

Robert Gordon Ellis

Mr. Robert Gordon Ellis, of Marmora, passed away peacefully at Campbellford Memorial Hospital on June 17, 1995 in his 67th year.

Mr. Ellis was born in Toronto the son of the late Elizabeth (nee Underhill) and Harry Gordon Ellis. He attended Glen Alan school in Toronto where he honed his softball pitching skills.

Robert, better known as "Lefty", was the best left-handed softball pitcher in Canada in the late 1950's. He played as a semi-pro in the Beaches League.

Companies hiring him to play included Krohler Furniture, Goodyear, Domtar and Dominion Glass, for which he pitched to earn the Canadian championship.

Robert played softball for

about 30 years, and became a dock worker after retiring from the sport.

Mr. Ellis is survived by his wife Josephine, nee Herold, of Marmora and children Harry, of Scarborough; Danny, of Stouffville; Christopher, of Stirling and step-daughters Donna Murphy, of Marmora; Margaret King, of Sandford and Cathy Burtch, of Burlington. He was the dear grandfather of Justin, Todd, Amanda, Jennifer and Taryn.

A funeral mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on June 19, 1995 with Fr. John Brennan officiating. Interment followed at the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were his sons Christopher and Danny; sons-in-law Bill King, Peter Lowe and Bob Murphy, and nephew Justin Burtch.

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Viola Ellis

Ill for the past six months, Mrs. Viola Ellis died at the Oshawa General Hospital Mon., Jan. 23, 1978. She lived at 263A Quebec St., Oshawa.

The former Viola Wright was born May 20, 1921, in Kinmount, Ont., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wright. She was married April 25, 1952, in Peterborough.

A resident of Oshawa for four years, she formerly lived in Marmora.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Ellis; a son, Lynn of Oshawa; a sister, Mrs. Everett Godfrey (Dora) of Peterborough and four brothers, Harold of Haliburton, Clifford of Marmora, Arnold of Orono and Ronald of Oshawa.

Mrs. Ellis was in rest at the Armstrong Funeral Home. Service was held in the chapel Wednesday at 1:45 p.m., with interment in Oshawa Union Cemetery. Rev. John Craig officiated.

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HARRY ELLSWORTH ALLTON

Harry Ellsworth Allton of 81 Forsyth St., Marmora, passed away at St. Catherine's General Hospital on Saturday, Aug. 6, 1983, after an illness lasting three weeks. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Allton was born in England and was predeceased by his father, Harry Alton. He is survived by his wife, the former Irene Angela Hannsford and daughters Dorcen (Mrs. Howard Hamilton) of New York City and Joan (Mrs. Doug Ellis) of Montreal.

Mr. Allton was educated in England, was an employee of Dominion Engineering in Montreal and was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The funeral service was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Marmora, on Tuesday, Aug. 9, with Reverend Stan Riley officiating assisted by Reverend J.P. Carty at the graveside. Interment took place at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Marmora. Pallbearers were Bob Moore, Doug Smith, Jim Griffan, Gerry Boudrias, Ray Darrah and Ross Yaxley.

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Gerald Daniel Stalker

Gerald Daniel (Jerry) Stalker of 8 Mario St. Havelock died suddenly at Peterborough Civic Hospital following a heart attack on Saturday June 17, 1978. He was 21 years old.

Mr. Stalker was born in Plevna Ont. and spent all his life in Marmora and area. He was educated in Marmora and at Centre Brant Secondary School in Madoc. Most of his life he was a member of Marmora Beaver Creek Free Methodist Church. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Betty Bedore, of 57 Forsyth St. Marmora, one brother, Archie, of Ajax, four sisters, Connie, (Mrs. Jack Campbell) of Campbellford, Kathy (Mrs. Wren) of Marmora, Sandra and Pennie at home, as well as his step father, William Bedore of Madoc.

His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ellis of Marmora and Mrs. Ellen Bedore of Deloro nursing home. He also leaves two nephews and one niece.

He rested at the McConnell Funeral home at Marmora. Funeral services were held at the Marmora Pentecostal church Wednesday June 21st at 2 p.m. with Reverend J. Stevenson officiating. Pallbearers were Mike Eggleton, James Steenburgh, Guy Youmans, Garry Menzies, Gordon Gratton and Tim Ellis. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

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**HEROIC RESCUE
EARNS BRONZE
MEDAL, CASH**

Douglas Ellis, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ellis, of 220 Front St. N., Campbellford, has been awarded a bronze medal and \$500 by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission of Pittsburgh, Pa. The award was made for his heroic rescue of Paul Irwin in 1960, who was 8 at the time, when he fell into the Trent River. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Irwin of 140 Front St. N.

The commission described the act as follows, and awarded the medal and cash.

RESCUE STORY

"While swimming in the Trent River, Paul was caught by the current and carried away from the bank into water eight feet deep. A man who could not swim tried to release a small boat from its moorings at the bank, and another man entered the water but was forced to return to the bank. Douglas ran into the water without delaying to remove any of his attire.

