writes "Good-bye 'Nip and Tuck", as the railway is abandoned and the tracks torn up.

Thousands watch as Harold Archer wins first place in three races at the Victoria Yacht Club Regatta.

Port Perry train station will remain as an express and freight depot with Mr. Tobin, Jr. in charge.

**August**

Call for men is urgent. Recruiting campaign opened in Port Perry under direction of Lt. Col. R.B. Smith.

Bell Telephone is laying submerged cable for extended long distance service, starting at the bowling green.

Port Perry Business Men's Assoc. forward over \$533. to the British War Victims. Fund.

**September**

A street fair and dance held in Blackstock raised \$438 for War Work and War Victims.

Port Perry Public School opens with 172 students, the largest attendance in some years.

Henshaw Transport becomes Sweetman Transport, Stewart Sweetman, owner.

**November**

Prince Albert Church celebrates 75th anniversary.

Reeve W.M. Letcher and Port Perry Star publisher Samuel Farmer attend a military demonstration in Toronto.

The Port Perry Farm Bureau holds its opening meeting at the high school.



**BIRDSEYE CENTRE CABINS**

Birdseye Center Cabin Park, owned by Eddie and Hilda Michell, opened for business in 1941.

More than 600 attend banquet for Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Holtby, staged by the Holstein-Friesian Assoc., in Lindsay, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

December

Dr. C.P. Peterson has taken a position with Christie Street Hospital.

Mina Dobson was the Valedictorian at the Port Perry High School commencement.

The United States, Canada and Great Britain declare war against Japan.

No municipal election in Port Perry this year, as residents did not oppose the proposal for a two year term.

Port Perry United Church Young People's Society bid good-bye to treasurer Bruce Beare as he joins the R.C.A.F.



**R. M. HOLTBY**  
Honored on occasion of Golden Anniversary.

# 1942

January

Two year council terms begin in Port Perry

January 1942

Population of Port Perry is 1,235.

Number of local citizens in the armed forces, 22 overseas, 34 serving in Canada.

Fred. Christie, elected president of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog Agricultural Society. Armour McMillan, 1st, vice-pres.; Samuel Farmer 2nd vice-president.

Sugar rationing begins. Penalties for infractions of the law are two years imprisonment and fines up to \$5,000.

February

County Council raises their per diem allowance from \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Reesor Fuel and Lumber moved from lakefront to store two doors west of hotel on Queen St.

New Victory Bond Campaign gets underway. Quota for Port Perry, Reach and Scugog set at \$120,000.

Victory Loan Ice Carnival held at the arena was a spectacular event, with notable skating artists and members of the Toronto Maple Leafs led by their captain Syl Apps.

March

Port Perry area residents go over the top on the Victory Loan purchases, reaching \$120,650. Canada pledges \$959 million to Victory Loan.

William and Dawson Kaufman sell poolroom business to Mr. Grant Jeffrey.

Council decided to return the captured German guns from World War I to the Dept. of Defence to be used as scrap metal.



**GEORGE F. MANNING**  
Heads Salvage Committee.

Gordon Reesor escaped a terrible death, when a wood pile fell against him and pushed him over a running circular saw, inflicting wounds to his arms and chest.

April

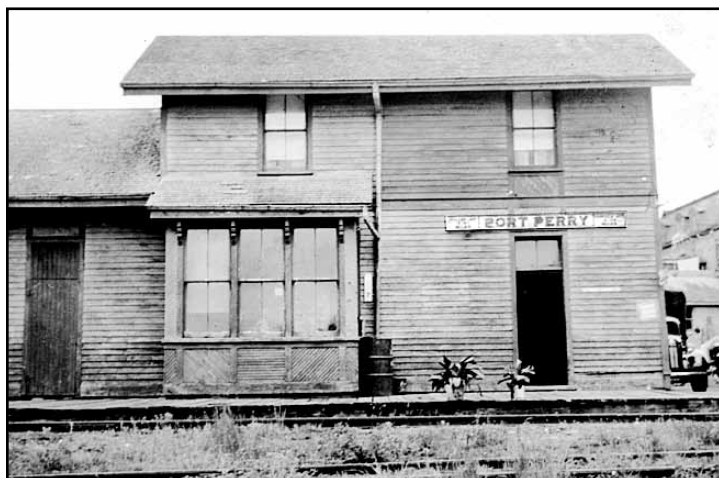
Gigantic salvage collection to be held for materials for war use, rubber, metal, tin cans, rags and bones. Geo. F. Manning, chairman of Salvage Committee.

At the annual meeting of the Business Men's Association, Mr. A.L. McDermott was elected president. 1st vice-president Victor P. Stouffer, 2nd vice-president Mr. Harry Peel, Secretary Percy Densham, Treasurer Andy M. Lawrence.

Port Perry and district vote overwhelmingly in favor of conscription. Port Perry says yes 488 and no 25. Canadian overall vote is 62 per cent favorable.



Kids swimming near the diving board on the government dock at the east end of Queen Street about 1940.



The Port Perry CNR Station, as it looked in 1940, shortly before being moved to its new location on the west side of Water Street.

World War I  
 German guns  
 returned for scrap  
 March 1942

**May**

Dr. M.B. Dymond joins Dr. G.M. Rennie, taking over the practice of Dr. Peterson effective May 1.

Port Perry Yacht Club elects new officers. Commodore George Emmerson, Vice Comm. Beverley Kent, Sec./Treas. Dorothy Balfour, Board of Trustees Gordon Carnegie, Ruth Carnegie, George Channell.

Geo. F. Manning, clerk-treasurer of Port Perry accepts position of auditor for Workmen's Compensation Board.

Training plane crashes in Lake Scugog. Pilot saved by Donald and Dave Collins who rowed out to the plane.

**June**

Constable Geo. Holmes, a policeman with the Toronto Police Department for 37 years, resigns and moves to Port Perry.

Port Perry area Agricultural Society changes date of Fall Fair from Sept. 29, 30 to Sept. 9th.

Les Smith elected president of the Port Perry Farm Bureau.

**July**

The district joins in plans for Farm Labour Pool.

Reach Council cancels its July meetings due to war conditions and scarcity of labour in the harvest fields.

Mr. H.G. Hutcheson appointed clerk-treasurer of Port Perry temporarily, until a permanent appointment is made.

Brock's Red and White introduces self serve check out system.

**August**

Tea and Coffee rationing begins by coupon - one ounce of tea or four ounces of coffee per person, per week.

Business Men's Assoc. holds a successful sports day with horse racing attracting 2500 people. For the first time in its 11 year history there was no boat races, track and field or baseball games, as most of the young men are overseas.

Percy Densham sells his restaurant (The Devon) business to Mr. W.S. Taylor of Toronto. It will be known as "The Eating House."

Opening of High School delayed for two weeks so students can help with the harvesting of crops.

A young American pilot was killed instantly when his plane crashed while flying over Lake Scugog.

**September**

Fair Board donates half of net proceeds of the Fall Fair to war efforts.

Salvage efforts continue each week. Rural Mail drivers collected 1150 lbs. of scrap rubber on their routes.

**October**

Plans made to start night school in shop work at the High School.

Rally for the third Canada Victory Loan - \$120,000 objective. Military demonstration rolls into Port Perry including Air Force and Army recruits and army vehicles.

**November**

Flying Officer Glenn MacMaster killed in airplane crash near Halifax.

Victory Loan Chairman H.G. Hutcheson reports \$121,000 raised during the campaign, \$1000 over the target.

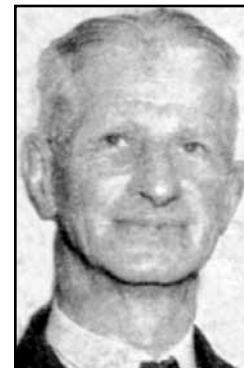
**December**

Use of Christmas decoration in the home restricted to Dec. 24th to January 1, 1943.

Another 18 names added to active service list.

Port Perry High School holds Commencement with Lois Wray as Valedictorian.

Dr. M.B. Dymond leaving Port Perry for active service in the R.C.A.M.C. Dr. Josephine Kamm will carry on his practice.



**H.G. HUTCHESON**  
 Appointed Clerk-Treasurer  
 of Port Perry.

# 1943

## January

A local Ration Board is established at the Clerk's office to facilitate the settlement or adjustment of ration problems in the district.

## February

Local hockey players and fans raise \$100 through a double-header game to send to the Aid Russia Fund.

## March

Ontario Chiropractors establish a \$10,000 fund to erect a memorial to D.D. Palmer, founder of chiropractic, in Port Perry.

H.H. Beaton, Secretary of the Blood Donor Service makes appeal to healthy men and women in Port Perry to enrol as blood donors.

Salvage collections begin the last Wednesday of every month.

## April

Oldest twins in Ontario, Johnny and George Raymes of Port Perry celebrate 91st birthdays on Wed., April 7.

Residents again asked to purchase Victory Bonds starting Easter Sunday. Objective is \$167,000, the highest ever asked. H.G. Hutcheson appointed Zone Chairman for drive. Term 14 years at 3 percent.

Business Men's Association held annual banquet at Sebert House. Mr. W.E. MacGregor was chosen President, and Mr. R.B. Smallman replaced Percy Densham as Secretary.

## May

Port Perry is first district in the County to go over the top during the fourth Victory Loan campaign with \$215,000 being raised. Next closest is Pickering with 72% of quota collected and Uxbridge, Scott is at 61.40% of quota.

Tennis Club re-organizes with Roy Cornish, president, Owen Cliff, vice-pres., Gordon MacMaster Sec-Treas.

## June

Epsom Euchre Club sends a total of \$728.50 to the Toronto Evening Telegram British War Victims Fund.

Tag Day for the Navy League collected \$77.00.

Weekly film presentation at the Town Hall are quite popular.

## July

Sgt. Pilot William R. Willard, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Willard, killed in action.

Flying Officer Gordon "Spanky" Reneau received the D.F.C. for air operations against the enemy in North Africa.

## August

A new site for the town dump is selected, north and west of the old C.N.R. track beyond the limits of private property.

Negotiations underway to appoint Mr. George Holmes as policeman for Port Perry.

The retaining wall, facing the bowling green is being rebuilt by Mr. Sandison of Utica.

Lieut. Wm. S. Miller, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sweetman, of Scugog, killed in action in Sicily.



John L. Sweetmans delivery truck in front of the Scugog Island General Store about 1942 with deliveryman Gordon Tetlow.



Snow covered Queen St., Port Perry about mid 1940s.



A view of Queen Street taken from the lakefront in the early 1940s.



**REV. F. G. JOBLIN**  
Lays corner stone for Scugog United Church.

September

Corner stone for United Church at Scugog Centre laid by former pastor Rev. F.G. Joblin.

Wm. (Billy) Cook, who is 79 years of age, resigns as town and county constable and caretaker of Town Hall.

Ben Smith, Game and Fishery officer announces open season for partridge in Ontario.

October

R.A. Hutchison, public school inspector since 1913, honored at a banquet in Oshawa, on his retirement. Mr. A.A. Archibald new inspector.

Mrs. Brekon has presented the Memorial Library with a painting by her mother, the late Gertrude Spurr Cutts.

November

The 5th Victory Loan campaign goes over the top with \$190,650.00 collected in three weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Christie, Epsom, celebrates 100th birthday.

December

F.O. Burgess Beare shot down three Nazi Ju88's while on escort duty.

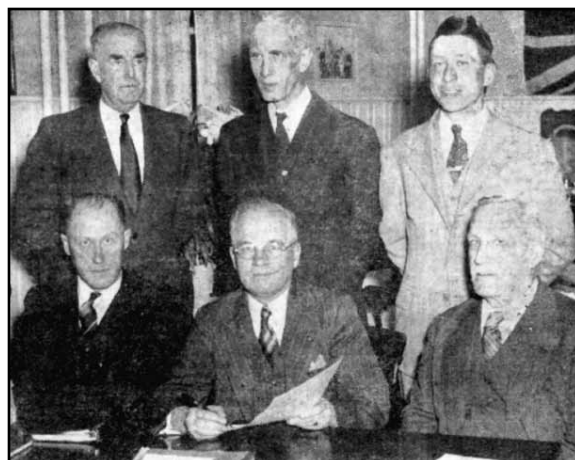
Reesor's Fuel and Lumber moving to office occupied by Cephias Sleep.

Three robberies... Beare Motors safe stolen; tires from cars at Dave Carnegie's and Geo. Symes. Entry to Beare's effected by cutting glass from window. Two hundred and fifty dollars taken safe.

Small turnout for nomination meeting. Council acclaimed - Reeve W.M. Letcher; Councillors G.A. McMillan. G.M. Gerrow, Herb. Brooks and Gordon Reesor.

Reach Council, acclaimes Reeve Thos. Harding.

Port Perry Post Office handed an average of 20,000 letters per day in December and did 50 percent more business in 1943 than in 1942.



Victory Bond Canvasser Committee: Front left, Cecil Heayn, W.M. Letcher (chairman), Blake Cragg. Back left, Robert Tetlow, R.J. Harper and Lloyd Lee.

# 1944

## January

Reeve - W.M. Letcher. Council - G.A. McMillan, G.M. Gerrow, Herb. Brooks, Gord. Reesor.

Flying Officer Burgess Beare, son of Mrs. Hiram Fitchette, is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is serving with the R.A.F. in the Middle East.

Vandals created a great deal of damage when they broke into Murrell Goode's Bottling Works, smashing a great many bottles.

## February

Private T.C. Hayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hayden of Port Perry, paratrooper was killed in action.

Uxbridge Woolen Mill destroyed by fire. Sixty people put out of work in the \$135,000 fire.

E.G. Michell to purchase north end of Water Street.

Flying Officer Geo. Mulligan reported missing in action.

Organization meeting for blood donor clinics.

Miss E. Christie dies in 101st year. Funeral at Breadalbane.

## March

George Channel, who is leaving Port Perry was honored by the Young People's Union, of which he was president.

Port Perry High School is chosen as a model in setting up a new high school system for Ontario Province. Mr. E.R. McClellan is the principal.

## April

Editor receives a picture of the six "Scugog Kids" who are serving overseas in Major Connie Smythe's Battery. They are gunner Len Colbear, Grant McDermott and Fred. Colbear, Ken Hillier, 'Mike' Sheridan and Jack Sangster.

Sixth Victory Loan Campaign underway. Quota for Port, Reach and Scugog is \$170,000.

Raymes twins celebrate their 92nd birthday. They are both still in good health.

## May

Former Port Perry Reeve, and Ont. County Warden, Robert Somerville passes.

Milton Goode opened a public refrigeration locker system at the Port Perry Creamery. Five cubic foot lockers \$6.00 per year; 8 cubic foot lockers \$10 per year.

## June

Town buys first electric lawn mower, built by Len Leahy, to ease chore of grass cutting in the park.

F. Roy Ormiston appointed fieldman for Holstein Friesian Association.

The Scugog Kids, under the command of Major Connie Smyth, have been moved with the Battery to fight with the forces on the Normandy front.

## August

Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Smallman bought the drug store of Liggett Co. Ltd. in Haileybury.

Street dance and fair held on Queen St. a big success.

Pilot William Aldred is reported missing in action, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Aldred.

Charley Turner's horse, Bon Jour, wins \$50,000 Trenton handicap. He paid only \$1,600. for the horse.



**GEO. CHANNEL**  
President of Young People's Union.



**MILTON GOODE**  
Opens public refrigeration locker system.



**THE SCUGOG KIDS**

From left, back row are Len Colbear, Grant McDermott and Fred. Colbear. Front left, Ken Hillier, Mike Sheridan and Jack Sangster.



Port Perry Public School outdoor skating rink about 1945. The rink was located on the north west corner of Rosa and MacDonald St. (now Port Perry High School site).





Observer Printing Office, left, is now Emiel's Restaurant. Hooley's Barber Shop is seen at right of photo.

**Port Perry  
Lawnbowling  
Club is  
Incorporated**

September 5, 1944

The town hired a civil engineer to recommend a new water system. He proposed either drilling an artesian well, or extending the intake pipe and constructing a reservoir.

September

Port Perry Lawnbowling Club was incorporated on Sept. 5, 1944.

October

Queen St. taken over by Provincial Dept. of Highways as a connecting link of 7A Hwy. until the Scugog St. section is hard surfaced.

Charlie Bowerman discovers a white pelican on Lake Scugog; not usually seen in this part of the world, the bird was taken to Riverdale Zoo.

Lieut. Raymond Hillier dies of wounds in France, Sept. 24.

Chiropractic Association announce Memorial to D.D. Palmer to be dedicated in Port Perry on July 24, 1945.

November

Pte. Geo. Dodsley killed in action, October, Italy.

Seventh Victory Loan over the top by \$25,000. District 'E' invests \$200,800 in Victory Bonds.

Neil Sweetman, former reeve and councillor dies after long illness.

The Venture Tea Room closes because of ill health of A. Napier.

Miss Ellen MacGregor presented with framed citation by Bell Telephone Co. for her action in saving the life of a three year old lad who had fallen into a water trough. When the call came through for a doctor and Miss MacGregor on the switchboard was unable to locate a doctor, she took the station inhalator to the scene and artificial respiration successfully restored the lad to consciousness.

December

Storm blocked roads, prevent delivery of milk, bread and mail. Milk and bread can be had by walking to the stores. Schools are closed.

R.M. Holtby, prominent in farm and community circles, died, Dec. 23. Was at one time the only field secretary for the Canadian Holstein Friesian Association.

Gloria Harding is the valedictorian at the annual Port Perry High School Commencement.

Port Perry council acclaimed - Reeve W.M. Letcher, Councillors Grant Gerrow, Herb Brooks, W.G. Chapman and E.G. Michell.

Ratepayers in Reach to have an election for Reeve and Councillors for the first time in five years.



**CYRIL JEFFREY**  
Heads committee to investigate new hospital.

# 1945

January

Reeve - W. M. Letcher (13th year) Council - Grant Gerrow, Herbert Brooks, W.G. Chapman, E.G. Michell. (acclamation).

Reach Twp. Reeve Thomas Harding; Scugog Reeve A. Russell Hood.

Word is received by Mrs. Edith Andrews that her son Trp. Fred. Andrews was killed in action in Italy.

Mr. G.E. Sulman, has been engaged as Hydro and Waterworks engineer.

F.O. T. Wm. (Bill) Leahy killed on active service overseas.

Members of council received \$50 remuneration per year.

February

Three robberies in one night, the Jackson residence, Beare Motors and Gerrow Bakery. Mr. Parrish's car was stolen and later found abandoned in Toronto.

Major Jas. MacBrien, the P.C. candidate for Ontario Riding spoke at a meeting

at the Sebert House.

Flt. Lieut. E.J. Salter, formerly of Greenbank, awarded B.E. medal.

**March**

P.O. William Murray Aldred reported killed in action and buried in Germany.

Pte. Rae M. Webster, reported seriously wounded.

Dr. R.S. Irwin has opened his office in the property formerly owned by Dr. S.J. Mellow and now occupied by Dr. H.H. Armstrong.

**April**

Mrs. Norman Kerry of Scugog Island has bought the Venture Restaurant from Mr. and Mrs. Napier.

Dr. J.A. McArthur moved to Leonard Block next to Prentice's Barber Shop.

R.W. Bro. H.G. Hutcheson presented with 50 year Veteran's Jewel by Masonic Lodge.



**MAJOR J. MacBRIEN**  
Ont. Riding P.C, candidate.

The 8th Victory Loan campaign got underway with objective of \$167,000 set for Port Perry, Reach and Scugog.

Bank robbed, four men accost bank manager, E. Hayes, on street and force him to open bank and vault. Thieves carried off silver and locked Mr. Hayes in vault. He let himself out with a screwdriver.

**May**

Victory is ours - the European War is over. Two days of celebration held. VE Day services held in many area churches, a bonfire and burning of Hitler's effigy and a street dance held on the night of the holiday.

Over the top again, 8th Victory Loan - collected \$285,500 and win Victory Loan Plaque for the County.

Lions elected Sam. Griffen Deputy District Governor Dist. A-3.

Post War Planning and Rehabilitation work committee set up with A.L. McDermott president.

Joel Aldred promoted from Flt. Lieut. to Sqd. Leader.

Flt. Lieut. Guy Rainville, D.F.M. son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayes has been released from prison camp Stalag Luft III.

**June**

Air Vice Marshall Geo. Robert Howsam, made Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath. Born 1895 in Port Perry he was educated here and joined the army on leaving school in 1916. He was awarded the Military Cross for service in the last war. In 1921 he left R.F.C. and became attached to Can. Air Board.

Mr. Ernie R. McClellan, principal of Port Perry High School for the past six years, is leaving to take a position as a High School Inspector. Miss L. Spooner is leaving after 13 years teaching at PPHS.

As payment for an election bet, Fred. Christie wheeled Bill Taylor a block in a wheelbarrow along Port Perry's Queen St. with a sign attached to his back which read, "Darn it! I lost."

Billy Cook, 80, retired after delivering goods around town for the past 60 years.

**July**

A nine foot snake, which escaped from a circus cage, is on the loose and was recently seen on the Sager property at Prince Albert.

A social re-union for 18 soldiers who have returned from the armed service held at the Public Library. Those on hand were F.O. Kerry, John Tristram, James Conroy, Roy Wilkings, Ells. Kennedy, Dennis Fralick, Garnet Weir, Guy Rainville, Harold Hayes, C.I. Brignall, J. Starkey, J.D. Christie, M.P. Holtby, J. L. Sweetman, J.B. Hayden, Grant McDermott, K.H. Hillier and J.W. Aldred.

**August**

Fred. DeNure starts his new bus line from Port Perry to



**GEO. ROBT. HOWSAM**  
Companion of the Most Honorable Order of Bath.



**E. R. McCLELLAN**  
Principal of Port Perry High School.



Phil and John Orde's sailboat 'The Spray' on Lake Scugog in 1940.



Queen St. was designated as a section of 7A Highway in October 1944. At this time, angle parking was permitted on both sides of the street in downtown Port Perry.

Peterborough.  
F.O. Ivan G. Kerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.G. Kerry, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

For the second time this year the Bank of Commerce is robbed. Armed robbers lock three employees in the vault and escape through the front door with about \$2,500 in cash.

V.J. Day celebrations.  
Air Vice marshal George R. Howsam retiring from service.

I.R. Bentley and Chief Holmes fired shots at a fleeing automobile, after thieves made an unsuccessful attempt at removing the safe from the Post Office.

A second welcome home reception held at the Public Library for soldiers Leo Burton, Douglas Gerrow, Archie MacMaster, Harry Carnegie and Victor Read.  
Blood donor clinics are discontinued, with thanks to donors.

September

Port Perry High School enrollment is 117. Mr. J.L. Crane, principal. Public School opens with 197 pupils, R.H. Cornish, principal.

More soldiers return home - Fred. Colbear, Herbert C. Howard, Fred. Densham, Jack C. Clough, Bruce Beare and Bert Howard.

Major James MacBrien, having received his release from the army, is now practicing law in Port Perry and Oshawa.

Wes. Powers dies on a hunting trip north of town. A search is organized when he failed to come home.

Work is being done on the waterfront and old railway property to make an attractive park. The corner next to Water and Queen Streets will be the site of the Daniel David Palmer memorial by the Chiropractic Association.

October

Meeting held to discuss a movement for improved and extended hospital services for the community. A fact finding committee formed consisting of the Reeves of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright, along with Mr. C. Jeffrey and Mr. Grant Christie.

November

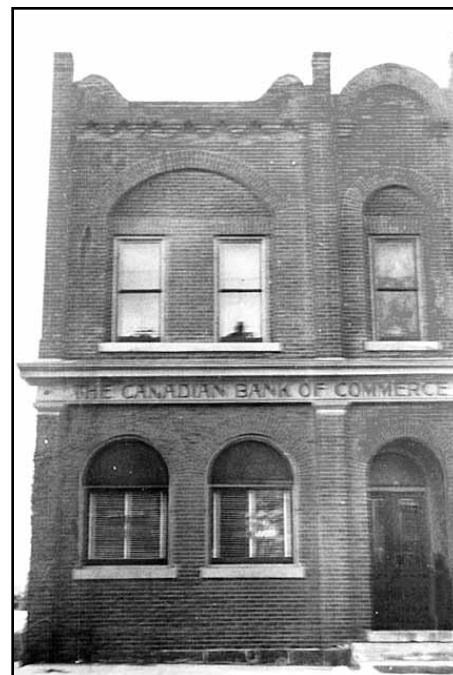
White Kitchen Restaurant changes hands. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook have sold to Mr. and Mrs. Art. Asher.

The home of Amos Rodd, Greenbank, was struck by lightning which blew out the glass in all the doors and windows, cracked plaster in every room, burnt the electric wiring, destroyed a pole transformer, and punched a large hole in the brick wall.

Mr. E.R. Hayes, manager at the Bank of Commerce since 1931, retired and was succeeded by Mr. J.R. Helm.

December

S/L Joel Aldred notified he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.



The Canadian Bank of Commerce was robbed a number of times during the 1940s.

# 1946



**W. MERLIN LETCHER**  
Port Perry Reeve 13 years.

## January

Reeve - F.E. Reesor. Council - Grant Gerrow, Herbert Brooks, Robert Johnson, R.H. Frise, all by acclamation.

W.M. Letcher, Reeve of Port Perry for the past 13 years and the senior member of Ontario County is retiring after 15 years municipal service.

Sqd. Leader James Kerr, former H.S. teacher, is awarded honors by the King. Word was received that he is to be made a member of the Order of the British Empire.

Street signs to be placed on Port Perry streets. Lakeshore Knitting Co., operated by Norman Tease and his son Grant, to locate in Port Perry.

Norman Tease and son Grant, have rented a store in the Blong Block.

United Church celebrates the diamond jubilee of members.

## February

Church of the Ascension burns mortgage.

Carnegie Lumber Co. announce they will move their mill in the spring and will be prepared to do custom sawing.

Mr. Hugh Lucas, formerly of Port Perry, retired after 18 years service as Governor of Whitby Jail.

L.S. Morrow, local dealer for Massey-Harris.

## March

Dr. R.B. Harris retires after 35 years with International Nickel Medical service.

Rod and Gun Club formed with Arthur Brock as the first president. Members of the executive include Otis Hamilton, Cecil Heayn, Grant Jeffrey, Geo. White, Earl Sweetman and A. Baldwin. Membership \$1 per year.

Mr. Harry Peel has purchased the hardware business of W.L. Parrish, which has operated in Port Perry for the past 75 years.

Mr. Frank Shepherd has resigned as caretaker of the school.

Mr. Samuel Farmer resigns, after serving more than 31 years on the Board of Education, and was presented a lovely cabinet of silver cutlery.

Denis McKinzey, proprietor of Manchester Garage announces the 1946 Ford's are on display.

## April

James Goodall Ltd. takes over the Waridel Mills.



Board of Education Chairman I.R. Bentley (left), and Port Perry High School Principal E.R. McClelland (centre) with Samuel Farmer, who retired after more than 31 years service on the Bd. of Education.

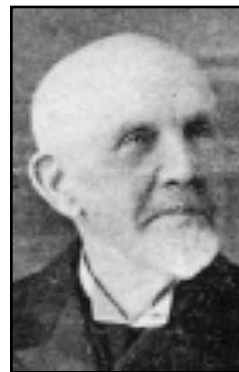
Geordie Raymes, one of Port Perry's best known citizens, and brother of twin Johnny Raymes, passed away at the age of 94.

Gilmour and Wallace dissolve partnership. Gilmour continues "United Plumbing and Heating."

Pte. Clarence Butson receives Mention in Dispatches for gallant and distinguished service.

Word received that Flying Officer Geo. Mulligan is buried in France after his plane crashed near Presle, Yonne.

Mrs. Whitmore, operator of Port Perry's only hospital, announces plans to



**REV. W.P. BROWN**  
Methodist and United Church  
Minister for 40 years.



Morrison's Drug Store, (right of photo) owned by Mrs. P.G. Morrison is sold in May.

leave town to be near her son. This would leave town without a hospital.

During the past year, the following business changes took place - Harry Peel purchased Parrish Hardware; Murray Williams bought the Standard Garage.

**May**

Mrs. P.G. Morrison sells her drug business to Mr. Stanley Bruton, Phm.B. of Toronto, brother of Rev. E.G. Bruton, Anglican rector here. The store was purchased by her husband 27 years ago, and she has operated it for the past four years, since his death.

New street signs, with glass fronts, have been installed on all streets in the village.

Call for the Port Perry Rink to be moved to a new location and rebuilt.

New Baptist Church is dedicated on the former site. Old building is now an exhibition building at fairgrounds.

**June**

Rev. W.P. Brown celebrated his 99th birthday.

Community Memorial Hospital, is chosen as the name for a local hospital, in honor of those who served in the Second World War. A Charter is almost ready.

A by-law is passed by council to establish a Garbage Collection System for the village.

**July**

Hospital taken over as a public hospital on July 8th.

Samuel Jeffrey headed the subscription for a new hospital with a generous donation of \$1,000.

Port Perry Cadets won a pennant for the "Cadet Corps with cleanest and neatest lines" at a camp at Niagara.

Port Perry Council unanimously voted to grant \$1,000 towards a new hospital.

**August**

Garbage collection in village starts August 2 with Walter Symes as collector. Cost of collection \$1,500 per annum.

H. H. Toombs agent for The Great-West Life.

Mr. Gibson announces the new Lakeside Theatre is open for business.

Eighty veterans marched from the Armouries to the Memorial Library, and residents gathered on the street, to witness a Memorial Service in remembrance of the armed forces of World War II.

Chiropractors honor their founder at the unveiling of a memorial to Daniel David Palmer in Palmer Memorial Park at the lakefront.

Reach Twp. council and Port Perry Business Men's Assoc. each give \$1,000 toward hospital.

Port Perry Band is being revived. Bandmaster V.P. Stouffer.

**September**

Hugh Santer purchases the Coal and Ice business from Lake Scugog Lumber and Coal Co.

Office of Lake Scugog Lumber moves next to Mr. Greer's Law Office in the Blong Block.

Ration Book No. 6 being distributed in town.

Port Perry High School opens with a record attendance of 143 students.

**October**

W.F. Dobson, for 31 years clerk of Reach Township, died. Retired from office 1938.

Canadian H.W. Gossard Co. Ltd. of Toronto to locate a factory here. Speculation mounting that the Port Perry Rink may not be able to open



Port Perry Hospital was privately owned and located on John St. until July 1946 when it was taken over as the town's first public hospital.



Door was installed at Town Hall to make room for new fire truck in Nov. 1946.



Port Perry Yacht Club starts up again after the war is over.

this winter.  
 Port Perry Yacht Club starts up again, after being dormant over the war years. F.A. (Bill) Baker is Commodore.

November  
 District nurses form the Community Nurses Auxiliary with Mrs. Harold Archer, president and Mrs. A.L. McDermott Sec.-Treas.

An additional doorway made into basement of Town Hall, preparing for housing Port Perry's new fire truck.

Miss Audrey Kent's Angora made sensational

wins at Royal Winter Fair. They won a silver cup and many other trophies.

December

Joel Aldred makes rapid progress in the field of radio announcing.

H.W. Gossard Company leases auditorium floor of the Town Hall to manufacture garments.



**HERB. H. TOOMBS**  
 Insurance agent.

# 1947

January

Reeve - F.E. Reesor. Council - Wm. Carnegie, Wm. Chapman, R.H. Frise, E. Hayes.

Pilot Officer W.M. Aldred posthumously awarded Operational Wings of R.C.A.F. in recognition of gallant service in action against enemy.

Prof. Graham Christie made an honorary member of the American Society of mechanical Engineers.

Due to illness, Milton Goode sells Port Perry Creamery and Cheese Factory to Silverwoods Creamery.

Colonial Coach Lines have secured three Peterborough routes from DeNure Bus Line. Pickup at the White Kitchen Restaurant.

February

Stan Causley moved his machine shop to former Switzer Blacksmith shop on Perry St. N.

Howard L. Durkin unanimously elected Chairman of the Bd. of Education, replacing I.R. Bentley who had served for three years.

Wm. Chapman and Wm. Carnegie appointed by council to begin preliminary plans for the celebration of Port Perry's 75th anniversary of incorporation.

March

SNOW! Greatest snow fall in 53 years. Manchester road blocked for a week. Snowbanks piled from eight to 20 feet high along roads.

Snow Stories: It took 20 men three days to open the road between the Town Hall and the Post Office; 50 men, a bulldozer and a snowplow attacked the snowdrifts on the hill to Borelia; 50 bags of mail arrived at post office after road cleared.

Flying Officer Geo. Mulligan honored posthumously, awarded Operational Wings for gallant service in action with enemy.



Men dig a car out of the snow by hand, just south of Greenbank along Hwy. #12, following the big snowstorm of March, 1947.



**FRED. E. REESOR**  
 Port Perry Reeve 1946-47.





**EUNICE HARRIS**  
Retires from teaching.

Clinton Midgley purchases the Kerry Mill near Utica.

**April**

Harry Peel was elected President of the Business Men's Association at the annual banquet held at the Sebert House. Tax rate set at 48 mills for the year.

August 2,3,4 set as date for Port Perry Old Boys' and Girls' Reunion.

**May**

Plentiful supply of drinking water found at Cedar Creek at the 170 foot level.

Dr. Beverley Smallman was the honored guest and speaker at the Business Men's Assoc. dinner.

Milton Crouse buys out Venture Tea Room.

The Diamond-Up Grill operated by Earl Jackson is sold to Frank H. Smith.

Just arrived, new shipment of Norge Washing Machines at Beare Motors.

**June**

Rev. W.P. Brown dies at his home a few days after celebrating his 100th birthday. Was respected minister for more than 40 years.

There will be no skating this winter, as the Port Perry Rink is condemned. Bd. of Directors resign.

One of Port Perry's best known photographers, William H. Leonard died at 90 years of age.

Miss Eunice Harris, Miss Gertrude Stovin and Miss May Walker honored on their retirement from teaching at Port Perry Public School. Miss Harris was a teacher for 38 years.

**July**

Welcome mat is out for the 75th birthday celebration in Port Perry.

**August**

Three days of festivities as hundreds return to Port Perry to celebrate 75th birthday. Old boys and girls come from all across Canada and some from the U.S.A.

The Hogg & Lytle Elevator was struck by lightning. Loss by fire was small, but 10,000 bushels of wheat were soaked.

Cost of pumping station and water mains to bring water to Port Perry from new Cedar Creek well is \$55,000. A new reservoir would add another \$70,000.

**September**

R. H. Cornish reports 185 students when Public School opens, High School with 150 students enrolled.

Dr. M.D. Dymond announces two cases of Polio in town.

Mrs. Quinevan, superintendent at Community Memorial Hospital resigned. Miss Hanna is now in charge.



**GERTRUDE STOVIN**  
Retires from teaching.

Samuel Farmer writes about 40 years of progress in Port Perry since he came in Sept. 1907.

**October**

During its first year as a corporation, Community Memorial Hospital admitted 337 patients, with a total of 2,763 hospital days.

**November**

The Grace United Church was filled to capacity for its dedication service. Rev. Harry M. Denton is minister at the church.



Women workers at the H.W. Gossard Company which began operating out of the Town Hall in 1948.

**OUT OF THE ASHES**

**CHAPTER FIVE - THE FOURTIES**

The late William Leonard made a bequest of \$1,000 towards improvements at the Port Perry United Church.

Port Perry High School held its Commencement with Betty Wilkinson as Valedictorian.

Cadet Corps awarded the Lord Strathcona Trophy.

December

A by-law to authorize the bringing pure water to Port Perry is passed by the Municipal Board.

Reeve Fred. Reesor, 63, of Port Perry, a respected resident and businessman since 1930, died on Dec. 24, following a critical operation.



**BRUNTON FARMS**

Brooder house destroyed by fire. It was located beside this barn at Brunton's 6th concession farm.

# 1948

January

No local elections in area. Councils from Port Perry, Reach and Scugog all acclaimed.

E. Hayes elected Reeve, following death of Reeve Fred. Reesor. Council members are R.H. Frise, Wm. Chapman, W.G. Carnegie, Dr. M.B. Dymond, all by acclamation.



**TED. JACKSON**

President of committee formed to build new arena.

A brooder house and 100 chicks were lost to fire at Brunton Farm caused by a blow torch being used to thaw water pipes.

County Council recommends retention of the present ban on the sale and manufacture of margarine in Canada.

Fred. Christie suggests at Agriculture Society meeting that the new arena be built at the fairgrounds, where it could serve many purposes.

February

F.W. Brock adds Gossard garments, manufactured in Port Perry, to its clothing stock.

Work on bringing pure water to town is progressing, with a mile of piping laid and drilling the well underway.

Business Men's Association hold meeting to discuss the construction of a new arena. President Harry Peel urged everyone to put their full support behind the project until it is erected and paid for.

March

Miss Sarah Ann Ward of Greenbank attains 100th

birthday.

Committee recommends site for new arena be east of power house at the waterfront.

Port Perry Dairy changes hands. Glen Owen sells business to local men Don Pargeter, Ted. Leahy and Geo. Parry.

April

H.W. Gossard Co. advertises for girls and young women to work on sewing machines. Pay is \$14.00 per week for 40 hours.

Ted. Jackson elected president of the new arena executive. Other members are Harry Peel, Ernie Bottrell, Roy Cornish, J. Helm, M. Gerrow, Chas. Reesor, A.J. Carnegie, H.R. Archer and Sam. Griffen.

A Suffolk ewe, owned by Mr. Wright Crozier, gave birth to a lamb with two heads, which died at birth.

Samuel Farmer, editor and publisher of the Port Perry Star for the past 40 years, dies after short illness.

United Church re-opens after extensive redecorating.

May

Sixty five men attended the annual banquet of the



**SAMUEL FARMER**

Star publisher dies.



**ARTHUR J. CARNEGIE**

Elected as member of the new arena executive.

Businessmen's Assoc. and elected Oscar Beare president.

June

Eastern Star opens new chapter in Port Perry to be known as Blue Ray chapter No. 238. Worthy Matron Mrs. Myrtle Palmer.

Rebekah Lodge institutes Maybelle Lodge #348 in Port Perry Sister Reta Boe as Noble Grand.

Port Perry Public School announces plans to inaugurate Kindergarten Primary Class in Sept.

Liquor License Board sets Wed., August 11 as the day for a vote for Government operated liquor and beer stores.

Cartoonist "Jimmie" James Frise, creator of Birdseye Centre in the Toronto Star, dies at the age of 57 at his home in Toronto. He grew up and attended school in and around Port Perry.

Port Perry Legion begins plans to build a new hall for its members.

July

Frank A. Gerrow, a former reeve of Scugog Twp. passed away suddenly while attending the Gerrow family picnic at his home. He held the position of Reeve for six years, from 1933-39.

August

Port Perry votes overwhelmingly to remain dry. More than 80 percent of voters marked their ballots "NO" to the question of bringing alcoholic beverage outlets into town.

September

Miss Audrey Kent wins many prizes at C.N.E. with her Angora rabbits. Sweetman Transport sells out to Claire Rich and Harold Bonetta of Whitby. The name is retained.

Port Perry Post Office was broken into and a safe containing \$1,200 worth of money and stamps. The safe was found the next day near Brooklin with contents removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouse sell restaurant business to Mr. L. Wilson.

October

Hydro users in Port Perry and Uxbridge informed electric service will be shut down twice weekly for at least one hour to reduce consumption to desired quota.

Epsom Church 60 years old.

November

Port Perry Hospital is forced to close due to lack of trained nurses. This is the first time in 30 years the village is without a hospital.

Further reductions in the areas Hydro quota, forces service to be interrupted another hour each day, in addition to the two hours it is already being shut down.



**ROY CORNISH**  
Public School Principal.



**JIMMY FRISE**  
Cartoonist for Toronto Star,  
creator of Birdseye Centre.



The First officers of Blue Ray Chapter 1948 - Back left, Rebecca Bruton, May Watson, Jeannette Hutchinson, Margaret Cornish, Howard Durkin, Vivian Lane, Esther Chapman, Mabel Chapman, Jessie Espie. Front left, Jeanne Dymond, Mildred Palmer, Leonard Colbear, Helen Colbear, Myrtle Palmer, George Palmer, Sadie Durkin, Rosetta Palmer. Absent Jessie Robertson.



**HAROLD ARCHER**

Donates car to raise funds for a new arena.

December

Miss Florence Nasmith is Valedictorian at the Port Perry High School.

Hospital Board hopes to open the hospital early in the new year, as soon as staff and nurses can be procured.

Port Perry council acclaimed for 1948. Ernest Hayes, Reeve; councillors Wm. Chapman, W. J. Carnegie, Dr. M.B. Dymond and R.H. Frise.

# 1949

January

Port Perry fire department answered a call to Sunderland which destroyed an entire block of the downtown, including the Post Office. Damages estimated at \$180,000.

Dr. Roy Irwin is the Port Perry representative on the newly formed Central Ontario County High School Board, which incorporates Scott Twp., Uxbridge, Port Perry, Reach Twp. and Scugog. Mrs. CB. Willis of Uxbridge was elected chairman.

Bell Telephone reports 1,094 phones operating locally.

February

Clubs operating in town: Port Perry 50-50 Club,, Alpha Club; Port Perry Badminton Club; Port Perry Yacht Club; Lions Club; Canadian Girls In Training (CGIT); Fireside Club.

Fred. G. Christie elected president of Agricultural Society. First vice-pres. Armour McMillan, 2nd vice Anson Gerrow.

Progress on new hospital moving slowly.

Charles Popert takes over the Aragon Grill from Peter and John Cravelle.

Victor P. Stouffer is the local piano tuner.

March

Mr. Fred. Christie, Sr., clerk treasurer of Reach Twp. for the past 10 years passes away.

Dr. M.B. Dymond and Dr. G.M Rennie urge the Hospital Board to re-open Port Perry Hospital, which has been closed for four months.

Port Perry High School Cadet Corps. wins the coveted Strathcona Shield for second year in a row.

A bottle of Coca Cola is selling for 5¢ or a handy six pack for 25¢

April

Merl Dowson purchases E. Argue's Grocery Store.

Cawker Bros. move to Purdy block, modernize.

H.H. Stone moves next to Reesor Fuel.



**VIC. STOUFFER**

Leader of Port Perry Band and local piano tuner.

Port Perry Business-men's Assoc. elect J.J. Gibson, president. Wm.. Beare 1st vice; Merle Dowson, 2nd vice; Clifford Love, 3rd vice and Gordon Carnegie secretary.

May

Quick work by fireman averted a disaster when the offices of Dr. Rennie and Dr. Dymond caught on fire, causing more than \$2,500 damage.

Fresh water turned into Port Perry mains from artesian well but residents asked not to use it until it is chlorinated for 48 hours.

Restaurants in town:



**RALLY FOR RECREATION CENTRE**

Locals show their enthusiasm for a new Arena Recreation Complex, holding a rally to kick off a \$55,000 fund raising campaign.



Delicateria Restaurant, with owner Ivan Haugen out front about 1946. Cecil Hooley's Barber Shop and a corner of the Sebert House are visible at right with an arched entrance to the rear of the hotel.

Delicateria Restaurant, The Terminal Grill, Scotties Fish and Chips and Taylor's Restaurant.

Property facing Water St., just north of the Sebert House purchased for the new Recreation Centre and arena. Plans on view at Mr. Sam. Griffen's Queen St. office.

June

One of Port Perry's outstanding High School teachers, Miss L.M. Harris is honored on her retirement from teaching after 38 years service.

Fruits, vegetables and hay badly damaged due to three weeks of hot, dry weather, searing winds and two nights of frost.

July

Mr. Harold Archer made an outright donation of a 1949 Chevrolet car at the Recreations Centre Committee to conduct a lucky draw.

Lakeside Beach Pavilion on Scugog Island, operated by Geo. Freeman holds dancing every Saturday night with Alex Williamson and his Orchestra.

August

Port Perry Businessmen's Assoc. hold annual Sports Day on Civic Holiday.

A variety show, sponsored by the Lions Club, raised \$3,300 for the Recreation Centre fund.

Hospital Board negotiates purchase of a building in Ajax, which is to be moved to a new site in Port Perry.

Twenty five pound, 42 inch Muskie caught off Caesarea.

September

General consensus of area residents is that Lake Scugog in its present condition is a stinking, rotten mud hole, unfit to be classified as a lake.

Port Perry Public and High Schools experience largest registrations every with 225 enrolled for public and 214 in high school.

Dr. B.J. Palmer, son of D.D. Palmer, founder of chiropractic, and president of the Palmer School of chiropractic of Iowa, visited fathers birthplace in Port Perry.

October

R.W. Bro. H.G. Hutcheson honored by Grand Lodge. In June, 1895 he was installed Master of Fidelity Lodge and has been a member of the lodge for 54 years.

November

The sections of the Ajax building purchased for a new hospital are now on the site and being assembled.

Dr. Helen M. (Peel) Bathie, Doctor of Chiropractic opens practice.

Port Perry Kist Beverages, dealers for Kist products.

Joel Aldred is one of Canada's highest paid commercial announcers, earning between \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year.

December

Peel's Poultry Farm ship largest order ever, 6,000 Barred Rock chicks by train to Campbellton, New Brunswick.

Birdseye Centre Cabin park offer season's pass to the swimming pool for \$3.00 per person.

Car donated by Archer Motors won by Steve Reminik of Oshawa.

Ernie Hayes Reeve, by acclamation.



**HELEN PEEL**  
Opens Chiropractic office.



**PORT PERRY HOSPITAL**

Sections of an old munitions factory are moved to Port Perry in 1949 to be assembled for a new Port Perry Hospital.

# The Wharf and Dockhouse

Construction of the government pier at the foot of Queen St. started in June 1914 and was completed in Sept. the following year, with a change house for bathers. The 210' long pier took 4,405 bags of cement, 381 loads of gravel and 958 loads of stone to complete.

The lakefront was a very popular spot for swimming during the 1920s and 1930s and council installed a spring-board at the end of the pier for the pleasure of bathers in 1924.

In July 1938, the newly formed Port Perry Lions Club built a new diving platform on the pier.

The 'dockhouse', as it became known, was used as change rooms for swimmers. The inside was divided into two sections, one for boys and the other for girls.

The dockhouse was not built directly on the cement pier, but on wooden piles alongside the dock on the north side, and over the years it required repairs on many occasions.

In the spring of 1958, ice crushed the decaying pillars causing severe damage to the building. As the ice melted, it began to sag badly, spelling the doom of the unique little house on the pier.

Council tendered for the removal of the 44-year old 'dockhouse' and it was removed from the end of the pier in March 1959, where it had stood like a beacon since 1915.

Views of the Dockhouse, from top right, photo taken from the lake; centre view of the dockhouse from the shoreline; bottom left, from Palmer Park and bottom right, a view of the back of the dockhouse.





# 1950 - 1959 The Fifties

Chapter

# 6



**ERNIE HAYES**  
Port Perry Reeve 1950.

January  
Port Perry Council - Reeve E. Hayes; councillors - W.H. Peel, Dr. M.B. Dymond, R.H. Frise, W.J. Carnegie.

Innes Motor Sales of Manchester was the Plymouth, Chrysler and Fargo dealer.

Reach Township attains 100th anniversary.

February

Eight men were appointed to the new Hospital Bd. which is in charge of building new hospital. Members are: Port Perry Gordon Reesor, Fred. Brooks; Scugog Twp. R. Tetlow, Don Crozier; Reach Twp. Alvin Bruce, Earl Martin and Cartwright Twp. Allan Suggett and Bruce Heaslip. Mr. Herb Brooks was elected president.

At a meeting of the Business Men's Assoc., Mr. Sam. Griffen outlined plans to begin construction of the new arena as soon as the weather was permissible.

Mr. Sam. Griffen presented council with plans for a log building for a Scout Hall to be built at a cost of between

\$4,000 and \$5,000.

Over \$430 was raised for the new arena at a Gala Night, featuring Bingo and a dance at the high school. Miss Zula Jackson was the lucky winner of a draw for a 1950 General Electric Washing Machine.

March

Ron Peel of Peel's Poultry Farm is featured on the front page of the Farmer's Magazine.

Port Perry Council agreed to raise approx. \$10,000 by way of debentures for the construction of Memorial Hospital.

A second Gala Night was held at the High School with \$1,400 being raised for the new arena.

Helen M. (Peel) Bathie, Doctor of Chiropractic, was advertising for patients.

April

A finance committee for the building of the new



**QUEEN STREET 1950s**

Stephen's Shoe Repair and Ted. Jackson Appliance buildings on north side of Queen St. A new building was erected on this site by Howard Hall and the space is currently leased to Henshall's Clothing store.



**HERB BROOKS**  
First Port Perry Hospital  
Board Chairman.

Scout Hall was formed comprising of Wentworth Watson, Mansell Gerrow, Ernie Sulman, Jack Whitby.

Port Perry Junior Institute and Junior Farmers organized with Netta Melnychuck as president.

A committee was appointed to deal with immediate action on construction of a new school for Port Perry.

The first move towards a new arena took place with 1000 bags of cement being transported to the site from Myrtle Station by volunteers.

**May**

Sixty five windows in the main building at the fairgrounds were broken.

Mr. Jack Sharpe of Uxbridge won a new Meteor car in draw held at the Gala Night held for the new arena. The draw added \$1,500 to the building fund.

Dr. M.B. Dymond subdued a man barricaded in a Port Perry house with an hidden hypodermic needle, after efforts by an armed OPP officer failed.

**June**

Art. Brunton of Brunton Poultry Farms, honored by Pakistan government with beautiful engraved silver service in presence of 500 dignitaries at the Pakistan embassy, Ottawa.

Council passed a bylaw for parking on Queen St., allowing only angle parking between Water and Perry Street.

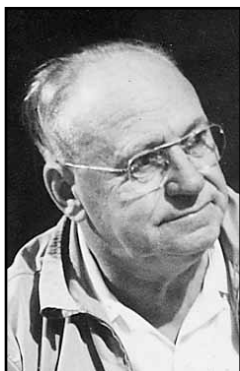
Corky, the famous 350 lb. clown, was on hand to officially open Birdseye Pool for the season and demonstrating many stunts in the pool.

Mr. Fred. Christie became the youngest Dist. Chairman in the province when he was elected Chairman of Dist. No. 4 Ontario Agriculture Societies.

A ceremony marking the start of construction of a Scout Hall at the corner of Perry and Lilla St. took place on Thurs., June 15 with Mrs. George Lane turning the first sod.

**Sod turning for new  
Scout Hall**

June 15, 1950



**HAROLD EMMERSON**  
Emmerson Insurance.

**July**

Work gets underway on the new recreation centre, although it has been downgraded to just an arena.

Two men were blown into the water and Mr. Frank Honey was burned, when a motor launch exploded at the wharf in Port Perry.

Work has been completed in widening, repairing and beautifying the west end of Queen St., including removal of the boulevard.

Plans for the construction of Community Memorial Hospital were approved.

**August**

Port Perry held its 20th annual Sports Day with horse racing, baseball and a four block long racing car derby from Cochrane St. to Beare's Garage. In the evening there was bingo and dancing in the street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Durkin celebrated the 15th anniversary of their Five Cent to One Dollar Store in Port Perry.

St. John's Anglican Church, Blackstock marks its Centennial.

Archer Motors dealers in Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC and Oldsmobile.

**September**

Registration at Port Perry Public School hits 225, an all time high.

Plate umpire Bill Harrison was taken to Oshawa Hospital with a neck injury after being hit by a foul tip.

The new arena is progressing with the structure and roofing now completed.

**October**

Memorial Library receives gift of beautiful chairs from late Charles Stewart during an open house for the public.

**November**

Bill Taylor and Jack Starkey re-open Taylor's Restaurant under the name of the Green Thistle.

Port Perry Yacht Club held their awards dinner at the Delicateria Restaurant.



**ARENA OFFICIALLY OPENED**

Premier Leslie Frost cut a ribbon held by Jean Williams and Mayreene James to officially open the Port Perry Memorial Arena on Jan. 12/51.

Don Simpson was elected Commodore and Don Carnegie Vice Commodore.  
 Port Perry Council agrees to assume 40 percent of the balance of the cost (after grants) of building Community Memorial Hospital.

December

Mr. David Carnegie, 67, a prominent local businessman passes. He one time operated the Carnegie Lumber and Grist Mill, and for the past 35 years was a hardware merchant.

Public School children tried out the ice at the new arena for the first time on Dec. 20, 1950. The first student to step on the new ice surface was Bob Carnegie.

Port Perry Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 opened its new hall for the first time on Dec. 22, 1950.

Ernest Hayes was acclaimed as Port Perry's Reeve for the next term.

A partial list of Port Perry businesses operating at the end of 1950: Cawker Bros. Butchers, Reesor Fuel & Lumber, Gerrow's Bakery, Lakeview Theatre, Lake Scugog Lumber, Dowson's Food Store, Bruton's Drugstore, Williams Motor Sales, W.H. Peel Hardware, F.W. Brock & Son, Beare Motors Dogdge-DeSoto, Carnegie Hardware, Levinson's Dry Goods, A.L. McDermott Funeral Director and Furniture, Bentley's Jewellery Store, Elizabeth Shoppe, Lawrence Drug Store, Archer Motor Sales, Emmerson Insurance, Earl Wallace Roofing, W.E. MacGregor Meats, Port Perry Ice and Coal, Terminal Grill, Delicateria Restaurant.

Legion Branch  
 419 officially  
 opens new hall

December 22, 1950

# 1951

January

Premier Leslie Frost cut a ribbon held by Jean Williams and Mayreene James to officially open the Port Perry Memorial Gardens Arena on Jan. 12/51. Other dignitaries on hand for the gala celebration were Maple Leafs Captain Teeder Kennedy and teammate Sid Smith. Ted. Jackson was presented a \$1,000 grant from the Premier.

Voters in Reach Twp. decided to support the Memorial Hospital with \$12,500, their share of the building cost.

Port Perry Council - Ernest Hayes, Reeve; councillors Dr. M.B. Dymond, Harry Peel, Hugh Santer and Frank Hastings.

Harold Archer celebrated his 25 years as G.M.C. Dealer in Port Perry.



Port Perry Memorial Gardens opened January 12, 1951.

February

The Canadian H.W. Gossard Co. Ltd. open branch in Port Perry in the Town Hall.

The largest crowd ever attended the first Port Perry Carnival held in the beautifully decorated arena and enjoyed skating demonstrations by a number of Toronto guest skaters.

March

Mrs. Z. M. Jackson and Mrs. Gertrude Jackson received honors for their years of service in United Church Sunday School.

Mr. Morris of Toronto, purchased the old Hospital building on John St. for \$8,500 and plans to use it for a nursing home.

Dr. H.C. Hall of Oshawa suggested Port Perry Hospital re-open for maternity and other cases to help take the additional demand off Oshawa Hospital.

April

Dr. M.B. Dymond was guest speaker at a banquet to commemorate the battle of Vimy Ridge at Del's banquet hall.

Town council signed a contract to have town



Premier Leslie Frost was among those at the official opening of the Port Perry Memorial Gardens Arena on January 12, 1951.



**MORROW FARM EQUIPMENT**

The newly reconstructed front of Morrow Farm Equipment following a fire in May which destroyed the interior of the building.

Equipment, located at corner of Perry and Mary St., destroyed in fire. Damage estimated close to \$125,000.

More than 3000 spectators enjoyed the Port Perry Yacht Club Regatta at the lakefront, which featured 36 speed boat races.

**June**

G.E. (Gerry) Nelson appointed fieldman for the Holstein-Freisian Assoc.

Work underway at the Arena making ready for an asphalt floor to be laid at a cost of \$2,900.

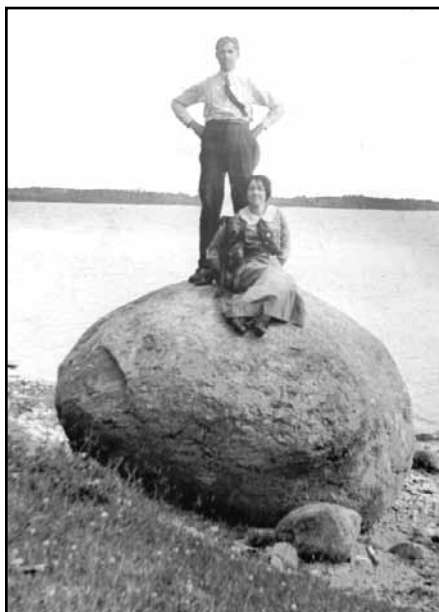
One of the oldest houses in Port Perry is moved from 257 Queen St. to John St. to make room for a new building being built by Mr. A.J. Carnegie.

A fourth operators station on the switchboard at the Bell Telephone office is added. Number of phones connected to the exchange is 1238.

**July**

Hon. Paul Martin announces Canada to provide Old Age Security pensions for persons 65 years of age.

More than 1200 area residents attended the Lions Club Carnival and Dance at the Memorial Arena.



The Big Stone, located at Stephenson's Point was a popular gathering spot for locals, who often travelled to the site for picnics or parties on weekends.

Tenders were let for the construction of a new Public School by the Port Perry Public School Board.

Employees of H.W. Gossard Co. from Toronto and Port Perry enjoyed a picnic at Pleasant Valley Ranch.

**August**

A petition is being circulated around town to request Council to bring a vote to the people on having a Brewer's Warehouse in Port Perry.

Tenders for the new public school came in about \$90,000 over the \$185,000 estimate for construction of the new building.

A drinking fountain is to be erected close to the Palmer Memorial Park.

Port Perry's clerk-treasurer John F. Raines received word a vote on a Brewer's Warehouse would take place on Oct. 24.

**September**

Staff of the Port Perry Star gathered to say farewell to Bill Harrison who accepted a position with the Oshawa Times-Gazette.

Gate receipts at Port Perry Fair topped \$2,000 with close to 6,000 people attending the fair.

sprayed to keep mosquitoes down this summer.

Council passed a new by-law designating angle parking only on the north side of Queen St. and changed the south side to parallel parking.

The town quashed plans for a nursing home on John St., but approved use of the old Hospital for a rooming house or apartment.

**May**

Proceeds from a second Gala Night completes final payment for the Recreation Centre.

Lakeshore Knitting Mill and Morrow Farm



**GORDON MORROW**  
Operator of Morrow Farm Equipment, Port Perry.

Angle parking restricted to north side of Queen St.

April 1951



**ROBT. (BOB) HARRIS**  
Prominent Port Perry and Uxbridge Lawyer.



**JAMES GOODALL FIRE**

A fire in October 1951 completely destroyed the James Goodall Grist Mill, which was located on Water Street, just south of the library.

Port Perry passed a bylaw issuing a \$34,000 debenture over 20 years at 4 1/2 per cent for the new hospital.

October

Miss Olive Wallace appointed Assistant Professor in Food Administration MacDonald Institute, Guelph.

Ed. Storry and his workmen removed the tower from the Town Hall, which has been considered unsafe for some time.

The James Goodall Mill at the lake-front was destroyed by a fire Oct. 17 causing \$95,000 in damage. The fire also caused some damage the storage room of Lake Scugog Lumber which was next door. The company was owned by Mr. Ira Aldred.

Area residents voted 511 for Brewers Warehouse and 485 against., but a 60 per cent majority is needed to win. Close to 88 percent of voters turned out for the highly controversial issue.

November

A extremely

early and heavy snowfall created severe problems for traffic on the streets.

M.A. Gerrow was named Chairman of the Port Perry Scout Association

December

In Reach Twp. Howard Dobson was elected Reeve and Malcolm Bailey Deputy Reeve for 1952.

Five men forced entry into the apartment over the Bank of Commerce and tied up Manager Mr. Helm, his wife and Mr. T. Asher, the bank caretaker, while they tried to blow up the safe. A phone ringing spooked the robbers and the bandits fled.

Fairview Lodge in Whitby, a 200 bedroom home for the aged, was opened by Premier Leslie Frost.



**MANSELL GERROW**

Member of the new Scout Hall Committee and chairman of Scout Association.

Old bell tower removed from Town Hall

October 1951

# 1952



**EDNA INGRAM**  
Port Perry Librarian.

January

Dr. Ernest A. Hodgson, assistant Seismologist at the Dominion Observatory has retired to Port Perry. Dr. Hodgson has been charting earthquakes for 37 years and became famous after tracing and reporting an earthquake in the St. Lawrence River in 1925.

1952 Council - Reeve Ernest Hayes; Councillors Hugh Santer, Harry W. Peel, Frank Hastings and Grant Tease.

Librarian Edna B. Ingram reports 7,154 books circulated during 1951 at Port Perry Public Library.

February

King George VI, 56 years of age, died peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 6. The throne was automatically taken over by 25 year old Queen Elizabeth II.

Port Perry Memorial Gardens Arena was built and paid for in three years, turning a \$1,993. profit in its first year



**ARCHER'S WHITE ROSE GAS STATION**

Opens at Perry and Mary St. for gas and service Aug. 1952.

Port Perry was winner of the beautiful child photo contest held in Oshawa.

The Christine Bakery opens in the Carnegie building opposite Beare's Garage on Queen St.

Council decides to put to a vote, the building of a new school building, to take place on April 28, 1952.

**April**

Port Perry Star re-prints 300 copies of the late Samuel Farmer's book "On The Shores of Scugog" for sale at \$1.75 per book.

Don Crozier and Everett Prentice rescued two boys caught in an ice flow on Lake Scugog for six hours, by breaking through 150 yards of ice to reach the boat and tow it to shore.

Bell Telephone is working on extending and improving rural telephone service in the Port Perry exchange.

A vote to raise the necessary money for a new public school by debentures was approved with 262 in favor and 71 against.

**May**

Flamingo Restaurant became the new waiting area for DeNure Bus Lines and Colonial Coach Lines.

Ted. Griffen and Robt. Helm of Port Perry among the graduates of Ryerson Institute. Mr. Griffen in Architectural Technology and Mr. Helm in Electronic Technology.

The Business Men's Association elected Mr. J.C. Love as president and Albert Cawker as 1st vice president.

Silverwoods Dairy in Port Perry was robbed of \$2,000 after thieves broke in and blew up the safe, demolishing the room.

Work on the hospital is nearing completion

**June**

Fire from a seized motor destroyed the hatchery building of Arthur Brunton on Con. 6.

Port Perry Beverages announces the bottling of Pure Spring beverages at the plant.

For the fifth time since opening, Williams Motor Sales were broken into and robbed of merchandise and thieves stole a car to escape.

St. John's Anglican Church, Blackstock, opens and dedicates a new Parish Hall.

Contract for new school given to Bennet and Pratt, of Weston, for \$253,000.

**July**

Kenosha House burned to ground in early morning fire at Caesarea. Eight tourists escape but Mrs. Tilley Harran, 67, wife of proprietor, dies after rushing into the hotel to save some valuables.

Atkinson Foundation donates \$4,200 to Community Memorial

of operation.

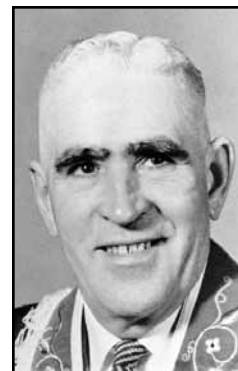
Schools, offices and banks in Port Perry closed Feb. 15th for the funeral of King George VI.

Kenneth Jackson announced the opening of his new "Flamingo Restaurant."

United Church Choir under Mrs. Elsie Dobson won \$75 and the coveted Kiwanis Shield at the festival held in Toronto.

