

The Lighthouse: A River Playground
(photo from O.T.H.S. Archives)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to the financial support from the City of Ottawa, funding from several heritage grants, fund raising efforts, memberships, sale of publications as well as the efforts of our curator/Archivist James Stevenson, Jennifer Hume, Assistant Curator/Archivist and the efforts of the volunteers and Board of Directors, the Osgoode Township Historical Society has enjoyed a successful year of operations. Details and figures of the year-end financial report, the number of visits and appreciative comments attest to the summation that the year 2006 was a very good year.

The collection has been nearly all digitally recorded and which will permit access with the mere press of a button. Not only is this an up to date catalogue of holdings, but locating an item will be much easier. A new microfiche reader funded by the IOOF Lodge is now available to be entered directly onto the computer monitor and best of all, able to reproduce the material on to a printer. Another grant allowed us to purchase a lap top computer to go along with a digital projector so that we are able to take the show on the road. A recently purchased digital micro recorder will allow us, by computer hookup to add voice overs to our visual media holdings. We were assisted by a summer student as part of the Young Canada Works Program with this cataloguing project. Volunteer Robert Lavoie digitally photographed each of our old maps, photographs and portraits. A couple of Algonquin College's Museum Studies students helped with the cataloguing as well.

James and Jenn have arranged a number of displays depicting the life and times of early Osgoode Township living. These displays are put together with the theme changing as the occasion arises.

Program Director Russell Johnston and volunteer Pierre Doyon arranged guest speakers for each and every monthly meeting. These speakers brought a great deal of insight into the historical heritage of our community. Board Members Eda van der Linden and Bette Crerar catered to the those in attendance at these meetings.

The Historical Society Newsletter issued quarterly to members continued to inform of the Society's happenings, interesting stories and events in the township's past. Each issue carries inquiries from readers researching their roots or expanding on an account that caught their attention. Ann Leighton-Kyle, Secretary and Editor and Michael Daley former Editor and Director are responsible for this bulletin.

The Lighthouse, located just west and south of the village of Osgoode on River Road on the Rideau River, served so many area residents and became a summer gathering and entertainment spot that it eventually spanned generations. More important, it became a place where young people met, socialized and took those first few steps toward relationships.

Businessmen Harry Boyd and Douglas Wallace partnered the building of the Lighthouse Dance Pavilion. They had agreed that the Osgoode Village needed a place to go and meet. It was a well known fact that the Rideau River's commercial traffic through the 19th and 20th centuries had given way to a growing recreational use and the Osgoode area was already a magnet for boating, swimming and fishing alike. Boyd was already known for his building block business and Wallace, a local general store owner had started a tour boat business that would become a well known Rideau Boat Tour to this day.

For more that 30 years, from the Depression years through the Second World War, through the 50's and finally into the 60's, thousands of young people flocked to this dance hall, beach and swimming area.

"It was the place to dance on a Saturday night", said resident Kay Bower in 2005. "They came from Morrisburg, Winchester, Ottawa, from all over to the Lighthouse. On Wednesdays they had square dances. When you danced at the Lighthouse you bought so many tickets, five cents a dance and a dance meant three songs." Age meant no barrier; people in the teens to late 60s enjoyed an evening together; they came from everywhere. We looked forward to the opening of the "Lighthouse" in late spring and always felt a little sad when it came time to close for the winter.

The May 22nd, 1941 issue of the Winchester Press featured an ad that ran every year on Victoria Day weekend. "This scenic Summer Resort opens for the season on May 24th. Boating, camping, fishing, bathing, dancing and other forms of recreation are available to those who visit the "Lighthouse." Dancing is held in the Pavilion every Wednesday and Saturday evening and the Regatta and Water Carnival held annually on July 1st. This year part of the proceeds will be donated to the Osgoode Red Cross." At one time in 1945, 400 people paid admission for a dance in the hall which was only 60 feet square.

The date that this chapter of entertainment closed is mid to late 1960's. For various reasons the place became passe'. Most feel that the place became too rowdy, the same generations were no longer going and other places took on importance. The structure is now a residence.

From "The Osgoode Village Story -
A Hometown History 1801-2006"
Joe Banks Ed., and volunteers. (With permission)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT'D

The Publication Committee under the chair of Alec Ball, Society Treasurer has completed a number of revision of our cemetery publications and also compiled a record of the Veterans' Memorials in the area. A number of "Family Histories" are in process of being reproduced as quantities go down. Additional "Family Histories" are in production.

