

UNVEIL PLAQUES ON WAR MEMORIAL AT MAYNARD PLOT

Augusta's Dead of the Late
War Commemorated.

MR. WRIGHT SPEAKS

Wreaths Are Deposited for the
Township and the Can-
adian Legion.

"Sic Itur ad Astra" (Such is the
way to Immortality)

As near Golgotha long ago
In twain the veils of temple
rive,

Here draping flags at parting show
Who died that we may live.

They died,—and let us not forget
Their sacrifice, we, too, should
give.

We are forever in their debt.
They died that we might live.

What more could mortal ever do?
What more could mortal ever
give?

Their sacrifice from home love
grew,
They died that we might live.

"As the draping flags on this
cenotaph reveal for all time the
names of our loyal sons who gave
their lives in the cause of free-

dom, we unveil these plaques to
the Glory of God and in loving
memory of those who died that we
might live."

These words were spoken by Lt.-
Col. Sterling LeR. Spicer as the
war memorial plaques at Maynard
cemetery were unveiled on Sunday
afternoon, August 20th, by Miss
Dureen Throop, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Raymond Throop, Char-
lieville, and sister of L/Cpl. Carl
N. Throop, one of the boys who
gave their lives in the war.

Last post and Arouse were
sounded by Bugler Willard Warner,
Brockville, who was present in the
same capacity on Monday, Septem-
ber 6, 1920, when the monument
itself was unveiled honouring the
war dead of 1914-1918.

Boys from the district honoured
in this service were: L/Cpl. Carl
N. Throop, P.O. Irwin E. S. Ro-
binson, Sgt. J. Bowman Spero,
L/Cpl. Elmer G. Swan, Pte. Ken-
neth L. Baker, Pte. Clarence N.
Vickery, Sgt. Robert J. M. At-
tridge, Cnr. Lawrence Williams,
Pte. James S. Hall, Pfc. Clifford
G. Young, Tpr. Donald W. Coville,
Pte. Gordon S. Fox, Pte. William
R. Vandusen, Pte. Eydney Shob-
brook.

As each name was read by Miss
Throop, a lovely corsage bouquet
was laid at the foot of the monu-
ment. The girls taking part in this
ceremony, all dressed in white,
were Valerie Young, Ruth Sar-
gent, Judith McNaught, Luella
Knapp, Shelia Marshall Margaret
Keyes, Madge White, Marilyn Mof-
fatt, Barbara Polite, Betty Hough,
Mary Bennett, Ruth Fretwell, Au-
drey Bass and Lois Armstrong.

Major G. M. Lyons laid a wreath
for the Canadian Legion, Prescott
branch No. 97. Several members of
the Legion were present as a guard
of honour, adding a military note
to the impressive service.

A. C. Casselman, K.C., M.P., of
Prescott, paid high tribute to the
services rendered their country by
these boys. His brief address was
heard with great interest by the
large audience.

Wilfrid B. Weir, reeve of Au-
gusta township, laid a wreath on
behalf of the township council.

Robert Simpson, chairman for
the programme, introduced Rev.
W. E. Wright, of Trinity United
church, Chesterville, who gave the
chief address. Mr. Wright is a na-
tive of the district, and was well-
known to many in the assembled
crowd. His words brought comfort

and inspiration to many as well as
a challenge to each. He said that
we can best honour the memory
of our boys by exemplifying a spi-
rit of good-will and fellowship
among ourselves. Wars are not
caused by differences in colour,
race or religion so much as by
hatred, greed, false pride and lust
for power in the hearts of men.
We must everyone think peace,
speak peace, and live peace if wars
are to cease, Mr. Wright continued.

Mrs. C. D. Perrin and Mrs. Ar-
thur Johnston, with Mrs. G. T.
Birch as accompanist, were heard
to exceptional advantage in a duet.

Rev. David Gray, Maynard, read
the Scripture lesson and led in
prayer. At the close of the pro-
gramme Mr. Gray expressed the
thanks of the gathering to the
Women's Institute for its leader-
ship in this fine community en-
deavour, and to all who had a
part in the planning and carrying
out of the ceremonies.

Ivan Lane was called on to
briefly explain how the plaques
had been obtained and placed in
position. A financial statement will
be published.

The offering received will be
used by the Women's Institute to
complete payment for the plaques,
and on the care of the grounds.

Following the singing of the na-
tional anthem, benediction was
pronounced by Mr. Wright. Many
people took advantage of the op-
portunity to visit the adjacent ce-
metery, where nearly every grave
bore flowers in memory of loved
ones. The grounds are in excellent
condition, showing careful atten-
tion given during the summer
months by the caretaker, Victor
Robinson and his son, Carl.

Much credit is due Edgar Knapp
and son, Bernard, for decorating
the cenotaph which was truly
beautiful in its natural setting of
evergreens, and many baskets of
lovely summer blooms.

Songs and speeches were easily
heard over the large grounds
through the medium of the sound-
truck operated by Baker Brothers,
Brockville.

