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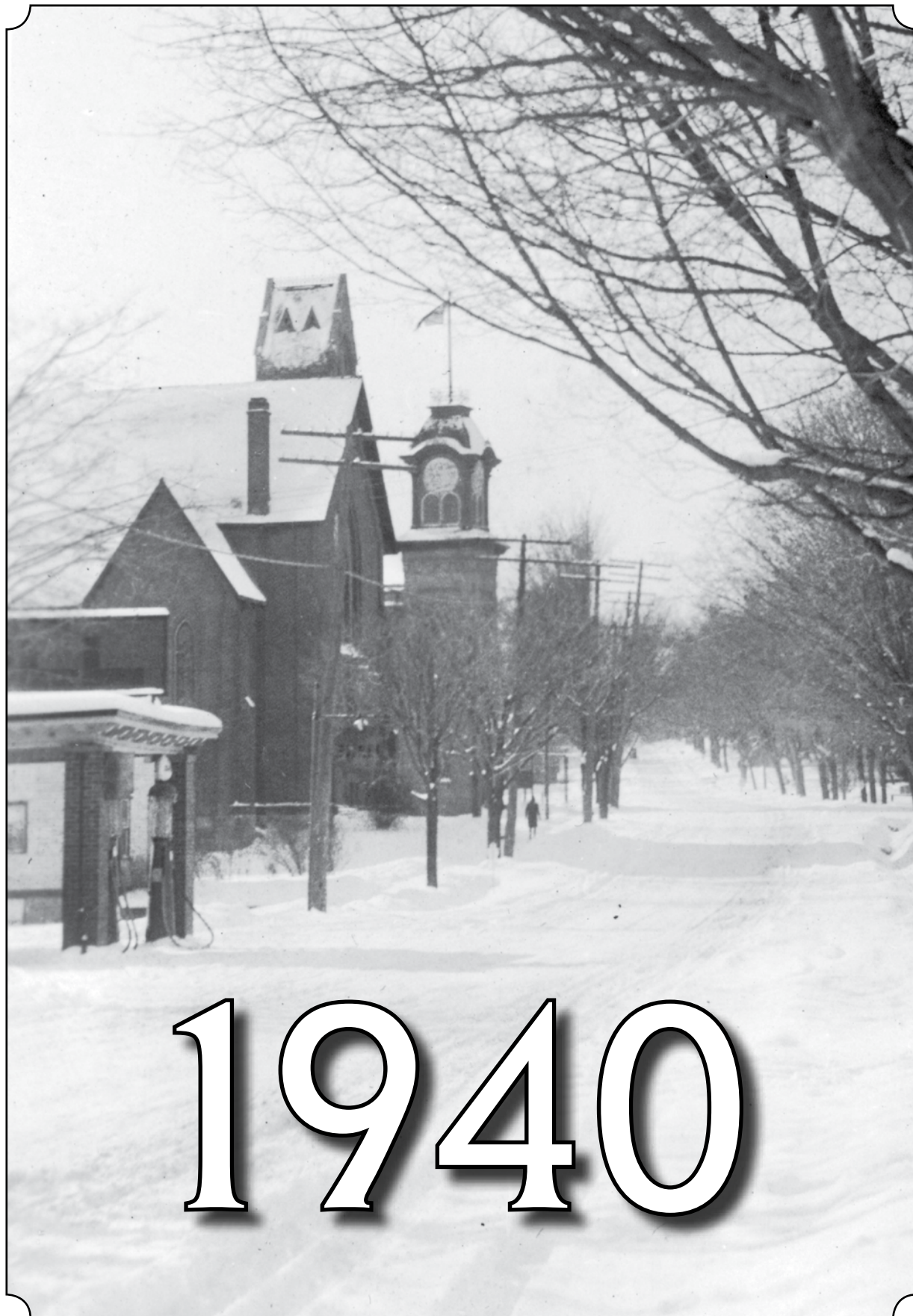
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The
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BY J. PETER HVIDSTEN



Looking west along Queen Street, Port Perry during the winter of 1940-1941. On left can be seen a portion of the canopy of the Williams garage, with the United Church and Town Hall 1873 further along the street.

January 1940

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 Mr. Eddie Michell's 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 Block.

Donald Beer is opening an insurance office in the Blong Block.

February 1940

The 40 piece Royal Regimental Band of Oshawa headlines the Royal Ice Carnival at the Port Perry Arena.

White Kitchen Restaurant. 40 cent 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 Frederick W. Brock & Son.

Lions Club hold banquet to celebrate the occasion of their 2nd Charter Night Anniversary, with Lion Jim Kerr presiding.



Ice cutting machine near Lake Scugog Lumber's ice storage sheds.



The old Port Perry arena and curling facility, corner of Lilla and Paxton Street.



A section on the north side of Queen Street, Port Perry during the winter of 1940-1941 with snowbanks hiding piled high in front of buildings. At far left is the White Kitchen Restaurant, next to the Port Perry Star, and a sign for the Port Perry Baptist Church.

March 1940

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.

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.

Port Perry Business Men Assoc. meeting

Port Perry Star, March 1940

When the Port Perry Business Men held their supper meeting last week at the Sebert House hotel, and fish conservation in Lake Scugog was among the chief subjects.

Mr. Harry Peel presided at the meeting. A committee was appointed to investigate the whole matter in an effort to secure the interest of the municipalities and thousands of summer cottages along the whole shoreline of the lake.

The committee includes: Eddie Michell, chairman; Dr. George M. Rennie, W. Merlin Letcher, Cecil King, Art W. Brock, J.C. Cockburn and Sam Griffen.

April 1940

Port Perry Business Men's Association hold annual meeting. Officers re-elected by acclamation - President, Harry Peel; 1st Vice-President, Art. Jemison; 2nd Vice-President Grant Gerrow; Secretary-Treasurer, Percy Densham.

Lake Scugog Fish & Game club formed

Port Perry Star, April 1940

The Lake Scugog Fish and Game Association was formed at a meeting held at the Public Library last week.

The first general meeting was scheduled to take place on April 24, 1940 at 8 o'clock sharp at the Town Hall. The program will include movies, talks by members of the Department of Game and Fishery discussion on what can be done to improve local fish and game conditions.

Eddie Michell was elected president, Arthur Brock, 1st vice-president, W.G. Bowles, 2nd vice-president.



Port Perry Bottling Works, bottlers of Coca-Cola, announced in March 1940 that deposits on bottles of Coca Cola will be reduced from 3¢ per bottle to 2¢ per bottle. The bottling plant is located at the north end of Perry Street, in Port Perry.

Port Perry Yacht Club forms an association

Port Perry Star, April 1940

A group of young men with memories of unorganized sailing races last season have banded together, and formed a Port Perry Yacht Club.

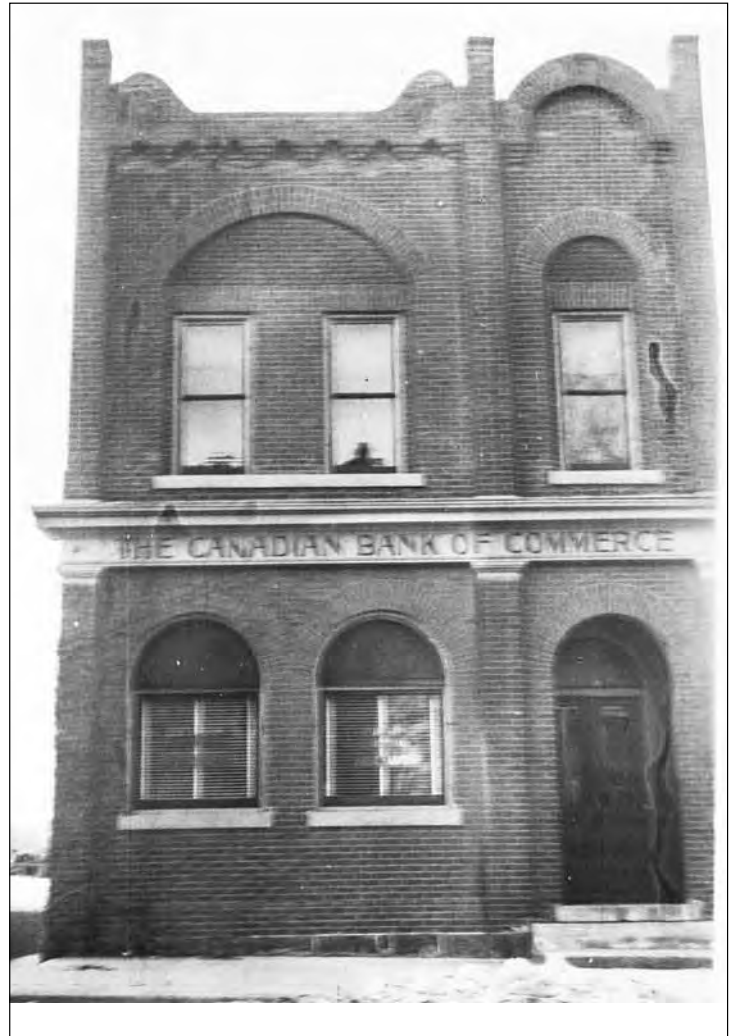
They have started the task of popularizing yachting in this small town. If the present enthusiasm for sailing continues, Port Perry will see a small clubhouse on Lake Scugog's shores and good racing among the members this season.

Saturday night, Major W. F.N. Windeyer, past president of the Lake Yachting Association and other out of town guests journeyed to Port Perry to advise the youths in the formation of a club.

Commodore Blake Van Winckle warned them to spend only what money they had on hand on the building project and not to build on future income.

When the yachting season opens, the club will have four "skimmers", of the Frenchman's Bay type, but instead of being 11 feet overall they will be 14 feet. These are owned by Bev Kent, Glenn MacMaster, Don Shepherd and Harry Brooks.

Orde brothers, Philip and John are building, but theirs is a 21 foot V-bottom sloop which they hope to launch in May.



The Canadian Bank of Commerce building on Queen Street, about 1940.

Arson suspected in fire which damages hydro sub-station

Toronto Globe, April 30, 1940

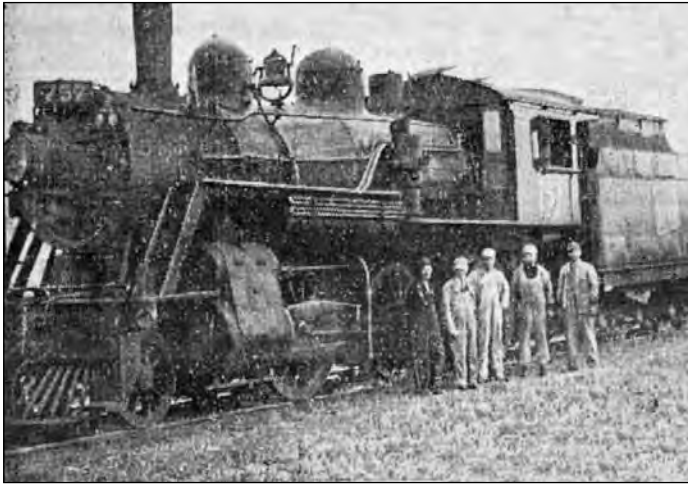
An inquiry into a mysterious fire which started in the Hydro-Electric sub-station in Port Perry yesterday, will be held it was learned today.

The fire is believed to have started under a small farm building which houses Hydro equipment. The building is surrounded by a ten-foot wire fence. The lower part of the building was badly charred by the flames.

The blaze was discovered at noon while the Port Perry fire brigade was already fighting a grass fire. Little damage was done to Hydro equipment as the flames were speedily extinguished, but melted fuses caused a shutdown of all electric power throughout Scugog and Cartwright townships.



Port Perry's Hydro Sub-station at the east end of Queen St., at the lakefront.



The crew of the "Nip and Tuck" photographed before the line was closed down in 1940.

PORT PERRY, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1940

RED SHIELD CAMPAIGN

On Easter Monday the Salvation Army will call on the citizens of Port Perry for donations to their War Service Fund. Their objective in Port Perry is \$250.00. Of this amount \$150.00 has been contributed from the Port Perry War Work Fund.

The work of the Salvation Army among the soldiers in the 1914-1918 War was characterized by good sense and unfailing helpfulness, both materially and spiritually. The Veterans of the Great War speak of the Salvation Army with sincere admiration.

We are informed that this will be the only request for funds that will be made by the Salvation Army this year.

If by any chance you should be missed in Monday's canvass, your gift will be gladly received by Mr. Percy Ingram at Mr. Parrish's Hardware Store.

Fish and Game Association meet to discuss lake, fish sanctuaries

Port Perry Star, May 1940

The newly formed Lake Scugog Fish and Game Assoc. met at the Town Hall on Friday of last week. Dr. Elson spoke of the propagation of maskinonge and of the difficulties to be overcome in rearing that fish to an age when it might safely be placed in the open waters.

He said, sanctuaries should be provided for the young fish, and these sanctuaries should be cleared, as possible, of the larger fish. Scugog waters are well adapted for maskinonge, and large mouth green bass. Pickerel would not do well, as water is too shallow and warm.

Prof. Harkness gave a general survey of Lake Scugog and pointed out that weeds are valuable in the propagation of fish. He advised to get rid of surplus weeds; ensure the proper water level is maintained and to take steps for the removal of the carp.

Port Perry-Whitby Railway apply to abandon line

Port Perry Star, May 16, 1940

Port Perry council will hold a mass meeting in the near future regarding an application by the Board of Transport Commissions for Canada to abandon the local railway.

In a letter to G.F. Manning, clerk, for Port Perry, I.C. Rand informs the town that C.N. Railways have applied to abandon a portion of their Port Perry line between Whitby and Port Perry, a distance of 17.5 miles.

In support of the application, C.N. set form a general description of the line, its revenues and expenses, and its freight traffic for the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.



Wing Commander George R. Howsam, formerly of Port Perry, has been appointed Senior Staff Officer No. 4 Training Command, Regina.

Port Perry Star, July 11, 1940

Registration for the Volunteer Civil Guard has proceeded successfully in the Port Perry district. More than one hundred have already signed up.

The Volunteer Civil Guard will meet at the Armouries, behind the Post Office at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Matters of organization and activities, equipment and transportation will be discussed.



Work got underway on Birdseye Centre Cabin Park in the spring of 1940. The name was allowed by the Toronto Star, who published local artist, Jimmy Frise's cartoon under the same name.

Birdseye Centre Cabin Park

Port Perry Star, May 9, 1940

This is the name given to the project started last fall by Eddie G. Michell.

A few weeks ago an indenture was signed by the officials of the Toronto Star, giving the exclusive use of this name for this commercial enterprise to E.G. Michell and Sam N. Griffen.

Already three cabins, of three rooms each are under construction and a large portion of the ground is being levelled and seeded. The cabins will supplied with running water and electricity.

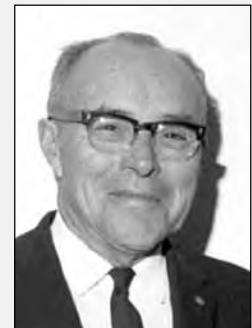
An excellent swimming pool and bath house with showers is provided and an ample wharf has been built for boating. Season tickets for the swimming pool are now ready at \$1.50 per person for the 1940 season. There are plans to build a dance pavilion later.

There is every possibility that this new industry may bring many people to this town in the course of the next few years and we have been assured that this park will be run under strict supervision and that the rules and regulations posted on the premises must be adhered to.

If this park is to be an asset to the town of Port Perry, the people of the town must help in keeping it a respectable place for their children and other children to go and enjoy themselves.



Edward G. Michell



Samuel N. Griffen



The cabins in this Jimmy Frise cartoon, are eerily similar to the cabins built in Birdseye Centre Cabin Park, which was in Jimmy's home town.

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April 1940

Port Perry Yacht Club forms, with plans to build a small club house at the lakefront.

May 1940

Fire fighters were called to the home of Frederick A. Kent, of Kent Estates, where a grass fire was running wild threatening their home.

June 1940

Fifty-fourth Anniversary of the United Church. Rebuilt pipe organ and chimes presented by Samuel Jeffrey and Frank Courtice.

Milton Goode opens the Port Perry Cheese Factory.

Conscription called for all able-bodied men up to 45 for home defense, except those in vital industry.

The Chiropractors of Ontario held a picnic at Palmer Memorial Park with almost 100 attending.

July 1940

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.

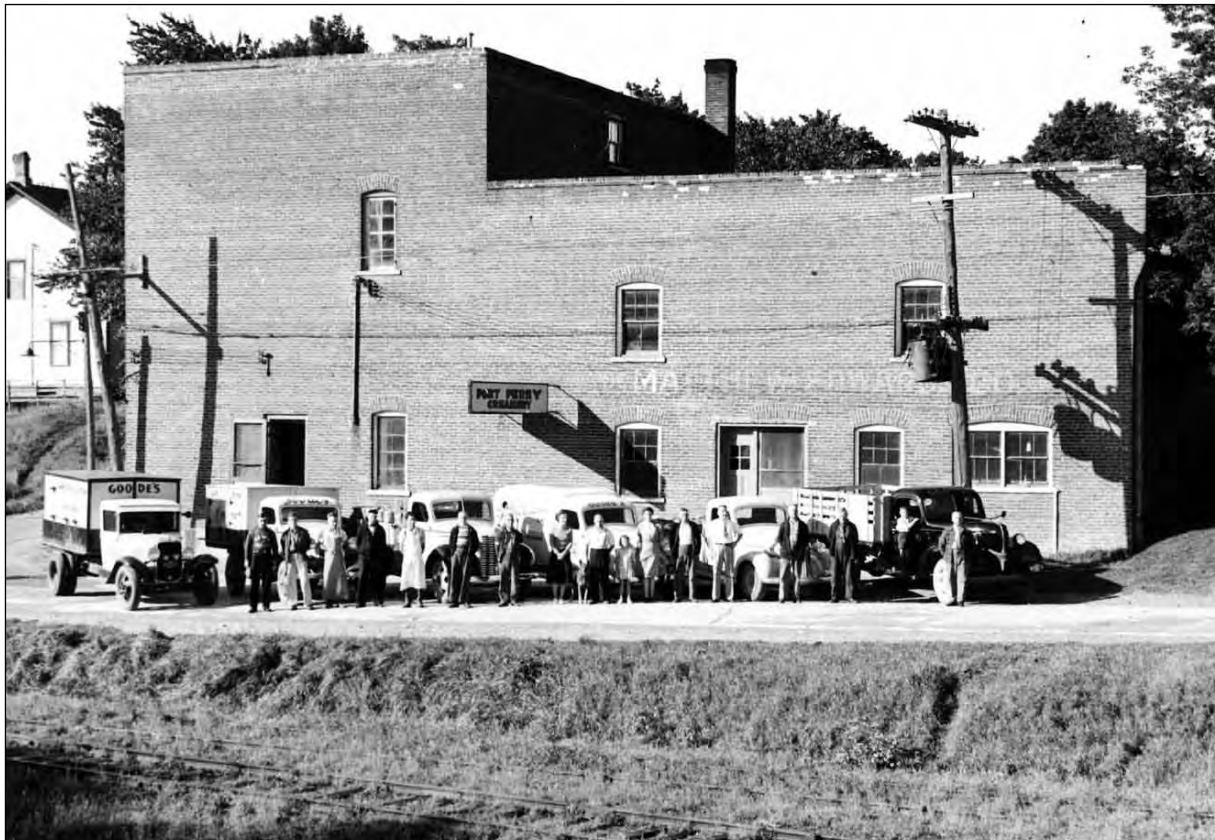
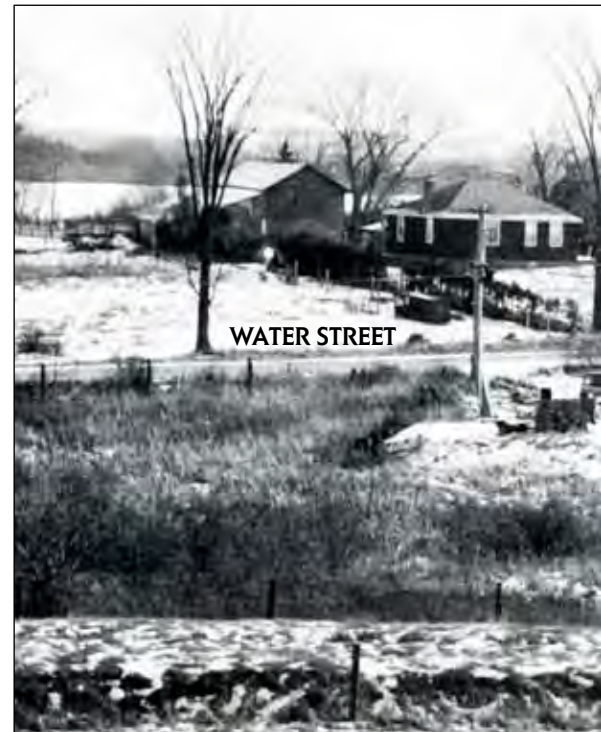
Open air church services at Palmer Memorial Park, Sunday evenings.

Inspector of Schools R.A. Hutchison expresses high praise for the operation and efficiency of Port Perry Public School.

August 1940

National Registration for Canadians. Everyone over 16 years of age must register by August 21. Local registration at Town Hall or the Armouries.

"Bill" Hayes, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. 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.



Milton Goode's Port Perry Creamery on Water Street, pictured with their staff about 1940. At the bottom of the picture, in the grass can be seen the railway tracks from the old GTR railway line.



The above picture taken about 1940, shows the locations of Water St. and 7A Highway. In the centre of the picture are three buildings, where Fred Reesor operated his Lumber and Coal business.



Above: Picture of Port Perry High School, looking north from Queen Street. The small building to the left is the Farm Mechanic building associated to the high school.

Port Perry High School's Annual Cadet Inspection

Port Perry Star, May 1940

Port Perry High School held its annual Cadet inspection last week, with Capt. R. Medhurst inspecting the cadets. After taking the salute, the boys marched past in ceremonial order. They looked spick and span in dark trousers, white shirts and wearing birth blue berets.

Capt. Bill Beare and Platoon Commanders W. Sheridan and G. Tetlow are to be highly praised for the fine showing of the cadets.

The girls of the Lower School, then presented some Finnish gymnastics. The boys presented their Danish calisthenics, all done with rhythm and considerable skill. The mats and horse were brought out for the boys gym squad.

Capt. Medhurst congratulated the boys and girls for their fine and varied program. Next year the girls hoe to have a cadet corps for their own.



Two grocery stores located in Port Perry during 1940s

Prices for groceries and shoes and clothing can be seen in the two advertisements below, from April 1940. The Dominion store, seen left, was located at 191 Queen St. It was operated at this time by Ernie Bottrell, and was closed in 1961.

The Red & White store, operated by F. W. Brock, was located in eastern section Brock block on the south side of Queen Street. This store and the Red & White franchise was sold to Merl Dowson in 1951.

September 1940

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 to 141 this year.

October 1940

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 1940

Fred E. Reesor Lumber and Coal is joined by son F. Gordon Reesor.

Milton Goode is building an addition to his Port Perry Creamery and Cheese Factory.

Dominion SPECIALS!

CHEESE MILD lb. 21c		
MONARCH 7 lb. 24 lb.		
FLOUR 27c 72c		
IVORY Med. Lge.		
SOAP 07c 10c		
CAMAY SOAP - 2 for 13c		
DOMINO 1/2 lb. 1 lb.		
TEA 32c 63c		
RICHMELLO 1/2 lb. 1 lb.		
COFFEE 20c 37c		
TUNE IN C. F. R. B. THURSDAY 8 P.M. "PANTRY SHELF GAME" \$250.00 PRIZE		
CRISCO 1 lb. 24c 3 lb. 65c		
PURE LARD - lb. 10c		
PRUNES medium 2 lb. 19c		
DATES pitted 2 lb. 29c		
Oxydol, small 10c large 23c		
Garden Seeds 7 Pkts. 25c		
Cooking Figs - 2 lb. 23c		
Dried Apricots - lb. 29c		
White Beans - 4 lb. 25c		
Wheat Flakes - 5 lb. 25c		
Breakfast Bacon - lb. 29c		
BOLOGNA - 2 lb. 29c		

FRESH SODAS 2 lb. 25c

FRUITS and VEGETABLES

New Cabbage lb. 5c

LARGE ORANGES dozen 29c	LARGE GRAPEFRUIT 5 for 25c
FRESH MUSHROOMS lb. 29c	FIRM LETTUCE - 2 for 19c
HOTHOUSE CUCUMBERS 2 for 25c	LARGE CELERY - 2 for 25c

New Carrots Bunch 5c

DOMINION

STORES • LIMITED

THE RED & WHITE STORE

FRUIT and VEGETABLES

ORANGES Sunkist large 29c doz.

