

-- Souvenir Programme --

INNERKIP CENTENARY



JULY 31, AUGUST 1st, 2nd & 3rd

1953

FOREWORD

It is the wish of the advertising committee to extend to Miss Zella Hotson our earnest appreciation and thanks for her valuable assistance in compiling this booklet.

Miss Hotson has lived all her life in our village and was postmistress for over twenty-four years. She recently published her book "The Early Days of Inner-kip District" which she now has for sale. We express the appreciation of the community to her for making this permanent record of pioneer days.

To her this booklet is affectionately dedicated.

George A. Scott

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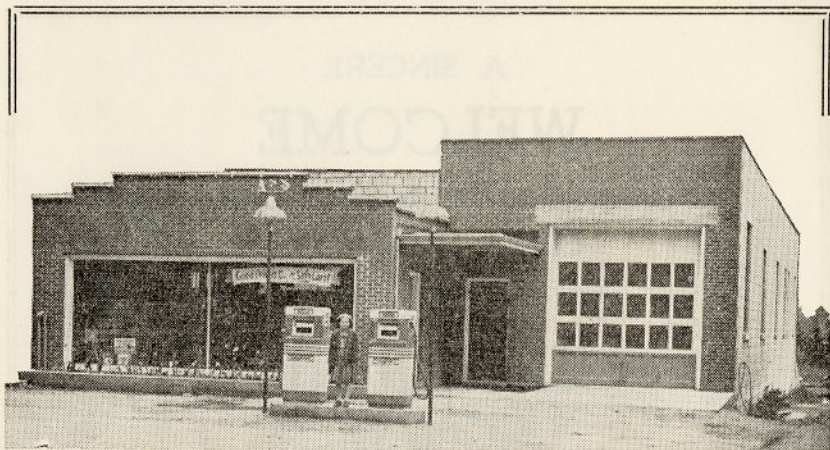
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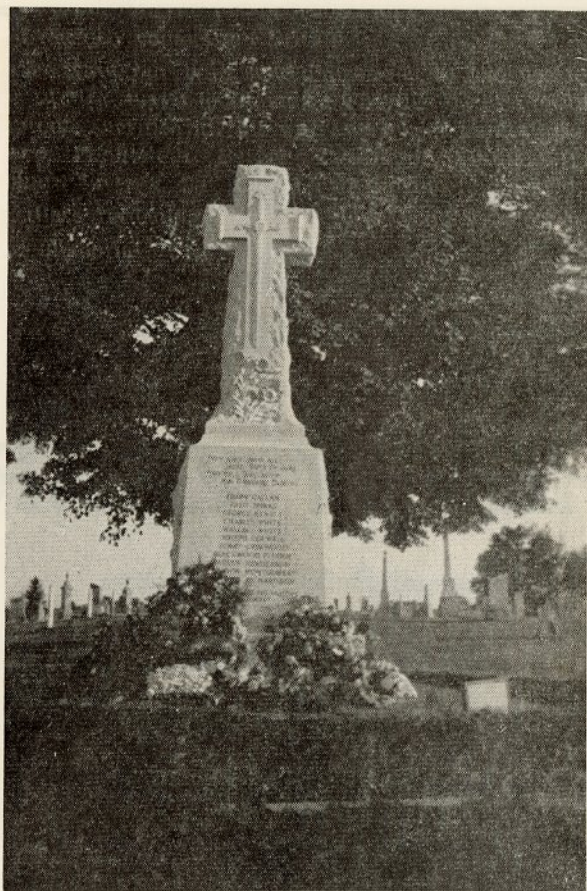
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SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

Two residents of Innerkip, Frank Callan and George Campbell, enlisted in the South African war and both returned safely.

Following the war of 1914-1918 a monument was erected in our cemetery in memory of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice. Frank Callan, Wallace White, Charles White, Blackwood Pedden, Gordon Montgomery and Joseph Colwell were sons of early settlers. Warren Henderson, Henry Grimwood, George Hewitt, Richard Richardson and Fred Spinks were working in the neighborhood and enlisted from here. Most of them had recently come from Britain.

Forty-six of our boys served overseas in the war of 1939-1945 and another twenty served in Canada. The five natives of Innerkip who paid the supreme sacrifice in this war and whose names also are on our Memorial were Flight Sgt. Beverley Matheson, Gunner Willis Carter, Gunner Richard Livesay, Sgt. Obs. Lloyd Cowing and David Rowell.

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INNERKIP SKETCHES

East Zorra was surveyed in 1820 and was first organized with a clerk, assessors and tax collector in 1822.

The first settlers came to our section by 1822 and were Stratten and Olive Rowell, Jacob and Catherine Ball and George Adams and William Adams.

George Adams, who purchased lot 10 in the 17th concession, was the first owner of land on which Innerkip was built later.

About 1826 Joseph, William, Nelson and John Brown also took up land in the 17th concession.

