

Births and Deaths

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

DIED

CARSON, Wallace - at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que., on Sunday, May 18, 1986. Wallace Carson age 73 years, husband of the late Arleen Sutton, Franklin Centre, Que., father of Lorne and wife Pauline, Sandra (Mrs. Robert Primeau). Cremation, no visitation. Burial at Bethel Cemetery, Covey Hill, Que. Arrangements entrusted to J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home, Franklin Centre, Que.

CARD OF THANKS

The Baier family would like to express its appreciation to the Hemmingford Volunteer Fire Department for their rapid arrival and competence in controlling our barn fire on May 4. We are also grateful for the concern and help from our neighbors and friends.

CARD OF THANKS

To our many friends who were so kind to me and to Margaret while I was in hospital in Florida, both in Dec. and Feb. my heartfelt thanks. To all who assisted us in any way preparing for our unexpected flight back to Canada in Feb. I shall be forever grateful. To the doctors of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, nurses and staff of the second floor again my appreciation for wonderful care and kindness both in March and May. To friends who have sent cards, gifts, flowers and who showed concern in dozens of ways, I shall never forget your thoughtfulness.

Jim McCoy

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Dr. Thompson and the staff of the 2nd floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received while a patient there. I would also like to thank my relatives and friends for the flowers, cards, and visits. All were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Gerald Cardinal

IN MEMORIAM

VARIN, Edouard - May 23rd, 1984. In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away May 23, 1984.

"This dreadful day Comes with deep regret For it brings back The day we will never forget We did not see you close your eyes Nor did we hear you sigh We only heard that you were gone Without a last goodbye.

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by all of us - your wife, children and grandchildren

INTERMENT

HAMILTON, Margaret Whyte - at Port Hope, Ontario died March 18, 1986 in her 101st year - beloved wife of the late Louis Hamilton - dear mother of Ruth (Mrs. Ed Gooderhan) and Kay (Mrs. George Box) of Port Hope - Burial of ashes at Georgetown Cemetery, Howick, Que. Friday May 23rd at 2 p.m.

WEDDING RECEPTION

IN HONOR OF
**CHRISTINE NIEUWENHOF
AND JACQUES CRETE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 24
TROUT RIVER GOLF CLUB**

EVERYONE WELCOME

WEDDING RECEPTION

IN HONOR OF
**KAREN SNOOK AND
MARTIN HARRIS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 24
8:00 P.M.**

**AT RIVERFIELD CURLING CLUB
MUSIC BY: LENNY AND THE JET**

Charlie Edwards - heart and soul in tune with nature

by Phil Norton

Covey Hill native Charlie Edwards' respect for the land and traditional country life-styles is what friends, family and acquaintances will remember him for, since his death last month at the age of 62.

The son of Colin B. Edwards and Cecelia J. Brooks, he grew up as tough as the rocky hill farm his family settled in 1833 and through a life as an apple grower and wood-smith, his physique hardened into the same muscular form as his prized Percheron draft horses.

Charlie's love of wildlife and the outdoors carried him into a career as Provincial Game Warden at the age of 38, a post which he worked at with pride and dedication until his retirement a year ago. He was the only English warden remaining at the Valleyfield bureau and one of the few anglophone officers active in Quebec Province.

Cursed poachers

To those who expressed interest, he would gladly recount his experiences with wild animals throughout southwestern Quebec and LaVerendrye Park. He was quick to curse "slob hunters" and poachers as well as provincial game laws which he believed were foolish. For instance, he was highly critical of legalized snares for small game in which he occasionally found an unfortunate deer or dog. Snares are not selective.

He also pointed to contradictions in the Chasse et Pêche handbook such as allowing an open season on wild turkey while making it an infraction to keep turkeys in captivity. Across the U.S. border, a mile from his home, turkeys were being released into the wild and protected. He also despised the fact that Provincial wardens did not hold the right to make arrests on private land, Quebec being the only province or state in North America with such a law, he claimed.

His views on deer populations and herd management did not always coincide with those of the department's biologists. Being an apple grower himself, Charlie sympathized with the plight of farmers whose orchards are ravaged each winter by hungry deer. Montreal Gazette outdoors columnist George Gruenfeld, used Charlie's quotes and observations on the subject last fall.

Proud of record

Charlie Edwards was proud of his record of arrests, or "cases" as he



Charlie Edwards and one of his prized Percheron draft horses.

called them - 371 infractions in his best year. Making such was not simply a matter of coming across off-season hunters and fishermen by chance but rather knowing through experience where to find them and keeping up a broad network of informers. His habit of visiting friends, patrolling back roads and dealing with the RCMP, Quebec Provincial Police, fish and game clubs and American police and conservation officers made him one of the most effective officers this district has known.

Open to new ways

Although he was the model of Scottish stubbornness and rural reticence, those who took time to know him discovered a man very open to new ways. While he clung to tradition in his work horses, syrup-making (for which he won national honors), and antique collecting, he liked to discuss alternatives to conventional agriculture and he held a curiosity which made him an avid reader and conversationalist.

Loved visiting

Charlie's influence was spread far and wide because of his love of visiting. He was at ease to stop in at any home, store, or business - on the job or off - where he could pass hours conversing about local news, politics, and game law offenders. His wide range of contacts was clearly evident on the day of his funeral as the tiny, brick Wesley-Knox Church filled to capacity with many people waiting outdoors. Provincial game wardens from as far as Mont Laurier and Joliette attended in uniform and surrounding the large family section were Covey Hill neighbors, sportsmen and a cross-section of the

Chateauguay Valley population - English and French, wealthy and poor, townspeople and farmers.

The Reverend Milt Skippon of Wesley-Knox and the Reverend Oliver Carmichael of Ormstown gave fitting eulogies. Hymns were "What a friend we have in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace."

All will remember a reserved, quiet-spoken man, whose heart and soul remained tied to the cycles of nature and old ways of living. He was a man whose muscles were the very force that made him survive and prosper in a harsh Canadian climate and on the rugged Covey Hill terrain.

Died of rare illness

Ironically and unjustly, it was those muscles which deteriorated gradually and terminally under the attack of a rare illness known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Through it all, Charlie retained his good humor, his interest in the many visitors who came to see him at home, and his concern for the future of his fourth generation farm and tightly-knit family.

He gave up the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis on April 29, 1986. Surviving are his wife Laura, sons Gordon and Gregg, daughters Jane and Gillian, grandchildren Kerry and Stacey Edwards and Jessica Barrette. Also surviving are his brothers Brand, Keith and Mac and sister Margaret (Mrs. E. Keddy).

Close friends served as pallbearers: Garth Waddell, Jack Lowden, Gerry Morey, John Slater, Keith Curran and Norman Akester. Burial took place at the family plot in the Covey Hill Union Cemetery.

Charles Gordon Edwards - August 31, 1923 - April 29, 1986.