

Births and Deaths

Cards of Thanks, In Memoriams, Marriage Notices, Engagements, Announcements

Born

HLUSKO, Jo and Mary-Ann are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ashley Beth born March 26, 1984 at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Sister to Megan. Special thank to Dr. Vantor and the maternity staff.

Approaching Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Sample are pleased to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Karen Lynne, to Douglas Wayne Matheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Matheson Embro, Ont. Karen received a Bachelor of Journalism, Honors Degree, from Carleton University and is editor of the Ontario Milk Producer's Magazine. A May 26th wedding is planned.

Engaged

Claude and Micheline Chabot of Huntingdon are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Manon to Robert Dineen of Huntingdon, son of Clayton and Violet Dineen. No wedding date has been set.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sutton of Covey Hill, Quebec announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter Nola Mae to Mr. Robert Valcourt son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Valcourt of Franklin Centre, Quebec.

Died

MUIR, Norma - At Ottawa on April 3, 1984 in her 90th year. Norma Leone Atkinson, wife of the late George W. Muir, mother of the late Margaret, sister-in-law of Miss Isobel M. Muir. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral took place in Ottawa on April 5th.

ROSS, David A. - at Ste-Anne's Hospital, Montreal on Sunday, April 8th, 1984 age 88 years. Husband of late Phoebe Getty. Survived by a sister Mrs. Alex Hay and a brother Finlayson Ross and sister-in-law Mrs. Mamie Seaman. Also by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service from Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon on Wednesday, April 11th at 10:30 a.m. Interment Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to friends and relatives for the many cards sent to me, and the most welcome visits during my recent convalescence. Special thank you to Mrs. June Farquhar and staff for the excellent care given me while in her home. Miss Hattie Shearer

Our sincere thanks to all our family, friends and neighbors for the gifts cards and good wishes on the occasion of our 25th wedding anniversary. The time we spent with you was most enjoyable and all was much appreciated. Ernest and Shirley Porter

My sincere thanks to everyone for cards, gifts, visits and phone calls, while I was in the hospital. It was very much appreciated. Jim O'Hare.

Card of Thanks

Wendy and Francis Tavenier would like to express our gratitude to all our relatives and friends for the support and kindness shown to us after our fire.

My sincere thanks to all relatives, friends, neighbors and the Presbyterian Congregations of Ormstown/Rockburn for their cards, gifts and visits during my recent illness. Gordon Bannerman

I wish to thank Dr. Thompson, Dr. Alkin and the nursing staff of the second floor, Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received as a patient. Also to my relatives, friends and neighbors for phone calls, gifts, cards and letters, which helped pass the time. To Rev. Sam Livingstone Rev. Alan Lynk and Rev. O. Carmichael for visits and words of comfort. To my family, travelling from Montreal in some rather stormy weather. To all, I sincerely thank Isabel Cogland

Last of the Valleyfield Shannons was lighthouse keeper

by Bernice Douglass

Valleyfield lost the last of the Shannons with the death of "Bill" on April 1st, 1984 at the age of 75. Husband of the late Eveline Fellows, who predeceased him less than a year ago, he was well-known as owner of Shannon Travel Bureau and Manager of the P.T.C. bus terminal on Victoria Street from 1959 until 1976.

He was a descendant of two of the first families which settled Valleyfield (known as Catherinestown until 1854) - the Shannons and the Clarks. His great grandfather, Peter Shannon, was aide-de-camp to Lord Melville, then Governor General, and as a result received the appointment as light keeper in Valleyfield, which occupation was subsequently followed by both his grandfather and his father.

A lighthouse was located in Baie St. Francois at the foot of Ellice Street, as well as two smaller lights in the port area, which provided assistance for the small flat-bottomed "Bateaux" with their pointed ends, the scows, the somewhat larger "Durham" boats and the commercial ships and schooners which made

the two week trip from Montreal-Kingston.

Without the present Seaway system or the previous canal system, areas of the St. Lawrence were not totally navigable and there were areas where cargo had to be portaged.

Mr. Bill Stafford, a cousin of Bill Shannon, told of how as young fellows they had on occasion taken the lifeboat or the skiff the three-quarters of a mile out to the light to fill the lamp. Since it did not hold sufficient coal oil to be assured of burning for two nights, this was almost a daily chore. One hears of "pouring oil on troubled waters" and indeed he spoke of allowing oil to drip from the front of the skiff as they headed out to the lighthouse. Regardless of weather conditions, on the return trip the crest of the wave was broken and there was never difficulty in battling the waters.

When talking about Bill Shannon the words "outgoing, honest, courageous, helpful" keep recurring. He was always interested in everyone and everything going on in the community and was never heard to say an unkind word of anyone.

Bill was the son of Wilbert Shannon and Annie Young. He was a member and for many years treasurer of the United Church as was his father before him. The funeral service was held in the United Church April 4th, with interment in Valleyfield Cemetery.