All the land in our neighborhood was taken up by 1836.

The Innerkip road is not on the early maps and is a given road, likely opened by Robert Riddell of the Glen Riddell farm in the thirties.

Besides the Rowell family, seven generations of whom have lived here, other pioneer families of the thirties who have stayed with us include the McLean, Matheson, Sim, Cowing, Pelton, Carter and Malcolm families.

Settlers who came in the forties included the Hotsons, Nicols, Emmersons, Skillings, Locks, Scotts, Waltons, Whites, Hislops, Harts, Vincents, Lees, Gillepies, Mitchells, etc.

In 1851 water power sawmills were built on the Thames river near the 8th of Blandford and the 6th of Blandford and this year George Lee sold small holdings of land along the given road. An hotel was built at the corner of the road to the sawmill (F. C. Lock's). A blacksmith shop was built by A. L. Brown which remained for 99 years when it was torn down to make way for R. O. Hilderley's modern garage. James Bell, a school teacher, built on Ray Hilderley's corner.

When a post office was granted to this community in 1853, James Bell became the first postmaster and his house the first post office.

With the coming of our post office came our name of Innerkip, given us by the postal department on the suggestion of H. C. Barwick, postmaster of Woodstock. Mails were brought from Woodstock once a week the first year, twice a week in 1854 and three times a week in 1855. The mails were dispatched on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9 A.M. and received at 4 P.M.

In 1882 the Postal Department inaugurated railway mail service. Previously it was always carried by horseback or stage coach. A railway station had been built here when the line opened in 1879.

George Lee set aside some land near the river for a cemetery. In 1856 he transferred this land to an Innerkip Cemetery Company for the use of the community.

In 1873 the Cemetery Company became incorporated. The grounds have been enlarged twice and a full time caretaker is now engaged.

The present Cemetery Board consists of:

President—Lorne C. Gillespie.

Secretary-Treasurer—Francis Yeo.

Directors—Gordon Smith, John Walton, William O. Matheson, Douglas Breckenridge, Nathan Lock, John Mitchell and George Spencer.

BUSINESS

There has been a decided change in local business establishments during the last one hundred years. Gone are the mills run by water power, gone are the shoemaker's shops, the tailor shops and the blacksmith and waggon shops. Gone are our two hotels and our green-houses. With the development of industry many articles are now factory made. And the coming of automobiles and transports made local production of many articles unnecessary.

A welcome from our present business concerns will be found in our booklet.

Perhaps our oldest business still serving Innerkip and district is the store opened in a small way by Mrs. Sara Begg nearly ninety years ago. She developed this business into a well stocked general store, later carried on by her son, John A. Begg; Harry McLean, Bruce Cole and J. W. Sowler. George Scott of Plattsville purchased this property and business in 1935.

Our other general store was purchased in 1950 by Orville Dean, who had just returned from France where he had lived for a number of years. Douglas Breckenridge, who owned this business for twenty years before selling to Mr. Dean, now lives retired in the village. Other owners of this general store—George Dobson, Harry Gustin, etc.—moved away.

Our grist mill, started in 1877, is still carrying on a flourishing business, which includes an up-to-date seed cleaning building. The present owner, Thomas H. Currah, is a descendant of pioneer families and moved to the village when his father, Norman Currah, purchased the mill in 1924.

John and Sophia Hilderley came to East Zorra over one hundred years ago. A daughter, Susan Hilderley, married Heber Riddell, who was the faithful caretaker of our cemetery for thirty-six years. Their son, Charles Riddell, followed his father as caretaker, making a total of fifty years for father and son. Robert Hilderley, the youngest son of John and Sophia Hilderley, purchased a butcher business and meat market in the village in 1907 and this business has been carried on by the family ever since, the present owner being Robert's grandson, Ray Hilderley. Ray is one of the village trustees. Another grandson, Lloyd Hilderley, has a garage in the village and is Fire Chief as well as a village trustee. Robert's youngest son, Robert Oswald Hilderley, started in the garage and implement business in 1934 and has recently erected a modern garage of which any village would be proud.

Edwin Carter, whose great-grandfather, William Carter, purchased land on the 16th line in 1828, apprenticed as a mason with his father, Albert Carter, and during the last twenty years has developed a large contracting business, employing from ten to twenty local men.

Another business carried on by members of pioneer families is that carried on by Callan and Long. Norman Callan, whose grandparents founded the Innerkip Lime Works in 1857, purchased the turnip business carried on by Daniel Blackmore in 1906. The following year he started as a coal merchant and later added fertilizers, cement and fences. In 1944 he took in as a partner James Long, a grandson of

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RURAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

In 1933 the Innerkip softball team were champions of the Ontario Rural Softball League and winners of the M. F. Hepburn Trophy.