The OTHS & M website has been remodeled and fine turned by Jenn Hume. It is found at www.magma.ca/~oths. Jenn has also produced a museum guide in booklet form. Ask for it or ask for a tour of the facilities.

Volunteer Corinne Atkins-Sheldrick has been involved in a "therapeutic outreach" activity at the Township Of Osgoode Care Centre. Once a month she loads up a collection of artifacts from the museum and gets the residents interested and talking about events from their past. Corinne reports those involved take a lively part in her presentations and are anxious to share with others.

The Accession Committee under the chair of Cecil Reaney have accessed a number of newly acquired items of former residents. Newly arrived artifacts pose a problem because of the lack of space to display and store items in both museums. Suggestions and solutions are numerous but are yet to be put into action. Suggested are an additional drive shed; an addition to the existing main building for presentations or storage; and an old log house for historic presentations. Bill Zandbelt heads up the committee that keeps tabs on the grounds and buildings. He reports though fortunate what we have, we need to plan ahead for additional space. In addition to more storage space, another need is the need for new flooring in the two exhibition rooms.

Besides Board members mentioned previously, the Society is also appreciative of efforts of Fred Alexander, Harvey Linton and Ken McDiarmid who have made my job as president no job at all. Thanks to Board members who have kept me on the straight and narrow and who have pitched in no matter what throughout the year. I regret to inform you that Fred Alexander after many years of service on the board has decided not to let his name stand for re-election to the board. Sorry to loose you, Fred, but perhaps we can still count on your expertise and knowledge as a consultant especially pertaining to the former Township of Osgoode.

Without a past, there is no future!

Ronald W Isaac, President

**MUSEUM HAPPENINGS & PLANS
UPCOMING**



- Feb 14th** "Valentines" small exhibit on Valentine Day Celebrations
- Feb 15th** - Flag Day -small exhibit on the evolution of the Canadian flag
- Feb 20th** - Heritage Day, Places for People, Our Heritage of Every Day" - exhibit on the "Rideau Canal, Osgoode Township" and participation in Heritage Day events at Ottawa City Hall.
- Mar 1st to April** - Archives of Ontario "Treaty #9, Native Peoples Exhibit"
- March** - Spring Break Program - activities for children featuring heritage crafts and stories, Native People theme.
- April 14th** - Sprint Tea and Art Show, featuring works of local artists
- April 17th** - small exhibit to mark the 90th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge
- May** - "May is Museum Month" - museum open house "Curator for a Day" program and exhibit
- June 1 - 3rd** - Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar at Algonquin College
- June 2nd** - "Doors Open Ottawa" at the Museum in

Vernon (Saturday only)

July 1 - Canada Day celebrations in the village at the Vernon Recreation Centre.

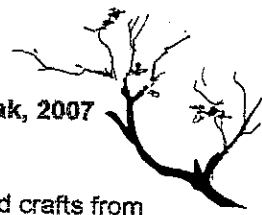
July 28th - "Pioneer Days" on museum grounds in Vernon featuring antique vehicles, craft displays, agricultural equipment, theme exhibits and a children's program

July to August - Exhibit from the Archives of Ontario: "Our Agricultural Past"

FOR CHILDREN ONLY

- **Activities Planned for March Break, 2007 at the museum**

- March 3rd - Make your own paper bead crafts from jewelry to curtains
- March 10 - Create a comic - draw and bind your own book
- March 17th - Mr Grasshead - He grows his own head of "hair"
- March 24 - Bread dough sculptures, not just for sandwiches
- March 31st - Origami - the art of paper folding



For info and registration phone (613) 821-4062

MUSEUM NOTES

CALLING ALL ARTISTS & CRAFTSPERSONS

Display your work at our Tea and Art show on April 14, 2007. For information call museum staff at (613)821-4062

90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge - An exhibit is planned for April. If anyone has a photo, letters or related objects from this period, please contact the museum staff for their use in this exhibit.

NEW PUBLICATIONS AT THE ARCHIVES OF THE SOCIETY

Veterans Memorials of Dundas County, by **Alec Ball** - A listing of the Veteran's Memorials in County of Dundas, Ont. Containing the names of the veterans displayed on the memorials and the location of the monuments.