LEMONS - - dozen 25c

GRAPEFRUIT - 5 for 25c

FRESH CABBAGE - lb. 5c

CARROTS - - bunch 5c

LETTUCE, RHUBARB, CELERY

TURNIPS, BANANAS

MARKET PRICES

F. W. BROCK & SON

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1941

January 1941

Port Perry Council 1941
(acclaimed) - Reeve W. M. Letcher
(9th consecutive year) Councillor -
Robert M. Holtby, H. Robert Archer,
J. Edward (Ted) Jackson, Grant
Gerrow.

Reach Township elected 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



Helen Heard (Cook) is seen up to her waist in snow in the alley between the Port Perry Post Office and Dana's Goldsmithing store during the winter of 1941.



Highway 7A, looking west towards Manchester following a storm in January 1941.

THE FORTIES & FIFTIES

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-president; 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 1941

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.

March 1941

Port Perry raises \$120,650 during the second Victory Loan drive. More than \$950,000,000 has been raised the Canadian public.



Archer Motors, southeast corner of Queen and Perry St., 1942.



Highway 7A, looking west towards Manchester following a storm in January 1941.

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.

White Kitchen Restaurant operated by Walter Cook.

April 1941

Despite efforts by Edward 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 1941

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.

Eddie G. Michell announces the opening of Birdseye Swimming Pool May 24th. Season tickets for \$1.50.

Reeve William M. Letcher proclaims June 2-23 for the Port Perry Victory Loan Campaign



Johnnie and Geordie Raymes celebrated last day of their 90th year on April 7, 1941, celebrating their 91st birthday.

Railroad will operate until June 30th, 1941

Montreal, April 5th, 1941
Dear Mr. Michell,

Replying to your letter with regard to the abandonment of the branch line expending from Whitby to Port Perry.

As I am sure you will understand, the profitable operation of many of our branch lines has been seriously affected by the diversion of patronage from railway to highway. In order to meet financial necessities, the management has found it essential to apply for authority to abandon a number of branch lines on which the traffic has become so light as to involve substantial losses in maintenance and operation.

It was only after careful study and consideration that the railway decided to abandon the Whitby-Port Perry line and the Board, before issuing an Order to abandonment, gave careful consideration to the

representations of the various interest directly concerned.

I have carefully reviewed the presentation put forward in your recent letter, but I am sorry to have

to say that we cannot continue the operation of the line in question beyond June 30, 1941.

S.J. Hungerford,
President



The Port Perry railway station, 1940, before the steel rails were removed.



"Cricklewood Lodge", a house offering home-like service to the traveling public, operated by Mrs. McClintock, closed its business during March 1941. Cricklewood was located at 379 Queen Street, at corner of Cochrane St.

June 1941

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 in 1868.



The White Kitchen restaurant was located at 233 Queen St., beside the Port Perry Star office in this winter of 1941 picture.

Scugog Centre Church destroyed by fire

Port Perry Star, June 12, 1941

On Tuesday evening, June 10, the United Church at Centre of Island was total destroyed by fire. As fire fighting apparatus and water were far less than required to fight such a fire.

Rev. Mr. Joblin saw the fire in the lobby of the church and the alarm was quickly sounded over the telephones. Men soon arrived with pails, but the fire had too much of a start. The men fought bravely, but the church could not be saved.

The shed adjoining the west end of the church was hauled away by a tractor, and all energy used to save the parsonage and stable.

The church was first used by the Bible Christians, and stoke just west of Fred Jackson's house. About 50 years ago it was moved to the Centre. It was then Methodist Church. In 1907, the building was enlarged by about 20 feet, and an extra doorway put in. Two new screen doors had just been put on.



Activity along the Port Perry lakefront and wharf about 1940. Dockhouse was used for changerooms for swimmers.



Flood on the causeway during spring breakup in 1941.

The retaining wall in front of bowling green badly damaged after the heaviest rainfall in recent years causing extreme flooding.



Samuel Farmer

July 1941

Samuel Farmer writes "Good-bye 'Nip and Tuck", as the railway is abandoned and the tracks torn up. (see next page)

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 1941

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 1941

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.

Getting ready for start of fishing season

Port Perry Star, June 19, 1941

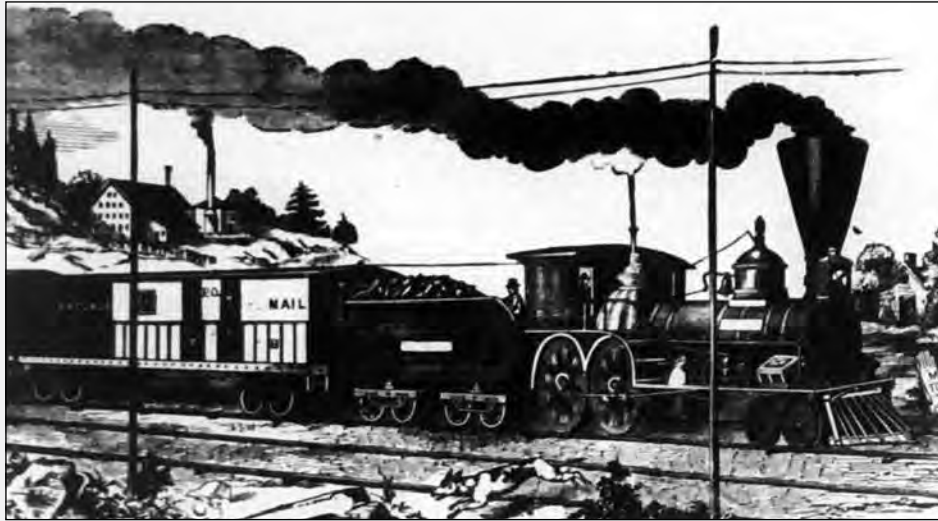
Fishing opens on June 28th, and the musky and bass are ready for the season – hundreds upon hundreds of them – great husky fellas with lots of fight in them.

You were told last year of the great gathering of musky along the Scugog bridge. That is an annual event, for Scugog Lake is the natural home of musky and bass. At spawning time, which is April for musky, and early in June for bass, these fish gather at the bridge and along the reedy shores to lay their eggs.

Hundreds of people have been coming the past weeks to have a look at the gathering of the fish; and a special watch has been set to see that there should be no illegal fishing at night.

Now the spawning time is over, and the fish are scattered through-out the lake awaiting the sportsmen who annually in increasing numbers visit these fine fishing grounds.

After having seen that great massing of musky and bass at the bridge, there is no doubt about the lake being well supplied. The rest is fisherman's luck. There are plenty of boats and guides, and if you have not tackle there is an ample supply here.



GOOD-BYE "NIP AND TUCK"

There is a rare story of ambition, determination, and final failure in the building and operation of the Whitby-Port Perry-Lindsay Railway. It is a story of one of the passing phases of Canadian history.

Three hamlets, Prince Albert, Port Perry and Manchester, struggled for supremacy. Port Perry won. A railway was essential to local development, and that railway was built. It served its purpose. New factors entered the picture. The railroad is now abandoned; and its steel is to be turned into war equipment to fight the enemies of freedom.

Thousands of small place in Canada have gone through similar struggles, and today are launching out upon new lines of development, just as Port Perry is doing.

When the Editor (Samuel Farmer) came here 34 years ago there was not talk of abandoning the railway. It was apparently a fixture. Its income for express and passenger service was over one thousand dollars a month. Freight came in daily; and school children attending High School here put in long days to cat the morning train and lingered about town until the evening train took them part way home. It took some persistence and courage to come to school on the "Nip and Tuck" in those days.

Then ere were gala days when the Firemen, or Orangemen would advertise a "Grand Excursion" and all the sundry would take in this great holiday event, arriving home in the "wee sma hours," tired, but fully satisfied with the wonders of transportation.

At other times whole Sunday Schools would be marshalled to the station platform, see the approaching train, climb on board, and travel full twenty miles to Heydonshore Park, south of the County Town (Whitby).

What a struggle there was to surmount High Point on the homeward trip. The engine puffed and

struggled, and crawled, until with a grand flourish the top was reached, and we sailed merrily down grade into Port.

On one such occasion Jim Ward, jumped off the back coach, ran ahead and climbed on the front coach (there were only three) before the "Nip and Tuck" reached the summit.

The last of these grand excursions was taken upon the occasion of the Royal visit. That trip will not soon be forgotten.

In all this time the railway authorities looked upon our line as a sort of poor relation. Not attempt was made to give this branch any business. Indeed it often happened that freight from the north would be shipped via Port Hope or Scarborough, and would come up from Whitby to Port Perry.

Then also came the auto, the bus, the truck. The railway seemed to make no attempt to meet these invaders. Shippers found the new service more elastic and cheaper.

It would have been possible to give a cheap rate to Toronto by switching to the Canadian Northern; but such a plan, that could have been serious rival to the bus, was not attempted.

After that the doom of the "Nip and Tuck" was assured. The railway authorities were not interested in Port Perry. Past bonuses had long since been spent and apparently there was nothing we could do about it.

Cyril C. Jeffrey, and others like him, made a brave fight to retain the road; but it is gone. The milk cans, the cattle, the hogs; the cement, coal, wood, brock and lumber will now travel along new roads, and be handled by a different se of men.

Goodbye "Nip and Tuck".

*By Samuel Farmer, Editor
Port Perry Star, July 1941*

Bell Telephone laying new cable for long distance service

Port Perry Star, August 21, 1941

Bell Telephone is laying submerged cable for extended long distance service, starting at the bowling green. This is a fine opportunity to see modern methods of laying telephone cables.

To see that battery of caterpillar tractors cross the open country, plow a two and a half foot furrow, as it is plowed, and cover put the whole affair at a single operation is a sight not to be forgotten.

The plow used in the process lays the cable from 32 to 46 inches under the ground, and it is the only one of its type in Canada.

The new cable is being installed to bring lines from Port Perry, Uxbridge, Beaverton and Lindsay into Oshawa. The Telephone Company has built a concrete manhole at the corner of Queen and Lilla Street, from there to a manhole on Queen and Perry Street. The men excavated a trench, laid three fibre ducts, around which they poured two inches of concrete.

Ultimately this telephone cable will permit the removal of the present overhead wires for the distance covered by the cable.



Reeve W.H. Letcher's building, left, in this picture looking west along Queen Street, 1941.

November 1941

Prince Albert United Church celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Port Perry Reeve Wm. M. Letcher and Port Perry Star publisher Samuel Farmer attend a military demonstration in Toronto.

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 1941

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.



William H. Letcher

More young men needed to enlist

Port Perry Star, August 21, 1941

While the Port Perry Community centre has reason to be gratified regarding local enlistments, there continues to be an increasing demand for men in all branches of the army service. Mechanics and trades men of all kinds are in particular demand.

On Monday evening next the Regimental Trumpet Band will be in Port Perry to open the recruiting campaign, which is to be under direction of Lt. Col. R.B. Smith. The call for men is urgent – the need is great.

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The Port Perry wharf and dockhouse, were built about 1915, but it continued as one of the most popular summer spots at the lakefront for more than 30 years. Built by the government of Canada, the wharf was used for docking boats and a place for swimming. The "dockhouse" as it became known was used as a changehouse and shelter. It was removed in 1958.



1942



Victory Bond campaign objective to raise \$120,000 for war effort

Port Perry Star, February 19, 1942

Never has the need for practical financial support of our war effort been so great as it is today. The opportunity to invest in Canada, and in the men who are defending us is presented to us in the second Victory Loans program.

The Bonds are a particularly wise investment at this time, giving double the interest offered by the banks, and secured by the whole resources of the Dominion of Canada.

The Dominion Government campaign, from Halifax to Vancouver, and to the Arctic circle is now in full swing in an supreme effort to raise the sum of \$600,000,000 and they look to us to do our share.

Port Perry, Reach and Scugog have been banded together a section of Ontario County with an objective of raising \$120,000. for the war effort.

January 1942

Population of Port Perry is 1,235. Number of local citizens in the armed forces are; 22 overseas, 34 serving in Canada.

Fred Christie was elected president of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog Agricultural Society. Armour McMillan, 1st, vice-president and Samuel Farmer 2nd vice-president.

G.F. Manning, Secretary-Treasurer of the Port Perry Rink Co. announces skating hours at the arena. Monday to Wednesday 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission: Children under 14, 15 cents; Adults 20 cents. Season Tickets - book of 20 for \$2.00.

February 1942

Ontario County Council raises the per diem allowance for councillors from \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Reesor Coal, Wood Lumber, operated by Fred E. Reesor, have moved from their lakefront office (below) to a new storefront on Queen Street, two doors west of the St. Charles hotel.



Reesor's office at the Lake Scugog waterfront.

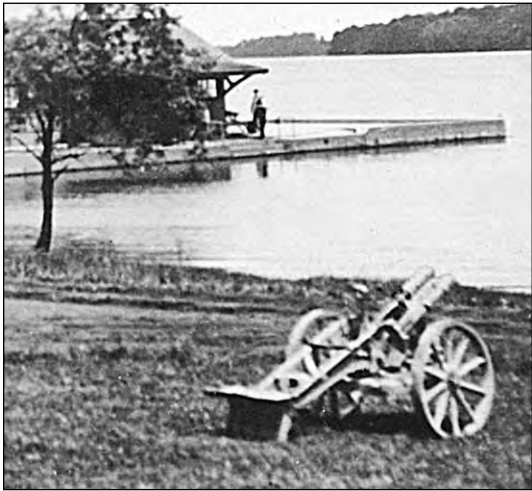
Port Perry Ice Carnival was a glorious spectacle

Port Perry Star, February 19, 1942

Oshawa and Toronto made generous contribution to the success of Port Perry's Victory Loan Carnival. It was a special pleasure to have Syl Apps, captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, backed by a company of famous hockey players, take part in the opening ceremonies. Mr. Apps gave a forceful and timely Victory Loan address.

During the grand opening addresses were given by Reeve Merlin Letcher and Messrs Mansell A. Gerrow and Hibbert G. Hutcheson. Mr. Ted Jackson was Master of Ceremonies.

There were more than one hundred persons attending in fancy or comic costume. The program included an exhibition of skating events, including Canada's foremost figure skaters, Miss Norah McCarthy and Mr. Gilchrist. The performances were received with admiration by the spectators.



One of two German cannons presented to the town of Port Perry at the end of World War I. The other cannon was in front of the post office.

March 1942

Port Perry area residents go over the top on the Victory Loan purchases, reaching \$120,650. Canada pledges \$959 million to Victory Loan.

Council decided to return the captured German guns from World War I to the Dept. of Defence to be used as scrap metal.

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 1942

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.

Nearly fifty men annual meeting of the Business Men's Association at the Sebert House hotel.

Following the business of the meeting, Mr. Archie L. McDermott was elected president. First vice-president Victor P. Stouffer; Second vice-president Mr. Harry Peel, Secretary Percy Densham, Treasurer Andy M. Lawrence.

Sorry to lose Mr. Manning

Port Perry Star, May 7, 1942

Geo. F. Manning, clerk-treasurer of Port Perry has accepted the position of auditor for Workmen's Compensation Board.

Not only in the Treasurer's office will his loss be felt, but also in many of the activities of the village. In particular was his connection with the Port Perry Rink, and the annual Ice Carnival.

Mr. Manning says "Port Perry will be my home town," although his new position will see him travelling throughout the province.

Old canons, salvage collected for war

Port Perry Star, April 2, 1942

At a meeting of Port Perry council, steps were taken to initiate a Salvage Collection Movement in Port Perry. The council also announced that after meeting with local Veterans, it was decided to return the two captured World War I canons to the Department of Defence, to be used as scrap metal.

A Salvage Collection plan was worked out with the town being divided into three sections with pick-up on alternate Wednesdays.

Products needed for the war effort include - old tires, worn-out rubbers or rubber boots, old iron and other metals, paper tied in bundles, rags and bones bundled or in containers and tin cans hammered flat.

Dr. M.B. Dymond new doctor in town

Port Perry Star, May 7, 1942

Dr. Matthew B. Dymond, of Toronto, has purchased Dr. Clinton Peterson's interest in the medical partnership of Drs. Rennie and Peterson.



Dr. M.B. Dymond

Dr. Dymond is a thoroughly trained Physician and Surgeon, and will be in his office starting May 1, 1942. He is very welcome in the municipality and we wish him every success in the continuance of his profession here.

Yacht Club elects executive

The Port Perry Yacht Club held a meeting at the lakefront on May 3, 1942 for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Commodore George Emmerson, Vice-Comm. Beverley Kent, Secretary/Treasurer, Dorothy Balfour, and Board of Trustees Gordon Carnegie, Ruth Carnegie, George Channell.



The Port Perry Yacht Club, located at the lakefront, just off Water Street.



Keith Mark, 13, and his horse "Guy" and two wheeled delivery wagon. Keith delivered meat to households around Port Perry for Cawker Brother's Butcher Shop during the 1940s.

June 1942

Constable George Holmes, a policeman with the Toronto Police Department for 37 years, resigns and moves to Port Perry.

At a meeting of the directors of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society, it was decided to change the date of the Fall Fair to September 9th, instead of the 29th and 30th as originally chosen. This was made possible owing to the fact that the Toronto Exhibition has been cancelled for the duration of the war.

July 1942

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.

Plan crashes in Lake Scugog but pilot escapes uninjured

Port Perry Star, May 21, 1942

A training plane from Oshawa Flight Instructional School, which had been cruising around over Lake Scugog on Sunday, suddenly took a nose dive into the water.

The crash occurred about three miles down the lake from Port Perry. Fortunately there was help near the scene of the accident. Mr. Max Heidt, who was calling at the M. Collins farm, saw the plane hit the water and with Donald and Dave Collins, quickly rowed out to the wreck.

The flyer, Flying Cadet A.G. McAuley, was hanging on to one of the wings and he was helped into the boat and taken to shore, and then transferred to Port Perry hospital for medical aid.

Other than being dazed and shaken up, he received only a cut around one eye. It was his last day of flying before receiving his papers for advanced flying.

Port Perry Star, August 1942

Tea and Coffee rationing begins by coupon - one ounce of tea or four ounces of coffee per person, per week.



Three of the "Have-A-Nap" cabins, which were located along the south shore of Lake Scugog, where the Independent grocery store sits today. The park had about eight cabins and it was operated by Jack and Irene Brickstock during the 1950s and 60s. The cabins are believed to have been built by Gordon McKee during 1940s and were rented out for vacationers or visitors to the town.

August 1942

Business Men's Assoc. holds a successful sports day with horse racing attracting 2500 people. For the first time in its eleven 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. A military ambulance quickly arrived and the body was removed.

September 1942

Fair Board donates half of net proceeds of the Fall Fair to war efforts.

Salvage efforts continue each week. Rural Mail drivers collected 1,150 lbs. of scrap rubber on their routes.

October 1942

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 1942

Word was received of the death of Flying Officer Glenn MacMaster, 20, who was killed along with five others in a crash landing which took place near Halifax, Nova Scotia. Glenn had enlisted in the RCAF at Toronto when he was only 18 years old.

Victory Loan Chairman Hibbert G. Hutcheson reports \$121,000 was raised in the recent Victory campaign, which was \$1,000 over the target.

December 1942

Use of Christmas decoration in the home restricted to Dec. 24th to January 1, 1943.

Another 18 local boy's names are added to active service list.



H. G. Hutcheson

H.G. Hutcheson appointed temporary Clerk-Treasurer

Port Perry Star, July 16, 1942

At a meeting of Port Perry council, a motion was passed that Mr. Hibbert G. Hutcheson be appointed Clerk-Treasurer of the Corporation of Port Perry, temporarily, as per his letter of June 17th, or until such time as a permanent appointment is made by council.

Port Perry Star, June 25, 1942

The farm labor shortage is very bad, and unless help is forthcoming there will be a serious loss of farm produce at a time when it is greatly needed. It has been suggested that places of business be closed for one or two half-days each week, so as many men as possible can do farm work or offer their services to the local farmers.

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On July 31, 1942, Brock's Red and White introduced a self-serve check-out system at their Red & White grocery store on Queen Street, Port Perry.

Soldier carries souvenir bullet near brain

Toronto Globe, September 10, 1942

One of the most remarkable of the casualties to return to Canada in the present war is 20 year old David E. Kight, of Port Perry, who arrived home on Sunday. He brought back a souvenir – a 38-calibre bullet lodged in his head.

A three inch scar on his forehead is evidence of a daring but unsuccessful operation, performed by Major (Dr.) Elliott, of Montreal, in an effort to remove the bullet. It took place at the No. 1 Canadian General Hospital overseas. Kight hopes that a second operation, to be performed in Toronto shortly, will be successful.

The youth and two of his companions were in their barracks in the south of England when the accident occurred. One of his friends was cleaning his revolver when it unexpectedly fired. The bullet pierced the jaw of the second soldier; and continued on into Kight's head.

For the next fifteen days he was unconscious in hospital his life lying in the balance. For 14 days he was in an oxygen tent, his right side paralyzed, and the shot only quarter of an inch from his brain. "I owe my life to Major Elliott", he said, for although he was unable to remove the bullet, he relieved the pressure.

Dr. Dymond joins army

Port Perry Star, December 31, 1942

Dr. M.B. Dymond's stay in Port Perry has been comparatively short. But in that time he has earned the respect and good will of the citizens of Port Perry and district.

The army requires his services. He leaves on January 4th to do medical work in the armed forces for the duration of the war.

Two facts are very pleasing in this matter. The first is that Dr. Dymond has no intention of leaving Port Perry permanently. He has proven himself to be a good citizen as well as a good doctor. We should be very sorry to lose him.

The second pleasing fact is that he has secured a competent substitute to carry on with his work during his absence. Dr. Josephine Kamm comes highly recommended and our people are fortunate to be able to secure her skilled services.

Good wishes go with Dr. Dymond for a safe and speedy return.

PM wants to curtail sale of liquors; Spirits 30%, Wine 20%, Beer 10%

Port Perry Star, December 17, 1942

In a challenging address Prince Minster Mackenzie King urged the Canadian people to be temperate in their drinking habits. There has been an increase of 37 percent in the drinking of alcoholic liquors since the war began.

This increase has greatly impaired the efficiency of the munition and other workers engaged in war production, and is slowing up the war effort.

It was pointed out by Mr. King that social custom did its part in starting drinking habits. Liquor offered in hospitality is hard to refuse. Social leaders can do much to maintain temperate habits in our people.

The matter of hours of sale rests with the Provincial authority, and Mr. King is asking that the limit be eight hours daily. He also announced liquor advertising will be prohibited after February 1943.



South side of Queen St., with the post office and P.G. Morrison's drug store, 1942.

1943



In January 1942 Port Perry and area were hit with a tremendous snowstorm. Port Perry Star editor Samuel Famer wrote, "Port Perry is pretty well snowed in. The snow is packed so tight between here and Myrtle Station the the snowplow could do little with it. Pictures above show Queen Street lined with piles of snow after the storm.



The Port Perry Arena, located on the southeast corner of Simcoe and Paxton Streets. It's unknown if this was the official opening of the arena, or a Victory Loan Ice Carnival, which was described as a "spectacular event", at the arena in February 1942.

Reeve Letcher sworn in at inaugural meeting of Port Perry council

Port Perry Star, January 3, 1943

On Monday evening the Port Perry council held its inaugural meeting at the Treasurer's Office. Rev. W. Clifford Smith was present and conducted the devotional exercises.

Taking their seats around the council table, after being sworn in by clerk-treasurer Hibbert G. Hutcheson, were Reeve William M. Letcher; Councillor Grant Gerrow, Herbert Books, George A. McMillan and Gordon Reesor.

Reeve Letcher gave an outline of council's work for some years back, stressing the financial improvement in the municipal funds; the development of the waterfront; the widening of the front street at the main business block; the removal of telephone and other poles from that block; the good road program including the final securing of No. 7A Highway and its extensions, etc.

A number of ratepayers were present and were given the opportunity to speak of the Council and its work.

New issue of ration books

Port Perry Star, February 4, 1943

The local Rationing Board are at work making arrangements for issue of the new Ration Books for Port Perry, Reach and Scugog. Full particulars of requirements shall appear in next week's issue. The public have a vital interest in this matter.

January 1943

A local Ration Board is established at the Clerk's office to facilitate the settlement or adjustment of ration problems in the district.

February 1943

Local hockey players and fans raise \$100 to send to the Aid Russia Fund.

March 1943

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 1943

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. Benjamin Smallman replaced Percy Densham as Secretary.

May 1943

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.



Sweetman's Red & White Store on Scugog Island, about 1940.

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Oxo Cubes,	large tin	26c
Marvel Pastry Flour,	24 lb. bag	73c
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Flight Officer Burgess Beare downs three German "Junker 88" planes

Toronto Daily Star, January 13, 1943

Flying officer Burgess "Bugby" Beare, 22, who recently sent three German Junker 88's crashing into the Mediterranean in three minutes of aerial fighting, has been awarded the D.F.C., the airman revealed in a cable to his mother, Mrs. Hiram Fitchett, Port Perry.