"He swam 25 feet, overtook Paul, and instructed him to hold him around the neck. Paul did so. Douglas attempted to swim toward the bank with him but could make

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31 JAN, 1963

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MARRIED

ELLIS — SARGINSON

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Campbellford, was setting on Easter Monday for the wedding of Kathleen Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sarginson of Campbellford, to Clayton William Ellis, son of Mrs. James Murphy of Orillia and the late Alonzo Ellis of Marmora.

The Rev. J. C. Maloney performed the ceremony. Sister Armand was at the organ and St. Cecelia's junior choir sang.

Chantilly lace in a floor length gown with bell-like bouffant skirt over crinolines, and finished with a tiered bustle back of silk tulle was the bride's choice. It was showered with sequins at the sabrina neckline and had lily pointed sleeves.

Her fingertip silk illusion veil was caught to a crown of baby pearls and rhinestones and she was carrying red roses. She was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Ann Collins and Miss Ellen Sarginson were bridesmaids, wearing gowns of pure silk organze in pink and maize with wide inserts of French lace in the bouffant skirts. Nose length circular veils were caught to their matching crowns of mohair and they wore white wrist length gloves and carried teardrop bouquets of white, pink and yellow mums to match the dresses.

Flower girl Miss Christine Ibey was in floor length pale blue crystal-ette with matching headpiece and carried a basket of blue and white mums.

Clifford Ellis was attending the groom and Raymond Ellis and Kent Ibey were ushers.

The reception was in the Legion Hall, with guests present from Niagara Falls, Brockville, Orillia, Toronto, Ottawa, Peterborough, Marmora and Havelock.

Mrs. Sarginson received in a navy and white ensemble and the groom's mother in a navy lace dress with pink accessories, each wearing a corsage of red carnations.

When the bride and groom left to honeymoon at Niagara Falls the bride was wearing a mint green linen sheath with bolero effect, matching green flowered hat and beige accessories.

They are to live at Richmond Hill.

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28 APR, 1960

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**CAMPBELLFORD BOY GETS
CARNEGIE AWARD**

On the fifty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the Carnegie Hero Fund by the late Andrew Carnegie, Douglas Ellis, a Grade 9 student of Campbellford, was presented with the 4592nd Carnegie award, made since the inception of the Fund in 1904. The presentation of this and a finely-executed scroll from the Province of Ontario was made at an unusually well-attended Rotary Travelogue at the High School on April 16.

On June 19, 1960, Ellis then twelve years old, risked his life to an extraordinary degree in helping to rescue Paul Irwin, an eight-year-old boy from drowning in Trent Canal. Paul shouted help after being swept away from shore by the powerful currents.

Last October, Mr. Urling from the Carnegie office at Pittsburgh, came to Campbellford and interviewed the witnesses. The good news of the award was sent to Douglas in January.

The award consists of bronze medal, \$500, to be used for educational purposes and generous post-High School educational benefits.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood played a vital part in the rescue of the two boys.

Angus Todd of Campbellford reported and made the application to the Carnegie Commission.

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25 APR, 1963

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MARRIED

KELSH — ELLIS

A pretty fall wedding was solemnized in the Cordova Free Methodist Parsonage on Saturday, October 27, 1962 at 2 o'clock when Ilene Beatrice daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ellis, was united in marriage to Mr. Glen Royce Kelsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Kelsh.

The parsonage was tastefully decorated with a background of flowers.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, wearing a two-piece suit of blue brocade, with accessories to match and carried a bouquet of yellow daisies and white mums.

The maid of honour, Miss Carol Kelsh, sister of the groom, wearing a two-piece gold brocade suit with accessories to match and a corsage of white roses.

Mr. Harry Ellis, brother of the bride assisted in being best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held in an archway of a tastefully decorated dining room where a fainty buffet lunch was served, at the home of the groom's parents. The receptionist, Mr. Herbie Graham of Toronto.

The bride's mother received the guests wearing a black brocaded dress trimmed with gold, with accessories to match and chose a corsage of yellow roses.

The groom's mother was gowned in a blue taffeta dress trimmed with rhinestones and chose a corsage of white mums centred with a pink rose.

Out of town guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ellis, Toronto; Mr. Harry Ellis, Agincourt; Mr. Ron Kelsh, Oshawa; Mr. Douglas McFarlin, Oshawa; Mr. Herbie Graham, Toronto, and Mrs. Dorothy Stalker, Northbrook.

The happy couple left on a short honeymoon trip to Kingston and other districts, after returning they will reside in Marmora, Ontario.

Prior to her marriage the bride was given a bridal shower at the home of her parents, where 29 guests gathered and she received many lovely gifts.

An address was read by her aunt, Mrs. Alex McFarlin, in return the bride thanked each one for their gifts.

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1 Nov 1962

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ELLIS — Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ellis announce the birth of a son on Thursday, March 21st, 1963 at Campbellford Hospital.