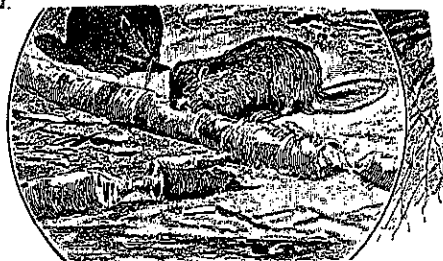
Spring Hill Cemetery, Concession VII, Lot 30, Alec Ball A revised publication of the cemetery lists with new information on the families interred at the cemetery.

Veterans Memorials of Osgoode Township, Alec Ball. A listing of the Veteran's Memorials in the Osgoode Township, Ont. Containing the names of the veterans displayed on each memorial and location of the monuments.

Grantley United Church Cemetery, Alec Ball, soft cover spiral bound, May 2006; a listing of graves located there since 1905.

150 Years and Counting - The History of the Metcalfe Agricultural Society 1856-2006

The McCabe List - Ontario Genealogical Society, edited by **Bruce S Elliott**. A list of Irish that were employed to work on the Rideau Canal compiled from records in the Colonial Office papers, Public Records Office, Kew, England.



A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

LAND BOARD, EASTERN & OTTAWA DISTRICT
Cornwall, 6 March 1823

Janet McMillant of Cornwall, Eastern District, widow of Alexander McMillian, late of the same place, deceased and daughter of Alexander McDonell commonly called the (Kings Son) late of Cornwall, Deceased an U.E.Loyalist having been approved by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of York, for a location of land by this board and we do assign to her two hundred acres being, Lot 21 in the sixth concession of the Township of Osgoode in the District of Ottawa for which upon proof of, cleared one half of the road in front of her lot and having cut down without leaving one chain in depth of the five acres per hundred required for Settlement duty and erecting a dwelling house there on within two years from date of this Location Ticket, this will entitle to receive a Grant to her and her Heirs.

John Anderson, Neil McLean, Chairman,
James Prindle, Clerk

Note * The above named, Janet McMillant is now wife of Duncan McDonell of St. Andrews in the Township of Cornwall, Lumber Merchant. May 1st, 1828. Settlement Duty Performed 28 August, 1828.

(On same page)

William Brunton, formerly of "Ireland" became the purchaser of the west half of lot 32 in the 9th Concession, 100 acres, Bytown 14th September, 1832.

Railroad 1853, Mrs O'Connor

Quit claim, Charles Fagan, July 5th 1856

Patrick Kilfoyl situated on Clergy Reserve in Con. 6, one house, 15 acres clear.

Submitted by Michael Daley

**IN SEARCH
OF THEIR
ROOTS**



From Peggy Gordon
via Michael Daley

My great, great grandfather James Johnson emigrated in 1827 with his wife Margaret Jane, his widowed mother Ann, dau. Mary Ann and cousin John. There were probably 2 children, John and Margaret as his will mentioned his eldest son John (though James was thought to be the eldest) being born in Gloucester in 1827. So if John is older, he must have emigrated with them. Margaret married James McDonald in 1845. James McDonald and Margaret had son James in 1846 and dau. Sarah in Jan 1849, Neither James nor Margaret are on the 1851 or 1861 census, though Margaret was alive in 1867 as she is mentioned in her father's will that year. I haven't found son John but wonder if possibly John married Margaret Nichol on Jun16, 1847. Since no parents are given, its so hard to know. Do you have any suggestions as to other ways to figure that out. Do you know if the Manotick Church records are available to the public?

I am also looking for the baptisms of the children of Joseph Johnston of Manotick Station. I believe he had one son and 12 daughters. The son John Robert born 1833 married Jane Campbell and one daughter married Robert Allan Johnston, a son of my James. On the census, Joseph's wife is Mary Abbot but on Eliza's

death certificate, her mother is given as Margaret McLean.

Peggy Gordon

✓Can anyone assist Michael Daley with this?

From Ronald Patrick Hurley

James Hurley and Mary Brannen lived in Metcalfe between 1871 and 1901. My research would conclude that James died there between the years 1885 and 1890 and his wife Mary Hurley died there between 1891 and 1900. I haven't been able to get their funeral or death records, but I do know that they attended both Our Lady of Visitation Catholic Church and St Catherine's Church. Although, I was able to find the gravestone of their son John Hurley and his wife Isabella McCaffrey in St. Catherine's Cemetery, I could not find grave stones at Our Lady of Visitation Cemetery or St Catherine's Cemetery for James Hurley and his wife Mary. Any information on the above couple would be appreciated.