**March**

James Glenn MacMaster, son of Dr. and Mrs. D.C. MacMaster of



**J. CLIFFORD LOVE**  
President of Port Perry  
Businessmen's Association.



**FRED DENURE**

DeNure Bus Lines owner.



**KENOSHA HOTEL, CAESAREA**

Destroyed by fire in July 1952.



**BRUNTON FARMS HATCHERY AND TAKE-OUT**

Right, Arthur Brunton's hatchery as it looked when it opened in October 1952 (it is now occupied by The Beer Store). Below, the Ready To Eat Chicken outlet, just west of the hatchery, which served cooked chicken on the weekends. This building is now known as Town Line Lunch.



Cornerstone for  
new Port Perry  
Public School laid

November 1952

Hospital for purchase of essential equipment.

August

Joel Aldred and Laddie Dennis team up for TV show.

Six workmen are busy building a new 6,700 gallon water tank, which is expected to be completed in 10 days. The old tank was so rotten, the contractor didn't know how it had stayed there so long.

Survey shows 352 from Port work in Oshawa.

General Motors announced Bryden Motors, operating out of Irwin Tripp's Supertest Service Station on Water St. beside the Port Perry Dairy, the local dealer for Chevrolet-Oldsmobile.

H. Archer Motors opens a White Rose service station, located on the south east corner of Perry and Mary St. in Port Perry

September

Kindergarten suspended for one year because school is over-

crowded.

Local men working on construction of the new public school are: Jimmy Hope, Oliver Holmes, Jim Smells, L.W.Boxall, Bruce Redmond, Frank Henry. W. St. John and George Smith.

Fire levels barn and grain crop of Elmer Aldred, Seagrave.

Council opts to lift rent controls in Port Perry effective March 1953.

Charlie Popert opens shoe store in Leonard Block.

Work completed on new water tower and is now in full operation.

October

A scarlet fever outbreak, which threatened to close the Public School was brought under control.

George C. Sweetman, a former Reeve and Ont. County Warden passed away at his home on Scugog Island. Sept. 24.

Beare Motors, operated by Bill and Storey Beare, was featured in the Farm Equipment Dealer, trade magazine.

Port Perry's population up by 92 in past year, to a high of 1,817 residents.

Council appoints Reeve Ernest Hayes as new hydro clerk for \$130 per month.

Brunton Farms open new hatchery building on 7A at 6th concession in Port Perry.

November

Bowling comes to Port Perry with the opening of King Pin Lanes across from Reesor Fuels, operated by Wesley Stata.

Corner stone of the new \$250,000 public school laid by former teacher Eunice Harris, who taught 38 years in Port Perry.

Hospital chairman Herb Brooks announces Frances G. Hincks of Bracebridge is the new superintendent when Community Memorial Hospital opens.

Reach council, headed by Reeve Howard O. Dobson, accorded a full acclamation for next term.

December

New telephone exchange serving Cartwright opened Dec. 10 at Blackstock with 350 subscribers.



**FRANCES G. HINCKS**  
Hospital Superintendent.



**ONE OF OLDEST BARBER SHOPS**

Hooley's Barber Shop, with from left, Lloyd Harrison, barber Harold Jeffrey, Howard Dobson, Reach Twp. Reeve and Cecil Hooley.

Reg Moorehead elected Legion Branch 419 president for third term.

Reeve E. Hayes resigns to take hydro position. Harry Peel is unanimous choice of council for acting reeve.

Art. and Vern Bryden purchase Williams Motor Sales at 278 Queen St. (location of IGA) and switch dealership from Ford, Mercury, Lincoln; to Chevrolet and Oldsmobile.

Record crowd packs Public Library for nominations meeting, nominating 29 people for eight positions on council, board.

New Community Memorial Hospital officially opens

January 1953

# 1953

January

Port Perry Council: Reeve Harry Peel; Councillors A.L. McDermott, Hugh Santer, Dr. M.B. Dymond, Grant Tease. The 21st consecutive acclamation for a reeve in the village. Last election 1932.

Former Maple Leaf netminder, Turk Broda, hired by Port Perry Hockey Club to instruct local bantam, midget and juvenile players

Official opening of the new Community Memorial Hospital. Record crowd on hand to see opening of new 32 bed hospital.

Mr. Herbert Brooks, chairman of Community Memorial Hospital for the past four years, tendered his resignation.

Jessie McArthur, Blackstock, chosen by the Anglican Church to attend Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in London, England.

Per and Leila Hvidsten of North Bay are the new owners of the Uxbridge Times Journal.

Mrs. Lloyd Pogue is first patient at new hospital on Jan. 21. The first baby was Charles McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Nelson, born Jan. 26.



**MRS. DEHL BENTLEY**  
One of first women jurors.

Mrs. Dehl

Bentley is one of first women jurors for Ontario County. She served on jury for five days with Supreme Court.

February

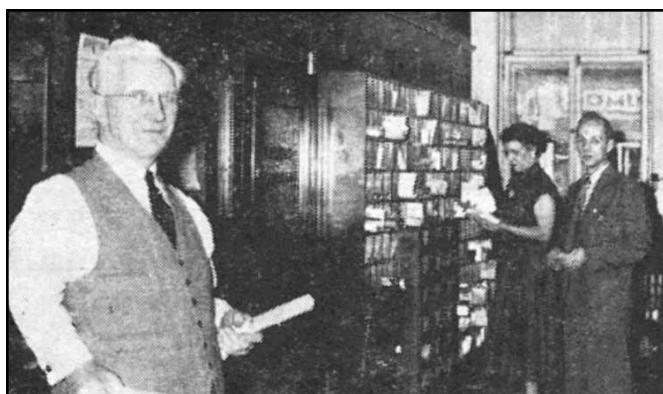
Local Post Office is 100 years old. Joseph Bigelow, Port Perry's first reeve, was also its first postmaster. George Hull has been postmaster since 1930.

Cec. Hooley, prop., says that some of his older customers tell him that barbering has been done in his shop for 65 years. Could be oldest barbershop in Ontario.

Simpson-Sears announces it will open a order office in town.



Community Memorial Hospital officially opened in January 1953.



**POST OFFICE 100 YEARS OLD**

George Hull, left, Mrs. Hull and son Bruce at Port Perry Post Office in Feb. 1953, on the occasion of the institution's 100th anniversary.

**Port Perry's new  
Public School is offi-  
cially opened**

September 2, 1953

**March**

Three break-ins during storm, Beare Motors, Bryden Motors and Carnegie Hardware the victims.

Elgin "Hutch" Hutchinson wins Lions Club draw for DeSoto Firedome 8 valued at \$4,600.

Jean Samells, Port Perry, one of 13 Ontario girls chosen to view Coronation, London, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Atkinson and their nine children, of Saintfield, were left homeless after narrowly escaping from blaze which destroyed their home.

Ice leaves Lake Scugog earliest in 32 years, March 23.

**April**

Geo. A. MacMillan, prominent Reach councillor and former Ontario County Warden, passes in his 77th year.

Roy Scott of Seagrave, bowed out as the C.C.F. candidate in Ontario.

Albert Cawker elected president of the Port Perry Businessmen's Association. First vice is Irving Boyd and Les Virtue, second vice.

Dr. Alexander Graham Christie, a former Manchester boy, is honored by John Hopkins publication "The Vector." Dr. Christie is professor emeritus of John Hopkins School of Engineering.

**May**

Schools in Prince Albert and Manchester having growing pains. Talk of consolidated school to help cope with future growth.

Port Perry Yacht Club hold their Outboard Regatta with entries from far and wide.

**June**

Public holiday declared June 2, 1953 for Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Week of celebrations includes special church services, track and field meet, community picnic, parade, fireworks and dancing and a Gala Ball on June 5.

A lightning strike on the roof of Dr. J.B. Lundy's garage put a gaping two foot hole in the roof and damaged his car.

Jack Hope opens Hope's IGA Food Store.

**July**

Talks begin about installing artificial ice in the arena, at a cost of about \$26,000.

Work begins at the combined public/high school to renovate it to become the new High School only. Lake Scugog Lumber and Peel's Hardware are local contractors.

**August**

Chief Constable Geo. Holmes resigns after many years of service to the village. O.P.P. to police village until new chief chosen.

First twins born at hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron of Uxbridge, a boy and a girl on Aug. 31.

**September**

New public school opened on Sept. 2, the hottest day of year. Norman Heayn, chairman of Bd. of Education, Reeve Harry Peel and Principal Roy H. Cornish all spoke.

Artificial ice is to be installed in arena by November. Blitz Campaign started to raise funds with canvas of the town, with \$5,000 raised in first week.

**October**

Official opening of renovated high school takes place Oct. 16 with Principal J.L. Crane master of ceremonies.

Port Perry's population is now 1961.

Mr. Archie Menzies from Peterborough is new Chief of Police for village of Port Perry.

Port Perry Yacht Club to hold Canadian National Championship Regatta on Nov. 12.

Wren Blair of Oshawa, appointed new Director and GM of the Memorial Gardens Arena for coming year.



**PROF. A.G. CHRISTIE**  
Honored at John Hopkins School of Engineering.



**ARCHIE MENZIES**  
Hired as Chief of Police for Village of Port Perry.



**November**

Roy H. Cornish, 21 years principal of the local public school, received a letter and medal from Queen Elizabeth for his contributions to education.

Merlin Letcher named president Provincial Lawn Bowling Association of Ontario.

Former treasurer's office moved to new location on Hwy. 12 at 8th concession.

Formerly Christine Bakery, known as Swiss Bakery gets new owner. Mr. O. Arnio is new proprietor.

**December**

Reeve and Council for 1954 elected by acclamation. Only 26 turn out for nomination meeting. Mr. Merlin Dowson only new councillor.

Malcolm Bailey defeats Harry Phoenix 570-485 for Reeve of Reach Twp.

County Council grants \$10,000 toward Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital.

**PORT PERRY  
TREASURER'S OFFICE**

This building, located just feet south of the present Municipal Office, was the treasurer's office and the location where most of the business of Port Perry was conducted throughout the 1940s and 50s. Picture was taken in Nov. 1953, just before it was relocated.

The treasurer's office was then moved to Queen St., to the building at left, which is currently owned by Bob Prentice at 160 Queen St. The municipal office remained at this site until 1960 when it was moved to it's current location on Perry Street.

# 1954

**January**

Mrs. Elsie Forsyth of Greenbank, awoke her four children and ran out of the house in 20 below zero weather, just before the oil stove exploded and the house was engulfed in fire.

Manchester School children find weather balloon in field near school which came from the U.S.A.

Port Perry Memorial Hospital received second grant of \$10,000 from County Council.

**February**

Lions Basketball team wins their 12th straight game.

Wm. McKinley, formerly of Scugog, celebrated 100th birthday.

**March**

P.P.H.S. students win cup in drama festival.

G.H. Walker, Port Perry awarded Master Breeder Shield of the Holstein Friesian Association.

Mrs. Grace Farmer, wife of former editor and president of the Port Perry Star Co. Ltd., died March 15.

Anson Gerrow and Hugh Hiltz crawled out on thin ice to put ropes over the heads of 10 cattle which had fallen through the ice near the causeway.

**April**

Two large, rare Whistling Swans seen near Lake Scugog.

Dowson's Red and White Store is five years old.

Port Perry Dairy severely damaged by fire and water. Owners Don Pargeter and Geo. Parry were working in building at time.



**HARRY PEEL**  
Port Perry Reeve.

Artificial ice installed  
at  
Port Perry arena.

August 1954



**JOHN SWEETMAN**  
Retires after 5 years as  
Reeve of Scugog.

Miss Kent Gerrow was presented the Guides highest award, the Gold Cord. First Girl Guide in Port Perry to be so honored.

May

Ron A. Peel's hatchery in Port Perry shipped 14,000 baby chicks by rail to the Ottawa valley.

The Township Hall at Columbus saved from fire when nearby woodshed is burned.

Ux-Spring Motors at corner of Hwy #12 and #47 closes it's businesses with a gigantic public auction sale.

Ambulance service started in town by Charles Brignal Jr.

Cartwright Central Public School picked as name for new four room Blackstock school.

June

Rev. Dr. J. Lewis McLean, former Port Perry boy, elected moderator of the 80th General Assembly Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Keith MacMillan elected commissioner to General Council of United Church (Greenbank boy).

Church of Ascension dedicates new vestry.

August

Dr. Beverly Smallman and family will move to England where he will continue research work, and will be working with Dr. Feldberg, a world famous physiologist.

The new concrete floor at the arena is completed, covering 6 1/2 miles of pipes for artificial ice. Cost of the new floor about \$6,700.

Reach Council requested the Minister of Highways put a new surface on the highway between Manchester and Port Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Vance had their hair singed as they lay in bed, after lightning struck their house. The strike caused a small fire and considerable damage to the house.

M.P. Michael Starr announced a contract had been let for resurfacing of Hwy. #12 between Myrtle and Greenbank and also 7A Hwy. between Manchester and Port Perry.

September

First Canadian speed trials on Lake Scugog. Ron Biggs, 16, of Ottawa sets new world record for hydroplane.

The Toronto Maple Leafs played a game against the Pittsburgh Hornets at Memorial Gardens Arena in Port Perry. Leafs were coached by King Clancy and Hornets by Howie Meeker. Leafs won 4-0.

Mrs. W.M. Letcher was honored when she retired from Library Board after 29 years service.

Port Perry population has now climbed to 2058.

October

John L. Sweetman, Scugog Twp. reeve for the past five years, resigned to become road foreman for the County. Anson Gerrow was acclaimed as the new reeve.

Cartwright Central Public School officially opened October 1.

Hurricane Hazel does extensive damage. Trees, telephone and hydro lines, T.V. aerials down in untold numbers. Many barns lose their roofs, also roof off Phil Orde's home. Bandstand



**PORT PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF - 1954**

Back left, Mrs. Anne MacMaster, Miss Ruth Koski, Miss Elaine Thompson, Mrs. Audry Lee, Miss Gladys Joblin, Miss Eunice Wilson and Mrs. Aleta MacFarlane.

Front left, J. Reader, caretaker; Roy H. Cornish, principal and Samuel A. Cawker, assistant principal.



**BANDSTAND COLLAPSES**

Hurricane Hazel swept through the area in Oct. 1954, collapsing the bandstand at the lakefront. The Dairy Bar can be seen behind rubble.

at lakefront collapses. More than \$2,000 raised locally for hurricane relief.

November

A Curling Club was formed, with Grant MacDonald as president. Club played first games in Memorial Gardens arena.

Flamingo Restaurant re-opens in new location. Completely new interior (formerly S. Jeffrey Harness Shop).

Village votes "dry" for fourth time since 1916. Votes for establishment of a liquor store were 560 in favour and 521 against. Sixty per cent vote required to bring liquor to village.

Keith VanCamp of Nestleton wins National Dairy Council Award.

Jimmy Taylor's 5c to \$1 store opens Dec. 4.

December

Ted. Griffen is Commodore of Port Perry Yacht Club.

W.H. Peel elected Reeve by acclamation for 1955.

Police Chief Archie Menzies captured three men suspected of being the gunmen who held up post office in Prince Albert. Recovered in a ditch were a 9 mm Browning automatic pistol, hoods worn by the gunmen and \$80 of stolen money in their vehicle.

Utica Memory Hall destroyed by fire

April 1955



**R.D. WOON**  
Secretary Treasurer of Agriculture Society retires.

# 1955

January

Mr. R.D. Woon retired as Secretary Treasurer of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society after holding the position for 16 years.

Elmer J. Gibson was inaugurated as Reeve for the Twp. of Reach.

The Uxbridge-Port Perry Inter-Community Hockey League was dissolved.

Mr. W. Harry Peel, Reeve of Port Perry was sworn in as the 101st Warden of Ontario County.

Innes Motor Sales, Port Perry is the local dealer for Fargo trucks.

February

Women's Auxiliary decorated and outfitted the Children's Ward at Community Memorial Hospital with new beds, tables, chairs, books and toys.

Bell Telephone reports 60 phones added in '54, bringing the total in the local exchange to 1175.

Manchester Credit Union, started late last year, held its first annual meeting in the Myrtle Hall. President is Robt. Walker of Port Perry.

A fire which started near the furnace caused \$3,000 damage to Epsom Public School which has 32 pupils taught by Mrs. R. Wilbur.

Mrs. Arthur Brock of the Scugog Chapter I.O.D.E. dedicated memorial shelf at library in honor of members who have passed away.

Fidelity Lodge A.F. & A.M. present Rt. Wor. Bro. H.G. Hutcheson with jewel to commemorate 60 years in lodge.

March

Anglican Church receives gift of organ and other items from Catholic Apostolic Church in Toronto, which is closing.

Divers from the Dept. of Transport pulled the bodies of Fred. Frayer and Earl Burr of Caesarea from Lake Scugog after their car plunged through the ice about 500 ft. from shore. John Neil escaped the vehicle as it was going through.

Barbara Love was crowned Queen of Carnival for the Memorial Gardens Ice Revue.

April

Pee Wee hockey team captures Peterborough Dist.



**DIVER LOOKS FOR MISSING MEN**  
Two Caesarea men drown in Lake Scugog in March 1955.





**FRED FRAYER.**  
Owner of boat repair works and dance pavillion at Caesarea. Grandfather was one of first settlers in area.

Championship and Central Ont. crown for second year.  
A fire April 9 at the Memory Hall, Utica, totally destroyed the building which had stood at the four-corners of the vil- lage for more than half a century.

Port Perry merchants voted to open their places of business until 9 p.m. Friday nights during June, July and August. They will continue to stay open until 9 p.m. Saturdays, as usual.

Port Perry Public School children receive first of three shots of a Poliomyelitis vaccine.

**May**

Dr. M.B. Dymond was nominated to represent the Conservatives in the next Provincial election. The largest crowd ever assembled in Canada, 3,500 people, for a nomi- nation meeting met at the Port Perry Memorial Gardens arena, with Dr. Dymond winning the nomination in five ballots.

Port Perry is assured a member in the Provincial House as Liberal candidate W. Tom Harris is also a Port Perry citizen.

Roy Scott, of Seagrave, nominated as the C.C.F. candidate in Ontario Riding.

**June**

Lions Club conduct election centre in the Memorial Gardens. All three candi- dates for the election are from Port Perry district.

Dr. M. B. Dymond is elected to represent Ontario Riding, defeating Mr. Tom Harris by close to 2,000 votes.

Memorial Gardens to hold Professional Wrestling every other Saturday during the summer. Ringside seats \$1.

Bob Howsam opened the Western Tire and Auto Supply store on Queen St. across from Beare Motors.

**July**

Reach Twp. changes Nomination Day to the last Friday before the last Monday in November. Election Day will be first Monday in December.

Sod was turned for a \$10,000,000 Shopping Centre in Oshawa, billed as one of Canada's largest.

**August**

Troop leader James Hunter and Patrol Leader Albert Fulford represented the First Port Perry Scout Troop at the Jamboree in Niagara-on-the-lake.

Mac Christie, Manchester, was filmed doing his morn- ing chores at the farm for a television show called Country Calendar.

Port Perry Yacht Club held a 36 miles marathon race on Lake Scugog, from Port Perry to Caesarea and back, with 15 boats entered.

**September**

DeNure Bus Lines Limited awarded \$18,000 for business adversely affected by City of Oshawa taking over suburban bus travel formerly supplied by DeNure.

Eighty boats competed in the C.N.E. speed boat races which were moved to Lake Scugog from Toronto, due to bad weather on Lake Ontario.

The Del Restaurant was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Lawrence.

**October**

Ray Hobbs Garage at Manchester burned to the ground.

Dr. R.G. McNab announces opening of practice of Dentistry in the building owned by Drs. Rennie and Dymond.

Howard Motors, operated by Howard Challis, takes over Bryden Motors, Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealer.

**November**

Quick response by the Port Perry Fire Brigade averted a disaster at Haugen's Drive-Inn Restaurant, Manchester. A leak in a line from a gas truck filling the restaurant's gas tanks ignited, setting the building on fire.



**ROY SCOTT**  
Candidate for C.C.F. Party.



**DR. ROBT. McNAB**  
Opens Dental Practice.



**IVAN HAUGEN**  
Open's Haugen's Barbecue at Manchester in Oct. 1955.



**MR. J. L. CRANE**  
Port Perry High School principal resigns.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

Cost to operate the Memorial Gardens Recreation Centre (Arena) for the past 12 months was \$14,570.00.

Mr. J.L. Crane, principal of Port Perry High School, resigned to take up duties as principal of Essex Dist. High School, near London, Ont.

### December

Twenty-two Port Perry businesses take part in an Appreciation Day promotion every Saturday for the next 52 weeks, with draws every Saturday in front of the Post Office.

George and Harold Emmerson open the Emmerson Motel on Queen St., opposite the Post Office.

Mr. R.D. Woon honored for many years of service to Port Perry Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society.

F.W. Brock and Son becomes A.W. Brock Department Store. Have been in business 75 years.

Radio personality Joel Aldred donated \$5,000 state-of-the-art operating room table to Community Memorial Hospital in memory of his brother Bill and cousin Wm. Morrish.

Reeve Harry Peel and Councillors Merlin Dowson, Gordon Carnegie, J.J. Gibson and Geo. Oldfield all acclaimed to Port Perry council for 1956.

## CHAPTER SIX - THE FIFTIES



Emmerson Motel opened on the second floor of the Blong Block in Dec. 1955.

# 1956



**FRANK GODLEY**  
Branch 419 President.

### January

A.W. Brock renovates store with new ceilings, walls, lights, linoleum floors and electric sign.

Reach Twp. council inauguration - Reeve E.J. Gibson, Dept. Reeve Howard McMillan; Councillors Edward Oyler and Glen Wanamaker.

Port Perry Legion Branch 419 elects Frank Godley president, and Mike Hlozon vice president.

### February

President Ted. Griffen tenders resignation at final meeting of the Port Perry Businessmen's Assoc. Businessmen's Association disbanding after 22 years serving business community.

Phil W. Orde elected Commodore of the Port Perry Yacht Club.

James Hunter, Albert Fulford and Clive Boyd first Port Perry boys to receive their Queen Scouts badges.

The inaugural meeting to form the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce took place Feb. 28 with Storey Beare elected president; Harry Peel, vice pres.; C. Edward (Ted) Griffen, 2nd vice pres.; and Frank Godley, sec./treas.

### March

Irwin Tripp sells garage business to Robert Archer. Archer Motors appointed authorized dealer for Pontiac-Buick and GMC Trucks.

Williams Motors was announced as the Mercury, Lincoln, Meteor dealer for Port Perry.

Fred. Lamb takes over as Secretary Treasurer of the Agriculture Society, left vacant by retirement of R.D. Woon.

### April

Brooklin hockey team wins All-Ontario Junior "D" Title. Four of the team's players, Bob Carnegie, Garnet Warriner, Jack Owen and Bill Cornish are Port Perry boys.

Mill rate for 1956 set at 70, up 10 mills from last year.

Hospital reports during 1955 there were 936 admissions and 155 births.

### May

Dancing at Caesarea's Edgewater Pavilion every Saturday night.

Miss Eleanor Hutchison becomes the second guide from Port Perry to receive her Gold Cord.



**REG. MOORHEAD**  
"Mr. Legion".

Inaugural meeting held to form a Chamber of Commerce

February 28, 1956

**June**

Bell Telephone announces Port Perry will have dial tele-phones installed during 1958.

Pickard's Hardware becomes local agent for Adam's Furniture of Oshawa.

The Elizabeth Shoppe opens in new location opposite Post Office.

Paving is underway along Highways 7A and 12.

Lions Club sponsor dance at high school to help form Teen Town organization. Over 150 teens attend and elect executive - Pres. Bruce Taylor; Vice pres. Claudette Boulenger, Gary Menzies, Barbara Heyes; Sec. Donna Jeffrey and Treas. Garnet Warriner.

Councillor Merl Dowson takes over duties of Reeve Harry Peel, while he convalesces following a heart attack.



**MERL DOWSON**  
Interim Reeve of Port Perry.

**July**

Ont. County Council learns a new jail for 64 prisoners to be built in Whitby, including two death cells.

Hazel M. Wallace celebrated her 30th year with Bell Telephone in Port Perry.

Branch 419 members bid farewell to Reg. Moorhead, known locally as "Mr. Legion", who is leaving town.

**August**

Canadian industrialist E.P. Taylor buys the 438 acre "Elmcroft" farm of George McLaughlin, at north end of Oshawa.

Two CBC broadcasters spent a day in town tape-recording a broadcast with local people about Port Perry, for their show "Let's Find Out."

Ruby Leask and Shirley Ann Crozier compete in CNE Dairy Queen Contest in Toronto.

W.A. Farmer and Irving A. Boyd of the Port Perry Star were among the press members invited to be first to travel on the newly opened Highway 401 Toronto by-pass.

**September**

Enrollment at Port Perry High School hits 284, forcing use of the last basement room as a classroom.

Town of Port Perry is selling public school debentures bearing interest at 5 percent to investors.

**October**

Howard Motors Chevrolet-Oldsmobile celebrates first anniversary on Oct. 1.

Chamber of Commerce pays tribute to R.B. Smallman at a special meeting and present him with traveling bags.

Ron Lowcock opens Port Perry Motors, authorized dealer for Volkswagen cars, at Sweetman's Service Station.

Cartwright Council approves issue of \$50,000 debenture for school addition.

**November**

Dr. W. A. Sangster was guest of honor at the Durham-Ontario Dental Society, where he was presented with a desk set for his years of service to Port Perry.

Skating is still popular. More than 300 skaters took to the ice for the first public skating at Memorial Arena this winter.

One of Canada's largest and most beautiful Shopping Centres opens in Oshawa.

Scouts appeal to community for donations to install a new furnace in the Scout Hall.

Chamber of Commerce installs new signs at west and east end of town directing tourists to downtown Port Perry shopping centre.

**December**

Port Perry Council for 1957: J.J. (James) Gibson, Reeve, by acclamation; Councillors W.T. Harris, Arthur Cox, Irving Boyd and Frank Godley.

Scugog Island church congregations unite to form the new Scugog United Church located at the Centre of the Island.



**R.B. SMALLMAN**  
Blacksmith for 46 years retires in September 1957.



**PORT PERRY BEVERAGES PLANT**

Bottlers of Pure Spring beverages, the plant was owned by Murrell Goode and was located on Perry St. across from the Scout Hall.

# 1957

## January

Port Perry Council 1957 - Reeve J.J. Gibson; Councillors Arthur Cox, Frank Godley, W. Tom Harris, Irving A. Boyd.

Port Perry businesses announce new store hours: Friday to 9 p.m., Wed., to 12:30 p.m. and all other days until 6 p.m.

New water well for town found on Stanley Robinson property south of town yielding 45 gallons per minute natural flow.

C. Popert re-opens former Del Restaurant and moves pool room to same premises.

Owen Reader completes course in electronics and sets up Radio and T.V. repair shop.



FIRE DEPARTMENT 1957 - Members of the Port Perry Fire Department in front of old Town Hall, where the fire truck was kept. The truck was a 1945 International Air Force crash truck, the first motorized fire truck for the local department. Members are, from left, Harvey Mahaffy, Charlie Lown, Bill Gibson, George Parry, Merv DeNure, Jack MacGregor, Jack Cook, Chief Guy Raines, Bruce Beare, Harry Deshane, Ben Pickard, Howard Gibson, Bev Kent, Don Carnegie, Ray Webster and Keith Mark.

## February

Dr. Beverley N. Smallman has been appointed chief of the Division of Entomology Science Service in Ottawa.

Comrade Michael Hlozan was installed as president of Legion Branch 419, Port Perry.

Council endorses telephone answering locations for fire calls in the homes of Chief W.G. Raines, Harry DeShane, Mervin DeNure, Geo. Parry, Keith Mark, Charles Lown and the fire hall.

Police Chief Menzies salary was raised to \$4,000 per year, plus \$1,000 for mileage.

## March

Miss Audrey Kent, featured in a double page spread of the Weekend Telegram featuring her work with angora rabbits.

Tom Sandiland was credited with saving the Western Tire Store from a fire when he noticed smoke in the building. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze which started in the basement.

## April

Lake Scugog Lumber Co. Ltd. hold grand opening of their remodeled and renovated store.

Midtown Appliances buys out Phoenix Electric.

Port Perry High School student Gary Edgar of Scugog Island wins the "Tom Long Boat Medal" for proficiency in sports, leadership and character.

Corporation sells six lots along Water St., formerly used as a dump, to Tripp Construction for \$800 plus conditions which include construction of a building valued at \$30,000 on the land within two years.

## May

Causeway Investments open new summer cottage area called Scugog Village on Scugog Island about a mile east of Eden's store.

Miss Nellie McGregor was honored at a retirement dinner after serving 42 years with the Bell Telephone Co. in Port Perry.



**ARTHUR COX**  
Port Perry Councillor.

Remuneration to Reeve and Councillors was increased to \$300 and \$200 respectively effective Jan. 1, 1957.

Port Perry Chamber of Commerce held their first annual dinner meeting since being formed and elected Storey Beare president of the new board of directors.

"Tug" Wilson has returned to Port Perry and set up a TV and radio repair shop.



**MURRELL GOODE**  
Port Perry Bottling Works.



**MIKE HLOZAN**  
1957 President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 419.



**DR. B.N. SMALLMAN**  
Receives appointment.

Two youngsters, Wayne, 8, and John Craig, 7, left home for a hike and did not return by night, but were found safe miles from home near Claremont the following day after a massive search by more than 200 people for the missing boys.

Miss Jeanne Williams wins contest to meet recording star Pat Boone at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto.

Art. Brunton elected Deputy Dist. Governor of Zone 10, District A3 Lions International.

**June**

To offset more than \$2,000 in debt for operation of the Memorial Centre Arena during 1956, a monster auction was held.

Due to serious hot, dry spell, water down to four feet in water tower. Residents urged to ration water.

**July**

Reeve J.J. Gibson, A.L. McDermott and J. Raines are criticized for building boathouses on road allowance to lake at east end of Beech St. Council takes no action.

Local calls from public telephones in Port Perry set at 10¢ per call.

Dr. M.B. Dymond, M.P.P., appointed Minister of Reform Institutions.

Final arrangements are made to bring new supply of fresh water into Port Perry from well south of town.

**August**

Maple Leaf Gardens Wrestling begins at Port Perry Memorial Arena with the "Mighty Ursus vs. "Gene Kiniski"

Dr. M.B. Dymond, withdraws from active practice but will remain in Port Perry. Dr. John Diamond will take over his practice.

Ratepayers petition council to hold plebiscite regarding outlets for sale of beer and liquor. Council agrees to hold vote.

Charles Reesor hired to manage new Texaco Service Station at corner of 7A and Oshawa Rd.

**September**

Testimonial Dinner held in Oshawa to honor Ontario Ridings two cabinet ministers. Hon. Dr. M.B. Dymond, M.P.P., Min. of Reform Institutions and Hon. Michael Starr, M. P., Min. of Labour

Ford introduces the newest member of its family, the Edsel, in four models, Ranger, Pacer, Corsair, Citation.

Schools were closed and the town was without water for a day after Bell Telephone trenchers cut through a water line, draining the water tank.

**October**

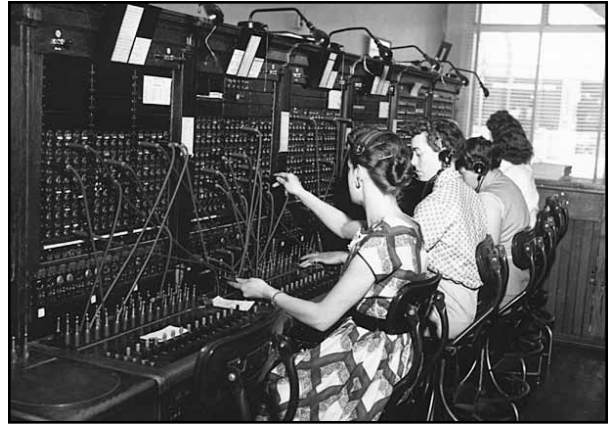
Port Perry Star publishes a 16 page 50th Anniversary Historical Edition.

Storey and Bill Beare, of Beare Motors given Long Service Award from Chrysler Corp. who they have represented since 1932 when their father, Cecil Beare became a representative.

Port Perry High School closed for more than a week as over 100 students are absent with the flu.

Bert (H.G.) Hutcheson installed as the first life member of the Port Perry Lions Club.

John Orde elected as chairman of the Citizen's



**BELL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE - 1957**

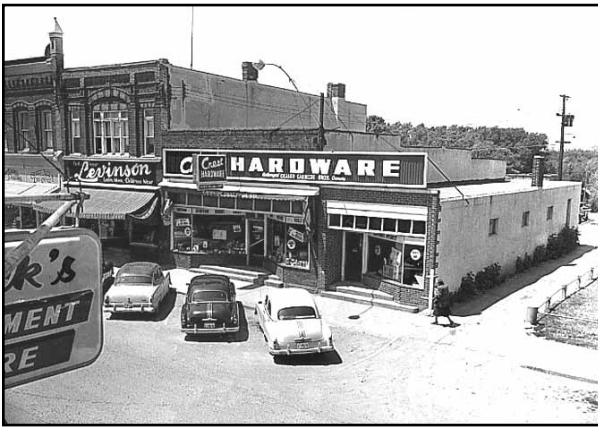
Operators manually connect thousands of local calls from this Port Perry Bell Telephone switchboard every year. Operators, from left are: M.R. Cassidy, D.J. Martyn, M. Hooley and P.M. Warriner.



**ART BRUNTON**  
Lions Club Deputy District Governor.



East end of Queen St. with the R. A. Gibson's Lakeview Theatre, The Hatchery and Merl Dowson's Grocery Store.



**DOWNTOWN PORT PERRY - 1958**

A section of Queen St. with Carnegie's Crest Hardware and Levinson's Men's and Ladies Wear. To the left of Levinson's were the law offices of Greer and Kelly and Jackson's Pastries.

Committee to promote advantage of controlled government liquor and beer stores in town. More than 90 percent of the local businesses are in favor.

Capacity crowd at Utica Memory Hall for the official opening Oct. 25.

**November**

Since the opening of the Oshawa Shopping Centre, six stores have closed and four more have announced they are closing.

The largest turnout ever for a vote (92 percent) approve legal outlets for beer and liquor in Port Perry after

Town votes 'wet' for first time in 41 years.

November 1957

41 years. Twelve hundred people voted 63 percent in favor of a warehouse for beer and 61 percent for a liquor store.

A switch was turned to formally open the second well for fresh water to Port Perry, some two years after the search for a new supply began.

**December**

Port Perry acclaims its council with Reeve J.J. Gibson at the helm.

In Reach Twp. Robt. C. Baird was acclaimed along with his entire council.

Principal Roy H. Cornish honored by Board of Education for 25 years service at the public school in Port Perry.

Van's Men's and Boys Wear closing out business Dec. 21.

# 1958

**January**

Reesor Fuel and Lumber are issuers of Motor and Drivers Licenses at their offices at the corner of Water and Scugog St.

Corporation purchases land behind Post Office for \$1,500.

Hospital Bd. holds party to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the opening of the hospital.

Police Chief Menzies requests council to build a new police station and courtroom, and that a second officer be hired. No action taken.

**February**

Extremely cold weather and heavy snow forced the closure of the Public School and many children received frozen cheeks and noses when sent out to trudge back home through blowing snow.

Two bus loads of area residents traveled to the Embassy Club, Toronto to dance to John Orde's orchestra.

Council prepared to sign a gas franchise with Consumer Gas Company for installation of a gas system in the town.

Corporation signs a subdivision agreement with Arthur J. Carnegie and William J. Carnegie to develop the Carnegie Subdivision.

**March**

The Carnegie brothers, Robert, Harry, Gordon and Donald hold a grand opening of the recently renovated Carnegie Hardware store, under the new name of Crest Hardware.

Port Perry Lions Club honor charter member H. G. Hutcheson with a life membership on his 86th birthday.

Port Perry High School basketball team wins COSSA Senior B Championship under leadership of coach Ivan Parkinson.

W. H. Peel's Hardware become Bell Telephone's agency in town for accounts and service matters, starting March 31.



**ART PANABAKER**  
1958 President Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.



**DOCKHOUSE DAMAGED**

Pilings under the dockhouse, which was built in 1915, were damaged when the ice went out in spring of 1958.





Liquor Control Board opens store on Queen St. in June 1958.



Brewer's Retail opens store at west end in June 1958.

Town's first dial  
telephones go into  
service

July 6, 1958

**July**  
Dial telephones go into service at 3:01, Sunday, July 6th. All telephone numbers change beginning with YUkon 5.  
Reeve J.J. Gibson makes first call on dial telephone, speaking with Ivan Kerry in Charlottetown, PEI.  
Reesor Fuel and Lumber build new warehouse and lumber shed.  
Police Chief Menzies recommends parallel parking for Queen St. Consideration

Scout Hall building fund for hall extension gets underway.  
The sunken hull of the old Carnegie Mill steamer "The Stranger", just off Birdseye Centre, is a hazard to outboard motors, reports Mr. Otis Hamilton.

**April**

Decaying pilings under the dockhouse on the government wharf has caused it to collapse with the spring thaw. The future of this 43 year-old building is yet to be decided.

Mike Starr swept a victory in Ontario Riding with a 16,106 majority, the largest every recorded in the riding.

Sharen Haugen, escorted by Steve Fralick, was chosen Queen of the High School "At Home."

Bell Telephone employees begin visiting homes and business to install new dial telephones to use when the exchange is converted to dial operation.

John Christie elected president of Canadian Legion, Branch 419.

Dr. M.B. Dymond given new portfolio as Minister of Transport.

**May**

Dept. of Highways promises minor repairs on causeway, including new guardrails, a section of culvert replaced and some cleaning.

Polio clinics being held throughout the area for children and adults up to 40 years of age.

Mr. Donald Milne purchased the manufacturing department of the Great West Saddlery Co. in Peterborough, but will continue to live here.

Arthur Panabaker elected president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.

Port Perry Curling Club unveil plans to build a \$43,000 curling club and have it open for the next season.

**June**

A new Brewers' Retail store at the juncture of Queen St. and Hwy. 7A opened for business on June 2, 1958.

George Stone's Men's Wear opens on Queen St., Port Perry.

Four Toronto teenagers drown in Lake Scugog after their rented outboard motorboat capsized. It was the worst boating accident in more than a quarter of a century on the lake.

Corporation purchases the Tease Building on Perry St. for \$11,000.

The Liquor Control Board store opened at the corner of Queen and Perry St. (old Willard Block) June 13, 1958.

New emergency reporting system installed in seven homes of firemen will alert them of fires or other disasters.



**JOHN CHRISTIE**  
Branch 419 President.



George Stone Men's Wear and Cawker Bros. Meat Market.

to be given next year by council.

Progress on Scout Hall addition well underway with roof completed and walls ready for log siding.

Mrs. Hazel Wallace retires after 32 years with Bell Telephone. Receives silver tea service from D. W. McIntosh.

Council lets tenders for addition to new municipal office, according to plans proposed and designed by Mr. Ted. Griffen.

**August**

Work is underway at water Well #1 cleaning the screen and surging the well of sand and silt to try and bring it back to 150 gallons per minute.

Ontario Water Resource Commission reports there is a need for a proper sewage treatment plant for Port Perry.

**September**

The Clerk's office, Hydro office and Police office moved to building on Perry St., formerly occupied by the Tease knitting mill. New addition planned for the front of building.

Enrollment at Port Perry Public School was up 34 pupils to a high of 434 students registered.

Mrs. Jeanne Dymond was on hand to greet Princess Margaret on her recent Royal Tour.

Dr. Rennie, Jack and Mack Hope and Gordon Morrow were rescued from Lake Scugog by Fred. Martin of Whitby after he heard cries for help. The four local men were in the water over half an hour before being rescued after their boat capsized.

A tender from Lake Scugog Lumber for \$10,766.00 for an addition to the municipal office was approved.

Construction of Port Perry Curling Rink is well underway. It will be closed in and ready for inside finishing soon.

**October**

Dept. of Transport grants village permission to remove dockhouse to a site of their own choosing on shore.

John Reba, of John's Shoe Shop, purchases former town office on Queen St. and remodeled it for his Port Perry

Shoe Hospital.

J.J. Gibson officially opened a new delivery, loading ramp and general office building at their Bigelow St. poultry plant.

Testimonial Dinner held for Dr. M.B. Dymond by the Chamber of Commerce.

**November**

Port Perry Figure Skating Club is formed with the following officers: President Georgia Brock, Vice-pres. Mrs. M.B. Dymond, Sec. Mrs. Keith Mark, Treasurer Mrs. Gordon Goode.

Acute shortage of water in the area, many wells running dry. Some people opening hydrants to fill tanks. Town says these people will be prosecuted.

A new marine hoist designed and built by Harold Holtby, has been installed at J. Orde Marine at the lakefront.

Reeve J.J. Gibson and his council declared elected by acclamation for the year 1959.

The new Curling Rink opens its doors for curling, although all work inside is not completed.



Construction on new Port Perry Curling Rink well underway.

**Port Perry's new  
Curling Rink opens  
for curling**

December 1958



**HAZEL WALLACE**

32 Years at Bell Telephone.



**DR. M.B. DYMOND**

Appointed Ontario Minister of Health

**1959**

**January**

Lynn Fair of the Ont. Department of Agriculture says lack of rainfall during June, July and August has caused the worst water shortage in Ontario County in past 12 years.



**PICKARD'S HARDWARE**

Operated by Kathleen and Bob Pickard at 180 Queen St. for about 20 years.



**D. W. McINTOSH**  
Bell Telephones  
"Mr. Port Perry".

Hon. M.B. Dymond, Minister of Health, officially opens the 29 bed, \$415,000 Cottage Hospital in Uxbridge.

Douglas Edenborough became the first Port Perry boy chosen to be a Page Boy for the Legislative Assembly at the Parliament Buildings.

Council approved the plans presented by Wm. Beare for an addition to Port Perry High School which will include six classrooms, cafeteria, auditorium/gymnasium for \$250,000.

**February**

A fire discovered by Harvey Mahaffy in the ceiling of the engine room at Master Feeds caused \$30,000 damage to the building. Fire Chief Guy Raines sized up the scene quickly and called in trucks from Uxbridge and Oshawa to help control the blaze.

Joel Aldred was the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Night, and spoke on the trials of a 'gentleman farmer.'

Mr. Bob Howsam sold his interest in the Western Tire Automotive Store to Mr. Joe Turbitt.

Council decided to refinish the downstairs part of the new municipal building for a police office and cells.

**March**

Ronald Werry elected president of the 1959 Ontario County Jr. Farmers.

The roof of Port Perry Fuel's coal shed collapsed due to the weight of snow. Town officials are checking roofs around town due to the heavy snowloads.

Tender for removal of dockhouse from Reginald Armstrong for \$10 approved. Must be removed by April 1, 1959.

Reesor Fuel and Lumber was hit for the second time in a month. This time thieves broke in, cut open the safe with an acetylene torch and made off with \$500.

**April**

Thieves try and rob Brewer's Retail by cutting open safe. They then stole a tow truck from Pargeter's Garage and tried to winch the safe out, but were unsuccessful. Police feel they are local citizen's at work.

Chief Constable Menzies recommends council eliminate U-Turns at Water and Queen St. Council turns down request saying U-Turns are not dangerous if regulations are observed.

A truck from Sweetman's Garage was stolen and a gang of thieves made off with 10 outboard motors and tools from J. Orde Marine.

Ted. Griffen elected president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting, held at the Flamingo Restaurant.

Municipal and Hydro employees now working out of the new offices on Perry St. Official opening to be held later.

**May**

A delegation appeared before council requesting the dump be moved from Water St., as it is an eyesore and source of contamination.

Councillor Boyd reports a new dumping site has been arranged on C.N.R. right-of-way at North St.

**June**

Chief Constable A.C. Menzies presented council with a letter of resignation effective June 14.

Dr. M. B. Dymond returned for a second term as representative in the Ont. Legislature for Ontario Riding.

The Chamber of Commerce request council have the Village of Port Perry changed to the Town of Port Perry. Council agreed to check with Dept. of Municipal Affairs for further information.

**July**

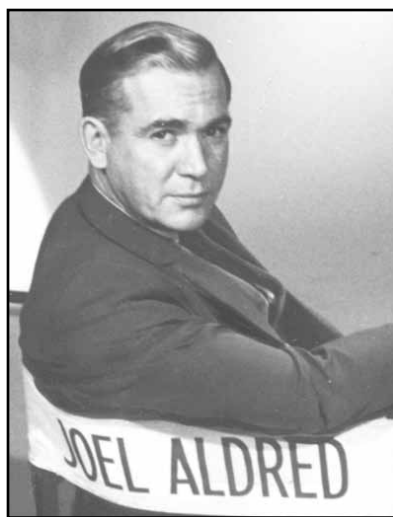
Mr. R.J. Cameron of Midland, was hired by council as the new Police Sergeant for Port Perry.



**W. TOM HARRIS**  
Port Perry lawyer become  
Liberal Party candidate.



**R. J. CAMERON**  
Hired as Police Sergeant.



**JOEL ALDRED**

On the set of Studio 57 in Hollywood, where he was host of a television show called the 'Anthology Series.'

A man vacationing at Birdseye Centre, from Buffalo N.Y., caught a 6 1/2 lb. bass measuring 24 inches long.

Miss Doreen Evans, RR 3 Uxbridge, declared Ontario County Dairy Princess. Her sister Doris was runner-up.

Council hires second constable, Mr. Eric Place of Port Credit.

Work on rebuilding a section of the Oshawa Rd. just north of the ridges is underway. The grade of the hill to be cut down, road straightened and paved.

Council decides there is no sufficient advantage to changing from a Village to a Town, so will not apply at this time.

**August**

Mr. Grant Christie honored by friends and former colleagues as he retires as clerk-treasurer of Reach Twp. after 10 years service.

**September**

Fire wiped out an old landmark at Caesarea. The Holiday Inn, a well known restaurant and dance hall was a mass of flames by the time firemen arrived from Caesarea and Port Perry.

Port Perry Public School opens with a record high attendance of 440 pupils. Mrs. Grace Hastings is the new music instructor.

Port Perry High School reports a registration of 339, the highest number ever to enroll.

Dr. A.C. Bathie elected president of the Ontario Chiropractic Association at convention held in Toronto.

**October**

Stan and Mel Gerrow enter into a sub-division agreement with the Corp. of Port Perry.

Reach Twp. appoints Mr. Alex Johns as its new clerk-treasurer, replacing Grant Christie.

Town water supply turned off for five hours while water tank is cleaned. Complaints concerning odor and taste initiated the action.

**November**

Port Perry Curling Club gets underway for its second season. Clubrooms are finished and ice surface is in superb curling condition says Icemaker Gord Holdershaw.

Chamber of Commerce continues to push council to change status of Port Perry from Village to a Town.

H.W. Gossard asks to renew lease at Town Hall for \$85 per month for another year. Council asking for \$100 per year.

J.J. Gibson enters fourth term as Reeve. The new Deputy Reeve position is secured by Tom Harris. Robt. Kenny is the only new councillor.

**December**

Reach Twp. council returned by acclamation under the leadership of Reeve Howard McMillan.

Newly completed Masonic Temple in Port Perry was dedicated December 8, 1959, beside the Town Hall. A total of 26 Masons attend special dinner.

Anson Gerrow returned as Reeve of Scugog Twp.

An ice storm causes wide spread damage, toppling trees, hydro lines down. Area residents without electrical power for days after the storm. Hydro brings crews in from Huntsville district to help local crews restore power.

Some of the Port Perry people and businesses at the end of 1959 included: I.R. Bentley Jewellery; Simpson-Sears Ltd., McEachern's Hat Shop, Mulligan's Beauty Salon, Dr. S.P. Kandel, Dr. G.M. Rennie, Walsh Electric, Elizabeth Shoppe, Silverwood Dairies, Master Feeds, Sweetman's Taxi, Gerrow's Bakery, Gordon Prentice Imperial Oil, Carnegie Hardware, Bert MacGregor and Son, Port Perry Florist, DeNure Bus Line Ltd., Greer & Kelly, H. W. Gossard, Tripp Construction, Dowson's Food Market, Jack Pargeter, Pickard Hardware, Kayvan's Ladies Wear, Jessie Hope's Smoke Shop, Emmerson Motel, John Ballard Lumber, Earl Wallace, Levinson Drygoods, Hope's I.G.A. Archer Motors, Reesor Fuel and Lumber, Beare Motors, Lake Scugog Lumber and Cawker Bros.



**GRANT CHRISTIE**  
Retires as Reach Twp.  
Clerk Treasurer.



**DR. A. C. BATHIE**  
Elected president Ontario  
Chiropractic Assoc.



The Masonic Temple opens its new building on Queen St.



Above: Photo of some of the nine Birdseye Centre Park cabins as they looked from the lake during the 1950s.

Below: The entrance to Birdseye Centre Park, was at the north end of Water Street, beside the Michell's house and refreshment booth they operated at the park.



Right: Jimmy Frise, a local man, who found his fame drawing the Birdseye Centre cartoon for the Toronto Star.

Bottom right: A view of the busy swimming pool during a hot summer day about 1955.

Bottom left: Congenial host and hostess, Eddie and Hilda Michell, relaxing at their Birdseye Centre Park.



JIMMY FRISE

# Birdseye Center Cabin Park on Lake Scugog

Eddie and Hilda Michell moved to Port Perry during 1939 and shortly after arriving purchased a rough piece of property at the north end of Water St.

The Michells spent much time clearing and leveling the land, with plans to build a tourist park on the land overlooking Lake Scugog.

Work began on a 30'x80' swimming pool on the property in August 1939. The following summer the pool was opened and construction began on the first of nine efficiency cabins along the lakeshore.

In May 1940, following negotiation with the Toronto Star, Mr. Michell received exclusive permission to call the park, Birdseye Centre Cabin Park, after the popular cartoon series. The cartoon series was created by former local resident Jimmy Frise, along with his friend Greg Clarke, and was featured weekly in the Star.

Over the next 30 years, the park became a popular spot for tourists, many making long treks to stay in the beautiful park with picturesque cabins overlooking Lake Scugog.

After operating Birdseye Centre Cabin Parks for more than three decades, the park was sold to Scugog Township 1969. A few years later the cabins were removed and the land was returned to its present condition.

Although it's undergone some restoration work over the years, the outdoor pool built by the Michells in Birdseye Park during the fall of 1939 is still in use today. Sixty years after it was built, the pool is all that remains of this once popular destination for tourists throughout the 1940s, 50s and 60s.



# 1960 - 1969 The Sixties

## Chapter

# 7



**JOHN ORDE**  
1960 President Port Perry  
Chamber of Commerce.

### January

Beare Motors became the authorized dealer for Chevrolet and Oldsmobile in Port Perry.

Reach Twp. returned the entire council by acclamation: Howard McMillan, reeve, Ed. Oyler deputy reeve, councillors, Earl Martyn, Alan Crozier and Russell Rodd.

Port Perry acclaimed the entire council: J. J. Gibson, reeve, W.T. Harris, deputy-reeve, Arthur Cox, Irving Boyd and Robt. Kenny councillors.

The home of Mr. Herbert Buckland of Bigelow St. was destroyed by an early morning fire. Mr. Buckland escaped but was treated for shock and exposure at the hospital.

### February

Port Perry High School cheerleader Carol Fralick, 16 was injured when struck by a car after returning from a basketball game with Brock H.S.

Hilton Simpson, a 26 year employee of Beare Motors, was honoured by management and staff at the Flamingo

Restaurant for his contribution to the community.

### March

John Orde of J. Orde Marine, was elected president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce., Dr. John Price, Peel's Poultry Farm, vice president; Jim Porter, CIBC mgr, 2nd vice-pres.; and Howard Hall secretary treasurer.

Ralph Honey was the Reserve Grand Champion Showman at the College Royal held in Guelph.

Jeanne Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Williams won first place in the Lions Club public speaking contest for Zone 3.

### April

The new Municipal Building, constructed on the former Tease Knitting Mill, Perry St. has almost reached completion.

Vandals broke into both the Port Perry Public and High School causing damage in ten classrooms. Damage was \$300 at the public school and about \$150 at the high school.

Water reached depths of 20 to 30 inches over the causeway. Lorne Hunt of Scugog Island was driving his Volkswagon across the causeway to Port Perry, when he was pushed off the road by floating ice, driven by the wind. Mr. Hunt got out of his car and held onto a telephone pole for 25 minutes before being rescued by Robert Duff and Don Wallace.

Port Perry Juvenile 'C' team won the Ontario Championship.

The ice went out of Lake Scugog on Thursday, April 21,



**FLOODED CAUSEWAY**

A car makes its way across the causeway, flooded with up to 30 inches of water when the ice went out during April and May 1960.





**FIRST PORT PERRY POLICE CRUISER**

Pictured receiving the keys, centre, is Port Perry Police Chief Cameron from Reeve J.J. Gibson. From left, Robert Kenny, Storey Beare, J.J. Gibson, Chief Cameron, Deputy-Reeve Tom Harris, Irving Boyd and constable Eric Place.

1960.

May

As a safety measure the sale of firecrackers in Port Perry was limited to one week preceding the Victoria Day weekend.

Game Warden Ben Smith reported that thousands of dead fish were littering the beaches around Lake Scugog, believed to have been caused by the heavy layer of ice and snow which covered the lake for so long. Losses estimated are 1000 bass, 2000 muskellunge, 30,000 carp and 1000 perch. It's the worst winter kill since 1908.

Heavy and prolonged rainfalls caused flooding in the area. The Bowling Green was covered with more than a foot of water, roads were washed out, basements were flooded and the lake rose, flooding the causeway with 14 inches of water.

June

Dr. M.B. Dymond announced tenders for the reconstruction of 7A Highway from Port Perry to

Caesarea would be called in August.

Port Perry Rod and Gun Club held a very successful Carp Derby with a total of 450 carp being caught during the two-day event.

Mr. Stuart MacFarlane of Seagrave was seriously injured when he was thrown off his tractor and the big wheel passed over him. He suffered from a crushed chest and many bruises and lacerations.

July

Blackstock Fair officials announced they would add a Friday night program to the fair this year, featuring a program of Go-Kart racing.

August

More than 40 residents and members of council met with Dept. of Highways engineers to discuss the 7A road and causeway construction.

Marie Taylor received the highest marks in the Province of Ontario in her pipe organ examinations and received the silver medal at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

The building owned by McDermott-Panabaker has just been renovated, adding large show windows facing Queen Street and an attractive Chapel opening on Perry Street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doupe of Prince Albert announced the opening of their Carload Food Market, in which the post office is located.

September

Registration at Port Perry Public School is at an all time high with 460 children registered, an increase of 25 from last year.

Richard "Chic" Carnegie will try out for Junior A hockey when he reports to training camp in St. Catharines.

October

Dr. A. C. Bathie was elected to his second term as president of the Ontario Chiropractic Association in Hamilton.

Port Perry Merchants Junior 'C' softball team defeated Capreol to bring home the All Ontario Championship.

The new municipal office held an Open House to show off the attractive modern building. It contains a court room, police department, town office and hydro office. Architect



**NEW PORT PERRY MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Officially opened in October 1960.

More than 30,000 fish wash up on shore around Lake Scugog

May 1960

and builders are Mr. Ted. Griffen and Lake Scugog Lumber. Total cost of the project was \$30,047.07.

**November**

The first Commencement Exercises were held in the new auditorium of Port Perry High School. Greetings came from principal Grant MacDonald and Central Ont. County District High School Board Chairman, Wm. T. Beare.

Work on the causeway is reported to be progressing rapidly, with the project about six weeks ahead of schedule due to the great weather this fall.

The Church of the Ascension, Port Perry conducted a Dedication Service for the opening of the new parish hall extension.

**December**

Port Perry Council was returned to office by acclamation. Members are Reeve J.J. Gibson, Deputy Reeve W.T. Harris and councillors Robert Kenny, Arthur T. Cox and Irving Boyd.

Community Memorial Hospital chairman Mr. Charles Reesor reported the hospital has a staff of 45 persons, during 1960 patient care amount to over 6000 hospital days.

Edward (Sam.) Oyler defeated T.H. Harding by almost 500 votes to become reeve of Reach Township. Morley Bruce, Allan Crosier and Larry Doble won council seats.



**CHARLIE REESOR**  
Hospital Board Chairman.

Telephone cable  
laid across lake  
to Scugog Island

February 1961

# 1961

**January**

Scugog Township held its inaugural meeting with Reeve Anson Gerrow in the chair. Also sworn in were Clarence Carter, Victor Aldred, Cecil Fralick and Glen Hood.

Earl Jackson sold his barber shop, located next to the Red and White store on Queen St. to Karl Shulz of Kitchener.

The Port Perry Library decided to equip the lower floor of the building for young people, due to increase use of the library by children.

Anson Gerrow, reeve of Scugog Twp. was elected to the office of Warden of the County of Ontario for 1961.

Edgar Leask was honored with the Agricultural Service Diploma at the annual Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society.

The official opening of the \$300,000 Port Perry High School addition took place on Jan. 20, 1961.

**February**

Tenders were let for a \$200,000 construction program to upgrade County Rd. 2 from Port Perry to Oshawa.

Don McIntosh, known around the area as "Mr. Port Perry" retired after nearly 51 years with the Bell Telephone Company.

Port Perry hospital installed an emergency standby unit to be used in the event of an electrical blackout. The unit is powered by propane gas and can provide power for several days.

**March**

Heavy rains combined with ice cakes and debris caused flooding in town. At one point water rose to a depth of eight feet or more to overflow the road and made a cascade of water over the wall at the bowling green.

A new electrical time clock was installed at the arena at a cost of \$1000.

Bell Telephone layed a cable across Lake Scugog to the Island by cutting a large slit in the ice and dropping the heavy cable to the bottom of the lake, eliminating telephone poles across the causeway.

The Port Perry Chamber of Commerce elected Dr. John Price president.

**April**

Skip Roy Scott and his rink consisting of Ed. Kennedy, Alf Jackson and Frank Honey scored a rare eight-ender at the Port Perry Curling club on April Fool's



**ANSON GERROW**  
Elected Warden for 1961.



**DR. JOHN PRICE**  
1961 President Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.



**MORLEY BRUCE**  
Reach Twp. councillor.



**INSTALLING PHONE LINES TO ISLAND**

In March, Bell Telephone crews cut a large slit in Lake Scugog's ice surface to lay new telephone cable to Scugog Island.

Day.

Long-time Port Perry resident Merlin W. Letcher passed away in Daytona, Florida on April 19, 1961.

A contract for the reconstruction of Highway 12 from Greenbank north to Blackwater was awarded at a cost of \$325,405 and is expected to get underway soon.

Ice was reported out of Lake Scugog on Thurs., April 20, one day earlier than last year.

Voters in Port Perry rejected the licencing of a Public Dining Lounge by 629 to 379. Seventy eight percent of eligible voters cast their ballot.

**May**

A fire at the Utica General Store caused considerable damage. The store is owned by Lakey and MacGregor of Utica.

**June**

Poplar Park opened a new picnic area and swimming pool. Port Perry's first ordained United Church Minister, Rev. Jack Griffen preached the guest sermon.

**July**

The Port Perry 5c to \$1.00 Store has been taken over by Mr. E.J. Bowers and his son Jim Bowers, and will be operated under the name Mersco 5c to \$1.00 store.

Miss Donna Johnson, a teacher at Port Perry Public School, was named Ontario County Dairy Princess.

The most modern X-Ray equipment available was installed and ready for use at Port Perry hospital.

**August**

The Farm Credit Corporation opened an office in Port Perry in the Post Office building with Mr. D. Jones in charge.

A new restaurant called Conway Gardens has been opened at the west end of the causeway.

Dr. M. B. Dymond announced his intention to run for the leadership of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party.

A contract was let for the paving and widening of Hwy. 7A, widening Queen St. in front of the Masonic Hall and installing a culvert at the bowling green.

**September**

Grant Gerrow sold out his interest in Gerrow Bakery to Mr. Wentworth Watson and the bakery has been renamed Wentworth Bakery.

The Province of Ontario introduced a three percent Retail Sales Tax effective Sept. 1.

Blacktock residents were introduced to dial telephone service on Sept. 17.

Dr. David D. Palmer, grandson of D.D. Palmer, founder of Chiropractic was a guest at a memorial service at the monument in Palmer Park to mark the 100th anniversary of his birthday.

**October**

A committee consisting of Ken Jackson, chairman, Roy Cornish, Roger Oke and Howard Hall was formed to promote installation of flood lights for the Port Perry ball park.

Dr. Matthew B. Dymond lost his bid for leader of the P.C. party on the second ballot to John Robarts.

**November**

Jack Hope opened his new IGA store on Queen St. across from the bowling green. It



**REV. JACK GRIFFEN**  
Port Perry's first ordained United Church minister.



**FIRST PHONE CALL ON DIAL SYSTEM**

Dept. Reeve A. W. 'Bert' Gibson placed the first call on Blackstock's new dial system to his aunt Stella Littleproud, of Naniamo, B.C.

was formerly located just east of the Post Office. He purchased the business from Gordon McKee.

Port Perry telephone rates were increased from \$3.70 to \$3.90 per month for an individual line and \$6.30 to \$7.05 for business service.

Dr. M.B. Dymond retained his position as Minister of Health for Ontario.

In just two weeks, the baseball floodlight campaign has reached \$3,299.

An early morning fire totally destroyed the North Nestleton Store and residence of Norman Mairs.

**December**

Reach Township council and reeve was returned by acclamation. Scugog Township council and reeve was returned by acclamation.

Port Perry's Reeve J.J. Gibson and deputy reeve Robert Kenny were returned by acclamation. Elected to council were Bruce Beare, Arthur Cox and Irving Boyd.

Cartwright elected Al Gibson reeve, defeating Lawrence Malcolm by 397 to 281 votes. Deputy Reeve Merrill VanCamp was acclaimed, and councillors elected were Wm. Ferguson, Ernie Swain, John Hamilton and Gordon Gettins.

Milton Fisher of Caesarea lost 42 head of cattle, equipment and his barn in a fire.



**JACK HOPE**  
Opens new IGA store on Queen St. in November.



**WENTWORTH WATSON**  
Purchased Gerrow's Bakery in September.

# 1962

**January**

A new 300,000 gallon water tank constructed on Silver St. will replace the old wood and concrete tank which has been an eyesore on Queen St. for some time.

Mr. Frank Honey lost four cows and a heifer when they went through the ice on the lake sometime during the night.

The H. W. Gossard Company has completed renovations to its new plant, located in the old town hall, Port Perry.

A special 'Joe Fowler Night' was held as part of the local Minor Hockey Week celebrations to honor Joe for his 25 years of work with area youth.

**February**

Ted. Lamb elected president of the Ontario Junior Farmers

Emmerson Insurance moved out of their offices for the next five months while renovations are being carried out. They will operate out of the former Western Tire store across from Beare Motors until completed.

**March**

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 members moved from their old building to the large new headquarters at Bay and Simcoe St.

Bob Carnegie received the Queen's University All Star trophy.

**April**

The ice went out of Lake Scugog on Sunday, April 15, 1962.

The worst fire conditions in years kept the local fire departments busy. Six fires were reported on Good Friday, one burning 300 acres near Cedar Creek.

**May**

The first fatal accident in Lake Scugog off Pine Point in 100 years occurred when Bill Healey drowned while out fishing for mudcat with Ted. Leahy of Scugog Island.

