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## RECEIVES HONORARY APPOINTMENT

Dr. D. M. Campbell of San Francisco, California, spent last Thursday in Alvinston with his cousin, Mrs. Robert McEachern and Mr. McEachern, and his sister Mrs. J. A. Waddell of London. Dr. Campbell was returning from the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., where he accepted the appointment by Queen Elizabeth of Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of his outstanding service in the cause of Anglo-American friendship and understanding.

The appointment was to have taken place last November but due to the tragic death of President Kennedy was postponed until this month.

## 12-YEAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE PINS PRESENTED

At the Rotary meeting last Thursday night in the Parish Hall four Rotarians were presented with 12-year perfect attendance pins. They were: Gordon McCallum, Earl Clysdale, Howard Pole and Don Vosbourg. The latter was not present as he is confined to the Petrolia Hospital. A perfect attendance pin for the last year was presented to Howard Bryans.

Plans are underway by the Rotary to sponsor Softball teams for Brooke and Alvinston public school children, grades 5-8, but further details were not available at press time.

Ken Winnett introduced the guest speaker Mr. Campbell Brown, principal of Brooke Central School for the past three years who will be leaving for Forest at the end of this term.

Mr. Brown was born in Listowel, raised in Gorrie and attended school at Fordwich and high school at Harriston. The subject of his speech was: "The duties of a Principal", which proved very educational to the Rotarians. Mr. Campbell stated that the duties of a principle can pretty well be put in 5 categories: 1. supervisory; 2. administrative or managing; 3. clerical; 4. financial; 5. social.

## HOUSE SOLD IN A DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marentette, Detroit, who advertised their Alvinston house for sale in this paper last week report that it was sold within a day. (Which should prove that it pays to advertise!) The new owners are Mr. Duncan and Hugh Walker, of Highway 79, Alvinston. They will take possession in October. Mr. and Mrs. Marentette will be visiting here off and on during the summer.

## Alvinston Personals

Mrs. Jim George attended the Canadian Women's Press Club regional conference this past weekend, in the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton.

Mrs. Lydia VanEvery and daughter Stacey visited for the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Pecena near Aberfeldy.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gartung of Brantford called on Mr. Darwin Oke on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare McCallum and daughter Terri Louise of Brights Grove spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Homer McCallum.

Mrs. George Jarvis, Carol and David of Sarnia spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer McCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goble and Mrs. Louise Shaw were recent visitors with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sercomb and daughters of Park Hill were recent visitors with Mrs. Ella Rundle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shaw of Detroit were visitors with their aunts Misses Cora and Gertie Shaw.

Mrs. Geo. Poole and Mary Beth of Muirkirk were recent visitors with friends here.

Mrs. Fred McKinlay of Detroit spent a few days with her sister in law, Mrs. Donald McKinlay.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Malcho and family of Shakespeare were recent visitors with friends here.

## VICTORIA DAY

The Victoria holiday weekend passed quietly hereabouts with no accidents or mishaps.

## BURNS CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

Burn's Church, Mosa held its 129th Anniversary last Sunday, May 17. Favoured with perfect weather conditions both services were well attended with many people coming far distances to renew acquaintance with friends and relatives.

The Rev. Vincent Crawford now of Hammond, New York, was the visiting minister.

The choir, aided by Alvinston Presbyterian choir members, made an outstanding contribution to the services conducted in the beautifully decorated church. The inspiring singing of the Rev. Robert McRae of London also contributed to make the day one of spiritual benefit to all present.

## Letter to the Editor —

Alvinston Free Press,  
Alvinston, Ontario

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly print the enclosed article, I would like this printed just as written. Thanking you,

Stanley A. Graham

"Saturday last I decided to give up the work of Weed Inspecting upon request of the Township Council to think it over for one week, and since my philosophy for sometime has been that one of our major troubles in the world today is: too many jobs are being held by people incapable of efficiently filling their position; I do resign. However, I hope my successor shall maintain the forward movement of this very important weed program.

"Brooke Township, the place of my birth, has been good to me in the past, and I only hope I have in some small way contributed something worthwhile in return.

"It has been said, if you don't like the heat stay out of the kitchen, and with this thought in mind, I have decided to become a spectator rather than a participant in Brooke Township

## ALVINSTON FUNERAL HOME SOLD

Mr. J. N. Black, funeral director in Alvinston for the past 41 years, has announced the sale of the J. N. Black Funeral Chapel, Furniture Store and Ambulance Service to a company headed by Mr. Douglas Campbell of Alvinston. The sale was finalized over the weekend.

Mr. Black said he was very pleased that Doug. Campbell, who has worked for him for twenty-three years, would take over as managing director and expressed the wish that the people of Alvinston, Inwood and surrounding area would extend the same confidence to Doug. as he himself has experienced since coming to Alvinston in 1923.

Mr. Black was born and raised in Beaverton, approximately 40 miles north of Toronto on the shores of Lake Simcoe. Where he worked with his father for several years who operated a funeral business in that town for over 30 years.