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W. L. Bain, Age 65 Died On Saturday

The death of Wallace Lorne Bain
occurred on Saturday, November
1st at the home of his daughter,
Mrs. William Myers, R.R. 1, Pres-
cott, following illness which extend-
ed over five months. He was in his
65th year.

Born in Augusta Township on
October 26th, 1883, Wallace Lorne
Bain was the son of William Bain
and his wife Sarah Durant. He had
spent his lifetime in that township
and for the past twenty-seven years
had been caretaker of Maynard
Cemetery.

His loss is mourned by one daugh-
ter, Mrs. Wm. Myers, and two sons,
Freeman Bain, of Brockville, and
Fred Bain, Fairfield East. He is
also survived by two nieces and four
nephews, and one grandchild.

The funeral was held on Sunday,
November 2nd from the G. T. Apple-
ton Funeral Chapel, with Rev. J. B.
Creeggan officiating. Burial was
made at St. James Cemetery, Mait-
land.

Serving as pallbearers were three
nephews, Edward, Jack and Burton
Bain, all of Brockville; Victor Rob-
inson, Stanley Greer, and Elmer
Elliot.

Maynard Cemetery reports on year at annual meeting

Maynard Cemetery Board's 47th annual meeting was held in the Board Room of Maynard Public School recently. The chairman, A. Ivan Lane, was assisted by the secretary, John M. Robinson, and the treasurer, Wilfrid B. Weir. Board members present were Charles Whitley, William Durant, William Glasgow, Edward Byers, Egbert Fretwell, Robert Simpson and Mrs. Bruce Connell. Robert Simpson, at age 84, is the sole surviving member of the original Board, organized in 1914, and he was welcomed to the meeting by the chairman.

The financial report was given by W. B. Weir, and the caretaking account by Mrs. Connell. It was noted that each succeeding year shows a smaller income in the caretaking fees paid by the year, since the great majority of plot-holders have now paid perpetual care on their plots. All new plots sold have the endowment included in the purchase price, according to the Ontario Cemetery Act.

Plot-holders in arrears have until March 31 to pay the fees, since the financial year ending coincides with that of the Women's Institute, which manages the caretaking funds. Statements will be prepared following that date, and mailed to plot-holders.

The work of the caretaker, Claud Cheetham, was commended, and a committee was instructed to re-engage him if possible for the coming season.

Some discussion arose concerning landscaping the grounds at the rear of the cemetery, and Mr. Simpson again brought forth the proposal that several lights be installed along the roadways, but this was left over because of the financial involvement.

At the close of the business session, lunch was served by Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Durant and Mrs. Weir, and a brief social time was enjoyed over the teacups.

RESIGNS POSITION SECRETARY AFTER 25 YEAR'S SERVICE

MAYNARD — The annual meeting of Maynard Cemetery Board was held at the home of the chairman, Ivan Lane, on Monday afternoon, January 19. Mr. Lane presided, assisted by John M. Robinson, secretary.

Representing the Maynard Women's Institute were Mrs. Stanley Patterson, president, and Mrs. W. L. Durant, secretary-treasurer.

Reports were received from Robert Simpson, treasurer, and Mrs. Bruce Connell, secretary-treasurer of the caretaking fund. Mrs. Connell was authorized to remind plot-owners who are in arrears that statements will be printed soon, and fees are overdue.

It was with regret that the Board received and accepted the resignation of Robert Simpson as treasurer. Mr. Simpson is the sole surviving member of the original board, organized in 1914. He has served as treasurer since the death of J. C. Whitney in 1928. Wilfred B. Weir was named to succeed Mr. Simpson.

High tribute was paid the retiring treasurer for the many extra services he performs in the interest of plot-owners and the cemetery. He will continue on the Board as a trustee.

There was a general discussion of business, and the secretary was instructed to advertise as usual for a caretaker for the coming season.

At the close of the business session Mrs. Lane served lunch. She was assisted by Mrs. M. A. Parry-Evans and Mrs. J. M. Robinson.

Maynard Cemetery Bd. Plan Extension In Early Spring

The 41st annual meeting of Maynard Cemetery Board was held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 15th, at the home of Mrs. Bruce Connell. Ivan Lane, chairman conducted the business, assisted by J. M. Robinson, secretary.

The financial report was presented by W. B. Weir, treasurer, showing a healthy situation in that department. Nine endowments were received during the year, and a number of plots were sold.

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It was unanimously agreed to re-engage the caretaker, Victor Robinson, if possible. The fine condition of the grounds during the summer months shows the result of his conscientious labor. It is hoped that weather conditions permit an early start in the spring since many small tree branches were broken during the hurricane, leaving an untidy litter.

The H.E.P.C. has signified its intention of removing the old pine trees at the front, since their decayed condition is a menace to hydro lines as well as to the monuments nearby.

On hand were copies of the maps as revised in 1954 by the late Miss Bessie Lane, working with Robt. Simpson. Considerable time was spent studying these. It will be necessary to have a new line of plots surveyed as soon as weather permits. The ditch across the road drainage for spring floodwaters.