One of three brothers on active service, Flying Officer Bear has been with an R.A.F. Beaufighter squadron on convey patrol in the Mediterranean area since last July. "As far as I know those three victories are the only enemy planes that Burgess has shot down, and I had to learn about them from the papers," his mother said.

The Beaufighter ace has a twin brother Flying officer Bruce Beare, a navigation instructor at Claresholm, Alberta, who joined the R.C.A.F a few months following the enlistment of Burgess.

The other member of the trio of Beare brothers on active service is Private Clarence Beare, 27, who is in England with the Royal Canadian Artillery.



North side of Queen Street. From left, A.M. Lawrence Drug Store, W. L. Parrish Hardware, Willard's and Port Perry 5¢ to \$1 Store.

Chiropractors pledge \$10,000 for Port Perry Daniel David Palmer memorial

Toronto Globe & Mail, March 11, 1943

The chiropractic profession has effected cures enabling the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk, after their afflictions had been regarded as hopeless, Walter Steady, president of the newly formed Dominion Council of Chiropractors, said in an address announcing that a modern College of Chiropractic will be established in Toronto.

Speaking before the convention of the Associated Chiropractors, he maintained Chiropractors should be accorded equality with the medical profession in the projected health insurance bill.

He also announced a \$10,000 fund to erect a memorial in Port Perry, Ont., to Daniel David Palmer, founder of chiropractic, was launched at the meeting.



The Canadian Bank of Commerce building on Queen Street, about 1942.

May 1943

Tennis Club re-organizes with Roy Cornish, president, Owen Cliff, vice-pres., Gordon MacMaster Sec-Treas.

June 1943

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.

July 1943

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 1943

The retaining wall, facing the bowling green is being rebuilt by Mr. Sandison of Utica.

First annual Father and Son scout, cub banquet

Port Perry Star, March 4, 1943

The first annual Father & Son Banquet of Port Perry Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs was a most enjoyable affair. It was held last Friday evening in the Sunday School room, with Scoutmaster Owen Cliff presiding.

The evening program included a toast to Lord Baden-Powell; first-aid, signalling and knot tying demonstrations, presentation of Cub badges; a musical selection and sing-a-long.

It was a challenge to fathers to be pals with their son's; and to the boys to be worthy of the splendid leadership and training that was theirs.

Former owner of Port Perry Standard dies

Port Perry Star, April 22, 1943

Charles M. Mundy, president of the *Times-Gazette* of Oshawa died in Oshawa, on April 19th.

Born in Port Perry, he was the son of the late Edward Mundy, who published Port Perry's first newspaper, the *Port Perry Standard*, starting in 1866. Mr. C.M. Mundy published Standard for a short time, and was in the newspaper business in Oshawa for more than 40 years.



The Port Perry 5¢ to \$1.00 store as it looked in September 1940, with Carmen Blewett (Leahy) on left and Marion Brent (MacMaster) on right. Store was owned by Howard and Sadie Durkin. It was located at 27 Queen Street (Luke's Country Store).



This 1940s picture shows the front of the Port Perry Star building which was located at 235 Queen Street. In front of the office are, from left, George Davey, Bruce Beare, Irving Boyd and Samuel Farmer.



Looking west along the south side of Queen Street, which shows Beare Motors, a house and the United Church. Beare Motors was a Dodge-DeStoto dealer and was located at the corner of Queen and John Streets.

Port Perry Star, May 13, 1943

On Friday afternoon Port Perry, Reach and Scugog passed the objective of \$167,000, being the first district in the County of Ontario to go "over the top" for the 4th Victory Loan drive. H.G. Hutcheson, chairman of the Port Perry committee shared the honour with townships of Reach and Scugog.



Local businessmen meet, discuss important issues to town

Port Perry Star, April 22, 1943

Some fifty of the business men of Port Perry attended the Annual banquet of their Association, and enjoyed the social gathering at the well spread table at the Sebert House, on Friday night of last week.

Mr. Archie L. McDermott presided, and called upon the various officials to re-report upon the



Archie L. McDermott

activities in their relations during the past year. All these reports showed the Association to be in a satisfactory condition financially.

A considerable change was made in the executive when it came to the election of officers. Mr. McDermott, felt that the honours and the work should be passed around, and he retired. This had been his second year as president.

Mr. Victor P. Stouffer, who has been 1st Vice President, declined advancement, and Mr. W. E. MacGregor was chosen as president. Mr. Stouffer retains his position as 1st Vice President, with Mr. Harry Peel as 2nd Vice President, and Mr. Sam Griffen (a new man) as 3rd Vice. Mr. Percy Densham, the former secretary, having left Port Perry, his duties were put in the hands of Mr. Benjamin Smallman.

Mr. Andy Lawrence, for various business reasons, declined the office of treasurer, and his duties will now be taken over by Mr. Ernie Bottrell, manager of the local Dominion store.

At the conclusion of the business session, the meeting was thrown open for the reception of suggestions for town improvement. Foremost among the suggestions made was the demand for some shelter to be erected for the horses of those from the surrounding country who come to town to do business. The former shelters such as the church sheds, etc., have been torn down, and conditions for the horses in bad weather have often been deplorable. There is every evidence that this condition will now be remedied in the near future.

The water front, particularly the town garbage dump, came in for considerable discussion. The meeting was assured by Reeve Letcher and the councillors present that definite steps will be taken this year to remove the eyesore by covering up the refuse now at the waterfront, and choosing a new site for the town dump.

A good deal of the unsightliness of the present dump has been caused by irresponsible persons who have scattered their garbage wherever the dumping was easiest, often scattering it along the roadside right up to the Curts property at the corner of Water St. and 7A Highway. Drastic steps will be taken to prevent a continuance of this abuse.

Local man receives D.F.C.

Port Perry Star, July 29, 1943

We are happy to hear of the honour bestowed upon Flying Officer Gordon "Spanky" Reneau, of the R.C.A.F. Gordon was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross (D.F.C.) in North Africa, after air operations against the enemy over Sicily and Italy. He is credited with sinking a 2,500 ton Axis vessel and assisting to damage several others.

Gordy is well known to the younger people of Port Perry because for many years before his enlistment, he spent his holidays at his parents' cottage at Portview.

Two families with three sons serving in the Armed Forces

Port Perry Star, August 5, 1943

There are two families in town with all their boys serving in the Armed Forces.

Mrs. G.A. Woods has three sons – Capt. Alex Woods, with the Royal Canadian Artillery, at Tracadie, N.B.; O.S. Robert Woods with the R.C.N.V.R. at Sydney, N.S., and L.-Bdr. Terence Woods, also with the Royal Canadian Artillery at Petawawa.

Mrs. H. Fitchett has three sons now in the Canadian Forces – Pilot Officer Burgess Beare, serving overseas with the R.C.A.F.; Signalman Clarence Beare, R.C.C.S., also overseas; and Pilot Officer Bruce Beare, R.C.A.F., stationed at Claresholm, Alberta. These are very fine records, and Port Perry is proud of her sons.

Blood donor bent on repaying debt

Port Perry Star, June 23, 1943

If any person who is a blood donor wishes personal satisfaction for his or her donation to the war effort or if any individual would like to learn the worthiness of the Blood Donor organization, we would recommend that they talk with David Edward Kight, of Port Perry. He credits his life to the skill of army surgeons and chiefly to the benefits of blood plasma. Now he is a blood donor.

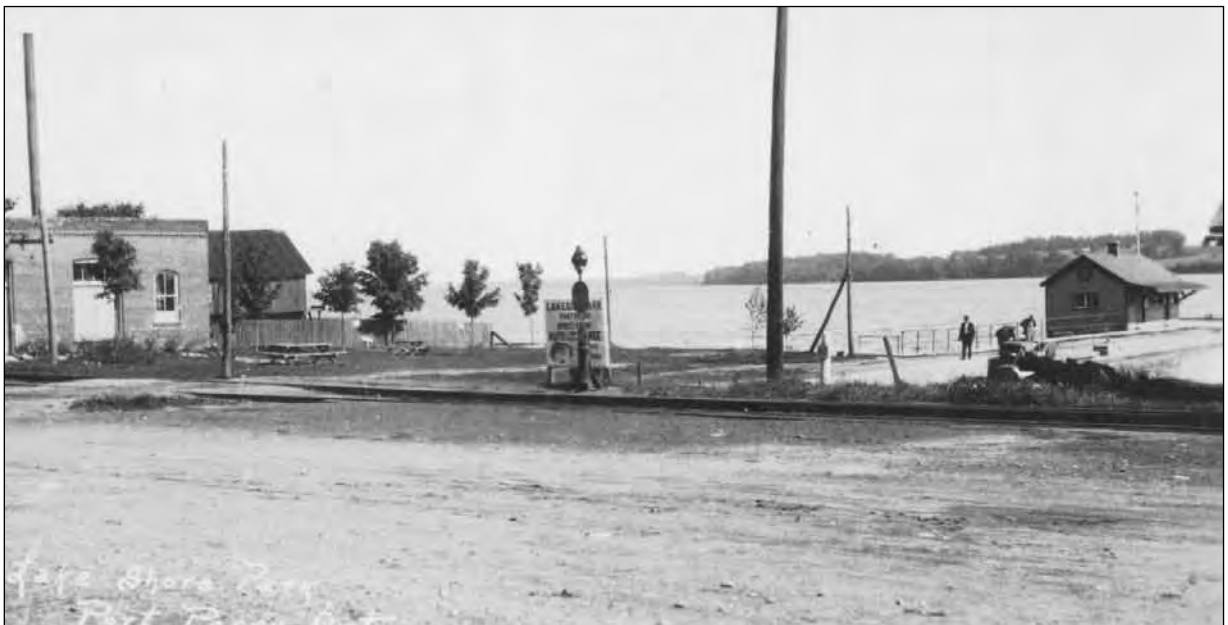
"Dave", who was 21 on December 17 of last year, is now discharged from the Canadian Army but he enlisted in June of 1940 with the 48th Highlanders of Toronto and later became a member of the Ontario Tank Regiment and went overseas in June of 1941. On April 15th, 1942, "somewhere in England" Dave was shot through the forehead and brain with a .38-calibre revolver bullet and, thanks to the miracle of surgery, medical attention and blood plasma donations, he lived to tell of his experience.

A close chum and "buddy" of Kight's, pointed a revolver at Kight and jokingly ordered "Hands Up". Kight in the spirit of the moment, responded by bringing up his hand with fists clenched, in a fighter's pose, whereupon his chum pulled the trigger of his revolver. He did not know that there was a bullet in the barrel.

Kight said he felt no pain. He does not remember anything that happened until he regained consciousness in a military hospital on April 30, fifteen days after the Incident.

The bullet went into his forehead, just over the right eyebrow and passed through a section of the brain and lodged near the surface of the skull at the back of his head.

"I wouldn't be here now if it wasn't for blood donors," he stated, "and I aim to give it all back. Pte. Kight disclosed he had received no fewer than 12 or 13 blood transfusions. "I'm going to give 13 donations, and then as many more as I can," he said will giving blood at the Oshawa blood clinic.



Post Card photo of the lakefront at Port Perry about 1935. Building at left is the old hydro generating plant. Railway tracks run along the front with a sign at the switch which says "Lakeshore Park, Port Perry - Motorists Welcome - Autos, Camp, Park, Free. At right is the government wharf and dockhouse.

Port Perry Star, September 30, 1943

Articles for the next salvage collection are: Paper (bundled); Rags (parcelled); Fats (in tins); Rubber. Your salvage must be left on the roadside so as to facilitate collection by the Port Perry Boy Scouts.

Bowling Green retaining wall

Port Perry Star, August 19, 1943

After a long delay, the Bowling Green wall has been rebuilt. It is really an excellent piece of work, both as to design, and its substantial character. The construction work was done by Mr. Sandison, of Utica, under supervision of councillor Herb. Brooks. Both builder and supervisor are to be complimented on the pleasing result of their joint work.

New Chief Constables starts his job

Port Perry Star, September 2, 1943

Mr. George Holmes, for thirty-seven years a member of the Toronto Police Force, has been appointed Chief Constable of Port Perry. He assumed his duties on Wednesday, September 1st.

The new Constable has had a wide experience in maintaining law and order, and is a firm believer in the old adage - "Prevention is better than cure." Wholesome fun will find a strong supporter in George Holmes; but rowdyism of any kind will be dealt with as it should be.

Some fast and reckless drivers will be wise to observe the traffic laws, which include care and courtesy, and a proper consideration for the safety of other people. The new Constable has one ideal - to make Port Perry a safe and comfortable place in which to live. He asks the constructive co-operation of all citizens in carrying out this purpose.



The Port Perry garbage dump was located north of the old grain elevator, seen in the background, along the former C.N.R. railroad line.

Dump site moved to north end of town

Port Perry Star, August 19, 1943

What has been an eyesore at the Lake Front for sometime is to be finally cleaned up, and the town dump is to be moved to a new site. This move on the part of the Council is timely and should receive the complete support of all the people in this section of the district.

Great carelessness has been shown by a number of people in the way they have scattered rubbish of all kinds, not only on the dump itself, but along the road side to Curts' Corner, and on over the Scugog Bridge.

Strong measures are being taken by the Port Perry Council to put a stop to this untidy practice. It has been a serious drawback to the town, and many complaints have been made. Two or three times there has been a thorough clean up; but in a short time conditions were just as bad as ever.

There will be no excuse for untidiness now. The new dump will be easy of access, as a proper road has been constructed to reach it. The new site is three blocks due north of the former dump, on the old C.N.R. right of way. Thorough co-operation by all the citizens in keeping rubbish in the place assigned to it, is urgently requested.

August 1943

Lieut. Wm. S. Miller, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sweetman, of Scugog, killed in action in Sicily.

September 1943

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.

October 1943

R.A. Hutchison, public school inspector since 1913, honored at a banquet in Oshawa, on his retirement. Mr. A.A. Archibald new inspector.

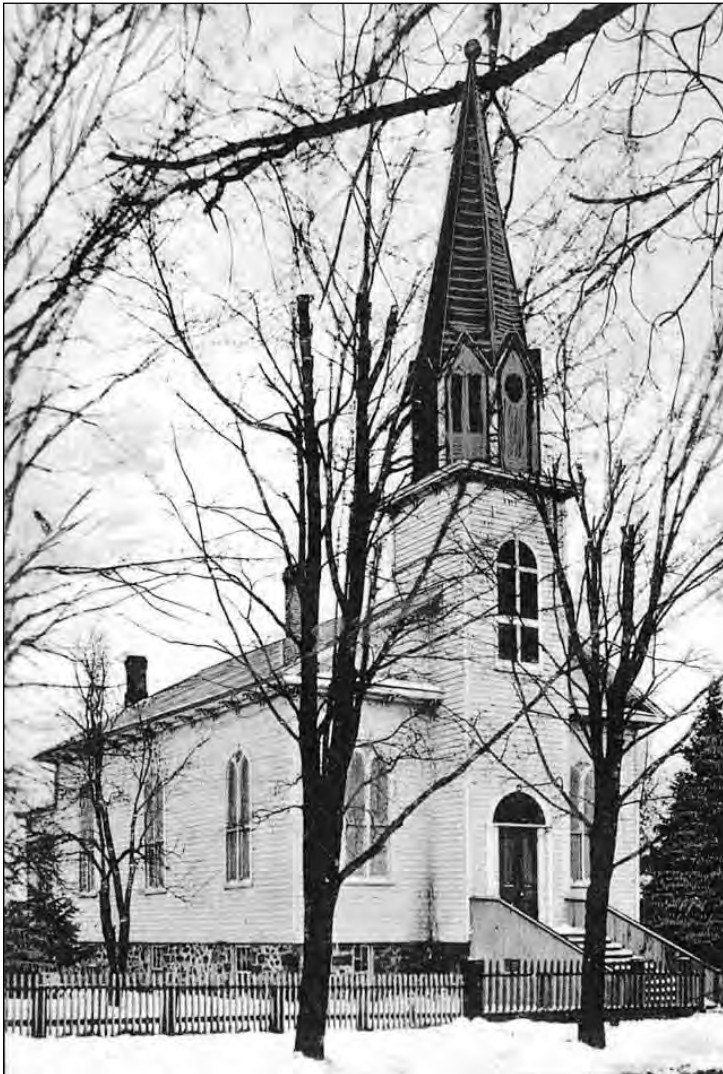
November 1943

The 5th Victory Loan campaign goes over the top with \$190,650.00 collected in three weeks.

December 1943

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, acclaims 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.



The St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, circa 1935.

Students return to Port Perry schools

Port Perry Star, September 9, 1943

Port Perry Public School has 180 pupils returning to school. Principal Roy. H. Cornish says that 180 pupils have registered in Port Perry Public School. This is not the largest registration in recent years, but will make full classrooms.

Port Perry High School opens with an attendance of 109. The teaching staff is the same as last year, except in the case of Mr. Foster Vernon, who succeeded by Mr. Bielby, of Niagara.

Owing to the fact that Mr. E.R. McClellan finds it necessary to teach the shop work for High School students, it has been decided that this course for the elder Public School boys shall be taught by Mr. Cornish under the direction of Mr. McClellan.

The teaching of music by Mrs. Rowe is being extended to all grades of the High School. This subject is proving most popular under this very efficient and enthusiastic music teacher.

Through the quick action of the Chairman and members of the Property Committee, the schools have their full supply of coal for the winter.

The portable chicken house is to be built in the near future; and the students will study poultry raising in practical fashion.

St. John's Presbyterian Church re-dedicated

Port Perry Star, September 30, 1943

Sunday, September 26th, will long be remembered by the members and friends of St. John's Presbyterian Church as an important date in the history of the congregation, for on that day Re-Dedicatory services were held, culminating more than a year of careful planning and tireless effort in the complete renovation of the building, and the improvement of the grounds.

The occasion was one of rejoicing, thanksgiving, and that quiet, satisfaction which comes from carrying to completion a difficult under taking.

It is worthy of note that this whole attractive work of renovation has been paid for and the Church is debt free. This was made possible because of the great amount of work done by the members, both men and women. Supplementing this free labor, most generous cash contributions were received, some even increasing their giving when they saw what a fine piece of work was being done.

November 4, 1943

Miss Elizabeth Christie celebrated her 100th birthday on Hallowe'en, October 31, in good health.

A happy gathering greeted Miss Christie at her home in Port Perry to help her celebrate her 100th birthday. The lady, in whose honour the celebration was held, was most happy in meeting her many friends. It was a real, pleasure to see her able to be about □ active in both body and mind.

She has led a busy life, and has kept herself well informed as to current events. She still does many of her household duties and loves telling stories of her early farm life and travels.



Auctioneer, and farm implement dealer, Ted Jackson, right, outside his Queen St. store during the early 1940s.



Beaufighter fighter plane

Burgess Beare brings down enemy planes

Port Perry Star, December 2, 1943

Flying Officer "Burdy" Beare, of Port Perry, a Beaufighter pilot, shot down three Ju88's recently when Canadian pilots on escort duty destroyed a total of five out of a formation of nine. His feat was announced from A.F.H.Q., Algiers.

After his three victories, Beare made a dummy attack on a Nazi plane raiding on the tail of his flight commander. It was a dummy because he had used up all his ammunition in the other actions, but it worked.

Port Perry Star, September 30, 1943

On Monday, the hum of an aeroplane was heard flying fairly low over Port Perry. By noon the story was around that a plane from Dunnville had landed just north of town. The reason being, the clouds were so low that the pilot was obliged to make a forced landing. The Harvard Training plane could not take off for a couple of days due to the soft ground.

Three robberies in Port Perry

Port Perry Star, December 2, 1943

Both Dave Carnegie and George Symes each had two tires stolen from their cars last Friday night. It is evidently no longer safe to leave cars out at night, no matter how close they may be to the house.

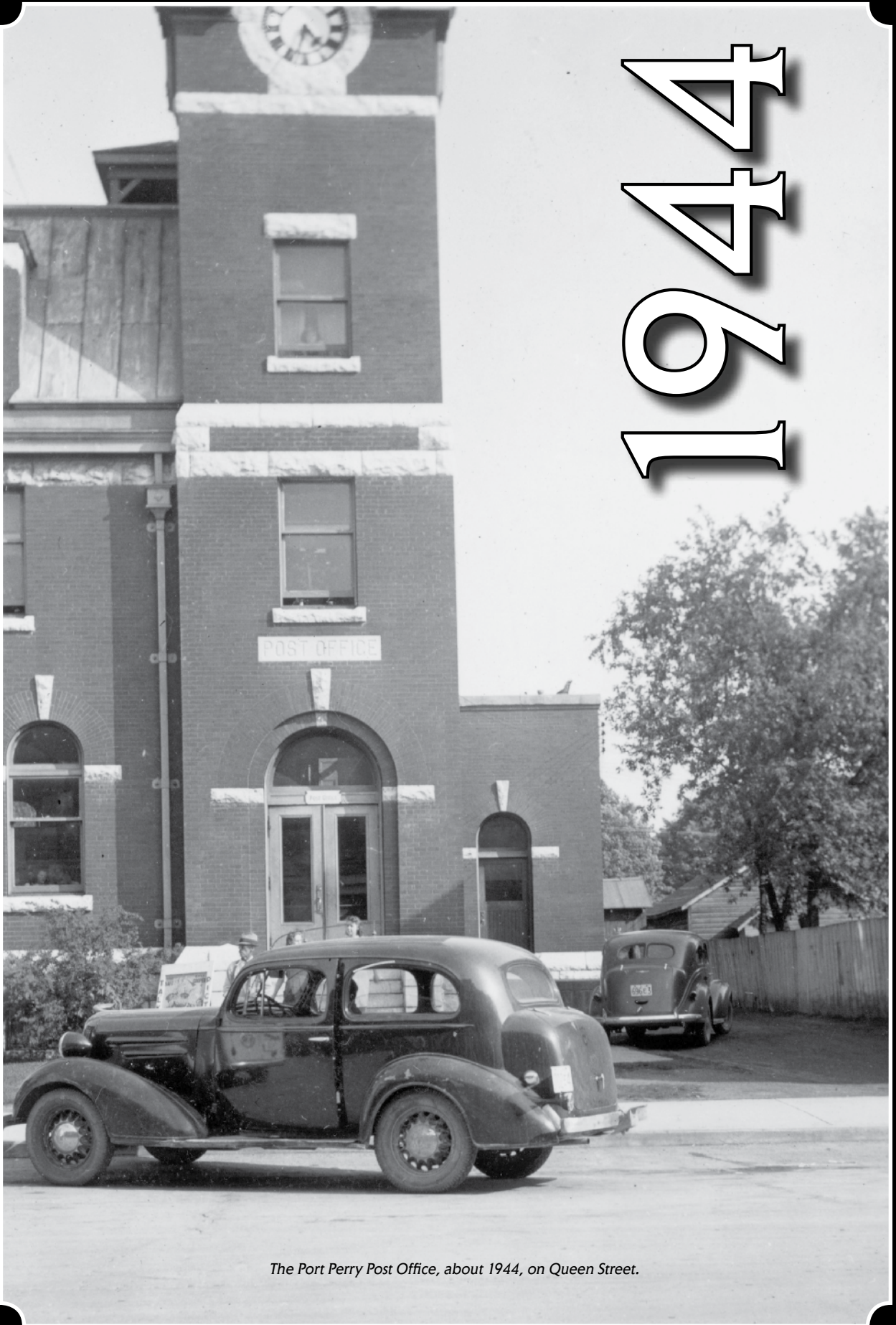
A much more serious robbery was perpetrated on Sunday night, when the Beare Motors safe was taken bodily from the service station.

The thieves were equipped with a glass cutter and jimmys. They removed the glass from the door, and then wrenched the door from its casing. When the safe was taken out from behind the counter, a truck was backed up to the front door, loading was effected, and the thieves drove away to the west and south.

Next morning the safe was found by Roy Goode. It was lying on the roadside opposite the Howard Franklin farm, south-west of Manchester. The door had been blown off and the contents of the cash drawer taken - some \$250.00. There were taken a number of gas ration books; but most of these would be of no value to the thieves, as they were stamped.

Fortunately the books in the safe were intact. By an odd circumstance, Wish Chapman did not lose his gas ration book. He placed it in a little compartment by itself, where it was missed.

1944



The Port Perry Post Office, about 1944, on Queen Street.

Town considers selling part of Water Street

Port Perry Star, February 10, 1944

At the last regular meeting of Port Perry Council, a by-law was put forth for the purpose of stopping up and conveying the north part of Water Street, to Edward George Michell, owner of the Birdseye Centre Park.

Property description – all that part of Water Street laying between the high water mark of Lake Scugog and a line drawn north 81 degrees east from a point not the west limit of Water Street, 277 feet northerly from the intersection of the west limit of Water Street and the production easterly of the north limit of North Street according to the plan of the Village of Port Perry by J. Stoughton Dennis dated January 1854.