**June**

President John Maw and James



**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HALL**  
Old hall behind the Post Office was sold to municipality for \$1.00 when the Legion moved to Bay St. in March 1962.



**JOE FOWLER**  
Honored for work with kids.



The Dairy Bar on Water St. was owned by Ideal Dairy in this 1962 photo.

Norton of Legion Branch 419 offered the old Legion Hall behind the post office to the town for \$1.00 plus legal fees and some free publicity.

The new Legion Hall located at the corner of Bay and Simcoe St. was officially opened on June 16, 1962. Clarence Nightingale, chairman of the building committee and Padre Woolcock laid the corner stone.

**July**

George Emmerson of the Chamber of Commerce announced that a house numbering project would be completed by the fall. Cost of the project was \$1,000.

**August**

The old water tower, a familiar landmark in Port Perry just off Queen St., was demolished.

Maple Leafs hockey All-Stars, Carl Brewer, Dave Keon, Eddie Shack, Frank Mahovlich, Bob Baun and more were in Port Perry for a ball game in the new ball park. Reeve J.J. Gibson officially opened the new lighted park and Ted. Jackson was the M.C.

Port Perry High School enrolled 416 students for the new school year, being taught by 19 full time teachers.

**October**

Local car dealers in business were: G.M. Williams Motors - Mercury; Bob Archer Motors - Pontiac-Buick-GMC; Sweetman's Service Station - Volkswagen; Beare Motors Limited - Chevrolet-Oldsmobile; Manchester Garage - Ford.

Councillors Bruce Beare and Irving Boyd helped the Chamber of Commerce by putting street number 181 on the Municipal Building.

**November**

Mr. Fred. Christie was named to the Cemetery Advisory Board of Ontario.

The late Robt. M. (Bob) Holtby of Port Perry was named to the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Cartwright Council was returned by acclamation. Reeve Albert Gibson, Deputy Reeve Merrill VanCamp, councillors John R. Hamilton, William Ferguson and Ernest Swain. Members of the school board are Neil Malcolm and Walter Wright.

**December**

Reeve J.J. Gibson was returned to office in Port Perry for his seventh term.

Earl Martin defeated Ed. Oylor 546 to 418 votes to become Reeve of Reach Township.

Anson Gerrow was returned by acclamation as Reeve of Scugog Township. He said he would accept the office of Reeve until Cecil Fralick, who was seriously injured in an accident days before the nomination, is well again, at which time he would resign.



**IRVING BOYD**  
Port Perry Councillor.

# 1963

**January**

Mr. Harry E. Phoenix was elected chairman of the Community Memorial Hospital Board. Vice-chairman is Mr. C.H. Reesor, secretary/treasurer, Mrs. Doris Watson.

Stuart Sweetman held an open house at his Water Street garage in celebration of his acquiring the authorized dealership for Chrysler products.

The inaugural meeting of the Scugog Township (Scugog Island) council was held with the oaths of office being taken by Reeve A. Gerrow and councillors Vic. Aldred, C. Carter, Joseph Dowson and Chaunce B. Hoult.



Port Perry's old water tower was taken down in August 1962.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

Mr. Roy H. Cornish has been re-elected, unanimously, by acclamation, for a third consecutive term as the president of the Principals' Association for the County of Ontario.

### February

Anna Forder and Richard Stephens were the winners of the Central Ontario Novice Pairs Championship.

Delgates from Reach, Scugog and Port Perry elected Mr. Ted. Jackson, president and Mr. Robert Archer secretary/treasurer of the local Liberal Association.

One of the oldest homes on Scugog Island was destroyed by an early morning fire. The home, originally built for Mr. John Foy, who in 1856 was the first township clerk, was owned by Mr. Richard Wilson.

Jesse Buxcey, 50, his son Don, 25 and daughter Patricia, 15, all took part in a 50 mile walk from Barrie to Toronto along highway 11.

### April

Mr. Chas. Williams was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce succeeding Dr. John Price. Also elected were Geo. Emmerson, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Beth Oke, 2nd vice-pres., and Howard Hall was appointed secretary/treasurer.

Lea-Anne Ballard obtained all 23 of her Brownie badges. This is the first time a Brownie in Port Perry has been successful in this accomplishment. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ballard.

The Hon. Michael Starr, Minister of Labour in the Diefenbaker government was returned for his fifth term in Ontario Riding.

Laurie Mackie was crowned Miss C.H.S. at the Cinderella Ball during the school's Fifth Annual "At Home". Princesses were Patricia Adams and Sheila Tomchishin.

### May

More than 200 people crowded the lawn at Community Memorial Hospital on Sunday, May 12 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the hospital. On hand for the special occassion were Dr. M.B. Dymond, MPP; Hon. Michael Starr, M.P.; Rev. E.S. Linstead, Harry Phoenix, chairman of the board; Dr. John Diamond, chairman of the medical staff; Mr. Herbert Brooks, chairman of the first Hospital Board, Mrs. Jeanne Dymond of the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary and many others.

### June

In June 1963 the first Port Perry Ranger Company was enrolled at the Scout Hall. Members of the group were, Laurence Clark, Jean Taylor, Beverly Dymond, Eunice Roach and Barbara Burnett, with Mrs. W. Lamb as Ranger Captain.

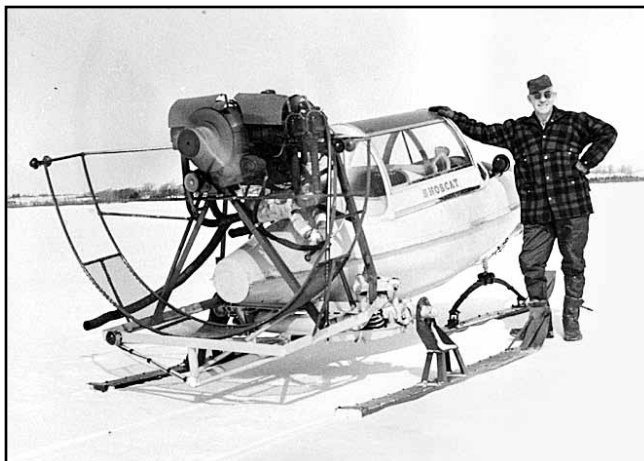
Maurice Jeffrey had a close call with death when the truck he was driving exploded as he was passing a truck on 401 near Brockville. Maurice was blown clear of the cab and received first aid from a doctor before being taken to hospital.

Mr. Ted. Griffen appeared before council, as a builder and a contractor, informing councillors that in his opinion 1,000 sq. ft. for a two-storey house seemed somewhat extreme. A few weeks earlier council had passed a by-law increasing the minimum size of a single storey dwelling from 864 sq. ft. to 1000 sq. ft., and homes more than a one storey from 720 to 1000 sq. ft.

Dr. Beverly N. Smallman, a native of Port Perry who graduated from Queen's University in 1936, was appointed head of the Biology Department at Queen's University with his duties to begin in the fall of this year.

Dr. M.B. Dymond was re-elected by a large margin in the provincial election. He more than doubled the number of votes tallied by his nearest rival.

## CHAPTER SEVEN - THE SIXTIES



Phil Orde with his homemade 'Snoscat' snow plane on Lake Scugog. It was made from the drop gas tank of a WW II bomber and an airplane engine.



**HARRY PHOENIX**  
Port Perry Hospital Board  
Chairman.



**DR. STEPHEN KANDEL**  
Port Perry Physician.



**TED. JACKSON**  
Auctioneer.



The population in Port Perry decreased by 13 in the last year, and now stands at 2,353 against 2,366 at the same time in 1962.

Mrs. Beth Oke of the Elizabeth Shoppe on Queen Street was elected president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce. She is the first lady president in the organizations history.

Mrs. M. B. Dymond was re-elected as president of the Port Perry Hospital Auxiliary for the 12th consecutive term. Other members of the executive are Mrs. Don Crozier, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Cornish, vice-president; Mrs. Storey Beare, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. B. Wanamaker, secretary.

Reeve, J. J. Gibson was returned by acclamation. Also returned for another term were John Orde as Deputy-Reeve and school board members Bill Williams, Merlin Dowson and Albert Cawker. There was a very small turnout (25%) for the election of three councillors; Ivan Parkinson, Bruce Beare and Bob Kenny, all of whom were councillors in 1963.

Reach Twp. Reeve Earl Martin and council was returned by acclamation



The new Baptist Church at Rosa and Queen St., Port Perry while under construction in December 1963.



**JEANNE DYMOND**  
Elected Hospital Auxiliary  
President for 12th year.

# 1964

## January

Port Perry's young skating stars Anna Forder and Richard Stephens placed second at the Central Ontario Sectional Championship.

Douglas Hogg of Port Perry was elected president of Ontario Riding Young Progressive Conservatives at the annual meeting.

Mrs. E.M. Dowson was elected president of Port Perry United Church Women.

Barbara Holtby was elected Queen and Margaret Craighead Princess at the annual "At Home" dance at the high school.

## February

130 sheep perished in a barn fire on Scugog Island. Neighbouring farmers and Port Perry firemen were able to rescue about 140 sheep before the barn fell in.

The Rodd Foster rink won the Adams Distillery Trophy and Lake Scugog Lumber Trophy. Team members were Neil Malcolm, Jim Baird and Ivan Thompson.

## March

The new Port Perry Baptist Church at Queen and Rosa St. was opened on Sunday, March 1.

Beth Oke was re-elected president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.

Ontario County Junior Farmers debating team won the Provincial Championships. Members of the team are: Marilyn Downey, Robt. Robertson, David Hawthorne and Frank Barkey.

## April

Early morning fire destroyed three barns on a farm belonging to George Davidson R.R. 2, Blackwater. Also lost in the fire were 450 pigs and 14 cows. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.



**BETH OKE**  
First woman president of  
the Port Perry Chamber of  
Commerce.



Dowson's Red and White food store on Queen Street in the mid 1960s.



**ALBERT CAWKER**  
Member of School Bd.

The ice on Lake Scugog left in the early hours of Tuesday, April 14th.

Four Blackstock girls - Janice Byers, Joan Suggett, Nancy Staniland, and Lynda Kyte receive Gold Cords.

**May**

Robert D. Carnegie received a scholarship of \$700. under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Act.

Port Perry Council approves \$600.00 subsidy to Brignall Ambulance Service.

Lynne Beare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Beare was presented with a Gold Cord at a ceremony held in Port Perry.

Crest Hardware's warehouse was completely destroyed by fire after youngsters played with firecrackers. Some



In May 1964 the Crest Hardware warehouse, located at the rear of the store was destroyed, also causing some damage to the arena.

damage was also done to the arena.

Herb Buckland, Port Perry was honoured by the Royal Philatelic Society in Edmonton when he was appointed a "Fellow" of the Society.

**June**

The official opening of the new Oddfellows Hall of Warriner Lodge No. 75 and Maybelle Rebekah Lodge, No. 348 took place at its site just south of Port Perry.

Members of the Port Perry Branch of the Canadian Legion gathered to watch the burning of a \$10,500 mortgage now completely paid off.

**July**

Twelve hundred members from 50 branches attended the annual Legion Drumhead Service held in Port Perry.

Garth A. Paton, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Love, of Port Perry was awarded a \$2,000 Fitness and Amateur Sport Scholarship.

**August**

Army Worms caused considerable damage to oat and corn crops in the Port Perry Area. A helicopter had to be brought in to spray the fields and over 1000 acres was sprayed at a cost of \$4.00 per acre.

Edwin McCaig was top student of Port Perry High School when grade thirteen results were announced.

Anna Forder and Richard Stephens were declared Senior Pairs Champions during the Central Ontario Figure Skating competitions held in the East York Arena.

**September**

Clerk-Treasurer John F. Raines received the Canadian Water Works Quarter Century Service Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cox win the Clarence Hobbs Trophy in Oshawa in competition with 54 Lawn Bowling pairs.

A Holstein from the farm of Gordon Ward was sold for \$2,000 at an auction sale conducted by Ted. Jackson.

**October**

Ontario Premier John Robarts officially opened the new \$1,300,000 Ontario County Court House.

The Port Perry population showed an increase of eight to reach an all time high of 2,361 in 1964.

Windows were smashed, and paint smeared on windows and doors on schools and churches in Prince Albert and Prospect.

**November**

Several fires in the area suspected of having been started by Halloween pranksters caused damage of several thousand dollars during the weekend.

Carol Morrow was chosen valedictorian at Port Perry High School Commencement Exercises.

Women's Hospital Auxiliary presented \$1,000.00 for



**JOHN F. RAINES**  
Port Perry Clerk-Treasurer.

Official opening of  
Oddfellows Hall  
takes place

June 1964

equipment to Port Perry Community Hospital.

Dr. M. B. Dymond officially opened Central School No. 3 in Epsom.

December

Reeve J.J. Gibson returned for a two-year term by acclamation. Irving Boyd elected Deputy Reeve and councillors Ivan Parkinson, Robt. Kenny and Bruce Beare all were re-elected by a ballot.

Ed. (Sam.) Oyler elected reeve of Reach Township.

Peel's Poultry Farm expands business to Northern Ireland where they will build a breeder hatchery for overseas markets.

Ed Mulholland elected president of Port Perry Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion and Marg Jackson was re-elected president of the Legion Auxiliary.

General Motors and Union agreed to settle a two week old strike.



The new Oddfellows Hall, south of Port Perry during construction in December 1963. The hall was officially opened in June 1964.



**ED. MULHOLLAND**  
President Branch 419.

# 1965

January

Mrs. Lucille Gray, first lady councillor in Reach Township was inaugurated along with the other members of Reach Council, Sam. Oyler, Reeve; Larry Doble and Chet Geer, councillors.

Mr. Ian Bowie appointed pastor of Port Perry Baptist Church.

Port Perry Council was inaugurated, with a new member, Irving Boyd, elected deputy-reeve in the December election.

Cartwright Council was inaugurated; Merrill Van Camp, Reeve; John R. Hamilton, Deputy Reeve; William R. Ferguson, Ernest R. Swain and Gordon Gettins, councillors.

J.J. Gibson, Reeve of Port Perry was elected Warden of Ontario County on the first ballot. He was the 116th Warden to be elected in Ontario County and the first in the new Court House.



**J.J. GIBSON**  
Port Perry Reeve and  
Warden of Ontario County.



**LUCILLE GRAY**  
First woman councillor in  
Reach Township.

A cottage on Scugog Island, owned by Mr. Henry Thomas, but occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edgar, was totally destroyed by fire.

Susan Roach, Manchester was chosen High School Queen and Gail Forder, Princess at the annual "At Home" held at the Port Perry High School.

Ontario County Junior Farmers Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Grace Hastings won top honours in competition at the Annual Junior Farmers Conference.

February

An official announcement was made that a vocational addition to the Port Perry High School is to be built. When it is completed, the school should be able to accommodate 1,100 students.

Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society returned entire executive for another year. Frank Honey, president; Clarence Carter 1st vice president; Clare Vernon, 2nd vice president; and Fred. Lamb, secretary.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER SEVEN - THE SIXTIES

Anna Forder and Richard Stephens place third in the Canadian Junior Pair Championship in Calgary.

Charles Brignall hoists Canada's new red Maple Leaf flag to the top of the Post Office on Monday February 15th.

Handicraft Guild named after Mrs. Louise Patterson.

### March

Port Perry Public School raises new Canadian flag. Ceremony was attended by the school's 512 pupils.

Yvonne Christie elected president of Ontario Riding Young Progressive Conservative Association.

Prominent business man I.R. Bentley who operated a jewellery store in Port Perry since 1916 passes in Community Memorial Hospital.

Denna and Donna Ballard, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Ballard were presented with their last Brownie badges, bringing the total to 23 for both of them.



**PORT PERRY COUNCIL - 1965**

Councillors - Ivan Parkinson, Arthur Cox, Bruce Beare, Irving Boyd (deputy-reeve), J.J. Gibson (reeve) John Raines (clerk) and Bob Kenny.

### April

Deputy Sherrif Morley Bain was appointed new Sherrif of Ontario County. The announcement was made by Ontario Health Minister M.B. Dymond.

John Maw, past president of Port Perry Legion was elected Deputy Zone Commander of Zone F1.

A Port Perry rink skipped by Rodd Foster won the Crest Hardware trophy at the Curling Rink. Other members of the rink were Roy Cornish, vice-skip, Neil Malcolm, second and Bill Cornish, lead.

Grant McDermott, elected president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce for 1965.

Ronald A. Peel, a pioneer in the Poultry industry and a long-time Port Perry resident passes in Oshawa General Hospital.

### May

Debbie Garvey was presented with her 23rd Brownie Badge.

The 1965 executive of the Port Perry Lions Club was installed. The members elected were Gordon Goode, president, Gord Thomas, first vice president; Bob Kenny second vice president; Joe Draper, Keith Sweetman, Bill Sharpe, Don Carnegie, directors; Cecil King, treasurer; Jim Porter, secretary, Stan Mumford, bulletin editor; Bill Harrison and Arnold Roach, tail twisters; Storey Beare, past president.

George W. Pentland of Oshawa purchases the Jewellery Store formerly owned by Mr. I. R. Bentley.

The Port Perry Chamber of Commerce held Testimonial Dinner in Honour of J.J. Gibson, Warden of Ontario County.

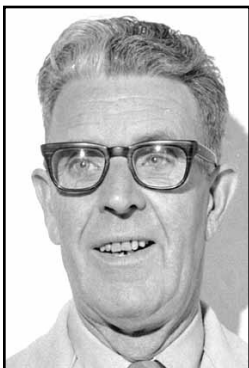
Sheila Tomchishin was elected "Queen" at Cartwright High School's "At Home". Denise Malcolm and Linda Gray were chosen Princesses.

### June

General Motors presented the following Port Perry employees with 25-year-rings: Lloyd Wallace, Arthur Cox, Orr Jeffrey, Bruce Snelgrove, Roger Oke, Grant Willard and Tom Bell.

Mrs. Ronald Peel presented Mr. Milton E. Heayn with a watch on behalf of Peel's Poultry Farm who has been an employee of the firm for 25 years.

Mrs. W.S. MacFarlane was presented with an I.O.D.E. Life Membership.



**CHARLES BRIGNAL**

Raises Canada's new Maple Leaf flag at post office.



**GRANT McDERMOTT**

Pres. Chamber of Commerce.



**GEORGE PENTLAND**

Purchases jewellery store.



**RONALD PEEL**  
Pioneer poultry breeder

**July**  
Donna Barkey, R.R.3, Claremont was chosen County Dairy Princess at the Oshawa Shopping Centre.

Mrs. Grace Taylor was presented with gifts on the occasion of her retirement from Reach Central School No. 1 (Prince Albert). She had been a teacher for 36 years.

**August**

Port Perry Council decides that an additional well is to be drilled in Port Perry due to increased demand for water.

Adrienne den Boer topped Grade 13 students at the Port Perry High School.

Rosemary Nodwell, accompanied by her father, Mr. Robert Nodwell, returned from Scotland after participating in various Highland Games.

**September**

Three thousand people attended Blackstock Centennial Fair presided over by Miss Dominion of Canada, Miss Carol Ann Tidy.

Mrs. E. Hook, superintendent of Community Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Louise Elsner, Mrs. Douglas Mackey, Mrs. Wentworth Watson, and Mrs. Jack Gray were presented with 10-year service pins by Harry Phoenix, chairman of the Hospital Board.

Public Schools hit all-time high enrollments. Six hundred ninety-one pupils will attend Reach Township Schools and 527 at Port Perry Public School.

Over 8000, record attendance at the 1965 Port Perry Fair enjoyed sunny and warm weather on Labour Day.

George R. Davey, an employee for over 40 years with the Port Perry Star, passed away in hospital.

Over 500 students enrolled at Port Perry High School. Joel Aldred nominated P.C. Candidate in Algoma East.

**October**

Rev. R.C. Rose conducted his first service at the Anglican Church of Ascension.

The construction of an addition to the Port Perry Arena and a heating plant to service the enlarged area was approved as a Centennial project.

Dr. D.J. Price elected president of Peel's Poultry Farm Limited.

The home of Mr. Rodney Chandler, R.R. 3, Port Perry was gutted by fire.

Bill Harper elected president of Port Perry Minor Softball Association.

**November**

Marie Taylor was recipient of Gold Medal for highest marks in A.R.C.T. Pipe organ of the Royal conservatory examinations for 1965.

For the seventh time in 13 years, Michael Starr captures Ontario Riding

for the P.C. Party.

Linda Stone was Valedictorian at High School commencement exercises.

Council decides to hire third police officer starting January 1966.

Port Perry gained 141 people during 1965 and the population is 2,502.

**December**

Michael Starr reappointed as P.C. House leader.

Larry Doble, deputy-reeve; Mrs. Lucille Gray, Chester Geer and Allan Bertrand, councillors were all acclaimed.

Two women, Mrs. June Crozier and Mrs. Grace Love were elected to Scugog Township council for 1966. Victor Aldred was acclaimed reeve. Other members elected were Raymond



**KATHLEEN M. HOOK**  
Resigns from hospital.



**GEORGE R. DAVEY**  
Star employee for 50 yrs.



**MERRIL VANCAMP**  
Reeve of Cartwright Twp.



Irwin Tripp and Charlie Reesor at the gas pumps. The station was also the depot for Colonial Bus Lines.

Fralick and Joseph Dowson. Mrs. Helen Redman a newcomer to the School Board topped the vote in the election. The other members elected were Robert Cawker, Donald Ashbridge, Anton Krieg, and Allan Carter.



**HELEN REDMAN**  
Member of School Bd.

# 1966

## January

Three New Year babies were born in Port Perry Community Hospital, and all within seven hours.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bonnell, Prince Albert was totally destroyed by fire.

Mrs. V. Skerratt accepts the honorary position of Chief Marching Mother for Port Perry during March of Dimes Campaign.

## February

Dr. D.C. Christie, local veterinarian, has within a short period detected rabid animals in both Reach and Scugog Townships.

Anna Forder and Richard Stephens captured the Canadian Junior Pairs Championship.

It was decided that 97 pupils from three schools in Scugog Township will join with the pupils of the Port Perry Public School.

## March

Three hundred chickens perished in fire on the farm of Mr. Hugh Strong, Reach Township.

One hundred thirty five new telephones were installed in Port Perry in 1965.

Port Perry Intermediates won the Lakeshore Intermediate "C" Championship by defeating Little Britain with a score of 9-2 in the last of four games.

Reverend R.C. Rose was formally introduced as incumbent of the combined Anglican Parishes of Port Perry and Cartwright.

The new addition to the Port Perry High School will cost \$2.5 million.

## April

One hundred twenty five residents from Port Perry and area took part in a search for 11-year-old Ricky Hall who was missing from his home for six hours before he was found.

Lake Scugog ice "went out" on April 6th.

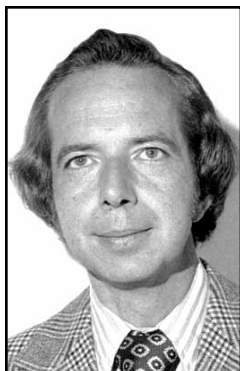
Ontario County Council recommends a \$400,000 grant to the Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital.

Ed. Mulholland, president of Branch 419, Royal Canadian Legion, Port Perry accompanied by his wife Dorothy attend the National Convention in Montreal.

## May

"The Bulldozers" Port Perry Intermediate "C" team, became the first Port Perry team to capture an Ontario Championship.

William Harrison, editor of the Port Perry Star elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.



**REV. REG C. ROSE**  
Anglican Minister.



1966 Scugog Council - From left, Raymond Fralick, Grace Love, Reeve Victor Aldred, Joseph Dowson, June Crozier and Glen Demara.





A view of the busy boat launch facility at the east end of Queen Street the summer of 1965. It has since been closed and is now part of Palmer Park.

**June**

The Port Perry School Board name the local Public School "R. H. Cornish Public School" in honour of the principal, Roy H. Cornish on his retirement after 34 years of service in this position.

One hundred fifty persons attended "Meet the Champs" Banquet held in honour of Anna Forder and Richard Stephens and the Ontario Intermediate "C" Champions in the Legion Hall.

The first "hole in one" at Sunny Brae Golf Course was recorded, when Ken Moore drove a ball off the tee on the 150 yards 6th hole.

Two hundred friends and relatives pay tribute to Roy H. Cornish at a banquet held in his honour.

**July**

Dean Beare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beare, a grade 8 student at the R.H. Cornish Public School received a certificate for perfect attendance at the school for nine years. He never missed or was late during all



**ROY H. CORNISH**  
Retires after 34 years as principal of school.



**BILL HARRISON**  
Pres. Chamber of Commerce

those years.

Joe Baker, Blackwater was the winner of a slogan contest sponsored by the Community Memorial Hospital. His slogan was "For Better Health, Share your Wealth."

Joel Aldred, a well known T.V. personality and a native of Port Perry accepts the position of chairman for a Fund Raising Campaign for the local hospital.

**August**

Ten-year-old Shelley Olsen, Prince Albert and Jane Den Boer, R.R.2, Port Perry are winners in the Elmer Summer Safety Contest.

**September**

Over 1,200 students were enrolled in Port Perry Schools when the doors opened for another year.

William S. Bradford takes over duties as principal of the R.H. Cornish Public School following the retirement of the school's namesake.

Public School enrollment in Reach was 732, an all-time high.

Dan C. Madsen, Barrie becomes the new proprietor of the local I.G.A. store.



**DAN MADSEN**  
Purchases IGA store.

**October**

Port Perry population increased by 123 to an all-time high of 2,625.

**November**

Children from the R.H. Cornish Public School and the Prince Albert Public School collected \$267.27 for UNICEF.

Triplet calves were born on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. George Irwin, north of Greenbank.

Valedictorians at Port Perry High School were Barbara Holtby and Dianna Mairs.

Port Perry Legion makes a pledge of \$5,000 to the Community Memorial Hospital Building Fund.

Port Perry Minor Hockey Association presents \$500.00 cheque to the Arena Board.



**PRINCE ALBERT STORE SOLD**

Ross and Marg Sweetman buy store from Mr. and Mrs. James Doupe.

December  
 J. J. Gibson and Bruce Beare given acclamations for Reeve and Deputy-Reeve. Councillors elected were Robert Kenny, Philip Orde, Irving Boyd.

Joseph Dowson was elected the first Deputy-Reeve in Scugog Township, and Victor Aldred was acclaimed Reeve. Also re-elected to council were Mrs. June Crozier and Mrs. Grace Love. The third councillor elected was Glen Demara.

Twenty persons attended the first public meeting in regard to the proposed sewerage system for Port Perry.



**BRUCE BEARE**  
 Port Perry Deputy Reeve.

# 1967

**January**

Port Perry's Centennial baby arrived on Jan. 2, weighing 6 lbs, 7 oz. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil K. Berry of Cresswell, Ont.

Peel's Poultry Farm Limited, opens new hatchery, one of the most modern in Canada.

Gail Forder chosen Queen of Port Perry High School.

**February**

Local residents turned out in hundreds to welcome Port Perry skating stars, Anna Forder and Richard Stephens on their return from the Canadian Senior Skating Championships where they placed third. Also welcomed was David Porter, who won third place in the Canadian Novice Dance Championship with partner Janet D'Altroy.

The Building Fund Committee announces that contributions, and pledges to the new hospital have exceeded \$100,000.

Rev. H.M. Buntain of St. John Presbyterian Church leaves Port Perry for new appointment.

**March**

One of the heaviest snow storms in many years closed schools in Reach

Township.

Past president of Port Perry Lions Club, Storey Beare was elected Zone chairman of District A3, Zone 10S at a zone meeting in Oshawa.

Community Memorial Hospital shows small profit in report given at annual meeting.

**April**

Only 97 persons gave blood at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held at the Oddfellows Hall.

With a majority of one vote, residents of Scugog Township approved sale of liquor under a dining room licence for the consumption with meals on licenced premises.



**VICTOR ALDRED**

Acclaimed as Reeve for Scugog Township.



**CANADIAN SKATING CHAMPIONS**

Janet D'Altroy and David Porter along with Anna Forder and Richard Stephens return to Port Perry from Canadian Championships.



**ELEANOR WOODS**  
Pres. Chamber of Commerce.

May  
The Hon. M.B. Dymond, M.P.P. won the Progressive Conservative nomination.

Mrs. Eleanor Woods was elected President of Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.

The grandstand at the Fair Grounds was completely destroyed by fire, and the cause was suspected to be play with firecrackers.

Mrs. Ruth Franssen elected president of the Port Perry Figure Skating Club.

June  
Fred. DeNure Bus Lines Limited, can look back on 25 years of public transportation in this area.

Centennial Committee complete plans for full week of activities including parade, sports, fireworks display and outdoor Centennial Church Service.

The Port Perry Star switches to a different printing method, popularly known as "Offset".

Don Bronson of Port Perry shoots a "hole in one" at Sunny Brae Golf Course.

July  
Debbie Griffen was chosen Centennial Queen during celebrations July 1.

Two hundred and four children register for swimming classes at Poplar Park.

Construction begins on the new road between Manchester and the Oshawa Road.

August  
Induction Service held in the Presbyterian Church for Rev. Wm. Black.

Lake Scugog Regatta Association held their 35th annual regatta at Caesarea. Judy Marks was chosen Queen.

September  
Emmerson Insurance Agency Limited celebrates 50 years of business in Port Perry.

Port Perry Fair sees another record crowd on Labour Day, September 4th. The grandstand which had been destroyed in May by fire was completely rebuilt in concrete.

Sod turning ceremony was held at Burns Presbyterian Church in Ashburn. Cost of phase one of the planned Port Perry Sewage Works is estimated to run into \$804,600.

Mr. R. Roy appointed By-Law Enforcement Officer for Port Perry.

October  
Port Perry's young ball players won the Ontario Pee-Wee "B" title by defeating Smithville 6-5.

A 400 lb. Hereford steer was shot by rustlers on the farm of Raymond Kerry, Seagrave.

A barn on Bigelow Street was completely destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Former Lt. Gov. John Keiler Mackay and Mrs. Mackay were patrons of the Centennial Ball held by Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Four hundred fifty persons



**WHITBY O.P.P. BEGIN TO POLICE PORT PERRY**  
Port Perry abandoned local policing and hired the OPP to patrol in Port Perry in Sept. 1967. The first officers stationed to the town are; from left, William Muldoon, senior officer Tom Timleck and John D. Ross.



**DENURE BUS LINES**  
Fred. Denure and son Merv on 25th anniversary.



**GEORGE EMMERSON**  
50th Anniversary of Emmerson Insurance.



Refreshment booth near the lake was operated by Ken Jackson of Flamingo Restaurant for a time, and was torn down in the 1970s to make way for the Latcham Centre.

attended raising \$1,100.00 for the hospital.

**November**

Construction was started of a new plant for Flamingo Pastries Limited. The plant will employ 75 to 100 persons when completed.

Plans are underway to establish a school for retarded children of this area.

Four Port Perry Rangers, Karen Murray, Joanne Jackson, Mary Nelson and Jan Baird staged a "Walkathon" from Port Perry to Uxbridge return collecting \$225.00 for the Hospital Building Fund.

**December**

Mrs. Kathleen M. Hook resigns as administrator of the hospital after 15 years of service.

All members of Scugog Township were returned in the December election.

Reeve Victor Aldred and Deputy-reeve Joe Dowson by acclamation and the councillors Mrs. June Crozier, Glen Demara, and Mrs. Grace Love by election.

Reeve Merrill Van Camp was defeated by S. Lawrence Malcolm in a two-way election. Councillors elected were Vernon Asselstine, Gordon Gettins and Osmond Wright.

Port Perry Star publisher Per Hvidsten receives "Century of Service" award presented by the Hon. M.B. Dymond on behalf of Premier John P. Roberts.

One thousand persons attended the official opening of the addition to Port Perry High School.



**HOWARD HALL**  
Secretary Treasure of Chamber of commerce.

# 1968

**January**

Anna Forder and Richard Stephens placed second in the Canadian Figure Skating Championship, senior pairs held in Vancouver.

Mrs. Retta Hardy retires after 20 years of service as caretaker for Scugog Township Municipal Hall. She was presented with a gift by Reeve Victor Aldred on the occasion.

**February**

Anna Forder and Richard Stephens left for Grenoble, France to represent Canada in pair figure skating in Olympic competitions.

Mr. Ben A. Bohan, is the new administrator at Community Memorial Hospital.

Lynne MacGregor was chosen Queen of the annual "At Home" at Port Perry High School.

A calf with two heads was born on Mr. Les Beacock's farm, R.R. 4, Port Perry.

Nineteen cattle perished in a barn fire on the farm of Mr. Donald Taylor, near Saintfield.

Reach Township resident, former reeve of the Township and Warden of Ontario County, Grant Christie was awarded the Centennial Medal.

Mr. Arnold Roach was elected first chairman of Scugog Retarded Children's Education Authority.

**March**

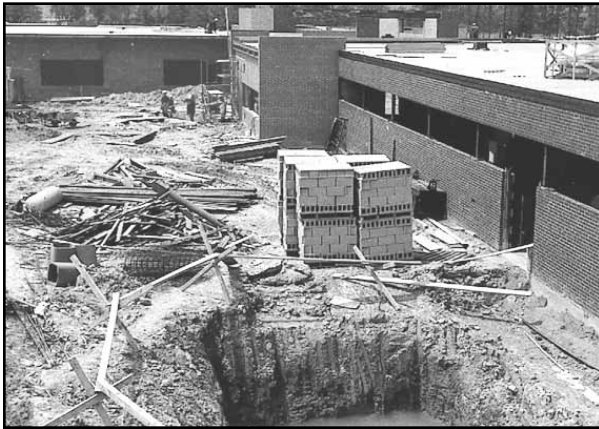
Heather Dorrell, grade nine student of Blackstock High School won the Junior Secondary Speaking Contest, sponsored by Port Perry Legion.



**GRANT CHRISTIE**  
Awarded Centennial Medal.



**ARNOLD ROACH**  
Elected First Chairman of Scugog Retarded Children's Education Authority.



New Community Memorial Hospital under construction in May 1968.

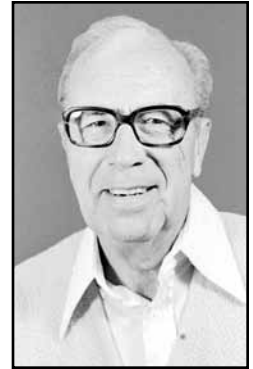
The last old school house in Reach Township, the "Yellow School" was sold for \$7,900.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler became the first permanent teacher at Central Seven Association for Mentally Retarded school which opened on March 25.

Firemen from Port Perry and Uxbridge fought a blaze destroying the living quarters of the owners of San-Man Motel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Santer. A large portion of the motel itself was also badly damaged.

**April**

Joanne Shaw of Port Perry was presented with a wrist watch by Oshawa Independent Order of Odd Fellows for attempting to revive William Manuel following a heart attack on Sunny Brae Golf Course.



**STOREY BEARE**  
Lions Club Zone Chairman

Carol Wotten, of Cartwright High School was chosen Queen at the school's "At Home".

The memorial stone was laid at a special ceremony of Burns Presbyterian Church in Ashburn. The former church was destroyed by fire February 12th, 1967.

Storey Beare, Zone Chairman of the Lions Club was elected Deputy-District Governor in Cobourg.

**May**

Well over 150 persons attended the Port Perry Lions Club 30th Anniversary celebration at Club Annrene.

Denis Symes and Bruce Smith, members of 1st Scugog Scout Group received Queen's badges at Manchester United Church

Miss Margaret Stewart, a registered nurse who devoted her life to the nursing profession received the Centennial Medal.

Norman Cafik, liberal member, won Ontario Riding in the Federal election. In second place was P.C. candidate Clark Muirhead.

Mrs. Eunice Hunter and Mr. S. Cawker, long time teachers at R.H. Cornish Public School school were presented with gifts on their retirement.

**July**

President and founder of the Handicraft Guild, Mrs. Louise Patterson was honoured at a farewell party. Mrs. Patterson is now making her home in Truro, Nova Scotia.

**August**

Sharon Sweetman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sweetman was runner-up in a beauty contest held by Zone Fl, Royal Canadian Legion in Whitby.

Mrs. F. Crosier, correspondent for 40 years, celebrated her 80th birthday.

Barn and contents of Mr. D.J. Taylor, Scugog Island were completely destroyed by fire. Twenty head of cattle in the barn were saved.

The first annual Chamber of Commerce Carnival was attended by hundreds and judged a success.

Miss Pat Hunter, R.R.2, Seagrave was chosen to represent Ontario County in the Competition for Dairy Queen at the C.N.E.

**September**

Eight hundred fourteen students were registered at the Port Perry High School, the highest in the school's history. R.H. Cornish Public School began the year with 699 pupils..

Population of Port Perry increased by 91 in 1968, and brought the population to an all-time high of 2,746.

Vin Walker was elected chairman of the new Arena Board.

**October**

Dr. M.B. Dymond, Ontario Minister of Health received a honorary degree at Queen's University, Kingston.



**SAMUEL A. CAWKER**  
Retires after 35 years  
teaching school.



**CECIL FRALICK**  
Scugog Twp. Reeve.



Fire causes extensive damage to San Man Motel.



**ROBT. KENNY**  
Reeve of Port Perry.

Bob Archer Motors, the local Pontiac Buick dealership, was sold to John Majcher of Whitby.

November

Dr. M.B. Dymond officially opens the new bakery plant of Flamingo Pastries Limited. In a short period of two years, making butter tarts expanded from a staff of two, the proprietor Ken Jackson and his wife Marj. to a staff of 80.

Miss Lynne MacGregor was valedictorian at the annual High School Commencement in Port Perry.

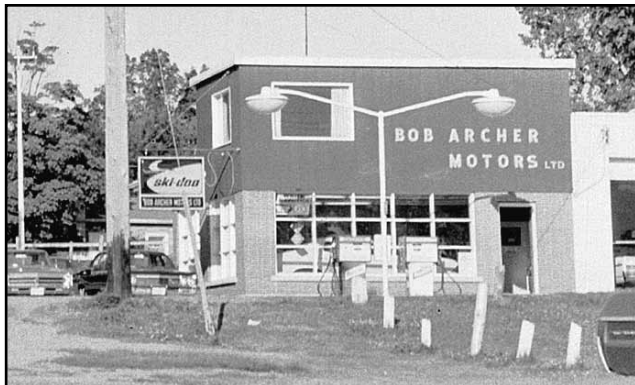
A local teenage group known as "R Place" presented \$250.00 each to the Hospital Building Fund and the Central Seven Association for the Mentally Retarded.

December

Robert Kenny was elected reeve of Port Perry. He defeated J.J. Gibson, who headed the council for over a decade.

Mr. Cecil Fralick was elected reeve of Scugog Township.

Bill Williams and Ted. Griffen were elected to Port Perry Hydro Electric Commission, following the resignation of Arthur Cox and Ted. Jackson.



Bob Archer Motors at the corner of Water and Mary St. in 1968.



**BOB ARCHER**  
Sells Pontiac-Buick  
Dealership in October 1968.

# 1969

January

The first baby to arrive at the Community Memorial Hospital in 1969 was a little boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Freeman, R.R. 3, Port Perry. He arrived January 2nd and weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz.

After 35 years of service on the Port Perry Fire Department, Chief Guy Raines resigned. He served 20 years in the top position.

Deputy-Chief Harvey Mahaffy was elected to the position of chief of Port Perry Fire Department following the resignation of Guy Raines. Jack Cook was appointed Deputy-Chief and Charles Lown and Mervin DeNure, captains.

Ed. (Sam.) Oyler, reeve of Reach Township was elected Warden of Ontario County for 1969.

Anna Forder and Richard Stephens win the Canadian Senior Pairs Figure Skating Championship in Toronto.

Port Perry I.G.A. proprietor, Dan Madsen purchases the I.G.A. Store in Stouffville.

February

Dr. M. B. Dymond was guest speaker at a Testimonial Dinner to honor J. J. Gibson, reeve of Port Perry; Hydro Electric Commissioners Ted. Jackson and Art. Cox; Irving Boyd, former deputy-reeve; Fire Chief Guy Raines; and Harry DeShane, Don Carnegie, Bev Kent and William Gibson, all with years of service on the local fire department.

Port Perry High School students hold a Winter Carnival. Nancy Dowson was chosen Snow Queen.

Dr. Austin C. Bathie was elected president of Oshawa Shrine Club.

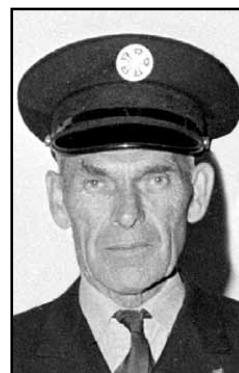
Ted. Griffin was elected as president of Port Perry Chamber of Commerce. He follows Mrs. E. Wood who



**ED. (SAM) OYLER**  
1969 Ontario Cty. Warden.

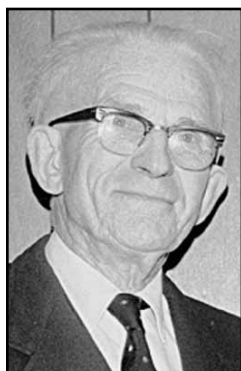


**HARVEY MAHAFFY**  
Elected new Fire Chief.



**GUY RAINES**  
Fire Chief retires.





**NORMAN ALDRED**  
World War I veteran.

served a two year term.

Melody Wilson was chosen Queen at the annual "At Home". Donna Ballard was chosen Princess.

**March**

Sharon Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Baird received top swimming honours in a class of 25 at Western University, London, Ontario.

Bell adds 158 new telephones in Port Perry during 1968.

Three arrests were made following a break-in and theft of \$2,000. worth of televisions at Ted. Jackson's Appliances.

Ted. Jackson and Norman Aldred attended a World War I pilots banquet in Toronto.

**April**

Debbie Griffen and Nancy Warren win first place in vocal duets at Peterborough Kiwanis Festival. Teacher and accompanist was Mrs. Grace Hastings.

Graham Powell of Port Perry was named the outstanding male athlete at York University.

Fifteen hundred Port Perry and area residents attend "Open House" at the new Community Memorial Hospital.

**May**

A baby girl was the first arrival at the new Community Memorial Hospital on Sunday, April 27th. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley St. John.

Linda Mountjoy was chosen Queen at the annual "At Home" held at Blackstock. Lorrie Turner was chosen first princess and Dianne Taylor, second.

William Brock was elected president of the Historical Society.

**June**

Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Twps. agreed to jointly purchase a new fire tank truck.

More than 30 canoes took part in the first "Canoe the Nonquon". Winners were Greg Howard and Glen Fallis, Millbrook, Ontario.

Storey Beare, Governor of District A-3 and his wife Doris left for Tokyo, Japan to attend Lions



**BILL BROCK**  
Pres. Historical Society.

International Convention there.

Marie Taylor, local musician and teacher was appointed to the Royal Conservatory of Music.

**July**

Due to increased sales, Flamingo Pastries opened a new plant in Dutton, located in western Ontario, for the baking of their famous butter tarts.

Assistant Clerk-treasurer John Doble commences duties at the Port Perry Municipal Office.

The Tennis Club was formed in Port Perry under the guidance of Mrs. Georgia Brendon.

**August**

Dr. M. B. Dymond handed in his resignation as Minister of Health for the Province of Ontario. He held positions in the cabinet for 13 years, ten of them as Minister of Health.

Rev. V. M. Parsons inducted as minister of Blackstock United Church following the retirement of Rev. P. Romeril.

John Scott was elected first president of Port Perry Tennis Club.

Elaine Prout was chosen Regatta Queen at the 37th annual Lake Scugog Regatta at Caesarea.

**September**

Ted. Jackson, local auctioneer opened Port Perry Fair to a crowd of 7,500 on a hot and humid day.



**TED. GRIFFEN**  
President Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.



**PHIL GORESKI**  
Operates Goreski's Resort.



**JOHN SCOTT**  
First President of Port Perry Tennis Club.

Rev. W. Mark Reeves was inducted as minister of Port Perry United Church. He succeeded Rev. Alec Rice who was given a charge in Toronto.

Enrollment at Port Perry High School was 825 at the start of school.

Population of Port Perry increased by 81 and reached an all time high of 2,827.

A Recreation Committee for Port Perry was approved by the Depart. of Education. Members are Kenneth F. Jackson, P. W. Orde, Larry Burt, Mary Nelson, Vin Walker, Carl Luke, and Mrs. John Diamond.

Philip Pocock, Co-Adjutor Archbishop of Toronto conducted the blessing of the new Catholic Church in Port Perry.

**October**

A cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. G. Hulcoop at Goreski's on Scugog Island was destroyed by fire.

The Historical Society and UCW of Head Church agreed that the Church built in 1860 should be the site of a proposed museum.

Ladies Hospital Auxiliary opened a Tuck Shop in the new hospital.

The 15,000 sq. ft. breeder house of Peel's Poultry Farm Limited was totally destroyed by a morning fire.

The Historical Society announced \$2,100 was raised by "Canoe the Nonquon".

G. H. Proctor becomes manager of the local Royal Bank following the transfer of Mr. A. G. Pacey.

**November**

A great deal of damage was caused during Halloween when an estimated 300 to 400 persons mingled on Queen Street. Windows were broken in four stores, police cruisers were smeared with paint, the bill board in front of the Post Office was completely destroyed. Firemen dispersed the crowd with a couple of powerful water hoses.

Brian Donnelly was Valedictorian at Port Perry High School Commencement.

Mr. A. M. Lawrence, proprietor of Lawrence Pharmacy retires and sells his business to Gordon F. Parkin, Oshawa.

Dianne Taylor is Valedictorian at Cartwright High School.

Stewart Sweetman of Sweetman Motors Limited sold his business to Mr. Lorne Scanlon of Toronto.

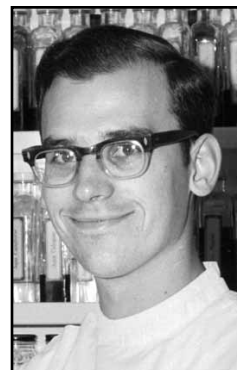


**AERIAL VIEW OF PORT PERRY**

Photo taken sometime during 1960s shows lakefront with Yacht Club to left and town dock at far right. Also visible is the old arena at far right and Water Street fronting onto Palmer Park.



**ANDY M. LAWRENCE**  
Sells Lawrence Pharmacy.



**GORDON PARKIN**  
Buys Lawrence Pharmacy.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
Officially opened by Archbishop in Sept. 1969.

**December**

Dr. M. B. Dymond, MPP, laid the cornerstone of the new Community Memorial Hospital the same day patient 1,000 was admitted. The hospital has been in operation for seven months.

Mrs. Maude Crosier has resigned after 21 years as welfare administrator in Reach Township.

Epsom school children take part in a film production made by the Educational Television Branch of Ontario Department of Education.



**SWEETMAN MOTORS SOLD**  
Stewart Sweetman, left, sold business to Lorne Scanlon.

# Grain elevator built in 1875



Interior view of the old mill with bags of feed lining the aisle, prior to its closing in 1979.



Graffiti on one of the massive wooden beams tells of the mills history.



Old mill at the end of Queen St. has served community for 132 years.

Port Perry's oldest commercial building, the feed elevator at the east end of Queen St., was built in 1875 by George Currie.

Currie sold the elevator to Aaron Ross, who operated it until his son William became a partner. Following the death of Aaron Ross in 1896, Wm. Ross operated the business until 1909, when he sold it to Joseph Lucas. Mr. Lucas sold to Hogg and Lytle in 1916, followed by Toronto Elevators and then Maple Leaf Mills (Master Feeds) took it over in 1962.

The landmark was purchased in 1980 by Fred. Burghraef whose son Jim opened an auto supply business in the building in 1981.

The building escaped destruction during both the fires of 1883 and 1884, and experienced another close call in 1958 when the back portion of the mill was destroyed by fire.

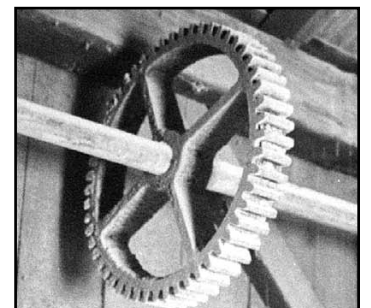
At the turn of the century the mill had 18 bins which could hold 2,000 bushels of grain each.



R. Walker carved his name in one of the elevator's massive wooden beams on Nov. 4, 1875 shortly after the mill opened.



This old cart, which was used in the mill for as long as anyone could remember, would carry 900 lbs. of grain with no trouble.



A cogged wheel sits silently, gathering dust in the upper reaches of the mill.

# 1970 - 1979 The Seventies

Chapter

# 8



**DON CARNEGIE**  
Pres. Port Perry Lions Club.

### January

Eighty-two babies were born at the Community Memorial Hospital during 1969. Forty-three were boys and 39 were girls, an increase of 15% over 1968.

Council decided against a by-law to prohibit operation of snowmobiles on streets in Port Perry.

Although no epidemic, the flu was hitting hard among students in the area schools.

### February

Lions Club presented \$1,000.00 to the Community Memorial Hospital, the last installment of a \$5,000.00 pledge.

Joanne Prentice was chosen Snow Queen during the annual Winter Carnival held at the high school.

Leanne Ballard was chosen Queen at the annual "At Home" held at the high school. Chosen princess was Sandra Enge.

Janet Turner from Cartwright High School was chosen Heart Queen.

### March

Former Prime Minister John F. Diefenbaker and his wife were visitors in Port Perry. He was taken on a tour of the high school, prior to speaking to 800 students and teachers.

Eighteen sheep owned by Orr Jeffrey were destroyed by a barn fire on Scugog Island.

Port Perry approved sales of liquor under a dining room licence, 443 in favour and 199 opposing. Only 39 per cent of eligible voters cast votes.

One hundred seventy-five new telephones were installed in Port Perry during 1969, bringing the total up to 2,715.

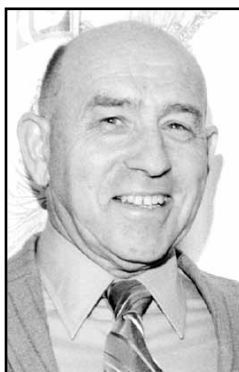
### April

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Lamb were honoured at a Testimonial Dinner for their 22 years of devoted service to the Port Perry Agricultural Society.

Ted. Griffen was re-elected president of Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.

Don Carnegie was elected president of the Port Perry Lions Club.

Cartwright High School students elected Lorrie Turner, 1970 Queen at the Annual "At Home".



**GLENN WANAMAKER**  
Elected Grand Warden.



**PORT PERRY - 1971 CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**  
Committee members back left: Bert Stulen, Art. Panabaker, Peter Hvidsten. Front Left: Marjorie Jackson, chairman Terry Hodgins and Norma Cornish.



**SCUGOG AVIATION**

Located at the lakefront near Lake Scugog Lumber, Scugog Aviation was federally licenced for passenger service. The company had four aircraft and was owned/operated by Ted. Griffen and Jim Pengelly in July 1969.



**DR. JOHN HAMMETT**  
Joins Medical Associates.



**JACK COOK**  
New Fire Chief for area.

**May**  
Ontario Water Resources Commission awarded the \$1.5 million Port Perry sewage project contract to Clairson Construction Limited, Oakville.

A Leo Club with 20 members sponsored by the Port Perry Lions Club was formed.

Ross Carter, grade 12 student of Port Perry High School was the winner of a Centennial Flag Contest.

**June**  
The third annual Home Show was officially opened by Norm Cafik, M.P. for Ontario Riding.

Fifty-four of 56 canoes entered in "Canoe the Nonquon" completed the 19 mile distance.

Glenn Wannamaker was elected Grand Warden of the Ontario Lodge of Oddfellows at the Royal York Hotel.

**July**  
Scugog Shores Historical Museum officially opened on Sunday, July 5th.

Alice Vanderheide, Brian McNab, Sheila Bradford, Joanne Jackson, and Mary Nelson were awarded Ontario Scholarships.

Mary Jane Crosier was crowned Ontario Dairy Princess at the Oshawa Fair.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howell, on the 14th Concession of Reach was struck by lightning during an electrical storm.

**August**  
Brian Donnelly, former Port Perry High School student, captured top honours in his first year of pre-medicine at Queen's University. He achieved an overall average of 91.3% and received a scholarship of \$600.00.

The clearance of only 10 to 15 feet saved the farm home of Bruce Geer, Utica, from complete destruction when a five-seater See-Bee plane roared across the house and crashed only 50 feet away.

Dr. John D. Hammett and his wife Elaine arrived in Port Perry. Dr. Hammett has joined Medical Associates.

**September**  
Brain McNab won the Queen's University Anniversary Scholarship. Fire destroyed a large barn on the property of Martyn Rennick, Port Perry. Victor Malcolm resigned as clerk-treasurer of Cartwright Township to assume the similar position with Reach Township.

The Royal Canadian Legion dedicated a new Cenotaph in front of the hall with Rev. R. C. Rose conducting the service.

Emiel and Kathy Kroonenberg purchased the Queensville Restaurant.

H. Lynn Fair was honored at a Testimonial Dinner in Sunderland on his retirement from long service with the Department of Agriculture.

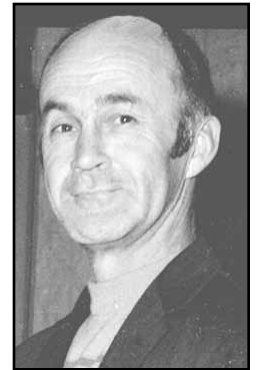
After 17 years of service to patients in Port Perry, Dr. Stephen Kandel moved to Toronto.

**October**  
Jack Cook was chosen chief of the Port Perry, Reach, Scugog Fire Department.

Alex Johns, Reach Township Clerk-treasurer retired after 11 years of service.

Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10) got off to a smokey start when two fires struck within 48 hours.

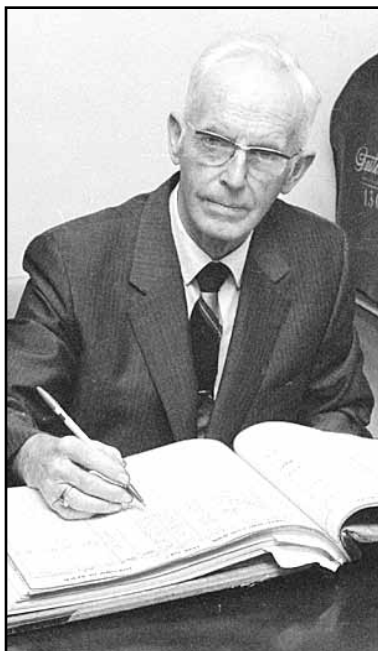
The entire student body of Cartwright High School, about 100, abandoned school desks to fight pollution by cleaning up ditches in the township.



**VICTOR MALCOLM**  
Resigns as Clerk-Treasurer.



**EMIEL & KATHY KROONENBERG**  
Purchase restaurant in Sept. 1970.



**ALEX JOHNS**  
Reach Twp. Clerk-Treasurer retires.

**November**  
Robert Fair was Valedictorian at the annual Commencement at the Port Perry High School.

Gordon Goode was acclaimed and will serve a second term on Ontario County School Board representing Port Perry and Scugog.

**December**  
At nominations in Port Perry, reeve Robert Kenny was acclaimed for a second term. Phil Orde was elected deputy-reeve along with three new councillors, Grant McDermott, Gerald Jackman and Howard Hall.

All members of Scugog Township council returned by acclamation. Cecil Fralick, reeve; Mrs. Grace Love, deputy-reeve; Helen Redman, William Bell and Cliff Crowell, councillors.

Lawrence Malcolm was returned by acclamation to the office of reeve in Cartwright Township. Elected as deputy reeve was Vernon Asselstine and to council Donald Frew, Norman Mairs and newcomer Harvey Graham.

A by-law restricting operation of snowmobiles on streets in Port Perry was passed by council.



**GORDON GOODE**  
Ont. Cty School Board rep.



**PHIL ORDE**  
Elected Deputy-Reeve.

# 1971

## January

Port Perry Centennial celebrations started with the Legion's Gala Birthday Party on Lake Scugog. Twenty-three men announced intentions to grow beards for Centennial.

Annette Larocque, born January 7 was Port Perry's first Centennial baby. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Larocque.

Dr. William Cohoon was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Canada Winter Games official Flame passed through Port Perry en route to Saskatoon.

## February

The Port Perry Kinsmen Club president Larry Kendall received the club's Charter on Feb. 20, 1971 at a meeting held at the Legion Hall.

Plans for an amateur theatre society were made.

## March

Neil Clark won the Georgian Bay Secondary School Association wrestling title in the 157 pound class.

J. Offenbeck and A. Dekker were Port Perry High School's delegates to the Ontario Teacher's Federation Assembly held in Toronto.

Trevor Chandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Chandler, was chosen "Cub of the Year", among the boys in Scugog "B" Pack.

## April

Miss Rosie Frey won the Lions International district A-3 public speaking contest in Peterborough.

Port Perry Lions elected Arnold Roach as President for 1971-72.



**KINSMEN CLUB RECEIVES ITS CHARTER - FEB. 1971**

The executive of Port Perry's first Kinsmen Club. From left, Fred. Canning, Bob Bradbury, registrar; Barry Fisher, treasurer; Dave Langille, secretary; Larry Kendal, president; Jack Dowson, vice-pres.; Hudson Isherwood and Ray Hillier, directors.



**OUT OF THE ASHES**

**CHAPTER EIGHT - THE SEVENTIES**



**CENTENNIAL RESTAURANT**

Water St. restaurant opened in May 1971 by Phil and Anne Goreski.



**'CHIC' CARNEGIE**  
Joins staff at Carnegie's  
Crest Hardware.

Port Perry  
Post Office slated  
for demolition

July 1972



**DR. WILLIAM COHOON**  
Pres. Chamber of Commerce.

Linda McLaughlin was selected Cartwright High School's At Home Queen.

May

The paving of Queen Street began, just in time for Centennial celebrations.

In a 44-mile relay walkathon, the Port Perry Kinsmen raised \$400. to help fight cystic fibrosis.

Phil and Anne Goreski officially opened their new Centennial Restaurant on Water St.

Stunt pilot Sally Wagner died when her small plane crashed near Port Perry.

June

Two hundred fifty cubs took part in the third annual Pineridge Cuboree held at the fairgrounds.

The long-awaited Centennial celebrations officially got under way at 2:00 p.m. June 9, with Reeve Robert Kenny doing the honours. Other dignitaries taking part in the five day celebrations included Dr. M. B. Dymond, Mr. Norm Cafik, and Ontario County Warden John Williams.

Toronto Maple Leaf player Jim McKenny presented the William Aldred Memorial Trophy to Jody Williams as PPHS athlete of the year.

July

Dr. C. A. MacMaster was honoured by the Arena Board for his "unselfish volunteer service".

The Reach Protective Association circulated petitions objecting to gravel pit operations.

It was announced that Port Perry Post Office, a landmark for over 60 years, will be replaced with a new modern building, scheduled to open in March 1972.

Declining prices in the poultry and egg business forced the shutdown of Chalet Farms, with 50 jobs being affected.

Beth Evans, R. R. 4, Uxbridge was chosen Ontario County Dairy Princess.

Port Perry, Reach, and Scugog agreed to share the cost of a landfill garbage disposal area, that will be used jointly by the three municipalities.

August

Rosie Frey was chosen Durham Dairy Princess.

The government officials say there is no indication that a cancer-like disease affecting muskie in Lake Scugog, could be transferred to humans.

Ratepayers from Cartwright joined forces with those of Scugog in a battle to keep talked about airport off Scugog Island.

Two crossing guards were assigned to duty at the Highway 7-A crosswalks.

September

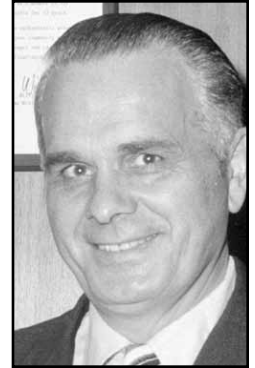
Village residents were informed that sewer hook-ups must be made by July 23, 1973.

Mr. Glen Taylor accepted the appointment as organist and choir master at the United Church.

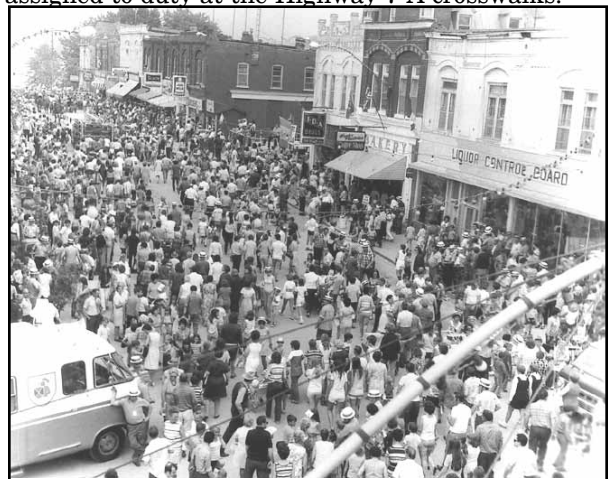
Conway Gardens Restaurant started serving liquor with meals.

On September 20th, Durham College officially opened its new permanent buildings.

A nomination meeting attended by Premier William Davis acclaimed Dr. Dymond as the P.C. candidate for Ontario riding.



**JOHN BALLARD**  
Owner of Ballard Lumber.



**PORT PERRY CENTENNIAL**

Crowds jammed Queen St. following the 1971 Centennial parade to take part in the many planned activities for the community.



**DOREEN VANCAMP**  
Cartwright Clerk Treasurer.

A ceremony was held for the unveiling a plaque in honour of the late Jimmy Frise.

The annual Liberal Party Corn Roast was held at the farm of Tony Cesaroni, Port Perry.

October

Pound charges for dogs running at large were raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

The Borelians started its second season as rehearsals got under way for a November production of "Arsenic and Old Lace".

Construction of a new addition to R. H. Cornish Public School got underway.

Dr. M.B. Dymond was returned for his fifth term with more votes than his opponents combined.

November

Jack Owen had a slight problem when his seven foot boa constrictor crawled into his record player. Jack and Ross McLean "rescued" the snake by taking the whole record player apart.

Miss Doreen Van Camp took over the duties of Clerk-Treasurer for Cartwright Twp. on Oct. 1, '71.

A report from the Ontario Water Resources Commission said that the present well capacity will provide for only 50 subdivision lots. Plans for construction of a new water supply were made.

December

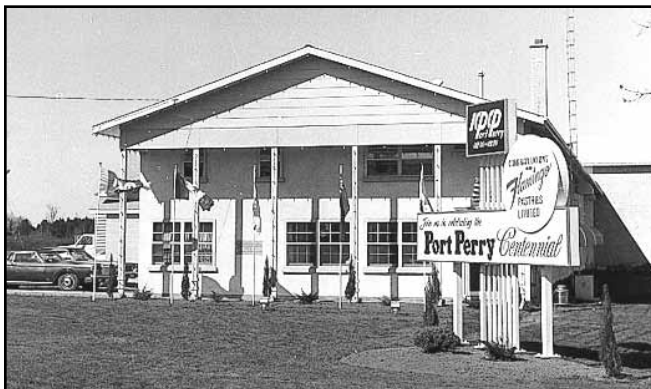
The Animal Health Office confirmed that a skunk which attacked a dog owned by Rick Larocque was rabid.

Former Blackstock resident Mabel Van Camp was officially sworn to the Ontario Supreme Court on Dec. 17, 1971, becoming the first woman ever appointed to the Supreme Court.