Fred Redman, who was manager of the team, was catcher. Carl Matheson, the secretary, was shortstop. Elmer Symons and Oswald Hilderley were pitchers. Other members were Ed. Kading, Roy Haines, George Edwards, James Long, William Roberts, Warren Kennedy and Mac. Ross. Gordon Metz kept the score and Clarence Woodman was mascot.

During the League season and playoffs, our team played 29 games, won 18, tied 2 and lost 9.

At this time this was the only rural softball association in Canada.

In 1951 Innerkip Juveniles had a very successful season, winning all but one game in their own league. Teams in the league included Beachville, Bright, Princeton and Innerkip. In the three rounds of playoffs for the O.R.S.A. Trophy for juvenile teams they won all games played.

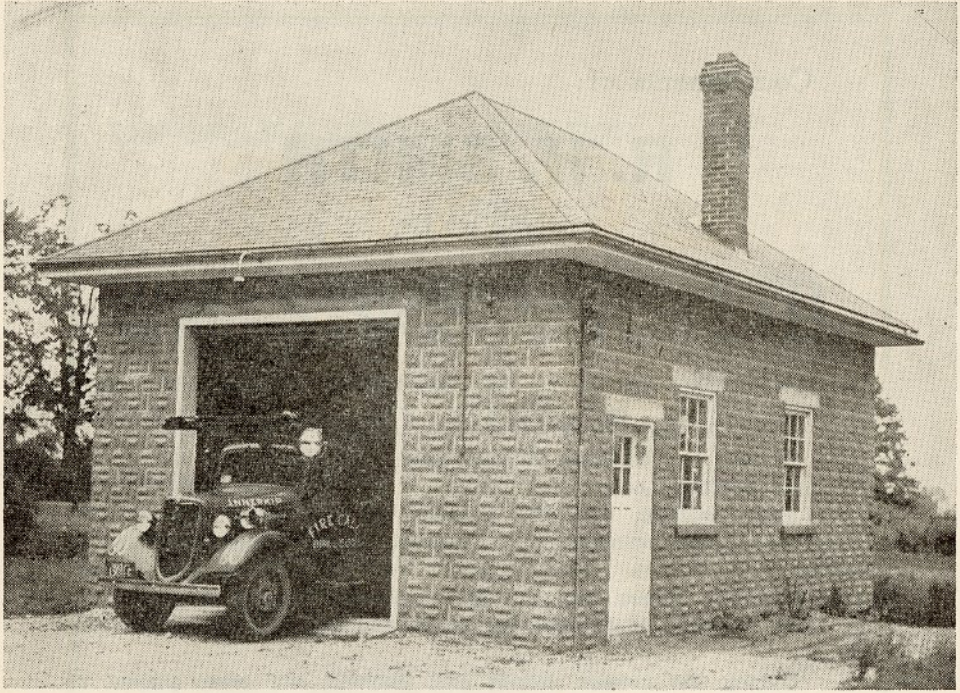
Age limit for this league is 19 years on May 1st.

Manager and coach was Wilfred Wells. Pitchers were Morris Carter and Ronald Wells. Catcher was Jack Carter. Other members of the team were Charles Whitehead, Dick Hall, Tom Watson, Bob Robertson, Ralph Wells, Howard Husk, Don Thornton, Russell Harwood, Wayne Richardson, Jim Chambers, Ted Yeoman and Tom Roberts.

Nineteen hundred and fifty-one was the first year there has ever been an O.R.S.A. Midget League, with an age limit of 17 years on May 1st. The trophy for the League was donated by Mr. Ralph Yager of Fenwick.

Innerkip Midgets were the only team entered in North Oxford. They only had to compete in the playoffs and won the trophy by winning all games played.

Manager and Coach was Wilfred Wells; Pitcher—Fred Fishback; Catcher—Jack Carter; Bases—Bruce Henderson, Wayne Richardson, Tom Watson; Shortstop—Bob Robertson; Fielders—Ronald Wells, Don Pearson, Russell Harwood, Keith Hall, Don Carter, Tom Roberts and Clarence Langfield.



FIRE HALL

Two hotels, two early mills, a general store and several homes in the village have been destroyed by fire.

In order to provide better protection, Innerkip erected a Fire Hall and purchased equipment in 1950, debentures being issued to cover the cost.

Lloyd Hilderley was appointed Fire Chief, the deputy chief being Oswald Hilderley. Captains are Norman Brooks and Ray Curtis. Sixteen other volunteer fire fighters are on call.

BUSINESS (continued)

Charles Long and Jennie Chesney. Jim has recently taken over all but the turnip business and this is still carried on by the firm in their modern building equipped for waxing.

Henry Zehr of East Zorra moved into our neighborhood seventeen years ago and, starting as a mason, now carries on an extensive contracting business and employs from ten to twenty local men. He is Chairman of the village Board of Trustees.