Ronald Patrick Hurley r-shurley@troggers.com

Carl at the e-mail address below is searching for pictures of the Lighthouse Pavilion near Osgoode Village. We have a few at the Archives, but if anyone has pictures they would like to share, they could be scanned at the museum.

carics@hotmail.com

Deborah Nelson is looking for information on the York families. She has been made aware of the information at the O.T.H.S archives but seeks additional information for which she would be grateful.

Deborah.Nelson@ottawa.ca

NOTE OF JANUARY 26, 2007

Today was a sad day for many long time parishioners of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish of South Gloucester, as the former rectory, the once beautiful three storey brick building was demolished in the name of being old and decrepit.

This beautiful building built in 1915 to replace the disastrous fire of December 28, 1914 which destroyed the former rectory. It was built to replace the rectory destroyed by the disaster fire of March 9, 1869 which took the life of the Parish Priest Father O'Brien.

This old house, the stories it could tell. Faded and worn with the mists of time, like a sentinel it stood for four score and twelve years overlooking the countless number of Osgoode and Gloucester parishioners of the past and present generation. Those who entered and left. Those who entered to plan, to participate in the many church picnics, church socials, card parties, church suppers etc. have striven to maintain a rectory and a place to worship their God.

Turning a page in the book of time, as it were, on the many events of the past, like the closing of a book are now but a memory.

Submitted by Michael Daley

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Feb 6, 2007 the following were installed as Officers and Directors. According to Article 11 of the Constitution of O.T.H.S. the Board of Directors shall consist of nine members, including the President and Vice President.

Officers

Past President Doug Hughes
Secretary Ann Leighton-Kyle
Treasurer Alec Bell

Directors

Ron Isaac (President)
Russell Johnston (Vice-President)
Bette Crerar Harvey Linton Ken McDiarmid
Cecil Reaney Eda van der Linden Bill G. Zandbelt
Kim Bates *

O.T.H.S RETIRING DIRECTOR - FRED ALEXANDER



Fred Alexander is our most recent retiring Director, he leaves the Osgoode Township Historical Society after 30 years of membership and valuable Directorship. Fred initially joined the Historical Society as it fit in with his Council meetings at the Township, but as a long time resident he had the interest and believed he could contribute. He recently received his 30 year Ontario Service Award volunteer pin for his years of service.

Fred is native to the area having been born on Nicholas St, across the street from the Court House in Ottawa. His family later settled on a farm in the Hawthorne Region where they farmed and provided fresh produce to Ottawa. Fred rented a stand on the Ottawa Market during the war years when he wasn't delivering eggs, cream, butter and poultry to faithful Ottawa residents. Fred also worked at Ottawa Electric Railroad, ice cutting in winter and was a delivery truck driver. He moved to Osgoode Township in July 1959 and dairy farmed in the Dalmeny area since. His son Mark and daughter-in-law Lynn now run the operation with Fred's assistance.

One community organizations which Fred has served faithfully are the 60 years in Loyal Orange Lodge. He joined at Hawthorne, Ont on May 10, 1948, later was a member in Vernon and Metcalfe, rising up through the eleven degrees from Primary to Royal Black Institution. He also served as a Grand Lodge Officer in the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East. After that, the Royal Black Preceptory #509 in Winchester. He was Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario 1977-78. He went through all the offices to Most Worshipful Grand Black Chapter traveling across the Country from Vancouver to Newfoundland through the rank and file of the Grand Black Chapter of British America in 1995-96 and is an Honourary Imperial Deputy Grand Master of the Imperial Grand Chapter of Ireland and is a member of the Loyal Orange Young Briton Association.

During all the time Fred spent at community organizations, his Dairy farm still had to be run. Fred reckons his community time was available because his family assisted.

Fred's most visible contribution to the community was his 14 years on Osgoode Township Council. Thomas Stanley suggested in 1972 that he run for council. He declined at first for personal reasons, but took out papers in 1974. With some valuable suggestions at upper level and support from friends and

neighbours, his 10 nomination signatures for election were assured. His first speech was on camera. Immediately he was nominated Chairman of the Road Committee as his expertise was recognized. He was 15 years on the board of Osgoode Centennial Community Centre during which time the major renovations took place. Regardless of having a dairy farm, he had to be present every Tuesday morning to meet with the building contractors and engineer. On Dec 3rd, 1990 the meeting room has been named the Fred Alexander Room by the board of management in recognition of his undertaking.