Section of Water St., outlined, which was being sold to Mr. Michelle.

1944

January 1944

Reeve - W.M. Letcher. Council - G.A. McMillan, G.M. Gerrow, Herb. Brooks, Gord. Reesor.

Flying Officer Burgess Beare, son of Mrs. Hiram Fitchett, 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 1944

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Mulligan received word on Monday that their son, George, was reported missing while on a flying operation.

A three-hour fire destroyed the Uxbridge wollen mill on Feb. 6, with a loss estimated at \$135,000, throwing about 60 men and women out of work. Much of the destroyed stock comprised of army blankets and ski cloth. Flames were first noticed about 3 p.m. but spread so fast they local fire department was unable to do more than protect nearby homes.

Miss Elizabeth Christie dies in 101st year. Funeral held at Breadalbane cemetery, Utica, Ontario.

Dr. G.M. Rennie new office hours

Port Perry Star, February 17, 1944

I find it necessary, owing to the fact that I have much more work than one Doctor ever was intended to do, to ask those of the municipality who wish to patronize me, to bear with me in observing some office hours.

I will be in my office every afternoon from 1.30 to 5.30 except Wednesdays, when the only office hours will be from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon, and each evening from 7.00 to 8.30, and until 10.00 p.m. on Saturdays.

This will leave the mornings for doing surgery and making calls. Kindly do not ask me to work on Sunday unless it is a bona fide emergency. Faithfully, Dr. George M. Rennie.



Dr. George Rennie



Port Perry Bottling Works, Perry Street.



Public School outdoor skating rink about 1943. Located at north west corner of Rosa and MacDonald St., at Port Perry High School.

First Blood Donor clinic for Port Perry

Port Perry Star, March 2, 1944

It is extremely gratifying to report the wonderful response, for donors, to attend our First Clinic held in this municipality. Port Perry High School was a bee-hive of activity between the hours of 7 p.m. and midnight. Everyone did their utmost to enable this project to go over the top.

Superintendent, Mrs. Monroe, of the Mobile Unit, assured us that it was one of the best "first clinics" they had the pleasure of conducting, not only in the number of donors but also in the wonderful co-operation of each individual department.

There were seventy-five donors present during the evening. Miss Irene Mulligan had the honour of being the first lady blood donor in this community and deserves a word of praise. She is loyally following in the footsteps of her brother and sister, who are both in the Armed Forces.

Port Perry paratrooper killed

Private T.C. Hayden, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hayden of Port Perry, paratrooper was killed in action. Private Hayden joined the Victoria Rifles of Canada and later became a member of the 1st Special Service Force as a paratrooper. Overseas on active service he participated with the Canadian troops in the Kiska operation. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hayden are residents of Port Perry.



T.C. Hayden



Port Perry Star, April 6, 1944

There are six Port Perry serving overseas with major Connie Smythe's Battery, and they are known as "The Scugog Kids". Pictured here they are, back left, Gunners Len Colbear, Grant McDermott and Fred Colbear. Front left, Gunners Ken Hillier, Walter "Mike" Sheridan and Jack Sangster.



West side (rear) of the Port Perry High School about 1944.

Port Perry High school chosen as a model for Ontario agriculture

Port Perry Star, March 30, 1944

The Port Perry High School is the "model" to be used in setting up a new High School System in the Province of Ontario.

The Poultry Industry Committee spent the past week reviewing the new educational system with the Dept. of Education officials. The main points of interest were:

1. The Science of Agriculture will be taught in all Ontario schools.
2. The model school from which this plan is taken is the Port Perry High School, the plan of which has been constantly changed and improved by principal, Mr. E.R. McClellan.



Port Perry High School's agricultural building at rear of school.

May 1944

Former Port Perry Reeve, and Ont. County Warden, Robert Somerville passes. Mr. Somerville was elected as Reeve in 1928.



Robert Somerville

He served in this office for five years with distinction, and was honoured by being elected Warden of the County of Ontario for 1932.

March 1944

George Channel, who is leaving Port Perry was honored by the Young People's Union, of which he was president.

April 1944

The Raymes twins, Jonnie and Geordie, on April 7th celebrated their 92nd birthday. They are both still in good health.

May 1944

The Sixth Victory Loan Campaign for Port Perry, Reach and Scugog goes over the top. Chairman W. Merlin Letcher report the objective for District E, which was \$170,000, was surpassed by \$6,850 for a total of \$176,550.

Milton Goode opened a public refrigeration locker system at the Port Perry Creamery. Five cubic foot lockers \$6.00 per year; 8 cu. foot lockers \$10 per year.

New refrigerated lockers

Port Perry Star, May 24, 1944

Mr. Milton Goode is launching out on a new venture at the Creamery, a refrigeration locker system – and he is making a thorough good job of it. Not nay will the lockers (each with individual padlock and key) be properly refrigerated; but special machinery is being installed to deodorize the whole plant.

The system is extensive and will be able to accommodate a number of patrons. The lockers are in two sizes, one having five cubic feet of space; and the other eight cubic feet. The smaller locker will rent at \$6.00 per year, and the larger lockers at \$10.00 per year.



Port Perry Creamery truck which picked up cream from local farmers. Goode's creamery building was located at the corner of Water and Casimir St. and was owned by Milton Goode.

June 1944

Town buys first electric lawn mower, built by Len Leahy, to ease chore of grass cutting in the park.

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 1944

Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Smallman bought the drug store of Liggett Co. Ltd. in Haileybury. Mr. S. Smallman got started on his drug store career working for Andrew J. Lawrence, in his Port Perry drug store.

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.

The town hired Mr. G.G. Reid, 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.

He said there is no guarantee of the artesian well plan. It might last for years, or could play out in a short time. The estimated cost of the either proposal would be \$25,000.

September 1944

Port Perry Lawnbowling Club was incorporated on Sept. 5, 1944.

Mr. Sam Levinson is busy renovating his Queen Street store, constructing an up-to-date storefront on the building.

October 1944

Queen St. taken over by Provincial Dept. of Highways as a connecting link of 7A Hwy. until the Scugog St. section is hard surfaced.



Len Leahy demonstrates his electric lawn mower.

Town buy Leahy electric lawn mower

Port Perry Star, June 8, 1944

The Corporation has the distinction of owning the first electric lawn mower in Port Perry, the "Len Leahy Electric".

We think you will hear more about this and certainly it is a credit to Len's mechanical skill and drew quite an audience when it was tried out on the Town Park.

The power is furnished by a small electric motor attached to the handle-bar from which a belt runs to the mower and the mower is an extra wide one such as used on bowling greens.

Of course this implies you have to be close to a hydro where you can plug in, and there is a limit to the length of rubber covered wire you can conveniently handle, but it is surprising what a large lawn you can cut easily and quickly – it makes mowing fun.



Gerrow's Bakery trucks and horse drawn buggy behind the bake shop in the 1940s. Left, Grant Gerrow, middle Wentworth Watson and far right Mansell Gerrow with horse and buggy. Below is the Queen Street view of the Gerrow Bros. Bakery.



Fifty Oshawa fishermen invade Port Perry and Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star, July 20, 1944

Last Friday evening the Union Rod and Gun Club, of Oshawa, invaded Port Perry, and Lake Scugog, to the strength of about 50 members.

Many fine specimens of fish were caught, the largest lunge was a 16-pounder, hooked by William Skinner. The landing of that fish would have made a great moving picture. The rest of the boys stopped to see the excitement.

Other lunge of lesser size were caught, together with a number of bass, one weighing four pounds, and the smallest just under three pounds. This fishing trip has been an annual affair for the past six years, and is called by the Club members "The Ott. Hamilton Invitation Wishing Trip."

Ott. Hamilton, chairman for the evening outlined the history of the Oshawa Club for the past six years, when the first group coming to Lake Scugog numbered only five.

Mr. Hamilton has been a constant booster of Lake Scugog fishing for many years.

WAR NEWS!

Some of our Port Perry boys now in Normandy, France

Port Perry Star, July 27, 1944

A few days ago Mr. Ed Fines was informed that, her son Gnr. Russell Fines is now in France. Dr. W.A. Sangster has also received a letter from his son Gnr. Jack Sangster, whose Battery has been moved to fight with the Allied forces on the Normandy front.

The Battery is in the charge of Major Connie Smythe, of which the "Scugog Kids" are members. The "Scugog Kids" include, besides Jack Sangster, Fred and Len Colbear, Ken Hillier, Walter "Mike" Sheridan and Grant McDermott.

L.A.C. Earl Jackson is also seeing a bit of action in France.

Peel Poultry Farm expanding their hatchery capacity

Port Perry Star, August 24, 1944

Among the outstanding poultry men of Ontario, the Peel Bros. hold a well earned and enviable reputation. Their business has grown steadily, and they are a present enlarging their plant.

There is good reason, for they have developed a fast feathering bred-to-lay Barred Rock. This strain carries the same colour and marking as the Barred Rock commonly raised in Ontario, but they have a vitality and productive power of the best breeds of poultry.

The demand for these chicks has forced Peels to enlarge their plant. A new modern laying house is being built and two new incubators added. This will make a total of 47,000 setting capacity and 10,000 hatching capacity.



Queen St. taken over by Provincial Dept. of Highways as a connecting link of 7A Hwy. until the Scugog St. section is hard surfaced. See 7A sign in front of building.

St. Charles shed demolished railway station to be moved

Port Perry Star, September 21, 1944

The old brick shed belonging to and at the rear of the St. Charles Hotel property has been purchased by Glenn Owen and is being demolished. Some of the bricks are being taken away by Mr. Fred Frayer.

When the ground is cleared the railway station will be moved and erected on the cleared lot.

WAR NEWS!

Missing in action

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Aldred received a cable on last Thursday that their son, Pilot Officer William "Bill" Aldred has been reported "Missing in Action" after a big raid on July 29th, 1944, in which Bill participated. He has been flying heavy bombers of the Halifax type with the Iroquois Squadron. Bill's brother, Flight-Lieutenant Joel Aldred, is also overseas.

Wounded in battle

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fines of Lakeside Beach, Scugog Island received word that their son, Gunner Russell Fines, has been wounded in action in France. His wounds are not so serious as to prevent recovery.

Killed in action

Mrs. Estelle Trebell has received a wire from the War Office stating that her son Sgt. Russell Trebell, 23, was killed in Italy on September 4th, 1944. Russell was born in Port Perry and enlisted in September 1939. He was with the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Dies from wounds

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hillier of Port Perry, have officially received a report that their son, Lieut. Raymond Seymour Hillier has died, the result of wounds on September 24th, 1944 in France. Lieut. Hillier was a member of the Highland Light Infantry.

Killed in action

Mr. and Mrs. William Dodsley, of Scugog Island, received word on the evening of November 1st, that their son, Private George Dodsley, 28, had been killed in action in Italy, on October 24th, 1944. When the war broke out, George enlisted with the First Irish Regiment of Canada, and he has been overseas for two years.

Ernest Holtby suffers large loss of two barns by fire

Port Perry Star, August 31, 1944

Fire completely destroyed two barns near Manchester on Saturday, August 28th. Destroyed are a horse barn 30'x40', and a cattle and grain barn 120'x36', both owned by Ernest Holtby.

With the threshing just completed and grain stored in the barns, this year's whole crop of hay, grain and straw, along with some pigs and hens were destroyed.

An estimate of the loss has not yet been made, but the barns, which had stone foundations and wooden frames, also with their contents were only partially covered by insurance. Machinery, horses and other implements were taken to safety before the flames reached them.

Water was thrown on the roof and mills of surrounding buildings by neighbours to keep the flames from spreading to them. The farmers in the area left their work in the fields to assist in removing what they could and keep the flames confined to the two buildings.

October 1944

Charlie Bowerman made an unusual catch on Lake Scugog, a white pelican, whose native haunts are in Minnesota and Northern Saskatchewan. It is a very odd looking bird, with a large bill and expansive wing spread. The bird was donated to the Riverdale Zoo. It is thought the bird may have been blown out of its course by a recent hurricane.

Chiropractic Association announce Memorial to D.D. Palmer to be dedicated in Port Perry on July 24, 1945.

November 1944

Seventh Victory Loan over the top by \$25,000. District 'E' invests \$200,800 in Victory Bonds.

The town dump has been cleaned up again. Council spent \$100 to put the dump put in tidy shape and made it clear "where" and "where not" to dump. All dumping must be done on the left-hand side of the road as you drive in. A \$10 penalty has been imposed for violations. Warning signs have been posted.

Neil Sweetman, a former councillor, and Reeve of Port Perry for three years, died at Oshawa Hospital on November 5th, following a long illness. Mr. Sweetman also served as secretary of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society.

The Blood Clinic held on Friday, Nov. 3rd, in Port Perry, was one of the largest ever for this district. Of the 116 volunteer donors who attended, there were 111 able to donate.

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 1944

Robert 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.



View of the lakefront, just north of Palmer Park ,about 1944, shows the wharf and dockhouse in the background.

Gunman handcuffs police constables and escapes

Port Perry Star, September 23, 1944

County Constable James was driving with his brother in Oshawa when he was attracted by a speeding car. They set out on a chase along the highway towards Port Perry, at speeds between 75 and 80 miles an hour. Nearing the town the stolen car lost control and the thief jumped out and fled into the bush.

Constable James gave chase and pounced upon the fugitive, pinning him down, then dragging his prisoner to residential house where he called for Port Perry Chief Holmes to bring handcuffs.

When the Chief entered the house, and as the officers were about to handcuff the prisoner in the living-room, he jumped up from a chair and whipped-out a gun on the officers,

Members of the household and the two unarmed police officers stood spellbound as the thug waved a nickel-plated revolver and took the chief's handcuffs and snapped them on the wrists of the two officers.

He led the manacled pair out of the house to the street, muttering threats, then suddenly broke away and dashed to a motor car and fled down the highway to Oshawa.

When the officers released the handcuffs they jumped into James' car and started in pursuit. The police car ran out of gasoline and they lost race of the fugitive.

Hikes 14 miles to donate blood

Port Perry Star, August 24, 1944

The 5th Blood Donor's Mobile Clinic was held in the Port Perry High School, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and was fairly well attended by the citizens from the surrounding community.

Approximately 80 donors were on hand to give their voluntary donation to this blood bank. Special mention should be made of the patriotism of a young lad, Allan Keetch, who hitch-hiked some 14 miles to be in attendance and do his "bit" by donating blood and then taking a chance on returning home the same way.

We appreciate this lad's efforts and sincerely trust his example will prove an incentive to others to come along and help us keep up the standard of this Blood Clinic.



Port Perry Dairy and Supertest service station on Water Street, about 1940.

Chiropractic Association announce David Daniel Palmer memorial to be erected in Port Perry

Port Perry Star, October 9, 1944

Chiropractors from various parts of Canada and the United States attending the annual convention of the Ontario Chiropractors' Association in Toronto have released plans for a Dr. Palmer Memorial to be erected at Port Perry.

Port Perry was Dr. Daniel David Palmer's birthplace and, consequently, the birthplace of the science of chiropractic. The memorial will consist of a granite shaft with bronze statue of Dr. Palmer. It will be located in the Palmer Memorial Park, land for which was donated by the town of Port Perry.

The Palmer Memorial at Port Perry will be dedicated July 24, 1945, during the convention in Toronto of the International Chiropractic Convention at which between 2,000 and 3,000 chiropractors from all over the States and Canada are expected to be present.



Snow storm blocks almost all roads in and out of Port Perry

Port Perry Star, December 14, 1944

It has been many, many moons since there has been such a snow storm in southern Ontario as we have experienced during the past few days. Autos are sitting idle, the mail has been stopped or delayed; milk and bread deliveries have been held up and the schools have been closed.

Business men who are accustomed to riding to work, either stayed home, or walked – and such walking, it was a struggle!



Heavy snowfall blocks roads on Scugog Island.



Operator received Bell Telephone citation for her quick thinking

Port Perry Star, November 1944

Miss Ellen MacGregor, seated at left the Port Perry Bell Telephone office, was presented with framed citation by the company 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 performed artificial respiration successfully, to restore the lad to consciousness.

Photo above, shows the interior of the Bell Telephone office, which was located at 197 Queen St., Port Perry during the mid-1920s. Chief Operator Pearl Kent is seen seated at the desk. From left; operators working on the switchboard are Ellen MacGregor; Nora Beacock; Hilda Jeffrey and an unknown operator.



Downtown Port Perry, circa 1945, shows Queen St. with angle parking on both sides of the street.

1945



This section of downtown Port Perry shows angle parking on the south side of Queen Street during the 1940s.

1945

Port Perry blazes trail for students

Toronto Globe & Mail, January 26, 1945

Port Perry High School has found the answers to many educational problems, including the one about "how are you going to keep the boy on the farm?"

The school answer that one by teaching both farm and town boys to be successful, practical farmers. Now nine out of 10 farm-boy students take up farming as a life work.

Boys and girls in their early teens have made hundreds of dollars at "agricultural projects," which are part of their school examinations and which city teachers would class as homework. Under the school principal's direction individual students have raised pigs and chickens for profit, grown turnips and potatoes with high return, reforested waste areas with free trees for future Christmases and built workshop in which they make articles for sale to the public.

The school hasn't been content with teaching both academic and practical subjects to children, but also has opened evening classes for adults. Men and women make bedroom suites and other furniture in the school workshop. Women of all ages from brides-to-be to grandmothers, learn how to make clothes for themselves, for men and for children.

Bookkeeping and typing also are also taught.

Three robberies in one night

Port Perry Star, March 1, 1945

Friday night was unlucky for Port Perry. Three places of business, Jackson Implement shop, Beare Motor Sales and Gerrow's Bakeshop were all robbed.

At the Jackson premises, some \$30 in cash was secured, and the thieves certainly made a mess of the office, hunting for something, we don't know what. It is thought that they tried to take the auto, but it didn't start for them; so they went to Beare Motors and took Mr. Parrish's car which had been stored there.

Their next visit was to the Gerrow Bakery, where they picked up a couple of dollars, and probably something to eat.

One piece good news about the affair is that Mr. Parrish's car, uninjured, was recovered at the West end of St. Clair Ave., Toronto. Evidently the drivers ran out of gas there, and not having the proper coupons for more, abandoned the car.

There is, we believe, such a thing as a burglar alarm for the town. The idea should be worth investigating.

WAR NEWS!

Killed in action

Mrs. Edith Andrews received word that her son Trp. Fred A. Andrews, 25, was killed in action in Italy on December 17, 1944. Fred was married to a Toronto girl, Helen May Avery, on July 15, just 12 days before returning to battle in July 1944.

Wounded

Gnr. Norman Gilboord, 24, Royal Canadian Artillery, suffered the loss of his right arm as the result injuries received in battle in Holland, Nov. 26, 1944.

Killed in action

Flying Officer William (Bill) Leahy was killed on active service overseas on December 31, 1944. Bill enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on December 13, 1942.

Returns home

Major James R. MacBrien, oldest son of Sir James MacBrien, returned to his home in Port Perry on Sunday after five years' service overseas with the British army in European and Eastern theatres of war.

Awarded DFC

Flying Officer Edgar Emerson, of Nestleton, has been awarded the DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross). He was overseas for 17 months, before completing his tour of operations.

Awarded British Medal

Flight Lieut. Ernie J. Salter, formerly of Greenbank, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the King's "New Year's Honour List". During his service with the Royal Flying Corps, he brought down 18 German planes and was awarded the Croix de Guerre for excellent courage.

Killed in action

The family of Pilot Officer William Murray Aldred, who was reported missing in action in July 1944, has received news that their son was killed in action and buried in Germany. Mr. Aldred enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in March 1942, received his wings the following year, and was posted overseas in June 1944.

Wounded

Private Rae M. Webster, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Webster, was reported as seriously wounded in action in March 1945.

Stalag Prisoner Released

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.

ROBBERIES PLAGUE BANK OF COMMERCE

Four bank robbers force bank manager to open vault

Port Perry Star, April 26 1945

The circumstances of the robbery, briefly told, were:

Mr. Ernie Hayes was walking near John Murray's home when a man stepped up behind him and said, "Are you Mr. Hayes, manager of the Bank of Commerce?" Turning to see his questioner, he was confronted by four men wearing masks, who took him for a ride into the country, before returning and compelling him to unlock the bank and vault.



Ernie Hayes

Mr. Hayes did as he was told, and the thieves took the strong box containing silver. They then locked Mr. Hayes in the vault and departed.

Mr. Hayes made his escape by using a screw drive on the inner lock, which was kept in the vault for emergencies.

Bank held up, lock staff in vault

Toronto Globe & Mail, August 7, 1945

Two men, and possibly a third, held up the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch in Port Perry early this afternoon and escaped with an amount of currency estimated at perhaps \$2,500.

Three employees of the bank, H.W. Dawson, Miss Margaret Day and Miss Audrey Kerry, were locked in the bank vault while two men leisurely removed all the money from the till.

The two men came into the bank about 2:15 carrying revolvers and just stuck us up, bank employees said. "They ordered us into the vault and remind in the bank for half an hour, we think. Then we managed to unlock the door and get out to give the alarm."

It was believed a third man might have been in a get-away car at the door of the bank, the manager said, "but since we didn't see him, we don't know".

Exactly how much was taken in the robbery was in doubt tonight, with employees checking over the funds. "We didn't have a great deal of cash on the premises since this was a Monday," it was stated, "but we're not exactly sure how much was taken. They got what cash we did have in the till though".

Toronto police were notified of the robbery shortly after it occurred and are watching for a car in which it is believed the men may have left the summer resort town.

Fires shotgun at fleeing pair

Toronto Globe & Mail, August 29, 1945

Two men made an unsuccessful attempt early today to rob the post office in Port Perry. They fled when disturbed, after having wheeled the safe out on a platform at the rear of the building.

I.R. Bentley, jeweller, who lives in his store across from the post office, saw two men in front of the post office acting suspiciously about 3 a.m. He contacted the telephone operator at the telephone office and she phoned Police Chief George Holmes.

By the time Holmes reach the scene the men had gone. Later two men drove up again in a car and got out at the post office. When they spotted the chief and the jeweller they got into their car and raced away. Bentley shot two round from his shotgun into the speeding car.

It was the second outbreak of major crime here in the month. On August 6, \$2,832. was taken from the Bank of Commerce branch in a daylight robbery.



The Canadian Bank of Commerce, about 1945, on Queen Street.



Chairman appreciates community

Port Perry Star, May 10, 1945

As Chairman of the Community V-E Day Committee, I would like to thank the various ministers of the village for arranging special religious services in each of their Churches as soon as victory was declared.

That these services were appreciated was shown by the large turnout of our citizens and friends from the surrounding country.

Special thanks is due Mr. Cecil Ptolemy, Mr. Sulman and Mr. Leahy for their splendid work in arranging the bonfire and the burning of Hitler's effigy, as well as the street dance, on the night of the holiday.

With the generosity of Mr. Samuel Griffen, Mr. Milton Goode and Mr. Clifford Love supplying their truck and the assistance of the Boy Scouts, three loads of pine stumps supplied by Mr. Carter, of Scugog Island, made the event possible.

Thanks are also due to Bob Dowson and Lloyd Harrison for getting their musicians together to supply music for dancing. Mrs. Whitmore and Mrs. Griffen supplied the coffee and sandwiches to help keep the boys warm, so they could play on such a cool evening.

Thanks to one and all who assisted in making these two nights such a success.

W. M. Letcher

Chairman of V-E Day Cam.

Port Perry, Reach and Scugog win Victory Loan Plaque

Port Perry Star, May 24, 1945

The citizens of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog have once more shown just what they really can do in the way of buying Victory Loan Bonds.

The community wins the "Victory Loan Plaque" for the County of Ontario, for securing 137% of its objective in the recent Victory Loan Campaign. The amount of the objective was \$190,000., and the amount purchased for investment was \$259,700. This represents \$69,700 more than our objective.

The entire County of Ontario objective was \$4,900,000. The total amount invested was \$5,754,850. The best record so far.

Dr. Roy S. Irwin has opened his office in the Queen St. property formerly owned by Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, and presently occupied by Dr. H. H. Armstrong.

Welcome Home

One by one our soldier men are returning to their homes in Port Perry and vicinity. The latest contingent included—L. A. C. Garnet Weir, Pte. Grant McDermott, and Gnr. Kenneth Hillier.

It is good to see them home again; and words are inadequate to express the appreciation of the people of this community for the sacrifice and service they have rendered to the cause of freedom in the world.

Pte. Grant McDermott and Gnr. Kenneth Hillier are going on to the Pacific war area. They are home on thirty days leave. They realize that the war is not over yet, and have made up their minds to do their part. Each of these men have given about three years service in the European war.

After three and a half years overseas service, L. A. C. Garnet Weir came home on Tuesday night. A short time ago Garnet married an English girl, who will follow later, there being no provision in his contingent for bringing war brides.

