

# Births and Deaths

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

## ENGAGEMENT

**POUPART-MITTERHUBER** is pleased to announce the engagement of her son Stephen (son of the late John Poupart) to Hilda Mitterhuber, daughter of Ernest and Irmgar. Mitterhuber of Marchwell, Saskatchewan. A summer wedding is planned.

## BORN

**MYATT** - Bill and Dorothy are thrilled to announce the arrival of 9 lb. 12 oz. Meagan Irene, on March 17, 1994. Baby sister for William Alexander. Delighted grandparents are Laurent and Frances Tessler and Stanley and Beryl Myatt. Proud great grandparents are Helen Myatt, Robert and Eleanor Middlemiss and Grace and Art MacFarlane.

**PEDICELLI-NESS** - Big brother David is thrilled to announce the arrival of his brother Alexander Bruce on Tuesday, March 22, 1994, weighing 10 lbs. 5 oz. Proud grandparents are Lillian and Alessandro Pedicelli and Owen and Arlie Ness. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Daniel Weiner and caserom staff at the Jewish General Hospital from parents Silvia Pedicelli and Richard Ness.

**SMITH** - Dr. Glenn and Sharon of Kemptville, Ont. are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Rachel Ann born Dec. 20, 1993 at the Grace Hospital, Ottawa, Ont., weighing 7 lb. 2-1/2 oz. Thrilled grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Smith of Howick, P.Q. and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douma Pietermaritzburg of South Africa.

**SUTTON** - Brent and Karen proudly announce the birth of their son, Colby James, on March 20 at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Sherbrooke, Quebec. His weight is 6 lbs. 11 oz. The happy grandparents are Bruce and Linda Sutton and Patricia Potvin.

In the 1918 'flu epidemic, Thomas had a bout and was on the verge of taking pneumonia. The doctor told his father a neighbor had a half-bottle of gin stashed in a cupboard, and sent him to fetch it for Thomas' hot-gin toddies. That may have been the only time hard liquor passed his lips.

Asked if he had some thoughts to share with others, he replied that people should follow their religion, they'd be better off.

Today, he still enjoys good health, takes no medication other than a "peppill" in the morning, and listens to radio and cassettes, since his eyesight deteriorated about 12 years ago.

For the past five years, he has lived at a Valera Moore's home for seniors in Ormstown, keeping current with local news and world events, remaining interested in everybody and everything, and cherished by his family.



THOMAS STUART DUNCAN: still in fine form at 100 years old.

(Photo: V.F.)

## Ormstown's Thomas Duncan attains century mark Mar. 28

Valerie Furcall  
THE GLEANER

Thomas Stuart Duncan never thought he'd live to be a 100 years old, especially that one day 30 years ago when he didn't feel right and took a notion that he would die then.

How many of us could, of our own journey through life, look back and evaluate its merits and accomplishment, and then say, "There's not much that I would have changed."

"God gave me a long life with very little trouble," Mr. Duncan said, as he recalled the events which shaped the course of his life, just before his 100th

birthday March 28.

He just absolutely "loved farming" — his fun, his life and his passion — and was fully satisfied to have raised with his late wife, Margaret Orr, a family of four boys (Gerald, Stuart, Ronald, Gordon) and a girl (Gladys), on a 100-acre dairy farm alongside the Chateauguay River east of Ormstown. Thomas Duncan came by his love for the land naturally, having borne the responsibility as the dairy herdsman on his parent's farm in the Chateauguay Basin.

Out on the fields behind the horse he had long hours alone to think about his life and his school lessons. He used

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poetry as a distraction, memorizing verses of a religious or spiritual theme, to repeat and ponder them as he tramped along doing his chores.

He still can recite poems first committed to memory some 80 or 90 years ago.

A disappointing trip out West in 1919 on a grain harvest hastened his return, only to find that his father had sold the homestead.

He bought his own dairy farm in 1920, where later in the 1950s the family also sold eggs to the hospital and townsfolk; kept bees; grew asparagus, potatoes and rhubarb in a large garden; cultivated grapes (some remaining vines are about 50 years old); and experimented with apple-tree grafting. In the 1940s, one of his crab-apple trees also bore Yellow Transparent apples.