Others present in addition to the officers mentioned were Robert Simpson and Chas. Whitley, directors; Mrs. John Keys and Mrs. Wm. L. Durant, who represent Maynard Women's Institute on the board, and Mrs. W. B. Weir. Additional board members, unable to be present are Herb Whitney, Prescott, and Wm. J. Barton, Cardinal.

Lunch was served by the hostess following the lengthy business period.

The annual meeting of the Maynard Cemetery Board was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 25th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson. Trustees present were Ivan Lane, John Robinson, Robert Simpson, H. E. Whitney, W. J. Barton, Willard Fretwell. Representing the Women's Institute were Mrs. J. Atkinson and Mrs. E. D. Perrin.

Ivan Lane presided, John Robinson, secretary, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were received and adopted as read. The report of the Cemetery Treasurer was read by Mrs. E. D. Perrin.

The resignation of Mrs. Nellie Attridge as Cemetery Treasurer was read, and regretfully accepted by the Board.

The Board was pleased to accept Mrs. Bruce Connell as the new treasurer, who had been chosen by the Institute at their last meeting.

Owing to the long and faithful services of Mrs. Attridge, an honorarium of \$25 was given her following her illness in the General Hospital, Brockville.

It was decided to ask Gordon Fresque to make a duplicate of the map of the cemetery, after the old map had been made up to date.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Ivan Lane served a very hearty lunch.

A vote of thanks, on behalf of those present was given by W. J. Barton, and Mr. Lane also expressed thanks.

CEMETERY BOARD MEETS IN MAYNARD

MAYNARD — The Cemetery Board held its 40th annual meeting on Friday, January 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Lane. In attendance were Ivan Lane, chairman; John M. Robinson, secretary; W. B. Weir, treasurer; trustees, W. J. Barton, Cardinal, Charles Whitley, Roebuck, and Robert Simpson; and Mrs. Bruce Connell, secretary-treasurer of the caretaking fund. Representing the Women's Institute were Mrs. Stanley Patterson, president, and Mrs. William L. Durant, secretary-treasurer.

In calling the meeting to order the chairman noted that the only member absent was Herb Whitney, through ill health. Silent tribute was paid the memory of the late Willard Fretwell, a valued trustee since 1933, who died during the year, and the late Mrs. E. D. Perrin, whose husband was one of the original trustees, and who herself had been press reporter and regular in attendance at meetings for many years. It was also noted that Robert Simpson was attending his 40th annual meeting, truly a remarkable record of service to the community.

The treasurer's report was received showing six new endowments, and a favorable balance on hand. Mrs. Bruce Connell reported all accounts paid, but many plot-owners are still in arrears with caretaking fees. Victor Robinson did a very commendable job as caretaker, keeping the large grounds in fine condition. He also painted the tool-house, paint supplied by the Women's Institute. Several trees on the grounds have been found to be in dangerous condition and will be removed by John Robinson. It was decided to call for the co-operation of the H.E.P.C. in the case of the trees at the front, which have become badly decayed, endangering wires and stones nearby.

General business discussions concerned sale of plots, purchase of equipment, rehiring the caretaker, investments and other matters.

Following the meeting, lunch was served by Mrs. Lane, assisted by Mrs. M. Parry-Evans and Mrs. W. B. Weir.

Maynard Cemetery Board was organized as such in February, 1914.

Prior to that time work was done at bees, called by the Women's Institute which also voted money to fence the grounds, buy urns and seats. It is financed by interest from endowments, and annual caretaking fees, managed by the Maynard Women's Institute.

CEMETERY BOARD MAKES 1955 PLANS

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John Robinson

KINGSTON (Staff)—John M. Robinson, 61, died at the Kingston General Hospital on Nov. 19, 1982.

Mr. Robinson was born in Prescott on April 23, 1921, and had been a farmer. He also was a former councillor of Augusta Township, a member of the Oddfellows, a Director of Grenville Patron Mutual Fire Insurance, a member of the Maynard Cemetery Board, a former Director of the Brockville Co-op, first president of the Col. Edward Jessup United Empire Loyalists and a member of the Prescott Suburban Road Commission.



John Robinson

A member of Victoria United Church in Maynard, Mr. Robinson was predeceased by parents George Robinson and Mary Stillwell, brothers Elliot, Irwin and sisters Gertrude and Irene. He is survived by wife Irene Mary Dent, sons George and Edward at home, and daughters Barbara of Stratford and Mrs. David (Ruth) Jackson of Prescott.

Arrangements were handled by the Chris Slater Funeral Home with the funeral at Maynard United Church on Nov. 22. The Rev. Gordon Fresque, Mervyn Peters and the Rev. Claude Delorme officiated and interment was at Maynard Cemetery.

A special Oddfellow service was held on Sun. Nov. 21.