Front page story printed in the Port Perry Star, July 19, 1945.

Welcome home for Port Perry boys

Port Perry Star, July 26, 1945

A happy social reunion for those returning from the armed services was held in the community room of the Public Library. The affair was sponsored by the "Welcoming and Rehabilitation" committee.

Eighteen of the returned men were present and each was accompanied by a friend. These, together with the Committee, made a happy party. The Community Room was very beautifully decorated for the occasion. Brief addresses of welcome were given by Reeve Letcher, J.E. Jackson, Chairman of the Post War Committee, Rev. W.C. Smith, representing the Churches; and Samuel Farmer, chairman of the Welcoming and Rehabilitation Committee.

June 1945

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.



Ernie R. McClellan

The boys of Port Perry are gradually arriving home from overseas. During this past week, we are glad to welcome back; L.A.C. Harold Hayes, L.A.C. Dennis Fralick, L.A.C. John Christie and Sget. Ivan Kerry, all of the R.C.A.F.

A nine foot snake, which escaped from a circus cage, is on the loose and the last time it was seen was on the Sager property at Prince Albert.

July 1945

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.



Garage owned by Murray Williams, located on the southwest corner of Queen and John Street in 1945.

Election Bet Paid

Port Perry Star, June 14, 1945

Monday was Election Day, and as if everyone were not aware of the fact, on Monday evening there was a bit of celebrating when a band came out from Oshawa. There was music, shouting and a great deal of noise.

Tuesday was a day with some fun when an election bet was paid. At 1.00 p.m., Mr. W.S. Taylor received a ride in a wheelbarrow down Queen street, pushed by Fred G. Christie, who was dressed in white coveralls and wore a sign on his back, "Darn it! I lost."

Great was the heckling from the sidelines, as Fred and "Bill" gradually made their way along the block.



As loser of an election bet, in 1937, Doug Frayer pushed Tom Jackson from Caesarea to Port Perry in a wheelbarrow. This was repeated again in 1945, when Fred Christie pushed W.S. Taylor down Queen St., after losing an election bet.

August 1945

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.

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.

Port Perry Star, August 2, 1945

The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Flying Officer Ivan G. Kerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.G. Kerry of Port Perry.

September 1945

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.

New DeNure bus line begins

Port Perry Star, August 2, 1945

Mr. Fred DeNure has started his new bus line, from Port Perry to Peterboro. The bus will leave from the Sebert House, Port Perry and travel through Caesarea, Bethany and stopping at Market Square, Peterboro.



One of DeNure Bus Lines' busses, pictured in 1958.

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 1945

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 1945

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 1945

Joel Aldred notified he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Citizens provide Post-war suggestions for community improvements

Port Perry Star, July 26, 1945

The Port Perry Citizens' Post-War Committee published a number of suggestions from local citizens for improvements to the town. They included:

Laying pipes along the north side of the the road in the gully, to alleviate the unpleasant odour and condition of that section of Queen Street.

Installation of a bend or two on the Town Hall grounds, to welcome the tired sightseers who might be travelling by foot.

Create an attractive "sunken garden" by the creek running alongside the bowling green, to beautify for the benefit for town people and visitors to the town.

Lake Scugog is the town's greatest natural asset and despite the fact that many scorn and ridicule its waters, it is the reason for the town being here. Suggestion to clean out the two bays which border on the town with a sand-sucker and restock the lake each year with fish.

Thieves break into home

Port Perry Star, August 16, 1945

On Wednesday evening around ten-thirty, a break-in was effected through a rear door at the home of Mrs. Wm. MacGregor. Mr. R. Wells returned home about that time and surprised the two culprits.

When he opened the door, they rushed out, knocking down Mr. Wells, and made good their escape. All drawers had been ransacked and mattresses on the beds searched.

After a check-up had been made, two flashlights seem to be the only missing articles. Chief Holmes is investigating.



The Observer Printing Office operated from this building until it was purchased in the spring of 1945 by Ivan Haugen, who remodelled and opened the Delicataria "Del" Restaurant. Years later, during the 1950s, Mr. Haugen opened up the well-known "Haugen's Chicken Barbecue" resaurant on Hwy. #12, at Manchester.

PLANS FOR PALMER MEMORIAL PARK

Committee formed to lay plans for park to honour former resident

Port Perry Star, September 27, 1945

An important piece of work is being done at our waterfront on Lake Scugog, in making over the old railway property into a beautiful Park and Playgrounds.

Back in 1938 members of the National Chiropractors Association of Canada and United States, approached our Town Council, asking if they would be allowed to do something for the good of the Town in the form of a Memorial to the late Daniel David Palmer, founder of Chiropractics, who was born in Port Perry in March 1845.

They were given permission and we well remember the day in July 1938, that hundreds of Chiropractors and their friends from all over Canada and the United States, made us a visit to dedicate a piece of ground at the waterfront toward that objective and were almost drowned by one of the heaviest rain storms on record.

Since that day, the Palmer Memorial Committee headed by J.C. Clubine, D.C., Toronto and J.A. Schnick, D.C., Hamilton; along with local committee members – Cyril Jeffrey, Frederick Kent, William MacGregor, Harold R. Archer, James Carnegie, Samuel Griffen, Grant Gerrow (Chairman), Herb Brooks, and Reeve Merlin Letcher have been kept busy laying plans for this Memorial Park.

The Chiropractors have decided to place a bust of the late Daniel David Palmer in the park as their



Town's first bandstand, located near the southeast corner of Queen and Water Street, was moved into the park.

Memorial. Near this, a massive flag pole will be erected and will fly the British and American flags. The first block (approximately 300 feet square) south of Queen St. will be made into a beautiful grassed park with shrubs and trees set out as soon as possible while the next block to the south will be made suitable for sports such as soft ball and tennis and playgrounds for children.

Proper parking spaces are being planned as well, and heavy machinery from A.E. Jupp Construction Co.

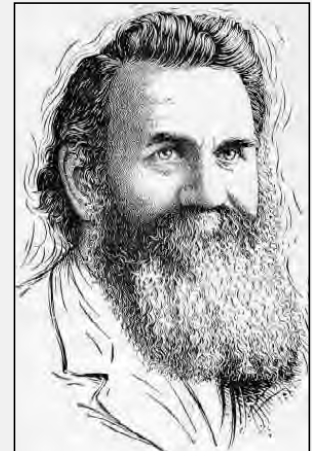
of Toronto has been working on moving earth and levelling the first block and the bandstand has already been moved to centre of same.

The intention of Committee was to level the second block for playgrounds while this machinery was here but this could not be done at this time.

The National Chiropractor's Association intend spending several thousands of dollars on this project which will be a lasting Memorial and a credit to their members. The above work is being supervised by Engineer Fred Christie of Manchester, assisted by Herbert Brooks of the Town Council Property Committee. These men seem to know their work as can be easily seen by the improvement already shown.

The Provincial Highways Department have been approached by council regarding condition of cement road on Water St. in front of this property and they have agreed to resurface same this fall, which will add to the appearance of the new Park.

Now that the ban on conventions has been lifted, The National Chiropractor's Association intend holding their postponed 1945 Annual Convention in the City of Toronto during July 1946. This convention lasts one week and one day is set aside for all members and their friends to visit Port Perry for the unveiling of their Memorial and the official opening of the new Palmer Memorial Park. Many notables are expected to be present for this occasion. A very warm welcome will be awaiting our many friends on this day by the citizens of Port Perry and district.



Daniel David Palmer



The Delicataria "Del" restaurant was opened in 1945 by Ivan Haguen, seen standing in the doorway.



The entire building can't been seen in this picture, circa 1945, but this was the old Serbert House Hotel, built in 1885 after the fire which destroyed Port Perry commerical district. It was torn down in 1979 to make way for a new CIBC building which opened the following year.

Major James MacBrien practicing law in Ontario County

Port Perry Star, August 16, 1945

Major James MacBrien today informed the Port Perry Star, that he having received news of his indefinite release from the Army, he is now free to place his legal services at the disposal of Ontario County. Jim MacBrien is residing between the MacBrien home at Port Perry and the Genosha Hotel, Oshawa.



James MacBrien

In Oshawa for business purposes, Jim MacBrien can be contacted at 6 Simcoe Street North in the offices of R. D. Humphreys, well known local Barrister, with whom he is associated.

Port Perry bank robber shot in the back at Montreal bank

Port Perry Star, August 16, 1945

Identified as taking part in the robbery of the the Bank of Commerce in Port Perry on August 6th, Joseph Pettier of Windsor, was shot in the back as he attempted to flee from a Montreal bank last Friday.

An accomplice, believed to be Ulysses Lauzon, who was in a car outside, escaped. The stolen car used in Montreal was recovered with \$20,000 in bonds in the back seat. Pettier had entered the bank to cash some bonds, of which the serial numbers corresponded with bonds stolen previously.

Town and township leaders discuss new or improved hospital facilities

Port Perry Star, October 12, 1945

A meeting was held in the Port Perry Hospital on Wednesday evening of last week that may inaugurate a movement for improved and extended hospital service for the Municipalities of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright.

Among those attending the meeting were Reeve Merlin Letcher, Port Perry; Russell Hood, Scugog Island; Reeve Norman Green, Cartwright and Mr. Grant Christie, Reach.

Mr. Cyril C. Jeffrey, presiding over the meeting, pointed out that the local hospital was the only one in an area that had an approximate population of 8,000 people. In cases of emergency in this community, if hospital accommodation is not available in Port Perry, the patient must be carried either to Oshawa, Lindsay, or Peterborough, or some more distant hospital centre.

The cost of building a modernly equipped hospital is estimated at \$5,000 a bed. With a population of 8,000 to be served, the hospital should have a 25 bed capacity, instead of twelve as at present. The general trend of the discussion was that it was neither wise nor necessary to build a complete new hospital at this time owing to comparative scarcity of building materials, and the high cost of labor. The present structure, on John Street, could be remodelled internally, and a wing added.

Mrs. Nellie Whitmore gave a statement of the work of the Port Perry Hospital for the past six months, as follows: obstetrical cases, 14; medical cases, 16; minor operation, 41; major operations, 22.

Mr. T.J. Telfer, Inspector of Hospitals for the Province of Ontario, suggested a fact finding committee be formed. The committee was elected, consisting of the Reeves of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright, and Mr. Cyril Jeffrey, and Mr. Grant Christie.



Port Perry Hospital was located in this yellow brick house, located on John Street, Port Perry in 1945.



The Presbyterian Church, Queen St., Port Perry, 1945.

Destructive lightning strikes at Greenbank damages home

Port Perry Star, November 8, 1945

Amos Rodd's house, near Greenbank, came in for a bad mauling in the freak electrical storm Tuesday night of last week. Mr. Harold W. Emmerson, who is agent for the company carrying Mr. Rodd's insurance, says that in twenty years' experience, he has never seen so great destruction from a single lightning storm.

Here are some of the results of that electric striking. Just north of the house is a row of some 12 or 15 trees, every one of which was struck, and a gaping hole was made in the ground. The brick work in the northwest corner of the house had a great hole punched in it. The plaster was badly broken in every room but one. The electric wiring was put out of commission, and was badly burned. The transformer on the pole across the road was destroyed. The electrician says this was fortunate; otherwise the house might have been burned.

All the doors and windows were blown out and the glass broken. The storm seemed to have special spite against the room in the northwest corner where Mr. Rodd's daughter usually slept. Fortunately the lady was away in Toronto. Everything in that room was smashed – dressing table, mirror, bureau, the latter having the drawers tumbled on the floor. It was a complete job, if ever there was one.

The family all escaped injury as they slept in the south side of the house; and it was not until morning that they realized how great had been the damage done. It is pleasing to know that the loss is completely covered by insurance.

Bank robbers receive 35 year jail sentence

Toronto Globe & Mail, November 3, 1945

Ulyssee Lauzon, 23, and Joseph Peltier, 19, were sentenced to a total of 35 years each in penitentiary after pleading guilty charges of bank robbery and jail breaking. Walter Koresky, 22, was sentenced to 15 years after conviction on two bank robbery charges. All three are from Windsor.

Lauzon and Peltier were convicted on the same four charges; robberies of the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch at Ayr, May 9, the Royal Bank of Canada branch at Bath, August 20 and the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch at Port Perry, August 6. The Port Perry hold-up netted \$2,832.

Koresky received 12 years for the Bath robbery and three for the hold-up in Port Perry.

Other charges against Lauzon and Peltier were withdrawn in connection with the second robbery at Port Perry.

Bank of Commerce manager retires

Port Perry Star, November 22, 1945

Having reached the age of retirement, Mr. Ernie R. Hayes, who has been local manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce since April 1931, has been succeeded by Mr. J.R. Helm, of Bloomfield.

Mr. Hayes and his family have been excellent citizens and it is a real pleasure to know that for the present, at least, these good people will remain in Port Perry. We should miss them very greatly in so many ways if they moved away.

Mr. Hayes, has proved to be a most willing helper in all public welfare work, such as Victory Loan, Red Cross, I.O.D.E., Lions Club, etc., etc. No matter what it was for general welfare, he was always doing his bit. In Church work it was the same with the ladies of the family. Mrs. Hayes and her daughters have been mainstays in church activities.

It is good to see Harold following in his father's foot-steps. Just now, he is teller, in the Bank here. Billy is also teller in the Ajax Bank.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Helm and son to Port Perry. At present the housing situation is a serious problem, and it may be that complete settling will be delayed for some time,

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Archer Motor Sales was selling gas on Queen Street in this circa 1945 picture.

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W.M. Letcher retires after 15 year career in politics

Port Perry Star, January 10, 1946

W. Merlin Letcher, who has served as reeve of Port Perry for the past 13 years, is retiring after a 15 year career in municipal service. The senior member of the Ontario County, he was Warden in 1937 and has served on many committees, acting as Chairman of Finance and Assessment for several years.



W. Merlin Letcher

He has been chairman of the committee for the district of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog during most of the Victory Loan campaigns. This year's financial report for the Village of Port Perry shows surpluses in all departments and total tax arrears at only \$1,500.

He has been thoroughly conversant with County and Municipal matters, and has been chiefly responsible for putting Port Perry financial affairs in the excellent condition we now find them.

Knitting Mill to set up shop in Port Perry

Port Perry Star, January 10, 1946

Port Perry has received word of a new addition to its industrial life, in the coming of the Lakeshore Knitting Company, from Toronto. Mr. Norman Tease and his son, Grant, expect to employ a number of local women, one production gets set up.

The Lakeshore Knitting Co., has secured a location in the block owned by Mr. Jonathan Blong, of Port Perry.

United Church marks its Diamond Jubilee

Port Perry Star, January 31, 1946

Last Wednesday evening was a gala occasion in Port Perry United Church. It was the social side of the Diamond Jubilee.

First there was a banquet, in the gloriously decorated banquet hall. More than 400 people enjoyed that delightful chicken dinner.

Mrs. A.J. Davis was especially interested in the jubilee, for Mrs. Davis was a Charter Member; and the late Mr. A.J. Davis was cheerleader in those early days.

The following charter members were presented with a specially prepared "Historical Sketch" - Mrs. A.J. Davis, Mrs. A.W. Allin, Mr. Samuel Jeffrey, Mr. W.L. Parrish, Mrs. Robert Town and Mrs. William Ross. Only Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Allin were able to be present.

Port Perry Star, January 31, 1946

Squad 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.



Port Perry Lawn Bowling clubhouse, on Queen Street, during winter of 1946.



Port Perry Junior "C" Hockey Team 1946. - Back left, Sam Naples, Jack Whitmore, Barry Howie, Bill Taylor, Jack Starkey, Gus Bodnar, Harry Camplin, Bruce Beare, Gord Goode, Doug Hillier, Art Sheridan, Ernie Botterill, Ross Murray. Front left, Mac Christie, Poke Booth, Bob Williams, Don Pargeter, Charlie Reesor, Gord Mark, Bob Leeder, Ross Sweetman. Seated in front, Ab James.

Peel Brother's chicks shipped by air express to USA

Port Perry Star, February 14, 1946

On Tuesday, February 5th, a shipment of 200 baby chicks was made by Peel Bros., from Toronto to Bellingham, Washington, by Air Express, a distance of approximately 3000 miles.

This is the second trial shipment of baby chicks by Air Express in Canada and are reported to have all arrived alive and in good condition. The time given from Toronto to Bellingham is 20 hours under normal conditions and the average room temperature of the express room in the plane is 70 degrees.

The shipment was made to the Washington Co-operative Chick Association, and the chicks were of the "fast feathering" strain of Barred Rocks developed by Peel Bros.

Young man hitch-hikes 4,200 miles

Port Perry Star, February 14, 1946

Pte. Hugh MacMillan, having received his discharge from the Army, has recently done a record bit of hitch-hiking. He has covered a distance of some 4,200 miles in a matter of a couple of weeks. His travels took him to Texas and Mexico.

He was accompanied by his friend, Willys Egan, of Ottawa. Fortune favoured the travellers, who found the auto drivers very considerate and capable of making long distances in record time.

Mr. MacMillan enjoyed the trip greatly, and was much taken with Texas. Some idea of the speed of the hitch-hiking jaunt may be gathered from the fact that he posted a card in Oklahoma, and arrived home six hours before delivery of the card.

Hugh is a son of Rev. J.A. MacMillan, of Port Perry.

Rod and Gun Club formed in Port Perry

Port Perry Star, March 7, 1946

At a meeting held in the Public Library Community Room, a Rod and Gun Club was formed upon motion of Messrs. Otis Hamilton and Cecil Heayn.

The following officers were elected: President, Arthur Brock; Vice-President, Otis Hamilton; Sec.-Treasurer, Grant Jeffrey; Directors, George White, Cecil Heayn, Earl Sweetman, A. Baldwin.

It was decided that the membership fee be \$1.00 per year.

At the second meeting, a week later, the members discussed having the property in front of the lake cleared of the weeds to beautify the waterfront. They also discussed the marker buoys in the channel which are broken and summered, and are hazardous to small craft.

Times bring many changes for Port Perry's private hospital

Port Perry Star, April 25, 1946

Through the passing of years, the Port Perry Hospital has been taken for granted. Mrs. Grace Swan carried on for a number of years without much assistance. Then Miss Fisher took over, and finally 17 years ago Mrs. Whitmore took over the hospital and has been carrying on ever since.



Grace Swan

During these years the Hospital has maintained a high degree of efficiency considering the limited funds and equipment at their disposal. Mrs. Nellie Whitmore is still operating the Hospital, but once more another change is rapidly approaching. Mrs. Whitmore plans to leave Port Perry so she can live with her son while he is attending college.

During all these years, a public benefit to this Village and the surrounding Townships has been carried on by one woman, through years of depression and prosperity, war and peace. The time has come when citizens must assume some responsibility in operating our hospital, for it must not be allowed to be closed. It is badly needed and serves a large territory which would be without hospital service.



Nellie Whitmore



P.G. Morrison Drug Store, beside the Port Perry Post office, 1945.

Mulligan buried in France

Port Perry Star, April 18, 1946

Flying Officer George Harold Mulligan is buried at Cussy-les Forges, after his aircraft crashed at Presle, Yonne.

Witnesses of the crash state that no member of the crew baled out. The aircraft was flying low, attacked closely, by fighters, as if seeking a place to land and evidently in distress. On landing it blew up and the entire crew lost their lives at that time.

Morrison's Drug Store sold

Port Perry Star, May 3, 1946

Among the many business changes in Port Perry, is the sale by Mrs. P.G. Morrison's drug store, to Mr. Stanley Bruton, of Toronto, a brother of Rev. E.G. Bruton, of the Church of the Ascension, Port Perry.



Stanley Bruton

It is just twenty-seven years this May that Mr. Patrick G. Morrison purchased this drug business from Mr. Orval Byer, and carried it on successfully until his lengthy illness, and death, four years ago. It was then taken over and capably run ever since by Mrs. Morrison.

The large circle of customers, both in town and throughout the surrounding countryside, will learn with much regret that "Morrison's" is to change hands. Mrs. Morrison, who is leaving shortly to make her home with her sister, in Caledonia.



E.H. Purdy's store, right, was located beside Cawker's Butcher Shop, until purchased by the Cawker's in 1946.

A.B. Cawker purchases Purdy Block

Port Perry Star, March 28, 1946

Among the most notable business changes in Port Perry recently, is the sale of the E.H. Purdy Block to Mr. Albert B. Cawker. This building had been in the Purdy family for over 50 years. The sale was made by Mr. Cecil Purdy. We congratulate Mr. Cawker upon acquiring this fine property.

Businessmen's meeting notes changes in owners

Port Perry Star, April 25, 1946

The Port Perry Business Men's Association held their annual meeting at the Sebert House last week. Mr. Sam Griffen presided, and the business reports and agenda were carried forward in good parliamentary style.

New members were introduced, and business changes noted. The Venture Restaurant has passed into the hands of the Kerry family; Robertson Electric is newly established here; the Taylor Eating House has been taken over by William Taylor's sons, Jimmy and Bill.

Harry Peel has purchased, the Parrish Hardware business; Murray Williams has bought what was known as the Standard Garage; Keith Hooey is carrying on in a garage erected by himself; a new and important business is the Lakeside Knitting Company, operated by Mr. Norman Tease and his sons; the Massey-Harris agency has been taken over by Mr. Lloyd Morrow; and Mrs. P.G. Morrison has sold her drugstore' business to Mr. Stanley Bruton.



Port Perry Star, March 21, 1946

Mr. Harry Peel has purchased the hardware business of W.L. Parrish, which has operated in Port Perry for the past 75 years.



Looking east toward the lake, on Queen Street, Port Perry about 1946.

Port Perry streets signs

Port Perry Star, May 3, 1946

The new street signs are up. That is good news, for they are simply constructed, easily read, and because of the glass front can be read at night by the passing auto driver.

No longer will it be necessary to tell the inquirer that Crandell Street starts at Ted Jackson's corner; that Rosa Street runs north past the school; that Lilla Street runs north and south at the Town Hall corner. The street signs are a distinct move in the right direction.

New Baptist Church is dedicated.

Port Perry Star, May 16, 1946

The members of the Baptist Church have succeeded in erecting a new building, on the site of the former structure which is now an exhibition building at the Fair Grounds.

Most of the Port Perry Baptists put money and much personal labor into the project; and on Thursday evening of last week, the Dedication service was held, with Rev. William Dynes, Toronto, preaching the sermon. Rev. James Taylor, the local pastor, spoke briefly. His address was one of thankfulness.

Special mention was made of the very practical assistance given by, the Baptist people from Oshawa, without which it is not likely the church could have been built. As it is, the building is nicely seated, has a good piano, a furnace for heating, and is simply but suitably trimmed inside.

Best of all the work so far has been done so economically that the debt incurred is at present less than three hundred dollars.

Board seeks charter for Community Memorial Hospital

Port Perry Star, June 13, 1946

A committee composed of the Reeves and Councillors of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright together with private citizens, it has been decided to purchase the Port Perry Hospital, and to take over all equipment and supplies as well as the-land and buildings.

The public hospital will operate under the name of "Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry", in honour of those who served in the Second World War.

It will be operated and controlled by a Board of Governors. The Board, will comprise 16-20 members, including Reeves of the communities; two appointees named by the councils, and private citizens.

A charter has been applied for from the Dominion Government and should be ready within a few days.

Contributions toward the purchase, maintenance and equipping this hospital will be solicited within a short time, and the Committee is asking that all individuals and organizations be as generous as possible in making donations, when the appeal is made. The financial objective of the Committee is \$15,000.00 by September 1st, 1946.

Port Perry Star, April 1946

Mr. Samuel Farmer resigns, after serving more than 31 years on the Board of Education, and was presented a lovely cabinet of silver cutlery.



Birdseye Centre Cabin Park

Port Perry Star, May 23, 1946

Birdseye Center Cabin Park has operated since 1940, and now has eight modern cabins, a swimming pool, a 60 foot wharf, and a private washroom for cabin occupants, which includes flush toilets, wash basins, laundry tubs, and the installation of showers is under construction. The change-house at the rear of the swimming pool has flush toilets and wash basins.

During the past six years a little over 44,200 children and adults have used the swimming pool. Mr. Michelle is very strict on the conduct of the park's patrons and does not tolerate, profane language, smart alecks, or the over indulgence of intoxicants.

Cabins are all equipped with bedding, inner-spring mattresses on steel beds, hand towels, cutlery, dishes, two burner hot plate, wood stove, ice-box, electric lights, cooking



utensils, table, chairs.

Birdseye Center Cabin Park received an indenture from the Toronto Star giving them the exclusive right to use the name of Birdseye Center as a commercial enterprise.

At the entrance to the grounds there is a booth, where you can purchase soft drinks, ice cream, candies, post cards, fishing equipment, bathing suits, cigars, cigarettes and souvenirs.



James McKee's cabins, located at the south end of Lake Scugog, near the entrance to the causeway.