Five bridges were built while he was on Council, two in Metcalfe and one on Cooper Hill Road and two on Belmeade Road. Plaques also found at the Vernon Community Centre, Osgoode Township Care Centre, and Dowd Seniors Apartments in Osgoode also bear his name and committee. During this time Low Rental Housing Units were undertaken in Osgoode and in Metcalfe. Fred says he has the spade used in turning the sod for these.

This past year Fred received a 25 year award as founder of the West Osgoode Old Tyme Music Club. As there were clubs in Metcalfe, he thought the unused upstairs Community Room would be ideal. Helpers Elmer Cook, George Drew and Jan Miller helped pull it together. They began with a Want Ad in the local paper for \$5.00 a couple and a membership attraction and pulled in the crowd to be entertained every fourth Friday of the month.

Fred was on the Carleton County Milk Committee and he was for many years (and still a member) active with the Progressive Conservative Party.

The Ottawa Carleton Plowmen's Association is another of Fred's organizations. He has been a member since 1978 and was Chair for two years. The Plowman's association aims to promote proper cultivation, soil and water conservation, ideal crop production and machinery demonstrations. He was also involved with the Antique Plowing at the International Plowing Matches in Richmond in 1983 and at Navan in 2001.

Fred feels it's time to slowdown in his 81st year. He says he's "giving up offices not stopping going." He and his wife of 60 years Vivian (Scharfe) still live just off the Dalmeny Rd. His 3 children are Sandra in Metcalfe, Larry (Darlene) in Vernon, and Mark (Lynn) in Dalmeny. Of these children he has 9 grand children and 7 great gand children.

We hope to still see Fred and that he will be still be attending Historical Society meetings and keeping up his membership. His experience and knowledge will be welcomed and his help at our special events is always forthcoming.

Submitted by Ann Leighton-Kyle

Last Call for info Re: Osgoode Township Veterans

**"In Our Defense:
The Veteran's and Military
Heritage of Osgoode Township"**

Scheduled for release June 2007

Please contact (A.S.A.P)
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VETERAN'S CORNER

ALEXANDER RUSSELL DOW

Alexander Russell Dow was assigned to 128th Overseas Battalion of Canadian Expeditionary Forces from Moose Jaw on Jan 24, 1916. He was listed as killed in action on May 3, 1917.

Alexander Russell Dow was born to Metcalfe resident Alexander Jr (1854-1925) and Susan Eadie (1861-1939) of Rideauview, Gloucester Township on Oct 16, 1893. Alexander Jr. bought the west ½ of Lot 26 in 1884 in Osgoode Township and erected a frame house beside present day Bank Street. It is believed to be still standing. At one time Alexander Jr was Reeve of Osgoode Township, Warden of Carleton County and Secretary of Springhill Cemetery.

Alexander Jr and Susan Eadie had 3 children, Alexander Russell was first of 3 sons born to this couple. At some point Alexander Russell set out on his own and moved to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. In his attestation papers on January 24, 1916, he is listed as a farmer and recruited as fit for service at Swift Current. At 23 years of age he was 5 foot 10 inches and a Presbyterian by faith. His next of kin is listed as his uncle James Eadie of Ottawa. His pay record shows he made \$1.00 a day, at the settling of his final papers, \$225.24 was sent to his uncle in Ottawa.

His service was short. He arrived in England aboard the S.S. Grampian on Aug 24, 1916, having had a 7 month training period in Canada. He was assigned to the 28th Battalion C.E.F. from Bramshott, England on Dec 22, 1916 and was in France on Dec 31, 1916. Except for a 20 day period in March of 1917 when he was in hospital for mumps, he was in active service.