Pallbearers were Scott Hubbard, David Durant, Carl Durant, Doug Allen, Stan Plume and Delbert Young. Honorary pallbearers were Duncan Creighton, Raymond Mains, Art Kingston, Ed Byers, Bill Durant, Bill Richards, Peter Jason, Percy Baker, Charlie Bradley, Gord Dougal, Don Ferguson and Ernie Ralph.

Many donations were received by

Note the young oak tree directly behind the cenotaph. This was one of a number sent from the Royal Kew Gardens to mark the 1937 Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

It became diseased and stunted, possibly because of crowding by cedar trees, and had to be removed 1980.



The 50th annual Memorial Service was held in Maynard Cemetery Sunday afternoon with Rev. Claude Delorme of Maynard United Church conducting the half-hour celebration. The service is held every

year on the last Sunday of August to raise money to maintain the grounds. Many guests, from Brockville, Ottawa, Prescott and area attended despite the threat of rain.
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Cemetery board holds 50th service 1981

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The first memorial service was held in August of 1931 when members of Maynard Women's Institute and Maynard Horticultural Society held a Decoration Day at the cemetery. The

group formed a procession, marching from the Baptist Church, which used to be across the road, to the cemetery where graves were decorated. A service was held and collection taken to raise money for maintenance of the grounds.

The Maynard Cemetery Board has continued the tradition, holding a service on the last Sunday of August every year.

Egbert Fretwell, chairman of the cemetery board, welcomed those attending the non-denominational service, and thanked accordion player Marie Cowan of Prescott and vocalists Brian and Sharon Barton of Algonquin.

The board also thanked the Royal Canadian Legion Fort Wellington Branch 97, Prescott, for a generous donation, used to have trees and shrubs

trimmed and replanted and the cenotaph cleaned over the summer.

The half-hour service opened with the hymn "He did not Die in Vain". Rev. Delorme read from scriptures and the Bartons sang a duet. Christine Baker placed flowers on the cenotaph and a minute of silence was observed. The Bartons sang another duet and an offering was taken up to collect money to maintain the grounds. Rev. Delorme addressed the group and led the Lord's Prayer. The ceremony closed with a hymn, "Gathering Flowers for the Lord's Bouquet" and Benediction.

People travelled from as far away as Ottawa for the service, as members of the Whitehorne Clan gather at the memorial, each year before going to Roebuck for the family reunion.

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Volunteers restoring pioneer graves at Maynard Cemetery

MAYNARD — The restoration of tombstones at Maynard Cemetery has proved to be a fascinating venture for 30 volunteers wanting to preserve the past.

Carl Durant, a member of the Maynard Cemetery Board, said he got interested in the cemetery, "and it just mushroomed from there".

About two weeks ago Mr. Durant and cemetery board chairman Egbert Fretwell rounded up their volunteers to see what could be done with the 11-acre cemetery on an experimental basis.

The volunteers began straightening old stones and repairing broken pieces. As the enthusiasm grew, so did the work load. They raised the bases of some of the old tombstones, and discovered that a few were buried two feet in the ground. The old marble stones were covered with moss and the lettering barely readable, Mr. Durant explained.

They discovered the grave of Lieutenant John Dulmage, who was killed in the Battle of the Windmill in 1833. He was a member of the Second Company of the Grenville Militia. The stone was erected by his "brother officers, in affectionate memory of a loyal and gallant friend".

The stone was sandblasted to free it from moss, and the letters were highlighted with hand and air

chisels. After being rubbed with a pumice stone, it will be preserved and waterproofed with a coating of silicone.

The tombstone of James Clapperton, the first superintendent of education in Upper Canada, is also being restored. He was born in Scotland in 1798 and came to Canada in 1831. He lived in Maynard and taught in schools in the surrounding area. The date of Mr. Clapperton's death is not known.

Scott is one of the more common names at the cemetery. William Scott was a United Empire Loyalist born in Scotland in 1733. He was a British refugee from Boston and settled on Lots 6, 7 and 8, Concession 4 of Augusta Township. Mr. Scott died in Augusta in 1833.

Other common names are Bass, Loyalists who settled with the Scott family, and the Perrins who were from Connecticut.

The first known burial at Maynard Cemetery was in 1814.

The Maynard Women's Institute became involved with the cemetery in 1909 and hired a caretaker to maintain the grounds.

The Maynard Cemetery Board was organized in 1914 at the instigation of the Women's Institute, and a community involvement project got under way, according to Goldie Connell, secretary and treasurer of the board.

A restoration fund began three years ago and that money is being used for the current project.

"The stones are the responsibility of people who put them there, but there are no close families left of some of the earliest pioneers, Mrs. Connell said.

Mr. Durant added that he would like to see the relatives of the deceased take a more active interest in the cemetery.

Mrs. Connell became a member of the cemetery board in 1949 and since that time has accumulated information and recorded the data written on the stones. "I could write a book about it," she said.

"It's one of the best kept cemeteries in Eastern Ontario," said Mrs. Connell. Maynard Cemetery is located on the main concession road of Augusta just east of Maynard subdivision.