A hundred years ago Ellis King and James King were the village home decorators. They also made and lined coffins. It is said the price for these was \$4.00. George King, son of Ellis King, carried on the home decorating and painting business for many years. Harry Caldecott, a native of England, apprenticed with George King and took

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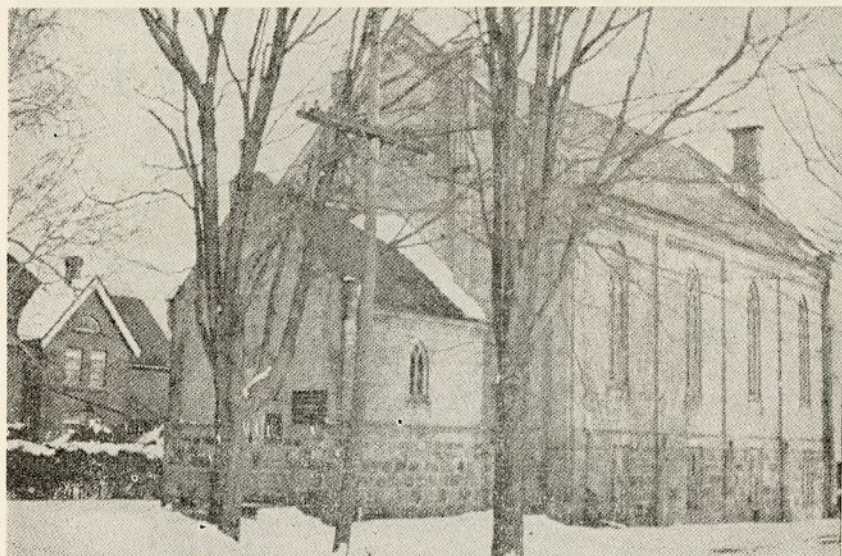
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to

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celebrating their

1853 CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY 1953



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

While the village of Innerkip still was little more than an hotel, a blacksmith shop and a post office, surrounded by woods in which were the isolated log homes of the early settlers, Mr. George Lee gave land to the Presbyterians of the community on which to build a church.

The frame building they erected in 1853 was 30 feet by 50 feet with a gable to the road and seated 200 people. In 1867 the building was enlarged by building an "ell" on the back.

When a better edifice was desired, a lot to the south was purchased from Robert Pettigrew and a white brick church erected in 1880 and opened on January 30th, 1881.

A red brick manse was built on the original property in 1891.

Ratho having erected a Presbyterian church in 1852, these two churches have always worked together as one field.

The present minister of this congregation is Rev. J. P. Schissler.

Elders of the church are: Lorne Gillespie, Donald Burns, Gordon Smith, Albert Carter, Douglas Breckenridge, Willis Matheson, William Matheson, Leonard Lock, Thomas Currah, Glen Snarey, Edwin Carter and William R. McLean.

Church Trustees: Joseph Matheson, Gordon Smith and Albert Carter.

Board of Managers: George Kennedy, Robert Chesney, Albert Carter, Ollen Carter, Lorne Gillespie, Aubrey Gillespie, Lee Malcolm, Norman Major, Alex Watson, Joseph Sim and Herbert Curtis.

Secretary: Robert Chesney. Treasurer: Albert Carter.

Organist since 1928: Mrs. Marguerite Cook.

S.S. Superintendents: Willis Matheson and Thos Currah.

President of W.M.S.: Mrs. Fred Cope.

President of Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Leonard Lock.

President of Young People's Society: Jack Carter.

Leaders of C.G.I.T.: Mrs. Schissler and Miss Jeanette Lock.

Superintendent of Mission Band: Miss Irene Matheson.



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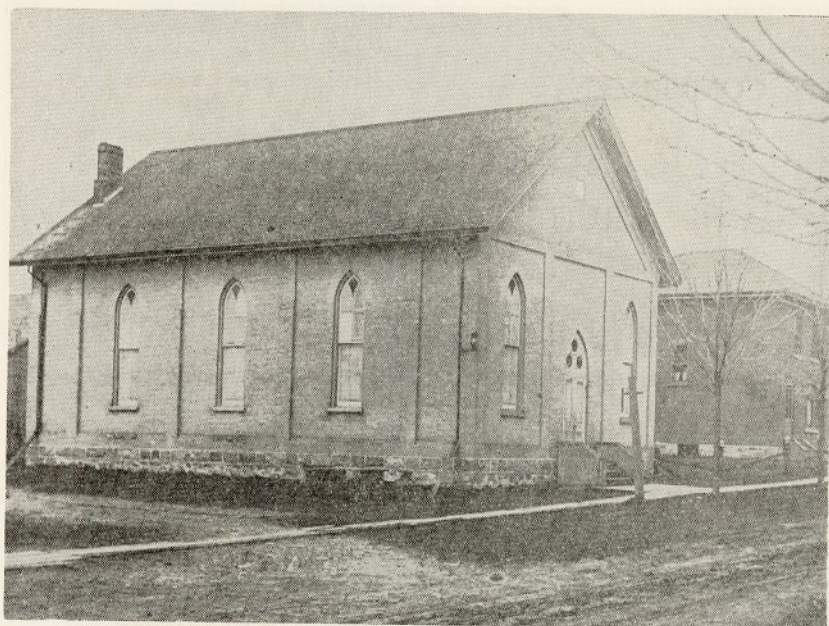
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UNITED CHURCH

This church had its beginning in Methodist camp meetings held in this neighborhood in 1882.