The Port Perry Snowmobile Club held its first meeting of the new season under the motto "Keep Snowmobiling Safe".



**MABEL VANCAMP**  
First woman chosen as a Supreme Court Justice.



**FLAMINGO PASTRIES LIMITED**

The offices and production facilities of Flamingo Pastries, owned by Kenneth Jackson. Located on Old Simcoe St. in June 1971.



**JESSIE HOPE**  
Operated Jessie's Smoke Shop until she was 80.

# 1972

January

The first baby of 1972 was 8 lb, 7 oz. Brian Kerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kerry of Port Perry.

Mr. J. Neil Brodie commenced duties as Port Perry's new clerk treasurer.

Reeve Robert Kenny was not optimistic that local municipalities will be able to come to an agreement over regional government in this area.

The students of Cartwright High School protested the proposed closing of their school, saying "our school is very small, but the advantages we receive by attending it far out-weigh the disadvantages".

February

Conway Gardens was filled for the annual meeting of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce, to view a color movie produced and photographed by Emiel Kroonenberg during Centennial celebrations.

Terry Hodgins, president of the Centennial Committee,



Harness horse racing on Lake Scugog, which was popular for over 50 years during the late 1800s until approximately 1920, returned to Port Perry for one season.

presented a cheque worth over \$14,000 to Dr. Wm. Cohoon during the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting. This was the initial fund for the construction of a recreation area planned for the waterfront.

Coupled with driving winds of gale velocity, a heavy snowstorm caused widespread disruptions in power service, closed some schools in the area, and made driving hazardous and often impossible.

**March**

Rumours and speculation came to an abrupt halt when it was announced that the site of the new superjet airport would be in Pickering Township.

Dr. M. B. Dymond announced his intention to retire from medical practice.

**April**

Community Memorial Hospital administrator, Mr. Ben Bohan, made a surprise announcement that he would be resigning from his position.

Council members from the municipalities of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog met to discuss the possibilities of amalgamation into one municipality.

The Warriner Lodge held its Fellowship Evening. Those present included Glen Wanamaker, Dep. Grand Master of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Ontario; Storey Beare, speaker; Jack Genser, Vice President and General Manager of Towers Department Stores of Canada; and Wm. Barr, Noble Grand Warriner Lodge and chairman for the evening.

**May**

Due to increasing incidents of vandalism, it was decided to close the lock-box lobby of the Port Perry Post Office each night at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Leslie Frost, former premier of Ontario charmed about 150 persons with an informal and informative talk on the history of the Scugog area, at a meeting of the Lake Scugog Historical Society.

Mr. James VanCamp was selected as the new administrator of the Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital.

**June**

Developer Tony Cesaroni told Council he had less than two months to make a decision on whether or not to go ahead on a "large, exciting project for the lakefront", including a 40 room hotel, apartment building, shopping plaza, marina, tennis court, swimming pool, etc.

Port Perry Yacht Club boat owners took part in the annual "Bless the Boats Service" with Rev. A.C. Moorehouse, Mr. Phil Orde representing council, and Rev. R. C. Rose.

After several months of negotiations with Athika Enterprises regarding the proposed construction of a new well at Athika's expense, Port Perry council abandoned its original plans and decided to go ahead and build the well on its own.



**MARJORIE LETCHER**  
Provided funds to rebuild and install a new tower on Town Hall 1873.



**JIM VANCAMP**  
New hospital administrator.



**TONY CESARONI**  
Developer unveils plans for lakefront hotel and marina.



**LAKE SCUGOG LUMBER**

This photo taken in July 1971 shows Lake Scugog Lumber's showroom when it was located on Water St. (now location of Scugog Library).



**REESOR FUEL AND LUMBER**

This is the site of Reesor Fuel and Lumber in 1971. The buildings located at the corner of Water St. and 7A Hwy., now Lakeview Plaza.



In October 1972, this hydro storage building, located near the lakefront, was torn down for the new Latcham Centre.

**August**  
The Star reported the heaviest July rainfall in 70 years. Heavy record rainfalls during the month turned farmer's fields into quagmires and devastated large areas of farmland.

A hurricane slashed a destructive path south of Blackstock leaving in its wake extensive property damage, disrupted phone and hydro service, and uprooted trees.

**September**  
At 9:40 on Tuesday, September 12, 400 students from Port Perry High School walked out of classes.

At a dinner meeting of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce held at the Centennial Restaurant, Reeve Robert Kenny issued a

warning to the Queen Street merchants to improve and modernize their stores to meet the challenge of the Shopping Plazas.

**October**  
The Port Perry Snowmobile Snow Show '72 was a tremendous success, with 7,000 attending.

Almost 1,000 people crowded into the new double gymnasium in R.H. Cornish Public School to witness the official opening of the new addition.

Through the generosity of Stouffville's Arthur Latcham, a new Community Centre was made possible for the village.

**November**  
About 200 invited guests attended the opening of the new Flamingo Pastries Limited plant on Simcoe Street and were taken on a tour through the new building with its bright decor and custom-built machinery.

Council announced that Port Perry was to acquire a new 30 unit Senior Citizens building. It will be located at the corner of Kellett and Bigelow St. at a cost of \$293,000.

**December**  
Robert Kenny was re-elected Reeve of Port Perry. His opponent, Gerald Jackman, was defeated by 182 votes in the most exciting municipal election held in the village for quite a number of years.

Arthur Catton defeated deputy reeve Lucille Gray to become Reeve of Reach Township for 1973.

Mr. Robert Brinkman and Rev. Reg Rose were elected councillors for 1973.

Mrs. Yvonne Christie won her bid for a seat on the Ontario County Board of Education and Mr. Gordon Goode was re-elected for a third term as a trustee on the Ontario County Board of Education.



**ALEC THOMSON**  
Appointed Deputy-Clerk Treasurer Nov. 1, 1972.

Official opening of addition to R.H. Cornish School

October 1972



**GERALD JACKMAN**  
Defeated in close race.



**ART CATTON**  
Elected Reach Twp. Reeve.

# 1973

**January**  
Norman Cafik, MP for Ontario Riding was appointed parliamentary secretary to Marc Lalonde, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Port Perry's New Year Baby was born January 9, a son for Mrs. Joan Platt. Lake Scugog Historical Society launches campaign to save the Post Office. One thousand sign petition and "Stop Work" is issued on Post Office.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER EIGHT - THE SEVENTIES



**KEN DOWSON**  
1973 President of Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.



**CY WILSON**  
Owner of Cy Wilson Ford.



### FIRE DESTROYS CY WILSON FORD

In April 1974 a devastating fire completely destroyed the Ford Dealership in Manchester owned by Cy Wilson.

### February

Ken Dowson, president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce presents a cheque in the amount of \$15,000 to Reeve Robert Kenny for waterfront improvements.

Residents of Port Perry protested the proposed closing of the Obstetrical Wing of the Community Memorial Hospital.

About 50 persons attended a meeting to form a Ratepayers Association for Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright. Paul Arculus was elected president.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fulford was elected president of the Central Seven Association for the Mentally Retarded.

### March

M.P. Norm Cafik announces the Post Office will stay and will be expanded and renovated.

Babies born at the Community Memorial Hospital increased by 20 percent in 1972.

Janet Watson, a student of Port Perry High School was chosen a delegate to the 23rd Annual Oddfellows' United Nations Pilgrimage in New York.

### April

After strong and effective protests against closing the Obstetrical Wing of the Community Memorial Hospital, word was received the Wing would be kept open.

Shelley Olsen, Donna Beare, Jane-Anne Stone and Sue-ann De Haas captured the Central Ontario Secondary School Association Curling Championship in Uxbridge.

### May

Janis Dorrell was crowned Queen of Cartwright High School's 15th At Home.

Cec King was elected president of the Port Perry Lions Club for 1973-74.

Port Perry was without water for more than 48 hours.

Mike Hlozan and June Symes were elected presidents of the Port Perry Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary.

### June

More than 200 persons gave Arthur Latcham a standing ovation when the Latcham Centre was officially opened. It was due to his generous contribution that the Centre was possible.

Rev. Mark Reeves, United Church Minister for the past four years moved to Jarvis, Ontario.

Grant MacDonald, Principal of Port Perry High School retires after a 38 year teaching career.

Robert Findlay was elected president of the Port Perry Kinsmen Club and Mrs. Barbara Bradbury president of the Kinettes Club.

Two hundred Legionnaires and their ladies honoured John Maw at a banquet for his dedicated service to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 419.

### July

Vice Principal of Port Perry High School, Ray Litt is leaving for Whitby after 17 years of service to the school and students.

Two thousand members of the Orange Lodge of Ontario marched in one of the largest parades ever held in Port Perry. The previous parade was held here in 1913, exactly 60 years ago.

Port Perry's N.H.L. star John Ross Roach passed away in Windsor on July 9th, at the age of 73. He played for the Toronto Maple Leafs, New York Rangers, and Detroit Red Wings before he retired.

H. Cliff Crowell was appointed General Manager of Peel's Poultry Farm Limited.

### August

A friend of hundreds of boys in the Port Perry Area, Joe Fowler passed away. Whether it was the sport of softball, base-



**ELIZABETH FULFORD**  
Pres. Central Seven Assoc.



**GRANT MacDONALD**  
High School Principal.

ball or hockey, Joe always had the time to spend with local young men.

Janis McLaughlin, Blackstock was chosen Queen of the Regatta at Caesarea. The second Western Weekend staged by the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce was a resounding success. The net receipts to be used for community projects amounted to about \$3,800.

Walter Beath, former Reeve of East Whitby Township and Warden of Ontario County was named Chairman of the new Region of Durham.

**September**

Attendance was down slightly at the Port Perry Fair. However, despite the drop in attendance, business at the Midway booths was up.

Acclaimed to the positions of Ward Councillors in the new municipality of Scugog Township were Neil Hunter, Reach Township, Jerry Taylor, Scugog Township and Donald Frew, Cartwright Township.

**October**

About 55 percent of eligible voters in the new Region of Durham made use of their franchise in the first election held on October 1.

Lawrence Malcolm captured the seat of Mayor, Reg Rose the seat of Regional Councillor and Robert Kenny was elected the first Area Councillor.

Robert Brinkman won the election in Ward 2, while Neil Hunter, Jerry Taylor and Donald Frew were acclaimed in Wards 1, 3 and 4 respectively.



**WALTER BEATH**  
Elected Regional Chairman.

Yvonne Christie and Gordon Goode were elected to the Regional School Board.

Ken Jackson, president of Flamingo Pastries Limited turned the sod for another expansion.

Dr. M. B. Dymond, MPP announced a \$10,000 Provincial Grant to the Latcham Centre.

**November**

Penny Dawson delivered the valedictory address at the Commencement Exercises for Port Perry High School. A Grant C. MacDonald scholarship in honour of the recently retired principal was also established.

The regional councillors vote themselves an annual salary of \$10,000.

Paul Mountjoy was the Valedictorian at the Commencement Exercises at Cartwright High School.

Mrs. Jeanne Goode was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Community Memorial Hospital.

**DECEMBER**

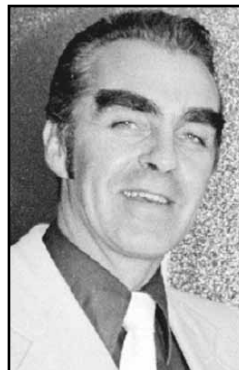
Members of the Region of Durham council voted in favour of using the Ontario County buildings in Whitby for their headquarters.

Cartwright, Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Ratepayers Association said the \$10,000 salary for council members was too high.

Grant C. MacDonald was appointed to the Community Memorial Hospital Board.



**JOHN MAW**  
Honored by Legion members.



**DOUG WILLIAMS**  
New Principal of Port Perry High School.



In October 1973, the buildings of Reesor Fuel & Lumber were dismantled to make way for a new commercial plaza.

# 1974

**January**

A \$50,000 blaze in Reach Township destroyed the 100-year-old farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Durward.

Donald Crosier was elected president of Port Perry Agricultural Society.

Regional Council received its first debenture request from Port Perry for \$20,000 to be used for hydro improvements.



**OUT OF THE ASHES**

**CHAPTER EIGHT - THE SEVENTIES**



The last Port Perry council before Durham Region was formed - front left, Reeve Bob Kenny, Dept. Reeve Phil Orde, Bill Williams. Back row, Reg Rose, Bob Brinkman, Grant McDermott and clerk-treasurer Neil Brodie.



The last Reach Township council before Durham Region was formed - back left, Victor Aldred, clerk-treasurer, Reg Foster, Neil Hunter, Fred. Christie. Front seated, Reeve Arthur Catton and Dept. Reeve Armour McMillan.



The last Scugog Island council before Durham Region was formed - from left, councillor Eldon Smith, Michael Vanstien, Reeve Cliff Crowell, clerk-treasurer Sid Chandler, Dept. Reeve Helen Redman and Jerry Taylor.



The last Cartwright council - back left, Dept. Reeve Vernon Asselstine, Don Frew, Norman Mairs, Harvey Graham. Front, Reeve Lawrence Malcolm, Roads Super. Merlin Suggitt, clerk-treasurer Doreen VanCamp.

**February**

David Brown began duties as the new administrator of the Community Memorial Hospital.

David Porter and Barbara Berezowski won second prize in dance competition in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

Scugog Council approved an interim Fire Department budget of \$61,262, a 50% increase over 1973 when the amount was \$40,830.

Council decided not to restore the 100-year-old Town Hall on the corner of Lilla and Queen Streets.

Cheryl Wright was chosen Heart Queen at Cartwright High School.

**March**

Stanley Bruton retires after 28 years of ownership of Bruton's Drug Store. The new owner is Jim Lawrence of Bowmanville.

The pump which caused Port Perry residents to be without water for two days last summer, broke down for a second time.

A request to hire a full time fire chief was turned down at a meeting of the Scugog Council.

**April**

Long distance charges were eliminated from Port Perry and Uxbridge calls.

Three hundred fifty persons attended the first agricultural seminar organized by Norman Cafik, MP for Ontario Riding. Speaker was the Hon. Eugene Whelan, Federal Minister of Agriculture.

A delegation of 25 from the Cartwright area met with the Durham Board of Education and after some discussion decided to keep the Cartwright High School in operation.

Jane Anne Stone was chosen Queen and Joan Coates, Princess at the annual Port Perry High School's At Home.

**May**

Scugog Ratepayers Association supports unanimously the preservation of the 100 year old Town Hall.

Michelle Robinson was elected Queen at the annual Cartwright High School "At Home". Elected first princess was Marylou Malcolm and second princess Cheryl Wright.

Norm Cafik wins the Riding's nomination by acclamation. He began his third campaign in six years.

**June**

Representatives for eight organizations met with Scugog council and appealed for support to build a twin-pad arena.

Restoration of old Post Office begins.

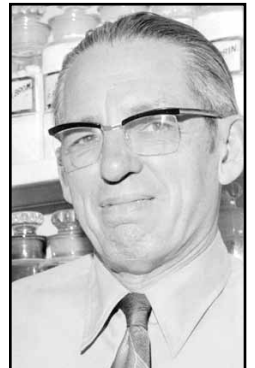
Councillors vote unanimous in saving Town Hall. They accepted an offer from the Town Hall Committee to lease the building for 99 years at a nominal charge of \$2.00 annually.



**LAWRENCE MALCOLM**  
First mayor of the new Township of Scugog.



**DAVID BROWN**  
New hospital administrator.



**STANLEY BRUTON**  
Retires from Drug Store.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER EIGHT - THE SEVENTIES

Over 300 persons honoured Mrs. Grace Love, 1974-75 president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario at a banquet in Port Perry High School.

Scugog Chamber of Commerce again held a successful Home Show. Among the many who attended were P.C. leader Robert Stanfield.

Allan Lawrence was given the honours of cutting the ribbon during the opening ceremonies of the new Nestleton Community Centre.

### July

Mrs. Grace D'Andrade, supervisor for the Community Nursing Home, bids farewell after four years of dedicated service.



**GRACE LOVE**  
Honored by Rebekahs.

Director of Nursing, Mrs. Jean Gray retires after 20 years of service with the Community Memorial Hospital. Workers at Flamingo Pastries went on strike.

### August

Rev. Reg Rose announces he may seek the Riding's PC nomination.

Capacity crowds attended Blackstock 109th Fair. Mayor Garnet Rickard wins the Mayor's Milking Contest.

Cec King returns from an exciting 25 day tour of African and South American countries.

### September

Seven foot tall Jim Zoet was home after a year at Kent University and an outstanding record on the University's basketball team.

Uxbridge Township votes in favour of serving alcoholic beverages with meals.

One hundred one students registered at the Cartwright High School.

### October

Scugog Township Council received arena report which suggests a single pad arena, but constructed with a plan for a possible second pad in the future.

More than 5,000 people enjoyed the annual Snow Show in the arena.

Workers returned to Flamingo Pastries Limited following a 15 week strike.



**BILL ENGLISH**  
Royal Bank manager.

November  
Joanna Nightingale and David Litt were co-valedictorians at the annual High School Commencement exercises.

Town Hall 1873, the committee organized to save the hall began a campaign for funds for restoration work.

Town Hall 1873 received a \$14,248 LIP Grant.

Doreen Van Camp was appointed Scugog Township clerk, Victor Malcolm, deputy clerk, and A.D. Thompson, treasurer.

### December

Durham's finance committee recommends that everyone in Port Perry be put on a flat rate starting with the February billing.

The business section of Port Perry was without water for 12 hours when a water valve broke on Perry Street.



Work began in September on the intersection of the Oshawa Rd. and Scugog St. (7A). The island in the 'Y' of the road was removed, the road widened and signal lights installed.



**JEAN GRAY**  
Director of Nursing retires.



Council votes unanimously to save the old Town Hall, seen here without the tower, and lease it to a Town Hall committee for 99 years.

# 1975



**DENNIS JOHNSTON**  
Ice Pairs skater.

## January

Durham Regional Works committee is reviewing the planned Lilla Street expansion.

John Gast joined the Port Perry Star as editor.

Scugog Township's subsidy allocation for road construction and maintenance was set at \$334,000.

## February

Dennis Johnston of Port Perry and his partner Christine McBeth captured third place in the senior pairs competition, and David Porter and Barbara Berezowski, first in the dance competition at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in Quebec City.

Durham Regional Works committee have decided to leave the widening of Lilla Street until 1976.

Richard Drew becomes the new Scugog Chamber of Commerce president.

Thirty-four year old Arthur Cresswell was killed when his kite collapsed and he fell onto the ice on Lake Scugog.

## March

Town Hall 1873 Committee hosted a 3-day Open House for the people of Port Perry and area to see the restoration efforts of their committee.

Scugog Township Council approved the building of a single-pad arena at the 47 acre landfill site on the 7th concession, Ward 1.

Ninety percent of Robinglade Estates and area residents opposed to Port Perry Yacht Club relocation site at the mouth of the Nonquon River on Lake Scugog.

Don McRitchie retired after 40 years in banking, eight of them as manager in Port Perry.

## April

The clock on the Post Office was repaired after being out of commission for many years.

Port Perry's newly renovated Post Office opened after 1 1/2 years of business in the basement of the Masonic Temple.

Blackstock senior citizens returned \$5,585 grant to the government because they and the Recreation Board, could not iron out their differences on the renovations of the Blackstock Community Hall.

## May

R. H. Cornish Public School gymnasts captured 11 gold medals at an inter-school competition.

An eleven mile walkathon from Durham College to Port Perry's Old Town Hall raised over \$1,800 in pledges to go toward renovations.

Compton Cable Television of Uxbridge to hook up cable system for Port Perry, Manchester, Greenbank and Utica.

## June

After 50 years, a new tower was back on the Old Town Hall. It was made possible by the generous donation of Mrs. M. Letcher.

Grace Hastings retired as a music consultant for the Durham Board of Education after more than 25 years on the music scene.

The local Chamber of Commerce held their first Recreation Show in the arena with boats, motorcycles, trailers and other types of recreation equipment on display.

## July

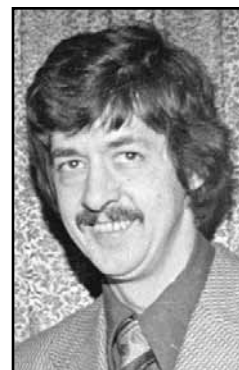
Public Meetings for and against the proposed penitentiary in Scugog Township are held, creating hostility among factions in a highly emotional issue. At a council meeting later during July, a petition with 2,715 signatures



The old Catholic Church on John Street was demolished in March 1975.



Town Hall 1873 with tower being replaced.



**RICHARD DREW**  
Pres. Chamber of Commerce.



**FRED CHRISTIE**

Named to committee to study penitentiary issue.

was presented to council. This resulted in a motion passed to turn down the Penitentiary Services' offer to build a regional reception centre.

The decision to turn down the offer of a penitentiary being built in Scugog Township was reversed at the council meeting a week later by a vote of 3 to 2.

**August**

The Scugog Arena Committee begins campaign to raise \$200,000 for the new arena.

The Railroad House Moter Hotel, located on Scugog Street, was officially opened Aug. 7, 1975. The \$350,000 hotel features 38 rooms.

Dr. M. B. Dymond, Fred. Christie, Anson Gerrow and Jim Marlow were named to a committee that will study both sides of the penitentiary issue and make recommendations to Scugog Township Council.

Uxbridge Township Council voted to make their own bid for the Penitentiary Service's reception centre in the

wake of Scugog's indecision.

Premier William Davis attended a luncheon at Community Nursing Home.

**September**

The Chamber of Commerce presented a \$3,500 cheque to the arena committee, the first installment of a \$10,000 pledge.

Another cheque in the amount of \$3,700 was presented to the arena committee by the Port Perry Kinsmen Club, first installment of a three-year commitment.

Scugog Township in a recorded vote, voted 5-2 in favour of accepting in principal, the proposed Canadian Penitentiary Service Centre in the Township. An unexpected change of mind by Councillor Jerry Taylor led to the affirmative vote.

Victor Malcolm, deputy clerk for the Township of Scugog resigns after two years of service.

Scugog farmers won all three classes in the International Plowing Match Farmstead Improvement competition. The winners were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Redman, and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hunter.

**October**

A rash of break-ins occurred in the Port Perry area during the weekend with thefts of 1,000 lbs. of meat from Pineridge Packers, thefts of guns, televisions, cash, etc.

The first official function in the restored Town Hall was a highly successful Antique Show.

**November**

The Ontario Heritage Foundation donated a grant of \$25,000 towards the restoration of Town Hall 1873.

After 50 years of operation, Peel's Poultry Farms Limited, ceased operation. In its heyday, Peel's sold its famous stock in 30 countries on five continents.



**DON CROSIER**

Scugog Councillor.

Living nine miles apart without knowing, two sisters, Helen McKean, R. R. 2 Seagrave, and Dorothy Simpson, Uxbridge reunite after 44 years.

Dr. M. B. Dymond officially opened the new Port Perry Community Nursing Home. He shared a great deal of responsibilities in bringing nursing homes into proper legislation during his period of health minister in Ontario.

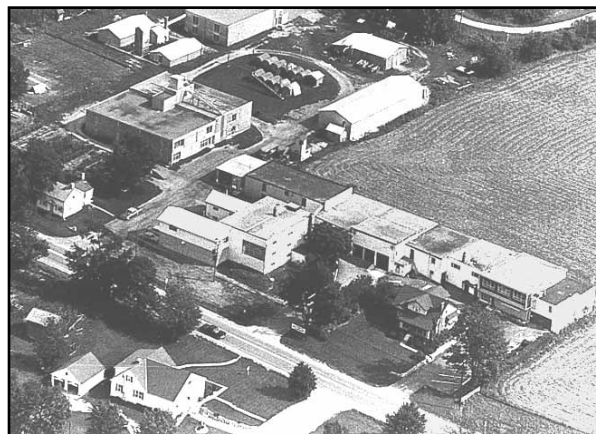
**December**

If water and sewer service could become available, Lipman Brothers Limited of Toronto is interested in erecting a plant south of Port Perry, neighbouring on the present Coulter Plant.

A new shopping centre, housing four stores opened on the south side of highway 7A. The stores were Red and White, Stedmans, Canadian Tire, and Larry Kendall's Shoe Tree.



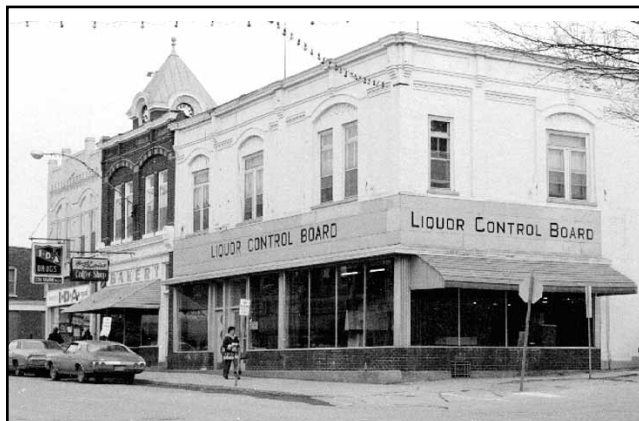
Grace and Frank Hastings on the occasion of her retirement.



**PEEL'S POULTRY FARMS IN PORT PERRY**

In Nov. 1975, Peel's ceases operation after 50 year in business.

# Port Perry - The Way We Were



South east corner of Queen and Perry Street., from right is the Liquor Control Board, Hanks Pastries, Bruton's IDA the top of Post Office at back.



Sebert House in March 1976 at the corner of north east corner of Queen and Water St. Next to the hotel building at left is Porto Pizza.



Aerial view of the old Lake Scugog Lumber site. The Latcham Centre is seen at bottom of photo and the old mill at left. The Griffen house, at top, was taken down and is now the location of the Scugog Memorial Library.



Queen St. in August 1976 with Star Office Supply, Frank Realtor, Hanks Pastries and the former location of Canadian Tire store, Levinson's store and Crest Hardware.



The 38 room Railroad House Motor Hotel, located on Scugog St., as it looked after it was officially opened in August. 1975.



January 1976 aerial view of the new Port Perry Plaza, which opened in December '75. Conway Gardens can be seen across the highway with the small cabins near the top of photo, and Ballard's Lumber to right of plaza.



# 1976

## January

The Port Perry Star had a father-to-son changeover following January 1, 1976. Per Hvidsten passed on his title as publisher to his son Peter.

Scugog Township accepts in principal the bid of C.D.S. Limited, Whitby, to build the new arena at a cost to the municipality of approximately \$710,000.

Barbara Berezowski and David Porter won the Canadian Figure Skating Senior Dance Championship.

Dr. Cam MacMaster, well-known veterinarian in the area for 37 years retired.

Scugog Township Council upheld Caesarea



Per Hvidsten sells Port Perry Star to his son Peter effective Jan. 1, 1976.

Fire Chief Len Scott's authority to set his own hiring policy for the department, despite claims by a number of female applicants that the department is discriminatory.

## February

Scugog Council asked the Region to consider construction of two lanes with two reverse shoulders along Lilla St., rather than widening the street to three lanes.

A 1967 Chevrolet owned by Michael Adam, 17, was one of the 450 Custom Cars and Vans chosen to be shown at the recent Speed Sport '76 at the CNE.

The local Sea Cadets folded.

Maureen Forrester, internationally known contralto, performed at the official opening at Town Hall 1873.

Seventeen-year-old Sue Gribben captured the top slot in her class at the Ontario Winter Games in Sault Ste. Marie last week.

## March

Ontario Health Ministry ordered Community Memorial Hospital to chop \$94,465 off the budget this year.

A fire at the home of Christopher Gray, Port Perry caused \$25,000 damage.

Leslie Forder of Port Perry High School has placed first in the Royal Canadian Legion's Public Speaking Contest held in Uxbridge.

Vern Asselstine, former councillor and deputy-reeve of Cartwright Township has been appointed new member of Scugog Township Council, replacing Bob Kenny who resigned.

## April

The familiar wail of the fire siren in Port Perry will soon become a thing of the past as men from Scugog Fire Department No. 1 will be carrying "beepers" in their pockets shortly.

Club Annrene was packed as friends and supporters of Dr. Matthew Dymond, took part in a celebration that honoured the long-time member of parliament on his retirement.

## May

Efforts by local officials have resulted in a \$56,000 reduction in the province's ordered \$94,000. budget cut at the Community Hospital.

The annual "At Home" was held at Cartwright High School with Wilma Wolters crowned Queen.

The Oddfellow's presented a 50 year jewel to Bro. Mansell Gerrow and 40-year jewel to Bro. Allan Dowson.



DR. C. A. MCMASTER  
Port Perry Veterinarian.



VERNON ASSELSTINE  
Replaces Bob Kenny.



The removal of dozens of old maple trees to widen Lilla St. (Simcoe) had area residents up in arms against the township.



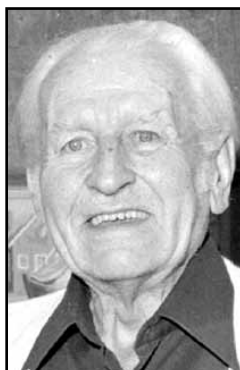


**PORT PERRY YACHT CLUB**

Located at the lakefront in Port Perry (Kinsmen Beach area) the Yacht Club property was offered to the town in May 1976 for \$2,000.

Fire Department  
hires three female  
firefighters.

July 1976



**C.A. GLASS**

Receives 50 year medal from Royal Canadian Legion.

**June**  
The \$890,000 Lilla Street widening project has begun. with about 40 trees being removed.

Two men walked into the local Beckers store, pointed a revolver at a surprised Elaine Zystra and demanded money.

Over 20 animals were lost when lightning struck a barn at the farm of Keith Ashton, R. R. 1, Port Perry, during a severe electrical storm.

Port Perry Kinsmen Club President Lorne Scanlon became the first Kinsmen member in Canada to get the Master Kin Award from the National level.

Cartwright residents voted overwhelmingly to allow the sale of spirits, beer and wine by a majority of over 90 per cent.

**July**  
Sue Gribben won the All-Canadian Judo Championship at the competitions held at the Valladrome at the Olympic Site in

Montreal.

Paula Lishman, of Blackstock took part in the official opening of the C.N. Tower by helping switch on the lights that flooded the world's largest free-standing structure.

In an unanimous vote by Scugog Council, three women were accepted along with three male applicants as members of the Scugog Township Fire Dept., overcoming what they described as "sex discrimination" by Fire Chief Scott.

Port Perry nurse Dorothy Nelson and Oshawa fireman, Arthur Forsythe saved the life of David Duffy, when his tractor overturned and pinned him face down in a muddy ditch.

**August**

Don Frew announced he would not return as Ward 4 representative on Township council.

Scugog Township's first aquatic robbery took place last Sunday at a Caesarea marina when a knife-wielding boater used threats to get the marina attendant to fill up two gas tanks with \$8.00 of fuel.

**September**

Rosemary Hoerner, 16, with the help of her father, Bert, netted her first muskie on the Lake in front of their Highland Beach cottage. After a two hour battle the 30 lb., 50 inch long fish was landed.

Work on the new Scugog Arena was halted recently when a crane used to lift steel roof trusses into place toppled over, causing only minor damage to the new arena.

**October**

Seven head of cattle escaped from their Victoria Street pens in Prince Albert and took a leisurely walk downtown. They were corralled at Bryce Philp's garage on Water Street, loaded onto a truck and taken home.

The local "dentists 'n doctors" pumpkin growing contest was won by Dr. Ralph Price of Lilla Street. His entry weighed an impressive 116 pounds.

Bottles of every size, colour and shape line the shelves of the new self-serve L.C.B.O. store on the corner of Mary and Perry Street in Port Perry.

**November**

Sue Gribben of Port Perry won the World's Women Judo Champion at the Crystal Palace in London, England, competing against 28 countries.

Mrs. Victor Hayden laid the silver cross in front of the Cenetaph as Silver Cross Mother at the Remembrance Day service.

Eighteen tombstones were toppled or bro-



Mayor Lawrence Malcolm cut the ribbon to officially open Homestead Furniture in April 1976. The new store, located on 7A Hwy., beside Ballard Lumber, is owned by Chick Carnegie, left, and Ralph Ballard.



**CLIFF CROWELL**  
1977 President of Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

ken causing an estimated \$1,000. damage in a weekend raid on Pinegrove Cemetery on Queen Street in Prince Albert.

December

One of the most exciting elections in many years returned Mayor Lawrence Malcolm and three councillors, Reg Rose, Vernon Asselstine and Jerry Taylor to office.

Thuron Ltd. moved from its cramped Water Street quarters to its new plant at the renovated hatchery building on Highway 7A. The company has increased sales from \$175,000 to more then \$2 million in a few years.



**GERALD NELSON**  
Honored by Holstein Association of Canada.

# 1977

January

Don Crosier, Richard Drew and Neil McLaughlin took their oaths of office as did incumbent Mayor Lawrence Malcolm, Reg Rose, Vernon Asselstine and Jerry Taylor.

Scugog's new arena became a reality with the opening of the doors on January 3rd, 1977.

The first major snowfall of the year ocured when over 10 inches fell onto the area, closing schools.

February

Scugog Chamber of Commerce elected Cliff Crowell as president, taking over from Richard Drew.

Stanley Ploughman was honoured by friends and fellow members of the Oddfellows and Rebekahs upon his retirement.

Cartwright High School selected Louise VanCamp was selected as this years' Heart Queen.

Gerry E. Nelson was honored by the Holstein Association of Canada for his 25 years service as the East Central Ontario Fieldman.

March

Scugog's mayor and councillors receive a pay hike of \$300 making salaries for mayor \$5,740 and for councillors \$5,400 annually.

A grand old man of this area, Herb Eagleson passes at the age of 101 years.

Dr. George Malcolm Rennie passes away after 48 years of service to the community, longer than any other in the history of this area.



Stan and Flossie Ploughman were guests of honor at a special banquet to honor Mr. Ploughman's retirement after 30 years as secretary of Warriner Lodge, Port Perry.

April

Grant MacDonald becomes Chairman of the Board for Community Memorial Hospital.

Sue Gribben, Dorothy Nelson, and Graham Fish were honored at the 3rd annual Awards Night held by the municipality.

Morley Davidson, avid long-distance runner was one of 4,000 runners taking part in the famous Boston Marathon, finishing 659th in 2:55:30.

May

Scugog Shores Historical Museum opens its doors for its eight consecutive season.

New lights were installed at the Nestleton Park.

Over 30 teams took part in the Scugog Big Brothers bed race.

Mayor Lawrence Malcolm was honoured by the Beavers, becoming the first honorary member.

June

Royal Bank, Port Perry branch moved to their new, modern location, the former L.C.B.O. store

The new Scugog  
Arena officially  
opened

January 3, 1977



**DR. GEORGE RENNIE**  
Physician for 48 years.



Murray and John Williams flank new owner of G. M. Williams Motors. The business was sold to Mr. Colin Ball effective May 2, 1977.

on the corner of Perry and Queen Streets.

Marie Kristensen, a Blackstock student was chosen to represent the sponsors, the local Rebekah and Oddfellows lodges at the annual United Nation Pilgrimage for Youth in New York.

**July**

Actor Henry Fonda spent four days north of Greenbank filming a movie called "Grandpa and Frank".

Harry Imperial opened a movie theatre in Port Perry, the first in about 20 years.

Hobbs Beverages, formerly Port Perry Beverages, ceased operation.

Miss Barbara Ferguson celebrated her 101st birthday in the Community Nursing Home.

**August**

Vandals caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to classrooms, supplies, and furniture at Prince Albert Public School.

Three men robbed a Becker's Milk Store in Port Perry at knife-point.

Don Masterson, 33, of Blackstock was elected the 57th National President of the Association of Kinsmen Clubs of Canada.

Jim Zoet was the outstanding player on the Canadian Men's basketball team during the World Student Games in Sofia, Bulgaria.

**September**

Enrolment at area schools is expected to be about 3,200 students and 156 teachers.

Four little girls were born at Community Memorial Hospital between noon and 7 p.m. on September 8th.

Plans are underway by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce to restore and rejuvenate the downtown section of Port Perry.

Louise VanCamp of Blackstock was crowned Durham Dairy Princess.

**October**

Closed circuit cameras have been installed at Becker stores due to a rash of robberies.

Sue Gribben captured the silver medal in London at the British open women's judo championships.

Wearing bags over their heads, two men entered the Queen St. Beckers Store and at knifepoint demanded money from the cash register.

**November**

Tony Cesaroni of Carlan Industries unveiled the plans for a \$250,000 plaza on two acres of land across from the Fair Grounds.

A lone gunman held up the Brewer's Retail Store in Port Perry just before closing time, and made off with a substantial amount of cash.

Parents asked council to construct a sidewalk on the south side of 7A and provide an crossing guard at 7A and Ottawa Street.

**December**

The Bank of Montreal confirmed it will open a branch beside Dowson's Red and White Store in the Port Perry Plaza.

A "mortgage burning" was held at the Port Perry United Church when the \$50,000 mortgage for the Education Centre was paid off.

The OPP stepped up its campaign to force drivers to use their seatbelts, and anybody found unbuckled will be slapped with a \$28.00 fine.



Royal Bank manager, Bill English, left and OPP constable Steve Mowatt flank bank records being moved to the bank's new home at the corner of Queen and Perry St. in June 1977.



**JOHN McCLELLAND**  
Joins Port Perry Star as Editor in June 1977.



**TOM HARRIS**  
After 30 years practicing law, Tom Harris retired and closed the firm his father started in 1900.

# 1978

## January

A fire totally destroyed the barn owned by Joseph Janowski, R.R.2, Port Perry, and killed over 40 head of cattle..

Elizabeth Fulford was hired as district co-ordinator for Scugog Community Care Organization.

## February

During the last Thursday night of January, Scugog Township was in the grip of the most violent winter storm in living memory. Before it was over, the vicious winds and driving snow had caused death, injury, massive property damage, power failures, and a huge traffic jam on Oshawa Road that involved more than 400 abandoned vehicles.

The establishment of a Business Improvement Area for a section of downtown Port Perry merchants took an initial step forward.

Teachers are upset over recent Board of Education policy limits the hiring of new teachers to those with one year teaching experience or less.



**STORM OF THE CENTURY**

An unexpected snowstorm hit Scugog in February, stranding 400 cars along the Oshawa Rd. between Port Perry and the Ridges.

## March

Scugog Township agreed to look into the possibilities of establishing snow removal by-law for sidewalks in the municipality.

A sheltered Workshop for the adult mentally retarded is to be located in the Township of Scugog.

## April

Work is to get underway on a \$300,000 water storage tank with a capacity of 470,000 imperial gallons.

The Community Memorial Hospital is to be part of an emergency patient helicopter transfer system.

Durham Board of Education approved a \$76.6 million budget.

Parents in Blackstock are forming a Block Parents organization in that community.

## May

A 1978 automobile valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from Philp Pontiac-Buick.



**GRACE BEACOCK**

Retires after collecting Prince Albert news for 35 years.

Scugog Township council rejects purchasing the Lake Scugog Lumber property located on the waterfront.

Highway 7A was closed for several hours while Hydro crews cleared the road of live wires that had fallen when a car snapped a 55 foot pole.

## June

The first-ever contract for Scugog Township's outside employees was ratified by the workers giving them a pay increase amounting to six percent.

Medical staff at the Community Memorial Hospital got their first look at a new emergency evacuation service when an air ambulance made a trial run from Toronto to Port Perry.

## July

Two Port Perry families were left homeless following an early Sunday morning fire which gutted a two storey house on Union Avenue.

## August

Legion Branch 419, Port Perry celebrated the organization's 32nd anniversary with John L. Sweetman, first branch president, as guest speaker.

Scugog Township council endorsed a project which will lead to development of a multi-use park and recreation area in Greenbank.

Several business people in downtown Port Perry publicly



**JACK COOK JR.**

Elected to executive council of the O.A.S.A.

Violent winter storm strands 400 motorists along Oshawa Rd.

February 1978

voiced their anger at the condition of sidewalks along Queen Street.

September

Three Oshawa men were taken into police custody following a high speed car chase through the streets of Port Perry and Prince Albert.

Chief Jack Cook and eight members of Scugog Fire Department attended the funeral for Brock Township Fire Chief Carl Umphries who died while fighting a fire near that community.

A Cessna 150, crashed in a heavily wooded area near Purple Hill, killing the pilot.

A strike at Flamingo Pastries Limited has been averted when production workers at the Port Perry Plant voted to ratify a new two year contract.



**JOHN SWEETMAN**  
First President of Port Perry  
Legion Branch 419.

October

The expansion of the Port Perry Sewage treatment lagoon system is expected to be operational by early 1979.

Vandals struck R. H. Cornish Public School early Saturday morning and left behind a trail of damage estimated by police at \$2,000.

Reconstruction got underway on the Central Seven Workshop for mentally handicapped adults.

Engineering report suggests that deteriorating conditions make necessary a complete reconstruction of Queen Street in downtown Port Perry.

November

Jim Zoet accepted an offer to play basketball in the Dutch city of Rotterdam.

Constable Rick Olaisen of the Durham Regional Police Force received the Father John Markle Award as Outstanding Probationary Constable for 1978.

Construction of the new Imperial Bank of Commerce branch in Port Perry should be ready for occupancy by the middle of summer.

Jerry Taylor, Ward 3 councillor scored an upset victory over Mayor Lawrence Malcolm by 237 votes.

Police discovered a badly decomposed body in heavily wooded area three km. south of Sunderland.

December

Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor and the six members of his council, Reg Rose, Jerry Jackman, Richard Drew, Don Crosier, John Williams and John Wolters were officially sworn into office.

In an unprecedented move, incumbent chairman Walter Beath broke a tie vote in Regional Council to win a new two-year term to the top political position in Durham Region.



**BUYS LAKEFRONT PROPERTY**

When Scugog Twp. turned down an offer to purchase the lakefront property of Lake Scugog Lumber, Ken Jackson purchased it from owner Ted. Griffen in June 1978.



**SEBERT HOUSE**

The old Sebert House, pictured here in April 1978, at Queen and Water St. was sold to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and torn down.



**CIBC UNVEILS PLANS**

This plan was unveiled by the CIBC to replace the Sebert House. The 3,500 sq. ft. bank was scheduled to open during the summer of 1979.



**UTICA FARM EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION**

This aerial view shows the progress of construction on the new Utica Farm Equipment facility in August 1978.



**NEW HOME FOR SCUGOG LUMBER**

View of the construction of the new Lake Scugog Lumber showroom and offices located on Oshawa Road. December 1978.

A consultants report says the estimated cost of reconstruction of Queen Street in downtown Port Perry will be close to \$350,000.

On an order from the Supreme Court, Scugog Council reluctantly passed a by-law amendment to permit a 10 acre lot for Agincourt businessman J. Rush in the northwest corner of the municipality.

Durham Regional Police Force takes over duties in Scugog Township December 31, 1978.



**PHILP'S NEW HOME**

Construction on the new facilities for Philp Pontiac-Buick in Dec. 1978. The dealership is located on the Oshawa Rd. beside Lake Scugog Lumber.

# 1979

**January**

Effective January 1, 1979 the legal drinking age in Ontario went up from 18 to 19 years.

Four cars went through Lake Scugog ice over the weekend, but fortunately there were no injuries or drownings in connection with the incidents.

For the second time in many months, Scugog Council has refused to endorse proposals seeking to stop the proliferation of topless bars and restaurants in Ontario.

While working on one of the cars that went through the Lake Scugog ice earlier during the month, one of the scuba divers, Glenn Payne from Newmarket failed to come to the surface, after his life-line had slipped loose.

**February**

Durham Region's 250 outside workers voted to accept a contract offer which will give them a 6.75 percent increase this year and a seven per cent increase in the second year.

Nearly 300 snowmobilers braved the cold for 100 miles and raised \$20,000 for crippled children.

Durham Region Council voted in favor of elections being held every three years instead of the present two year period.

Katie Schmidt was crowned Heart Queen for 1979 at the annual Cartwright High School Heart Fund dance at the Recreation Centre in Blackstock.

**March**

Scugog Township Council has agreed "in principle" to endorse a massive reconstruction of Queen street to the tune of \$353,000.

Scugog councillor Reg Rose has officially taken over as chairman of Durham Region planning committee.

A crash of a light airplane near Blackstock claimed the



**JERRY TAYLOR**

Upset victory over incumbent Mayor Lawrence Malcolm.





**BOB CARNEGIE**  
Partner in Carnegie Bros.  
Crest Hardware Store.

Durham Regional  
Police take over  
duties in  
Scugog Township

January 1979

lives of two people.

April

Allan Lawrence, P.C. candidate for Durham-Northumberland riding, kicked off the election campaign in Blackstock, addressing 250 Tory faithful.

Scugog Township council has put a temporary freeze on new proposals for subdivisions.

The body of the 26-year-old Newmarket scuba diver, who disappeared in Lake Scugog while trying to salvage three cars, was recovered from the lake.

In an effort to improve relations between the Police and public, Durham Region Police announced, senior officers will be available to answer all enquiries from the public concerning police operations in Scugog Township.

Scugog Township council voted unanimously to purchase a 2.4 acre parcel of land, the former Lake Scugog Lumber property at the lakefront, from local businessman Ken Jackson for the sum of \$155,000.

May

Scugog Public Library is making plans for the construction of a new building on the lakefront property purchased two weeks ago by Scugog Township.

A team of five students from Port Perry High School captured first place in the annual Master Mind Tournament in Lakefield. Members of the team were: Martha McCallum (who placed first overall), Gord Carriere, Dean Coates, John Wynsma, Dave Alexander. Charles Wyszowski was the math teacher.

A new boat valued at \$12,500 purchased by Durham Region Police goes into service on Lake Scugog on June 1.

P.C. incumbent Allan Lawrence defeated his Liberal and New Democrat opponents in Durham-Northumberland riding, polling more than double the votes.

The Honorable Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, made a special visit to Scugog Township to officially open the Museum.

June

Scugog Township was seeking approval from Ontario Municipal Board to borrow up to \$700,000 for construction of a new Works Department garage, and to help finance a new library and municipal building.

One hundred seventy three canoes were entered in the Canoe the Nonquon race.

Bell Canada says that it will be 1983 at the earliest before the company will even consider extending the toll free dialing area for subscribers in Cartwright exchange.

By a vote of 16 to 10 (with four absent) Durham Region Council turned down a recommended 6.7 percent pay increase which would have brought their annual salaries to \$13,850 in January, 1980.

Anger was conveyed in a clear message to members of Scugog Township council at a meeting at Port Perry High School called by the Ratepayers Association to discuss a proposed expansion of the Library and other municipal matters.



**DURHAM POLICE OPEN OFFICE**

Durham Regional Police opened a new Port Perry office in Lakeview Plaza on 7A Hwy. On hand were Police Chief Jon Jenkins, Mayor Jerry Taylor, Commissioners Bill Low and Tom Jermyn and Regional Chair Walter Beath.



**UTICA FARM EQUIPMENT**

Gail and Arnold Kerry show an artist's rendering of the newly expanded Utica Farm Equipment showroom and service facilities they officially opened March 1979.



**PHILP PONTIAC-BUICK OPENS**  
 Bryce and Donna Philp officially opened their new building on the Oshawa Rd. on July 6, 1979.

**July**  
 A barn fire at the farm of John Meunier, west of Seagrave, caused an estimated \$70,000 damage including the loss of 150 pigs.

Scugog Township council hired Earl S. Cuddie to the new \$24,000 position as clerk-administrator, who will assume complete control over treasury, clerk and by-law departments of the municipality.

The Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club considers re-locating from its green on Queen Street, if the club gets financial help from the Township to construct a new green and club-house on municipal property on the lakefront.

**August**  
 The parishioners of the Church of the Immaculate Conception have decided to sponsor a Vietnamese family of seven or eight members.

The Ministry of Natural Resources released 60,000 muskie fry into Lake Scugog this spring.

The Scugog Public Library Board abandoned any plans of a new building on the lakefront property, and asked council to endorse three variances to local by-laws which would allow construction of a 5,000 square foot addition to the existing War Memorial building on Queen Street.



**EARL CUDDIE**  
 Hired as Scugog's Clerk Administrator.- July 1975.

**September**  
 Port Perry's annual Fall Fair was another outstanding success. Crowned Miss Port Perry Fair was Bridget Hamilton, with runner-up Lisa Nottingham.

A warning from Scugog Township's planning consultants recommend that no library expansion take place due to "substantial flooding in the library-bowling area", which could occur in the event of a major storm.

One of Port Perry's most popular physicians, Dr. S. Russell Martin, 41, of Port Perry was killed in a head-on collision west of Utica on Sept. 23, 1979.

A spokesman for Durham Regional Police says that about 200 pounds of marijuana growing wild in a Scugog Island field will be burned by the RCMP.



**DR. RUSSELL MARTIN**  
 Began his practice in Port Perry in 1970.

**October**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Poc, their three children, and Mr. Poc's mother arrived and are the first family of Viet Nam "boat people" to settle in the Port Perry area.

Council approved a resolution which commits the Township to pay one-third of the construction of a Library expansion up to \$100,000 and gives the Library Board a parcel of land on Water Street.

Council decides to tear down old arena on Water St.

October 1979

Scugog Township decided unanimously not to spend any tax money for repair to the old arena, nearly 30 years old. It will be torn down in 1980.

A group of Scugog women is working to form the volunteer service to the victims of any kind of sexual abuse or assault.

A fire early Saturday morning completely



**OLD ARENA TO COME DOWN**  
 The Township decided to tear down the old arena during 1980.



**BEARE MOTORS ANNIVERSARY**  
Storey and Bill Beare in the showroom of the dealership on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the business in Oct. 1979.

destroyed a horse barn and equipment at the Pinewood Equestrian Centre on Highway 12, south of Manchester.

November

Ellen Hope and Melodie Cannon of Port Perry were among 41 Durham College students awarded scholarships at the College.

Jaycees National vice president, Roy Klementi of Orillia was present for the charter meeting of the newly formed Scugog Jaycees which has 15 members. Ron McAllister was elected president.

About 40 people were on hand at the Latcham Centre to help kick off Scugog Memorial Library Campaign to raise approximately \$100,000 for a new library.

Opponents of the new Scugog Memorial Library building plans are taking their fight to the Ontario Municipal Board. Mrs. Myrtle Prentice, of Port Perry and Mr. Roy Grierson of Caesarea, have filed formal objections with the OMB against the Township's rezoning by-law which designates part of the two-acre lakefront property as the site for the new library building.

December

After four years as chairman of the Durham Board of Education, Yvonne Christie is stepping down.

Scugog Township has gone on record to say that there will be no municipal building on the waterfront property recently re-zoned to allow a new library.

Mayor Gary Herrema of Uxbridge has suggested that the Townships of Scugog, Brock and Uxbridge get out of Durham Region and form their own single-tier northern region or district.

Scugog's second family of Viet Namease "Boat people" arrived.

The approximately 1,000 secondary school teachers with the Durham Board of Education have accepted a one-year contract which will give them a 7.5% salary increase.



**HYDRO COMMISSION SWORN IN**

The new Scugog Hydro Commission, which takes over Jan. 1, 1980 was sworn in. Member are, back left, Ted. Griffen, Chuck Willis, Bert Dejeet, Bill VanCamp. Front, manager Larry Mabley and treasurer Dianna Wood.



**UNITED CHURCH REPAIRS**

After being struck by lightning earlier in the year, the Port Perry United Church bell tower underwent structural repairs in November 1979.

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January

Scugog's newest citizen of the year was little Amanda Rosetta, born at Port Perry Hospital to Marci and John Redman, R. R. 3, Port Perry.

Members of the Scugog council had their first look at the plans for the new Scugog Memorial Library, and approved of the plans.

Brought on by the sky-rocketing demand for firewood, tree rustling became a concern for the ministry of natural resources and private landowners.

A proposal by the Central Seven Organization to establish a group home for mentally retarded adults met with opposition from nearby property owners.

February

An Ontario Fire Marshall investigator said that a fire January 26 at a luxurious home just west of Port Perry was caused by arson.

The seven elected members of Scugog council have decided not to increase their salaries this year.

The official opening of the Scugog District Rape Crisis

Centre took place on Friday February 15.

The Durham Board of Education will make no decision on the future of Epsom School until after a local committee of parents and trustees meet again.

March

Scugog council has agreed to increase the Township grant to the Scugog Shores Museum from \$2,000 to \$4,000 this year, which will allow the museum to hire a full-time curator.

An angry Scugog Council rejected efforts by several downtown business people to retain the angle parking on the north side of Queen Street.

Scugog Township's bid of \$71,000 for the purchase of the Brignall property east of the municipal buildings was accepted.

Scugog Township council awarded the contract for the reconstruction of Queen Street to Ivan Hubbert Construction Limited, of Peterborough. At \$405,336, Hubbert was the lowest of 11 bids.

A proposal for a group home for mentally retarded adults received the final green light from the Township.

April

The Scugog Ratepayer's Association selected Bill Brock of Port Perry as its' "Citizen of the Year".

After 13 years in the provincial legislature, Durham-York M.P.P. Bill Newman called it quits, citing health



DR. GUNTIS SILINS  
Takes up medical practice in Port Perry.



ELIMINATE ANGLE PARKING

Council rejected efforts of downtown merchants to retain angle parking.



**END OF AN ERA ON QUEEN STREET**

Demolition got underway on the old Sebert House, which opened in Jan. 1885, to make room for a new Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The old arena can be seen in background.

reasons.

The ice-rental rates at the Scugog Arena are going up \$5.00 per hour across the board for the 1980-81 season.

A committee of local citizens and School Board trustees has been formed to examine the future of Cartwright High School, the smallest secondary school in Durham Region.

The status of Epsom Public School will remain unchanged for another school year at least.

**May**

Port Perry High School teacher Russ Baird was named director of the County Town Singers.

Mike Patton of Port Perry High School set a LOSSA record in the senior boys high jump competition by jumping 1.94 m.

A writ was filed with the Supreme Court of Ontario for an injunction to stop a group home for the mentally retarded at Gerrow's Beach on Scugog Island.

Robert DeShane of Port Perry has been awarded the licence for operation of the central ambulance in Lindsay.

central ambulance in Lindsay.

The Griffen family's Lake Scugog Lumber and Coal Co. Ltd. celebrated 50 years of successful business venture.

**June**

Scugog council agreed Monday afternoon to purchase a new fire truck for the Township at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

Durham Regional Council voted unanimously to ask federal and provincial governments to change legislation so that some welfare recipients would be required to work in the community in exchange for their benefits.

Port Perry High School student Darlene Gibson scored the highest marks in a province wide shorthand contest. Her score was 97 percent.

A temporary injunction against a group home for the mentally retarded on Scugog Island was rejected at an Ontario Supreme Court hearing held in Toronto.

Scugog Township council wants the library board to "study the possibility" of relocating the library in Port Perry's Latcham Centre, and the Senior Citizens to study the possibility of moving to the present Library building.

Stan Ploughman and Connie Glass were crowned Port Perry Senior Citizens King and Queen at a ceremony in the Latcham Centre.

**July**

The Port Perry Senior Citizens Club wants to remain at the Latcham Centre. Club members last week voted unanimously to reject a suggestion from Scugog council of moving to the Memorial Library Building on Queen Street.

A report prepared for the Durham Region District Health Council recommends phasing out the maternity units of the Port Perry, Uxbridge, and Bowmanville Hospitals.

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved a zoning change which will allow the Port Perry I.G.A. to expand its store area and parking lot, but at least one resident on Mary Street says there may be an appeal to the OMB judgement.

A 19-year-old Oshawa man drowned in Lake Scugog Monday afternoon when he fell from a high-powered motor boat about 100 yards off the north shore of Seven Mile Island.

**August**

Planners for Durham Region have recommended that the hamlet of Seagrave undergo slow residential growth over the next several years, to insure there is no adverse effect on water supplies to existing homes.

One of the finest historic homes in Port Perry and area, built by Joseph Bigelow in 1877 has been sold by its present owner William (Bill) Carnegie,



**GRIFFEN ANNIVERSARY**

Sam. and Ted. Griffen of Lake Scugog Lumber celebrated 50 years in business.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

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to a Bank of Montreal executive.

Scugog Township council has accepted the low tender of \$148,000 from Edgar Brown of Scugog Island for a two-year contract for garbage collection in Wards two, three and four.

September

Round two of the battle over the lakefront site for the proposed library got under way in front of the Ontario Municipal Board with a request from the objectors that the hearing be postponed until after the November elections. This request however, was denied by the chairman of the OMB panel.

October

Yvonne Christie, former chairman of Durham Board of Education and at present, school trustee from Scugog Township, announced she will seek the Progressive Conservative nomination for the provincial riding of York Region.

Work will get underway on a new \$426,000 addition to the Prince Albert Public School.

A number of dignitaries were present when the re-constructed Queen Street was officially opened by Robert Eaton, parliamentary assistant to Communications minister James Snow.

The provincial Ministry of Transportation and Communications has refused to contribute anything towards drilling new wells in Manchester, despite the fact road salt run-off is responsible for contaminations of some of the wells.

Mr. Gary David, manager of the Bank of Commerce, opened the doors for the first customers in the new building located at Queen and Water Streets.

November

Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor was returned to office, but councillors Jerry Jackman and Richard Drew went down to defeat. In the race for Regional Council Lawrence Malcolm defeated Jerry Jackman and Robert Espey defeated Richard Drew for a Scugog council seat. Don Crosier defeated Ruth Mark for the area council seat, Neil Hunter won the seat in Ward 1 over Val Lovering, and Paul Saulnier. Presbyterian minister Stuart McEntyre won the seat on Durham Board of Education.

The Ontario Municipal Board has ruled in favour of the proposed waterfront location for a new Scugog War Memorial Library building.

The people of Scugog have sent a strong, clear message to Durham Region Health Council that the maternity unit at Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry must not be closed.

December

Scugog Township council has gives approval to David Irvine and Keith Geer to build an open air skating rink on the site of the old arena.

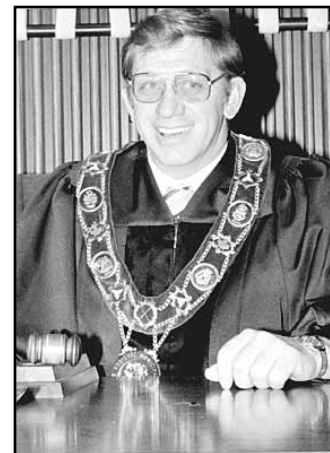
Breaking from tradition, the new Scugog council used the inaugural meeting to pass a by-law which rescinded the action taken a week earlier by the out-going council to re-confirm its financial support and the Water Street location for a new library building.

Friends of John and Marion Rodway honoured the popular couple at a surprise dinner prior to the couple leaving for Australia on a teacher-



**LAWNBOWLING**

Action on the old Lawn Bowling Green on Queen St. in summer of 1981.



**GARY HERREMA**

Became second man to hold position of Chairman of the Region of Durham.



**QUEEN STREET CONSTRUCTION**

Construction got underway on Queen Street in downtown Port Perry during the month of April 1980.





**CHUCK PRESTON**  
Removed from Library Bd.

exchange program.

The old Master Feeds mill was purchased for an undisclosed price by Mr. Fred. Burghgraef in December 1980.

Scugog Township Council removed Chuck Preston from the Library Board. By a record vote of 5 to 2, council approved a motion from Lawrence Malcolm and John Wolters to appoint Joel Aldred to the Board.

Durham Police winter snowmobile patrols will have two machines based at the Port Perry sub-station.

Archie MacMaster retired after 34 years working at Beare Motors in Port Perry.

# 1981

## January

The contentious issue regarding building of a new library for Scugog Township was finally settled at the first council meeting of the year when councillors Robert Espey and Don Crosier went along with Councillor John Williams and Mayor Jerry Taylor and voted in favour of the Water Street site.

After 60 years of service to Port Perry and area in the same family, Storey and Bill Beare announced the sale of the GM business to Mr. Russell E. Gray effective Jan. 1, 1981. It had operated from the same location since 1919.

Among dignitaries attending the official ribbon cutting ceremony, to open the Spruce Lawn Apartment building on Rosa Street for senior citizens were MPP Bill Newman, MP Allan Lawrence and Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor. Resident Anne Mulligan was given the honour of cutting the ribbon.

A new Blackstock-Cartwright Lions Club was formed with 24 members. Roy Turner was elected president.

About 25 employees of the hospital set up picket lines as part of a strike by CUPE members at 65 hospitals across Ontario.

## February

The Durham District Health Council has recommended to the provincial Health Ministry that the maternity unit of the Port Perry Hospital remain open.

The 25 employees of the hospital who joined a province wide strike January 26th, reluctantly went back to work the following week.

Miriam Price was elected president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce at the annual dinner meeting held at the Port Perry Legion Hall with over 100 members in attendance.

Ross Stevenson, a farmer from Udora won the Conservative nomination for the riding of York-Durham and Marg Wilbur of Scugog Township was unopposed in her bid for the NDP nomination for the riding of York-Durham. Gary Adamson, Markham will carry the Liberal banner in the upcoming provincial election on March 19.

## March

Durham Region's 366 police officers have accepted a two-year contract which will boost the salary of a first class constable to \$29,800 by January 1, 1982.

## April

An average home in Scugog valued at about \$60,000, will see a tax increase of about \$130.00. That was the predic-



**YVONNE CHRISTIE**  
Resigns as Chairman of Durham Board of Education.



**MIRIAM PRICE**  
1981 President Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.

Township approves construction of a new library at lake-front

January 1981



**SCUGOG COUNCIL 1981**

Front row: Area councillor Don Crosier, Mayor Jerry Taylor, Regional Councillor Lawrence Malcolm. Back left, Councillors Neil Hunter, John Williams, John Wolters and Robert Espey.



**DR. HELEN OTTENBRITE**  
First Canadian Chiropractor to win prestigious award for Sacro Occipital Technique.

tion as council adopted a local budget which is 23 percent higher than last year.

Kim Harris of Port Perry High School was the winner of the Lions International District A-16 Effective Speaking Competition for English-speaking girls.

**May**

A crowd of 200 business people, friends, relatives and former employees honoured Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brock on the occasion of the Brock's 100th Anniversary in business.

A major expansion has been proposed for the Port Perry Plaza on Highway 7A. Harding Gate Developments which owns the plaza, has applied for a building permit for construction of a 12,000 square foot single storey structure for up to 12 new stores.

Approximately 200 cubs, scouts and parents planted an estimated 5,000 white spruce trees at the Nonquon Conservation area north of Port Perry.

A meeting between the Township, Health Department and a development company took place to prevent Poplar Park pool from shutting down.

In recognition of 45 years of valuable service, the Ontario Roads Association presented John Maw with their Long Service Award. The Hon. James Snow, Minister of Highways presented the plaque to Mr. Maw.

**June**

Two Port Perry High School students, Laural Holtby and Mary McKelvey, will be touring Europe this summer with the Ontario Youth concert Band.

John Gradish has been named the new principal of Port Perry High School, replacing Doug Williams who is moving to Donovan Collegiate in Oshawa.

Manchester people received good news when test drilling for a new well was started. Many residents have been trucking in drinking water because their wells have been contaminated.

**July**

On June 29th, R. B. Smallman of Port Perry celebrated his 100th birthday with an Open House, at the Community



**RETIRED FROM FAIR BOARD**

After 11 years as secretary and treasurer of the Port Perry Agricultural Society, Glenn and Marjorie Wanamaker retired.