North side of Queen Street, circa 1945, shows the Dominion grocery store, and Robertson's Electric.

Garbage Collection begins in Port Perry

Port Perry Star, July 25, 1946

Council has awarded the garbage collection contract to Walter Symes at \$1,500 per annum, in monthly payments commencing Friday, August 1, 1946. Thereafter, every Tuesday and Friday morning, collection will take place in the Business Section; and residential streets will be collected all-day Friday.

Port Perry citizens are urged to co-operate with the collector by having their garbage cans in front of their premises in good time. He in turn will assist the citizens in order to make this venture a success. You are also urged to procure suitable galvanized containers with covers for this purpose. These can be obtained from your hardware store in time if ordered now. Your kitchen refuse should be drained and wrapped.



This building, located on Perry St., just south of the present Municipal Office, was the Port Perry Treasurer's office during the 1940s. After the treasurer's office was relocated in November 1953, the building was moved to the corner of the Hwy. 7&12 and the Concession 8, where it was used as a store.

Hospital project gets a generous infusion of cash from S. Jeffrey

Port Perry Star, July 4, 1946

At a meeting held in the Town Hall, regarding a new hospital, Mr. T.K. Creighton, MPP of Oshawa said that estimating the community population of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright, about 8,000, the Port Perry Hospital should have from 20-25 beds, or about twice as many as are there at present.



Samuel Jeffrey

Mr. Creighton said that most smaller hospitals operated at cost, but the capital outlay for buildings and equipment requires financing secured by private subscription and municipal grants.

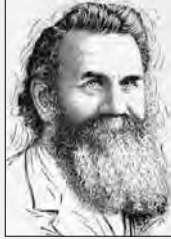
Dr. M.B. Dymond paid tribute to those who for many years had given such efficient hospital service, and continued saying that the need for expansion is becoming more evident all the time, for hospital facilities in other centre are inadequate to accommodate outsiders.

Mr. Samuel Jeffrey was the first to donate, with a subscription of \$1,000. Before the meeting was over, \$3,750. had been secured.

Chiropractor Association of America honours Port Perry's Daniel David Palmer

Port Perry Star, August 1, 1946

Wednesday, August 14th, 1946, was a great day in Port Perry and in the history of the Chiropractic Association of America; the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to Daniel David Palmer, the Founder of Chiropractic.



D.D. Palmer

The unveiling ceremony was carried out by Hon. Mr. Michener, Provincial Secretary for the Province of Ontario. The Dedication Service was conducted by Rev. E. Crossley Hunter, of Winnipeg.

The portrait bust (in bronze) was designed and executed by the noted sculptor, Emmanuel Hahn. The bust surmounts a simple stone shaft, and is located on the north-west corner of Palmer

Memorial Park, which faces Lake Scugog. The base of the Memorial bears this inscription:

"I have never considered it beneath my dignity to relieve human suffering." D.D. Palmer.

Daniel David Palmer was born March 7th, 1845, and died October 20, 1913.



Coal and ice company purchased

Port Perry Star, September 5, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Santer, and daughter have moved to Port Perry. They come from Niagara, and Mr. Santer has purchased the Coal and Ice business from the Lake Scugog Lumber and Coal Co.

The coal office will remain as at present, and Mr. Samuel Griffen, who is retaining the lumber and builders' supplies, will have his office shortly moved to Queen Street, next to Greer's Office in the Blong Block.

Port Perry Band elects officers

Port Perry Star, October 3, 1946

At a meeting of the Port Perry Band last week, the following officers were elected: President, Bruce Snelgrove; Vice-President, Wilfred Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, Gordon Reesor; Bandmaster, Victor P. Stouffer; Librarian W. E. Webster, Asst. to Bandmaster, Arthur Asher.

With this slate of officers and a number of old and new enthusiastic bandmen, we are sure the band will be producing some fine music in the near future. Practices are to be held each Tuesday night in the Oddfellows' Club Room.

Port Perry Star, October, 1946

Port Perry Yacht Club starts up again, after being dormant for a number years during the war.

F.A. (Bill) Baker is Commodore.

Wm. Dobson served as clerk for Reach township for 31 years

Port Perry Star, October 3, 1946

On Monday, October 7th, one of the oldest residents of Manchester, Mr. William F. Dobson, passed away. Born on the farm of his parents, Mr. Joshua Dobson and Charlotte Thompson, in 1869, he spent all his life here, taking a business course at Albert College, Belleville. Fifty-five years ago, he married Ada A. Colwell, of Port Perry and Oakwood.



William Dobson

For thirty-one years he was Clerk of Reach Township, retiring in the year 1938. During his term of office, Mr. Dobson made contract with many people, all of whom respected and honoured him.

He was always ready to share his knowledge with those who needed it and to lend a helping hand in time of need. In earlier years he was very active the church and social life. He was Past Master of Fidelity Lodge, A.V. & A.M. and a member of the Lions Club, Port Perry.

Since retiring from active life, he and his wife have lived quietly at their home in Manchester. His passing is deeply mourned by friends, far and near, and their deepest sympathy is extended to his wife.

The funeral service was held at his late residence on Thursday, October 10, and was conducted by Rev. Clifford Smith, Port Perry, assisted by Mr. J. Young, Oshawa. Interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

Yacht Club scavenger hunt

Port Perry Star, November 7, 1946

About 50 enthusiast "scavengers" gather at the Library to receive instruction and a list of 20 articles for the Yacht Club "scavenger hunt". The participants were divided into groups and a two hour time limit was set, to collect the articles and to meet at Frayer's Pavilion, Caesarea.

Beverly Kent's group came in first, followed by Bill Beare's team, and in third was Gordon Robertson's group. Among the items to be collected were a copper nickel, wig, bustle, 4-inch spike, "Fog Eye" Jackson's signature on a sheet of toilet paper, dressmaker's dummy; gasoline ration book; box of Jello; burnt out 100 watt bullet, old style dollar bill, life preserve and more.



Port Perry Municipal Office was moved into the left side unit of this building in 1947. It was formerly known as the "Ebbel's Block", and is located at 160 Queen Street.



Port Perry Memorial Library, as seen in 1935, when it opened.

Wreaths laid at library in memory of war veterans

Port Perry Star, November 14, 1946

There was a good turnout in the parade of Veterans of World War I and II. Four wreaths were placed in the Memorial Library – from Veterans, by Stanley Guyton; the I.O.D.E., by the Regent, Mrs. J.S. MacFarlane; the Village of Port Perry by Reeve Fred Reesor, and the Province of Ontario by Robert Tetlow.

The parade than proceeded to the United Church, where they were joined by the members of Scugog Chapter. I.O.D.E., and the Boy Scouts. The church was filled to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in the two great wars.

Rev. W. C. Smith conducted a service; and the address was taken by Dr. M.B. Dymond who concluded the service, saying "Let us remember those who will not come back."

200 Angora rabbits die in fire at the Kent home

Port Perry Star, November 21, 1946

With good reason Miss E. Audrey Kent and her family were proud of the success gained by the exhibit of Angora Rabbits. Thirty-five animals were shown and they "swept the awards".

Scarcely had they returned home, when tragedy struck. Just after dinner on Tuesday fire was discovered in the Kent's rabbitry in which 200 Angoras were housed, but it had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the group of buildings, which were soon a mass of flames. Fortunately the prize winners were still in Toronto. Thankfully the lovely Kent home was not destroyed.

Port Perry progress through 1946

Port Perry Star, November 14, 1946

From the day of the great Port Perry fire in 1884, through the 1929 depression; the period of the passing of the railway, to the present time, we have plodded along, keeping straight with the world and the neighbours; and making gradual improvement in our surroundings.

This year has seen the culmination of many good projects. The side streets have been surfaced. A modern fire truck has been purchased. The Ebbel's Block is rapidly being remodelled to make a modern and commodious Municipal Office. The waterfront park has been put into excellent condition. New business men have stirred up trade in and around the village. Some of our builders have gone quite afield to show what Port Perry workmanship can do in the matter of building. The stirrings of progress are still moving with our people, and there are signs that 1947 will see a better program of home erection.

Council deals with many local issues at meeting

Port Perry Star, December 12, 1946

An additional doorway has been made into the basement of the Town Hall, and special arrangement prepared for housing of Port Perry's new fire truck. This modern equipment is a real acquisition to municipal property – but one we hope will not be used much.

One of the main features of the Council meeting on Monday, December 9, was a discussion regarding electric power shortage in Southern Ontario. This conditions owing to insufficient equipment to meet the power demand, has made the following requests for saving necessary: – Eliminate Christmas lighting until December 21st, and after January 1st. Curtail street lighting. Turn off unnecessary lights in homes and places of business. Use less power for water heating. Using electric ranges sparingly. Using power at other times than at peak loads, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. particularly. Not to use window lighting in stores until after 8 p.m.

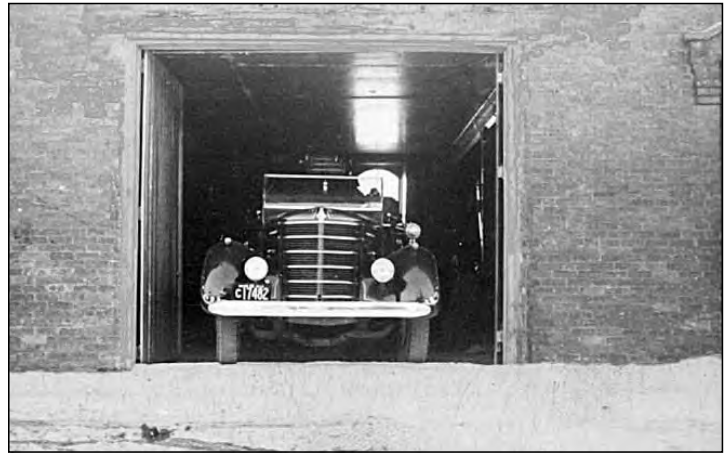
The Canadian H.W. Gossard Company Limited, Toronto, has leased the auditorium floor of the Town Hall to carry on the manufacture of foundation garments. The hall has been redecorated. The Gossard Company will do their own heating and caretaking.

A resolution was introduced and passed requesting the retirement of all firemen at the age of fifty years, and the fire chief at the age of sixty years, due to regulations of the Fire Underwriters. A special doorway has been made in the Town Hall for housing the new Fire Truck.

Drilling for water has been carried on under difficulties by International Water Supply. Unfortunately their power equipment was undergoing repairs, and has not been available in Port Perry, as yet. So far the drilling has been done by hand, and without results. The first trial ran into quicksand at about 120 feet. Quick-sand absorbs water but holds it, and permits no flow. The present trial is at the tank lot, and it is expected that a power machine will be here shortly.

Port Perry Star, December, 1946

Port Perry war veteran Joel Aldred is making a rapid progress in the world of radio announcing.



Town installs additional large door in the basement of the Town Hall to house the municipalities new fire engine.

Nurses from Port Perry district form the Community Nurses Auxiliary

Port Perry Star, November 14, 1946

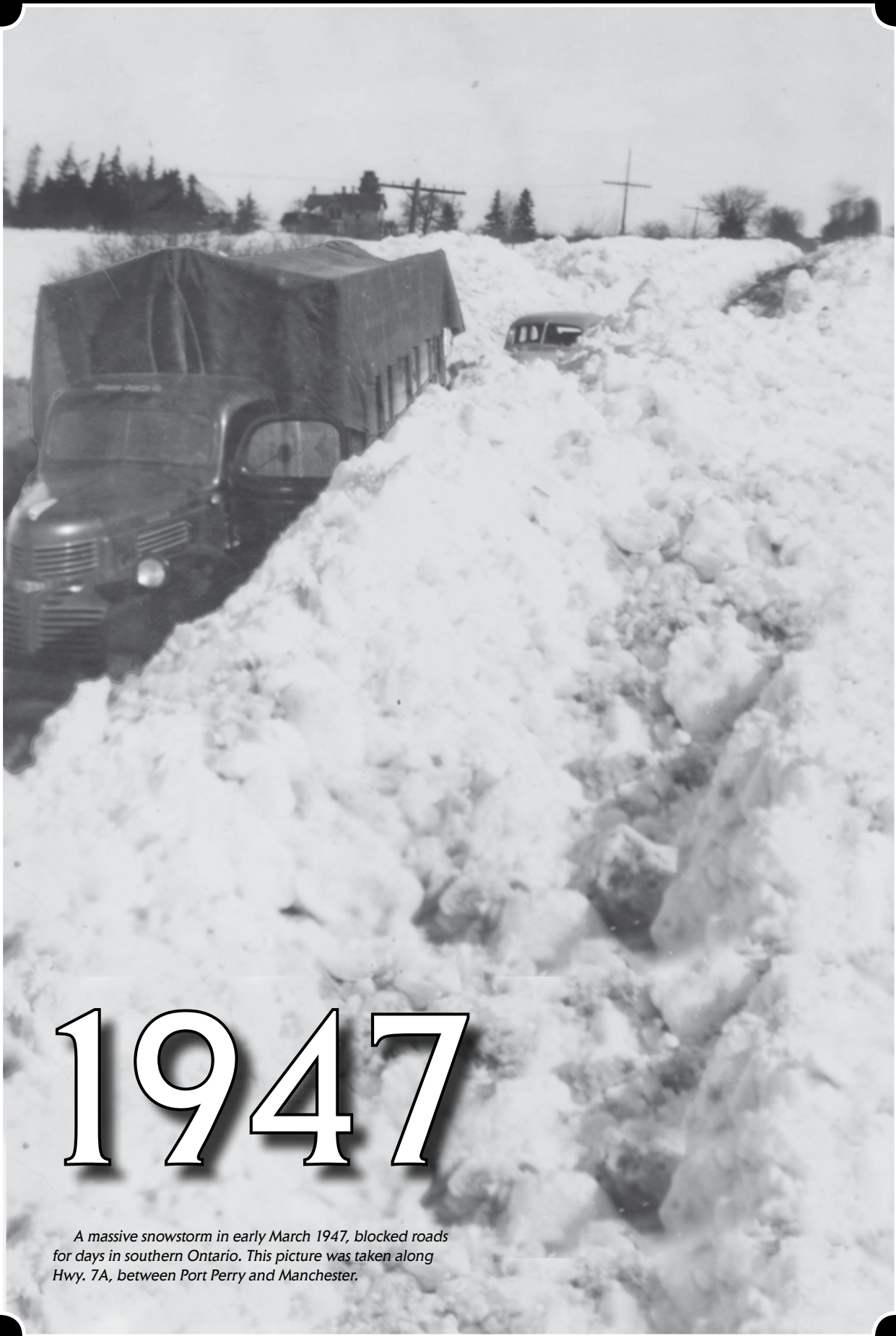
On Thursday, November 7th, Mrs. Cephas Sleep, of Seagrave was hostess at a delightful luncheon given to the graduate nurses of this community. Of the twenty-five nurses that were contacted only ten were able to be present.

A proposal to this group that graduate nurses of Port Perry and surrounding district would organize themselves into an auxiliary to provide practical and financial assistance to Port Perry Community Hospital and especially centre their interests in the nursing. Also to prepared to offer their services whenever the need might arise.

An election of took place and Mrs. Harold Archer and Mrs. A. L. McDermott were unanimously elected President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. A fee of one dollar per year for each member was agreed up-on and the group to be known as the Community Nurses Auxiliary.



Lakeview Theatre was opened in August 1946, on the main floor of the former St. Charles Hotel, on the southeast corner of Queen and Water Street.



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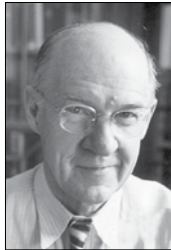
A massive snowstorm in early March 1947, blocked roads for days in southern Ontario. This picture was taken along Hwy. 7A, between Port Perry and Manchester.

1946

Professor Graham Christie of Manchester honoured

Port Perry Star, January 2, 1947

In early December Prof. Alexander Graham Christie was made an honorary members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.



Dr. A.G. Christie

The citation read, "Honorary Membership is conferred upon Dr. Alexander Graham Christie, a native of Canada and an esteemed citizen of these United State of America, in recognition of his pre-eminence in engineering education and steam power engineering and as a tribute

to his excellent professional and cultural attainments and leadership."

Graham Christie was born in 1880 in Manchester, Ontario and after graduating from Port Perry High School, attended the University of Toronto, graduating in 1901.

January 1947

Pilot Officer W.M. Aldred posthumously awarded Operational Wings of R.C.A.F. in recognition of gallant service in action against enemy.

Due to illness, Milton Goode sells Port Perry Creamery and Cheese Factory to Silverwoods Creamery.

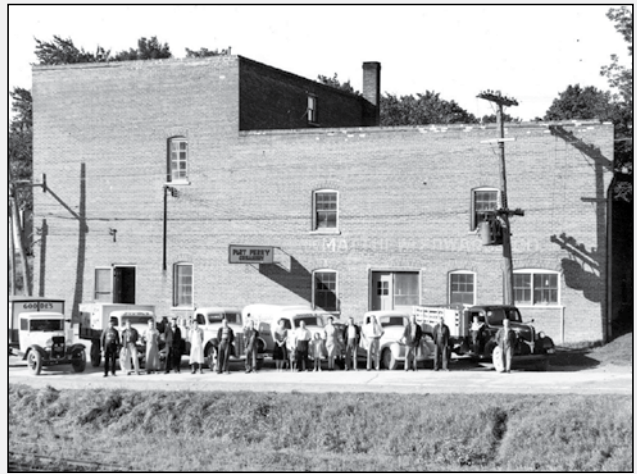
Colonial Coach Lines have secured three Peterborough routes from DeNure Bus Line. Local bus pickup at the White Kitchen Restaurant.

February 1947

Stan Causley moved his machine shop to former Switzer Blacksmith shop on Perry Street, just north of Queen Street.

Howard L. Durkin unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Education, replacing Mr. I.R. Bentley who had served as chairman 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.



Port Perry Creamery when owned by the Goode family.

Port Perry Creamery building is sold to Silverwoods Limited

Port Perry Star, January 9, 1947

The Port Perry Creamery and Cheese Factory was sold to Silverwoods Limited at the start of this year. No information is available as to Silverwoods activities in the new plant; but it is expected they will be in touch with farmers and others soon to inform them of their requirements for local products.

Girls & Young Women WANTED

Additional help for sewing machine work and also hand work is required to complete our staff for the present. Experience not necessary. Excellent working conditions. No work Saturdays. \$14.00 per week of 40 hours to start. Apply any day, 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.,

The Canadian H. W. Gossard Co.
Limited. Port Perry, Ontario

H.W. Gossard company, operating out of the Town Hall, Port Perry were advertising for staff in February 1947.

Inaugural meeting for 1947 Port Perry Council

Port Perry Star, January 16, 1947

A group of interested citizens attended the 75th inaugural meeting of Port Perry Council at the Municipal Office. Attending were Reeve Fred. E. Reesor and councillors William Carnegie, William Chapman, R.H. Frise and Ernie Hayes.

Reeve Reesor, presided, and after a brief welcome to those present, devotional exercises were conducted.

Among the various matters discussed, the search for a water supply occupied a prominent place; and the consensus of

opinion was that the search should be continued.

Another suggestion made by the citizens present might be noted the general idea of gradually completing the projects now started. The idea was put forward of a certain tax free period being granted to those building houses, or factory buildings.

Park equipment was suggested, such as more benches and tables for the use of visitors and townspeople.



Fred E. Reesor



Innes Motors at Manchester after snowfall in 1947. The garage was located on the southwest corner of Hwy. 12 and Regional Rd. 21 (to Utica). Earlier in the century the building was occupied by Christian's and Crosier's General Store.

A good job at the Post Office

Port Perry Star, March 13, 1947

When the bulldozer and snow plow broke through at Borelia, there was a small stream of cars ready to follow. Later came the mail – fifty big bags of it. Mail carrier Yeo had his hands full, (and his car full several times) hauling the precious stuff from Myrtle Station.

As soon as it arrived, Mr. Hull and his assistants went to work; and by half-past one in the morning, they had all the first class mail distributed. The public appreciated that fine job and those who had post office boxes emptied them promptly.

But in most cases it was not long before they were filled again – with the second class consignment; and that was followed by the regular Saturday mail.

Just what our readers did with the six editions of their daily paper would be quite a story. It is a real feat of reading to go through 16 to 24 pages of news and views daily. You can imagine what an avalanche of paper comes when a week's supply arrives all in one heap.

Our thanks are due to the postmaster and all who helped to bring in and sort the mail. It was a good job, quickly done.

Find supply of water near Cedar Creek

Port Perry Star, May 29, 1947

Word has come that a plentiful supply of good water has been found by drilling at Cedar Creek at a depth of about 170 feet. Steps will be taken to see if the stream can be located at a point nearer to Port Perry.

After the necessary information has been gathered as to location, cost of installation, etc., the whole matter will be submitted to the ratepayers for their approval. It is expected that the project can be made self-sustaining.

SNOW

Port Perry Star, March 6, 1947

We've never had such a winter storm in 53 years, so the Weather Bureau in Ottawa informs us, and we believe them. Why, even Port Perry is snowbound, and Len Leahy has been as busy keeping much of the front street clear as he can manage.

He has done a good job, too, so far as his equipment permitted. But it looks as though nothing but a high-powered rotary plow could clear that road between Port Perry and Manchester. Every little while we hear about snowplows starting out and getting stuck in a drift too great for their capacity. One such met that fate at Columbus on Tuesday night.

One thing might be noted in passing – the snowplow boys have no union hours, and if ever a gang of men deserved, praise in a civilian job, they are the fellows that operate the snow-plows. One thing results from this snow blow – men and women are put on their mettle, and they do things that under ordinary circumstances they would consider impossible.

Here is one little item, and if need arose it would be duplicated by the other doctors or those who hear the call of distress.

Tuesday, a call came to Dr. Roy Irwin to attend a case in Greenbank. The doctor went. How he arrived – by car, on horseback, and on foot is a story of endurance. Arrived he did, but it was a struggle.

A different story is that of a group of young folk who arrived a Myrtle en route to Lindsay. They stayed at Myrtle all night; then gaily started to walk, to Lindsay! They hoped to reach a cleared highway some time and hitch-hike. Great was their faith.

The stories of the height of snowbanks reminds one of fishing. The banks run anywhere, and everywhere, from eight to 20 feet; and the cuts are filled in level at Vernon's Corners.

However, we heard of a sign of spring. Morley Bruce, of Seagrave, saw a woodchuck on the snow. Evidently a little late hunting his shadow. Morley thought it a good sign, and knowing



Dozens of men are seen here digging vehicles out of the snow, just south of Greenbank on Hwy. 12, following the March 1947 snow storm.



One of the many concession roads in Reach Township.

SNOW STORIES

Port Perry Star, March 13, 1947

Scugog people find the frozen lake very handy as a highway. They had no other. Twenty men spent three days opening the road between the Post Office and the Town Hall - about a mile.

Some 40 or 50 men of, Port Perry armed themselves with shovels, and attacked the snowdrifts on the way to Borelia. They worked with vim, but it took a bulldozer and a snow plow to break the way through.

Speaking of Borelia, Mr. Crane must have had a stand in with the weather man. To the east of his house and to the west of it, the banks were piled high. But in front, you would never have thought there had been a storm.

What a glorious time the youngsters had on Friday afternoon after school. They went up in droves to the hill, to see the bulldozer and the snow plow doing their job. Of course, every boy looks forward to the day when he will be able to drive one of those big machines. When the final break through came, there was a scamper all over town to tell the news.

So far as we can learn there is little hope of immediate opening of the road between Port Perry, Blackstock, Yelverton, Bethany and Peterboro.

-The latest arrival in the Phoenix family at Greenbank, will always be able to tell that he was born in the year of the great snowstorm; and how much he and his mother owe to Dr. Irwin and the doctors at Sunderland.

Naturally there are stories told to illustrate how deep the snow was. The prize one is of a team of horses going over a great snow bank. The sleigh scraped on something hard. The driver stopped his team, and went to investigate. He found the top of an auto buried in the snow.



A bulldozer pushes back snow on one of the many roads throughout the township.

how unbelieving people are, he carried home the woodchuck as evidence.

What of the immediate future? Frankly, we don't know. Snowplow men are not encouraging. Port Perry's release is supposed to come from Peterboro; but from all we can hear, it may be days on the way.

Peel Bros. Hatcheries brought out 8000 chicks on Wednesday; but there was no means of getting them to customers. This story can unfortunately be duplicated in many hatcheries throughout the country.

Our hope is for Spring! Surely the sun will do something for us soon now. The calendar gives Spring's official arrival 15 days from now; but unfortunately arrivals have not been on schedule



Streets were clogged with snow for days, closing shops and stopping mail delivery.

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Dr. B.N. Smallman guest speaker

Port Perry Star, May 8, 1947

One of the most pleasant gatherings of recent months was that at the Sebert House on Wednesday evening of last week at a dinner tendered to Dr. Beverley N. Smallman of Winnipeg, by the Port Perry Business Men's Association.