Mr. Duncan prided himself with being a progressive farmer, believing in crop rotation, and trying new crops. He was known for keeping a neat farm with the equipment well-maintained.

He admits that he could have been more adventuresome in buying land.

"I was always cautious," Thomas Duncan said, having been influenced by lessons of

the Great Depression, "If I didn't have the money, I wouldn't buy it."

To involve the children in the family farm, each was given a calf to raise and exhibit in local 4-H club shows. When it became a cow, its offspring also became the property of the child. This was the beginning of herds for two brothers, Stuart (Upper Concession), and Gerald, who became the second generation of Duncans on the Rte. 138 farm.

The first tractor, a second-hand International, replaced the horses after WWII. Today, the third generation, Gerald's son, Michael, and his wife Monica, have added horses to the livestock inventory.

For 40 years Thomas Duncan practised what he believed, and served as an elder in the St. Paul's United Church.

Outside of his family and agriculture, his interests included being a school board member for the Consolidated schools.

Although he claims not to have an ounce of musical ability, he certainly encouraged those who did. The Ormstown Band presented Thomas Duncan with a plaque acknowledging 50 years of continual support.

He says the olden days are nothing he would

## BORN

**HAMILTON-FORTIN** - Garry Hamilton and Lynn Fortin are happy to announce the arrival of Olivia at Lasalle General Hospital, on Monday, March 21, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. Baby sister for Rachelle and Erika. Proud grandparents are Willand and Irene Hamilton of Ormstown and Roger and Pauline Fortin of Ste-Foy.

## DIED

**OUMET, M. Armand** - At the Montreal Institute of Cardiology on March 22, 1994, at the age of 72 years, died M. Armand Oumet, husband of Denise Galipeau. Besides his spouse, he leaves to mourn his beloved daughter Julie and her husband Martin Mayer, his brothers Gerald, Clarence, Edmund, Lawrence, his sister Eileen, his brothers-in-law, his sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. There was visitation on Thursday, March 24, at Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Funeral Home, 170 Châteauguay St., Huntingdon. Funeral was held Friday, March 25, 1994, at 2:00 p.m., in St-Joseph Church, Huntingdon, followed by the interment at the Cemetery of the same place.

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Dr. Thompson and Dr. Hebert and the nursing staff of the second floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received while I was a patient there. Also, sincere thanks to my friends and family for the lovely cards, gifts and well wishes. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Mrs. Hazel Hayter

Our sincere thanks goes out to all who have remembered us in their thoughts and prayers during the past several months as we persisted in our pursuit of justice. We now pray that our success in the Presbyterian Church's highest court will encourage and sustain others on the road to Christian maturity. We are particularly grateful to the ruling elders who supported us by resigning from the Kirk Session. Our prayer is that the Congregation will soon invite ALL to return.

Sheila & Milton Reddick Ormstown

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I wish to express my sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of both the second and third floors of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, and to Dr. Blonde for his much appreciated care. Also to my friends and neighbours for cards, visits and support. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Dan Macfarlane

I would like to thank both Ormstown and Valleyfield hospitals for the excellent care I received while a patient there. Also relatives, friends and neighbours for the many flowers, gifts, cards and visits in the hospital and since I've been home. Please accept this as a personal thank you to each and everyone of you. Bernice Lamb

Our Dad / grand-dad Tom Duncan, celebrated his 100th birthday last Saturday at the spacious hall in Ormstown's Walshaven. The good wishes expressed by our many neighbours and friends, from near and far, were very much appreciated. He enjoyed the spring weather, visiting with friends and the opportunity to share one of his favorite poems with those present. The U.C.W. of St. Paul's and their many helpers assisted in making the event a great celebration. The Family

## RETIREMENT

We wish a Happy Retirement to Lawrence Tessier who has retired from Ministère des Transports, Ormstown Div. Many happy years ahead.

His wife Frances Dorothy, Bill and family Carmen Linda & Geoff

## IN MEMORIAM

**MARLIN, Ethel** - In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, who passed away March 28th, 1981. She left us quietly Her thoughts unknown But left us a memory We are proud to hold So treasure her Lord In your garden of rest For when on earth She was one of the best Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her family