**DR. JACK COTTRELL**  
Chairman of the new Library Building Committee.

**Nursing Home.**



**BROCK'S 100th ANNIVERSARY**  
April 1981 - Marjorie and Arthur Brock at the 100th Anniversary of Brock's Dept. Store. Mr. Brock, 75, still worked full time at the store.

Since French Immersion classes began in three Durham Schools in 1977, it has grown from 64 to a projected 673 students for September 1981.

Larry Emmerson of Port Perry was one of 12 Ontario residents to receive the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship from Lieutenant Governor John Black Aird.

In a surprise move, Scugog Township council all but abandoned plans of re-opening Poplar Park outdoor swimming pool in Port Perry.

Construction of a new Scugog War Memorial Library moved forward when the Board agreed unanimously to award the building contract to Sherwood Construction of Oshawa.

**August**

The passenger group fighting the closing of VIA rail between Havelock and Toronto



Ted. Griffen's house located near the lakefront was demolished to make room for the new Scugog Memorial Library in Sept. 1981.



**LARRY EMMERSON**  
Receives Ontario Good  
Citizenship Medal.



**DR. JOHN STEWART**  
First president of the Big  
Brothers Association of  
North Durham.



**ROTARY RECEIVES CHARTER**  
Port Perry Rotary Club president Chuck  
Dewhirst, right, receives Charter from District  
707 Governor, Fred. Black on July 15, 1981.

got another ally when Scugog Township council passed a resolution in favour of keeping the line in operation.

The Region offered the Works Depot in Manchester to Scugog as Durham will soon have a new facility on Regional Road 21, near Utica.

**September**

Construction of the new library will likely start next week as final approval for the \$325,000 building was given approved by Wintario.

Scugog Township will operate a propane fueled snowplow on the roads this winter.

All legal action against a group home which is used as a residence for mentally handicapped adults at Gerrow's Beach on Scugog Island, has been dropped.

Len Goreski of Scugog Island won the Canadian Enduro Motorcycle Championship in the Junior 200 class. Kelly Goreski and Ross Carter were 2nd and 7th in their respective classes.

**October**

Chris Faint, a graduate of Cartwright High School was honoured recently as "newsmaker of the month" by B.C. Timber, a large forestry company in British Columbia.

Capt. Jim Carnegie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carnegie, piloted a helicopter which rescued 11 U.S. workers off a gale-battered barge in Lake Ontario, just before it sank.

A 48-year-old drifter, John Alfred Thorpe from Alberta, with a lengthy criminal record, was found guilty in Provincial Court of attempted abduction of a ten year old Port Perry girl. He was sentenced to a 2 year prison term.

**November**

Durham Regional Police investigated a break-in at Port Perry Community Hospital which resulted in the theft of a quantity of narcotic drugs.

**December**

Durham Regional Police have laid two charges against Michael James McKegney, 37, of no fixed address, for attempted murder in connection with a stabbing incident early Sunday morning at a residence on Union Avenue in Port Perry.

Durham Region council approved a 13 percent hike in the garbage dumping fee amid predictions by many Regional councillors that Durham could be facing a crisis in its operation of landfill sites.

Scugog Township council has thrown its support behind a bid to bring GO Train service into Uxbridge.



**LEVINSON'S CLOSE STORE**

After 43 years in business in Port Perry, Sam. and Anne Levinson closed their popular clothing store on Queen St. in Sept. 1981.



**CAROL MORROW**  
Retired after 30 years nursing service in Port Perry.



**JIM MARLOW**  
1981 Community Memorial Hospital Chairman.

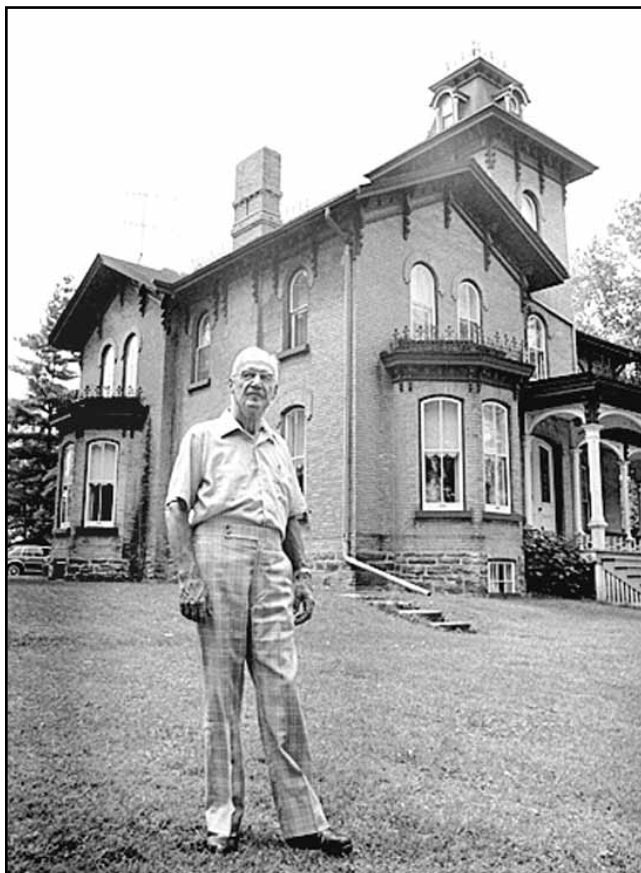
# 1982

**January**

On the first day of January, 1982, the price for first class letters went up from 17 cents to 30 cents.

Population growth in Scugog Township over the past seven years is higher than both Uxbridge and Brock

# The Historic Bigelow Home



Bill Carnegie, a great grandson of Joseph Bigelow, stands in front of the house he's called home since he was 15 years of age. The ornate, Italianate home, located on Cochrane St., featured enormous rooms, high ceilings and furnishings which had been in the family since 1877.



Prior to the auction, the drawing room appeared just as it did more than 100 years earlier when Joseph and Elizabeth Bigelow moved into the house.

Port Perry's finest and most historic home was sold during 1982 and the furnishings, some dating back more than 100 years, were sold by auction.

The home was built in 1877 by Joseph Bigelow, one of the areas most influential businessmen and had remained in the family for 105 years.

The house has been owned and lived in for the past 55 years by Bill Carnegie and his wife Laura. Mr. Bigelow was Mr. Carnegie's great grandfather.

A crowd estimated at 2,000 people attended the auction on Aug. 21, 1982 to bid on the lavish furniture, which had been in the house since it was built.

Prior to the sale, Mr. Carnegie admitted they would miss the house and said he thought it would have been a good place for the location of a local museum.

"This house contains a lot of history," he said.



One of the drawing room settees which lined the outer walls of the drawing room, and had been in the house since it was built.



This section of the drawing room shows the original furnishing and at the far end a large mirror flanked by portraits of Joseph Bigelow and his wife Elizabeth Paxton.



**PORT PERRY POST OFFICE**  
A landmark on Port Perry's main street, the Post Office as it looked in 1982.

Townships. Scugog population is 13,254, compared to Uxbridge 11,141 and Brock 9,096.

Durham Police said radar will be used to step up enforcement of snowmobile speed regulations on streets in towns and hamlets in Scugog Township.

Port Perry Community Hospital, converted its oil-fired boilers to natural gas and could see annual saving as high as \$18,000.

The new Scugog Arena operated at a deficit last year of \$7,700, up almost \$5,000 over the deficit in 1980.

**February**

The severe winter weather cost Scugog taxpayers a great deal of extra money. Works superintendent Ron MacDonald told the Star last month the Township spent \$20,000 more on snow removal than in January 1981.

Marg Wilbur of Scugog Township was elected to the provincial executive of Ontario New Democratic Party.

It was "over the top" this year for the annual Port Perry Snowarama as a record 322 snowmobilers participated in the 100 km ride and raised a total of \$29,500 in pledges.

After lengthy negotiations, the Durham Board of Education and more than 1000 high school teachers reached a new contract. Top salary for a teacher is now \$37,200, and maximum salary for secondary school principals is \$50,000.

Despite protests from two councillors, Scugog Township agreed to changes in the development plans for Prince Albert to allow a maximum of 160 homes to be built in that community.

**March**

The cost of moving a 120 ton house three miles from Greenbank to Concession 9 in Scugog cost the proprietor, chiropractor Dr. Morley Pitts an estimated \$100,000.

Scugog Township building inspector Ray Penney warns there are a lot of improperly installed wood stoves in Township homes and "it is only a matter of time" before there is a fatal disaster.

Quick thinking and some delicate work with a backhoe is credited with saving the life of Doug Coppins of Uxbridge Township who was buried under three feet of sand and gravel.



**MUSICAL DUO**  
Grace Hastings and her daughter Gloria Forder following a performance at Town Hall 1873.



**FIRE AT GERRY'S PRODUCE**  
Fire ravaged the warehouses and office of Gerry's Produce, Port Perry causing an estimated \$1.5 million damage and loss in March 1982.

An application by Van Camp Construction of Port Perry to open a gravel pit on Durham Road 21, west of Utica was approved by Regional Council.

**April**

The provincial government is awarding capital grants of \$200,000 each to the hospitals in Port Perry and Uxbridge.

**May**

Over 30 firefighters from four departments in Port Perry, Caesarea, Uxbridge and Whitby battled a stubborn brush fire that rushed through fields and wooded areas on the east side of Durham Road 23, just south of 21.

Lake Scugog is not suffering any damaging effects from acid rain pollution according to a study conducted by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

After 17 years as minister for the Anglican Churches in Blackstock and Port Perry, Rev. Reg Rose announced his resignation and will take up new duties with a new church in Toronto.

Damage could be as high as \$25,000 following an early morning fire at Club Annrene on Scugog Island.



**June**

Despite strong pleas of opposition, Durham Regional Council voted in favour of an official plan ammendment to allow construction of a nine hole golf course and 76 homes near Chalk Lake.

Central Seven Industries of Port Perry has recently acquired equipment for producing pressure sensitive or self-adhesive labels, and will be adding a photo-copying machine for high quality, rapid reproductions, along with stencil cutting and duplications.

Greenbank had a special event in their park on June 24, to officially open their new field floodlights and washrooms.

Scugog Township is experiencing the worst year in several for new construction. During the first months of 1982, building permits worth 1.9 million were issued compared to 4.3 million during the same period last year.

Residents of Cochrane Street have made it clear to Scugog Township that they are opposed to any development proposals to the north end of the street, other than single family residences.



**NEW SCUGOG LIBRARY OPENS**

Mayor Jerry Taylor, Library Chairman Chuck Preston and Librarian Grace Milne at the opening of the new Scugog Memorial Public Library.

**July**

Mr. Robert Walker, a resident of Brooklin is the new postmaster of Port Perry Post Office. He replaces Bruce Hull who held the position for 24 of his 37 years with the postal organization.

After several months of negotiations, the assets of Comco metal and Plastics have been sold, jeopardizing 150 jobs at the company plant in Port Perry.

Higher costs for everything from fuel to drugs to lab supplies left Community Memorial Hospital in a deficit position.

The condition of Birdseye Pool is deteriorating so rapidly that it's likely it will have to be replaced by the end of this summer season.

**August**

Hot air balloons flying low over the Van Kessel farm, R.R. 1, Port Perry, made the cattle in the field stampede.

The Toronto-Peterborough-Havelock Association, which had been waging a gutsy, year-long battle to keep the commuter train on the rails from Havelock to Toronto, admit there is little chance it will continue beyond September.



**BRUCE HULL**

Retires after 24 years as postmaster in Port Perry.

Dr. Beverley Smallman, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smallman was honoured at Trent University in Peterborough when he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree.

The 26 acre private estate known as Seven Mile Island on Lake Scugog, owned by mining magnate Patrick 'Paddy' Harrison, was offered for sale.

Water samples taken this summer from swimming areas around Lake Scugog are much better than last year, according to the Health Unit.

Mark Brown, a 14-year-old Scugog Township youngster placed first in two categories in gymnastic competition held at the Peace Games in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**September**

Officials with Durham Region's Social Services Department are projecting a \$1,000,000 deficit in the welfare budget this year.

A privately owned and operated nursing home with up to 100 beds is being proposed for Scugog Township on Concession Two near the Scugog-Manvers boundary line. The applications were filed with Scugog Township by William McGeoghan.

A large reddish-brown coyote which viciously killed one dog and attacked two others in the western rural area of Scugog Township was positively identified as rabid.

Port Perry Community Hospital is one of four in Durham Region under consideration by the provincial Health Ministry for construction of a proper helicopter landing pad.



**BOB WALKER**

Takes over as postmaster for Port Perry Post Office.





**PATRICK HARRISON**  
Owner of Harrison Holdings  
on Seven Mile Island.

**October**

The congregation of the Port Perry United Church got their first look at the new \$94,000 memorial organ on Sunday, October 3rd, during the dedication ceremony held at the church.

Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor was acclaimed for another term. There were no challengers for the mayor's chair as nominations closed November 8th.

A large crowd was on hand to hear Alan Reesor at the keyboards of the \$94,000 Keates-Geissler pipe organ at Port Perry United Church. Mr. Reesor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reesor of Port Perry and is currently Associate Professor of Music at the University of Prince Edward Island.

**November**

Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry will be receiving an additional \$139,500 in operating funds from the provincial Health Ministry.

Durham Region officials are now projecting that the deficit for this year in general welfare payments will be at least \$1,125,000.

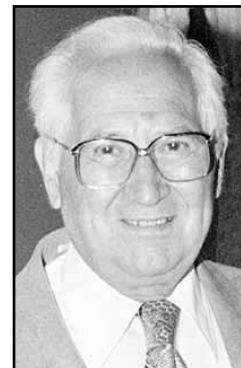
Only 42% of eligible voters went to the polls November 8th to cast their votes. The following candidates take their seats in Scugog Township council for the next three years: Mayor - Jerry Taylor; Regional Councillor - Lawrence Malcolm; Area Councillor - John Wolters; Ward 1 Councillor - Neil Hunter; Ward 2 Councillor - Jack Cottrell; Ward 3 Councillor - Don Cochrane and Ward 4 Councillor - Harvey Graham. Stuart McEntyre returns as Scugog trustee on the Durham Board of Education.

**December**

Law partners Paul Fletcher and John McKay were found not guilty and cleared of fraud charges against them in a Toronto courtroom.

The cost to Scugog Township for the November 8th election was slightly less than \$14,000. The largest single cost was for printing the voters list, ballots and cards which came to \$5,226.

The Harrison Estate on Seven Mile Island was sold for \$630,000, but who bought the unique property on Lake Scugog has not been disclosed.



**GORDON REESOR**  
Port Perry businessman.



**GRACE MILNE**  
Resigns as Chief Librarian  
of Scugog Memorial Library.

# 1983

**January**

Durham Regional Police reported several break, enters and thefts throughout Scugog over the Christmas-New Year's period.

A Toronto man, Michael James McKegney who pleaded guilty to two counts of wounding was sentenced in County Court to four years in jail.

Scugog garbage dump on Durham Road 8 could be shut down one day per week. It would save the Region as much as \$30,000 annually.

Scugog Township paid \$90,000 for a building on 2.5 acres on Durham Road 8 for a new garage and depot for the township roads department.

Scugog Township expe-



Scugog Council elected in 1982 - Front left, Regional Councillor Lawrence Malcolm, Mayor Jerry Taylor and Area Councillor John Wolters. Back left, Administrator Earl Cuddie and councillors Don Cochrane, Jack Cottrell, Harvey Graham and Neil Hunter.



These two photographs, when placed side by side, show a panoramic view of the back of the municipal office and part of Perry St. as it looked in March 1980.

rienced a \$2.7 million decline in the number of building permits issued during 1983 compared to 1982.

Ron Compton of Compton Cable TV announced Pay Television should be available by Sept. 1983.

The Scugog Landfill site on Durham Road 8 will be shut each Wednesday in the near future.

**February**

In December 1982, 7,198 people in Durham received welfare, compared to 5,581 a year earlier.

Motorists in the Scugog area were able to fill up their car tanks at the low price of 32.7¢ per litre.

Lake Scugog was the site of a new world speed record as Tom Erhart of Grand Rapids, Michigan, pushed the needle on his Budweiser-Polaris sled to 154.5 MPH.

Karen McKelvey, a grade 12 Port Perry High School student was accepted as a member of the Ontario Youth Concert Band. The band performs in England, France, West Germany and Austria.

**March**

March 18 will go down in history as the earliest that anyone has ever gone swimming in Lake Scugog, and Al Boumeester, 17, now holds that record. The temperature of the water was 8 degrees Celsius or 46 Fahrenheit.

Scugog Township council has approved the 1983 roads budget of \$1,285,000.

Raglan Public School will be closed in June and students transferred to Prince Albert or Meadowcrest (Brooklin) public schools.

Damage estimates are ranging as high as \$300,000 in a fire March 22, which destroyed the interior of Insulose Products Limited, and for a time threatened to force the evacuation of numerous homes in the northwest corner of Port Perry.

**April**

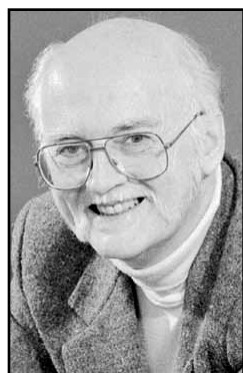
Port Perry High School grade 13 student Carla Dempsey and Velvet Linton both received honourable mention in a national writing contest. There were 2,000 entrants in the contest from all parts of Canada. Kathleen Taylor was the winner of the essay contest, sponsored by Durham Branch of Canadian Mental Health Association.

Scugog Township building permits showed a total of \$2,494,000 issued in the first 3 months of 1983, compared to only \$385,000 in the first three months of 1982.

Use of the strap will officially disappear from school



**BILL BARR**  
President Scugog  
Chamber of Commerce.



**LES PARKES**  
Award winning artist.

S.A. Cawker Public School opens doors with 505 students

September 1989

Sod turned for  
\$750,000 addi-  
tion to Community  
Memorial Hospital

June 1983

classrooms in Durham Region at the end of June 1984.

Tony Bertrand, 13-year-old member of R.H. Cornish wrestling team won the all-Ontario championship in the Bantam heavy-weight class.

**May**

A 35-year-old Scarborough man was sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of the second degree murder of Gary McKenzie, a Port Perry resident.

Port Perry artist, Les Parkes won the award for the Best Watercolour, at an art exhibit sponsored by the Oshawa Art Association.

After 39 years of perfect attendance with the Port Perry Lions Club, Lion Cec King was honoured at the 45th Anniversary celebration of the local club.

**June**

A group of Seagrave parents are demanding changes in the school bus route system following the tragic death of a seven year old boy who was killed May 27 as he stepped off a school bus in front of his home on Durham Road 2, south of Seagrave.

After more than a century of educating young people, Raglan Public School closed its doors on June 18, 1983.

Dr. Matthew B. Dymond using a bright silver spade started the construction of the new \$750,000 addition to the Community Memorial Hospital. Present at the sod turning was about 100 people among them Hospital Board Chairman Sheldon Smith, Durham-York MPP Ross Stevenson, Regional Councillor Lawrence Malcolm and building chairman Howard Hall.

**July**

Disappointed there appears to be no financial assistance from the federal or provincial governments for clearing weeds out of Lake Scugog, and alarmed at the growth of weeds in the lake, Township council agreed to explore the possibility of getting a harvester for the municipality.

Residents of Carnegie St. in Port Perry expressed strong reservations about a 150 unit apartment building proposed for a piece of land, east of the street and west of the Port Perry Plaza.

Forty-eight teenage girls, all members of the Oshawa Festival Singers, including two Port Perry girls, Cathy Hall and Jennifer Baird, flew to Scotland to sing their way across the British Isles.

Kevin Ash of Seagrave was the top 1983 grade 13 student with an average of 95 percent at Port Perry High School. In all, 23 students were recommended for Ontario Scholarships.

Scugog Township has enjoyed a strong upswing in building and construction during the first six months of 1983. Total value of this year was \$6,502,400, compared to only \$2,558,000 in 1982.

**August**

The finance committee of Scugog Township has recommended that the Township volunteer fire department based in Port Perry be increased to 25 members, effective January 1, 1984.

The highway construction project from Manchester through Port Perry was progressing well.

The new owners of 'Paddy' Harrison's Seven Mile Island planned to turn the property into a high-class resort. Representative from the company disclosed plans at a council meeting.

**September**

The Port Perry MoJacks Pee Wee Fastball team competed in Ontario Summer games in Sudbury and returned with the silver medal.



**CEC KING**  
Perfect Attendance Award.



**DAVE DURHAM**  
First Associate Member of the Royal Canadian Legion to be elected president.



**HOSPITAL SOD TURNING**

Dr. Matthew B. Dymond turns the sod for the \$750,000 addition to the hospital. With him are, from left Hospital Bd. Chairman Sheldon Smith, Ross Stevenson, MPP, and Regional Councillor Lawrence Malcolm.

Fifty-seven people of all ages turned up at the High School to participate in the Terry Fox Run with \$3,600 in pledges. Craig Taylor was the first to cross the finish line with a time of 34 minutes.

**October**

For the second time in three years, the Greenbank Gamblers were champions of Uxbridge Community Fastball League.

The hamlet of Brooklin, just south of Port Perry, will remain a community of about 1,600 after plans to develop the area to a community of 10,000 were scuttled.

Housing starts in Durham Region jumped 138 percent during the first 8 months of this year over the same period in 1982. In actual numbers, that is an increase of more than 1,000 units from 1,045 in 1982 to 2,490 in 1983.

Les Parkes, Port Perry artist has again won honors in an Art Exhibition, this time in Toronto for his watercolour, "Beach Litter".



**OLIVER READER**  
Celebrates 100th Birthday.

**November**

Scugog firefighters worked for an hour using the "Jaws of Life" to free two young men in a two-vehicle car crash on the Shirley Road. Dennis Gatchell, 20, of R. R. 2, Blackstock was flown by air ambulance to Sunnybrook Hospital.

The cost of garbage disposal in Durham Region will be going up substantially January 1, if Regional Council endorses a recommendation from the Works and Finance Committees suggesting an increase of 14.7%.

Pierre Leduc of Port Perry was honoured by the Adult Protective Services Assoc. of Ontario at a dinner in Toronto.

Hanover Hill Holsteins of Port Perry continued its string of victories as it brought home the top awards at the Royal Winter Fair.



**ROY GRIERSON**  
Candidate for the NDP.

**December**

Following months of negotiating with Scugog Council, developer Bill Calderwood presented new plans for a six storey, 70 unit apartment building in the Carnegie Street area approved by council.

Durham Region Police have started the roadside spot-check during the Christmas-New Years Season. Using the ALERT device, police will be taking breath samples from drivers at random locations throughout the region.

# 1984

**January**

First baby to be born at the Community Memorial Hospital in 1984 was a little boy, born to Rick and Sherrie Grieveson on January 3rd. A few hours later, a second baby girl was born to Wendy and Don Hockley. and only eight minutes later, a third baby was born to Kathy and Neil McLaughlin.

A fire at the Myrtle Station destroyed the Kurz Food Plant, causing an estimated \$800,000 damage.

Durham Regional Police winter snowmobile patrols on Lake Scugog and the cottage country started, with two officers patrolling the lake

Marilyn Hutchinson was honoured by Marg



**CURLING CLUB ROOF**

The Port Perry Curling Club receiving new trusses and roof in fall of 1983.

# Skating and Curling Arenas

Skating and Curling arenas were one of the main centres of winter activities throughout the past century, providing a gathering place for carnivals, skating, hockey and curling.

Since the early 1900s, Port Perry has had three indoor arenas, and at least one outdoor facility. And curling, has been held in at least the same number of locations.

The first covered skating rink, was located on the northwest corner of Lilla and MacDonald St, and was operating in the early 1900s. This rink later became known as the Olympia Skating Rink under the ownership of Dorman Corbman.

By the fall of 1913, the old Olympia Skating rink on Lilla St. was considered unsafe, and because the curling rink was too small for pleasure skating, an open air rink known as the Central Skating Rink, was opened behind the present day Post Office.



The Port Perry Rink on Lilla St. (built in 1922) as it looked about 1940.

In the fall of 1919 a public meeting was held to discuss construction of a new rink, although work didn't get underway until October 1921 on Port Perry Skating Rink. Cost of this new rink was \$8,350.

The rink building was 105 x 180' with metal roof. It had a skating/hockey ice surface measuring 60' x160' and two curling ices of regulation size, one on each side of the main building.

Mr. George Jackson officially opened the new Skating Rink on Jan. 2, 1922 and it was described as one of the finest outside the big cities with its large ice pad, seating for 400, dressing rooms with a gallery above.

In 1947, only 25 years after it was built, it was announced the Port Perry Rink was condemned.

In May 1949 the town purchased property just north of the Sebert House on Water St. for a new arena site and in July 1950 work began the new \$75,000 facility and on Jan. 12, 1951, Premier Leslie Frost officially opened the Port Perry Memorial Gardens Arena.

Twenty three years later Scugog council approved the building of a new single-pad arena on Durham Rd. 8, at the north end of town with construction getting underway in the spring of 1976. This despite appeals from local groups for a twin-pad arena.

The new \$750,000 Scugog Arena was officially opened on Jan. 16, 1977 by Chairman Howard Hall and other dignitaries.

With the old arena still operating on Water St., this gave Port Perry two ice surfaces for the first time in its history. But less than two years later, Scugog Township decided not to invest money into repairs for the 28 year old arena on Water Street and it was torn down during the summer of 1980.



Port Perry Memorial Gardens (above) operated from 1951 to 1979.



Scugog Community Arena was officially opened in Jan. 1977 and a new community centre was added in 1996.



Curling played an important part in Port Perry's recreational activities in the early 1900s. The first known indoor rink was located on Casimir Street.

In the Dec. 1914 Percy Graham purchased the old curling rink and moved it to 241 Queen St., where the building was used as Graham's Garage and later Ted. Jackson Appliances and House of Howard.

When the new skating arena opened in Jan. 1922, it had two ice pads for curling, one on each side of the skating pad. This was home for curlers until about 1946 when it was torn down.

A second new arena opened in Jan. 1951 and curlers used the new Water St. facility until the present curling rink located on Bay St. (right) was opened in Dec. 1959, which is still in use today.

and Jim Lawrence on the occasion of her 25 years service to Bruton's Drug Store.

**February**

The Port Perry Rotary Club was seeking a meeting with Scugog Township Council to discuss the club's plans to put a bandshell at the lakefront.

An early morning fire caused extensive damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sleep of R. R. 3, Blackstock. There were no injuries as the family managed to get out of the house unharmed.

Merril Van Camp of Blackstock was named to a three year term on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Stock Yards.

**March**

The PPHS Midget Boys basketball team were gold medal winners in the LOSSA final and silver medal winners in the COSSA playdowns. The Junior girls volleyball team from PPHS won silver medals at both LOSSA and COSSA playoffs.

All but two ice hut owners heeded warnings from the Ministry of Natural Resources and moved their huts by the March 15th midnight deadline.

The levels in the water of Lake Scugog will be the subject of a public meeting to be held in Port Perry. The meeting has been organized by Scugog Chamber of Commerce and representatives from Trent-Severn Waterways Authority will be present.

**April**

Ontario Treasurer Larry Grossman paid a visit to Port Perry to listen and discuss the economic issues with a group of 75 invited business people from the York-Durham riding.

Jody Luke and Max Daigle, two R. H. Cornish Public School students pulled off top honours in the most respected public speaking contest in the area.

The second annual Lake Scugog bass derby will be held on June 30, and the grand prize for some lucky fisherman could be as high as \$30,000.

Scugog Township council has received two proposals for re-building the municipally-owned marina on the waterfront. One of the proposals was submitted by Chuck Preston, a Port Perry businessman, and one from 21 year old John Mackey, an Oshawa resident who was born in Port Perry, and has worked at the marina for the past five summers.

A major expansion at the A. G. Simpson manufacturing plant south of Port Perry means an additional 40 or 50 jobs, according to company officials.

**May**

A new Separate Elementary School will open its doors to students in Port Perry in September 1986.

Dowson's Red and White Store celebrated its 35th anniversary in Port Perry.

Close to 400 people sat down to dinner at Scarborough's Renaissance Hotel to pay tribute to Dr. Matthew Dymond, one of Port Perry's best-known and respected citizens. Dr. Dymond spent more than 30 years of his life in public service.

Donna Pearce figures it's about time Caesarea got some respect, not to mention more tax dollars from Scugog Township council. She read an angry letter to councillors citing streets



**MR. SOFTBALL**  
Vin Walker was presented a special award for his 30 years working with kids in softball in Port Perry.

Hospital officially opens Matthew B. Dymond wing

June 14, 1984



**GORDON PAISLEY**  
Principal of Cartwright High School retires in May after 34 years at the school.



Port Perry Medical Building on Queen St. before renovations.





**HOSPITAL WING OPENS**

The new Dr. Matthew B. Dymond Wing at Community Memorial Hospital was officially opened June 14, 1984. Pictured are, from left, Mrs. Jeanne Dymond; Ontario Health Minister Keith Norton, Ross Stevenson, MPP Durham-York and Dr. M.B. Dymond.

are not paved, a lack of street lighting and drainage problems.

**June**

An invitation was extended to all residents of Scugog Township to attend the official opening and dedication to the new wing at the Community Memorial Hospital.

About 35 residents of Scugog Island, crowded the council chambers saying they were opposed to plans by the Township to put in a road linking Sunrise to Aldred's Beach to the south.

**July**

For the second year in a row, the \$30,000 first prize specially tagged bass in the Lake Scugog Bass Derby eluded fishermen.

Scugog Township council selected John Mackey to operate a new marina under lease when a facility is built on the Port Perry waterfront.

Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club received a grant from Wintario in the amount of \$25,042 and plans are made to move greens from Queen Street to a new and larger site on Regional Road 8.

Sixty-five merchants and friends honoured Sam. and Ann Levinson at a dinner sponsored by the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce, at Emiel's

Place. Mr. and Mrs. Levinson now live in Toronto.

One of the major attractions for Western Days was a dance at Scugog Arena with the "Hawk", Ronnie Hawkins, who entertained about 700 people.

**August**

After swinging golf clubs for 30 years, Harry Golding of Port Perry finally had his first hole in one at Pine Ridge Golf Course.

**September**

As was expected, Conservative candidate Allan Lawrence was easily re-elected in the riding of Durham-Northumberland.

Several cases of lice were reported at R. H. Cornish Public School, prompting an inspection of students.

Scugog Township Council unanimously approved a re-zoning which would allow a small private school where developmentally handicapped will be taught "living skills".

Dan McLarnon of Port Perry took second place in his division at the Canadian tunnel boat championship held at Gravenhurst.

**October**

Damage was estimated at more than \$30,000 after an intense fire at the office of the Trailer Place at the intersection of Water Street and Highway 7A.

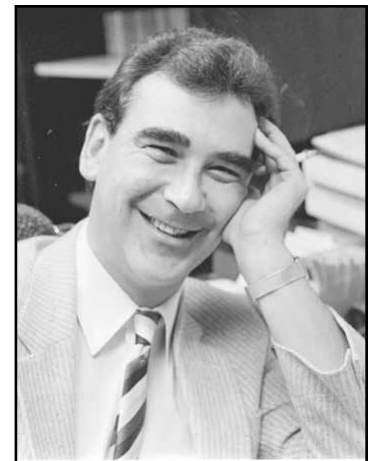
By a vote of four to one, Scugog Township council gave approval to a scaled-down subdivision application for Stephenson's Point on Scugog Island.

Twenty-two tons of Fred. Knobbs prime alfalfa hay was shipped to England to feed the Queen's horses at the Royal Stables.

An agreement between Scugog Township and Carlan Developments has been reached for a two-acre site for a lawn bowling green on Old Simcoe Street just north of Durham Road 8 at a cost of \$23,000.

**November**

Six Scugog Township residents were awarded Ontario Bicentennial medals. Mabel Cawker of R.R. 1, Nestleton; Earl Martyn, R. R. 2, Port Perry; Armour McMillan of Greenbank; Percy VanCamp of Blackstock; Vin Walker of Port Perry and Glen Wannamaker of Port Perry. The medals say, "for service to the community".



**DR. TOM MILLAR**

Popular local physician also finds time between patients to entertain and direct the Scugog Choral Society.



**TOM & DAPHNE MITCHELL**

Two of Port Perry's most successful retailers, Tom and Daphne Mitchell, open their third store on Queen St. called, "From My Heart".



**PERCY VANCAMP**  
Receives Bicentennial Medal.

Scugog Township council will call tenders for the construction of a new municipally-owned marina on the waterfront. John Mackey will operate the new facility under lease with the Township.

The population of Scugog Township continues to grow at a gradual rate and is expected to be just over 20,000 in the year 2011. In 1985 the population will be 14,500, an increase of just 1,000 during the past five years.

**December**

Two Hanover Holstein bull calves were bought for \$480,000 setting a record for the Royal Agricultural Fair.

The Ontario Municipal Board ruled in favour of a development for 76 residential properties and a nine hole golf course on the north side of Chalk Lake Road in the southwest corner of Scugog Township.

Scugog Township council extended the garbage pick-up contract with Edgar Brown for another year.



**MABEL CAWKER**  
Receives Bicentennial Medal

# 1985

**January**

A massive police investigation is underway after the partially clad body of 9-year-old Christine Jessop was found New Year's Eve, 16 km north of Port Perry.

Chad Brown, 9, fell into the frigid waters of Lake Scugog and his brother Robbie, 14, and his uncle Dean Matthews, 23, pulled him to safety.

Scugog Township council is seriously considering a by-law to force residents to clear the snow from sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses.

J. Peter Hvidsten, publisher of the Port Perry Star was elected to a two year term as President of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

Mersco Department store opened with a bang and all sorts of specials Saturday after moving from a shop beside Luke's Country Store to their new location beside House of Howard.

The Port Perry Star presented Judy McColl, chief librarian at the Scugog Library and Yvonne Christie, president of the Historical Society with 63,000 pages of microfilm of the Port Perry Star dating back to 1857.

**February**

Marg Wilbur announced she will be seeking the NDP nomination for the provincial riding of Durham-York.

A 43-year-old Scugog Island man, Robert Hobbs was treated for frostbite and hypothermia after falling from his snowmobile sometime during the night.

Firemen pumped five feet of water from the basement of a home on Bigelow Street, caused by flooding from an ice-clogged culvert.



**MARG WILBUR**  
Candidate for NDP.

The Holstein Association of Canada honored Seagrave farmer Harold Honey for his 54 year membership, the longest continuous one in Ontario.

**March**

Maxine Pedlar, a 56-year-old woman of no fixed address was killed when struck by a car on Highway 12 near Manchester, while crossing the highway with an armload of firewood.

Marg Wilbur was acclaimed as the party candidate for the Durham-York NDP.

A fire caused an estimated \$100,000 damage at the DeLong farm on Highway 7A, just west of Blackstock.

The local LCBO store in Port Perry received 2160 cases of American Stroh's beer last Friday, the first shipment since a lockout began four weeks ago.

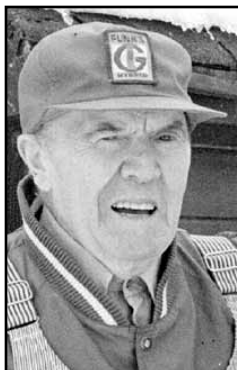
The Port Perry Lions Club took over the Manchester Hall to hold their meetings.



**EARL MARTYN**  
Receives Bicentennial Medal



**RALPH WILBUR**  
Honored for 20 years service to C of C playing 'Santa'.



**HAROLD HONEY**  
Honoured by Holstein  
Association of Canada.

The Scugog Chamber of Commerce "Beard Growing Contest" got underway at the Municipal Office with the faces of 18 contestants shaved.

Les Parkes and Zoe Allan accepted the THEA award for best presentation of a Canadian musical for their work on Birdseye Centre.

Guy Paul Morin, the man accused in the murder of Christine Jessop has been remanded in custody and will make a second court appearance in Whitby.

**May**

Bob Archer, president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419, presented Judy McColl of the Scugog Memorial Library with a cheque for \$2,112.18 to pay for their new microfilm reader.

Ross Stevenson won the Durham-York riding for the Conservatives.

Student council president Lynn McLaughlin was named Cartwright

High School's At-Home Queen at the annual formal dance.

Former Port Perry Star publisher Per Hvidsten passed away on May 27th after a brief illness. Mr. Hvidsten was also the former publisher of the Uxbridge Times Journal from 1953 to 1963.

A group of students under the direction of teacher Paul Arculus will begin work this fall to excavate the foundation of the old Port Perry Union School which burned to the ground in 1926 on the south lawn of the present high school.

**June**

A crowd estimated at 2,000 looked on Saturday as a team of six men attempted and succeeded in flipping the world's largest pancake. The pancake took over 100 pounds of Golden Griddle batter and was cooked in a seven foot, 250 pound frying pan.

Seventeen-year-old Stephanie Butt placed fourth and second in two categories of the recent Miss Canadian Hemisphere Pageant in Toronto.

One of the finest Holstein herds anywhere went on the block, and when the two-day sale ended, buyers had paid just over \$7,000,000. for 302 animals at the Hanover Hills Farm south of Port Perry.

**August**

Former Port Perry Reeve J.J. Gibson passed away August 7th after a three month illness. Mr. Gibson spent over a decade in politics in Port Perry and the highlight of his life in politics came in 1965 when he became Warden of Ontario County.

The company developing Cawker's Creek subdivision in Port Perry has refused to pay any more bills to the Township's firm of consulting engineers saying the fees are "way out of line".

**September**

Enrolments in both Port Perry High School and R.H. Cornish have increased significantly on the first day of school, as 1070 registered at Cornish and 1027 at the High School.

**October**

Construction of a new municipally-owned marina on the Port Perry waterfront got underway, with completion scheduled for the end of April 1986.

Paul Milligan of Prince Albert became the new building inspector and by-law enforcement officer.

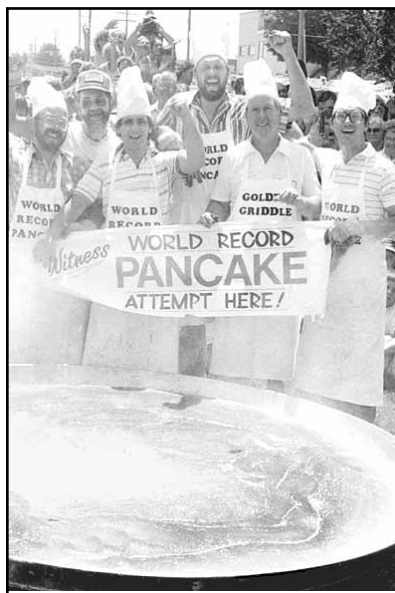
The latest report from Environment Ontario shows that Lake Scugog fish continue to be the most contaminant-free in all the province.

**November**

Port Perry High School students set up a branch of SADD (Students against Drunk Driving) after losing sev-



**PER HVIDSTEN**  
Former Port Perry Star  
publisher passed away.



**WORLD'S LARGEST PANCAKE**

Pancake flipping team, left, Peter Hvidsten, Earl Cuddie, Jack Cottrell, Elgin Knopp, Harold McDonnell of Golden Griddle and Wayne Luke.



**BOB ARCHER**  
President Royal Canadian  
Legion Branch 419.

eral of their friends to alcohol-related accidents during the past year.

Mayor Jerry Taylor was returned as Mayor for his third term defeating challenger John Wolters by 865 votes. Others elected were: Lawrence Malcolm, Harvey Graham, Howard Hall, Yvonne Christie, Don Cochrane and Neil McLaughlin.

Joyce Kelly of Blackstock along with Debbie Tredway will represent Scugog at the Board of Education.

Port Perry gained national publicity when "Ripley's Believe It or Not" featured last summer's 7 Foot Pancake Flip in one of its' weekly columns.

**December**

Scugog Council was asked for a re-count of the votes cast in the recent Board of Education election by Bobbie Drew of Port Perry who was defeated.

Jennifer Geer of Port Perry will be honoured as a Junior Citizen of the Year, at the February Convention of the Ontario Community Newspaper Association. Jennifer bravely donated bone marrow to her three-year-old brother Matthew when it was discovered he had a form of cancer.



The old Port Perry Marina was demolished to make way for new building in Nov. 1985.

# 1986

**January**

Shawn Michael was the first baby born at Community Memorial Hospital in 1986 to parents Ron and Karen Parish.

Harvey Kirck, one of the best known personalities in the Canadian Broadcasting industry was the guest speaker at the Scugog Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.



**JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**  
Jennifer Geer with Ontario Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander after receiving the Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

The Port Perry United Church celebrated 100 years of service to the community. An 1886 atmosphere was recreated by the minister, and many of the choir and congregation were dressed in period costume for the dedication service.

**February**

"Transcending the Traffic", an 86 foot high sculpture depicting traffic through the ages, which was created by local artisan Bill Lishman, arrived at the Expo '86 site in Vancouver.

The Durham Board of Education's Property and Transportation Committee agreed to keep Cartwright High School open for the next five years without review.

**March**

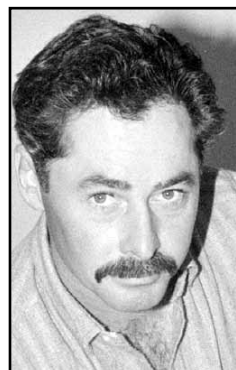
Scugog Township council accepted an offer of \$115,000 from the Durham Board of Education to purchase seven acres of land at the fairgrounds for the site of a new elementary school.

A 60-unit co-op housing project for Port Perry received the financial green light from the provincial and federal governments.

Vin and Jean Walker of Port Perry are

Construction begins  
on new  
Port Perry Marina

October 1985



**PAUL MILLIGAN**  
Hired as Scugog Township Building Inspector.

the proud new owners of a 1986 Cadillac Sedan deVille, thanks to a Super Lotto ticket win late in January.

A \$1.5 million, 18-unit condominium project by developer Alex Shepherd has cleared the final hurdles for construction.

April

Scugog Township hired Don Intine as a full-time by-law enforcement officer.

The speed limit through Utica was reduced from 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr.

Town Hall 1873 celebrated its 10th anniversary at a gala evening featuring Moe Kauffman.

Sixty people from Port Perry and area, most of them children, required anti-rabies shots after coming in contact with a rabid dog.

The Durham Board of Education received provincial grants for construction of a new elementary school in Port Perry. It gained approval for a construction grant of \$2,062,000 plus an additional \$90,000 for purchasing land for the school site.



**30 YEARS IN BUSINESS**

In April 1986, Glenn (right) and Donna Van Camp and their son Bill celebrated the 30th anniversary of Van Camp Contracting.



**GREG HEFFERING**  
Local men's clothing store owner closes in Sept. '86.

May

Township councillors refused to support the local Chamber of Commerce to have Port Perry declared a tourist area, which in turn would allow stores in town to remain open on Sundays and statutory holidays.

The Central Seven Association for the Mentally Handicapped turned the sod to start construction of Carlan House on a lot immediately to the east of the Central Seven workshop on the Durham Road 8.

June

The tennis courts are in need of repairs and estimates are as high as \$27,000 to make the necessary repairs which include improved lighting.

The Durham Board of Education pulled the plug on a new school for Port Perry in 1987, despite protests from Scugog trustees Debbie Tredway and Joyce Kelly. Trustees voted 17-3 to transfer the \$2.1 million school to a school in Pickering.

John Schewaga, a 51-year-old Scugog Township hog farmer was sentenced to 12 months in jail for defrauding the Bank of Commerce of \$125,000.

The mysterious Phantom has struck again with his famous calling card placed on the steps of local businesses. The calling card is a white rock, in a variety of sizes, painted white with the words "The Phantom" in black letters.

July

Port Perry was declared an "honourary island" by the government of the Bahamas for the upcoming Carribean Festival Days.

Doctors in Port Perry re-opened their offices Monday, July 7th, ending an OMA sanctioned strike that began nearly three weeks ago.

Blackstock farmer John Wolters is in intensive care at Oshawa General Hospital with serious injuries, after his tractor slipped into gear and ran over him.

Plans for a small commercial plaza on Lilla Street, near the Herb Brooks farm, is rejected by Scugog Township council.

Wintario Live packed the auditorium at Port Perry High School for its broadcast of the popular weekly show.



**CHUCK WILLIS**  
Partner in Ridge North Real Estate.



**LISHMAN'S AUTOHENGE**

Local sculptor Bill Lishman was hired by Chrysler to create 'Autohenge' for a TV commercial. It was a replica of England's famous 'Stonehenge.'

**August**

Thirteen people resigned from the Port Perry Fair Board due to on-going turmoil about the sale of the fairgrounds property to the Board of Education.

More than 200 Prince Albert people were named on a petition when they learned Post Office in the local general store may close.

The official opening of the new Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club took place.

Township Council gave the Scugog Chamber of Commerce approval in principle to install Victorian-style decorative light standards along both sides of Queen Street, along with new benches and heavy-duty steel garbage containers. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$40,000.

**September**

A 2,200 pound Belgian horse was destroyed Monday night at the Fairgrounds after a freak accident during the horsedraw competitions. The team of horses spooked and ran into the infield where they eventually crashed into a parked motorhome, causing a fractured skull and broken vertebrae.

Filming of "The Arm" starring Matt Dillon took place in downtown Port Perry.

Veterans of the Korean War re-dedicated the Blackstock Cenotaph to honour those who died in the war.

**October**

Kelly Goreski won a bronze medal in the toughest dirt bike race in the world, the International Six-Day Enduro held in Burgamo, Italy.

Durham Health Unit warned about drinking contaminated water from a spring at Portview Beach.

A new fire truck was delivered to the Caesarea Fire Department. The modern, fire truck was purchased at a cost of \$112,000.

**November**

Scugog Council wanted to negotiate a cash buy-out of the lease on the Port Perry Fairgrounds, and to discuss a new proposal with the Fair Board.

After 28 years in business, Eleanor Wood retired from her florist business.

A massive commercial residential development, with plans for a 50,000 square foot enclosed shopping mall was proposed by developer Hans Moehring, on the north side of Highway 7A, where Bayshore Take-out and Conway Place now stand. (now Reid's Independent store)

The Royal Bank celebrated 25 years of service to Port Perry and area. Former bank managers Tom Mullen, Bill English, Joe Draper and Al Pacey attended.

**December**

By a narrow margin of 22 to 20, Port Perry Fair Board members rejected a proposal to break the lease for the fairgrounds, forcing the Durham Board of Education to begin searching for a new site for a school in Port Perry.

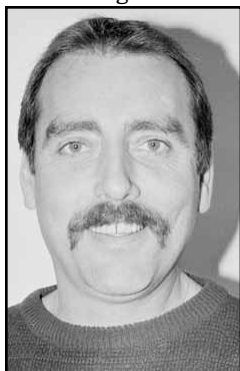
Don Murdock of Port Perry was among 41 Canadians presented with bravery medals for his part in helping rescue a 10-year-old girl from a burning home in Whitby.

Reaction among local business people was generally favourable to the Supreme Court ruling upholding Sunday closings.



**NEW MARINA DOCK**

Work on extension to lakefront dock beside Port Perry Marina in Oct. 1986. The new dock was made of cement slabs placed on 30 wood piles.



**DON MURDOCK**  
Local businessman and  
Whitby fireman.



**JOHN WOLTERS**  
Former Scugog councillor  
injured in tractor accident.

**1987**

**January**

Scugog Township enjoyed its best construction year ever in 1986 with the value of building permits topping



**LEEWIND CONDOMINIUMS**

Leewind Condominiums located at the far north end of Water St., along the lake.





**OUTDOOR RINK**

The old lawn bowling green on Queen St. became an outdoor rink for skaters in January and February 1987.

\$20 million.

Council ordered a traffic study for the congestion problems along Highway 7A and Water Street.

Roads Superintendent Ronn MacDonald had a brush with death when his snowmobile plunged into an open stretch of frigid water south of Port Perry.

After seven years as secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Earl Cuddie stepped down turning it over to past president Bill Barr. Elgin Knopp was elected president.

**February**

Melanie Lee, 17, was robbed by two men wielding a sawed-off shotgun, while working at the Seagrave store.

Policeman Greg Heasman has been credited with saving the life of five-year-old Erin Hoekstra after the young girl plunged 30 feet into an old well.

Donna McIntyre has been chosen the 1987 Heart Queen at the annual Cartwright High School Heart Dance. Runners-up were Kelly Hart and Joy Werry.

About 100 people gathered at the site of the new Borelia Co-op Housing Project for an official sod turning ceremony by Allan Lawrence, M.P.

A team of consultants have recommended the township hire a full-time recreation director and begin development of a major recreation area called Scugog Centre on lands at the Scugog Arena.

**March**

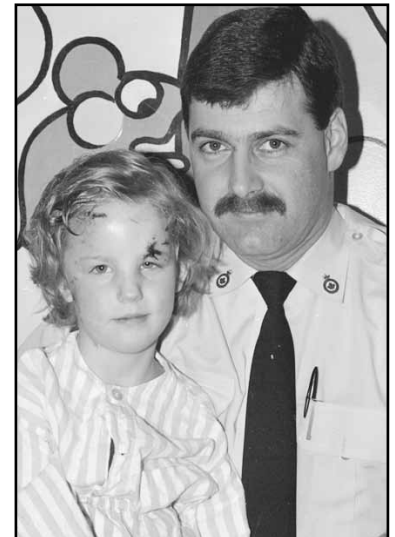
Six-year-old Dustin Kellesteine had a terrifying plunge down his grandparent's 40' well, but Marion Menichuk, the youngster's grandmother was able to pull him free.

Little Lisa McClure, with virtually no modelling experience, used her natural charm to win the Miss PeeWee Sunburst pageant in Oshawa.

Scugog Community Care celebrated the opening of their new offices at 175 North Street in the Triport Building.



**ELGIN KNOPP**  
1987 Scugog Chamber of Commerce President.



**GREG HEASMAN**  
Saves Erin Hoekstra from old well.

**April**

Jennifer Blackburn, of Port Perry won first place in Highland Dancing in both Scarborough and Ajax.

After 40 years in the propane business, Gord and Harry Carnegie sold their business on North Street to Ted. and Joanne Blanchard.

**May**

Handi Transit is now operating in Scugog and Uxbridge Townships.

Leisa James was chosen At Home Queen for the annual Port Perry High School "At Home". King for the event was Doug Arculus.

The building housing the law offices of Harris, Fletcher, Tesluk, located on the west side of the IGA, was moved along Queen St. to Water St. and south to Shanly Street at a cost of about \$10,000.



Harry and Gord Carnegie, right, sold propane business to Ted. and Joanne Blanchard after 40 years in business.



**GEORGE STONE**  
Owner of George Stone Real Estate.

**June**

A 40 unit Senior Citizen apartment complex proposed for the southerly portion of the land owned by the Catholic Church was turned down by council.

Council has ordered the law firm of Harris, Fletcher, Tesluk to either remove their building from an un-opened portion of Shanly Street, or enter into an agreement to upgrade the road to municipal standards, including sewer and water services.

It will cost \$1.7 million to relocate the Port Perry Fairgrounds to municipal land behind Scugog Arena, according to a consultants' report handed down to council on Monday.



PPHS teacher Paul Arculus with the memorial plaque erected at the site of the old Port Perry Union School, which was dedicated during the school reunion.

Port Perry High School Reunion committee members were thrilled at the 3,000 former students and teachers who attended the reunion activities.

**July**

Storey Beare was presented a plaque by the Ontario College of Pharmacy during the Golden Anniversary of his graduation from the College.

The streets of Port Perry bustled for three days, during the Bahama Festival Days. It is estimated that 20,000 people attended the extravaganza. Miss Bahama, Betty-Ann Hanna and her entourage flew in from the Bahamas.

High bacteria levels at the beach in Palmer Park made the area unfit for swimming and signs were posted to warn the public of the danger.

New Victorian style street lighting installed, along with benches and waste recepticals along Queen St. at a cost of close to \$50,000.

Automatic banking has been introduced to Port Perry with the CIBC announcing their new Instant Teller at the local bank.

**August**

An OMB decision has given the green light to the 22 lot Stephenson's Point subdivision.

A combination of a severe rainstorm and construction of the Victorian Village subdivision was blamed for the flooding of at least three backyards

and a basement in the Arrow/Scugog Streets area.

Scugog Board of Education trustee Joyce Kelly said she expected the Board's expropriation plans for a school site at the Port Perry Fairgrounds will be officially dropped at their next meeting.

Many dignitaries were on hand in Blackstock to help the Post Office celebrate its 100th year of postal service in the community.

**September**

Community Memorial Hospital will undergo a major expansion in 1990 with the provincial government providing funds for 22 chronic care beds. The project is estimated to cost over \$2 million.

The newly-formed Scugog Canoe Club gave demonstrations and displays to introduce residents to the sport of canoeing.

Sam. Cureatz managed to survive the red tide that rolled across Ontario as the Liberals swept in with 95 seats. Cureatz retained his seat



**IRWIN SMITH**  
Moves Music store to Simcoe St. in Aug. '87.



The law office of Harris, Fletcher and Tesluk is moved along Queen St. in May 1987.

**New Victorian style lighting installed on Queen Street**

July 1987



Sunday concerts held in the gazebo at Palmer Park.



**HOWARD FORDER**  
Owner of Howard Forder  
Real Estate dies in Oct.

in the riding, one of just 16 Ont. PCs to do so.

Nestleton Country Store owner Peter Fitton says the future of Nestleton Post Office is in doubt since he turned down an offer from Canada Post.

Three merchants at the Port Perry Plaza asked the township to get traffic lights installed at the entrance to the plaza. Store owners are hiring off-duty OPP officers to direct traffic on weekends.

**October**

Lori Risebrough, a ten-year-old Blackstock girl was attacked and mauled by a neighbour's German Shepherd. She managed to pull herself 1000 feet to the nearest home after the dog wandered off.

The Port Perry Downtown Merchants Assoc. was formed with Carolyn Bridgewater, chairman; Bill Brock, treasurer; Jean McDermott, secretary.

Workers at Flamingo/Vachon reacted with anger and tears when top officials with the company broke the grim news that the plant would be closing.

Council got its first look at a massive \$25 million development plan which includes 90 condominiums, 100 seniors apartments, and a large indoor shopping plaza, on the old Conway property.

Larry and Fran Taylor officially open Ford Dealership at the west end of town.

**November**

A Scugog landmark for nearly a century was destroyed when fire raced through the barn owned by Cliff and Helen Redman on Scugog Island.

Chief Jon Jenkins announced he will be retiring next November after a 35 year career as a police officer, 15 as chief of police for Durham Region.

Port Perry Lions Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Charter at the Lions Hall in Manchester. Mr. Bill Carnegie, one of the original charter members was presented a special commemorative medal.

**December**

The new Nestleton Post Office, located in the PetroCan garage on Highway 7A owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malcolm, was officially opened with Mayor Jerry Taylor cutting the bright red ribbon.

Judge P. Lawson has ordered the law firm of Fletcher, Tesluk to vacate their law offices on Shanly Street by December 31.

Norm Ball took his turn at hoisting the olympic flame in the historic Olympic Torch Relay on Monday, Dec. 22.



Port Perry Dairy Bar goes up for sale in May 1987.



**LARRY TAYLOR**  
Opens Ford Dealership in  
garage formerly operated by  
Williams Motors.



**BILL CARNEGIE**  
Lions Club Charter member.



**DEBBIE JONES**  
1988 Scugog Chamber of  
Commerce President.

# 1988

**January**

Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor believes that 1988 must be the year in which the Township starts to make serious plans to build a large community hall. The hall should be large enough to seat 300-400 people comfortably.

The Flamingo Pastries Plant on Simcoe Street has been sold to a Scarborough company, Tech Star Plastics. They produce plastic products and hope to employ about 100 persons.



Fred Christie, left, receives the Agriculture Service Diploma from Clare Vernon, for his 50 years service as a director of the Port Perry Fair Board.

The Port Perry Goreski Bantams hosted a team from Mora, Sweden in an exhibition game New Years' Day at the Scugog Arena. About 600 fans were treated to a good all-round game with Port Perry coming out on top by a score of 7-3.

Captain Steven McIntyre, 27, of Prince Albert was one of four Canadian Armed Forces officers killed last in a helicopter crash near Timmins, Ontario.

**February**

Parking in downtown Port Perry was one of the topics of conversation of the Port Perry Downtown Merchants Association. There was concern about business people who park in front of stores.

About 40 hand-hewn logs, which formed cribs in the water at the lakefront since about 1884, were removed

from the lake. The logs are 40' long and measure 16"x16".

Fifty or more low-income families in this township are expected to use a food bank at the Operation Scugog Store when it opens this month.

Durham's finance and works committees have recommended that the dumping fee at Regional landfill sites, including the one in Scugog be increased from \$18 per tonne to \$50 per tonne.

**March**

Scugog Council has agreed to support an application for an Official Plan amendment at the Region of Durham for the Brooks Farm Project. The proposal is for 119 homes on septic systems.

Three men from the Port Perry area were in Calgary for the Winter Olympics. Norm Nicol, Garry Beechey and Steve Rensink were among the thousands of people who helped work "backstage" at the games to ensure their success.

Work is nearly completed on the seawall being constructed along the lakefront. It is the first stage in the construction of the Conway Development, a massive residential and shopping complex planned for the corner of Highway 7A and Water Street.

The CIBC celebrated its 100th anniversary of service to customers in the Port Perry area. Several people took part including manager Jeff Fell and customer services officer Grace Pargeter who has been with the bank for 25 years.

It was standing room only at the Scugog Arena as the Port Perry MoJacks swept the Lakefield Chiefs four games straight to win the Division title.

Recycling is on its way to Port Perry, and the blue plastic containers will be supplied to every Port Perry household by Durham Recycling. The company will be recycling cans, glass bottles and jars, and newspapers.

**April**

Scugog Township council has officially told Metro Toronto that there is no site in the Township suitable for a garbage dump. Metro Toronto is currently facing a garbage crisis and has sent letters to all communities within 300 km. asking for a suitable site to develop as a landfill site.

The Port Perry Petites won the B Division Crown in the Provincial Ringette Championship Tournament held in Sudbury over the Easter weekend.

The Port Perry Midget Eagles are the all-Ontario BB hockey champions. The Eagles won the crown in front of a large and vocal crowd at the Scugog Arena in which they nipped Beamsville 5-4.

The Port Perry MoJacks defeated Wellington Dukes 5-1, winning the Central Ontario League championship trophy.



Port Perry's figure skating sensation Anna Forder-McLaughlin was inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame in June '88.



Nuts About Chocolate, a new store on Queen St. decorated with fixtures from the turn of the century opens in June. Above is owner Ken Koury with clerks Danielle Cliche and Eva Johnston.

Leanne Philip, 15, won the grand prize in the Durham Regional Science Fair for the second year in a row.

For the second time in just six years, the Borelians of Port Perry have won the top award at the annual ACTCO Thea Awards banquet. The award was for the Borelian's production of "Nobody Loves A Dragon".

May

Former Deputy Chief David John Edwards has been named new chief of the Durham Regional Police Force effective September 10th.

Durham Region Council has voted against any extension of Sunday retail shopping in the Region.

The proposed Honey Heights subdivision north of Port Perry has been given "approval in principle" by Scugog Township, but the number of lots have been scaled down from 74 to 47.

Hank's Pastries celebrated its 25th anniversary this month, and owner Ken DeJong and his wife Angie held an open house.

Anna Forder-McLaughlin was inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame, at the Third Annual Induction Ceremony held at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium. Anna and Richard Stevens became household words around the area during the 1960's as they competed in national and international skating competitions.

June

The Port Perry IGA has re-opened after a major expansion. The new store has now 21,000 square feet, or nearly half an acre.

The strike by 11 Scugog Township office employees is now in its second week, and there is not a lot of optimism from either side that the dispute will be settled quickly. Employees are asking for a \$4,000 annual wage increase across the board while the council has offered \$2,000.

Matt's Sooter, a three-year-old pacer is currently rated the top money winner in North America and nobody could be happier than his owners, Charlie Jurabinski, and Gord Rumpel. Matt's earnings so far this year are \$320,000.

The Victorian Village subdivision held its opening ceremonies on June 15th. Construction of phase one of the project is almost complete, and already 70 percent of the 88 homes are sold.

July

Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor is retiring as mayor to devote more time to his insurance business. He has been in the local government for 17 years, and has been mayor for the last ten.

The Durham Region Works Department is recommending that the Scugog Landfill site be closed next year as it is reaching its maximum for garbage.

August

Scugog Regional Councillor Lawrence Malcolm will be retiring from municipal politics this year. It was 30 years ago this December when he was first elected to council in old Cartwright Township.

Councillor Howard Hall announced he will be running for mayor in the next municipal election. He is the fourth officially declared candidate.

Randy Dowson, owner of Dowson Water Haulage reports that this is the worst year in 80 years for wells going dry.

September

A.G. Simpson's automotive parts assembly plant is purchased by Johnson Controls of Milwaukee.

Ross Stevenson was the winner of the P.C. nomination for the riding of Durham.

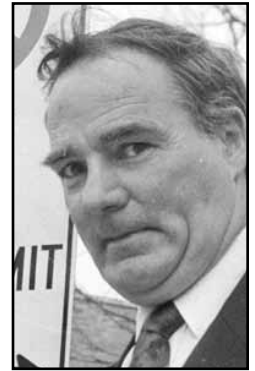
Bill Henshall is hired as the new by-law enforcement officer for Scugog Township.

Despite heavy rains over the Labor Day weekend, Lake Scugog's water level remained at the minimum for navigation in the lake and river.

Fire Chief Jack Cook of the local fire department,



Ken and Angie DeJong celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Hank's Pastries in Port Perry.



**BILL HENSHALL**  
Scugog Township By-law Enforcement Officer.



Port Perry IGA held the official opening of their new enlarged store. On hand for the ceremony were owners Alex Ramey (left) and Jim Grieve (right) with their wives Noelle and Chris and Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor, cutting the ribbon.

took delivery of its new \$122,000 Emergency Rescue vehicle with state of the art technology.

The Port Perry Star published a special 56 page historical edition on the occasion of the 130th anniversary of the newspaper.

Mayor Jerry Taylor accepted the position of Chairman of the \$2 million Community Memorial Hospital building fund campaign.



Bayshore Take-out shuts doors October 10, 1988 ending 15 years service.

**October**

Community Memorial Hospital recieved a grant of \$150,000 from the Provincial Health Ministry to help defer the hospital's \$272,000 deficit, delaying the need to shut down beds and lay off staff.

Marg Wilbur was acclaimed as the candidate for the Durham Riding NDP in next month's federal election.

The Lord's Prayer in Scugog's public elementary and secondary schools is banned following a ruling from the Ontario Ministry of Education.

The Lindsay Parks Department brought its new 48' tour boat, the Skylark VIII, to Port Perry to test Lake Scugog as a possible destination for tours.

Nominations closed for the municipal elections with 22 candidates in the race for the six seats on Scugog Council.

About 40 Port Perry's downtown business merchants met at Emiel's Restaurant to discuss the possibility of



**DOUG HILLIER**  
Owner of Bayshore  
Take-out Restaurant.

forming a Business Improvement Area.

Doug and Marilyn Hillier, and their children Barb, Steve and Nancy closed their Bayshore Take-Out on 7A Hwy. after operating the successful business for 15 years.

Work on the new Pentecostal Church across from Scugog Arena is well underway.

Author Bill Graham of Greenbank completes his in-depth history of Greenbank and the Township of Reach, which he has researched and written over the past eight years.