Mr. Harry Peel, President of the Association, called on Mr. Andy Lawrence to introduce the speaker. It was pointed out that Dr. Smallman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Smallman, well, known and highly respected citizens of Port Perry.



Dr. B.N. Smallman

Graduating from Port Perry High School in 1932, Dr. Smallman graduated from Queen's University in 1931 and obtained his Master of Arts degree from Western University in 1938. After a post graduate course at the University of Edinburgh, he returned to Canada and received his Ph.D., degree from Edinburgh University in 1940.

After being on the McGill staff he was loaned to the Department of Trade and Commerce to study diseases of grain stored in elevators. As a result of this valuable work he was made a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Businessmen's Association elect William Carnegie president

Port Perry Star, April 10, 1947

Some seventy-five members of the Port Perry Business Men's Association and several visitors gathered at the Sebert House for the, annual banquet and business meeting.

In his opening remarks, Mr. M. A. Gerrow, president of the Association, outlined the activities of the Association during the past year, and spoke of a few that were in view for the coming year.

Election of Officers followed the guest speaker, with the following men being elected; President, Harry Peel; Past President M.A. Gerrow; 1st Vice President Wm. Carnegie; 2nd Vice President Oscar Beare; 3rd Vice President J.J. Gibson; Secretary V. Stouffer; Treasurer Gordon Reesor

In giving the report of the nominating committee, Mr. H. Cornish made the suggestion that a junior, or sub-executive committee be appointed to act in conjunction with the executive, and nominated the following: George Emmerson, William Beare, Bruce Beare, Bill Baker, Merl Dowson. They elect their own chairman.

THE SEBERT HOUSE
Port Perry, Ontario
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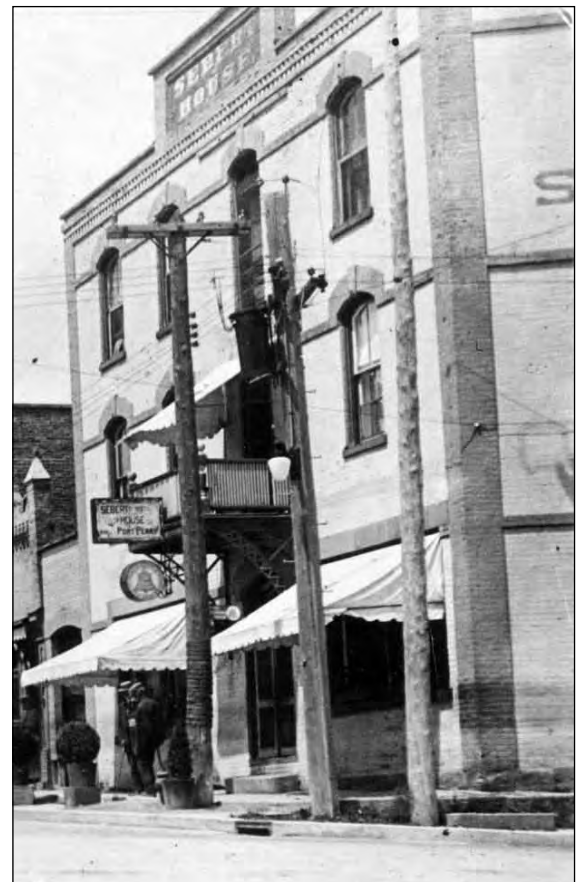
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Regular Meals served throughout the week.
 Breakfast 7.30 to 9 a.m. Dinner 12.00 to 1.30 p.m.
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Dinner Parties and Banquets on arrangement.



The Sebert House, Port Perry, advertised special dinners in the hotel dining room throughout the 1940s.

Port Perry photographer Wm. Leonard dies after long illness

Port Perry Star, June 19, 1947

One of Port Perry's most best known photographers, William H. Leonard died Sunday, May 25th, after a lingering illness of two years.



William Leonard

He is credited with taking portraits of many of Port Perry's leading families, and views of the town and surroundings.

When he was a young boy, his parents moved to Port Perry, where his father James Leonard carried on a photography business.

Following his father's death, he took over the business and continued it until his retirement a few years ago.

In his early manhood, Mr. Leonard taught school at Manchester, Claremont and on Scugog Island. He was also interested in the affairs of the town, and at one time served as a member of the council.

The funeral service took place on Wednesday, May 28th and interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

Rev. Brown celebrates 100 years

Port Perry Star, June 12, 1947

Rev. W.P. Brown, of this town, celebrated his 100th birthday at his home on June 9th, 1947 at his home. He was honoured by his Church and his fellow citizens of Port Perry.

Rev. Brown also received a congratulatory message from Buckingham Palace, signed by His Majesty King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Note: Nine days after his 100th birthday, Rev. W.P. Brown died at his home in Port Perry.



Entrance to Palmer Park and the Lake Scugog waterfront.

Port Perry skating rink to be closed for safety concerns

Port Perry Star, June 26, 1947

Last week the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Port Perry Rink announced that due to the local rink being considered unsafe, that the popular facility will not open next winter. The Directors resigned, saying no further action will be taken unless the citizen and shareholders move on this situation.

The announcement was expected by a comparatively few people; but must have been a shock to most of our citizens. For some years now there has been talk of the need of a new rink on a new site. In the minds of time interested parties the moving and re-building was all planned – but the plans never materialized.

Our people always hoped against hope that the structure would hold out for another year – and it did! But last winter there was breakage, and the roof supports show signs of weakening. So the directors have closed the rink and have resigned their offices.

The question now is – "What are the people of Port Perry and surrounding community going to do about it?"

We need a rink, on a solid site, with a permanent floor. Such a structure could and should become the recreational

centre of this community. It could include a committee room in which organizations could meet. Street dances could be held there; and it could house a horticultural shows or similar affairs.

One fact stands out prominently. Port Perry will not secure another rink without considerable local effort and sacrifice. Another fact is also evident – younger folk will have to take the lead in any move for re-building.

In the meantime, it is considered possible by some that extensive repairs could be made to keep the rink going until a new one is built. The matter of rebuilding should be considered right away.



The old Port Perry arena, located on Lilla (Simcoe) Street.

H.W. Gossard holds open house

Port Perry Star, July 9, 1947

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the H.W. Gossard Company held an "Open House" in their Port Perry Branch, located in the town's historic Town Hall. Our civic building has been transformed into a very busy place, well equipped with necessary machinery for making foundation garments; beautifully lighted, and properly ventilated.

Here some thirty-five young women find congenial daily occupation in the production in a line of feminine garments that have world wide distribution. Port Perry is very fortunate to have a branch of this noted industry. The head office of the H. W. Gossard Co. is in Chicago, and the head office for Canada is in Toronto.

Mr. Rook, who was largely responsible for bringing this industry to Port Perry, said that the local business is doing very well, and the management is pleased with the progress made so far.



March 1947

Flying Officer Geo. Mulligan honored posthumously, awarded Operational Wings for gallant service in action with enemy.

Clinton Midgley purchases the Kerry Mill near Utica.

April 1947

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 1947

Milton Crouse buys out Venture Tea Room. The Diamond-Up Grill operated by Earl Jackson is sold to Frank H. Smith.

June 1947

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.

August 1947

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.

75th Anniversary of the formation of Port Perry was a successful celebration

Port Perry Star, August 7, 1947

One of the most pleasant events in the history of Port Perry was the celebration of its 75th birthday, celebrated August 2,3, and 4, 1947. A record breaking crowd of persons attended, responding to invitations sent out to former residents a month earlier.

A month earlier residents had been encouraged to decorate their homes and businesses, throw up Welcome signs and clean up their streets, waterfront and homes in anticipation of a large gathering.

The whole affair had the genial home-coming atmosphere. There was no great flourish of trumpets; but old-time residents just naturally came home and met "the folks" and looked about the town with real pleasure.

Saturday was Reception Day and at Palmer Memorial Park on Saturday there was a fine reception of former residents. Patrons enjoyed band music, entertainment, chatting with old friends and listened to many speakers, each of whom brought his message of congratulations and expression of goodwill.

Sunday was "Go To Church Day", with everyone attending the church of their own preference and in the afternoon a great Community Worship service was held at the grandstand at the Fair Grounds.

Monday was Sports Day and there was plenty of fun and competition with - horse racing, baseball, softball, yacht racing, horseshoe pitching, pony races, foot races.

Storms rip through Reach and Port Perry

Port Perry Star, August 21, 1947

Two terrible storms ripped through much of the area last week causing considerable damage.

On Monday evening, the Hogg & Lytle Elevator was struck by lightning. The loss by fire was slight, but the water soaked some 10,000 bushels of wheat and some corn. It was fortunate that the results are now worse. The elevator is the outstanding Port Perry landmark; and one of the oldest building in town, having survived the great fire of 1884

A second fire on Thursday happened on the house of Mr. Edward Thompson, south of Borelia. It might have been totally destroyed, but for the significant work of the Port Perry Fire Brigade. As it was the roof of the house was very badly burned.

On the 8th concession, on the premises of Lloyd Pogue the storm tore the roof off his barn, destroying his barn and much of his hay.

Throughout the township, trees, telephone wires and telephones were badly wrecked and roads are badly rutted with the rush of flood waters.



The Hogg & Lytle grain elevator was struck by lightning in August 1947.

Parking changes on Queen, Water Streets

Port Perry Star, October 2, 1947

At a recent meeting of the Village Council two by-laws were passed to govern parking on certain sections of Queen and Water streets to allow for "Bus Stops".

By-law No. 1131 prohibiting parking on Queen street for a distance of 45 feet in front of Lakeview Theatre; and on Water Street for a distance of 30 feet on the west side of the theatre.

By-law No. 1132, prohibiting parking on the north side of Queen Street for a distance of 70 feet in front of White Kitchen Restaurant; and on the south side of Queen street opposite the White Kitchen Restaurant for a distance of 60 feet.

New waterworks proposals for Port Perry

Port Perry Star, August 29, 1947

On Friday last week a public meeting was held in the library to consider reports in the matter of obtaining good water for domestic use in Port Perry.

Mr. J.N. Simpson, consulting engineer, recommended the use of ground water from the well drilled near Cedar Creek, four miles South of Port Perry. The supply was estimated at 400 gallons a minute.

As the proposed contract requires only 100 gallons a minute, the supply is ample. One hundred gallons a minute would give 55 gallons per capita each day, which would be ample and would keep supply in the 125,000 gallon tank for emergencies.

This water would be brought to town from a specially constructed pumping station at Cedar Creek, through a six inch main. The cost of this pumping station and necessary mains to bring the water to Port Perry would be \$55,000.

Mr. Simpson outlined an alternative plan by which the lake water could be used, after being purified by filtration. This plan would cost \$62,000 to put the water in the pipes of the present system. But after the filtration plant was built, it would require the care of an experienced man, plus the chlorine and alum used in the filtering process. This plan would have an initial cost of \$130,000; and maintenance costs would be much higher.

The question of installing meters in the home was discussed; but it was felt that meters are not practical except in the cases of large users.

Cadet Corps best in the district

Port Perry Star, October 2, 1947

The citizens of Port Perry should be proud of the Cadet corps at the local High School, as a result of information released from Cadet Headquarters this week.

The Port Perry High School Cadet Corps is the winner of the Lord Strathcona Trophy, presented each year to the Cadet Corps graded highest at the time of inspection last June. The instructors and the officers and members of the Cadet Corps are to be highly complimented on this achievement.

Parking changes for 'bus stops' on Queen Street

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Update on Community Memorial Hospital

Port Perry Star, October 9, 1947

For some time very little publicity, has been given to the Community Memorial Port Perry, but it has been carrying on and doing splendid work for the Village and surrounding district.

A complete statement has been prepared covering the work of the year up to June 30, 1947. (It was on July 8th, 11946, the Hospital was purchased as a Community Memorial project.)

The following figures speak for themselves:

Number of Patients:- Medical, 81; Obstetrical, 83; Accidents, 21; Major Operations, 49; Minor Operations, 103.

Total procedures, 337. Deaths: Adults, 5; Infants, 1. Patient Hospital Days, 2,763 days.

A financial statement covering the year's work has been prepared and will be made public in due course. During the year, a good deal of new equipment has been added, which was badly needed, and further additions will be made in the near future.

Under the supervision of Miss Hanna, the hospital is equipped to give splendid service to the people of this larger community.

Grace United Church dedicated

Port Perry Star, November 6, 1947

A record congregation, which filled the building to capacity, attended the Dedication of Grace United Church on Scugog Island, last Sunday. The service was under the direction of Oshawa Presbytery, with Rev. J. E. Griffith, presiding, assisted by Rev. Gordon Gardner and Rev. Geo. Telford. Also taking part were Rev. Clifford Smith and Rev. F.G. Joblin, and Harry M. Denton, minister of the church.

The service was opened by a processional, then the presentation of the keys and solemn dedicatory word completed the Dedication portion of the service. This was followed a). the regular worship service.

There seemed to be a sense of pride and "mission accomplishment" about the people who aided in the building of the lively edifice. Years of effort and prolonged waiting seemed to have been swept aside by the realization that the material structure of the Church was finished and with the Dedication of the building the people were able to dedicate themselves anew.



Grace United Church, Scugog Island, 1947.

The water supply bylaw

Port Perry Star, December 1, 1947

The By-law to authorize the bringing of pure water to Port Perry has been passed by the Municipal Board.

It is pleasing to note that the amount of money involved in this transaction is \$65,000, a considerably smaller sum than was first estimated. This lower expenditure will be effect by a full use of the present piping system in the village. The project will be so arranged as to allow for expansion when circumstances warrant. In the meantime, our people may enjoy the comfort and safety of pure water for drinking purposes when notified.

It is estimated that the project will be largely self-sustaining. It will certainly add greatly to desirable living in this community. Pure water and an adequate sewage system are two of the main requirements in Port Perry.

Given these facilities, plus more housing, will open up greater opportunities for industrial plants, and would add to the number of taxpayers.

November 1947

The late William Leonard made a bequest of \$1,000 towards improvements at the Port Perry United Church.

Cadet Corps awarded the Lord Strathcona Trophy.

December 1947

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.

1948



Looking west along Queen St., about 1940, with the old grain elevator, right, and the Sebert House at the corner of Water and Queen Street.

1948

No local municipal elections in Port Perry, Reach and Scugog

Port Perry Star, January 1, 1948

Evidently the people in this district are well satisfied with the municipal administration. The only change in the Council of Port Perry, Reach, and Scugog is that caused by death of Mr. Fred Reesor in Port Perry. In Reach and Scugog the 1947 Councils were re-elected by acclamation.

In Port Perry the following nominees qualified: Reeve Ernie Hayes, Councillors, R.H. Frise, Wm. Chapman, William G. Carnegie, Dr. Matthew B. Dymond.

In Reach Township – Reeve Thomas H. Harding, Dep. Reeve Howard O. Dobson; Councillors, Harry Phoenix, Leslie Smith, Malcolm Bailey.

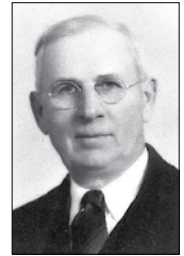
In Scugog Township – Reeve Earl Heayn, Dep. Reeve Russell Hood; Councillors, George Samells, Angus Wilkinson, Raymond Fralick, Ray Milner and Russell Pogue.

Port Perry Reeve, Fred Reesor dies

Port Perry Star, January 1, 1948

The Christmas season was saddened here by the untimely death of Mr. Fred Reesor, Reeve of Port Perry. About two weeks ago he underwent a critical operation, though which he passed successfully and was doing well. But on Wednesday last week he suffered a relapse, from which he did not recover.

In 1930 Mr. Reesor purchased the C.L. Vickery coal business and moved with his family to Port Perry. Interested in municipal affairs he served as chairman of the local Hospital Board; took a leading part in taking steps to secure pure water for the village, and served as both councillor and Reeve of Port Perry.



Fred Reesor

Fire destroys garage, vehicles saved

Port Perry Star, January 1, 1948

On Tuesday evening fire broke out in the garage at the rear of Stewart Sweetman's house. This garage is kept heated by an oil stove, and it is thought that the stove exploded. Fortunately Mr. Sweetman was able to save both his truck and a car, the latter being housed in the smaller of the two garages.

Had there been a wind, and had it not been for the timely and efficient service of the fire brigade with their new fire truck, the destruction might have been very bad. The "Sweetman corner" is surrounded by a number of frame houses at close quarters.

Brunton's brooder house, 100 chicks lost in fire

Port Perry Star, January 1, 1948

A brisk blaze destroyed a large brooder house; and a hundred young chicks at Arthur Brunton's farm, just west of Perry on the 6th concession, on Tuesday afternoon. The fire started from a blow torch which was being used to thaw water pipes; but had not been watched closely enough.

The destruction might have been much greater had it not been for the help of neighboring volunteers, and the timely arrival of the Port Perry fire truck. The fire-fighters and truck did noble service, and without its aid, it is almost certain that the barn would have been destroyed. As it was, the loss is estimated at about \$2,000.



A "brooder house" containing 100 chicks, on the property of Brunton Farms, was lost in a tragic fire during the spring of 1948.

Fair Grounds site for new rink?

Port Perry Star, January 22, 1948

A group of directors and supporters of Port Perry, Reach, and Scugog Agricultural Society, met at the Library on Tuesday afternoon.

The report of the auditors showed the financial position of the Port Perry Fair to be in good shape despite the gate receipts somewhat lower than in 1946.

President Fred Christie brought forward the matter of building a new skating rink for Port Perry, and suggested that it might be built at the Fair Grounds, where it could serve many purposes. Mr. Armour McMillan spoke in favour of this project.

February 1948

Frederick 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.

March 1948

Miss Sarah Ann Ward of Greenbank marks her 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 1948

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, Harold R. Archer and Sam. Griffen.

Businessmen's Association discuss erecting a new Port Perry rink

Port Perry Star, February 26, 1948

The proposal to erect a new rink in Port Perry was discussed at a meeting of Businessmen's Association on Thursday last week. President Harry Peel struck the keynote of the discussion saying, "We need a new rink in Port Perry, and we need the support of every organization and every citizen to start the, project and keep it going until the building is actually erected, and paid for."

The meeting was well attend and thrown open for discussion. Mr. Roy Cornish referred to the enjoyment of the students on the open air rink at the school. But, of course, an open-air rink is only a stop-gap, a permanent rink is needed.

Dr. Matthew B. Dymond said, "We must have a permanent rink; and we can have one, if we start the project and keep the ball rolling."

Speaking of the size of the structure, the opinion was that it should have ice service of 180 x 80, permanent floor, and necessary dressing and committee rooms. The roughly estimated cost of such a rink ran all the way from \$26,000 to \$40,000.

Mr. Benjamin Smallman supported the proposal on the ground that it would keep our younger people at home; and that it would bring business to Port Perry.

The following men were appointed to form the Plan and Cost Committee – Messrs. M.A. Gerrow, Ted Jackson, and Ed. Brookes. A second committee, to find a location for a new rink was then formed, electing Messrs. W.T. Harris, Wm. Carnegie, Dr. M.B. Dymond, Andy M. Lawrence and Grant Jeffrey.

Mr. Woon, speaking for the Fair Board, said that a free site for the building could be had at the Fair Grounds, and the building would be of great service to the farming community.



This house on Perry Street, just south of the Royal Bank, was occupied by John and Molly MacMillan in the 1940s.

Committees report progress on new skating rink

Port Perry Star, March 18, 1948

The committees appointed to investigate plans and location for Port Perry's new skating rink presented their reports at a meeting at the High School las week.

Mr. Mansell Gerrow reported for the "Committee on Plans". The general recommendations made were:

1. That the new rink be 200 x 100 feet with ice space of 180 x 80 feet.
2. That seating be at the sides of the ice, with a capacity of 1,500.

3. That the front-end of the rink face south.

4. The question of a permanent floor was raised, with the answer being "Yes", but to be looked upon as a later development.

A report from the "Location Committee" was given by Mr. Tom Harris. Among the locations studied was one at the Fair Grounds, but it was thought to be too far from the centre of town.

The site recommended was east of the Power House at the waterfront, where ample space is available for a rink and parking. A decision was left for a further report from the committee.

Work progressing for new pure water system

Port Perry Star, May 15, 1948

The work in connection with the supply of pure water to Port Perry is progressing favorably. The laying of the new main from the well to connect with the old system at Borelia is completed and being tested for flaws and leaks.

The report from the well drillers is favorable and it is estimated a flow of 250 to 275 gallons per minute is now being obtained.

Local Option vote to be held in Port Perry

Port Perry Star, May 15, 1948

I hereby certify and declare that I have examined the petition of R.J. Weir and others for submission under The Liquor License Act, 1946, of the question (or questions) stated in the petition, and have checked it with the last revised voters' list for the municipality as revised for the last election to the Assembly, and that the petition is signed by at least twenty-five per centum of the total number of persons appearing by the list to be resident in the municipality and qualified to vote at elections to the Assembly.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1948.

John F. Raines, Clerk of the Village of Port Perry.

The above form along with the petition has been forwarded to the Liquor Control Board, who will decide the date on which the vote will be taken.



Jimmy Frise, left, with his friend and colleague, Greg Clark.

Cartoonist "Jimmy" Frise dies in Toronto

Port Perry Star, June 17, 1948

James L. Frise died early Sunday morning at his Toronto home, and with him passes his famous characters Pigskin Peters, Old Archie, Eli, Ruby Doolittle and other characters of Birdseye Centre fame – even Birdseye Centre will likely fade from the horizon.

"Jimmy" as he was affectionately known by his associates and friends, was born on Scugog Island, on a farm over looking Lake Scugog and Port

We quote the following from The Toronto Daily Star:

"As his cartoon-feature in the Star Weekly and later in the Montreal Standard became known across the length and breadth of Canada, "Jimmy" was often asked for the exact location of the village he was portraying. He simply said, "It's any Canadian village with a hotel, a gasoline station, a barber shop and a town pump."

"Jimmy Frise never had a formal drawing lesson in his life. He was born on Scugog Island 58 years ago and grew up in the village of Seagrave and attended school in Port Perry.

Village ready to go on Daylight Savings Time

Port Perry Star, April 12, 1948

At the recent meeting of Port Perry Council, the following motion, moved by Dr. M.B. Dymond was passed.

"That according to a request of the president of the Port Perry business Men's association, to enact Daylight Savings Time to conform with other Municipalities, this Council authorize the Reeve to proclaim "Daylight Savings" to come into effect on Saturday night at 12 o'clock (midnight) on April 24th, and continue until September 25th at 12 o'clock (midnight) 1948."

Royal Canadian Legion plan to build new hall for members

Port Perry Star, June 17, 1948

The local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, presented to Council of Port Perry, plans and specifications for a new hall which they intend constructing in Port Perry, if arrangements can be completed.

The proposed structure will be of cement blocks, wood frame room, covered with composition roofing. The building will be of such dimensions as will lend to it being rented for public meetings, concerts, etc.

Public Meeting discuss efforts for liquor vote

Port Perry Star, July 1, 1948

A large and enthusiastic crowd of townfolk gathered at the High School auditorium on Monday evening to discuss the question of the vote of August 11th. This meeting was sponsored by the Port Perry Citizens' Committee (opposed to the sale of beer and wine in Port Perry) under the chairmanship of Mr. Charles Reesor.

Mr. Lorne Shewfelt, a young man fired with enthusiasm, addressed his remarks particularly to the young people. We cannot dictate to young people today. They are going to make up their own minds. He said the plain fact is that the first temptation to drink is to be social, to be one of the crowd. Three out of every 10 people taking drink for the first time are potential alcoholics. "Smart young people do. not drink."

"Sociological statistics have proven conclusively that the "dry" town is prosperous, up-to-date, well patronized by tourists trade, and with good business establishments. The "wet" town is backward, with un-improved facilities, full of credit-seekers and a place which the majority of tourists avoid. Do not let it happen in Port Perry."

NOTE: Port Perry citizens left no doubt as to how they felt on the question of bringing alcoholic outlets into the village. The Liquor Vote held on August 11, 1948 attracted a large crowd with 2,367 ballots marked NO; and 571 marked YES. It was an overwhelming defeat by a 80.6 percent against allowing liquor and beer outlets for the town.



Legion Hall located behind the Post Office.

August 12, 1948

Norman Wakeford, of Port Perry, struggled for three-quarters of an hour to land a 26 pound muskie in Sturgeon Lake. The fish measured 41 inches in length.



Photo published in the Globe & Mail, along with a story about Port Perry, on February 27, 1948, showing Queen Street.

Port Perry Hospital closes

Port Perry Star, November 11, 1948

For the first time in some 30 years Port Perry is without a hospital for its people. Operated as a private venture for many years, and not without sacrifice to the owners on many occasions, and latterly as a community venture, the hospital on October 30th had to cease admitting new patients for lack of trained nurses.