A white brick building was built in 1886 and opened on February 6th, 1887.

A parsonage was built in 1899.

A church shed was built in 1921.

A church hall was added to the church in 1948.

In 1925 this church became a United Church and is part of the Innerkip Pastoral Charge which includes churches at Eastwood and Windfall.

The present minister of this Pastoral Charge is Rev. George Alfred Shields, a son of Rev. George T. Shields a former pastor.

Present officers of the church are:

Session: Robert Scott (life member), Francis Yeo, Austin Caldecott, Roy Hilderley, Harold Smith, Norman Piggott and Andrew Ross.

Church Trustees: Carl Matheson, Bert Holtby and William Perry.

Board of Managers: Oswald Hilderley, Carl Matheson, Kenneth Dafoe, MacDonald Ross, Gordon Yeo, Rufus Moyer, Harry Caldecott, Norman Piggott, George Maynard and George Shields.

Secretary: Mrs. George Shields.

Treasurer: MacDonald Ross.

Organist: Mrs. George Shields.

Superintendent of S.S.: Austin Caldecott.

Superintendent of Mission Band: Mrs. Francis Yeo.

President of W.M.S.: Mrs. W. J. Scott.

President of W.A.: Mrs. George West.

President of Young People's Society: Allen Thompson.

Leader of C.G.I.T.: Miss Gertrude Barker.

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POST OFFICE

The first store in the village has seen many changes and is now owned by A. H. Phelps, who supplies the community with fresh fruits and vegetables. The front section of his building is rented at present by our postmaster Alex Watson and serves as the village post office.

TELEPHONE

The Innerkip Rural Telephone Association which was organized in 1906 and incorporated as a Company in 1911 and the Princeton-Drumbo Telephone Company organized in 1907 amalgamated on January 1st, 1947, as the Oxford Telephone Company Limited. The service of this Company now covers the townships of East Zorra, Blandford and Blenheim as well as some neighboring sections of other townships. The head office of the Company is at Innerkip.

Dial exchanges have been installed at Drumbo and Bright and one is now being installed at Hickson. These with the original exchanges at Princeton and Innerkip help to meet the needs of the ever increasing use of telephones for business and pleasure.

C.P.R.

The present agent at our C.P.R. station is Mrs. A. W. Brandon whose husband, A. W. Brandon, is section foreman.

CHEESE FACTORY

The East Zorra and Blandford Cheese and Butter Factory commenced operations in 1873. The production from our factory has always graded high and prize awards have been received from various exhibitions.

In 1934 a fire completely destroyed the factory and dwelling and new buildings were erected.

Wilfred Wells, who has been with the factory for twenty-nine years has been manager for twenty-five years. He is also salesman.

President of the Company is Russell Pelton.

Vice-president is Clifford Hutcheson.

Managing Director is Harold Smith.

Other Directors are Aubrey Gillespie and Wilfred Sim.

Secretary-Treasurer is Glen W. Rowe.

INNERKIP CENTENNIAL and OLD BOYS' REUNION

FRIDAY, JULY 31st

9:00 a.m.—Registration and Billeting

1:30 p.m.—Parade

Industrial and Commercial Classes

Cash Prizes: \$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00

Junior Classes

Cash Prizes: \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00

3:00 p.m.—Races and games for all.

New Dundee Little German Clown Band will be
in attendance.

8:00 p.m.—Monster Garden Party

Main Street Jamboree featuring Gordie Tapp

Jack Kingston noted singer

Hill Billy Jewels Band

Draw for lucky admission ticket at intermission

Draw for 17-inch T.V. at 11:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.—Open air dance

Hamilton Orchestra

Booths and meals on the grounds.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd
27th ANNUAL INNERKIP CEMETERY AND
C. O. F. DECORATION SERVICE

Collection at the gate

Parade of the members of the C.O.F. from the Hall
to the cemetery, led by Tavistock band.

(C.O.F. members place flowers on graves)

Music by Band.

2:30 p.m.—Doxology

Invocation prayer

Hymn—

O Canada, our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true North strong and free;
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! Glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.

Scripture Reading and Prayer — by resident minister.

Music by Tavistock band.

Address by resident minister.

Hymn—

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon; fire and sword;
Of how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word;
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee 'till death.

Faith of our fathers! God's great power
Shall soon all nations win for thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee 'till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee too as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith
We will be true to thee 'till death.