**BILL GRAHAM**  
Author of local history book  
on Reach Twp.

**November**

Port Perry High School valedictorian was David Burnett.

Durham Region reports the cost of properly closing the Scugog Landfill Site, just west of Port Perry will be \$1,125,000.

Fundraising for an expansion of the hospital reached the half way mark with over \$1 million now raised or pledged.

Howard Hall won the race for Mayor of Scugog Township polling 2512 votes. His closest rival was Harvey Graham who received 2025 votes and John Wolters was next with 1566 votes. Other members of council are: Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie and councillors Don Cochrane, Marilyn Pearce, Neil Hunter, Alan Goreski and Glenn Malcolm.

Zoecon, who have been operating a 20,000 sq. ft. manufacturing plant at the west end of Port Perry on 7A Hwy. for the past 16 years, announced it would be closing. They manufac-



**CATHERINE MILLAR**  
Seen here as Eliza Doolittle in the Scugog  
Choral Society production of My Fair Lady.





Conway Gardens, a popular family dining place, was demolished to make way for a new development.

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tured animal health products.

Conservative Ross Stevenson swept to a decisive victory over opponents Liberal Doug Moffatt and NDP Marg Wilbur, to take the seat for the new riding of Durham.

Mike Haigh and Garth Carlson won gold medals in their weight categories at the World Armwrestling Championships held in Hollywood, California.

Catherine Millar had her lifelong dream come true when she successfully auditioned to perform with the 160 voice world-renowned Toronto Mendelssohn Choir.

**December**

One of the communities best known businessmen, Mr. Arthur Brock, 83, passed away after spending almost 60 years working at Brock's Dept. Store on Queen St.

Council approved the enacting by-law, bringing the formation of a BIA for downtown Port Perry a step closer to reality.

Gary Herrema was elected to a fourth term as chairman of Durham Region.

The new chiropractic offices of Drs. Helen Peel and Reva Bathie were opened in a new building constructed on Casimir St.

Members of Scugog Council expressed outrage on learning the construction project on the Blackstock Arena and Recreation Centre was \$135,000 over budget. The \$225,000 project ended up costing 60% more than original estimates.



**WILL DAVIDSON**  
New manager of the  
Standard Trust.

# 1989

**January**

Red Cross Homemakers Service announced they are not accepting any new cases in rural areas like Scugog.

Two local snowmobilers went through the ice into Lake Scugog about 3:30 a.m. New Year's Day. Tom Laroche and Don Darncey were able to walk to a nearby house after the icy spill.

A large "folk art" cow valued at \$400 was stolen from Queen Street in front of Settlement House between Christmas and New Years.

The Rotary Club presented former Mayor Jerry Taylor with a framed portrait painted by local artist Les Parkes.

Following a one-day strike, high school teachers reached a settlement with the Durham Board of Education giving them an increase of 4.8 per cent the first year and a further



**FRED CHURCHILL**  
1989 President Scugog  
Chamber of Commerce.

4.9 per cent the second year.

Doctors were swamped by flu cases over the past week, with 220 students missing from R.H. Cornish during one day.

After a dramatic rescue from an ice storm, which included township sander trucks, police, ambulance and friends, Carolyn Irwin safely gave birth to a baby girl at Community Memorial Hospital.

Snowarama was cancelled for the second year in a row due to mild weather and a lack of snow.

February

Unseasonably mild temperatures are causing problems on Lake Scugog as a number of fish huts sunk in the ice and are now frozen over again.

More than 600 public school students have been given preventative medication after one death and nine confirmed cases of meningitis were discovered in Peterborough, Victoria and Durham areas.

Librarian Judy McColl was honored at an open house at the Scugog Library before taking up her new position with the Central Library System. Judy was with Scugog Library for 15 years.

The Hospital Fund Raising committee appeared before council requesting \$400,000 from the township towards the \$2.7 million expansion project.

An early morning fire in the Reach Industrial Park completely destroyed a 40'x140' building and its equipment owned by Jerry Taylor. Total value of the loss was in excess of \$400,000.

Durham Region's long-time Sherriff, Morley Bain announced his retirement after 31 years with the Sherriff's office.

Work got underway on twinning the sewer line along Water Street to the new condominium and commercial project on the old Conway property.

March

Scugog Township council announced Monday that the Scugog Landfill site will be closed in three weeks, and the cost of getting rid of garbage is going to increase dramatically. Present tipping fee at the dump is \$28 per tonne, but the new charge at an outside dump could be as high as \$85 per tonne.

Firefighters from the Caesarea Department have signed a petition asking for the retirement of Chief Len Scott.

The Scugog Chamber of Commerce has issued a statement opposing a four-way stop sign at the corners of Water

and Queen Streets in downtown Port Perry.

After 10 years of problems with wells in Greenbank, Durham Region will spend \$1.6 million on a communal water system for the village.

Harry Poulton of Utica was named Horseman of the Year by the Canadian Standardbred Association for his work with three outstanding horses, Matts Scooter, Stargaze Hanover, and On The Road Again.

Local grocery stores removed crates of Chilean produce from their shelves following the governments ban, caused by the finding of the deadly poison cyanide in two grapes in the United States.

Work began on demolishing the old Creamery Building on Water Street to make way for proposed condominiums or a seniors housing project.

Water wells throughout the township are drying up as one of the worst dry spells in history continues.



Gord Lewis Motors was located along Water Street, Port Perry.



Librarian Judy McColl leaves after 15 years at library.



Scugog's landfill site on Durham Rd. #8 closed as of March 31, 1989.



The century old Creamery building on Water St. was demolished in March to make way for condominium building.

**Council tells Fire Chief Len Scott to resign or be fired**

April 1989

**April**  
The last load of garbage was dumped in the Scugog Landfill site on March 31, 1989. It has now been officially closed by the Region of Durham.

Cousins of the late Reuben Crandell, the original white settler in Reach Township, visited Port Perry to research the family history.

Canada Post announced that "super mail boxes" are coming in the fall. There will be about 125 of the boxes located throughout the urban Port Perry area.

Paul Saulnier attended the annual Blood Donor Clinic in Port Perry and donated his 75th pint of blood since he began the practice in 1953.

Scugog Township was informed their application for a PRIDE grant of \$125,000 for the reconstruction of Water Street was approved.

The new Community Memorial Hospital wing will be named after former resident Stephen B. Roman. The Roman Foundation donated \$500,000 to help finance the hospital's expansion program.

Police searched for the driver of a car that struck down Christie Trotter, 6, leaving her with critical head injuries in Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

Council voted themselves a raise, which will increase salaries paid to the mayor by \$1,500 for the next two years; and a councillors by \$1,000 per year until 1991.



**PAUL SAULNIER**

Donates 75 pints of blood.

A motion to prohibit U-turns at the corner of Water and Queen Streets was defeated by the tie breaking vote of Mayor Howard Hall.

Durham Public School Board officials are upset with amount of capital grants handed down in which they received \$39.5 million and the Separate School Board received \$58.7 million.

Zakeana Reid won a "THEA" award for the Most Promising Young Actress in Central Ontario at an annual gala held in Toronto.

Fire Chief Len Scott of Caesarea was bitter over council's request for him to resign or be fired. Chief Scott had served 43 years on the department.

**May**

Durham Board of Education approved a \$266.7 million operating budget, which will increase the average taxes in Scugog by about 15 per cent.

Molly Morris and Mark Brobbel were chosen as the 1989 Port Perry High School "At Home" Queen and King at the students annual gala.

Bell Canada announced that toll free dialing to Oshawa for homes and businesses in the 986 exchange would come into effect this fall.

Councillors have agreed to put the wheels in motion to have the four ward system presently at place in Scugog changed to a five ward system.

Leanne Philip, 16, won a gold medal at Canada's most prestigious Science Fair held in Newfoundland. She will now go on to compete in London, England at the International Science Fair.

Port Perry High School's vocal group Jazzmerize came home with two golds and two silvers at Musicfest Canada held in Toronto over the weekend.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER NINE - THE EIGHTIES

Durham Region has approved spending approximately \$144,000 to develop a parking lot for the popular Chalk Lake watering hole.

Susan Haslett-Scholfield of Port Perry was named the executive director, secretary for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association of North Durham.

Seven Port Perry High School teachers and staff members retired. Shirley Barr, Bill Brock, Larry Burt, Gerry Cole, Diane Lackie, Stan LeFort and Bernie London.

### June

It was a thrill of a lifetime for Sherri Lee Hvidsten when she took part in the official opening of Toronto's new SkyDome.

Scugog Township council designated two parking spots on Queen Street for handicapped parking only.

Andrew M. (Andy) Lawrence was presented with a Diamond Anniversary Certificate as a 60 year graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy.

A garbage strike was averted in Durham Region when Metro workers responsible for the Brock West Landfill site reached a tentative agreement.

After 23 years as manager of Scugog Hydro Commission, Larry Mabley retired. Taking over his post is Port Perry native, Terry Adderley.

Doris Armstrong was honored at a retirement tea at Epsom School after 40 years as chief custodian at the school.

### July

The newly formed Citizens Against Unjust Taxes (CAUT) held their first public meeting in the Nestleton Hall and over 300 people jammed the hall, all of them angry over recent tax hikes on the property taxes.

Former Mayors Jerry Taylor and Lawrence Malcolm were honored by friends and political colleagues at a testimonial dinner. Over 200 people attended a farewell dinner for the two politicians, whose combined years of service to Scugog Township totalled over 40 years.

Durham Region council gave approval to a concept that would lead to the construction of two new Regional administrative buildings by an overwhelming margin of 25 to 4.

Marva Collins and Cindy Ellis enjoyed their "thrill of a lifetime," when they were on hand at Fort York to meet the Queen Mother.

Over 5,000 enjoyed the Golden Griddle Pancake breakfast during Festival Days, and many visited with guest celebrities Dwayne Ward and John Cerruti of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Sculptor Bill Lishman, who spent three years raising Canada Geese and training them to fly along side of his ultra light aircraft released a new video entitled "C'mon Geese."

After 20 years selling live bait and tackle, Mae Troski will close her popular shop at the corner of 7A and Queen St.

### August

Damage and loss of equipment and stock topped \$1.25 million in a spectacular fire near Blackstock which destroyed a 500' long chicken barn and over 40,000 laying hens.

About 85 homes in Greenbank were without water for nearly eight hours when the communal well "ran dry." As a result, the region slapped a total ban on all non essential uses of water for the homes affected.

Premier David Peterson was the special guest at the Durham Region Liberal Assoc. picnic held at Camp Samac. His two hour stop was his third of the day.

Durham Regional Police have moved to their new offices at 520 Simcoe Street beside S.A. Cawker Public School. The office will accommodate about 18 officers and detectives.

Durham MP Ross Stevenson has come out in support of



The Dowson family celebrated 40 years service to the community in June, 1989. Front left, Dave and Nancy Obee, Dora Dowson, Shirley and Don Gibson. Back left, Merlin, Ken and Cary Dowson.



**ANDY LAWRENCE**  
Honoured by Ontario  
College of Pharmacy.



**JERRY BLACKBURN**  
Scugog Township  
veterinarian.



Jim's Place Pizza on Water St. demolished for condominium building.



**HARRY KIEZEBRINK**  
First Principal of  
S.A. Cawker Public School.

the new nine per cent GST.

Port Perry was turned into Hollywood North as actors and crews were in town to film a portion of the Anne of Green Gables sequel, "Road to Avonlea."

In a last ditch effort to try and save the Toronto, Peterborough/Havelock VIA rail service, the passenger association has requested a meeting with federal transport Minister Benoit Bouchard.

Council regrettably terminated Edgar Brown's Sanitation contract for garbage pickup in Scugog and accepted the low tender bid of Pederson's of Uxbridge.

D.J. Taylor Insurance Brokers purchased the business of R.J. Fralick. Mr. Fralick is retiring after 22 years in the insurance business.

September

S.A. Cawker Public School opened its doors to 505 students on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1989 with Harry Kiezebrink as its first principal.

Scugog Township council passed a bylaw which prohibits homeowners from burning leaves, grass, brush or rubbish on their property.

Don and Ralph Swain were honored at the annual Police Awards night for their actions which saved a man from a burning car.

Detective Carl Fitzgerald and Sgt. Ken Hudson of the Durham Region Police, received their 20 year exemplary service awards.

The Ontario Municipal Board ruled a Scugog bylaw for a seniors apartment building is invalid because ratepayers were not notified of the bylaw before it was passed last March.

Joel Aldred acted as moderator for a public meeting organized by the Citizens Against Unjust Taxes. Over 300 people attended the meeting to vent their anger at municipal, regional and school board officials.

The Port Perry Star received an award from Crime Stoppers International for a story which dealt with the re-enactment of a hit and run accident in the township which left a six-year-old girl with serious injuries.

Arthur and Maude Edmonds, residents of the Port Perry Nursing Home celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 21, and exchanged vows for a second time.

Bud Heard of Scugog received his thrill of a lifetime, when he suited up and took to the ice to play hockey against NHL greats Gordie Howe and Bobbie Hull.

Durham Region council is looking into the possibility of purchasing the CN rail line between Stouffville and Lindsay, with the hopes of leasing it to GO Transit.

October

Scugog Township's new bylaw dealing with snowmobilers got the blessing from the executive of the Snowmobile Club, and will even get their support in enforcing the bylaw.

Ken Jackson, owner of Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens unveiled plans for a major expansion of its Simcoe St. plant. When completed they will hire about 50 more employees.

Due to lack of funds to cover the Scugog Landfill Site, the site will not close in 1989 as originally planned.

Bill Barr stepped down as chairman of the Palmer Park bandshell after three years service to the community.

The region has finished construction and the moving of the Chalk Lake water spring. There are now five outlets at the new



Scugog Hydro manager Larry Mabley (seated) retires and Terry Adderly takes over.

S.A. Cawker Public School opens doors with 505 students

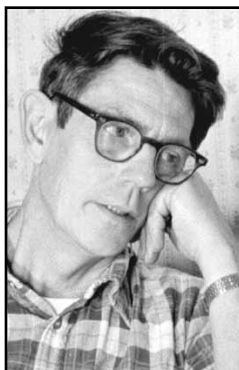
September 1989



Clerk's office was moved into the MacMaster house at 208 North Street.



**SGT. KEN HUDSON**  
Receives 20 year award from Durham Police.



**JACK KANE**  
Finds body on Ghost Rd.

location for which to fill containers.  
Two Toronto area men, out for a days fishing, drowned in Lake Scugog when their small boat capsized.

Renovations were completed and the Scugog's administrator and staff, along with the bylaw officer moved into their new offices at 208 North Street.

Jason Dawson, 14, of Prince Albert received the highest award in Scouting, the Chief Scout Award, from Mayor Howard Hall.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found by Scugog Island resident Jack Kane as he was walking along the ditches of the Ghost Road in search of bottles.

Durham and other Ontario College teachers commenced their third week of strike action, which has resulted in the cancellation of classes for 110,000 full-time students.

**November**

The body found on Ghost Road was identified as Alfred Meitner of Whitby, and police are requesting assistance from the public with their investigation.

Premier David Peterson made a brief stop in Port Perry for a tour of Scugog Shores Museum and to meet with delegates of the VIA Rail Passenger Association.

Dr. Robert McClure, a missionary surgeon and former moderator of the United Church of Canada was the guest speaker at the Nestleton United Church anniversary service.

Port Perry High School Valedictorian was Taylor Price.

George Burnett accepted the job of new head coach with the Niagara Falls Thunder, resigning his position of assistant coach of the Oshawa Generals.

Angry Victorian Village residents met with council and the developer to try and come to a solution to correct the serious drainage problems in the new subdivision.

Over 2,000 people signed petitions throughout Port Perry Plaza, asking for traffic signals to be installed at the entrance to the Plaza and 7A Highway.

After 28 days, Ontario's 9,000 striking community college teachers returned to classrooms, along with 110,000 full-time students.

The Port Perry Yacht Club celebrated its 50th anniversary at a banquet at the Greenbank Hall. Phil Orde, one of its founding members, was guest speaker.

Most Port Perry residents began picking up their mail from one of the 88 new community "super mailboxes." There has been much confusion over the new system, but it is here to stay.

Miraculously no one was seriously hurt when a gravel truck went out of control and ran into a Nestleton gas bar, knocking off the pumps and starting a fire.

**December**

An early morning fire over the Settlement House shops claimed the life of an elderly woman, and caused considerable smoke and water damage to the building.

Police laid charges of murder in the death of Alfred Meitner. Meitner's body was found five weeks ago along the Ghost Road.

Scugog council has banned snowmobiles from using the Apple Valley subdivision walkway which comes out to 7A Highway.

Due to a serious shortage of hydro, Ontario Hydro has asked Ontario residents to cut back on consumption of power.



Clerk's staff relax in their new quarters at 208 North St. after move in October. From left, Wendy Bourgeois, Clerk Earl Cuddie and Bylaw Officer Bill Henshall. Front left, Kim Coates and Diane Knutson.



**PHIL ORDE**  
Founding member of Port Perry Yacht Club.



The office occupied by Frank Real Estate, next to the old Creamery, was torn down in March '89 to make room for a new condominium.



# 1990 - 1999 The Nineties

Chapter  
**10**



**GLEN TAYLOR**  
New executive director for  
Central Seven Association.



**BRYAN DAVIES**  
Lawyer appointed to  
Durham College Board.

January

Scugog Township lost its only Provincial Court after suitable space in Port Perry could not be found.

The Havelock to Toronto VIA Rail Line was one of several commuter routes axed by the federal Conservative government. Passengers took their last ride home from the city on Friday, Jan. 12.

Port Perry lawyer Bryan Davies has been appointed to the Durham College Board of Governors. His three year term on the board began Jan. 1, 1990.

Regional planners have estimated that Durham's population will double to 800,000 by the year 2021.

Catholic elementary school teachers ended their one month work-to-rule campaign after ratifying a two-year collective agreement. Under the new agreement, teachers received a 6.1 per cent wage increase and fewer students per teacher.

Scugog Township council passed a bylaw to appoint wardens of the Port Perry Snowmobile Club as assistant bylaw enforcement officers for the township.

February

Construction of an \$8 million expansion to Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry was delayed six month, due to changes in provincial policy.

The number of people in Durham Region with AIDS jumps significantly.

After 35 years in business, Howard Hall closed his furniture and appliance business 'House of Howard'.

A man and his three children were pulled from the water by snowmobilers after their car plunged through the ice.

Plans by the Scugog Soccer Club to build a clubhouse was delayed when a government grant was turned down.

Lorne Street resident, Eva Davidge, celebrated her 100th birthday on Feb. 10.

A 1989 finance report states salaries for Durham Region's 32 councillors totalled \$620,500.

March

Scugog Township may not be able to afford any new road construction projects this year because of budget constraints. Council usually spends about \$400,000 on road construction work in the course of a year.

Port Perry High School grad-



Howard Hall closes his House of Howard business on Queen St.

uate (1960) Dr. Vladimir Hachinski is the first recipient of the Trillium Clinical Scientist Award. The award carries a \$250,000 research grant.

After 12 years administrator of Scugog Community Care, Elizabeth Fulford is leaving to become executive director of the Durham Region Community Care.

A ratepayers group, Citizens Against Unjustified Taxes, told Scugog Township council that taxes should not be raised higher than the inflation rate. They also opposed a new township office and recreational facilities.

The Port Perry MoJacks hockey club won the Central Ontario Junior C League Championships.

Scugog Township roads and a section of Highway 7A suffered major damage in the worst flooding in 15 years.

The Nestleton Community Hall committee turned down a request to use the basement of the hall as part of a proposed Catholic elementary school.

The Ontario Fire Marshal recommended Scugog Twp. have one Fire Chief to oversee the operations of fire halls in Port Perry and Caesarea.

**April**

Property taxes for local government rose 7.9 per cent this year. In dollars that means an additional \$8 in local taxes for each \$1,000 of assessment on a residence.

An April Fool's story on Scugog Township going bilingual had many people up in arms. Port Perry Star office staffers fielded call after call from angry township residents who hadn't read the entire story and didn't realize it was a joke.

Work is expected to start this summer on a new \$200,000 animal control centre. The centre will be located on township owned land on Regional Road 8.

Intense residential development on the outskirts of Port Perry has been put on hold until 1994 or when a sewage treatment plant can be built to increase the capacity of the lagoon cell system.

Ward 4 (Cartwright) residents crowded into the Scugog Township council chambers with a proposal for a new regulation size ice arena for Blackstock.

The dump deal between Durham Region and Metro Toronto was scrapped.

Durham MP Ross Stevenson spoke to about 60 Chamber of Commerce members about the Goods and Service Tax.

Film star Bernadette Peters was in Port Perry filming a made-for-television movie. "The Last Best Year," which also stars Mary Tyler Moore.

The Pearce Novice captured an OMHA championship. They were the only Port Perry team to accomplish this feat during the 1989-90 season.

**May**

About 40 per cent of the Port Perry Business Improvement Area (BIA) members opposed proposed change which would set minimum and maximum tax levels for members.

The Ministry of Education earmarked \$200,000 for the purchase of a site and \$3 million for the construction of a new Catholic school in Scugog Township in 1993.

"C'mon Geese," a video produced and directed by Bill Lishman won the prestigious Gold Apple Award at the U.S. Educational Film



Dennis Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile on Queen St., (formerly Beare Motors), and now the site of Shoppers Drug Mart. The offices of Shepherd and Powell are at far left.



**DENNIS ANDERSON**  
Chevrolet-Oldsmobile  
dealer in Port Perry.



Doreen Kendall and Bill Brock, known as the Dynamic Duo raised \$3000 for the Scugog Shores Museum in Canoe the Nonquon.

Scugog's famous  
Ghost Road has  
name changed

June 1990



**TOM MULLEN**  
Retires in July after 39  
years with Royal Bank.

and Video Festival.

The Blackstock Arena passed a structural inspection. The building has received certification for another three years.

Scugog Township council received a report stating that building a multi-use recreational facility would cost between \$6.5 and \$7.5 million. The study concludes that construction and operating costs are within the township's ability.

Dr. Tom Millar resigned as musical director of the Scugog Choral Society to devote more time to the Millar Lights, a children's theatrical group he founded with his wife Catherine.

J.D. Rodway and Jennifer Blanchard were crowned King and Queen at the Port Perry High School 'At Home'.

Greenbank residents served by the municipal water system are being asked to restrict their water use this summer in hopes of avoiding another water outage.

Port Perry native Clair Cornish was a team member of the Memorial Cup winning Oshawa Generals.

June

The provincial agriculture ministry will be closing its two offices in Bowmanville and Uxbridge and moving to a new location in the Port Perry area.

The 21st annual Canoe the Nonquon Race was a splashing success with over 70 canoes entered. Bill Brock and Doreen Kendall took forever to finish the race but raised over \$3,000 for the museum.

About 40 S.A. Cawker Public School students were sent home because of a large incidence of head lice.

Robert Baird was the winner of the first ever Scugog Triathlon. The event featured canoeing, cycling and running. Mr. Baird finished with a time of 1:02:22.

Council agreed to change the name of Ghost Road to Mississauga Lane after several residents from the area petitioned the council.

Scugog Township council supported the BIA minimum-maximum bylaw which set limits for members to pay no more than 10 per cent and no less than one half of a per cent of the budget.

Author W.H. Bill Graham received the Ontario Historical Society's Fred Landon Award for his book "Greenbank: Country Matters in 19th Century Ontario."

After a three-year delay plans for a major expansion at Community Memorial Hospital are back on track. Health minister Elinor Caplan announced that \$2.4 million in provincial money has been allocated for the expansion.

July

A guilty verdict was handed down in the Ghost Road murder trial. Gary Newman of Ajax was found guilty of second degree murder in the death of Alfred Meitner. Meitner's body was found in October of 1989, in a field along Ghost Road.

Scugog's new Information Tourist Booth opened for business this month located at the waterfront ball diamond snack bar.

A father and son were found safely adrift in their boat after it was reported they had not returned from a fishing trip on Lake Scugog. The pair spent the night in their boat after having motor problems.

Scugog hired a part-time bylaw officer to take vigorous action and to prosecute those who discard garbage on township property and road allowances.

The OV Pro Bass Port Perry Open attracted 150 two-man teams competing for \$45,000 in cash and prizes. Peter Davidson of Port Perry, and his partner Hector Peach of Toronto took top honors.

More than 300 Model-T Fords rolled into town, the largest tour in the history of the club which was celebrating their 34th annual tour.

August

The Mississauga's of Scugog First Nation issued a statement of support for the Oka Mohawks who are involved in a bitter land dispute.

A Japanese film crew was in town to film Ghost Road and the Murray House as part of a television documentary on weird phenomenons.

Bill Lishman was ordered by the Canadian Wildlife Services to give up his Canada Geese.



Lang Cope, owner of Daisy's Fabrics, develops a GST Coupon Giveaway promo.

Township council amended its littering bylaw to increase the minimum fine to \$1,000 up from the previous \$250.

Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander was on hand to open the 125th annual Blackstock Fair.

**September**

NDP Gord Mills pulled out the victory in the election squeaking by PC Kirk Kemp by an unofficial seven votes.

Jason Pascoe, 17, of Scugog was the top Canadian competitor at the Young Riders Championships held in Bromont, Quebec.

Arthur Edmonds of Port Perry celebrated his 100th birthday with family at the Port Perry Community Nursing Home.

Two sites within Ward 4 of Scugog Township were selected as candidate sites for a long-term garbage dump.

The Port Perry BIA made a proposal to generate more parking spaces in the downtown core by adding 30 spots behind Brocks Department Store, by levelling the land, and tearing down old fences.

The school year began with 4,020 students enrolled in local public schools.

**October**

An information meeting, designed to explain site selections of two candidate landfill locations in Ward 4 was disrupted by over 700 angry ratepayers.

For the first time ever, Scugog Township announced it was providing a limited curbside leaf collection pickup.

Scugog Shores Museum held its annual Fall Harvest, complete with authentic circa 1812 uniforms, and demonstrations of muskets.

Country Style Donuts of Port Perry, owned by Ken and Gary Carruthers, was named number one in the country out of 156 stores in 1990. The Port Perry shop is the second biggest in Canada averaging 42,000 customers each month.

Firefighters from Scugog Hall 1 left for Seminole, Florida to test their extrication methods with the best in the world.

Three members of the Scugog Fire Department were honored with service medals this month. Chief Jack Cook, for 31 years service. Charlie Lown Deputy Chief for 31 years service, and Bill Harrison, Captain, for 27 years of service.

A vandalism spree in Port Perry totalled over \$60,000 in damage to cars, driveway lamps, and a construction shed that was set on fire.

Lang Cope, a local businessman developed a promotion to help consumers fight the new Goods & Service Tax. Local businesses distributed GST coupons to consumers and the coupons could be used against the GST for three months.

A Toronto television show 'W5' was in Scugog Township to film the Ghost Road, and claimed to have solved the mystery.

**November**

The search for two missing teenage girls, Julie Stanton, and Elizabeth Bain moved into Scugog Township. About 80 volunteers searched ditches, brush, and wooded areas along township roads.



Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens officially opens its expanded facility on Old Simcoe St. on Oct. 18, 1990. Attending ribbon cutting ceremony are, from left, president Tom Jermyn, Mayor Howard Hall, Kenneth Jackson and Dave Jackson.



Firemen honored Charlie Lown, Chief Jack Cook and Bill Harrison.

Over 200 people attended a memorial service for entertainer Craig Russell, a nephew of Mayor Howard Hall.

Scugog Township shelved the recreation centre plans for five years. It will be 1995 at least before the town is able to make any decision on whether to proceed with new recreation facilities like a swimming pool or second ice pad.

The Port Perry Star commenced its 125th year of publication with a new logo incorporated into the masthead.

The Durham Board of

Ontario's largest  
outdoor skating rink  
opens on  
Lake Scugog

January 1991

Education has placed three projects for Scugog Township in its five year capital forecast.

Cartwright and Port Perry High Schools held their commencement exercises this month. Vicky Newsome, and Mike Toye were the valedictorians for the two schools.

**December**

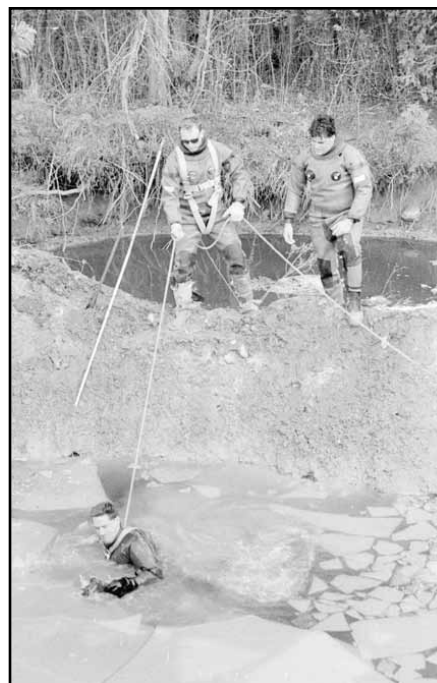
Scugog Township became the focal point of an intensive search for the body of Elizabeth Bain. More than 100 searchers were out in the wooded areas, swamps and fields along the lake. A team of 18 divers worked in Lake Scugog and in numerous small ponds in the area.

The suggestion of an open air ice rink on Lake Scugog was warmly greeted by members of Scugog Township council.

The Toxic Taxi arrived in Scugog for the months of December and January to pick up household hazardous wastes.

The Scugog Transfer Station opened, complete with three dumpsters for household waste, and one each for newspapers, cardboard and scrap metal.

Gail Sheridan was named interim curator for the Scugog Shores Museum effective Jan. 2 following the resignation of Mary Lynn Williamson.



A search for the bodies of Julie Stanton and Elizabeth Bain centres around Scugog Township. Here divers search an ice covered pond.

# 1991

**January**

A mild spell has delayed the official opening of the Open Air Ice Palace skating rink on Lake Scugog.

Charlie Green, a Durham Region Police sergeant, reported that more than 1,300 vehicles were stopped in Port Perry by the RIDE unit during the December sweep and no charges were laid for impaired driving.

Two Scugog Township men were rescued by firefighters after their snowmobile went into open water on Lake Scugog.

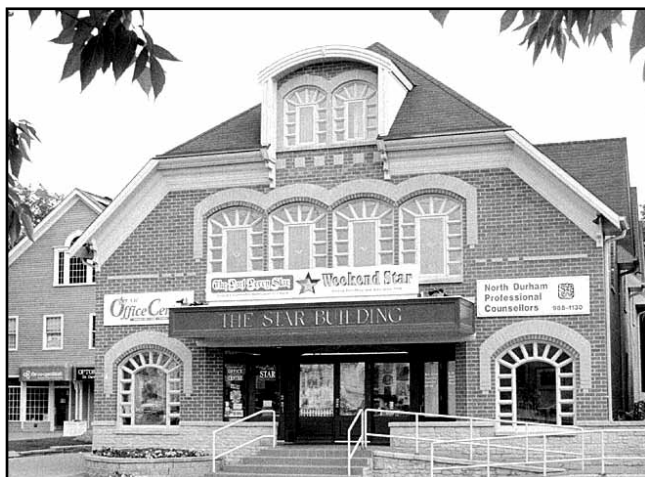
The Scugog Township roads department will be putting less sand and salt on local roads this winter in an effort to save money.

The Open Air Ice Palace opened with more than 4,200 people lacing up to skate on one of the largest outdoor skating rinks in the province.

Plans to open a training centre in the township for heavy equipment operators was greeted warmly by Scugog Township council.

Two area women started a yellow ribbon campaign in Scugog Township in support of the Canadian troops stationed in the Persian Gulf.

The 9-1-1 emergency response system is scheduled to start operations in May. To prepare for the system, many roads in Scugog Township will have to be re-named.



In January, the Port Perry Star moves into new offices on Mary St. after more than 70 years in their old office at 235 Queen St.

**February**

Durham's Secondary School teachers voted 85 per cent in favor of a new contract offer from the Board of Education. The contract calls for a 7.6 per cent increase in wages the first year.

Automotive parts maker Johnson Controls announced it will be closing the doors of its Port Perry plant throwing 280 employees out of work. The plant is scheduled to cease operations by April 15, 1991.

A Township man was charged for storing over 5,000 old tires on a Scugog Island farm.

Firefighters from the Caesarea Hall purchased special equipment and an inflatable craft to be used in ice rescues on Lake Scugog.

After a lengthy debate, public school board trustees voted 9-8 against installing condom machines in Durham Region high schools.

Cartwright High School selected Jill VanCamp as Heart Queen. First princess was Kirsten Johansen.

Local Scout leaders were angered after several flags and banners were stolen during the night as the Scouts held their winter camp-out in Palmer Park.

The Province announced it will be opening a new Agriculture office in Port Perry this December. The office will amalgamate offices currently in Bowmanville and Uxbridge.

Durham Region paid out almost \$878,000 in remuneration and expense to its chairman, councillors and special committee appointees

in 1990. Regional Chairman Gary Herrema raked in the most - \$117,653.88.

Scugog Township Fire Department responded to 197 calls during 1990. Hall #1, Port Perry reported 139 emergencies and Hall #2 responded to 58 calls.

**March**

Scugog could save more than \$18,000 per year in hydro costs by converting 618 mercury vapor lamps to high pressure sodium lamps, at an estimated cost of \$169,796.

Five Scout flags, reported stolen during a weekend campout in Palmer Park were found in a ditch.

Two Port Perry men escaped from a truck before it plunged through the ice on Lake Scugog. Thin ice has caused a number of vehicles to go through this winter.

The search for two missing girls, Elizabeth Bain and Julie Stanton has resumed in Scugog Township after taking several weeks off during the winter months.

The Port Perry Midget A team won a berth in the all-Ontario finals after defeating Midland. Also on their way to the all-Ontario finals this year is the Midget B squad and the Bantam B team.

Township council backs request to have the speed limit reduced through the hamlet of Epsom.

An Ontario Court judge issued an order to prohibit any further storage of used tires in a barn on Conc. 10, Scugog Island.

Animal control officer Ann Barrett and her assistants are thrilled with the new Control Centre which opened on Regional Rd. 8 near the Scugog Township Works Department. The new building, which cost \$200,000 was built jointly by Uxbridge and Scugog Townships.

Hospital administrator David Brown has requested the township contribute \$50,000 toward the hospital's expansion project. The matter was referred to budget discussions.

Two Scugog men were ordered to apologize to 42 people whose property they vandalized during a crime spree last fall. Over \$42,000 worth of damage was created over a four week period by the teenagers, which included setting a vehicle on fire, smashing car windows, spray painting cars, and breaking windows at a local restaurant and home.

**April**

Bell Canada announced that due to rapid growth in the current 416 area code region, they are running out of space. A new



Bud Heard and Clare McIntosh lace up their skates to give the new Open Air Ice Palace on Lake Scugog a try.



**PEGGY FINCH**  
1991 President Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

**New Animal Control Centre opens in Scugog**

March 1991



**BOB PRENTICE**  
Operates Bob's Barber Shop for over 30 years.



area code (905) for the region (except Metro Toronto) will be installed in 1993.

Police were on the look-out for a man who offered a young boy a chocolate bar and tried to lure the eight-year-old into his truck near Yelverton.

An application by the wife of Ward 4 councillor Glenn Malcolm to re-zone six building lots in North Nestleton was denied by Scugog Township council.

Scugog Township council approved its 1991 budget that calls for a spending increase of 4.5 per cent over last year. The budget will mean a tax increase of about \$18 on a residential property with an assessed value of \$3,500.

Durham Board of Education approved its 1991 budget of \$338,310,000, an increase of 6.9 per cent over last year.

The foundation wall along the front of the old log cabin at Scugog Shores Museum caved in, leaving a large hole around the front door.

Seventeen Scugog area volunteers were honored for their community service work by the Ministry of Citizenship. Recipients were Kathleen Margaret McBride, Marjorie Pearce, Alice Agnes Spence, Claudette Brock, Bill Brock, Yvonne Christie, Roy Grierson, Grace Hastings, Dorothea Koch, Clara Martyn, Heather Boyd, Scott Boyd, Lloyd Huntington, Bruce Huntington, Lawrence Malcolm, Helen Redman, and Joan Scott.

Escaped prisoner David Clifford Maltby, 44, serving a nine-year sentence in Warkworth Prison walked into the Port Perry Star office and gave a 20 minute interview to Star reporter Julia Dempsey, while police scoured the area looking for the fugitive.

Scugog council has agreed to pay for a noise level study at the Mother Jackson's plant on Simcoe St. following many complaints from area residents about the noise and vibrations coming from the plant.

Water levels in and around Lake Scugog reached one of the highest levels in recent memory. The government pier was covered with about six inches of water and half of Birdseye Park was submerged as the waters continued to rise.

Two Scarborough residents escaped unharmed from their sea plane when it attempted to land on Lake Scugog. The wing-tip caught the water and the sudden impact spun the plane around causing it to sink in about 11 feet of water.

Harold McLaughlin of Blackstock was presented the "bus driver of the year" award at the 15th annual Durham District Educator's Breakfast.

Durham Region has agreed to reduce the speed limit from 80 to 60 km per hours through the hamlet of Epsom.

May

A year after the disappearance of Elizabeth Bain, family and friends continue the relentless search to try and find out what happened to her. Since last November the search has centered around Scugog Township.

Nicole Montpetit, a Grade 10 French Immersion student at Port Perry High School won top provincial honors in the French language public speaking competition held in Toronto recently.

Durham MP Ross Stevenson announced that depositors with Standard Trust can expect to get money put in their accounts within the next six weeks.

Calling it a "fat-free budget" Durham Region passed their budget unanimously.

Welfare figures recorded a slight decrease in cases from March to April this year for the first time in 20 months.

By a vote of 6-1, Scugog council approved a bylaw that clears the way for construction of a 38-unit apartment building for senior citizens on land behind the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Scugog council was told repairing serious problems to Scugog Arena roof could cost upwards of \$75,000. The roof has been leaking since spring despite temporary repairs.

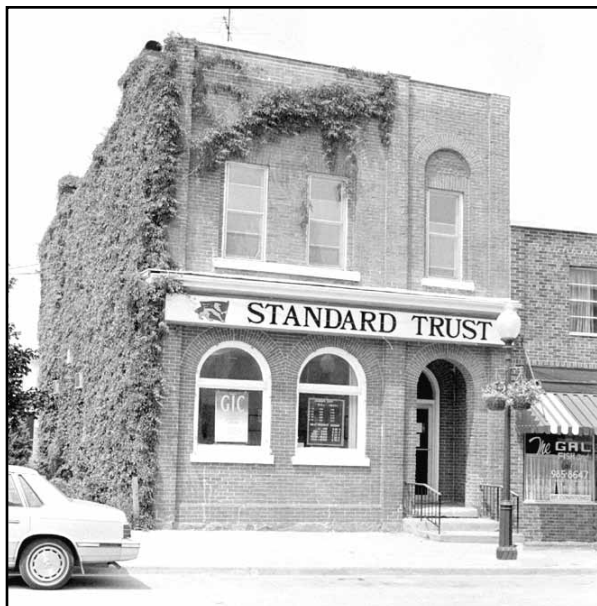
Port Perry Fair Board asked township council for a 20 year extension to their lease. Council made no decision.



**JOAN SCOTT**  
Recognition as a Scugog community volunteer.



**GLENN MALCOLM**  
Ward 4 Councillor.



Standard Trust on Queen St. closed in April due to financial problems.

Doug Day and Chester Pedzikowski, veteran firefighters with Scugog Hall No. 2, were honored on their retirement with a dinner and plaque presentation.

Clifford William Maltby, the fugitive who gave an exclusive interview to Julia Dempsey in her office at The Port Perry Star, and hid out in a swampy area of Scugog Township for two days, was sentenced to four more months behind bars for being unlawfully at large.

Almost a year after it opened to the public, the popular Chalk Lake water spring was officially dedicated by Durham officials including: Mayor Howard Hall, Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor and Regional Chairman Gary Herrema.

Community Memorial Hospital was granted a three-year accreditation, which officials say is a positive reflection on every department.

Greg Manns and Paul Manns of the 1st Scugog troop were named Scout and Cub of the year at the troop's end of year banquet.

Township council passed a resolution Monday to pay a reward of \$1,000 to anyone providing information leading to conviction of anyone dumping illegally or damaging or vandalizing township property.

Sarah Morris and Scott Gales were picked 1991 At-Home Queen and King.

**June**

Laurentian Bank (formerly Standard Trust) re-opened for business in Port Perry with former manager Will Davidson and many of the original staff members still with the firm.



**MARGARET WAITE**  
Nonquon Travel owner.

The Dynamic Duo - Bill Brock and Doreen Kendall raised close to \$7,500 for the museum in Canoe the Nonquon.

The Royal Bank opened their bright, new "seniors banking centre".

Henry and Joyce Janssen officially retired from Port Perry Printing after operating the business for 16 years. Their son Tony has taken over the printing company.

Durham Board of Education trustees gave the green light to a pilot project to test a modified (year-round) school system.

Three Oshawa men narrowly escaped injury when their airplane got caught in a down draft, and flipped upside down on Lake Scugog.

Greenbank residents were informed they would have to wait for a new source of well water and were asked by the region to restrict their lawn watering during the summer.

Philp Pontiac-Buick management and staff celebrated 15 years of business in Port Perry.

Gordon Elson, was fined \$500 for storing used tires on property he leases on Scugog Island.

The Scugog Citizen, a new publication started by former Port Perry Star employees John McClelland, Valerie Ellis and Kathy Olliffe begins to publish.



**SCOTT ANDERSON**  
Port Perry Star editor.

Scott Anderson joins The Port Perry Star as News Editor.

Dave Goldberg was elected president of the Kinsmen Club of Port Perry for 1991-92.

Paul Arculus and John Addison retired from teaching at Port Perry High School.

More than 2,000 motorcycles passed through Scugog Township taking part in the annual Ride for Sight. They were led by the OPP Golden Helmets.

**July**

The Port Perry Snowmobile Club organized an underwater search in Lake Scugog for Elizabeth Bain and Julie Stanton who disappeared in separate incidents more than one year ago.

Four Oshawa residents were injured after their boat



Port Perry Presbyterian Church in Sept. 1991.



Scottish Tattoo in Palmer Park during September, marching past the Rotary Gazebo.

flipped on Lake Scugog. Estimated damage to the boat was \$20,000.

Scugog Township council is looking into ways to make Highway 7A safer in the wake of two serious accidents, including one fatality.

Ken Arthur Hudson was captured in Las Vegas after a two-year search. He was involved in a car accident at Victoria Corners that killed four-year-old Kevin Best of Beaverton.

Festival Days was a huge success with events ranging from arm wrestling, mutt shows, Blue Grass Bands, Bath-Tub races and much more.

Local teens were prepared to protest as township council was looking at ways to control skateboarders.

Lisa McClure 8, and sister Laura 6, of Scugog qualified for the Sunburst International Beauty Pageant in Atlanta, Georgia.

August 1991

More than 30 trucks joined in a convoy along Highway 12 protesting high fuel costs in Canada.

Ken McColm stopped in Port Perry over the Civic Holiday weekend to visit with his cousin Dave Mann. Mr. McColm, who lost his sight three years ago to diabetes decided to walk from Newfoundland to British Columbia to raise money and awareness.

Several attempted abductions in the Caesarea area were reported to police.

Well known resident Marg Wilbur, a local volunteer and NDP supporter was killed in a tragic lawn mower accident at her home.

Local merchants are up in arms over a bylaw which prohibits or regulates signs and other advertising devices in Scugog.

Caesarea's 59th annual Regatta was a success.

T.J. Musso had a dream come true when the Ninja Turtles visited him on his sixth birthday. T.J. who is suffering from cancer met the Ninja Turtles through the Starlight Wish Foundation.

Dave Robinson of Port Perry was elected as a National President of the Association of Kinsmen Clubs.

September

More than 4,000 youths returned to Scugog Township area schools.

A robbery attempt at Port Perry IGA was foiled when night shift workers surprised the thieves.

Four Scugog Township residents Steve Savage, Jeff Smith, Dave Smith and Scott Burns were honored by Durham Regional Police for their efforts in saving two men who had fallen through the ice on Lake Scugog.

Two Scugog police officers, Lorne Annis and James Hunter, received their Canadian Police Exemplary Service Bars for 20 years service.

Scugog Fire Department Hall 1 hosted Durham Region's first extrication competition in Port Perry. Scugog's Hall 2 took top honors.

The Scugog Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 35th anniversary and 14 of 19 past presidents showed up for the occasion.

Residents enjoyed a Scottish Tattoo Festival in downtown Port Perry. The event was organized by Bill Barr.

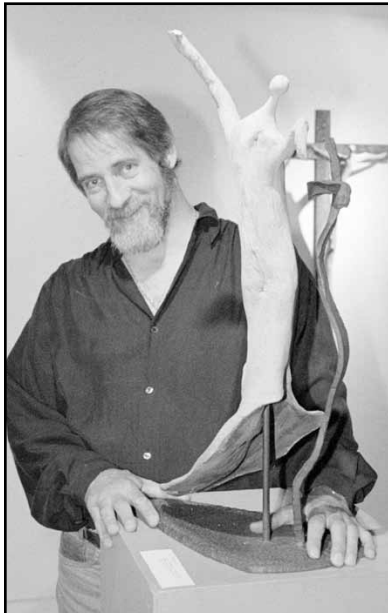
More than 100 residents packed the council chambers to show their disapproval towards a proposed high density housing area on Union Avenue.

October

The expansion of Community Memorial Hospital is slated to get underway by Feb. 1992.

A controversial sign bylaw prohibiting or regulating the use of signs was defeated twice in court by local merchants.

Scugog Township posted a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information on illegal



Dr. Ralph Price with one of his sculptures.



**KATHERINE WATSON**  
Retires in June '91 from R.H. Cornish after teaching 41 years.



**MARION LEE**  
Operates Tourist  
Information booth for  
Chamber of Commerce.

dumpers.

Operation Scugog reported its cupboards are the barest they have ever been.

Durham Board of Education approved plans for a \$25 million education centre/secondary school combined project.

Harvey Graham was acclaimed to the area councillor seat, as were Joyce Kelly and Bobbie Drew to the school trustee seats.

The consulting firm of Totten, Sims, Hubicki Associates told Scugog Council that there is a need for affordable housing in the township.

Canadian comedy legend David Broadfoot was the feature entertainer at the Scugog Library fundraising gala.

Operation Scugog reported the best food drive ever. The bank's cupboards were overflowing after the latest drive thanks to residents of Scugog Township.

George and Georgina Marcott of Manchester won \$250,000 on Oct. 23 playing Lotto 649's encore.

Fire destroyed a Blackstock home on Oct. 23 owned by Mark and Lynda Shaw.

Dr. Helen Bathie won the Chiropractor of the Year Award at the national convention.

Rick Klock of Port Perry won the gold at the Canadian Arm Wrestling championships in Quebec.

**November**

Scugog council endorsed a plan to provide a grant of \$25,000 for Community Memorial Hospital's expansion plans from reserve funds.

The ground was broken for the much anticipated soccer clubhouse. The 40' by 20' structure will cost about \$68,000.

Port Perry High School held its annual Commencement Exercises. Ian Cobham performed the Valedictorian duties.

The election results were tallied and Howard Hall was returned as mayor of Scugog Township. Mayor Hall defeated Glenn Malcolm by 99 votes. Other results were as follows: regional councillor Yvonne Christie; Ward 1 Ken Carruthers; Ward 2 Marilyn Pearce; Ward 3 Ken Gadsden and Ward 4 David Dietlein.

Voter turnout in the Scugog Township municipal election was high with 45.08 per cent of eligible voters casting a ballot. This is up from the average of 33 per cent that usually vote.

Rick Klock of Port Perry won a silver medal at the World Arm Wrestling Championships held in Israel.

Catherine Millar and Margaret Couperthwaite of Greenbank were honored at the YMCA Women of Distinction Awards. Mrs. Millar was honored in the arts division and Mrs. Couperthwaite in the community service category.

Cartwright High School held its annual Commencement Exercises. Jennifer Fletcher was the Valedictorian.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the official opening of the Water Park Condominiums on Water Street.

A direct mailing campaign on abortion distributed by the Port Perry Baptist Church was greeted with mixed emotions in Scugog.

**December**

The Provincial Government announced Ontario merchants would be allowed to open their stores on Sundays during the month of December.

Three local schools, S.A. Cawker, R.H. Cornish and Prince Albert Public Schools have been designated as potential sites to try year round schooling.

Sam. Cawker, a life-long resident of Scugog Twp. reminisced of yester-years at a Scugog Historical Society meeting.

New Water Park  
condominiums  
open on Water St.

November 1991



Water Park Condominiums on Water St. (site of old Creamery) officially opened Nov. 9, 1991.



**RALPH FAIRMAN**  
Co-owner of Country Lane  
Real Estate.

Gary Herrema was returned as Regional Chairman in an uncontested vote.

Scugog Township council is considering energy efficient street lights.

The Township of Scugog was awarded a \$30,333 capital grant by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation to be used for the construction of three new baseball diamonds.

An early evening fire at the Casteels chicken barn on Concession 11, Scugog Island resulted in up to \$500,000 in damage.

A missing part for the pump house has delayed the completion of a water project in Greenbank.

Water rates will be hiked by 3.3 per cent in Scugog Township in 1992.

A command post was set up as police are still searching for the armed robbers of the Knob Hill food terminal in Oshawa.

# 1992

## Ministry of Agriculture opens offices in Scugog

January 1992

January

More than 36,000 vehicles were stopped during Durham Regional Police's holiday RIDE program. Fifty were charged with exceeding the .08 legal blood alcohol limit.

Operation Scugog's Christmas food drive fed 165 families in the township.

The new site of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food is a 6,400 foot building on Vanedward Drive in Port Perry.

Due to mild weather and thin ice on Lake Scugog, two half-ton trucks plunged through the ice just off the boat launch.

Scugog Township Council was told a major grocery chain plans to open on the former Zoecon property.

The Port Perry Open Air Ice Palace opened for another season.

The Port Perry MoJacks defeated Lakefield 6-2 to clinch the Central Junior C league championship.

Despite high winds, freezing rain and snow Scugog escaped from any serious damage after a strong storm swept through the township.

Gilles Pouliot, Minister of Transportation, was in Scugog to meet with Mayor Howard Hall to discuss traffic concerns on Highway 7A.

Precious Bunny, a two-year-old pacing colt, owned by Peter Heffering of Port Perry was chosen as horse of the year at the O'Brien Awards.

Ken Carruthers was elected as the new president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

February

Heather Knopp, 18, of Port Perry, left for Paris, France where she will spend two months furthering her modeling career.

During a hearing into a proposed grocery store for the Zoecon property, A&P Groceries Limited announced it also had plans to open a store in the area.

Police began investigating a rash of break-ins on ice huts



**KEITH PUCKRIN**  
Co-owner of Country Lane  
Real Estate.



View of Lake Scugog Lumber buildings and yards along Simcoe St., Port Perry.



**REV. C. CLARKE**  
 Prince Albert United  
 Church minister celebrates  
 90th birthday.

on Lake Scugog.

Mervin Denure of Port Perry was honoured by the Transportation Safety Association for his 35 years of safe driving as a bus driver.

Police Chief David Edwards announced he would be resigning from his post with Durham Regional Police.

Township of Scugog Mayor Howard Hall said it is time for a full-time fire chief to look over the operation of the township's two halls.

More than 150 area farmers participated in a mass demonstration at Parliament Hill against GATT.

Bowlers raised more than \$17,000 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Durham at the annual Bowl For Millions fundraiser.

Northern Exposure, a choir comprised of students from R.H. Cornish Public School and Port Perry High School successfully auditioned for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

**March**

Ice hampered police divers efforts in Lake Scugog as they were acting on a tip from fishermen who claimed to have seen a limb floating in the lake.

A brawl at a teen dance at the Masonic Hall prompted the township to review the booking procedure for dances.

A late night fire caused \$60,000 damage to a home on Stevenson's Point Road on Scugog Island.

Scugog Township announced it would not purchase additional areas of the municipality from Ontario Hydro.

Valerie Cranmer, an official with Durham Region Non-Profit Housing, said the Township of Scugog is in need of affordable housing.

It was announced the Blackstock Post Office would be closed by mid-June and the mail service would be shifted to a retail outlet.

The Township of Scugog passed a bylaw to regulate smoking in public places. A&P officials received a cool reception from council as they presented plans for their proposed shopping centre for Port Perry.

Jim Grieve, who has managed Port Perry IGA for 20 years, took over as owner of the local grocery store.

Local lawyer Bryan Davies placed first in a prestigious road race in Louisiana.

Scugog Fire Department Hall #1's annual report stated the firefighters responded to 198 emergencies in 1991, up 59 from 1990.

The Lake Scugog Open Air Ice Palace concluded a successful season attracting close to 30,000 people during the season.

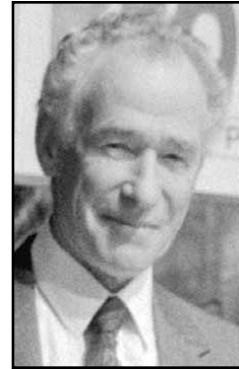
Ice fishing is a popular sport in Scugog. A record 807 ice huts were counted on Lake Scugog this winter.

A public meeting was held concerning the closure of the Blackstock Post Office.

**April**

Four Scugog Township residents received awards for their volunteerism from the Ministry of Citizenship and the Ministry of Culture and Communications. Receiving the awards were Betty Porter, Information Scugog; Kent Farndale, Scugog Memorial Public Library; Patricia Boyd and Arthur Richardson, Scugog Shores Museum Village.

Durham Regional Police's Marine Unit purchased a new boat to replace the antiquated one it has used to patrol Lake Scugog. The new boat is a 25-foot Baha



**BOB McCOY**  
 Brooklin Concrete owner  
 celebrates 40 years in  
 business in March 1992.



**GLEN VANCAMP**  
 VanCamp Contracting  
 owner elected president  
 of Aggregate Associaton.



The Peace Tower Flag from the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa was marched to the lakefront during Port Perry's 'Proud to be Canadian' day in April 1992.





Glenn Wannamaker and Earl Geer survey some of the 30 headstones damaged by vandals at Pine Grove Cemetery.

with a 7.4 litre Volvo engine.

Ward 2 Councillor Marilyn Pearce was re-elected to the position of president of the Durham East Liberal Party.

Both the Borelians theatre group and the Scugog Choral Society fared well at the Association of Community Theatre - Central Ontario awards. Bunty Webb won for best performance of a female; Ed. Daigle won for best director; John H. Foote received the adjudicator's award; and Tom Millar picked up the award for best musical director for his work on Hello Dolly.

About a dozen Canadian flags stolen from local businesses and homes were recovered by Durham Regional Police.

Two local couples, Marg and Randy Scott and Leona and Dave Sandison, asked for council's permission to open a year round country market at the abandoned Johnson Controls plant. The request angered local downtown merchants who felt the market would take away from their sales.

About 20 Scugog Township gentlemen were shaven for the Scugog Shores Museum Village's 125-Day Beard and Handlebar Moustache Growing Contest.

Grace Hastings, Tom Millar, Catherine Millar and Kent Farndale each received a 1992 Lescarbot award for their contribution to community cultural activities.

**June**

Local author Bill Lishman signed copies of his latest book *Father Goose and Goslings* at the Scugog Memorial Public Library. All proceeds from the sales went to the library.

David Talbot, 19, chosen to be a Page in the House of Commons for approximately one year.

About 30 gravestones were vandalized at Pine Grove Cemetery in Prince Albert. Pine Grove has been vandalized on numerous occasions over the years, but the number of gravesites affected during this latest spree is the largest in history.

A total of 17 sites in Durham Region, including five in the Township of Scugog, were designated as potential landfill sites by the Interim Waste Authority.

Scugog Memorial Public Library honoured Kent Farndale for her volunteer work over the past 10 years. Mrs. Farndale was instrumental in setting up art exhibits at the library.

**July**

The Kinsmen Beach in Palmer Park was posted as being unsafe for swimming and bathing.

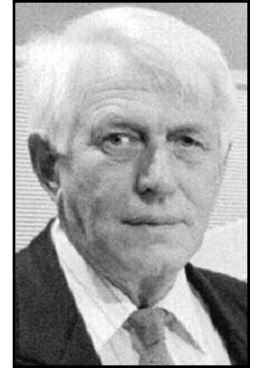
Neil Hunter, Guy Latreille and Allan Bertrand were introduced as new hospital board members at the Community Memorial Hospital's annual meeting.

A green ribbon campaign was initiated in Scugog Township. Scugog residents concerned about the proposed landfill sites wore green ribbons to show their disapproval with the site selection process.

Despite early opposition from downtown merchants, the Port Perry Country Market opened in the former Zoecon building.

Seagrave United Church honored retiring organist Joan Lee. She was presented with a silver plate in appreciation for her 17 years of service.

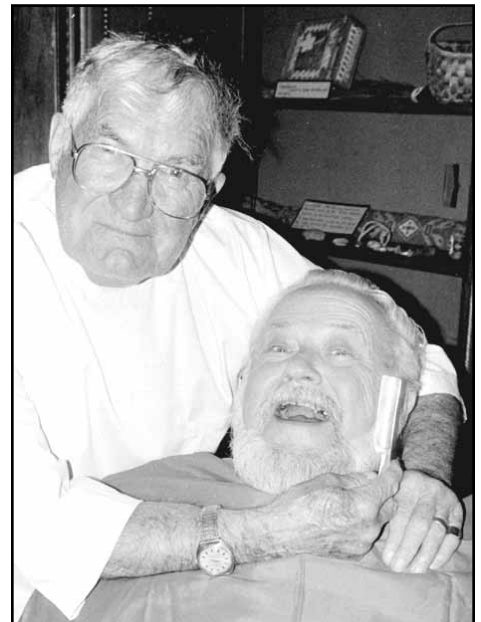
The East Central Agricultural Employment Services office relocated on Water Street after operating above



**ART RICHARDSON**  
Receives recognition as a Scugog volunteer.



**JIM GRIEVE**  
Purchases local IGA store in March 1992.



Roy Walker Smith shaves the beard of Mayor Howard Hall off for the Museum's Beard Gowing Contest.



**DR. ROBT. ALLIN**  
Port Perry physician.

Brock's Department Store for 18 years.  
August

Local ambulance officers protested planned cutbacks in the streets of Port Perry citing safety concerns if the cuts were made.

Scugog Arena parking lot gets a \$75,000 facelift.

Tourist booth sees huge rise in activity this year as more than 2,500 have visited the booth between May 15 and July 16.

Gerry's Distributors placed in receivership as its bank looks for a buyer, making the future uncertain for its employees.

Members of Scugog Fire Department's Hall #1 were preparing for an upcoming extrication competition in New York State.

Ice Palace organizers appealed to the public to return the docks stolen over the Victoria Day weekend.

Regional Chairman Gary Herrema says Kirkland Lake is still interested in accepting the Greater Toronto

Area's garbage.

Developers for a proposed shopping mall on Highway 7A say a number of tenants are committed, but council calls for market survey.

Tires illegally stored on Scugog Island were expected to be shipped to New York State by mid-September, the farm's owner said.

Scugog Council grants bridge financing of \$19,750 to the Port Perry Senior Citizens to allow construction to begin on an addition to the Latcham Centre.

September

Two Oshawa youths are found after being missing for seven hours while riding their ATV in Scugog.

Lieutenant Matt Stephenson, a firefighter from Hall #2 in Caesarea, was named Fireman of the Year at the hall.

An 81-year-old Scugog Island man missing since August 29 is found dead just one kilometer from his Pine Point home.

Ken Gadsden, Ward 3 Councillor and chairman of the township's Canada 125 committee, launches a Scugog's flag design contest.

Thousands of tires, stored in a barn on Scugog Island, are removed by the landowner and shipped to New York State.

According to figures, 4,197 students were enrolled in the nine area schools this year, up by 177 from last year.

About 20 members of the Ridges Area Ratepayers Association attended a council meeting to listen to a proposal to re-zone land on the Oak Ridges Moraine for an 18-hole golf course.

Community Memorial Hospital chosen as a "Great Canadian Hospital"

September 1992

Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry is selected as one of the "Great Canadian Hospitals" in a special report in Chatelaine Magazine.

Trustees from the Durham Board of Education decide not to challenge the Ontario government's proposal to introduce Junior Kindergarten.

Don Steele, an 18-year veteran of the Scugog Fire Department, is named the new fire chief for the two halls. It is a part-time position.

More than 50 Port Perry residents attend a public meeting to protest the development of a retirement home at the corner of Queen and Ottawa Streets.

The Rotary Club of Port Perry awarded Kent Farndale the presti-



Jack Dowson, George and Larry Emmerson and their staff celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Emmerson Insurance.



**DON STEELE**  
Named the first Fire Chief of both Port Perry and Caesarea Fire Halls.



Main entrance to Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry.

gious Paul Harris Fellow award and Frank Tielemans, Rotarian of the Year.

**October**

Harmony Island Estate, on 7 Mile Island, a home for youths held its official opening on Oct. 2. This estate serves as a retreat for both young offenders and youths under the care of the Children's Aid Society.

Citizens for Decency, a Scugog parents group, is expressing concern over the Durham Board of Education's use of the sex education video "Growing Up," which they say encourages promiscuity, homosexuality and incest.

Construction of a \$40,000 natural waterfront park in Port Perry was scheduled to begin this fall after the township received a cheque for \$13,333 from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

Port Perry resident Judy Nickerson wins \$137,684.20 in a recent Lotto 649 draw. The grand prize for that draw was more than \$17 million.

Local historian Paul Arculus attempts to establish a committee that would be responsible for preserving historically significant buildings in the township.

Scugog Chamber of Commerce president Ken Carruthers says the chamber is in good shape after paying off a \$35,000 debt earlier this year.

Jack Cook and Ray Gould, two long-time members of the Scugog Fire Department retire after 35 and 33 years of service respectively.

The \$5.2 million expansion of Community Memorial Hospital clears another hurdle as the working drawings are delivered to the Ministry of Health. Officials are optimistic that construction will begin in the spring.

**November**

The community was saddened by the death of popular educator S.A. Cawker. He was in his 88th year.

Durham Regional Councillors approve the construction of a hazardous waste depot for the transfer station in Port Perry. The depot will handle various household wastes.

Former Ward 4 Councillor Glenn Malcolm throws his hat into the ring to seek nomination as the Liberal Party's candidate in the riding of Durham.

The Kinsmen Club of Port Perry criticizes the new welcoming signs erected in Port Perry, calling them a waste of money.

A licensing fee structure for street vendors is being considered by the township to regulate roadside vendors.

Scugog's official flag, designed by local artist Paul Livingston, was unveiled during the township's Peter Perry celebrations.

The IWA announced that all five sites considered for a long-term landfill site in Scugog were no longer being considered.

Scugog's Parks and Recreation Committee unveiled a \$40,000 waterfront park project north of the library, which will include bicycle and walking paths, as well as a number of natural attractions.

A total of 6,947 visitors passed through the tourist information booth this summer. This figure is up from last year's number of 4,700.

More than 25 residents in the Balsam Street area attended a public meeting to oppose a proposed 40-unit housing development slated for the southwest corner of Balsam and Old Simcoe Road.



**KEN CARRUTHERS**  
1992 President Scugog Chamber of Commerce.



Official flag with designer Paul Livingston and councillor Ken Gadsden.

December

A victim of the poor economic times, Scugog Shores Museum Village is forced to reduce its staff by eliminating the interim curator.