The 28th Battalion was part of the 2nd Canadian Division in Allied defense in and around Vimy Ridge in Northern France. The taking of Vimy Ridge would be one of the Battles of Arras, which would continue till Sept of 1918. Vimy Ridge was the stronghold position that had been held by the Germans since 1914 and was part of the formidable defense system that allowed them to control much of the surrounding territory. They had constructed bunkers, caves, trenches and passages which were protected by concrete machine gun emplacements. To the Allies it was a major barrier keeping them from the wide open Lens-Douai plain. Vimy Ridge was taken by a major offensive on April 12, 1917 which the Canadians in the Canadian Corps played a vital part

Prior to the arrival of Pte Alexander Dow at the end of December of 1916, the War Diaries related artillery activity on both sides, the Germans sweep shelling Arras and Arras Rd. and the number of casualties and wounded. The Allies were planning a major attack on the German lines of which Vimy Ridge was a key part. The Canadians were responsible for the northern flank of the British attack, in effect, capturing Vimy Ridge.

The 28th Battalion spent the month of January training and maintaining their offensive. Heavy daily bombardment, muddy trenches and inclement weather kept spirits down. Daily Orders on Jan 29th - "Officer supervision will be held on the twice daily rub of feet with whale oil and extra socks to be carried." During this week the 28th will march tomorrow from Dieval to Burure. Month of February continued with bombardments and trench digging and maintenance. By this time, the Battalion had moved to Mount St Eloi. March 31st lists enemy barrage 3:05 a.m. - 3:20 a.m. 4 Other Rank killed, 8 wounded. April 6 - Battalion in reserve at Bois des Alleux. April 8 - 11 Telus Wood or Hill 140 secured.

Apr 9 - the War Diaries contain the plans for major offensive at Vimy Ridge.

As part of the 2nd Division, Pte Dow's 28th Battalion was to secure the village of Thelus and the trenches north of the village. Their attack went according to plan and resistance was overcome. The advance on Thelus went forward so smoothly and rapidly that the momentum surprised the Germans and dugouts were captured without a fight. By nightfall the 2nd Division had reached all its objectives and had suffered the least number of casualties of any of the attacking divisions.

By April 12 the Canadians controlled the Ridge at a cost of 3598 men and 7104 wounded. The success at Vimy ended the years of stalemate and they began to regain kilometers lost and felt complete victory to be near. Pte Alexander Dow had survived Vimy Ridge.

The 28th Battalion was found on May 2nd 1917 in position at Neuville St Vaast. Strategic planning had companies assigned to take various trenches. In consolidation with other parts of the front, the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade, the 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade and the 1st Canadian Division were to attack Fresnoy village and supporting enemy trenches. The attack was to be carried out by the 27th and 31st Battalions and the 28th Battalion in support, all in all, in hopes of taking Bois Bernard. "A" Company was to be in old trenches in front; "B" in advance of "A" Company; "C" and "D" Companies in Arleux Loop. By 3 a.m. on the 3rd of May all companies were reported in place and 3:45 a.m. was zero hour.

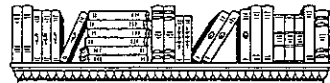
At 3:45 sharp an intense barrage opened upon the enemy's line. By 5:30 the attack of the 31st Battalion had been held up owing to the heavy and unexpected machine gun fire and also to the fact that the enemy wire had not been sufficiently cut, nor were there trenches close enough to the enemy line which could be used for jumping off.

The War Diaries of the Archives of Canada give no statistics as to number of officers and other ranks lost at this juncture on May 3rd. This is the date that Private Dow lost his life. The Battle of Arras was to continue much longer. The success that the Allies had achieved in April was remarkable, but the weeks that followed were a disaster. The Germans had reacted quickly and the following weeks there were loss after loss and thousands lost. Private Russell Dow lost his life on May 3rd and still lies somewhere in France. His service commemoration is on the Vimy Memorial.

Info from: Library and Archives Canada
Accession 1992-93/166
RG 150 Box 2632-6
"Families" Vol IV O.T.H.S.

"Winning The Ridge - The Canadians at Vimy Ridge",
1917 by N.M. Christie

Compiled by Ann Leighton-Kyle



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The Osgoode Township Historical Society's
founding member and first president,

Elizabeth Stevens Stuart

celebrates her 100th birthday on July 7th and
the Historical Society is hosting a Tea in her
honour at 2:00 p.m. at the Vernon Community
Centre. Please join us.