Music by Tavistock Band.

Address by C.O.F. Representative

Music by Tavistock Band.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd

Hymn—

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee:
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I scar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Address by Clark Murray, M.P.

Music by Tavistock Band.

Highlights of history of cemetery by chairman.

Hymn—

God be with you 'till we meet again!
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you 'till we meet again!

'Till we meet! 'Till we meet!
'Till we meet at Jesus feet;
'Till we meet! 'Till we meet!
God be with you 'till we meet again!

God be with you 'till we meet again!
Daily manna still provide you,
'Neath His wings securely hide you,
God be with you 'till we meet again.

Benediction.

National Anthem.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st

10:30 a.m.—Old school classes meet at the school.

11:30 a.m.—Old time picnic at the park.

Bring your lunch basket. Drink supplied.

1:00 p.m.—Ball tournament.

Two games in the afternoon.

6:30 p.m.—Final ball game.

9:00 p.m.—Grand display of fireworks.

Dance.

Booths and meals on the grounds.



MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd

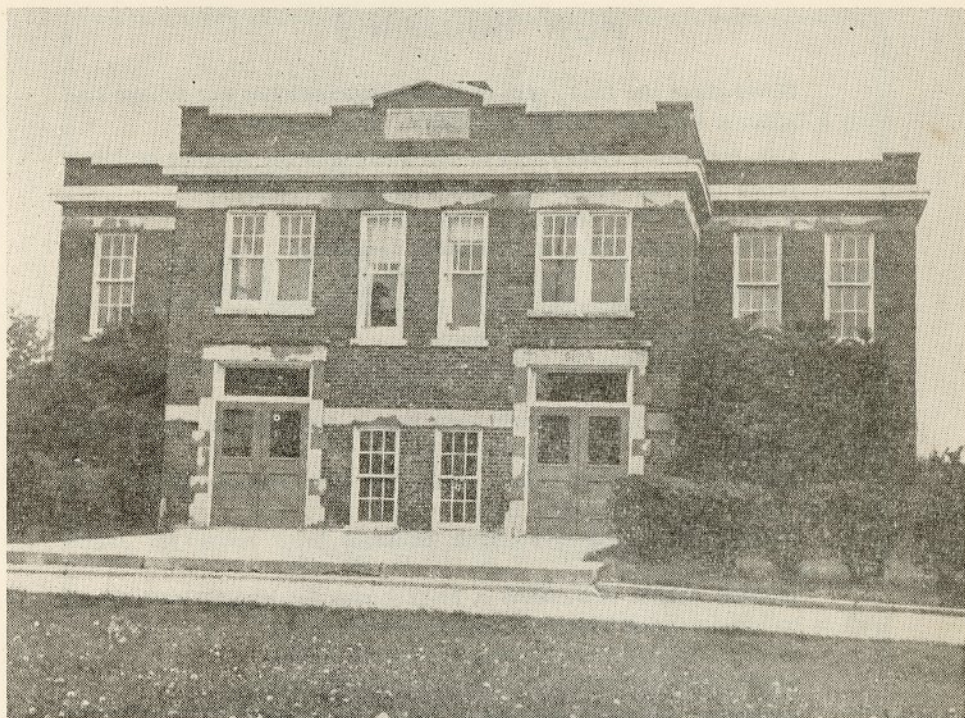
1:30 p.m.—Old Timers Ball Game.

3:00 p.m.—Horse Shoe pitching contest

Prizes \$10.00, \$5.00, \$3.00

Bring your own shoes.

Shoes must be all Canadian.



SCHOOL

We have had three school houses during the last one hundred years to serve this community.

The frame school built around 1850 was situated on the corner of the present Stanley Smith farm and served the adjoining section of Blandford Township as well as East Zorra children. There were 147 pupils here in 1861 and in 1866 the Union Section split and Blandford erected its school section number 3.

Our stone school was opened in 1867 and was a little nearer the present village of Innerkip, being on the present Douglas Park property. In 1897 a brick addition was built to the stone school for a junior room.

A new two-roomed public school was built in 1930 and opened on December 13th, 1930, with a re-union of old boys and girls.

Local trustees were discontinued on January 1st, 1947, when East Zorra schools united in a township area with a township school area Board of five members.

All High School pupils are now taken to the Woodstock Collegiate by bus.

Our principal, Mrs. Helen Long, B.A., has resigned and Morris Carter has been engaged for the coming year.

Mrs. William Matheson teaches the junior room.

Mr. Clarence Oerton teaches music once a week.

Grades 7 and 8 are taken by bus to their centre at Woodstock for lessons in Home Economics and General Shop once a week.

NEW BUILDING

Never since the first years of its development has our village had such a building boom as it has had during recent years.

One new home every eight or ten years was the average building.

Since the war ended the following is our record:

F. C. Lock built himself a red brick house.

Edwin Carter built a California bungalow for Mrs. Clara Skillings.