More than 100 Blackstock area residents signed a petition requesting that the Durham Board of Education supply Cartwright High School with a double portable classroom to be used as a lunch room.

Don Crosier of Prince Albert is re-elected president of the Scugog Progressive Conservative Party.

The Township of Scugog has declared Merle Heintzman's granite fieldstone farm house in Blackstock a historical site.

Farmers were forced to plow under their corn crops following a poor season ruined the crops.

An estimated 60 centimeters of snow fell on Scugog and surrounding areas on Dec. 10 and 11 bringing the township to a virtual standstill.

More than 800 people, including 400 police officers, attend the funeral of Port Perry native Vicki Wilson. The Durham Police Constable died while behind the wheel of a police cruiser.

Community Memorial Hospital's Prescription for a Healthy Community capital equipment fund received almost \$27,000 in the first two weeks of the fundraising campaign.

More than 350 weapons are turned over to Durham Regional Police during the nation-wide gun amnesty..

Nonquon Travel, a 21-year-old travel business in Port Perry, is forced to close it doors after the wholesale portion of the company runs into troubles.



**RAILROAD HOUSE MOTOR HOTEL**  
Located on Scugog St., Port Perry.

# 1993

January

Alex Shepherd, a 46-year-old accountant from Seagrave announced he would be running for the empty Liberals seat in the federal election.

Durham School Board Trustee Bobbie Drew claimed the implementation of junior kindergarten would prove costly and result in cuts to service.

New gun regulations introduced in January were met with mixed reaction.

Mild weather and heavy rains caused the banks and rivers in the township to flood. A number of roads were shut down as a result.

After years of debate, the township council decided to make the Queen and Water Street intersection a four-way stop.

A hi-tech company expected to move into the Johnson Controls building had their proposal put back on the table as a second company put in a bid on the property.

Township council rejects bid by the fair board to have their lease extended.

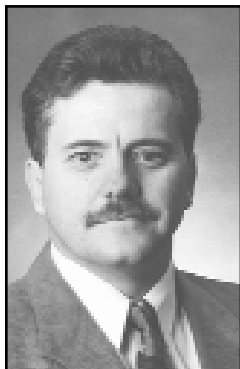
Local restaurant owners Emiel and Cathy Kroonenberg were robbed in Miami, but luckily escaped unharmed.

February

The Scugog Agricultural Society learned the Port Perry Fairgrounds needed its hydro upgraded. Although \$5,000 was budgeted for it, the cost was to be significantly more.

The Ministry of Natural Resources announced the ice fishing season on Lake Scugog would be shortened come this winter fishing season.

Hundreds put on their bowling shoes to raise money for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of North Durham in the annual Bowl For Millions.



**DAVE ROBINSON**  
Local High School teacher runs for Liberals.



Jim and Margaret Lawrence, owners of Bruton's IDA Drug Store, join the Big V chain.

Community Nursing Home won a Long-Term Care Achievement Award from the Ontario Nursing Home Association.

Ten Scugog Township residents received commemorative medals for making significant contributions to their community. Those honored were Dr. Tom Millar, J. Peter Hvidsten, Joyce Kelly, Gary Roncetti, Jean VanCamp, Grace Hastings, Mary June Smith, Dr. Matthew B. Dymond, Kent Farndale and Merrill VanCamp.

Two Valentine's Day babies were born in Port Perry. Tara Christine Dowson and Jared Nathaniel Duivesteyn were both born Feb. 14 at Community Memorial Hospital.

The Royal Canadian Legion pledged \$35,000 to the hospital expansion.

**March**

Dave Robinson, of Seagrave, announced he would be running for the Durham Riding's Liberal nomination.

Arle Davey and Al Pike, after hearing screams coming from Lake Scugog, rescued two men from Scarborough who had fallen through the ice.

Developers were becoming frustrated as they awaited a sewage capacity study for the Venedward Development project.

Bill Goddard, of Port Perry, won a Gemini Award for film editing.

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation received a grant of \$352,640 for construction of a community hall.

Local vocal group Jazzmerize was invited to perform at Musicfest Canada.

Council gave its blessing to a controversial heavy equipment training school, slated to be built in the Marsh Hill area.

Scugog Township Council heard plans for a 60-unit seniors retirement development for the east end of Casimir Street.

More than 100 ice huts were left on Lake Scugog after the March 15 deadline. More than 250 charges were laid on the lake over the winter.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Township of Scugog began discussions on the construction of a fishing pier along the causeway.

Bruton's IDA joined the Big V chain of drug stores.

**April**

Plans to locate a hi-tech company in the old Johnson Controls building in Port Perry fell through.

Full-time workers at Central Seven voted in favor of forming a union.

Merrill VanCamp was honored by the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture for 20 years service.

Bob Douglas and Ed. Mason, members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 419 were honored with Canada Medals.

Prince Albert Public School expanded to include Grade 7 students for the first time.

Bill Sandiford, a Grade 12 student at Port Perry High School, won five awards at the Durham Regional Science Fair. This advanced him to the Canada-wide event in Quebec.

Local swimmer Marsha Clouthier, 15, won three silver medals at the Eight Nations International Swim Meet held in Germany.

Local theatre groups won several awards from the Association of Community Theatres Central Ontario. The Borelians won three THEAs on the evening.

A fundraiser was set up to save the Head Church on Scugog Island which was slowly deteriorating.

A heavy machinery training school, slated for the Marsh Hill area, was given the nod by Durham Regional Council's Planning Committee.

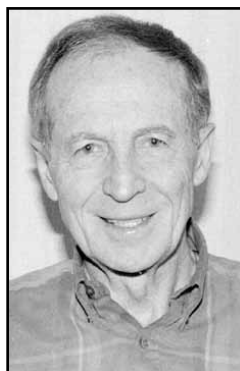
The Port Perry Rotary Park construction was officially underway.



Merrill VanCamp receives OFA award.



**ED MASON**  
Receives Canada Medal.



**DR. ROBT. McNAB**  
Local dentist retires after 42 years service to town.



Sod turning for the \$5.2 million expansion of Community Memorial Hospital on May 14, 1993. From left, Ted Griffin, Amanda Keeler, Mayor Howard Hall, administrator David Brown, Mrs. Stephen B. Roman and Board Chairman Kent Farndale.

May  
Scugog was set to introduce a new bylaw concerning illegal burning.

Provincial government cut-backs forced the Durham Board of Education to stall passing of budget.

Township officials said Ontario government's plans to cut transfer payments would cost Scugog \$90,000.

Two Port Perry men brought a pair of youths safely to shore after hearing their cries for help on Lake Scugog.

A major development on the former Brook's Farm, north of Port Perry received sewer allocation for 185 units.

Jean Chretien spoke in Whitby and was met by political hopefuls Glenn Malcolm and Alex Shepherd.

Regional Chairman Gary Herrema said nothing would be sacred as the Region re-opened its budget

Work begins on \$5.2 million expansion of Community Memorial Hospital

May 1993

Ground breaking ceremony at Community Memorial Hospital marked the beginning of a \$5.2 million expansion project.

Blackstock could be included in a Bell Canada scheme to increase its calling area, says a Bell Telephone representative.

More than 100 residents from Scugog and Uxbridge attended a meeting in Greenbank to fight an engineering school slated for Marsh Hill.

Lake Scugog Historical Society received a government grant for the Head Church restoration project.

**June**

Despite threats from Regional Chairman Herrema, blue box pickup will not be cancelled according to works committee vice-chairman Yvonne Christie.

Scugog council allocated 470 sewage units for area development.

The Scugog Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Booth opened its doors for a fourth season.

General Motors announced plans for a third shift at the truck plant, creating 650 jobs.



**KENT FARNDALE**  
Hospital Board Chair.



**ROD FOSTER**  
Former Chairman of the Hospital Board.

The Operating Engineers of Ontario pulled the plug on plans to build a training facility in the township.

Chalk Lake residents were upset that a local ski resort was granted permission to cut trees by Durham Region.

Two Scugog garbage transfer stations were targeted as part of the region's cost-cutting measures.

Durham MP Ross Stevenson said he was very excited about the choice of Kim Campbell as Progressive Conservative leader.

Council approved plans for new 8,000 square foot Big V Drug Store on Queen Street, on the former site of Beare Motors and Dennis Anderson Chev.-Olds.

Community Memorial Hospital received three awards of excellence for its fundraising campaigns.

Area beaches received a clean bill of health from the Public Health Inspector.





Brock's Department Store re-opens for business following a major renovation of the 112 year old family owned business. Bill and Claudette Brock, toast their daughter Marina (centre) the latest member of the family to operate the store.

Police were concerned about the safety of boaters after channel markers were moved on Lake Scugog.

**July**

Bell Canada's plans for an area code change (905) in Oct. was proceeding.

Tanner Matthew Cook was born on Canada Day (July 1) at Community Memorial Hospital.

Palmer Park was named the site of an Aquarama fundraising event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Perry.

Dr. Steve Snider, a Port Perry veterinarian was awarded the Purina Pro Plan Veterinarian Appreciation Award.

R.H. Public School took top prize in the Habitat 2000 contest for its wildlife habitat.

Despite hot weather, there were no plans for water restrictions.

Scugog councillors were at odds over placement of a four-way stop at Water and Queen Streets.

The first draft of a new burning bylaw was rejected by council.

Scugog council approved plans for renovations to some buildings at the Port Perry Fairgrounds.

The executive director of the Scugog and District Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre said reports of financial mis-management at the centre is old news.

Movie stars Walter Matthau and Harry Morgan were in Scugog to film "Incident in a Small Town."

Scugog council set a deadline of July 30 for its union representatives to respond to a social contract plan.

Kinsmen Beach was ruled unsafe for swimming by the health department.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Durham Association was to remain open thanks to a community outpouring of donations.

After more than 18 months of planning, the Greenbank Lions Club was officially formed.

**August**

A police stand off, north of Port Perry, ended peacefully after a man wanted on a warrant surrendered.

Compton Cable TV announced a \$2 million improvement project which included upgrading of the trunk lines and a new broadcasting format.

Work is underway on the \$5.2 million expansion at Community Memorial Hospital.

Scugog's unionized workers rejected the township's Social Contract offer opting instead for failsafe legislation.

Two local men shared in a Lotto 6/49 prize of \$113,572.10. It was split 12 ways with members of a Scarborough Fire Department.

A series of concerts featuring some of Canada's top folk musicians was being organized by the Greenbank Folk Music Society.

Scugog council was looking for ways to slash \$100,000 from its budget due to the Social Contract legislation.

More than 30 people attended a rally at Scugog Employment Services in support of the service.

Port Perry resident Kelly Menzies won Miss Teen Toronto title.

The Scugog and District Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre closed its doors citing a dwindling clientele.

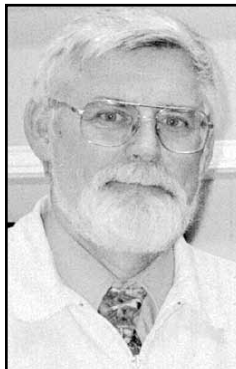
Rabies cases were on the rise in Durham Region.

Durham Regional Police noted a large drop in the crime across the region.

Township employees were forced to take eight unpaid days off as a result of the Social Contract.



**DEBBIE McGARRY**  
Wins two fundraising awards for hospital.



**KEITH ELLIOTT**  
Port Perry Veterinarian.

**September**

More than 4,200 area children were enrolled in Scugog Township schools. Almost all area schools saw increases in enrollment.

Amanda Stairs, an 18-year-old model from Port Perry, won the regional Ford Supermodel Contest in Toronto. She will compete in the national contest in Whistler, B.C. in January.

Kim Campbell, Canada's first female Prime Minister, spoke to area farmers and small business owners during a visit to Utica Farm Equipment.

Scugog Employment Services was granted a six-month reprieve after receiving \$18,000 of short term funding.

Bernie Chandler was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Port Perry Rotary Club.



**BILL DOWSON**  
Chamber of Commerce  
President for 1993.

The newly-formed Greenbank Folk Music Society hosted its first concert featuring the music of Mose Scarlett..

A 22-foot wire sculpture of a nude pregnant woman designed by local sculptor Bill Lishman raised some eyebrows at the Ministry of Revenue building in Oshawa during Durham ArtFest.

Eva Davidge, 103, Port Perry's oldest resident passed away on Sept. 24.

A section of downtown Port Perry was cordoned off for close to four hours on Sept. 29 after an explosive device was found beside a van in the vicinity of Water and North Streets.

A grand re-opening ceremony was held at the Head Church at Scugog Shores Museum Village following an extensive restoration project during the summer.

Eight candidates sought election in the federal riding of Durham, including incumbent Ross Stevenson (PC), Ian Smyth (Reform), Alex Shepherd (Liberal), Lucy Rybka Becker (NDP), Harry Pope (National), Durk Bruinsma (Christian Heritage Party), Judy Hurvid (Green Party), and Michael Larmand (Natural Law Party). Alex Shepherd was victorious in Durham Riding and his party, the Liberals, won a majority under Jean Chretien.

A lunch room was constructed at Cartwright High School. During the school's 68-year history, students have had to eat their lunch in classrooms.

Scugog council voted in favor of adding an additional ward to the township and eliminating the Area Councillor position. The changes will come into effect during the November 1994 election.



Alex Shepherd and his wife Carol celebrate following his win for the Liberals in Ontario Riding.

**November**

Between \$4,000 to \$5,000 damage was done to a Water Street building by vandals on Halloween night. Youths broke three panes of glass, damaged signs and other portions of the building which houses the Waterfront Cafe, Dimitri's Fine Foods, and an arcade.

Port Perry High School students hosted a Halloween carnival called Spookarama for public school students.

Nick Rensink, a 26-year-old Port Perry man, was hospitalized after being gored by an elephant at the Metro Zoo, where he is employed.

Port Perry High School held its Commencement exercises with Melissa Rudy giving the Valedictory Address.

Scugog Chamber of Commerce president Bill Dowson announced that the chamber needs more directors to sit on



Prime Minister Kim Campbell, centre, with Scugog Mayor Howard Hall, MP Ross Stevenson and Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor.

Council votes in favour of an additional ward in the township

October 1993

its board, citing the chamber may disband if there is not interest for the positions.

Nancy Desjardine was promoted to Inspector at Durham Regional Police's 26 Division. She is the first woman to head up the northern division which patrols Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock Townships.

The Port Perry High School Cadet Corps celebrated its 95th anniversary.

For the first time in more than two decades, it rained on the Port Perry Santa Claus Parade.

The Ministry of Natural Resources officially announced that Lake Scugog will be closed to anglers until Jan. 1. It also announced that the ice fishing season will close two weeks earlier and huts must be off the ice by Feb. 28.

December

Scugog Township finance committee chairman Yvonne Christie announced more than \$2,248,112 in taxes is outstanding of \$18,671,784 tax levy.



**TED. MORRISON**  
Port Perry High School  
principal for eight years.

The Millar Lights, under the direction of Tom Millar, presented the musical stage version of The Wizard of Oz at Town Hall 1873.

The Scugog Fire Department began interviewing recruits for the department. More than 70 applications were received.

Scugog Township Council announced it will be getting tough on motorists who park illegally during the winter months thereby impeding snow removal.

Ted. Morrison, principal of PPHS for eight years, is transferred to Oshawa and is replaced by former vice-principal Sandra Riches.

Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board officials announced that a second Catholic elementary school will be built in Scugog Township.

More than 200 people attended a blood donor clinic at the Masonic Hall, donating 194 units of blood.

Scugog trustee Bobbie Drew was elected as the board's new finance and transportation committee chairman. Joyce Kelly was named chairman Employee Relations.

Scugog firefighters were kept busy on Christmas Day responding to four calls. The most serious was at Utica Farm Equipment. Damage was estimated at \$50,000 to the attic and workshop.



**NANCY DESJARDINE**  
First woman Inspector with  
Durham Regional Police.



**ALISSA SMITH**  
1994 President Scugog  
Chamber of Commerce.



This turn of the century home located on Queen St. is occupied by the offices of Powell, Shepherd Accounting.

# 1994

January

Fears that the Scugog Chamber of Commerce was going to disband were put to rest.

Reports surfaced that the police station in Port Perry was slated to be closed. Officials downplayed the report.

A significant increase in the thefts of snowmobiles was reported as 13 sleds were stolen in six weeks.

Scugog's first Snow Flake Festival took place as huge crowds gathered to watch the dog sled races and view the Ice Sculptures in the park.

Cold weather left Scugog Island residents without power for more than 24 hours when temperatures dipping towards -40 C .

**February**

Alissa Smith was elected president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce. She took over from Bill Dowson.

Paul Christie was voted president of the Port Perry Fair Board. Neil Hunter presented the Agricultural Service Diploma for 35 years service.

Residents saw their heating bills soar as much as 30 per cent as the temperature dropped.

A good natured roast was held in honor of Durham Region Chairman Gary Herrema.

Theatre groups banded together to upgrade Town Hall 1873. Repairs were estimated at \$56,000.

Alf Huggins was presented the Medal of Merit by the National Council of Scouts of Canada for his years of service to the organization.

**March**

Doctors at Medical Associates announced they would be closing their offices for the week of March Break.

Scugog roads were deteriorating and it was learned more than \$50 million was needed to repair the damage.

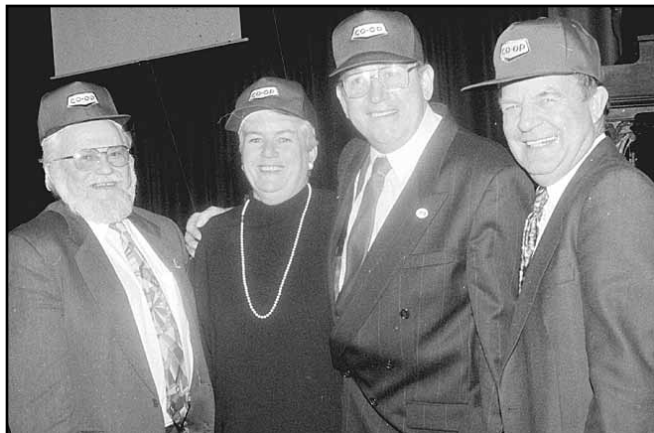
The Durham Board of Education announced it was cutting five trustees from its board, including one in Scugog Township.

Three new ball diamonds behind Scugog Centre were completed and would be ready for the start of the ball.

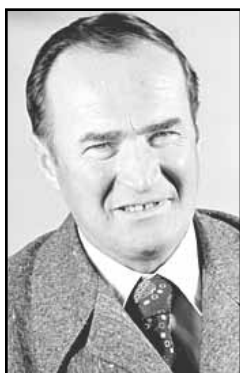
An arena hall topped the list of Scugog's million dollar wish list.

The township was in jeopardy of losing its annual Canoe the Nonquon and Triathlon.

Taxpayers got a break as local council passed a budget at below its zero per cent increase target.



The mayors of the three northern municipalities of Durham Region get together at Roast for Garry Herrema. From left, Howard Hall (Scugog), Gerri Lynn O'Connor (Uxbridge) and far right Don Haddon (Brock).



**NEIL HUNTER**  
Honoured by Port Perry  
Agriculture Society.

Firefighters took delivery of a new pumper. The \$230,000 vehicle was delivered to Hall 1 in Port Perry.

Katie VanCamp, 12, of Port Perry was one of a handful of pupils to be chosen to study at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School.

**April**

Durham Regional Police announced they would be hitting the streets on bicycles this year.

All-day every-other-day kindergarten was approved by the Durham board of Education.

A body pulled from Lake Scugog was that of a Markham man missing since October. Foul play was ruled out.

Officials at Community Memorial Hospital preserved a piece of the present by sealing a time capsule to be opened in the year 2044.

Response to a new housing development in Port Perry was phenomenal. Canterbury Homes turned the first piece of sod for its new development.

Firefighters were kept busy the last weekend of April. More than 45 firefighters spent more than 200 hours fighting fires.

A Port Perry law firm Harris, Fletcher Tesluk Associates lost a battle in Supreme Court of Canada to set up shop in a vacant building.

A rash of thefts reported in Scugog were downplayed by police, who said the time of year played a large part in the increase.

Community Memorial Hospital became one of the first hospitals in Ontario to introduce (L.D.R.P. rooms (Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Post Partum) rooms to its obstetrical unit.

Dowson's Valumart marked its 45th anniversary in Scugog Township.



**GARY EDGAR**  
Chief of the Mississaugas  
of Scugog Island.

Sealed time capsule  
to be opened in year  
2044

April 1994

May

Scugog Township residents were told to expect a 1.8 per cent increase in their taxes due to an increase in the Durham Board of Education budget.

Scugog would see \$500,000 in regional works project to be completed within the year.

The Mississaugas of First Nation Chief Gary Edgar denied rumors that the new facility being built on the reserve was a casino.

Sixty residents took part in the first "Walk It, Talk It, Stock It" walk-a-thon to raise money for Operation Scugog's Food Bank.

Traffic signals for the Port Perry Plaza were given the green light for construction.

The length of a lease was standing in the way of an agreement between the Port Perry Fairgrounds and township council.

The first Kinsmen Club of Port Perry "Raise the Flag Day" was held in Palmer Park.

A Mac's Milk employee was held at knifepoint during a 2 a.m. hold up.

The First Nation on Scugog Island said it is willing to work with the community to make its proposed gaming facility feasible.

Rotary Club of Port Perry was the first to commit money to the expansion plans at Scugog Arena.

Dan Roberts was appointed the new curator for Scugog Shores Museum.

Scugog council said it was concerned about its inability to act regarding the proposed gaming facility on Scugog Island.



Phil and Ann Goreski and family celebrated the 30th anniversary of their business, Goreski Marina on Scugog Island.



**KEN JACKSON**  
Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens founder retires.

June

Local hospital officials were disappointed with a report suggesting sweeping changes to Durham Hospitals, including a recommendation that the local hospital's major focus would be ambulatory and outpatient care.

MPP Gord Mills was ejected from the legislature after refusing to retract comments he made regarding the gaming facility on Scugog Island.

Automotive supplier Port Perry Metal Processing announced it would be setting up shop in the vacant Johnson Controls building.

More than 100 people, natives, government officials and residents attended the official opening of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations Community Centre.

Citing weak community support councillors began having second thoughts concerning an addition to Scugog Arena.

Ken Jackson, of Mother Jackson Open Kitchens, was honored in a ceremony to mark his retirement.

Scugog residents packed a public meeting to voice their concerns on the future of Community Memorial Hospital.

Greenbank residents were urged to conserve water due to dry weather.

The new emergency ward at the hospital was opened.

July

Two men, brandishing a knife broke into a Lakeview Drive home and confronted the owner of home inside. Police later arrested four Scugog youths who were consequently charged with more than 80 offenses.

Christopher Joseph Goris was the first child to be delivered in the Community Memorial Hospital's New Life Centre.

Jean Jeffrey, retired from writing the Epsom and area news for the Port Perry Star after 40 years of dedication.

Vandals destroyed memorial plots at Pine Grove Cemetery, including one 114-year-old stone.



Work begins on enlarging and repairing township boat launch.



Royal Bank building get a facelift and repairs during summer of 1994.

Results of an engineering study stated Port Perry could grow to 10,000 people in two year's time.

Kinsmen Beach in Palmer Park was declared unsafe for swimming.

More than 300 people applied for jobs at Port Perry Metal Processing as the new business began its hiring process.

**August**

A longstanding dispute over a controver-

sial building in Port Perry ended when the Harris Fletcher Tesluk Associates building was demolished.

The old horse barn at the fairgrounds in Port Perry was torn down after the fair board decided it was too dilapidated to repair.

Police warned local merchants to be on the lookout for counterfeit bills as several have turned up in Port Perry.

An amnesty campaign by the Durham Regional Police force saw 60 guns turned in its first two months.

The municipal boat launch in Port Perry received an \$85,000 facelift.

Canterbury Common, the 248 home adult lifestyle community, which includes a nine hole golf course, was officially opened on Aug. 13, 1994.

Port Perry native George Burnett was named coach of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers.

Whoopi Goldberg and Kathleen Turner were in Seagrave shooting a movie to be released later this year.

**September**

A sign, erected by the Port Perry Fair Board during the Port Perry Fair, angered and surprised local councillors.

The 4' by 8' sign stated "This Fairground Is In Danger. Many councillors do not want to renew our lease.

The township faced a huge and unexpected expenditure when it was revealed one of the fire department's pumper trucks was declared unfit for use.

An OMB hearing was averted when neighbors and the Royal Canadian Legion branch settled a dispute over a proposed senior's apartment building.

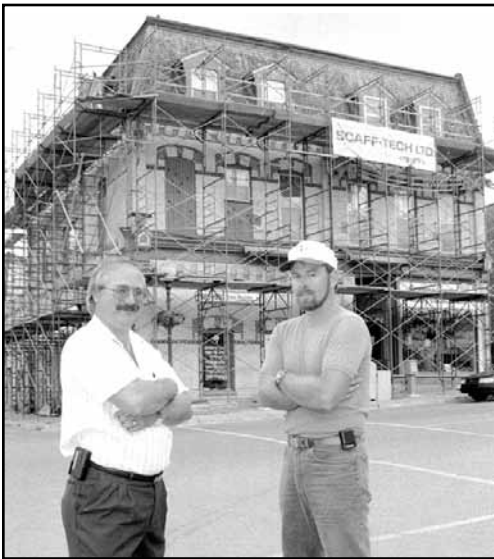
Peter Parker and Bob Haynes were awarded police citations. The two Caesarea men were honored for saving the life of 18-month-old Suzy Hall after the toddler fell into Lake Scugog and was floating face down.

As the new school year began 4,275 area children returned to the classroom.

Police collected 167 guns during an amnesty program.



Canterbury Common developers Mary, Scott and Mark Dawson of Quorum Development Corp. prior to the official opening of the project in Aug. 1994.



Guy Latrielle, left, stands in front of his Re/Max office building, which is undergoing a complete renovation by contractor Steve Snider. The 114 year old building, at the corner of Queen and Water St. was formerly the St. Charles Hotel.



**GEORGE BURNETT**  
Named NHL Coach of the Edmonton Oilers in 1994.





Police officer Warren Ellis is treated by ambulance attendants after being shot during a robbery at the Bank of Montreal in Port Perry Plaza.

Five wounded in botched Bank of Montreal robbery

October 25, 1994



JEAN JEFFREY  
Forty year correspondent for Port Perry Star.

Organizers were on cloud nine after Port Perry's Terry Fox Run raised more than \$14,000.

October

A contract dispute between the partners of Canterbury Commons housing development stalled work on the new development.

The township purchased the works of Nestleton artist Burt Hoskin at a recent auction. The works will adorn local facilities.

Additional parking spaces were created at Port Perry High School to help with traffic congestion in the area.

A Scugog township mom took on McDonald's over a commercial she found irresponsible.

Scugog councillors rejected plans by the Royal Bank to erect a neon sign on the bank's building.

The entire township was in shock after a bungled bank robbery at the Bank of Montreal left three officers Warren Ellis, Paul Mooy and Mark McConkey, along with bank manager Alan Knight and real estate agent Debra-Ann Taylor with gunshot wounds. An elderly Port Perry couple Marjorie and Harry Pearce were held hostage by the suspects after the robbery. Two Kingston-area brothers Mitchell (Micky) and Angus McArthur were charged in connection with the 7:30 p.m. shootings at the Port Perry Plaza after an exhaustive manhunt throughout the township led to the suspects in Kingston.

Kent Farndale and Gwenyth Thompson authored a new book Stitches In Time, a look at the history of hospitals in

Scugog Township.

Local artist Karen Richardson unveiled a new painting, a collection of doorways in Scugog Township.

Lance Brown, a CTV sports announcer, was the Master of Ceremonies for the Community Memorial Hospital's Grand Masquerade Gala.

Durham Region was granted \$25 million for a cancer centre.

November

The victims of the October shootings at the Bank of Montreal were all released from hospital and were recovering fairly well from the ordeal.

First Nation chief Gary Edgar slammed a survey on the gaming facility by MP Alex Shepherd, calling it "ill-conceived and defamatory."

The suspects in the October 25 shootings in Port Perry were denied bail and remanded into custody.

In a surprise move council approved township-wide garbage collection as of January 1.

Councillors approved a site plan for the new community hall to be located next to Scugog Arena.

The Re/Max building, on the corner of Water and Queen Streets, underwent complete renovation. The building, which was erected following a fire in 1884, was home to the St. Charles Hotel for many years.

Todd Smart and Lori Buscher acted as co-valedictorians for Port Perry High School's graduating class.

Elections were held and the new council elected was Mayor Howard Hall, Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie, Ward 1 councillor Doug Moffatt, Ward 2 councillor Marilyn



Shooting victims from the Bank of Montreal robbery get together for the first time since the robbery. From left, Const. Mark McConkey, Warren Ellis, Alan Knight (bank manager) and Paul Mooyey.



**RON COMPTON**  
Owner Compton Cable TV.

Pearce, Ward 3 councillor Ken Gadsden, acclaimed, Ward 4 councillor Joyce Kelly, Ward 5 councillor Karen Puckrin, Durham Board school trustee Bobbie Drew and Separate School trustee Kathy LeFort.

Overwhelming negative response killed a plan to extend municipal garbage pick up to the entire township.

Local residents Jeffrey Blair and Kate Mairs were nominated as Junior Citizens of the Year.

Residents were left in the dark for about two hours as an unexpected power outage hit. The problem was traced back to a lighting arrester on Simcoe Street.

**December**

Thomson Newspapers announced the shutdown of the 123 year old Oshawa Times effective Dec. 4, 1994

Central Seven Assoc. signed their first-ever collective agreement after more than a dozen meetings with staff.

Scugog councillors and Mayor Hall took their oaths of office at the inaugural meeting held on Dec. 5.

Scugog trustee Bobbie Drew was elected head of the budget committee for the Durham Region Board of Education. This is her third term on the board.

More than 100 supporters of Debra-Ann Taylor, who was shot in the Bank of Montreal robbery in October, came out to a fund raising luncheon in her honor. The luncheon was organized by the Port Perry Lions Club and friends of Ms. Taylor.

Compton Cable TV has announced major changes are about to take place, after investing more than \$2 million in state of the art fibre optics.

**Sod turning for new  
Scugog Community  
Centre Hall**

April 1995

# 1995

**January**

Preliminary site work on Scugog Township's new community hall got underway with digging for the footings.

The Supreme Court of Canada made way for a large supermarket by approving the sale of a site known as the Conway property in Port Perry.

A new pumper truck valued at \$164,000 arrived at the local fire hall to replace one considered unfit and was removed from the road last year.

A group of local hairstylists petitioned council, stating they were experiencing a great loss of business due to those who cut hair out of their homes.

Brenda Casteels was installed as president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce for 1995.

A group of parents in Port Perry were pushing the provincial government for a safer crosswalk for their children on Hwy. 7A.

Audrey Geer retired from Brock's Department Store where she had been employed for the past 38 years.

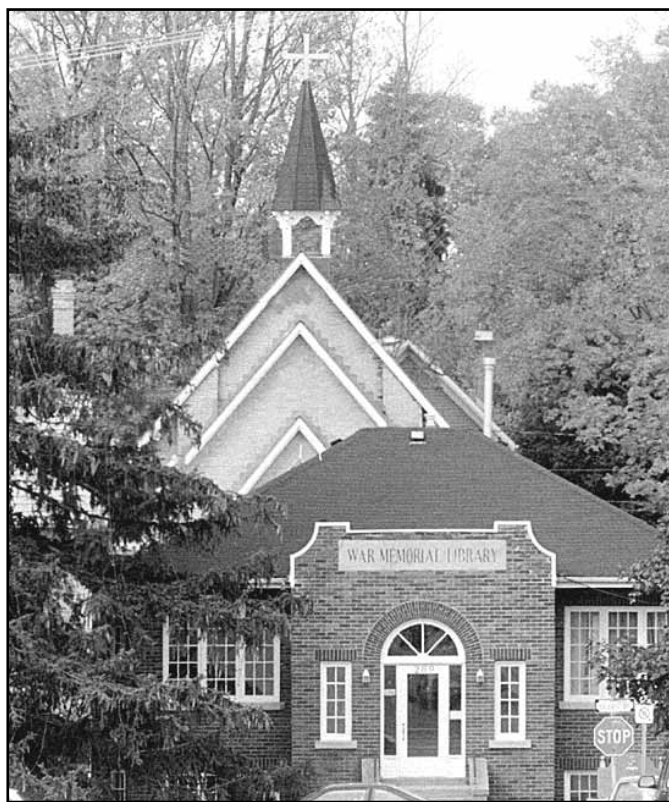
Janet Vernon was presented the Agriculture Service Diploma at the annual meeting of the Port Perry Agricultural Society.



**AUDREY GEER**  
Retires after 38 years with Brock's Dept. Store.

**February**

Despite temperatures register-



A view of the old War Memorial Library and the rear of the Anglican Church as seen from John St., looking north.



Ontario Premier Bob Rae (right), Helen Roman Barber and administrator David Brown, help grandchildren of Stephen B. Roman cut a ribbon to officially open the Roman Wing at Community Memorial Hospital in May 1995.

ing -40° Celsius, ice sculptor Ross Navarro began work on his ice creations in Palmer Park for the Snow Flake Festival.

Canada Post announced three stamps would be issued in celebration of chiropractic medicine and its founder, Daniel David Palmer.

Three men were hospitalized with hypothermia after their snowmobiles went through the ice.

High winds, causing drifting snow and poor visibility caused the cancellation of the Kinsmen sled dog races on Lake Scugog.

Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie, who was recovering at home from a stroke she suffered in January, died in her sleep in hospital. She was serving her third



**HARVEY GRAHAM**  
President of Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

term in that seat at the time of her death.

Glen Wanamaker, who served as secretary/treasurer of Ontario Pine Grove Cemetery for 21 years, retired.

**March**

Scugog Fire Chief Don Steele resigned from his position with no reason for his departure.

Former Scugog councillor Harvey Graham was elected president of the Ontario Cattleman's Association at its annual meeting held in Toronto.

The Port Perry BIA elected its new executive for a three year term, with Sharon MacKinnon getting the nod as president.

A crew of Durham Regional workers were caught on videotape littering the road and ditch with food wrappers and coffee cups during their lunch break.

Shorelines along Scugog Island were heavily damaged by shifting ice. Trees were uprooted and shorelines pushed up five feet high along the east side of the lake.

A local woman narrowly escaped injury when a shot was fired through the back window of her car in what police have said was an attempted robbery and murder.

Marilyn Pearce assumed the Regional Council seat held by the late Yvonne Christie. A tie between Councillors Pearce and Ken Gadsden was broken by pulling the winning name out of a box.

**April**

Medical Associates announced their clinic would be closed for two days in April to live up to the obligations of the Social Contract, commonly known as "Rae Days."

Mayor Howard Hall turned the sod to officially begin construction of the new community hall at the Scugog Arena.

Durham MP Alex Shepherd was among 49 Liberals who abstained from a vote held on the controversial gun legislation.

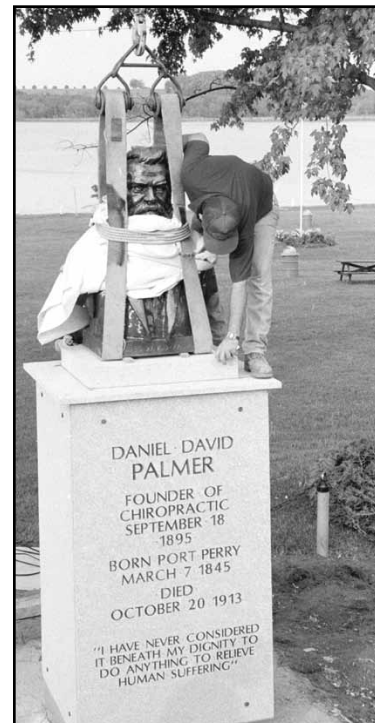
More than 100 angry residents who live in the vicinity of Hwy. 7A and Simcoe St. protested to council plans for a fast food restaurant on the busy corner.

The Agriculture Employment Services office in Port Perry received notice they were faced with a 35% cut in funding and would eventually be phased out.

Irwin and Alissa Smith unveiled plans to open a winery on their Scugog Township farm.



**MARILYN PEARCE**  
Elected to Regional Council Seat.



A workman carefully replaces the bust of Daniel David Palmer back on its pedestal in Palmer Park after the monument received a complete refurbishing in June.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## CHAPTER TEN - THE NINETIES

Five candidates threw their hat into the ring for the vacated Ward 2 seat. They were Ken Carruthers, Jeff Brown, Elgin Knopp, Jim Grosvenor and Ruth Mark.

May

Richard Miller was appointed as chief of the Scugog Fire Department beating out four candidates for the position.

Council turned down an application for commercial zoning for a fast food restaurant at the corner of Hwy. 7A and Simcoe St.

Postmaster Bob Walker of Port Perry was awarded the prestigious Silver Postmark Award by Canada Post at a dinner in Toronto.

Port Perry was named "Town of the Year" by Welcome Wagon.

Community Memorial Hospital officially opened the new Stephen B. Roman Wing as hundreds gathered on the lawn. Premier Bob Rae was among the guests present for the occasion.



Port Perry Printing and Aubrey Oppers Aluminum buildings on North Street.

Six months after losing his Ward 1 seat in an election, Ken Carruthers returned to council by a 13 ballot margin over his opponents in a by-election for Ward 2.

June

Five teachers at Port Perry High School lost their jobs due to a decision by the Board of Education which declared 40 positions in the region redundant this year.

The bust of Daniel David Palmer was returned to Palmer Park following a complete restoration of the monument.

Five old headstones, dating back to 1869, were damaged by vandals at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Former school board trustee Joyce Kelly was honored by the students of Cartwright High School for her years of service.



**BUNTY WEBB**

Local actor receives award.

Firefighters from across Ontario competed in the Port Perry extrication competition sponsored by the local fire department.

Jean Hunter was the recipient of the Greenbank Lions Club first community volunteer award.

Jeanne and Dr. Matthew B. Dymond celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Durham MP Alex Shepherd voted against his government's controversial gun legislation bill.

Judy Soomre was credited with saving the lives of four people when she rushed into a house to warn them of a fire.



Pizza Delight operates restaurant in the old Port Perry Dairy Bar building on Water St.

Jerry Taylor appointed chairman of Community Memorial Hospital Board, taking over from Kent Farndale who stepped down after a three-year term.

July

Local actor Bunty Webb was awarded the Les and Zona Parkes Award for her contribution to the life and promotion of the Borelians com-

Stephen B. Roman  
Wing at hospital  
officially opened by  
Ontario Premier

May 12, 1995



**BRENDA CASTEELS**

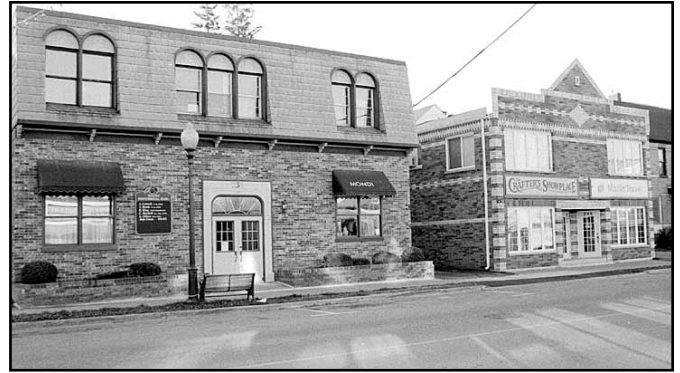
1995 Scugog Chamber of  
Commerce President

munity theatre.

Local World War II veterans were honored at a special ceremony at the kick-off of Canada Day festivities in Palmer Park.

More than \$1,000 was collected in boat launching fees during the first week-end of the pilot project.

Former Port Perry resident Marnie Luke, who co-produced a documentary, won top honors in a TV Ontario film contest.



Port Perry Dental Centre and Marlin Travel office building on Queen St. (1998).

Scugog was battered by a vicious summer storm which felled trees and power lines and left many homes without hydro for hours.

Residents along a portion of Ash Street were evacuated from their homes after work crews, constructing a roadway into Victorian Village, punctured a gas main.

Vandals broke into Immaculate Conception Church in Port Perry causing extensive damage. A statue, candle stands and flower vases were broken.

Members from Loyal Orange Lodges from across Ontario gathered in Port Perry for their annual Orange Heritage Parade.

**August**

A Port Perry woman discovered more than \$7,000 of goods were purchased with her VISA card number and officials with CIBC were checking into the fraud.

Dick Assman, who was made an overnight sensation by TV host David Letterman, attended the Janetville Jamboree and Kotya Peekin' in Port Perry to sign autographs.

Mabel Cawker celebrated her 90th birthday. She has been a Port Perry Star correspondent for 18 years.

Police arrested and charged a man who dug up and removed the skeletal remains of a woman buried more than 100 years ago in a Sunderland cemetery.

Gary Hill won honors as Canadian Auctioneer champion at the World Championship Auctioneering competition held in Toronto.

**September**

Stonemoor Day Care Centre has leased the old library building on Queen St. for day care services at a cost of \$400 per month.

Betty and Rolly Fox, parents of the late Terry Fox, visited Port Perry to help local organizers promote the Terry Fox Run.

The 200 year old skeletal remains of a man, including a skull and jaw bone, were found in Caesarea by a man digging a septic bed on his property.

The Terry Fox run was an astounding success, 390 participated and helped raise more than \$21,000 for cancer research.

Chiropractors from both Canada and the United States celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of their profession in Palmer Park.

Ken Dowson, owner of Dowson's Valu-Mart announced the family business had been sold.

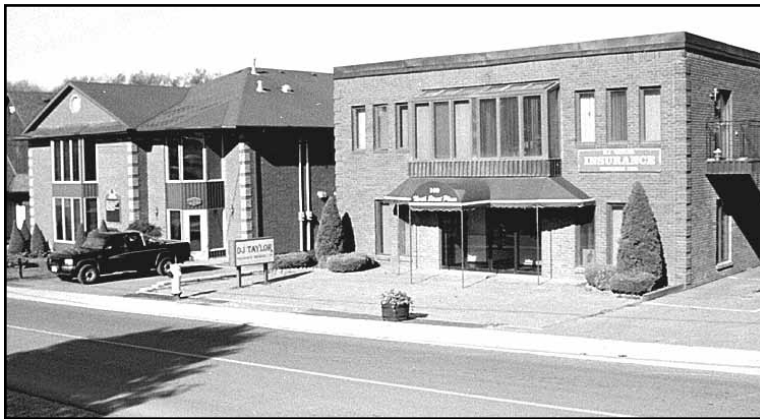
A new supermarket, "Your Independent Grocer" owned by National Grocers and Loblaw's is expected to open on the old Conway property by Thanksgiving 1996.



**RICHARD MILLER**  
Appointed Chief of Scugog Fire Department - May '95.



**MICHAEL FOWLER**  
Port Perry Lawyer.



Businesses along North Street included D.J. Taylor Insurance and Michael Fowler Law Offices.





Scugog Centre Hall officially opened in October 1995.

**October**

A development proposal by Bill and Paula Lishman near Nestleton ran into objections from residents opposed the establishment of an aerodrome on the property.

Star publisher J. Peter Hvidsten announced Don MacLeod has been taken in as a partner and general manager of the Port Perry Star.

Northwood Exotic Animal Ranch acquired

**Scugog Community Centre Hall is officially opened**

October 1995

a 1,200 pound polar bear for the ranch.

Downtown Port Perry was blocked off to traffic for the filming of "Father Goose," a film about Bill Lishman and his geese.

Paula Lishman was named recipient of the International Competitiveness Award at the Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Awards held in Vancouver, B.C.

Scugog Council and the Port Perry Agricultural Society agreed to a lease of the fairground property after more than a year of disagreements over the terms of the lease.

The new 10,000 sq. ft. Scugog Centre Community Hall, located at the Scugog Arena was officially opened.

A number of Port Perry area residents travelled to Montreal to take part in a "Crusade for Canada" prior to the Quebec referendum vote.



**BILL AND PAULA LISHMAN**

Local businesswoman Paula Lishman named as the Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year.

**November**

Scugog Township honored 80 members of the community for their achievements as volunteers or as members of championship teams.

Jennifer Fowler, Jodi Hunter and Erin Nesbitt are heading to South America as part of the Youth Challenge International group for 10 weeks to perform development work.

After 20 days in preliminary trial, Mitchell and Angus McArthur, the two brothers charged with the bank robbery and shootings at the Bank of Montreal last year, were sent to trial.

Stephen Jarman, a Port Perry High School student was chosen as valedictorian at the school's annual commencement exercises. Cartwright High School's valedictorian was Dana Lee.

Longtime resident and supporter of many area projects, Ken F. Jackson, died after a short illness. He was the founder and owner of Flamingo Pastries and Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens before selling his interests in 1994.



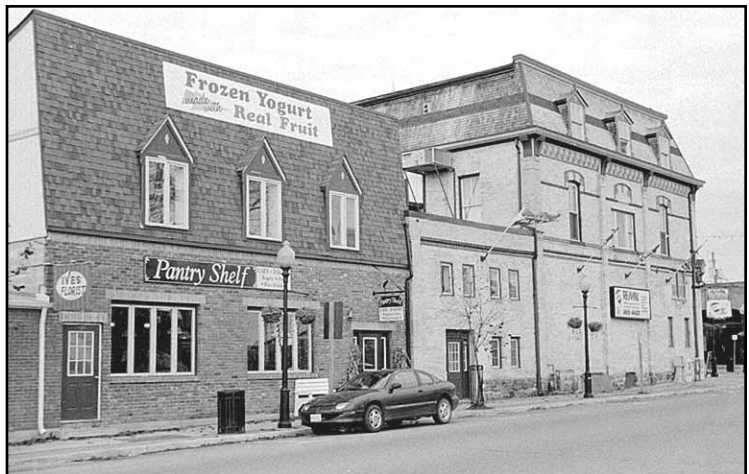
**DON MACLEOD**

Becomes partner in the Port Perry Star.



**JOYCE KELLY**

Secretary for 30 years.



Water St. looking north with the old St. Charles Hotel (now Re/Max) on the corner - (1998).



# 1996

## January

Scugog Council issued a stiff warning to snowmobilers to clean up their act and abide by bylaws and alcohol regulations.

A six inch watermain burst on Bigelow St. forcing nearby residents to go without water for a total of eight hours, and flooding some basements.

The Durham Board of Education announced plans to axe Junior Kindergarten beginning in the fall. Dwindling provincial grants forced the move, as the board saw \$12 million cut from its usual level of funding.

Local police expressed dismay with the provincial government's cutting of police protection.

Scugog council claimed an MTO survey of Hwy. 7A was a joke and said that the council's requests and concerns.

## February

A&P confirmed plans to open a new Food Basics store in the Port Perry Plaza, in the store that had been occupied by Dowson's Valu-Mart.

Joyce Kelly retired as secretary of the Blackstock Fair after 30 years service to the community in the position.

Port Perry Medical Associates were chosen to test a new antibiotic eye drop medication.

Port Perry's Community Memorial Hospital was hit with a \$145,000 budget reduction by the government.

Residents of Port Perry's Community Nursing Home took off to the Caribbean for a fabulous cruise after three years of planning and fundraising.

## March

Bunty Webb, a well-known actor who lives on Scugog Island, appeared in a Campbell's soup commercial with NHL stars Wendel Clark and Tie Domi.

Jokers peaked the public's curiosity by placing a phony ad for a strip joint in a vacant store window at the Port Perry Plaza.

Port Perry High School group Jazzmerize, the concert choir and the group "Time Square" all travelled to Toronto to take part in the national Music Fest.

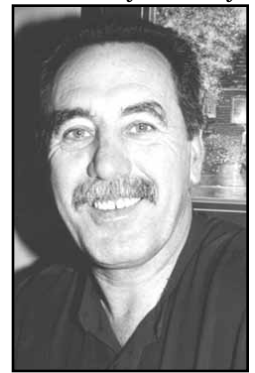
A large development proposed by Bill and Paula Lishman in Nestleton was halted due to soaring costs and bureaucratic "cholesterol."

Don Forder retired from the insurance business.

## April

Durham Region public school board trustees were informed of a big cut in expenditures.

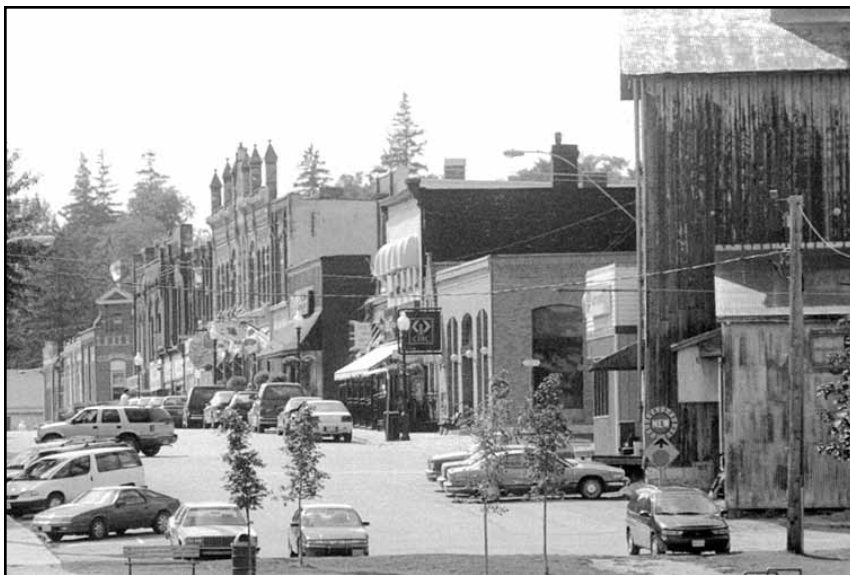
Motorcycle club, Para-Dice Riders lost a court battle to stop police road side checks during their visits to the area. The bikers wanted the searches declared unconstitutional.



**RICK McCOSHEN**  
1996 President Scugog Chamber of Commerce.



Above: South side of Queen Street facing west in summer of 1998 from the lake.



Below: North side of Queen Street facing west in summer of 1998 from the lake.

Proposals were made by the District Health Council for Port Perry Hospital and the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital to form a "health care network."

Prince Albert residents became wary of a plan to construct 639 homes over the next 20 to 15 years.

Community Memorial Hospital received surprise funds from the government, allowing the emergency ward to remain open 24 hours a day.

Mike's Food Basics opened in the Port Perry Plaza and caused quite a stir when it was painted bright green. Township officials reported that the agreement allowing the paint job was their "mistake."

The Port Perry Juveniles captured the All Ontario Championship after defeating Sutton.



One of the numerous Water Street Plazas - photo taken in 1998.



**DON FORDER**  
Don Forder Insurance.

**May**

The Durham Board of Education presented its budget, which slashed more than \$15 million dollars from operations, and raised taxes 2.74 per cent for '96.

Scugog councillors reported that they were not contacted concerning construction plans for the new Great Blue Heron Casino.

Michael Norman, who lives in the south end of the township, won an international backgammon competition in Las Vegas.

Port Perry High School students Tristan Smith, Ryan Edgar, Christy Holtby and Robin Adderly won the Durham Think Bowl Contest.

Construction on the Great Blue Heron Entertainment Centre began.

Ashley Grncarovski was named Miss TO Majorette after winning first place in an international competition in Pennsylvania.

**June**

The 28th annual running of the Canoe the Nonquon resulted in less participation despite beautiful weather, causing organizers to consider revamping next year's event.

Dr. Tom Millar left Medical Associates in Port Perry to set up his own private practice in his Sunderland home, due to government cutbacks.

Reports from the MTO indicated that the section of Hwy. 7A between R.H. Cornish and Immaculate Conception School, which parents have long been lobbying crossing lights for, does not meet needs for the crossing lights.

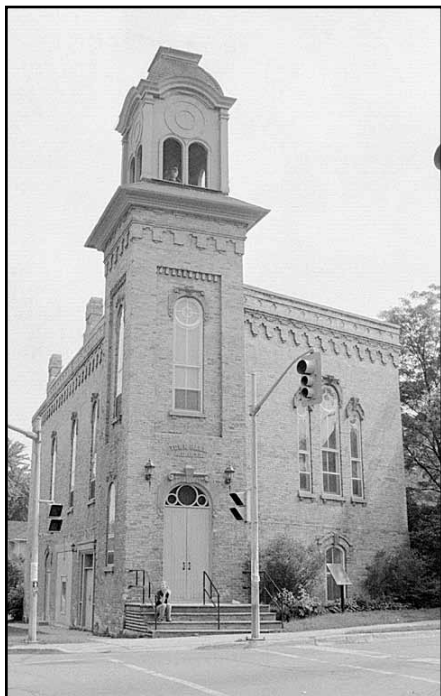
Bert Stulen retired from Lake Scugog Lumber after 30 years as credit manager.

**July**

Hundreds of bikers flocked to Port Perry to attend a giant party in honor of the retirement of Satan's Choice founder, Bernie Guindon. Police were out in force, stopping bikers wherever they went in and around town.

Bruce Kellett took over as the new owner of the Port Perry Flea Market.

The Highlands of Durham Games came to Port Perry and Uxbridge, attracting large crowds and huge public support. Many attended festivities in Port, and enjoyed the heavy-weight



Town Hall 1873 summer of 1998.



**WARREN AND TRACY STRONG**  
Owners of the Framer's Gallery on Queen St. in Port Perry.

games in Uxbridge's Elgin Park.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Port Perry held a parade to celebrate the local club's 50th anniversary.

M a r t y n Wannamaker was honored for his part in the rescue of a plane crash victim at a Cadet camp in Banff.

Port Perry High School's Youth Internship Program organized a Canada Day Parade.

Movie makers took over the Blackstock farm of Ria and Peter Hooegeveen for use in the shooting of the film "The Fairy Godmother," starring Martin Short, Kathleen Turner and Mara Wilson.

The Midget Angels Fastball Club captured gold at the regional playdowns.

**August**

Caesarea held its 64th Regatta with new events such as a Mutt Show and the Grandpa and Grandma contest.

Ruby Harrison became \$10,000 richer on a Daily Keno lottery ticket.

A storm casting more than five inches of rain fell upon the area causing extensive damage to some roadways.

Community Memorial Hospital in Port and Uxbridge Cottage Hospital officially announced a merger between the two corporations due to funding concerns effective April 1 of the new year.

**September**

'Fly Away Home,' the film based on Bill Lishman and his adventures, premiered and received rave reviews.

Patricia Green of Greenbank, won an Emmy for best make-up and special effects for her work on the TV movie, 'Kissinger and Nixon.'

The Durham Board of Education won the prestigious Carl Bertelsmann Foundation Award as "the best school board in the world."

Dave Mercer realized a life long dream as he landed a 60 second fishing feature on the new VR television station.

The Greenbank Church hosted celebrations in honor of its 100th anniversary.

**October**

A deal for crossing lights on 7A was finally struck for the area between R.H. Cornish and Immaculate Conception School as the government promised to fund one third of the costs, with parents and the township kicking in equal amounts.



**FLY AWAY HOME**

Bill Lishman in flight with his Canada Geese during filming of movie.



**CHARLIE BOURGEOIS**  
Longtime Port Perry resident and sports fan.



Reid's Independent opened in November on the property formerly occupied by Conway Gardens Restaurant.



The Grandstand at Blackstock fairgrounds was destroyed by fire Dec. '96.

Two African Lion cubs, born at the Northwood Exotic Animal Ranch, were featured on the CTV program 'Road Crew.'

Joanne Cochrane, of Nestleton, was nominated for an Annual Woman of Distinction Award by the YWCA.

Brock's Clothing Store celebrated its 115th anniversary with Bill, Claudette and daughter Marina celebrating the occasion.

The Chamber of Commerce put forth a proposal for the use of Hwy. 7A in the annual Santa Claus Parade, but was denied access to the King's highway by the MTO and the police.

Canadian boxing legend George Chuvalo travelled to Port Perry to talk to high school students about drug abuse.

Some local gas stations were forced to shut their pumps down due to the high cost of safety and environmental upgrades required by the government.

The Provincial government informed those parents involved in fundraising for the 7A crossing lights of a higher estimate ranging from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Reid's Independent Grocer opened on the east side of town across from the Port Perry Plaza.

Port Perry Minor Hockey changed the name of all teams to the 'Predators,' and adopted a rampaging dinosaur as their mascot. Predators clothing was soon on sale at Scugog Arena.

December

Local liquor and beer stores were open on Sunday for the first time ever. Sales started slow, but soon picked up.

A tentative agreement was reached in the dispute between Ontario doctors and the provincial government, but not before some local doctors shut their offices for a day to protest government actions toward their profession.

Durham Region announced a \$2 dumping fee at local garbage transfer stations. The move angered some residents, who saw it as a user fee for a service they already pay for.

General Motors was paralyzed by a strike for three weeks due to a battle between the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) and the company over contracting out disputes.

The Odd Fellows in Port Perry celebrated their 125th anniversary.

November

Pilot Steve Nierlich of Sunderland, won the 'Top Gun Award' at the William Tell Air-to-Air Combat Competition in Florida.



**PETE KNEALE**  
Local businessman, owner of Paulmac's Pet Store.

Liquor and beer stores begin to open on Sundays

December 1996



The much awaited \$15 million Great Blue Heron Casino on Scugog Island, opened to the public in January 1997.



**GUY LATRIELLE**  
Owner of Re/Max Scugog Realty.

Suspected arson claimed the grandstand at the Blackstock Fairgrounds as the long standing structure was burned to the ground in a spectacular blaze, causing \$80,000 damage.



**BOBBIE DREW**  
Bd. of Education Trustee.

# 1997

## January

Port Perry Hospital posted warnings about a violent strain of cold and flu virus spreading throughout the area.

Reg Philip retired from teaching after 34 years in the profession.

It was announced that the popular Ice Palace on Lake Scugog would not open due to continuing vandalism at the site.

Ken and Carol Irvine resigned from operating their XL gas station after Sunoco took it over.

Police laid more than 150 charges in an effort to clean up a spree of criminal activity in the township.

Rumors circulated that both Uxbridge and Port Perry police stations could be closed and replaced by storefront offices.

The long awaited opening of the Great Blue Heron Charitable Casino took place on Friday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m.

## February

The 1997 National Sled Dog Championship races, sponsored by the local Kinsmen Club, were held at Trillium Trails near Raglan.

Community Memorial and Uxbridge Cottage Hospitals announced that Guy Kirvan would take over the position of CEO of the hospitals on April 1.

The CIBC received a call announcing there was a bomb in the bank. It turned out to be a hoax.

Long time volunteer Ruby Dusty received the Agricultural Services Award for her work with the Port Perry Fair.

Members of the local Honeydale Women's Institute celebrated the 100th anniversary of the institute this month.

Ward 1 residents rejected the townships bid to initiate township-wide garbage pickup, calling it an extravagance they don't need.

A special showing of Bill Lishman's "Fly Away Home" was held to raise money to send a group of PPHS students to a music festival in Banff, Alberta.

The merger of Port Perry and Uxbridge Hospitals was passed unanimously by members of the Port Perry Hospital Board.

Craig Taylor took over the position of President of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce after Brenda McIntosh handed in her resignation.

Durham Region council rejected a \$2 dumping fee at regional transfer stations by a vote of 20-9.

## March

Durham public school trustees approved reintroduction of the Junior Kindergarten program in Scugog schools in the fall.

Defense lawyer Cindy Wasser claimed her client, Mitchel McArthur, had been "framed by police" on charges stemming from the Oct. 20, 1994 bank robbery in Port Perry.

Long-time Port Perry Star correspondent for the Nestleton area, Mabel Cawker, passed away after an extended illness. She was in her 92nd year.



**GUY KIRVAN**  
New CEO for Port Perry and Uxbridge Hospitals.



The Latcham Centre, located near the lakefront, is used by the Senior Citizens Club for its meetings and is rented out to other groups and organizations when available.



Port Perry United Church at Simcoe and Queen St. It was originally built as the Methodist Church in 1885.

Diane Martin, chairperson for the "Light The Way To Safety" campaign announced they had raised just over \$12,000 for traffic lights.

Village Beretta, owned by Glenn VanCamp of Port Perry brought his career earnings to more than \$300,000 with a win at Meadowlands in New Jersey.

David Brown, CEO at Community Memorial Hospital for the past 23 years, announced he would be retiring at the end of the month.

Durham Board of Education trustee Bobbie Drew says the board is looking at a 0.33 per cent increase in the education budget.

Community Nursing Home administrator Edna Goss was chosen as 'Administrator of the Year' by a national association of professionals.

Police reported two counterfeit \$100 bills turned up in deposits made at the Bank of Montreal.

April

Port Perry and Uxbridge hospitals merged their boards and services on April 1, under the leadership of new CEO Guy Kirvan.

Norm Phillips of Northwood Exotic Animal Ranch captured a 550 lb. Siberian tiger which escaped and was running loose for three days just south of Barrie.

Durham Region's health department began laying charges against merchants selling cigarettes to minors.

More than 100 friends and colleagues 'roasted' Community Memorial Hospital's retired CEO, David Brown, at a special retirement dinner.

Port Perry Bank of Montreal robber Mitchiel 'Micky' McArthur was found guilty, but his younger brother Angus walked away a free man.

It was announced that proceeds from a fundraiser at the 125th PPHS reunion will be used toward construction of a new \$500,000 library for the school.

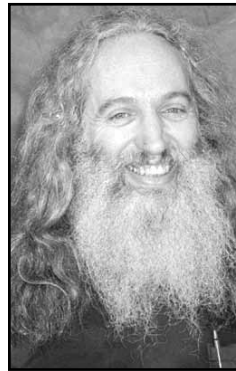
Scugog business woman Betty Penny was named chair of the Durham Region Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Port Perry and Uxbridge hospitals had their names changed to North Durham Health Services as part of the amalgamation of the facilities.

After having a career in the classroom for more than 30 years, Nancy McMillan announced she would be retiring the end of the school year.



**PAUL VANCAMP**  
Port Perry Chartered Accountant.



**DR. PAUL PUCKRIN**  
Physician at Medical Associates, Port Perry.

Port Perry and Uxbridge Hospital Boards merge

April 1997



Plaza located on the north west corner of Hwy. 7A and Water Street built in the 1970s.



**May**

The organizing committee for the Caesarea Regatta announced the 67 year old community summer event would not be held this summer.

Local dentist Dr. Jack Cottrell was inducted as president of the Ontario Dental Association at a ceremony in Toronto.

An 86-year old Port Perry woman lost almost \$11,000 in a telemarketing fraud called the Canadian Celebration Give-A-Way Contest.

A \$250,000 study of Lake Scugog and its tributaries was undertaken.

Employees at Mother Jackson's Open Kitchen voted overwhelmingly (86-58) to reject a union in the plant.

Over 900 former students and teachers showed up at Port Perry High School for the school's 125th reunion.

Due to government grants to the township being slashed, Scugog Council put a number of projects on hold.

Port Perry Ambulance Service owner Bob DeShane announced the service will become part of a large American-owned company.

**June**

Liberal Alex Shepherd was returned to office in Durham Riding.

Port Perry High School technology class students won first place in the 'starter-motor class' at the second annual Great Electric Car contest.

A number of local residents had their heads shaved clean by Rick McCoshen at Trader Sam.'s Restaurant and raised more than \$6,000 for the Trevor Szewarda fund.

Norma Robinson was honored by Postmaster Bob Walker and staff as she retired from the Port Perry Post Office. She had been sorting mail at the local office for 21 years.