"It's a costly venture," said Mr. Durant, "and the cemetery board can't afford to restore it." He said that Bowers Monuments in Prescott estimated it would cost up to \$500 to clean and stencil one stone.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the restoration fund can contact Mrs. Connell at 925-4160, or Irene Robinson, treasurer of the fund, at 925-4175.

The cemetery's 52nd annual memorial service will be held this Sunday afternoon.

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cemetery are,
Connell, Ed
nnell and Carl

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Bruce Connell
Tom Connell

Carl Durant
Eddie Byers

Egbert Fretwell
Percy Baker

George & Edna
Robinson

Annual service held at Maynard Cemetery

MAYNARD — The 53rd annual Memorial Service for Maynard Cemetery was held under ideal weather conditions Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26, at the cenotaph, with a large audience attending.

Cemetery Board Chairman, Egbert Fretwell, welcomed the friends, and introduced platform guests. He told of the work of restoration being carried out in the old part of the burying grounds, and asked for support through donations which can be sent to Mrs. Irene Robinson, treasurer, or to Mrs. Goldie Connell, sec. treas. of the Caretaking Fund, both at RR 2 Prescott.

He paid tribute to those members of the Board who volunteer in the work, especially to Carl Durant and his employees, and to George and Edward Robinson who come with their heavy machinery to work on road changes within the grounds. All were invited to visit this part of the grounds and view the work being carried out, repairing stones and straightening others.

He also gave credit to the Maynard Women's Institute which cared for this cemetery before the formation of the Board in 1914, convening "bees", and contributing funds for caretaking. They also organized the erecting of the cenotaph and its dedication in 1922, and endowed the site with perpetual care.

It was in 1931, with President Mrs. Will Conklin and sec-treasurer of caretaking, Mrs. Nell Attridge, leading the procession of members from the nearby Baptist Church, each carrying flowers to decorate graves of deceased members, that the annual memorial began.

Guest minister was Rev. Jack Urquhart, resident at St. Andrew's and St. James' Presbyterian Church in Cardinal, who chose for this theme "The Three Rs", Remembrance, Receiving and Releasing. He quoted from a dictionary that a memorial is anything that serves to keep in memory, and in this gathering we remember with thankfulness the families and friends whose mortal remains are interred here.

He complimented members of the Board for their diligence in caring, saying that such a nucleus is worthwhile

small places. They are to be found doing their job for the benefit of all, seeking no notice or reward.

All of us make footprints on the sands of time, he said, but some leave only a heel print. We remember those who get involved — school teachers, Scout and Guide leaders, Sunday School teachers. We remember what they stood for, rather than what they said, and their influence on the young cannot be measured, is not readily seen at once, but its effect is lasting.

Brian and Sharon Barton, formerly of Maynard, now living in Algonquin, provided accompaniment for the singing of familiar hymns and were heard with pleasure in two duets, "Do You Know My Jesus" and "Farther Along".

Those service persons whose names are inscribed on the cenotaph were honored in a brief memorial, with Miss Jennifer Durant placing a floral tribute at the base of the monument. All observed a moment of silence, followed by the singing of God Save the Queen.

The offering was received by members of the Board, to be used in the work there, dedicated by Rev. Janet Evans, minister at Victoria United Church, Maynard.

The grounds of the cemetery were beautifully decorated with floral arrangements brought by friends and relatives to honor their dead. The excellent care given by Claud Cheetham, caretaker for 25 years, was readily evident.

The program reminded all plotheolders that a bylaw prohibits the placing of plastic flowers or ornaments, glass or metal containers on graves during the mowing season, as these add greatly to the labour costs. Mr. Cheetham has been authorized to remove same at his discretion. This restriction does not apply at the time of the memorial service, however.

This service is held each year on the last Sunday in August, with guest ministers representing faiths throughout the area, since it is a non-denominational cemetery.

Rev. Jack Urquhart, minister St. John's and St. James' Presbyterian Church, Cardinal was guest speaker at the Memorial Service, 1984



Maynard Cemetery has expanded

MAYNARD — Two new members, Vernon Irish and Bill Richards, were welcomed as the Maynard Cemetery Board convened for its annual meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fretwell on Thursday, May 1, with but one member absent.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of William L. Durant, long active on the board, who died March 8 this year. Edward Byers tendered his resignation from the Grounds Committee, but will remain a member of the Board.

Reports were heard from the secretary-treasurer of the Caretaking Fund, Mrs. Goldie A. Connell and the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Irene M. Robinson. All accounts had been duly audited, and summaries were

given each member for study.

There was general discussion on work needed to be done, and a meeting planned at the grounds for Tuesday, May 6 in the early evening. Plots will be laid out, and a survey of the new development made as to the best way in which to proceed there.