Mr. Black graduated from the Ontario School of Embalming in 1914, Mrs. Black was an honour graduate from the same school in 1936.

After spending four years with the armed services, including two years overseas during the First World War in France, J. N. Black purchased the funeral home here in 1923 from Mr. Fred Slaght. The only person still in business today who started before him is Mr. Robt. McEachern who owns the J. D. McEachern & Son lumber business here.

Many changes have taken place in the funeral business during the last 40 yrs. Mr. Black recalls that the ow-

ner before him had just acquired an automotive hearse less than a year before he sold out. Before that it was strictly a horse and wagon affair. The dress of funeral directors have likewise changed. He well remembers the high silk hat, tails, black gloves etc. which were worn in the olden days. In those years all funerals were conducted from the residence of the deceased. The funeral director would prepare the body at the residence and all services were held there. As time went on things were changed and in 1937 the funeral chapel was built in Alvinston. It was completely remodeled to its present form in 1952, making it one of the nicest funeral chapels in this part of the province. Mr. Black estimates the number of funerals he has conducted here in the last 41 years is "in the neighborhood of two thousand".

Mr. Campbell, the new director, was born 5 miles east of Alvinston and attended Walkers Public School, Alvinston Continuation School and what now is called Watford District High School. He graduated from the Ontario Embalming Institute in Toronto in 1946, and as previously stated, has worked for J. N. Black for twenty-three years.

Except for ownership everything will remain the same, including the name of the funeral home; even the telephone number will not be changed.

We wish the new owners much success and Mr. and Mrs. Black many years of happy retirement.

## EUPHEMIA COUNCIL MINUTES

May 2, 1964

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted on motion of McAuslan-Wright.

The Eacott Drain Report read to ratepayers present and on motion of

## Napier

Napier W.I.

The May meeting of the Napier Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Mac Bolton with 12 ladies present. The president, Mrs.

## NEWS TRAVELS FAST

Had a call from the Detroit Daily News on Monday morning. Apparently one of our readers sent in a clipping of the request we made for people to gather important papers deposited in this area by the tornado that hit the U.S. and to send same back. We did not receive very much. Just one check and a bank statement. Ironically though, the statement was of one of the first identified victims of the disaster, Mrs. Barbara Forton, of Chesterfield Township. She was 29 years of age. Mrs. Forton was identified by her husband who said the twister demolished his home and injured his four children ranging in age 6 to 2. Mr. Forton was not at home at the time of the tornado, they were to have celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary that same weekend.

## BROOKE COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting

A special meeting of Brooke Twp. council was held April 29 and opened with all members present.

The Reeve explained the purpose of the meeting was to further discuss the tenders received for grading and bridge construction on the 10-11th concession road at 24-25 sideroad, and any other business properly brought before the council.

Mr. Garry Ingram representing J. A. Monteith Associates Ltd. and Mr. John Robinson were present and tenders received were discussed thoroughly.

Campbell—McGugan that we recall tenders on 10-11 con. grade and bridges due to tender prices being in excess of the twp. road bylaw, and new specifications be called deleting some of the earth work to coincide with twp. bylaw and consulting engineer instructed to call tenders.

Bylaw no. 14 of 1964 being a supplementary road appropriation bylaw, allocating \$86,000.00 for further road expenditures, in 1961.

McGugan—Brown that bylaw no. 14

## ONE OF CANADA'S 5 BEST SPEAKERS TO SPEAK HERE

On Sunday, May 24, Guthrie Presbyterian Church will be holding its anniversary services and were fortunate enough in securing the Very Rev. Dr. Finlay G. Stewart, of Kitchener, to give the address at both the morning (11 a.m.) and evening (7.30 p.m.) services. Dr. Stewart has been rated among one of the top five speakers in Canada and only because Guthrie Church asked him early last fall where they able to secure his services for this special occasion.

Dr. Stewart is in his 27th year at St. Andrew's Church, Kitchener. He is a graduate of Knox College, Toronto and was honored by that College with the Degree of Doctor of Divinity at a 1955 convocation. He served for 5 years during World War II and was decorated in 1945 for services in Northwest Europe and now holds the rank of Major in the Reserve Army.

His church has a membership of 2,400 adults and approximately 1,100 children. In the last 11 years twelve young people have entered into full-time Christian ministry.

His most recent speaking engagement in this area was at the Watford Rotary Club Annual Banquet on May 12.

Besides the special speaker, special music will also be featured by both the Senior and Junior choirs who will be supported by Helen and Jake Warkentin, soprano and baritone from Hamilton; and by Dorothy and James E. Richards, contralto and tenor of Detroit.

The anniversary supper will be held the following day, Monday, in the Church Hall from 5.30 on.

## O.E.S. CARD PARTY WINNERS

The results of the last card party of the Inwood Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, held in the Masonic Hall, was as follows:

Euclre—Ladies high, Adeline Swan; ladies low, Jean Simpson; men's high