Roy Riddell, Clarence Hagon, Norman Piggott and William Elliott built themselves insul brick houses.

Mrs. Ethel Hilderley and Norman Brooks had Halliday houses erected.

N. J. Potter of Woodstock built homes for Norman Callan and William Perry.

Henry Zehr erected a brick house for Mrs. Patricia Wilson and an insul brick for Mrs. Norman Lock.

Thomas Matheson is building an insul brick house for James Prow, Jr.

Gordon Arnott is building a brick house for himself and Frank Lock is building a brick house for James Yeo Sr.

George Chesney built himself a small house.

Henry Zehr is building a house for Ernie Baker.

Raymond Dupuis is building a home for himself.

Many older homes also have been improved in looks and made more comfortable and warmer with new siding.

Our stone school had the stone refaced and is now the handsome home of Douglas Park.

The former Church of England was renovated and made into a home by Stanley Hislop.

Our former bank was made into a cold storage locker plant by Herbert Curtis who also built an egg-grading shop, which recently has been enlarged for handling poultry.

The village built a fire hall in 1950.

In 1945 Callan and Long erected a shop for their cement, fertilizer and fences and in 1952 they built a large waxing plant for their turnip business.

Norman Piggott tore down the old waggon shop made out of the first Presbyterian church and built a brick garage.

Oswald Hilderley tore down the old blacksmith shop which had stood in the centre of the village for 99 years and put up a modern garage able to handle an expanding business. His former garage is now used for implements.

Lloyd Hilderley built a garage and service station.

Ed Carter built a large storage shed for supplies.

Henry Zehr enlarged his storage barn.

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Roy Murray recently built a shop for his plumbing business.

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Oak Branch Lodge Number 261 A.F. and A.M. was organized at Innerkip in 1871 as a Blue Lodge. They purchased a building which they made into a Masonic Hall.

The officers for 1952-1953 include:

Immediate Past Master: James C. Long.

Master: George Alfred Shields.

Senior Warden: Robert Chesney.

Junior Warden — Thomas Currah.

Chaplain: Russell Pelton.

Treasurer: Gordon Sim.

Secretary: George A. Spencer; and the following: William A. Chesney, Stuart Robinson, Tom Peat, Ken Dafoe, Allen Ross, William Breckenridge and John Thornton.

Thames Valley Chapter Number 199 Order of the Eastern Star was organized in October, 1929. They have their Hall in the Masonic building.

Mrs. Minnie Shelton of Thames Valley Chapter has been District Deputy of District Number 18 for the past year.

Officers for 1952-1953 are:

Worthy Matron: Mrs. Beth Ferguson.

Worthy Patron: Ralph Howling.

Associate Matron: Mrs. Gladys Ross.

Associate Patron: George Maynard.

Secretary: Mrs. F. N. Birtch.

Treasurer: Mrs. Lydia Thomson; and the following: Mrs. Mary Holtby, Miss Margaret Thomson, Mrs. Audrey Pullin, Mrs. Nora Currah, Mrs. Myrle Parkhouse, Mrs. Dorothy Glendinning, Mrs. Olive Maynard, Mrs. Marjorie Birtch, Mrs. Erna Howling, Mrs. Evelyn Birtch, Mrs. Jean Watson, Mrs. Blanche Schneider and Percy Strong.

Court Innerkip Number 327 Canadian Order of Foresters was organized in 1893. Two former Courts joined to form this new organization. They have a commodious Hall on Vincent Street.

Officers for the present year are:

Chief Ranger: James Smart.

Vice Chief Ranger: George Hutcheson.

Recording Secretary: O. O. Carter.

Financial Secretary: Ray W. Hilderley.

Treasurer: Roy Riddell.

Chaplain: Harold Taylor; and the following: Victor Carter, Charles Riddell, Glen Smart and James Chesney.

A branch of the Women's Institute was organized in Innerkip this spring. Officers elected were:

President: Mrs. Jean Watson.

1st Vice-President: Mrs. Gladys Birtch.

2nd Vice-President: Mrs. Jean Ross.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Margaret Thomson.

District Director: Mrs. Evelyn Birtch.

Directors: Mrs. Howard Carter, Mrs. Gordon Sim, Mrs. Ted Bruce.

Standing committee conveners: Mrs. A. W. Brandon, Mrs. Gordon Smith, Miss Zella Hotson, Mrs. George Maynard and Mrs. George Kennedy.

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BUSINESS (continued)

over the local business when the Kings moved to Woodstock in 1920.

Thomas Curtis with his wife and son, Herbert, moved to our neighborhood from England in 1913. Herbert Curtis started in business in the village in 1931. He now serves the community through a cold storage locker service and poultry products business.

In 1933 Norman Piggott of Blenheim township purchased a former waggon shop and started a garage business. He has since erected a brick garage and a new house on his property and also has a saw-mill off the side street.