It is realized that this cemetery has become "big business", covering as it does more than nine acres, involving much labor, not only for mowing the grass, but for locating plots for families, doing research into family histories for genealogists, keeping records, and maintaining the fences and building in good repair. It was unanimous that the present caretaker, Claud Cheetham, be applauded for his continuing in-

terest and his knowledge of interments over the 27 years that he has been employed. He was empowered to hire extra labor when needed during the mowing season, and the additional expense will be borne by the board.

The Restoration Fund makes it possible to carry but work on the stones in the older parts of the grounds where no family members are available to attend to this. As time and funds permit, this work will be continued.

There are a few cases of non-payment of caretaking fees, held over from the time when this was permitted as an annual payment. These plot-holders will be notified of the arrears, and, if no response is forthcoming, the unused portions will be subject to repossession and sale to another client, as laid out in the Ontario Cemeteries Act.

The mowers and other equipment are presently being checked out and repaired, and will be serviceable for the mow-

ing season. If necessary, a new machine will be purchased.

Under direction of Carl Durant, new maps of the grounds will be prepared, and a number of copies made. It is planned to hire a student to do the layout, and Mrs. Connell will supply the information from her records. Notice has been given that no burials will be permitted until a family member clearly designates the place within the plot for the opening. This will avoid mix-ups that have occurred of late when no one came to do this chore.

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over the years

Mrs. Connell had on display the scrapbook she has compiled on the history of Maynard Cemetery. The first known burial was in 1814 behind the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel located there at the time, but the Cemetery Board was not organized until 1914. Prior to that time, the grounds were under the care of Maynard Women's Institute, with a part-time caretaker and "bees" in the spring to clear the debris. Also on display for sale were copies of

the cemetery listing of burials which were printed by the Leeds and Grenville Genealogical Society after having been compiled by volunteers, Mrs. Pat Mackey, Mrs. Bonnie Gaylord and Mrs. Connell. These can be kept up-to-date by purchase of annual additions of interments made that year.

Once again it will be necessary to remind plot-holders that a bylaw prohibits the planting of shrubs or placing of any obstacles to mowing during the season. No plastic, tin or glass containers, or decorations of any sort are allowed. The light-weight containers which are placed on the stones often obstruct the machines, as well, and they blow away to be lost.

The caretaker has been empowered to remove any such obstacles which complicate the mowing. However, at the time of the annual Memorial Service in August, such restrictions are lifted, usually the mowing season is at an end by that time.

The annual Memorial Service at the cenotaph will be held as usual on the last Sunday in August, at 2:30 p.m. Leslie

Dulmage agreed to contact a speaker; Mrs. Weir will arrange for the Rideau Sound System, and Mrs. Connell will attend to music and placing of memorial flowers, as well as drawing up the program and having it printed. Mrs. Fretwell will provide the flowers again.

It is hoped to provide benches to be placed on the platform of the cenotaph, a memorial to the late W. L. Durant, from funds donated at the time of his death. Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Fretwell will attend to this matter. The metal benches will then be removed to the back of the grounds.

Refreshments were served, and time spent discussing ways and means of improving the grounds, repairing stones and general tasks connected with the upkeep of the cemetery.

55th annual memorial service at Maynard

MAYNARD — Blue skies and sunny weather favored the annual Memorial Service held on Sunday, August 31, at Maynard Cemetery, with a very large attendance. Mrs. Goldie A. Connell, secretary-treasurer of Caretaking, and longtime member of the Cemetery Board, presided in the absence of Egbert Fretwell, who was on holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Barton led the singing of two favorite hymns, and were heard in two duets as well. The grounds were decorated with colorful flowers, with friends and families coming from far and near throughout the morning to remember their loved ones.

Guest speaker for the service was Mrs. Patricia Wilson, of Spencerville, who chose as the theme of her discourse "Running the Race", taken from Hebrews, Chapter 12, verse 1, which says "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Mrs. Wilson commented that, speaking as she was situated on the cenotaph platform, facing the many cars drawn up before her, was much like speaking at a drive-in movie.

In the Bible readings, Paul advised that "we should strip off anything that would distract us from following God's directions as we run the race of life. We often get wound up in distractions that tie us down — we fear, we worry, and our pride stands in the way of following the path that a loving Father has set for us," she said.

"Just as parents must chastise and punish their children in love, so much our Heavenly Father chastise and punish us, His children. We may think that we are doing all with our own strength, but we must remember that God is always involved, and that our pride will cause us to fall," she reminded.

She likened God to a coach in the sports field. "When we are

discouraged, he will encourage us; he guides and will not lead us astray; we must always run with patience and faith in His ability to lead," she stated.

"The crowd in the grandstand of life for us today is the number of our ancestors and forefathers who lie buried in the grounds here in this sacred place. They have gone to greater things, fulfilling the promises made by Jesus, and are beckoning us on. We must then race toward this goal," she said in conclusion.

In a memorial and in remembrance of those whose names appear on the cenotaph, and of those who lie buried in the grounds, Miss Lori Pritchard placed a basket of flowers at the base of the cenotaph and a moment of silence was observed, followed by singing the National Anthem.