Clive Roane is retiring at the end of the school year from teaching at R.H. Cornish Public School after a career which spanned 30 years.

A 53-year old Port Perry woman died in a tragic early morning fire in her second-floor apartment on Water St.

The Port Perry Knights of Columbus were awarded the Best Council Award and Trillium Award at the groups annual convention.

Ken Shaw and Lance Brown of CTV were the guest golfers at the Tartan Celebrity Golf Classic held at Thunderbird Golf Club.

After more than three years in the planning, the Rodman log cabin, built about 1840 will be moved to Scugog Shores Museum and renovated.

**July**

More than 800 pigs perished in a Scugog Island barn fire, estimated to have caused a loss of more than \$500,000.

Gord Lewis called it quits after 35 years of repairing cars and pumping gas for the residents of Port Perry and area.

Scugog council issued an ultimatum to the developers of West Shore Village to complete outstanding issues on the site.

Judge Walter Borosa presided over a Canadian citizenship ceremony in Palmer Park as part of the Canada Day celebrations in which 26 new Canadians took the oath.

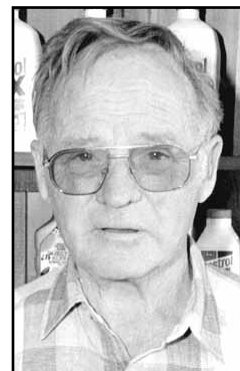
Frank Fielding was honored as Scugog's 1997 Citizen of the Year.

Anne Barrett, animal control officer for Scugog and Uxbridge Townships for the past 30 years retired on June 30.

Members of the Para-Dice Riders motorcycle club where stopped at roadblocks near Caesarea as they arrived to attend a Canada Day bash.

The family of the late Thom Dorn dedicated a bench in Palmer Park to the memory of their father and husband.

Festival Days activities took place in downtown Port Perry and Palmer Park.



**GORD LEWIS**  
Retires from garage business after 35 years.



**DR. JACK COTTRELL**  
Elected as president of the Ontario Dental Association.



Medical Associates building located on Paxton Street, across from Port Perry Hospital.

Five local youths who admitted to smashing mailboxes with baseball bats, replaced the damaged boxes and apologize to the victims.

Rennie Goose was elected Chief of the Scugog Island First Nations council over incumbent Gary Edgar.

After less than a year in town, the Sunoco gas station in Port Perry closed its doors and moved out of town.

The Manchester Coffee Time restaurant was robbed at knifepoint.

A fur coat valued at \$4,800 was stolen off the rack at Lishman's in Port Perry.

A provincial proposal to allow the sale of liquor on Sundays this summer met with no objections from Scugog Council.

**August**

Durham Police arrested three people who they said stole at least \$4,000 worth of merchandise in the area the past month.

Bill Lishman and Joe Duff took delivery of a flock of 18 Sandhill Cranes which arrived from Maryland in a C-130 Hercules transport plane.

Annabell Harrison retired from The Port Perry Star after spending almost 34 years working for the newspaper.

A four-year-old boy watching a ball game at Seagrave escaped with 23 stitches after he was bitten near his eye by a dog.

Vandals struck at the new Dairy Queen location in Port Perry, spray painting the building and signs.

More than \$8,000 was raised by 50 riders at the Rotary Club's annual Aquarama fundraiser for Easter Seals.

Water quality problems at Birdseye Pool forced the closure of the township's only public swimming pool until the problem can be solved.

Pilot/photographer Joe Duff sustained minor injuries when his ultralight airplane crashed into a field while flying with a flock of Sand Hill cranes.

The Rodman cabin, built about 1834, was moved to Scugog Shores Museum.

Councillor Doug Moffatt announced he will challenge Mayor Howard Hall for the township's top job come the election in November.

For the second time in less than two months, Coffee Time Donuts in Manchester was robbed at knifepoint.

**September**



Pentecostal Church located on Regional Rd. #8 across from Scugog Arena.



**ANABELLE HARRISON**  
Retires after 34 years working at Port Perry Star.

West Shore Village, an adult retirement living complex came to a virtual standstill due to several setbacks and financial restructuring.

Vandals targeted Pine Grove Cemetery in Prince Albert for the second time in three weeks, damaging a number of headstones.

Debra Lasky found herself in a dilemma after neighbors complained about her parking a school bus in her driveway. The township prohibits busses being parked in residential areas.



Wagg's Funeral Home, located on Queen Street, Port Perry.



**CHUCK MERCIER**  
Appointed Inspector of  
Division 26, Port Perry.

Durham Regional Police Detective Sergeant Chuck Mercier was promoted to Inspector and commander of 26 Division

Teachers at Scugog's high schools hit the pavement to voice their concerns with proposed changes to the education system by the Harris government.

Greenbank area farmer Keith Phoenix luckily escaped injury when a 70 foot silo mysteriously split and came crashing down.

The Scugog Chamber of Commerce has established a page on the internet in hopes of increasing tourism.

Thirteen-year-old Nathan Cook of Port Perry qualified for the 1998 Wold Junior Golfer Championships in Florida next summer.

Local farmer Les Smith marked the 60th year of showing cattle at the Ontario County Holstein Show in Port Perry.

A violent windstorm left a path of destruction across the township, damaging property.

Port Perry Cubs and Scouts celebrated their 75th anniversary over the weekend.

**October**

Mayor Howard Hall and Durham Regional Police 26 Division Inspector Chuck Mercier were on hand to welcome Durham's new 'top cop', Chief Kevin McAlpine at a ceremony at police headquarters.

Debbie and Jim McKnight held the official opening of the new Dairy Queen restaurant.

A benefit auction for Donna McIntyre and her family of Scugog Island raised more than \$10,500 for the family which will be placed in a trust fund.

Long-serving Deputy Fire Chief Bill Harrison officially retired after spending almost 35 years on the local fire department.

Glenn and Kelly Evans held the official opening of the new location of their Port Perry Auto Glass business, at the west end of Port Perry on Hwy. 7A.

The public was asked to help in locating Jamie Furnandiz who dropped her son off at a local daycare centre and then disappeared.

Rita Rickard, a third year graphic art student, was the recipient of this year's Kent Farndale Art Bursary.

Public and separate school teachers throughout Scugog Township and across Ontario, walked off the job to protest the Harris governments Bill 160.

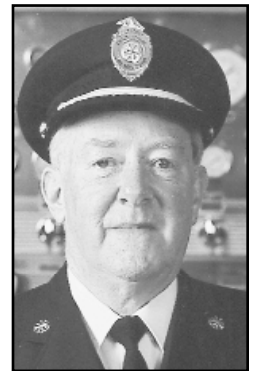
Students joined protesting teachers by rallying at Durham-East MPP John O'Tooles office in Bowmanville.

**November**

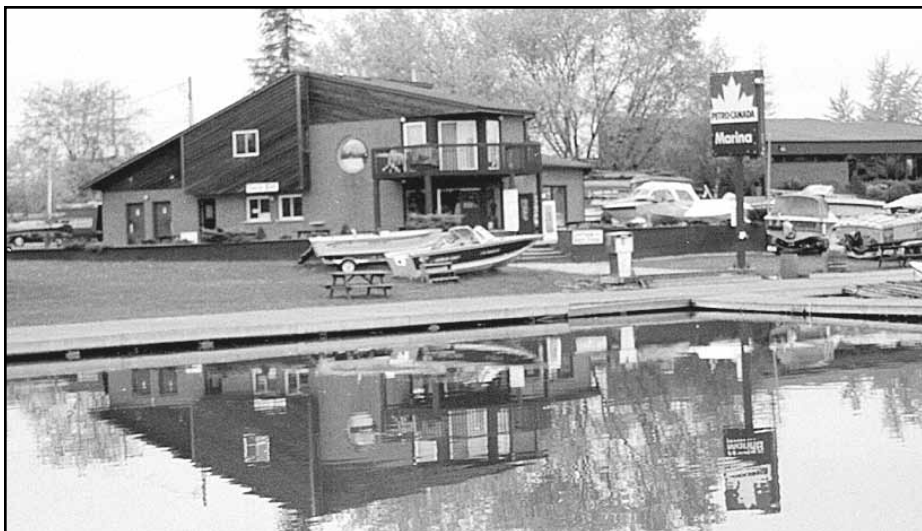
Port Perry High School commencement, scheduled for November 7, was put on hold due to the strike by Ontario teachers.

Debbie McGarry and Heather Haliburton-Smith were co-winners of the Rotarian of the Year award.

Doug Moffatt was a surprise winner over incumbent Howard Hall for the position of mayor of Scugog Township. Ken Gadsden won the Regional Councillors seat.



**BILL HARRISON**  
Deputy Fire Chief retires.



Port Perry Marina at the lakefront provides boat and docking rentals and sales of boats (1998.)

Victorian Village resident Dianne Bunn launched a \$6 million class action suit against Scugog Township and Ribcor Holdings, builders of the subdivision. The two-week strike by teachers ended when they returned to their classrooms on Nov. 10.

Cindy Lister was welcomed as the new manager of the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Howard Hall withdrew his name for the position of Chairman of Durham Region.



**DOUG MOFFATT**  
Successful in bid to become Mayor of Scugog Township.

Despite a national postal strike, mail in Scugog Township kept moving. The local workers belong to a different union than the striking posties.

More than 100 friends and colleagues of Deputy Fire Chief Bill Harrison gathered to bid him farewell, after serving for 35 years on the local fire department.

**December**

Mitchiel "Micky" McArthur was back in court in an effort to have him declared a dangerous offender for the Oct. 20, 1994 robbery and shooting at the Bank of Montreal in Port Perry.

Durham Bd. of Education announced applications for rebate cheques, due to the teacher's strike, will be available to parents soon.

Mayor Doug Moffatt and his council was sworn in at a special inauguration ceremony held at Town Hall 1873 on Dec. 1.

Pauline Pavlik, a local resident and educator for more than 30 years was guest of honor at a retirement tea at Prince Albert Public School.

Wayne and Pam Wanamaker took over the Seagrave General Store, which was owned by Wayne's grandparents more than 20 years ago.



The Anglican Church located on North St.

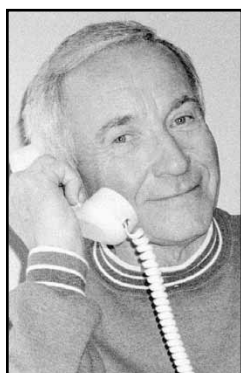
# 1998

**January**

The Victory Christian Centre on Alma St. was destroyed by an afternoon fire. Poor weather conditions delayed opening of the Open Air Ice Palace skating rink on Lake Scugog.



Bill Lishman, with a group of volunteers, constructed "Icehenge" just off the wharf at the end of Queen St. Unfortunately it collapsed due to the weight of the structure.



**BOB HOWSAM**  
Longtime local resident has hearing restored.

The Durham Board of Education is replaced by the Durham District School Board which has fewer trustees and less responsibility than the old board.

Peter Bowerman took over duties as manager of the CIBC in Port Perry.

Bob Howsam had his hearing restored after an accident left him deaf 15 years ago.

'Icehenge', a magnificent recreation of the famous 'Stonehenge' in Great Britain was raised by Bill Lishman and friends at the lakefront. Unfortunately the ice could not hold the massive 40 ton structure, and it collapsed under its own weight, amid speculation of sabotage.

North Durham Health Services (Port Perry and Uxbridge hospitals) received \$215,400 from the province, to help with restructuring.

Scugog Township was faced with \$120,000 in capital costs for equipment and repairs at the arena.

Firefighters and police recover the bodies of two men, Christopher Raines of View Lake and Shane Cobb of Woodville, from Lake Scugog. The two men drown in separate snowmobiling accidents.



**KEN GADSDEN**  
Regional Councillor.



David and Helen Chow honoured by local business community.

Two more men lost their lives Jan. 20 after their snowmobiles went through the ice just yards from the first two fatalities. This makes four deaths in less than a week, and police are urging people to stay off the ice.

February

David and Helen Chow closed the doors of their popular restaurant on Feb. 16, 1998, after serving the community for 25 years.

Scugog fire chief Richard Miller submitted a bill for almost \$15,000 to the township to cover the costs incurred by his department from rescue services provided during last months snowmobile accident.

Kinsmen Sled Dog Races, held at Trillium Valley were a huge success, although organizers say they lost money this year.

Scugog Island First Nations representatives ask council to support them in their bid for VLTs (video lottery terminals) and higher limits at the Blue Heron Casino.

Settlement House Shops owned by Daphne and Tom Mitchell, was named the Eastern Canada Retailer of the Year by the Canadian Gift and Tableware Assoc.

Don MacLeod, of the Port Perry Star, is elected president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

Police nab more than \$200,000 worth of drugs during the search of a Utica area home.

More than 200 angry residents picketed the Durham Bd. of Education offices demanding trustees review a controversial



Police divers prepare to take ice boat out to search for missing snowmobilers.

## Four snowmobilers lose their lives in Lake Scugog

January 1998



The original Scout Hall was built in 1950, with an addition put on in 1958. It was taken over by the Kinsmen Club of Port Perry in the 1970s and renamed the Kinsmen Hall.

sex education program for developmentally delayed students.

Removal of ice huts from the lake proved to be difficult, with several taking the plunge, due to thin ice by the Feb. 28 deadline.

**March**

Port Perry becomes the hub for all police activity with Durham Regional Police administrative staff moving from Sunderland to Port Perry.

Central Seven Association for Community Living came out in sup-



**KEN KOURY**  
Owner of Nutty Chocolatier moves manufacturing to Port Perry.

port of the Durham Board of Education sex education program for developmentally delayed adolescents.

Construction is underway along North Street to enlarge the sewer line and install new sidewalks.

The Family Action Council has called on the Rev. Ken Campbell to speak on its behalf condemning the Board of Education's sex program.

A judge reserved decision on a \$6 million class action lawsuit against Ribcor Developers and Scugog Township by Diane Bunn who claims some homes in Victorian Village were built with inferior materials and poor workmanship.

John Guenther, a grade eight student at Scugog Christian School, was selected to be a Page in the legislature at Queen's Park.

Durham Board of Education's sex education program survived a motion to be revised by a single vote.

**April**

Council was opposed to a request from Rattleglen subdivision developers to build homes on 30 to 40 foot lots and townhouses with 20 foot frontages.

Joe and Clara Dowson retired from Canada Post after 18 years of delivering the rural route mail in Scugog Township.

Bill Lishman and Joe Duff of Operation Migration arrived back in Port Perry from Virginia with six Sandhill Cranes they are teaching to migrate.

Salvage yard owner Peter Rabin of Saintfield claims he is being discriminated against by council, in their efforts to get the property cleaned up.

A portable classroom at Greenbank Public School was replaced after several children became ill. A toxic fungus in the portable was the cause of the illness.

Scugog councillor met with GTA moderator Allan Tonks to tell him why they do not want to become part of the GTSB (Greater Toronto Services Board).

Twenty year teaching veteran Marlene Pike became the new principal for R.H. Cornish School, replacing Rick DeJong who was transferred to Uxbridge.

Hundreds of kids took part in the 10th annual Giant Easter Egg Hunt on Queen St., sponsored by the Nutty Chocolatier and the Port Perry Star.

Durham Health Services CEO Guy Kirvan says there is a shortage of qualified personnel to fill nursing positions in Port Perry and Uxbridge.

Scugog council voted



Construction gets underway on "Seasons" a subdivision being developed by Alliance Homes, south of Port Perry on the west side of Simcoe St.



## OUT OF THE ASHES



Fire rips through the roof of the Immaculate Conception Church before dawn on Sunday, May 31, 1998.

## CHAPTER TEN - THE NINETIES

strongly against a proposal for an off-track betting facility at Trader Sam.'s tavern.

Blackstock residents ask police for more patrols of village due to problems with teenagers, including vandalism, noise and damage.

May

George Burnett, coach of the OHA Guelph Storm headed off to Portland, Oregon with his team to compete for the Memorial Cup.

Council was cool to endorsing the concept of a second pad at Scugog Arena, making it clear not a penny of tax dollars would be available for the facility.

Local businessman James Burghgraef, 42, owner of Port Perry Auto Supply, was killed when his car was hit head-on by a vehicle which crossed into his lane.

Scugog council refused permission for the Chamber of Commerce to operate a midway in Palmer Park during Festival Days in July.

Mike Cochrane and Donna Kaye began construction of an indoor swimming pool

and health centre on Old Simcoe St.

The CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) relocated its office from Bowmanville to Vanedward Drive in Port Perry.

The class-action lawsuit sought by Victorian Village resident Diane Bunn was given the green light by Justice J.H. Jenkins.

Durham Board of Education informed 13 teachers from Port Perry High School that their jobs may be cut due to the province's sweeping changes to the education system.

After caring for children for more than 15 years, Mary Bricknell of Port Perry was forced to shut down her day-care for having too many children in her home.

Police take a "zero-tolerance" stand on troublemakers in Blackstock in an effort to end loitering and vandalism in the hamlet.



**EDNA GOSS**

Retires as Administrator of Community Nursing Home.



The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and a number of other local small businesses located in this building on Vanedward Drive, Port Perry.

Gavin Stanley of Port Perry High School was named as one of two student representatives on the Durham District Board of Education.

The Nutty Chocolatier moved the manufacturing branch of its business to Port Perry from Peterborough.

Firefighters from three fire departments fought in vain, but could not save Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church from a spectacular early morning fire. The \$2 million fire started about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, May 31st, completely destroying the church and adjoining hall.

June

Developers of the troubled West Shore Village project asked Scugog council to approve additional units at the adults assisted living centre.

Susan Waite closed the doors of Suzy's Travel Ltd. citing changes in the travel industry making it difficult to operate a



**BRIAN LEMON**  
Named first CEO of  
Lakeridge Health Corp.

small agency.  
Port Perry Bank of Montreal robber Mitchiel McArthur was in court as the Crown attempts to have him declared a dangerous offender.

Port Perry High School received the go-ahead for a \$3 million expansion which includes a new library, music room and science labs. All funds to be provided by the Durham Board of Education.

The Ontario Fire Marshal said the cause of the fire which destroyed the Immaculate Conception Church may never be determined.

General Motors in Oshawa closed resulting in 4450 workers being laid off, due to a strike at a

parts plant in the U.S.A.

About 130 members of the Ontario Nursing Association walked out on strike after negotiations broke down..

Family and friends gathered in Palmer Park to dedicate a bench to the late Jim Burghgraef, who was killed in a tragic car accident.

A violent summer thunder and lightning storm passed through the area, ripping roofs off buildings and downing trees and hydro lines.

**July**

Durham Region set its 1998 budget with an overall increase of 15 per cent, adding \$140 in taxes to the average home.

After 22 years as administrator of Community Nursing Home in Port Perry, Edna Goss retired. Kim Mitchell becomes the new administrator.

Durham Region council voted in favour of a salary increase for councillors which will add about \$40,000 to its \$200,000 budget. Mayor Moffatt voted against the increase.



**MYLES O'RIORDAN**  
1998 President of the  
Rotary Club of Port Perry.

Hundreds of cattle buyers from around the world attended the huge dispersal sale of Hanover Hills Holsteins. The farm was purchased in 1973 by Peter Heffering, who is called a 'living legend' in the Holstein business.

Dr. Merrilee Brown is the latest physician to begin practice at Medical Associates in Port Perry.

Pat O'Hearn, a longtime owner of a Victorian Village home, along with other homeowners, said they want nothing to do with the lawsuit launched by Diane Bunn.

Myles O'Riordan became the new president of the Rotary Club of Port Perry.

The Durham District School Board announced there would be no layoffs of teachers, as they passed their \$435 million budget.

Ray Robson of North Durham Health Services says the strike by Victorian Order of Nurses is

having a definite impact on the hospitals in Port Perry and Uxbridge.

Lakeridge Health Corporation moved closer to reality when hospitals in Bowmanville, Uxbridge, Port Perry and Oshawa all agreed on the merger.

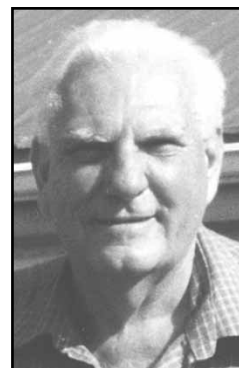
Actor and comedian Martin Short was in Port Perry to visit his father-in-law Dr. Robert Dolman and to make an appearance at the Tartan Celebrity Golf Tournament.

Workers returned to the job after a strike which paralyzed the General Motors for seven weeks ended.

A Pow-Wow was hosted by the Mississaugas of Scugog Island at the band's community centre on the



Community Nursing Home, located on Simcoe Street, Port Perry



**PETER HEFFERING**  
Owner of Hanover Hills  
and world renown Holstein  
breeder.



The Stephen B. Roman Wing of Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry.



Problem plagued West Shore Village complex, on Simcoe St., into third year of construction.

Island.

More than \$1 million in stolen construction equipment was recovered by police in a massive raid which took in 13 locations in Scugog Twp. and Durham Region.

The third annual Highlands of Durham Games got underway with a Tattoo of marching bands in Port Perry and continued over to Uxbridge with heavy games and dancing competitions.

August

Jerry's Truck Service in Manchester was hit by thieves who stole \$50,000 in tools and equipment.

Lakeridge Health Corporation was officially launched following the amalgamation of five hospitals in the Region of Durham.

Striking registered nurses in Durham Region apply for arbitration to bring and end to their eight-week labour disruption.

Jennifer Copithorn, 24, a former student of both Port Perry and Blackstock schools,

was attacked and fatally stabbed by a man in Bowmanville, outside the trust company office where she worked.

Marvin Ungerman opened his state-of-the-art chicken broiler farm just west of Port Perry. The operation opened in two new barns housing more than 45,000 chicks.

The Kinsmen Beach at the lakefront in Port Perry is posted as unsafe for swimming by the Durham Regional Health Unit.

Port Perry Star movie critic and columnist John Foote was appointed Director of Film and Television Production at the Trebas Institute, Toronto.

The Port Perry Rotary Club's Aquarama event, held at the lakefront, raised \$12,000 for Easter Seals.

Former Scugog Mayor Howard Hall was found not guilty by Provincial Court Judge D. Halikowski, of two charges which stemmed from an accident last November.

Brian Lemon is named the first ever CEO of the newly formed Lakeridge Health Corporation, which incorporates five Durham hospitals.

Julie Goodwin, owner of SwimKids, raised \$3000 for the Scugog Soccer Club, by swimming 10 kilometers.

September

Sixty-five high school teachers in Port Perry joined their colleagues from across the Region of Durham on picket lines as they continued their strike against the Board of Education.

Road Watch, a program organized to bring about improved driving habits on the roads of Scugog, was officially launched in Palmer Park.

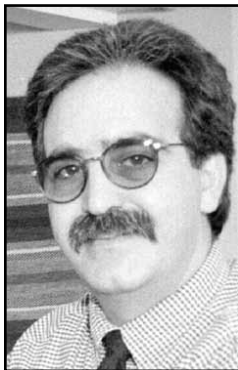
Council modifies new Official Plan to allow a maximum of 20 units per hectare of land, rather than 30 units.

Darrell Fox, brother of the late Terry Fox spoke to the students at Cartwright High School about his brother's tale of courage and determination.

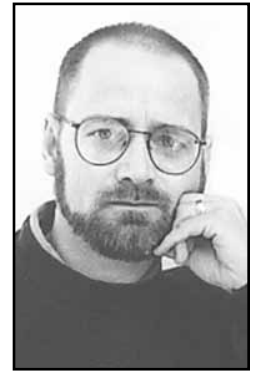
The Provincial Government tabled back-to-work legislation to end the high school teachers' strike

Susan Neale was introduced as the new curator at Scugog Shores Museum Village taking over from Dan Roberts.

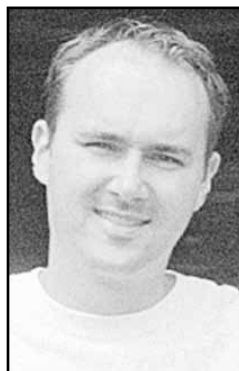
Joan Graham is the recipient of the Heritage Community Recognition Award for her efforts to keep Scugog Twp. green.



**TOM BONANO**  
Chief Librarian at Scugog Memorial Library.



**JOHN FOOTE**  
Port Perry TV and print film reviewer and critic.



**DAN ROBERTS**  
Scugog Shores Museum curator accepts new position on east coast.

**October**

Several Scugog Township residents were among those charged in connection with a construction equipment theft ring involving more than \$3 million in stolen property.

Scugog is considering an anti-loitering bylaw to deal with young people causing trouble and disturbances in the township.

The arrival of tax bills in Scugog resulted in a barrage of phone calls to the township, as some property owners were faced with massive increases.

Durham School Board and teachers come to an agreement on how to make up for the 15 days of classes lost to the strike at the beginning of the school year.

Music teacher John Bierness of Cartwright High School won the Bruce Mather Award for his dedication to students and teaching.

A summer of above-average temperatures resulted in the 1998 growing season being the hottest ever recorded in the area.

Katherine Crosier, formerly of Utica, celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at the Versa-Care Centre in Uxbridge.

The Ministry of Environment is investigating possible illegal dumping of construction material and barrels at a farm on the McKee Rd. near Blackstock.

Construction at the West Shore Village project on Simcoe St. came to a stop after Stoneport Construction, the general contractor, pulled his men off the job. The project has been plagued with delays since it began three years ago.

A man charged with the armed robbery of a Manchester donut shop was found not guilty on all nine charges. James Wells says he just wants to get on with his life now and plans to move to B.C.

Work began on a new sanitary sewer project which closed down parts of Water and Scugog Streets for more than a month.

Council waived a loan payment of \$10,000 from the Town Hall 1873 committee for this year. The committee was short funds due to \$28,000 in unexpected expenditures during the year.

**November**

Liens amounting to \$700,000 were filed by four companies against the troubled West Shore Village project. Scugog Township has only a \$50,000 line of credit and Mayor Doug Moffatt said that amount wouldn't be enough to clean up the mess that's there.

A pair of thieves made off with a small amount of cash after robbing a local gas station at knifepoint.

Inspector Chuck Mercier of Durham Regional Police, 26 Division was the guest speaker at a Scugog Chamber of Commerce business meeting.

Guy Kirvan, the former CEO for Port Perry and Uxbridge Hospitals, was named to the new health management team of Lakeridge Health Corporation. Mr. Kirvan was appointed Director of Operations Port Perry/Uxbridge.

Durham MP Alex Shepherd says he supports a report condemning proposed bank mergers.

Provincial Grade 3 testing results show Durham students have made strides in mathematics, but rank the lowest overall in the Greater Toronto Area.

Port Perry High School students began gathering clothing, blankets and cash to send to the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua.

Greenbank resident



LeeWind Condominiums on Water St. overlook Lake Scugog near the public boat launch. The 18 unit condominium complex was developed in 1986 by local accountant, Alex Shepherd.



**DR. BOB McCRAE**  
Scugog Township  
veterinarian.



Dairy Queen becomes the first drive-through fast food outlet in town.

Brian Jones who was chosen as Durham's Educator of the Year earlier this year, was named one of the Toronto Sun's 1998 Teacher's of the Year. Mr. Jones teaches kindergarten at Meadowcrest Public School.

Peter Talbot, the former head of the history department at Port Perry High School, retired after teaching for 31 years.

Stonemoor Day Care Centre celebrated its 10th anniversary in Port Perry.

Port Perry Lions Club donated \$500 to the Greenbank Lions Club to be put towards their purchase of a parcel of land for parking and expansion.

Utica's oldest and most beloved citizens, Mrs. Katherine Crosier, passed away at Versa Care Nursing Home in Uxbridge at 100 years of age.

Plans for a new library and music room at Port Perry High School were put on hold by the Board of Education.

Chuck Dewhirst, Port Perry Rotary Club's charter president, was honoured by being named recipient of the Paul Harris Medal, Rotary's highest honour.

Members of the Port Perry Curling Club celebrated the 40th Anniversary of their building. Roger Moase is the 1998-99 president.

December

Results of provincial-wide Grade 3 testing in reading, writing and math shows Durham students results behind many of their provincial peers.

By a vote of 6-5, Durham Dist. School Board trustees voted down a proposed \$2.5 million library, music and science facility for Port Perry High School.

Jason Towns and Vince Criscione won the \$25,000 jackpot with an instant scratch and win ticket bought in Port Perry.

Noel Perry is credited with saving the life of Dean Manks, the quadriplegic son of John Manks, after his van caught on fire. Mr. Perry pulled the burning van over, jumped in and lifted Dean out of his wheelchair and moved him away from the \$70,000 truck as it was being consumed by fire.

Chief Richard Miller informed council that hes' concerned that the Caesarea fire station is a dozen firefighters short.

Bunny Rowland received Girl Guides' highest honour, the Gold Merit Award for her longtime service. In the 50 years of guiding in Port Perry, this is only the second time it has been awarded.

Students are feeling the effects of ongoing contract negotiations between high school teachers and the Board of Education as most extra-curricular activities (sports and music) have been suspended.

Mitchiel 'Micky' McArthur is given 14 years in jail for robbery of Port Perry Bank of Montreal and shooting of three police officers and two civilians. Police and victims of the shooting were shocked by the decision.

Durham MP Alex Shepherd and Durham Regional Police Chief Kevin McAlpine joined the growing number of voices condemning the 14 year sentence of Mitchiel 'Micky' McArthur. Mr. Shepherd sent a written request to the Attorney-General requesting an appeal of the case.

A 44-year-old man was killed, and two other people -- a police officer and a 17-year-old boy -- were left wounded after gunfire broke out during an attempted arrest near Sunderland on Dec. 28.



Port Perry Villa, home for the aged, as it looks in 1998



**ROGER MOASE**  
Accountant and 1998  
President of Curling Club.



Port Perry Curling Rink reached its 40th birthday in November 1998.

# 1999

## January

Residents began receiving GO bus service between Port Perry and Toronto on Saturday, January 2, 1999.

Neil Bacon Auctions opened a large new sales barn just west of Utica.

Heavy snowfall prompted numerous complaints regarding irresponsible snowmobilers from area residents.

Durham Regional Police announced plans to construct a modern, new headquarters for 26 Division near Port Perry.

Lake Scugog was named as the site for watersports events for the Ontario Summer Games in August 1999.

Sgt. Ken Hudson, the first Durham Police officer to patrol the streets in Port Perry, retired after a 30 year career in policing. He was honored by the area residents at an open house in Nestleton.



A Wendy's fast food outlet and Tim Horton's coffee shop open store in Port Perry during 1998.

## February

A high-speed crash between two snowmobiles on Lake Scugog took the life of Brian Breen, 27, and severely injured Adam Bothwell, 24, of Bowmanville.

Plans were unveiled for a \$1.6 million restoration and naturalization of the Lake Scugog shoreline starting this summer.

Extensive renovations are planned for one of the town's most historical buildings, Town Hall 1873. Cost of the improvements is estimated at close to \$1 million.

Taylor Ford of Port Perry was awarded a contract to supply 25 new Ford Crown Victorias for Durham Regional Police cruisers.

The fate of the 50 year-old Scout/Kinsmen Hall is questionable, with \$30,000 in upgrades needed.

Local historian Paul Arculus launched his new book, *The Merchants Of Old Port Perry*, to packed house at a special book signing at Town Hall 1873.



**LES GOWER**  
1999 President Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

A Mississauga man was seriously injured when his hang-glider crashed 300 feet to the ice on Lake Scugog.

Council gave approval for Phase Two of Honey Heights residential development, owned by Richard and Karin Rondeau.

JoAnne Cerovich was elected as president of the Tourist Association of Durham Region.

## March

Durham Regional council voted in favour of taking over operation of ambulance service in the region, at a cost of \$10 million annually.

Anglers on Lake Scugog are reporting one of the best ice fishing seasons in recent years with both more and larger fish being caught.

Local historian Paul Arculus launched his new book, *The Merchants of Old Port Perry*, at a book-signing party held at Town Hall 1873 on March 11.



Port Perry Legion Branch 419, located on Old Simcoe Rd., Port Perry.

Kawartha Fisheries Association began building spawning beds out of rocks in several locations around Lake Scugog for walleye.

Durham Region gives initial approval to Scugog's Official Plan, limiting growth over the next 22 years at 6,000 people.



Ken and Carol Ivine, owners and operators of Suny's Gas Bar at west end of town.



Council decided against purchasing the Old Port Marketing building on Durham Rd. #8 for a new municipal office, stating the \$2.5 million cost to buy and renovate the building was just too much.

Council decides to post the busy Perry and Queen St. intersection as a four-way stop and to designate a loading zone just around the corner on Perry St. for trucks loading and unloading for area stores.

April

Council to ask the Trent Severn Waterway officials to consider dredging on the south side of the pier at the pier, to make it easier for boats to manoeuvre during weigh-ins from fishing tournaments held at on the lake.

Three officers involved in the shooting death of Tony Romagnuolo and wounding of hi son Rocco, were charged by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). A charge of second degree murder was laid against Const. Randy Martin, while Constables Al Robins and Michael Hoskin received lesser charges.

Thieves broke into Port Perry High School and made off with eight guitars from the music room, where students taking lessons had left their instruments.

Councillor David Dietlein suggested closing down Scugog Arena during the summer months, and hiring part-time staff, to save money for taxpayers.

A nine-year-old boy narrowly escaped death after being rescued from the frigid waters of a marsh near the Beaver Meadow. Rescuers were led to the swampy area by the reflection in his dog's eyes, which had refused to leave the young lad who was submerged in water and was unable to speak due to hypothermia.

Nestleton resident Colin Kemp along with three other township residents, launched an appeal against Scugog's Official Plan to the OMB, citing the plan was a waste of taxpayers' money.

An airplane crashed near Valentia, taking the lives of student pilot Marsha Pope, 21, of Brooklin and flight instructor Daniel Friedman.

Council committed \$6,000 for repairs to the old Scout Hall. Although the hall needs extensive renovations, the money is earmarked for new windows and doors.

May

After years of promoting that David Daniel Palmer, founder of Chiropractic, was born in Port Perry, a Toronto area chiropractor uncovered proof that he was born in Pickering. Palmer did live and go to school in Port Perry as a young man.

The Kinsmen Club of Port Perry's charter president, Larry Kendall, was honoured with a life membership in the Kinsmen Club of Canada.

Work is scheduled to begin on a new 12,000 sq. ft. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church next month. The former church was destroyed by fire in May 1998.

Durham Region Police Inspector Chuck Mercier of 26 Division received the RCMP's highest honour, the Commissioner's Accommodation" for his work in developing a management course and manual.

Police officers from 26 Division seized almost \$6.5 million in marijuana plants from a home a Scugog Twp. home after being asked to assist a woman in removing her belonging from the home. A search of the residence revealed a large hydroponic growing operation and 2,884 marijuana plants.

The End



Pontiac-Buick dealership operated by Bryce Philp, south of town.



Terrified and cold, Ethan Beattie was rescued from a swamp by local firemen.



LARRY KENDALL  
Receives Life Membership  
in Kinsmen Club of Canada.



Sunshine Swimming Pool, left and Montessori School located on the west side of Old Simcoe Rd., north of Durham Rd. #8 - Nov. 1998.

# PORT PERRY REEVES & MAYORS

The men who led Port Perry through the twentieth century



**REEVE  
E. H. PURDY**  
1900



**REEVE DR. S.J.  
MELLOW**  
1901 - 1902



**REEVE  
E. H. PURDY**  
1903 - 1905



**REEVE  
W.L. PARRISH**  
1906 - 1908



**REEVE  
H.G. HUTCHESON**  
1909 - 1910



**REEVE  
GEO. GERROW**  
1911 - 1917



**REEVE  
SAM JEFFREY**  
1918



**REEVE JAS.  
STONEHOUSE**  
1919



**REEVE  
JAMES LUCAS**  
1920 - 1921



**REEVE  
CHAS. RUNDLE**  
1922



**REEVE  
PHILIP FIGARY**  
1923 - 1926



**REEVE NEIL  
SWEETMAN**  
1926 - 1927



**REEVE ROBT.  
SOMERVILLE**  
1928 - 1932



**REEVE  
W. M. LETCHER**  
1933 - 1945



**REEVE FRED E.  
REESOR**  
1946 - 1947



**REEVE  
ERNIE HAYES**  
1948 - 1952



**REEVE  
HARRY PEEL**  
1953 - 1956



**REEVE  
J.J. GIBSON**  
1957 - 1968



**REEVE  
ROBT. KENNY**  
1969 - 1973

In 1973 the four municipalities of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright amalgamated as Scugog Township, part of the new Durham Region. Since then a Mayor has been elected every three years, replacing the position of Reeve which had been an institution since before 1900.



**MAYOR LAWRENCE  
MALCOLM**  
1974 - 1978



**MAYOR  
JERRY TAYLOR**  
1979 - 1988



**MAYOR  
HOWARD HALL**  
1989 - 1997

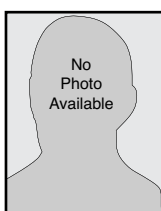


**MAYOR  
DOUG MOFFAT**  
1998 - 2000

# 1900 REACH TWP. REEVES 1973



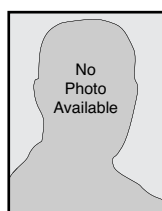
REEVE THOS. LAMB  
1900



REEVE JOHN BOYS  
1901



REEVE R. M. HOLTBY  
1902 - 1903



REEVE NORMAN STUART  
1904



REEVE JOHN T. DOBLE  
1905 - 1906



REEVE WRIGHT CROSIER  
1907 - 1908



REEVE JAMES GRAHAM  
1909 - 1910



REEVE ALEX LEASK  
1911 - 1912



REEVE RALPH McINTYRE  
1913 - 1914



REEVE J. T. DOBSON  
1915 - 1916



REEVE JOHN STONE  
1917 - 1919



REEVE WALTER WEIR  
1920 - 1922



REEVE GEORGE A. McMILLAN  
1923-1925 & 1929



REEVE DAN McDONALD  
1926



REEVE WM. THOMPSON  
1927 - 1928



REEVE GEORGE TILL  
1930 - 1931



REEVE GRANT CHRISTIE  
1932 - 1934



REEVE WM. PARROT  
1935 - 1939



REEVE JOHN S. McDONALD  
1940



REEVE ROBT. SWANICK  
1941 - 1944



REEVE THOS. HARDING  
1944 - 1951



REEVE HOWARD DOBSON  
1952 - 1953



REEVE MALCOLM BAILEY  
1954 - 1955



REEVE E.J. GIBSON  
1956



REEVE ROBT. C. BAIRD  
1957 - 1959



REEVE HOWARD McMILLAN  
1960



REEVE EDWARD (SAM) OYLER  
1961 - 1962



REEVE EARL MARTIN  
1963 - 1964



REEVE EDWARD (SAM) OYLER  
1965 - 1972



REEVE ART CATTON  
1973

1900 SCUGOG ISLAND REEVES 1973



REEVE  
PETER HOOD  
1900-02, 1905-07



REEVE WILLIAM  
ALDRED  
1903 - 1904



REEVE WILLIAM  
JACKSON  
1908 to 1910



REEVE JOHN F.  
GERROW  
1911



REEVE  
W. SWEETMAN  
1912 - 1913



REEVE WM. J.  
JACKSON  
1914 to 1917



REEVE  
PETER HOOD  
1918 to 1920



REEVE GEO.  
SWEETMAN  
1921 to 1929



REEVE  
RUSSELL HOOD  
1930



REEVE Jonathon  
Aldred  
1931 to 1933



REEVE FRANK  
GERROW  
1934 to 1940



REEVE  
RUSSELL HOOD  
1941 - 1945



REEVE  
EARL HAYNE  
1946 - 1948



REEVE JOHN L.  
SWEETMAN  
1949 - 1954



REEVE ANSON  
GERROW  
1955 - 63



REEVE VICTOR  
ALDRED  
1964-68



REEVE  
CECIL FRALICK  
1969 - 1972



REEVE CLIFF  
CROWELL  
1973

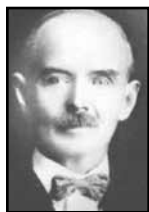
1900 CARTWRIGHT TWP. REEVES 1973



REEVE  
A. TAYLOR  
1900- 1902



REEVE  
JAS. BYERS  
1908 to 1913



REEVE  
W.A. VANCAMP  
1916 to 1921



REEVE  
T.F. BRUCE  
1922 to 1926



REEVE  
F.A. HYLAND  
1928 to 1930



REEVE  
N. GREEN  
1931-35 & 1944-47



REEVE  
C.P. DEVITT  
1936 to 1943



REEVE  
W.G. BOWLES  
1948 - 1949



REEVE  
B. HEASLIP  
1950 - 1951



REEVE  
G. BLACK  
1952 - 1953



REEVE  
W. SWEET  
1954 to 1956



REEVE  
B. ASHTON  
1957 to 1961



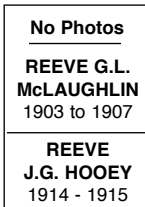
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A. GIBSON  
1962 - 64



REEVE  
M. VANCAMP  
1965 to 1967



REEVE  
L. MALCOLM  
1968 to 1973



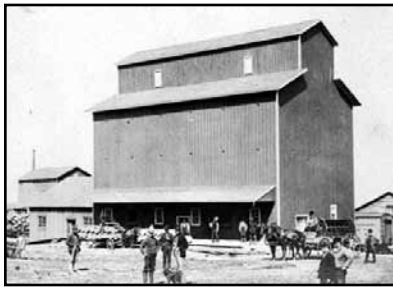
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REEVE G.L.  
McLAUGHLIN  
1903 to 1907

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J.G. HOOEY  
1914 - 1915

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R. EDGERTON  
1927

# PORT PERRY

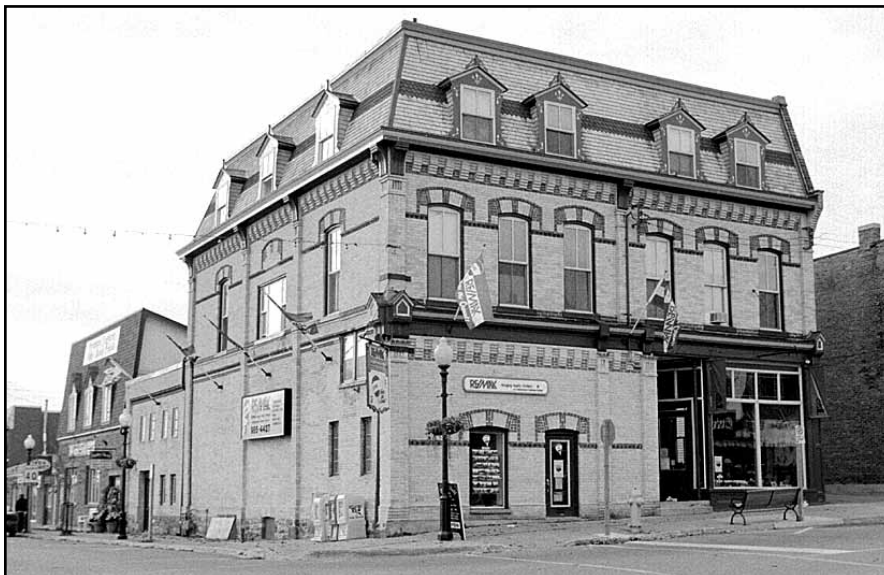
A comparison of how we looked then.... and how we look now!



George Currie's Grain Elevator 1880.



The old Grain Elevator, as it looks in late 1998, is occupied by an Auto Parts dealer.



The old St. Charles Hotel in 1998 is home to Re/Max, a local real estate business.



St. Charles Hotel 1900.



## OUT OF THE ASHES

## PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN



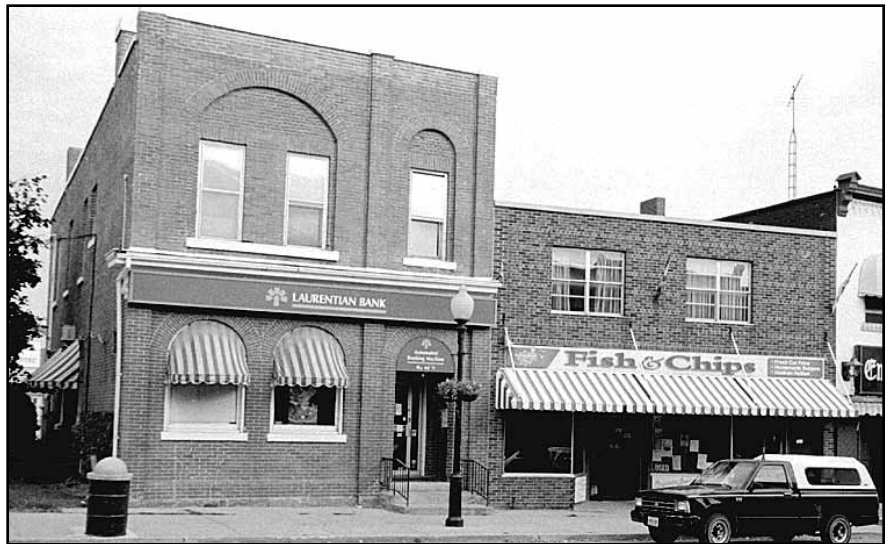
The Curts & Henderson Block as it looks May 1999, occupied by Emiel's Place Restaurant.



The Curts & Henderson Block with the Observer Office 1900.



Port Perry CIBC - 1940.



The old CIBC Bank building in 1998, occupied by Laurentian Bank.



The former R.J. Bruce/Carnegie Hardware Store in 1998, is now a Home Hardware store.

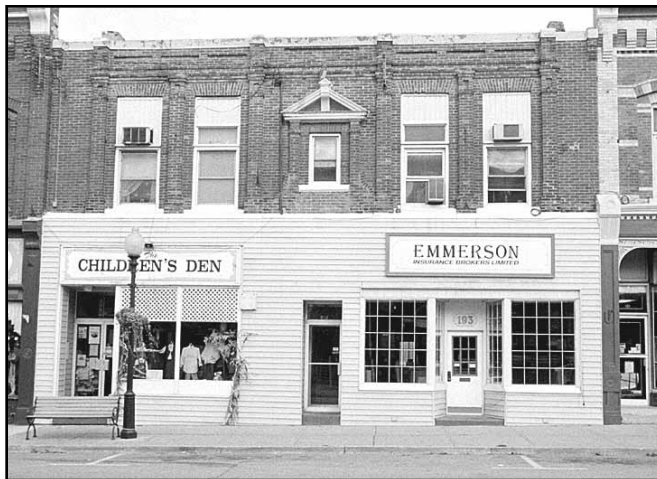


R.J. Bruce/Carnegie Hardware store as it looked in - 1905.





The Blong Block, was built during 1884 by Jonathon Blong and has changed little over the past century. Today it is owned by Tom and Daphne Mitchell who operate their popular Settlement House Shops.



Children's Den and Emmerson Insurance now occupy former storefronts of W. Brock and W.H. McCaw Jeweller.



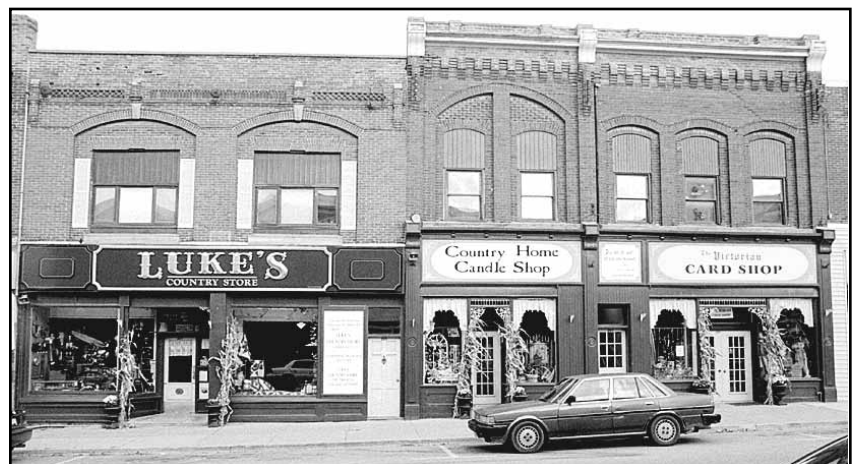
W. Brock and W.H. McCaw early 1900s.



Jones & Sons 1900, now Victorian Card Shop.



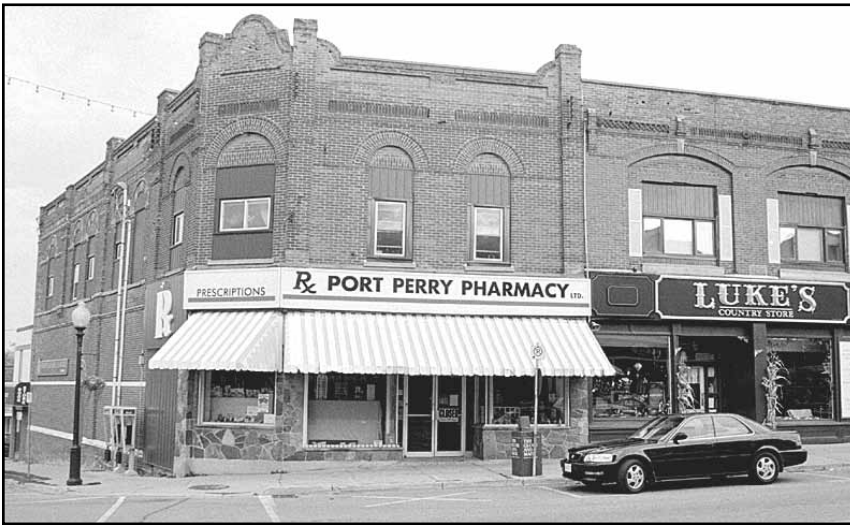
W.L. Parrish Hardware store 1920s now occupied by Lukes Country Store.



At left, Luke's Country Store occupies the former W.L. Parrish Block.

**OUT OF THE ASHES**

**PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN**



Rebuilt in 1884, the old Currie Block is now home to Port Perry Pharmacy.



Currie Block as it looked prior to the great fire of 1884.



Courtice Block 1880 was destroyed by fire and replaced by the Leonard Block.



Queen St. view of the Leonard Block as it looks in 1998 with the Brown Couch Coffee House on the corner. This building is now owned by Dan Stone and leased to a number of tenants.



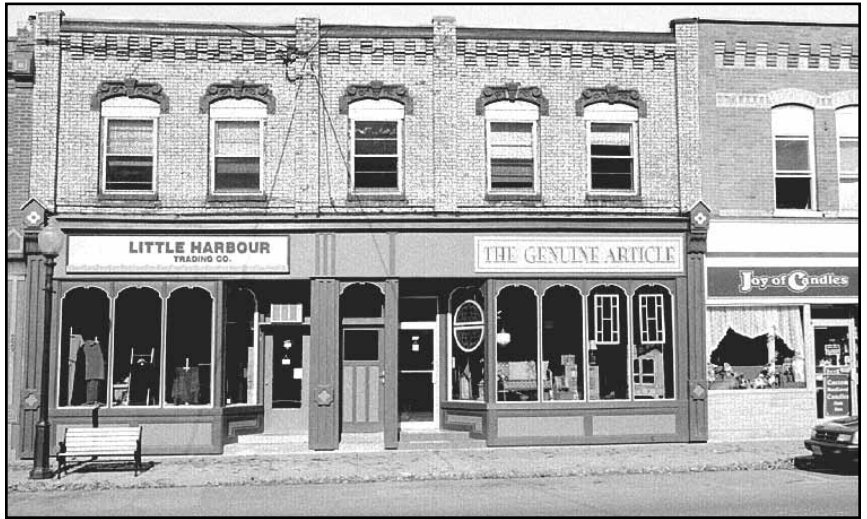
The original Leonard Block as it looks in 1998. It was located just north of Queen St. on Perry St.

# OUT OF THE ASHES

# PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN



Courtice & Jeffrey Block in late 1800s.



Courtice & Jeffrey Block is now occupied by Genuine Article and Little Harbour Trading.



The old Jessop Block on Queen St. west as it looks in 1998.



Jessop Block on Queen St. west as it looked about 1912.



Front of Port Perry Star office 1935



This block of stores at the west end of Queen St. was originally built by James Carnegie. It is currently owned by David Menzies who operates David's Hairstyling in the building.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN



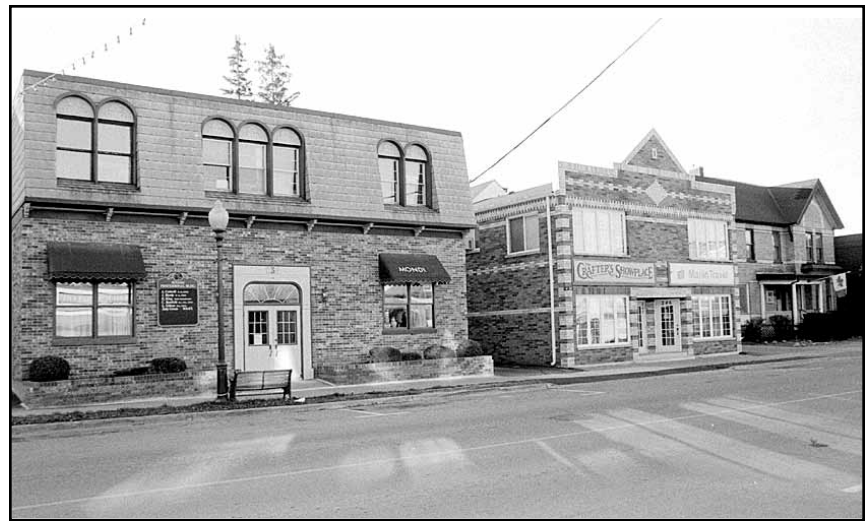
Former Beare Motors property became home to Shoppers Drug Mart in 1994.



Beare Motors on Queen St. 1919.



Port Perry Medical Centre 1960s.



Port Perry Dental Centre, left, Gerry McTavish building and Shepherd and Powell offices.



Lawyer Geo. Smith operates his law firm out of house at left, and house to the right is currently unoccupied and for sale.



**OUT OF THE ASHES**

**PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN**

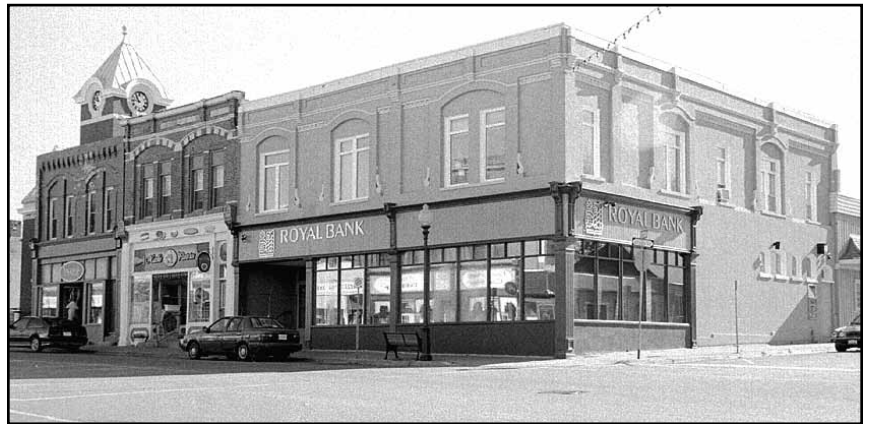


W.H. Letcher's Funeral Home 1900.

Formerly the Funeral Home of W.H. Letcher, the Wagg Funeral Home has been owned and operated by Myles O'Riordon since 1990.



Willard Block in early 1900s.



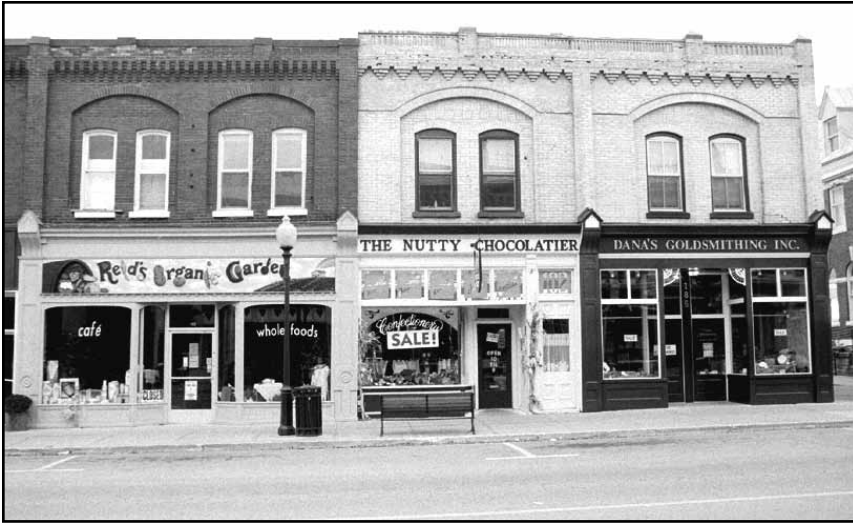
The former Willard Block is occupied by the Royal Bank of Canada in 1999.



Imogene, Hanks Pastries and the Royal Bank blocks as they appear in May 1999.

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**PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN**



Reid's Organic Garden, The Nutty Chocolatier and Dana's Goldsmithing Inc. in 1999.



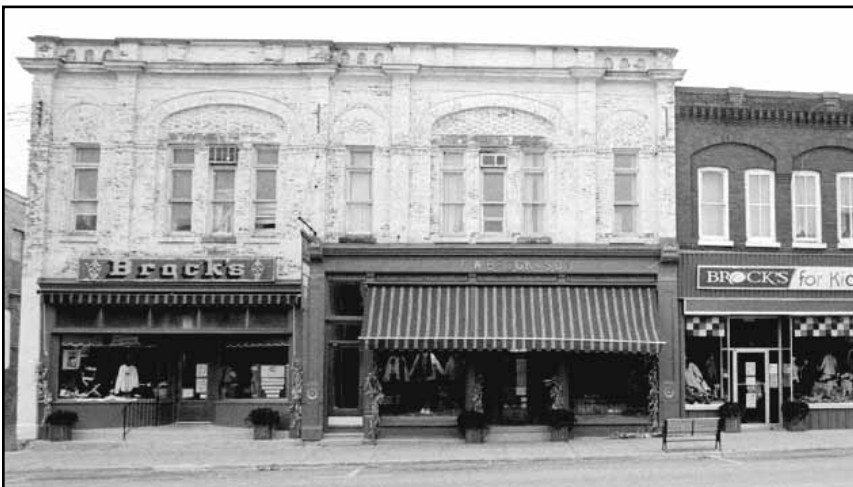
E.H. Purdy Groceries in 1900. Now the Reid's Organic Garden Restaurant.



Cawker's Meat Market 1900 is now home to Brock's On Foot.



Brock's Dept. Store operates Brock's For Kids and Brock's On Foot in 1999.



Brock's Department Store still operating out of same building in 1999.



Ontario Bank and A. Ross & Sons 1887.



## OUT OF THE ASHES

## PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN



Village Decor, Lishmans Furs, Country Heirlooms and Bob's Barber Shop in 1999.



Beatty's Harness Shop 1920 now occupied by Lishman's.



Sebert House hotel in 1976.



The new CIBC building as it looks in May 1999, occupies old Sebert House property.



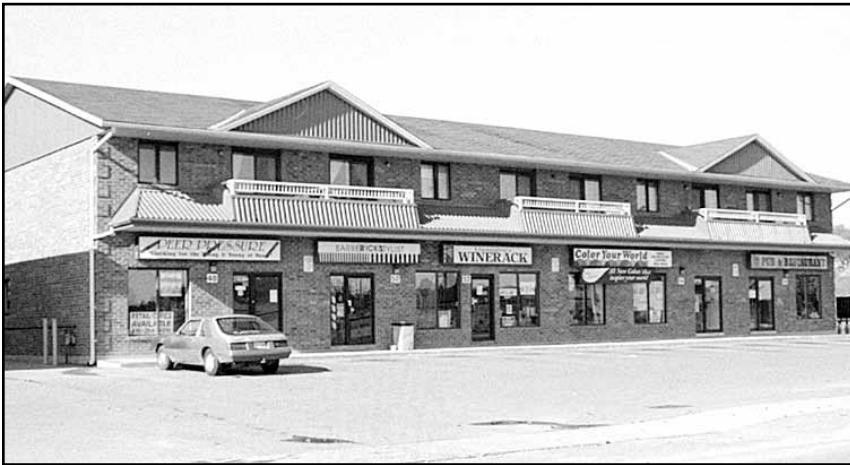
The old Port Perry Dairy building on Water St. is home to Pizza Delight in 1999.



The Port Perry Dairy during the 1930s and 40s.

## OUT OF THE ASHES

## PORT PERRY - NOW AND THEN



One of the many small Water St. plazas constructed during the 1980s and 1990s.



Site for garage during the 1960s - 80s.



Ontario Carriage Works building in 1884.



The LCBO Liquor Store as it looks in 1998, formerly the Ontario Carriage Works.



Condominiums on Water St, on property formerly occupied by Port Perry Creamery.



Port Perry Creamery about 1900.

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## A Matter of Record

Port Perry Star records show dates the ice left Lake Scugog over the past 100 years.

*Earliest date ice left lake*  
**March 11, 1983**

*Latest date ice left lake*  
**April 29, 1965**

1899 April 25  
 1900 April 18  
 1901 April 16  
 1902 March 31  
 1903 March 21  
 1904 April 28  
 1905 April 11  
 1906 April 11  
 1907 April 19  
 1908 April 22  
 1909 April 18  
 1910 March 28  
 1911 April 20  
 1912 April 22  
 1913 April 10  
 1914 April 16  
 1915 April 17  
 1916 April 15  
 1917 April 18  
 1918 April 16  
 1919 April 5  
 1920 April 3  
 1921 March 21  
 1922 April 10  
 1923 April 17

1924 April 12  
 1925 April 3  
 1926 April 10  
 1927 April 15  
 1928 April 12  
 1929 April 1  
 1930 April 18  
 1931 April 16  
 1932 April 16  
 1933 April 6  
 1934 April 21  
 1935 April 10  
 1936 April 25  
 1937 April 12  
 1938 March 31  
 1939 April 2  
 1940 April 26  
 1941 April 13  
 1942 April 5  
 1943 April 24  
 1944 April 22  
 1945 March 27  
 1946 March 27  
 1947 April 22  
 1948 April 7

1949 April 6  
 1950 April 18  
 1951 April 8  
 1952 April 10  
 1953 March 23  
 1954 April 12  
 1955 April 9  
 1956 April 25  
 1957 April 2  
 1958 April 11  
 1959 April 19  
 1960 April 21  
 1961 April 20  
 1962 April 15  
 1963 April 11  
 1964 April 14  
**1965 April 29**  
 1966 April 6  
 1967 April 12  
 1968 April 4  
 1969 April 12  
 1970 April 19  
 1971 April 21  
 1972 April 28  
 1973 April 1

1974 April 13  
 1975 April 23  
 1976 April 5  
 1977 April 3  
 1978 April 28  
 1979 April 12  
 1980 April 9  
 1981 March 30  
 1982 April 19  
**1983 March 11**  
 1984 April 14  
 1985 April 15  
 1986 April 1  
 1987 April 6  
 1988 April 4  
 1989 April 12  
 1990 April 13  
 1991 April 1  
 1992 April 14  
 1993 April 18  
 1994 April 16  
 1995 March 28  
 1996 April 19  
 1997 April 1  
 1998 March 31  
 1999 March 31