WINCHESTER PRESS - June 30, 1932

Speedsters Cause 881 Auto Accidents in 1931

In Ontario alone, last year there were more than two motor vehicle accidents per day for every day in the year because men and women drove too fast for traffic and road conditions. There is no guess work about this figure. It is quoted from official records. Mr. J.P. Bickell, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Ontario Dept of Highways, speaking about speed on the streets and highways says, "It is most difficult to say what a safe speed is. The law restricts speed on the highways to 35 miles per hour. Too many motorists accept this limit as being permissible under all conditions. Every thoughtful and observing person knows that there are times when even five or ten miles an hour is dangerous. Safety on the highways is a matter of sane driving, judgement and constant vigilance.

Deaths - Died at Metcalfe, Ont. On Sunday June 26, 1932, Edward James Murphy, DVS, dearly beloved husband of Lillian A. Cowan in his 59th year. The funeral was held from his late residence on Tues. Interment in the parish cemetery after service in St. Catherine's Church.

Died at the residence of her son-in-law, Harold Hughes, 100 Powell Ave. Ottawa on Monday last, Mary J Reveler in her 80th year. The funeral took place from her late residence, Russell, Ont to the United Church on Tuesday last. Interment was made in Morewood United Cemetery.

PROMINENT METCALFE RESIDENT DIES

Attended by members of the Osgoode Township Council, business men from Metcalfe and the surrounding district and by a host of other personal friends, the funeral of the late Edward James Murphy, D.V.S was held from his home to St Catherine's Catholic Church, Metcalfe, where solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by the parish priest, Rev. P.C. Harris assisted by Rev. Michael Daley, as Deacon and Rev. Aldred Daley as Sub-deacon. Rev. Father Frank Corkery, parish priest of South Gloucester and Rev. G.W. O'Toole parish priest of Aimont assisted in the sanctuary. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. W.J. Casserly with Miss E. Palmer as organist. The prayers at the graveside were recited by Father Harris and burial took place in the parish cemetery.

The late Edward James Murphy was born at Kemptville, Ont. Son of the late John Murphy and Margaret O'Coonor. He received his education in the Kemptville Public School and the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto. In 1895, he went to Metcalfe and since then he had been on of the most highly respected citizens of the community.

The late Edward James Murphy was president of the Metcalfe Rural Telephone Co., director of the Metcalfe Agricultural Society, former warden of St. Catherine's Church, Village Trustee and took a keen interest in Municipal activities.

Kenmore Young People Go South For A Good Time

Mr and Mrs Fred Park and daughter, Margaret invited the members of Kenmore V.Y.P.S to a social evening at their home on Monday, June 27th. When the guests arrived before dusk to start the ball rolling they enjoyed a

snappy game of soft ball. When it became too dark to play ball, the lanterns were lit around the lawn and the young people engaged themselves playing interesting games and contests led by 2nd Vice-President, Gerald Hill and also community singing conducted by Misses Margaret Little and Margaret McLaren, assisted by Miss Dorothy MacDonald at the piano. After singing, dainty refreshments including ice cream were served by the hostess Miss Margaret Park, assisted by the Misses Vera Loney, Carrie Wynn and Katie Briggs. The evening which was very much enjoyed by all was brought to a close by the young people forming a circle with Mr and Mrs Park and Margaret in the centre and singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

OSGOODE STATION

The annual field day was held on Friday of last week. The attendance was not so large as other years, the cause being no doubt due to the cold weather which prevailed throughout last week. The races and other sports were very interesting and received the usual amount of applause.

There were two softball games played between Osgoode and Dalmeny teams which resulted in a score of 5 - 3 in favor of Dalmeny and between Osgoode young ladies and Manotick girls which resulted in a score of 18 - 12 in favor of the Osgoode team.

The following pupils of Osgoode School are writing entrance examinations this week - Evelyn Shorten, Mary Nixon, George Barr, Andrew Robb, Fred Wilson and Cecil Black. Also a number of outside pupils are writing here. Mr Maxwell of Manotick is the presiding teacher.

Submitted by Michael Daley



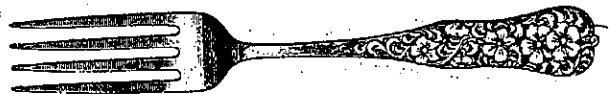
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Early this morning Ottawa City Council approved the 2007 Budget including both Operating and Capital funding for the Museums Sustainability Plan.

Thank you for your efforts to communicate to our mayor and council the importance of local museums, archives and all heritage organizations. Our united approach on heritage has a big impact.

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