In her announcements, Mrs. Connell thanked all those who

participated in the service, especially those who come year after year to honor their loved ones. She noted that this was the 55th annual service, the first having been sponsored by the Maynard Women's Institute on August 23, 1931. Beginning in 1949, the Cemetery Board cooperated with the Institute and now arranges the service.

BUSY AT GROUNDS

This was an extra busy year at the grounds, due to the constant rainfall which made the growth heavy and time for moving lessened. Thanks to caretaker, Claud Cheetham, who has now completed his 27th year, to his grandsons, Tony and Dale Cheetham, who worked part time, and to volunteer member of the Board, Vernon Irish, grounds are in the fine state shown today.

New maps of the grounds are being prepared under direction of Board member, Carl Durant and student assistance of John Barkley. A new section of the area has been mapped out, and plots there will be for sale in the near future. Some copies of the Cemetery Listings are still available, and may be kept up-to-date by request to Mrs. Connell.

She also reminded those in attendance of the by-law which is in effect prohibiting the placing in the grounds of such articles as tin cans, glass containers, plastic ornaments or any impediment of this sort during the mowing season. These obstruct the work, and are unsightly as they deteriorate. The only exceptions are at the time of a burial or of this service, when decorations are left while in good condition.

An offering was received by members of the Board for the continuing work, and specially marked donations for the work of restoration which goes on as funds permit.

The death in March of this year of longtime member, William L. Durant, was noted with regret. Two benches have been placed on the platform in his memory.

News & Views from Augusta Township

by Dorothy Winmill

THE MAYNARD CEMETERY'S 60TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held on Sunday, August 25th, 1991, at 2:30pm. The Service will be led by Cemetery Board Chairman Egbert J. Fretwell. Justin Cuffe will place the memorial flowers prior to the moment of silent remembrance, and Campbell Stephens will lead the Prayers and Benediction. Brian and Sharon Barton will lead the Choir and present several duets. Betty Stephens will sing two solos. The members of the Trustee Board truly appreciate the generous contributions made each year at this service. These funds are used by the Trustees who volunteer their time to their work. The Cemetery is well looked after by the Board and many improvements have been made over the years.

Donations to the Restoration Fund should be clearly marked as such since this is a separate fund from the regular offering.

The flowers in the urns are again being supplied by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #97, Prescott. They have been faithfully planted and tended by Branch member Bruce R. Connell.

The Maynard Cemetery was founded in the early 1800's. The first recorded burial on the land was that of Ruth Scott, 16 years, 5 mos., daughter of Joseph and Louisa Scott, on August 1st, 1814.

Ebison Fretwell was the original owner of the land designated as Lot 11, Concession 3, on the north side of the road in Augusta Township. One acre was purchased from Lyman Dake who owned the property in 1817, and the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was built there and completed in 1818. Over the years additional land was purchased as needed. In 1848 the Trustees bought more land behind the original piece from John Holden for 5 shillings. Later again, more was bought from Edmund Young, and Susie Palmer who willed an additional 2 acres to the Board upon her death. The Cemetery now consists of 11 acres and is one of the largest cemeteries in the Township.

Several fieldstones mark the graves of early pioneers. These plots were arranged in rows facing the East as was the custom of the day. Now plots are arranged in blocks.

The first Cemetery Board was organized in 1914 at the instigation of the Maynard Women's Institute which had spent a great deal of effort on this task, hiring help when funds were available, and organizing work bees at other times when they were not.

It was the Maynard W.I. that organized the first Memorial Service, and at the close of World War I, led the drive to obtain the Soldier's Memorial Monument erected in 1920 which still stands today. Through W.I. efforts it bears the names of all those men from Augusta Township who fell in conflict in both World Wars I and II. The Institute members still organize the Annual Service of Remembrance held at the Monument each November.

Over the years there have been many caretakers at Maynard Cemetery. These included: Edward Sawdon; Wallace Bain (1922-1947); Victor Robinson (1948- 1957); Bill Louwerse (1958); and Claud Cheetham (1959-).

The first Secretary-Treasurer was Maud Row, followed by Nell Barton Attridge; Goldie Connell (1948-88); and Joan Hubbard (1989-).

Written records have been compiled since 1948. Prior to that time they were oral. All the stones have been read at 3 different times over the years and printed records have been retained.

The history of Augusta Township is found in the names of the families buried in the Maynard Cemetery, names like Alkerton, Scott, Bass, Dulmage, Coville, Knapp, Perrin, Young, Spicer, Throop, Birks, Barton, Whitney, Lane, Holden, Everts, Moshier, Fell, Glassford, Youker, Conklin, Fretwell, McLean, Spicer, Stephenson and many many more. A good number of these are still found in the Current Board of Trustees, and in the Township. Trustees are Chairman Egbert J. Fretwell; Vice-Chairman, Carl Durant; Recording Secretary, Gerald Hough; Treasurer, Joan Hubbard; Records, Goldie Dulmage, Elton Bass, Vernon Irish, Byers, Gordon Conklin, Leslie Richards. Claud Cheetham is still roundkeeper.