For 32 years Bill was associated with Valleyfield Oddfellows Lodge no. 11, a Past Grand Master since 1954, also a member of Rebekah Lodge no. 46 and more recently of the Ormstown Chapter of the Rebekahs.

For some years Bill has suffered from ill health and become increasingly handicapped, but he bore his afflictions with courage and continued to enjoy visits with friends until the end. He had been hospitalized in Valleyfield since Dec. 26th of last year.

As well as his church and lodge activities, Bill was a very active member of the Valleyfield Canadian Legion and took a keen interest in all aspects of his community, as long as health permitted. Friends in the area will certainly miss him.

Mrs. Wallace Younie dies at age 90

Mrs. Wallace Younie, one of Ormstown's oldest residents passed away at the Centre d'Accueil on March 18, 1984, at the age of 90 years less nine days.

Born Jean Elizabeth (Bessie) McKell on March 27, 1894, Mrs. Younie was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James McKell of Riverfield. It was on October 2, 1918 that Bessie McKell was united in marriage to Wallace R. Younie; to their union were born two daughters and two sons. After many years of farm life on the Tullochogorum Road, the Younies retired in Ormstown in the early 1950s, taking up residence in their comfortable and

hospitable home on George Street. Both Mr. and Mrs. Younie were much involved in church and community activities.

Following her husband's death in 1960, Mrs. Younie continued to live on George Street until in her declining years she resided for a time at the Rankine Residence prior to moving to the Centre d'Accueil.

Mrs. Younie was a life member of the Women's Institute, of which organization she became a member at a very early age. She was a long-time member of the Eastern Star, filling for years the position of organist. She was a member of the United Church Women of

St. Paul's United Church, of which she was a charter member. An inveterate traveller, Mrs. Younie delighted in journeying to many parts of the nation to visit family and friends, a practice that she continued for many years following her husband's death.

She is survived by nine grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, as well as by her children. Mrs. Muriel Heron of Ottawa, Mrs. Eleanor Brady of Islington, Mr. Robert Younie of Bainsville and Mr. Earle Younie of Chilliwack, British Columbia.

A tribute to Victor Tasca

Ed note: The following was written by Ethel White as a tribute to 24 year-old Victor Tasca of Huntingdon who died on April 1, 1984.

I met Umberto Tasca when he came to work at the Designing Office of Cleyn & Tinker Ltd. in the mid-sixties. Umberto could not speak a word of French or English when he first came from Italy, and in his job as Textile Designer, he naturally had to converse somehow with his fellow workers. After a few weeks Mr. François Cleyn, the President, came around to see Umberto and left him with the seemingly impossible task of learning either French or English within a six month period. Well, knowing Umberto as we do, it was not surprising that he chose to learn both French and English within this time period. Day after day one could see him consulting his text books, writing, memorizing,

translating, all phases of language learning and within four months he was trying out his French on the two bilingual employees of that day. Then at around 5 months he was conversing with we English-speaking ones and we were very proud of his determination to learn. He was a great example for us Quebecers who think it so difficult to learn even one other language besides our own.

When Mr. and Mrs. Tasca came here, their children, Victor and Lucie, were both preschoolers and of course spoke only Italian. They started school to learn in French and then took their high school at CVR in English and both children were top of the class students. Apparently

they had the same determination their father had.

Today, I believe, this is Lucie's third year in University and Victor had already finished two years at McGill when he took ill at the start of his third year at McGill. The thirst for knowledge these two youngsters had is a very rare thing, indeed, in this era.

When tragedy happens to such a closely knit and good living family, nothing we say can alleviate the pain of the loss of a loved one. In an instance such as this, my father's quote always was - "The Good Lord works in mysterious ways. His wonders to perform."

On the wings of an angel floating away
We knew in our hearts you just could not stay,
So thank you, our Lord, for his years on this earth,
We treasured this boy from the day of his birth.
We know there's a reason God singled him out
But on how we pray that You free us from doubt,
Our lives must be lived and whatever the fee
We'll pay it, our Lord, with our hearts still at sea.
For Victor the worry and pain is all gone,
His features were young his life at the dawn,
He will never grow old as we who are here,
Our respectful young son we'll always hold dear.

Ethel White

Mrs. Agatha Lefebvre buried in Huntingdon

Mrs. Agatha Lefebvre, daughter of the late Michael Duffy and Kathleen Walsh, of Valleyfield, succumbed to a long illness on March 11, 1984, in her 76th year. She was the wife of the late Mr. Leahy Lefebvre, former co-owner of Garage Lefebvre and Smith,

Larocque Road, Valleyfield, in the late 40s and 50s.

Mrs. Lefebvre was born and educated in Valleyfield where she taught school for many years in Bellerive. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at St-Esprit Church, Valleyfield,

followed by burial in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Huntingdon.

She leaves to mourn her loss, one niece Miss Noëmi Théorêt, of Valleyfield; her brothers-in-law Austin, Paul, Guy and Dr. George Lefebvre, all of Huntingdon and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Edwards, née Gertrude Lefebvre.