Glen W. Rowe moved to our village in 1934 and, while working for Bert Curtis, carried on a part-time electrical service. In 1950 he commenced a full-time business of electrical supplies and service, his place of business—the Silverchest—being one of our newer buildings.

Transportation of pupils to schools by bus has brought a new business to the village which is carried on by William J. Scott, whose family have lived here for over one hundred years. Bill owns four school buses and transports nearly 450 pupils to their classes. His contracts are with the Woodstock Suburban High School Board for pupils attending the Woodstock Collegiate and with School Boards of the townships of East Zorra, Blandford, East Oxford and West Oxford for grades 7 and 8 which take Home Economics and General Shop at a Centre in Woodstock, one half-day each week.

Roy Murray of West Zorra has recently started a plumbing business in the village.

Harold L. Harris has been carrying on a General Contracting and Mason business for the last seven years and employs four to seven men.

Stanley Smith on the 18th Line has a seed and feed business on his farm.

Our Dufferin crushed stone quarry, which is not being operated at present and has filled in with spring water, has been leased to Len McLaughlin of Woodstock for a period of years, if not wanted as a quarry, and he is erecting a refreshment booth and bath houses beside the water and is making a shallow swimming pool which will be safe for children.



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For many years residents of Innerkip belonged to the East Zorra Horticultural Society. Mrs. Francis Yeo was President of this society for a number of years and Mrs. William Mann and Miss Zella Hotson were Directors for some years. In 1936 Horticultural Societies of District Number 10 were entertained at Innerkip for their summer gathering.

Having a good membership in the locality and being at one side of the township it was thought best to have a local society and in February, 1939, the Innerkip Horticultural Society was organized by Director of District number 10, Fred Fairs of Woodstock, Miss Zella Hotson being the first President and Carl L. Matheson the secretary-treasurer. The organization takes in the surrounding portions of East Zorra and Blandford Townships.

The society chose the Columbine as its floral emblem.

The present officers are:

President: Mrs. Alfred Chesney.

1st Vice-President: Rev. J. P. Schissler.

2nd Vice-President: Mr. Emerson Mitchell.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Frank Birtch.

Directors: Mrs. George West, Miss Irene Matheson, Mrs. Glen Snarey, Mrs. Francis Yeo, Mrs. Nettie Snarey, Mrs. Bert Curtis, Glen W. Rowe, Lawrence Mitchell, Robert Chesney and Mrs. Emerson Mitchell.

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Author — Mrs. Wm. Mann

Tune — "My Bonnie"

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It lies on the border of Blandford
This very fine village of Kip.

You'll find there are many much larger,
But few you will find have more grit,
You see it has lime kiln and quarrie
And with electricity's lit.

Its streets — they run at right angles,
There's Blandford and Coleman and Queen,
There's Vincent and Raglan and Stratford,
There's George and there's Burton and Main.

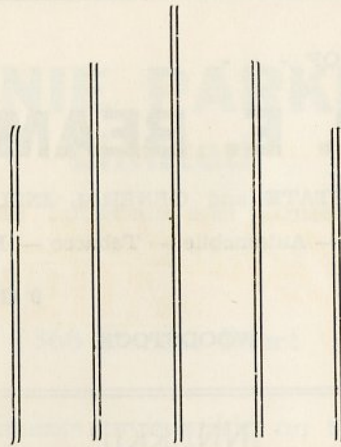
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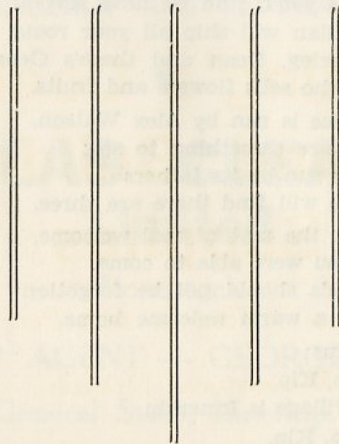


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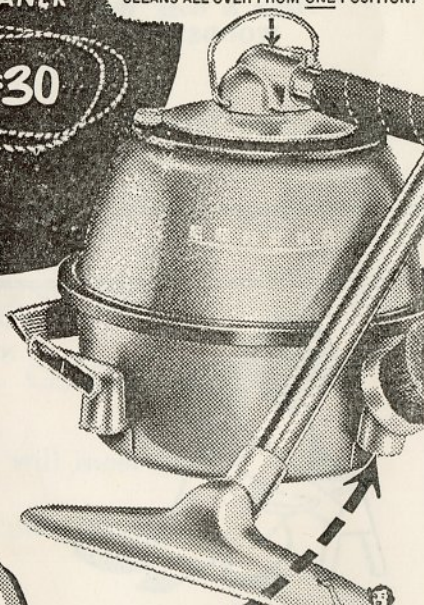
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