Historical Feature

Maynard Cemetery's history dates back to early 1800s

By Goldie Connell
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This Sunday, Nov. 7, at the oldiers' Memorial Monument, Maynard, the recently erected flag poles and flags are being dedicated to the Glory of God in remembrance of those Augustans who gave their lives in two World Wars. These have been made possible through the efforts of the Maynard Cemetery Board and the Wellington Branch #97, Royal Canadian Legion.

The cenotaph is located on County Road #26, Concession 1, Lot 11, the former site of the Wesleyan Methodist Augusta chapel. Land for this early church was purchased from the firm of Ebison Fretwell, and a frame chapel built in 1818. Trustees were Samuel Heck, Nathaniel Woodcock, Timothy Edge, James Holden and Emanuel Dake. Builders were Beeman and Amos and the cost was £347.

In 1873, this frame building was taken down and replaced by a smaller brick one, used until 1884, at which time the Wesleyan Methodists united with the Episcopal Methodists and all worshipped in Victoria Methodists Church, situated a short distance west of the present road.

The burial ground behind the chapel was the final resting place of many of the original settlers, the first known burial being that of Ruth Scott, daughter of Joseph and Laura Scott, aged 16 yrs., 5 mo.,

1814. The inscription on these early fieldstone markers is no longer legible, but an early survey recorded as many as possible. The grounds have been enlarged a number of times, by purchase of land from Edmund Young and Miss Susie Palmer, and by a legacy of two acres from the late Miss Palmer, and now covers 11 acres.

In 1909, the Maynard branch of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was organized, and one of the first projects of these ladies was to give regular care to the cemetery grounds. They organized "bees" for the men to clear away brush, level the ground, and when funds permitted, engaged a caretaker. Men came from the community and the ladies fed them in the Baptist Church (now gone) across the road.

The first caretaker was Edward Sawdon, followed by Wallace Bain (1922-47); Victor Robinson (1948-57); Bill Louwerse, 1958; Claud Cheetham, (1959-92), and Stanley Surrette, who began in 1993.

In 1914, the Women's Institute called a public meeting, and a Cemetery Board was formed, with seven men elected in this order - E.D. Perrin; Jos. C. Whitney; J. Bass Scott; Robt. Simpson; Wesley McLean; Jos. A. Barton; and Jos. S. Lane.

Following WWI, the Women's Institute purchased the abandoned church lot for the purpose of erecting a memorial to Augusta's fallen service men.



Maynard Cemetery

The cenotaph (above) at Maynard Cemetery is the site of planned services on Nov. 7 in remembrance of the Augusta men who gave their lives in two World Wars.

The cemetery has a long history, dating back to the early 1800s.

Photos courtesy of Grenville County Historical Society



Since at that time, the group could not hold land, it was deeded to the Cemetery Board. The stone was purchased from Victor deCarle, Brockville, at a cost of \$915, and names engraved thereon at 65 cents per letter.

Unveiling took place, Sept. 6, 1920, with Cemetery Board Chairman J. Bass Scott presiding, and Rev. Fred Horton officiating at the unveiling. Hon. J.D. Reid and Hon. George P. Graham gave brief addresses, as did Major H.L. Horsey.

Arrangements were in charge of the Women's Institute. President Mrs. George Robinson.

Twenty-one young girls, carrying bouquets of summer flowers lined the approach, and as each name was called, placed flowers at the base of the stone. It was a most impressive service, a fitting tribute to the men whose names were inscribed there.

In 1948, bronze plaques were added to the stone, inscribed with the names of those who

gave their lives in World War 2. The cost was covered by a grant from Augusta Township Council, public subscription to the Women's Institute. Dedication was August 1948, with Rev. David and Lt. Col. Sterling conducting the service. Simpson, Chairman. The unveiling was performed by Miss Dureen Throop, brother, L/Cpl. Carl N. lost his life in action.

The Royal Canadian Legion took part in the service, playing a bugler for Last Post. Arousel, Mr. Willard V. who had performed the capacity for the unveiling. 1920. Major G.M. Lyon A.C. Casselman and Rev. Wright gave addresses. Reeve W.B. Weir spoke for Augusta Council.

Each year a Remembrance Service is held on the 2nd before Nov. 11, following 11:15 a.m. service at the United Church. This is arranged by The Women's Institute in cooperation with the church, the Cemetery Board and the Royal Canadian Legion. Wreaths will be by various groups including Scout/Guide young people, Augusta Volunteer Fire and the flying colors. Legion party will add to the solemnity of the occasion.

For maintenance of the grounds and stone, the relies on a small grant from Augusta Township Council. Costs escalate and endowments lessen. The board is happy to have aid from the Fort Wellington Branch. An Endowment has been set up which assure that his fine name will have care in the future.

In 1988, the Cemetery received a certificate of appreciation during Celebration '88. Contribution to the community. Lest we forget.



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November 12th
Friday 7-9 p.m.