And we as citizens, as well as two of the doctors, charged with the responsibility of caring for the sick feel this is indeed a tragedy yet it seems scarcely to have made a ripple on the surface of our living.

We are told the hospital has closed because nurses cannot be obtained. For some months now three graduate nurses with the help of a practical nurse and the occasional help of married nurses have kept the hospital go-ing. They have worked 12 hour shifts without complaint and often have put in extra hours to help out in an emergency. But now one of our nurses has had to resign and it is humanly impossible for two to carry on alone.

Perhaps some among us would question the need of a hospital in our Village. A look at what is done here should dispel all doubt, in this time direction. For example, since January 1st the hospital has had 1,645 patient days; 45 major operations; 79 minor operations; 48 obstetrical cases and has cared for 15 accident cases. All those patients would have had to be accommodated elsewhere had the hospital not been here.

George M. Rennie, M.D.

Mathew B. Dymond, M.D.

Daily hydro interruptions

Port Perry Star, October 14, 1948

Commencing on October 15, at 10 a.m., there will be daily interruptions in Hydro serve, Monday through to Friday of each week, or until the consumption is reduced to the quota.

The length of these interruptions will be governed by the saving effected. It is hoped that one hour each day will be sufficient. These interruptions will affect all consumers in the towns of Port Perry, Uxbridge, and Uxbridge Rural Operating area.

November 1948

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.

December 1948

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.

New building by-law passed

Port Perry Star, September 9, 1948

Building By-law #113 was passed and is now in force. Anyone making repairs or anticipating a new building would do well to see the Clerk of the municipality, Mr. John F. Raines.

The by-law reads as follows:

1. That no building shall be placed upon, or erected, altered, modified, re-paired, reconstructed or remodelled, without a building permit, having first been procured from the Clerk of the municipality.
2. That prior to the issuing of any permit allowing the placing, erection, repairing, reconditioning or remodelling of a building, the applicant shall make disclosure to the Clerk of all material matters with regard to the type and construction of the said building and the nature and extent of any such alterations, modifications, repairs and remodeling.
3. That the fee to be charged for the issuance of the said building permit shall be one dollar, payable upon the issuance thereof.
4. That failure to procure a building permit shall constitute an offense and shall be punishable on summary conviction. For the first offense the fine shall be for \$10 to \$25; and for each sub-sequent offense shall be from \$25 to \$100.

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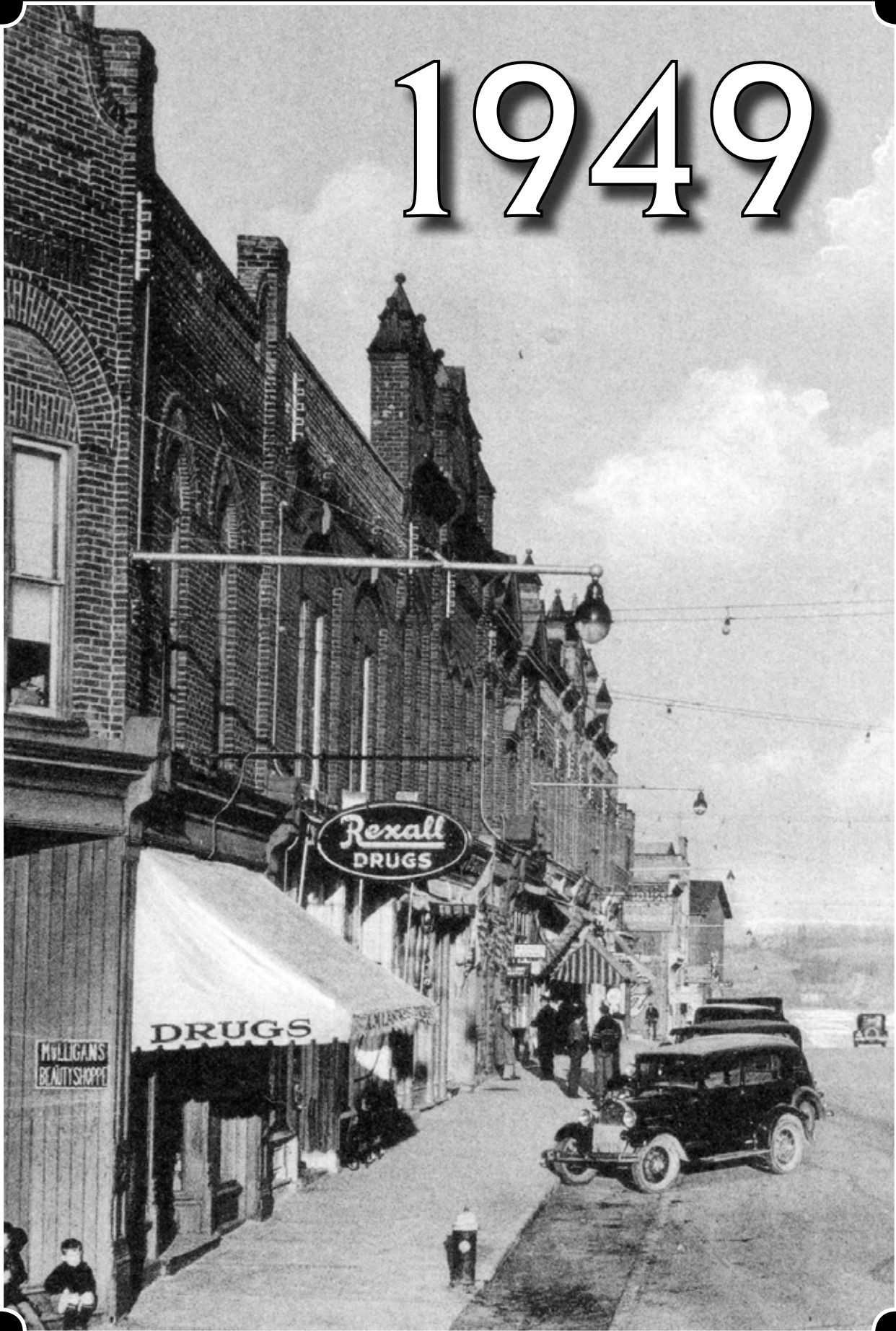
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Port Perry Bottling Works

1949



\$180,000 fire destroys section of downtown Sunderland

Port Perry Star, January 13, 1949

About 9.30 last Thursday morning, Fire was discovered by Mr. Geo. Clay in his cafe at Sunderland. The flames spread rapidly and were soon out of control. The entire brick block was soon a mass of ruins.

The block housed Mr. Geo. Clay's restaurant; Clayton Henderson's pool-room and barbershop, Neil McPhadden's Grocery, Post Office. The flat above the places of business were occupied as dwelling apartments. Very little was salvaged from the building. Most of the mail in the Post Office was

rescued by two rural mail carriers who were in the office at the time the fire broke out.

Some of the dwellers in the apartments barely escaped with their lives. There were no casualties, but some of the helpers received severe burns while helping fight the fire.

In response to call for help, the fire departments from Lindsay, Cannington, Uxbridge and Port Perry gave assistance, and with the local help kept the flames from spreading to near by buildings.

1949

Bell Telephone services for Port Perry

Port Perry Star, January 27, 1949

Telephones in service in Port Perry increased by more than 70 during the past year, according to A. A. Gillespie, Bell Telephone manager here. This compares with a net increase of 50 telephones reported here for 1947 and brings the total to 1094 telephones operating locally, more than ever previously connected in this community.

During the year steady progress was made in clearing deferred applications for telephone service, but the demand for telephones was so great that there are still approximately three unfilling orders for service on file in the company's local office.

"The public demand for telephone service is continuing at a high level," Mr. Gillespie pointed out today.

Public Library has a busy year

Port Perry Star, February 5, 1949

The total circulation of books for 1948 was 6,645, an increase over the previous year of 682. The circulation was recorded as follows: Philosophy 12, religion 20, sociology 19, natural science 83, useful arts 67, fine arts 30, literature 61, history 104, travel 107, Biography 237, Fiction 3,063, boys and girls 2,124, magazines 718.

The increase noticeable was in adult fiction, also an increase in juvenile reading. There are 395 borrowers on the register, 107 are boys and girls, 10 are from out of town.

Mrs. W.H. Harris, Miss E. Harris and Rev. E.G. Bruton, assisted with the work of weeding out the old books. Two hundred new books were bought during the year.



The Port Perry Blue Ray Chapter of the Eastern Star was formed in 1948.

Port Perry is still without a hospital

Port Perry Star, February 17, 1949

Hospital affairs are moving very slowly. The architects are preparing plans of the changes required in the present building and they seem to be taking a long time to get the plans ready to submit to the Government.

To make matters worse; the plans also have to meet the requirements of the Federal Government as well, because part of the money comes from Ottawa. In the meantime, the district is without hospital facilities, and it is hard to say when the hospital will be able to re-open under the new conditions.

However, this district needs a hospital NOW, and if a sufficient number of taxpayers in Reach, Scugog and Cartwright would exert enough pressure on their local Councils, and insist that money be made available for the hospital, the same as Port Perry has done, there is no reason why the hospital could not re-open within a few days.

March 1949

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¢.



The White Kitchen Restaurant, 233 Queen St., Port Perry, 1949, with owners Nellie and Charlie Popert in front. The restaurant was the bus terminal for DeNure Bus Lines. The uniformed men in background, from left, are Sam Naples, Earl Cook, Clarence Butson and George Burnett, who were all bus drivers.

Doctor's open letter to the Hospital Board

Port Perry Star, March 10, 1949

Since it seems impossible to get this board together for the purpose of learning what, if anything, has been done, to re-open the hospital, this method only remains to bring this most urgent matter before the eyes of our citizens.

The Hospital has now been closed for four months and at the Public Meeting held in the Library shortly after the closing the Board promised to call another such open meeting in about two weeks to report progress. No such meeting was called and the Board meeting held later produced nothing.

We are of the opinion that our people have not been shown the extreme urgency of the situation and we believe we are in a position to assess that urgency since we are in daily contact with the sick. It is factious to say we don't need a Hospital and that we can get our patients into other hospitals.

This latter is true to a point for which we, in Port Perry ought to very thankful, since there is no reason why any other town or city should provide hospital room for our people, but as a case in point we might state that one of us has just had a patient admitted to a city hospital after he had been the waiting list for EIGHT WEEKS. Does anyone still think we don't need a hospital ?

We therefore call on all other members of the Hospital Board to move NOW strenuously to the re opening of Port Perry Hospital without delay. We are certain that with the support and co-operation of all our people this can be done now.

G.M. Rennie, M.D.

M.B. Dymond, M.D.

Reach Township clerk Fred Christie passes

Port Perry Star, March 3, 1949

Gloom was cast over this community when the news came of the passing of one of our respected and well known citizens, Mr. Fred Christie, Sr. He was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Christie, and was born on "Dundrennan Farm" where he lived until his death.

Mr. Christie was a civil engineer, but retired from active duties some years ago. For the past ten years he has been Clerk-Treasurer of Reach Township and his efficiency in this capacity will be hard to replace.

It has been said by many "Fred hadn't an enemy in the world." What finer epitaph could be written. The funeral on Thursday last, was one of the largest ever held at the funeral chapel.

Progress and business changes in the town

Port Perry Star, April 21, 1949

Probably at no time in the history of Port Perry, have the business concerns made such progress as during the past few years. Nearly every business building on the two blocks on Queen Street has been modernized or is in process of alterations.

The last improvement completed is the new premises of Cawker's Butcher Shop. Following the purchase of part of the Purdy Block, recently vacated by Bert MacGregor, this business concern has completely modernized their new location. A new front was completed, the interior has been fitted with new shelving and cupboards. The walls and ceiling finished with enamel materials. The lighting has been concealed in the ceiling, the floor has been cemented, refrigeration plant has been housed in a concrete room in the rear, making the whole shop quite sanitary.

Recently Mr. H.H. Stone moved his Men's Furnishing business to the part of the building recently vacated by Reesor Fuel and Lumber, who have moved their office one door east.

Just a short time ago, Carnegie Hardware made an addition to their building, giving them a fine bright room for the display of electric and other household equipment.

Harold R. Archer Motor Sales are now making alterations to their showroom and office, adding the room formerly occupied by Mr. H.H. Stone, giving them considerable more space.

W.H. Peel has renovated his hardware store by putting in a new heating system and modern shelving. We understand there are other moves to be made along the line of expansion and improvement.



George Stone Men's Wear on Queen St., in the mid-1950s. This was originally owned and operated by H.H. Stone.



Cawker Brothers meat shop at 180 Queen Street, Port Perry in 1949.

Water in taps, but don't drink it yet

Port Perry Star, May 9, 1949

The Reeve tells us that the Artesian Well Water has been turned into the water mains; but there is still a considerable amount of lake water to be cleared away. The tank has been washed and a chlorinating machine is being installed to clean the mains.

Council has considered it best not to use too high a pressure in flushing out the old mains for fear of causing breaks which would be costly to repair. No doubt you have noticed that the service has been a little below par lately. The pressure (on the hill at least) has been low but these inconveniences are necessary in order to make the change in water worthwhile and purify the water.

Within the next week it is possible that the Council will request you not to use the water for a period of 48 hours, as the chlorine must remain in the mains that long to really purify it.

April 1949

Merl Dowson purchases E. Argue's Grocery Store.

Port Perry Businessmen's Association elect J.J. Gibson, president. William Beare 1st vice; Merle Dowson, 2nd vice; Clifford Love, 3rd vice and Gordon Carnegie secretary.

May 1949

Property facing Water Street, just north of the Sebert House was purchased for the new Recreation Centre and arena. Plans are now on view at Mr. Sam. Griffen's Queen St. office.

Fire damages medical offices of Drs. G. Rennie and M. Dymond

Port Perry Star, May 12, 1949

About three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon a call went out that the office of Drs. George Rennie & Matthew B. Dymond was threatened with fire. Apparently the blaze started in the basement, the smoke soon filled the entire building.

The local firemen made a quick response and soon had water directed into the basement. However, the fire soon spread to the upper part of the building, and water had to be poured in through a hole in the roof.

While the main part of the building was not destroyed, it is estimated that \$2,500 damage was done to building and delicate equipment by smoke and water. The volunteer fire bridge did a good job in holding the fire within the building. Some of the equipment and furniture was removed by willing helpers.

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Hogg & Lytle announce sale of the Port Perry grain elevator

Port Perry Star, July 12, 1949

We wish to announce to our many customers and friends in the agricultural areas tributary to our places of business at Mariposa, Lindsay, Port Perry, Oshawa, Picton, Wellington, and Bethany that Toronto Elevators, Limited have acquired all the outstanding shares of Hogg & Lytle Limited.

During upwards of seventy years the firm of Hogg & Lytle Limited and their predecessors Hogg Bros. have enjoyed the confidence and patronage of the farming communities of Central Ontario to a

remarkable degree.

In disposing of our business to Toronto Elevators, Limited we were careful to select as purchasers an outstanding Company who will render as good or better service than we have at our different locations.

We understand that our present staff and operating personnel will in the main be continued.
F.G. Perrin, President.



Toronto Elevators Ltd., purchased the Hogg & Lytle grain elevator in 1949 and operated under the name Master Feeds.



Murray Williams Mercury, Lincoln and Meteor dealership, 1949, was located on the southwest corner of Queen and John Street.

Port Perry Yacht Club suggests cleaning up of Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star, July 12, 1949

Not all lakes are the same; some have rocky shores, some have clear water and on some, the water is spread quite thin.

Lake Scugog is, unfortunately, the latter. The bottom of the water is quite close to the top and unless something is done, top and bottom will meet.

There is no doubt that if the water were to be sorted out from the mud we would have a lower water mark on the jetties and shores, but we would have deeper water at said jetties and shores. Doesn't that, sound silly!

Some place under all this muck and weeds there is hard-pan, and if the mud can be taken out from between the water and the hard-pan this lake will be improved: a hundred percent.

For sake of argument, say there is eight feet of mud between pan and water. What is Mud? Water and soil, of course. Still being hypothetical, say our mud is half water. So, take out the, soil and you still have four feet of water. Not so silly now, eh?

How does one go about separating water from soil? Could let the mud settle and then drain the water of but that is highly impractical when such a vast amount of water is to be dealt with. A sand-sucker and properly built retaining wall does the trick; not as efficiently as distillation of course, but it does the trick.

From what we hear, many interested parties are working to get our lake cleaned up, which to us is a great idea; so we all worry our M.P. and the Dept. of Transport. That's what we have them for.

Rod & Gun Club restocking lake yearly with lunge fry, fingerlings

Port Perry Star, August 18, 1949

Three years ago, A.M. Ely, of Seven Mile Island was very much the man in getting the weed cutting machine here. Mr. Ryan was invited here for a joint meeting of the Council, Yacht Club, and the Port Perry Rod and Gun Club, at which time Mr. Ryan was requested he send a weed cutter.

In February of this year a letter was sent to Mr. Ryan by the Port Perry Rod and Gun Club, requesting that he send a cutter in again this year. A letter from Mr. Ryan said that this would be done, and has been in the harbour and other places in the lake for the past five weeks.

Many hours by the Port Perry Guides have been spent trying to clean up the front, and have, in many ways, kept it half respectable; but they have no means of drawing away the refuse. A little more co-operation along this line and our waterfront might have a better appearance.

As to the re-stocking of Lake Scugog with fish, the Port Perry Rod and Gun Club have filed applications for the re-stocking the lake with fish. In 1947, 192,000 lunge fry, and 500 fingerlings; also some bass. In 1948 over 100,000 lunge fry and about 500 fingerlings. In 1949 around 180,000 lunge fry and 300-500 fingerlings. To date no bass has been put in this year, but a request has been made by the Rod and Gun Club.

It may appear to some that the Rod and Gun Club have done nothing, and all that is handed out to them is knocks. The Rod and Gun Club are a bunch of lads who can take it, and they like it, and will bounce back for more.

In the Spring of 1948 Mr. Ryan, the superintendent of this division of the Trent Waterway System, received a letter from the Rod and Gun Club, requesting that the dam at Lindsay be repaired, as there was a portion broken away that allowed water to be about 8-12 inches below normal levels.



Beare Motors, the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealership, 1949, was located on the southeast corner of Queen and John Street.

Port Perry purchases buildings from Ajax

Oshawa Times-Gazette, August 25, 1949

The sale of war surplus goods in Ajax introduced a few queer merchandising practices to Canada such as pig-in-the-poke purchases of crammed warehouses, but the queerest yet is the current offering of houses, sold by the yard.

During the war, Defence Industries Limited, pushed for accommodation for workers recruited across the Dominion, erected a number of dormitories where the munition workers rested from their labors. For a few years after the war these comfortable buildings provided shelter for the students of the University of Toronto, Ajax Division, and lately for the thousands of new Canadians brought to this country by a paternal government.


But the dormitories are now in the path of progress and nine have been sold to permit the erection of 800 homes, which are being added to the growing industrial community of Ajax.

One such building, complete, was purchased by the Port Perry Community Hospital Board, some have been obtained by speculators who will try to make a "quick buck" selling portions to small operators.

The whole portions, loaded on trailers, sail sedately along the highway to new destinations where they will be unloaded and with a little work become a happy home, or in the case of Port Perry remodeled to provide a new hospital.

July 1949

Harold Archer made an outright donation of a 1949 Chevrolet car at the Recreations Centre Committee to conduct a lucky draw.



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PHONE 49 *The Rexall Store* PORT PERRY

Local residents discuss unhealthy condition of Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star, September 1, 1949

Last Friday night the Port Perry Rod and Gun Club arranged for Mr. Rod and Gun Club arranged for Mr. Walter Thomson, M.P., to attend a meeting of a representative group of residents on Lake Scugog and hear opinions expressed by these people as regards the terrible condition of Lake Scugog.

The general opinion is that the lake is at present a stinking, rotten, mud hole, unfit to be classified as a lake. All agreed that Lake Scugog could be returned to its former status of magnificence. Most angles had to do with the sporting end of things, but Dr. M.B. Dymond forcefully pointed out that such a lake was a breeding ground for pestilence and was jeopardizing the health of all who came in contact with it.

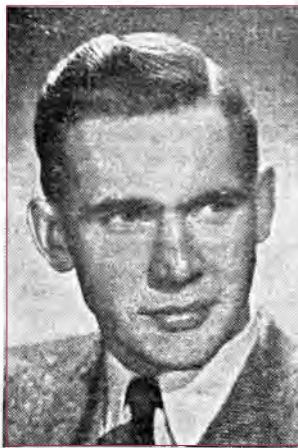
More commercially minded men asserted that such a lake could never

attract tourists and tourists provided an integral part of our national, provincial and community income.

In reply to this condemnation Mr. Thomson assured the meeting that he was in hearty agreement and sympathy with what he had heard and would do all in his power to see that matters were rectified as soon as possible.

At the suggestion of Mr. Thomson a committee containing men from all interested groups was formed to prepare a brief for the use of Mr. Thomson in his campaign. The committee retired to a private home and set wheels in motion that it is hoped will raise the level of the lake at least a foot this year.

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July 1949

Lakeside Beach Pavilion on Scugog Island, operated by George Freeman holds dancing every Saturday night, featuring Alex Williamson and his Orchestra.



The Alex Williamson Orchestra in May 1958. Members of the band included, front left, Jim Williamson, Alex Williamson, Peter Williamson, Alex Williamson, Sr., and Billy Williamson. Back left, Ross Brethour, Doug Billbrough and Harold Welch.

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Port Perry Fair the "best yet"

Port Perry Star, September 7, 1949

The "best yet" says the Port Perry Fair Board, regarding the exhibition held here on September 6. There were better exhibits, and more of them, and there was a bigger crowd, also a good program. There was a big wind and plenty of dust, too, but for this drawback the day was considered practically without, flaw by those who attended this important yearly event.

Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society has had its ups and downs during the past 50 or more years of its existence, but for the past few years its annual fair has been steadily growing. This year was no exception.

It has been estimated that some 6,000 persons entered the gates to the grounds. Of course many of these did not pay admission – school children, exhibitors, helpers, etc. The gate receipts for the day amounted to about \$1,750. The number of exhibits was a little above average.

Assembly of new hospital progressing

Port Perry Star, October 27, 1949

The movers who sawed the Ajax buildings into sections and trucked them to Port Perry have done a creditable job.

Citizens who passed the field a few weeks ago and saw the 15 or 20 sections lying around looking as though some giant was playing a jigsaw puzzle wondered how they could ever be assembled but they now are on the foundation.

One can get a good idea of the size and general appearance the building will have when completed. The carpenters now have the job of nailing the sections together, capping the roofs and bridging the floors before visitors can inspect; but it should not be long before one can get a real look.

The weather has been very favorable and Bob Tetlow has made the best of the opportunity. There is of course an immense amount of work to be done, such as plumbing, heating and fitting, on the inside, but that can be done after the weather has been shut out. The left over portions, we are told, will be made over for nurses' quarters later.



This picture of the crowds and displays at the 1949 Port Perry Fair was taken by "The Molson Photographer".

Peel's Farm ships 6,000 chicks by rail, 800 miles to New Brunswick

Port Perry Star, December 10, 1949

On Tuesday evening, November 29, 6,000 chicks (60 boxes) left Peel's Poultry Farm, for Campbellton, New Brunswick, a trip of 800 miles. This is the largest order of Peel's Fast Feather Barred Rocks to be shipped at one time in a single shipment.

The weight of this shipment, boxes and chicks, was 721 pounds. Chicks travel at a high express rate, so that the returns to the C.N.R. express was considerable. The C.N.R. placed a special express car to take care of this shipment. This is the third shipment in all to be sent to New Brunswick from Port Perry.

Assembly of new hospital attracts many spectators

Port Perry Star, November 3, 1949

A good deal of interest is being taken by our citizens in the new hospital building, judging from the many people who have visited the site during the past couple of weeks.

A splendid piece of work has been done by the men who dismantled the building at Ajax, and cut it into sections to be moved. The movers also did a very fine job in bringing it to Port Perry without

damage, and the sections have fitted together on the new site even better than could be hoped.

The building is now closed in from the weather, and work can go on inside the building. The comments being heard around town show that the people are quite pleased with the project, and many are surprised at the large size of the building, and the good condition that it is in.

September 1949

Dr. B.J. Palmer, son of Daniel David Palmer, founder of chiropractic, and president of the Palmer School of Chiropractic of Iowa, visited his fathers birthplace in Port Perry.

October 1949

R.W. Bro. Hibbert 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 1949

Dr. Helen M. (Peel) Bathie, Doctor of Chiropractic, opens practice in Port Perry.

Port Perry Beverages, is the local dealer for Kist products.

December 1949

Birdseye Centre Cabin park offer season's pass to the swimming pool for \$3.00 per person.



Sections of an old munitions factory from Ajax are seen here being moved by truck to Port Perry in October 1949 and were assembled on the new hospital site.

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