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4 APR 1963

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MARRIED

BARRONS—ELLIS

A pretty wedding took place in Warkworth on Saturday, June 19, when Rev. Kay united in marriage Freda Aldine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ellis of Cordova and Charles Edward, son of Mrs. George Barrons and the late George Barrons, of Belmont.

The bride wore a pretty street-length dress of powder blue crepe, with white accessories and a corsage of pink roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ida Ellis, of Campbellford, who wore a pretty frock of Rosemaria rose crepe and a corsage of pink roses. Chris Steenburgh, cousin of the groom, was best man.

A wedding dinner was served at the bride's home, where the bride's mother in a mauve crepe dress, assisted by the groom's mother, in a black crepe dress, received twenty guests.

The happy couple left on a honeymoon to Montreal and points east. For travelling the bride wore a white sheer blouse, brown skirt and polo coat. On their return they will live in Belmont township.

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1 JUL 1943

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MRS. ELIZA ELLIS

After a long period of ill health Mrs. Eliza Ellis passed away on Wednesday, April 23rd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herb Chard, of Cordova Mines. She was born at Marlbank on July 4th, 1870, her parents being the late Mr. and Mrs. James Deshane. Her early years were spent in that district until she was married to John Ellis on July 12, 1892.

Most of their married life was spent in and around Havelock until her husband's death 13 years ago and she has resided mostly since with Mrs. Chard.

The late Mrs. Ellis was very active until recent years, when her health broke down. She was always thinking of others especially her family. Even at her advanced age she never had to use glasses for sewing or reading.

Mrs. Ellis is survived by two sons and three daughters, namely: James and Brooks, of Havelock; (Margaret), Mrs. Frank Parcels, of Havelock; (Dorothy) Mrs. James Jacobs, of Campbellford; (Lottie) Mrs. Herbert Chard, of Cordova Mines. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at Cordova Free Methodist Church, the service being conducted by Rev. A. J. Thaxter and Rev. J. McFalin, of Madoc. Interment was made in Rockdale cemetery.

The pall bearers were Charles Chard, Joe Deshane, Wm. Hamilton, Phillip Wheeler, Frank Sopha and Harvey Hart.

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MARGARET ALBERTA ELLIS

The death occurred on Thursday, July 14th, of Mrs. Margaret Alberta Ellis, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Hartin, R.R. 1, Marmora. She was in her 80th year and had been ill only a short time.

Mrs. Ellis was born at Adolphustown, a daughter of the late John Kemley and Hester Green. Her husband, Augustus Ellis, predeceased her several years ago. She had resided with her daughter for the past 15 years and prior to that lived in Northbrook.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. David Hartin, and one grandchild. Three sisters and a brother predeceased her.

The funeral service was conducted on Saturday, July 16th, at 2 p.m. at the Howden Funeral Home by Rev. James Dunlop.

Interment was in Zion Cemetery. The pall bearers were Bruce King, Ben Thompson, A. C. Harfin Dan Hartin, Sam Switzer and Wm. Empey.

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21 JUL, 1960

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MARRIED

ELLIS — HOLMES

St. Mary's Church, Campbellford was the scene of the marriage on Saturday of Miss Helen Marie Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes to Mr. Raymond A. Ellis son of Mrs. Ellis and the late Mr. Alonzo Ellis of Marmora. Rev. J. Moloney officiated at the double ring ceremony and the Nuptial Mass.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a waltz-length gown of white nylon and lace with bouffant skirt of nylon over satin. She wore a finger-tip veil of silk tulle with Juliette cap of seed pearls and carried a tear-drop cascade of sweetheart roses.

Miss Patsy Bausch, her Maid of Honour, wore a deep pink waltz-length gown with crystal net over taffeta with satin cummerbund. Her headdress was a jewelled contour cap with accessories to match. She carried a heaven blue cascade of 'mums.

Miss Betty Bausch as bridesmaid, wore similar gown in blue with matching accessories, and carried crescent bouquet of bluish pink gladioli.

Miss Brenda Heffernan, niece of the bride was Junior bridesmaid in powder blue taffeta with matching veiled headdress caught with wreath of flowers. She carried a crescent bouquet of coral gladioli.

Mr. Clifford Ellis was groomsman for his brother and Mr. Jack Holmes and Mr. Clayton Ellis, brothers of the bride and groom were ushers.

The bride's mother wore a dress of navy crepe with white hat and accessories and corsage of bronze roses. Mother of the groom wore a navy dress with pink hat and accessories and matching corsage of roses.

The reception was held at the Legion Hall.

For the wedding trip, the bride chose a sheath dress of striped mulberry taffeta with corsage of small white 'mums. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will reside in Marmora.

Guests were present from Sudbury, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Marmora and Trenton.

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MARRIED

ELLIS—FOLEY

On Saturday evening, February 3rd, the marriage took place in the Rectory of the Church of Christ the King, Sudbury, of Mary Agnes Foley, of Belleville, (formerly of Marmorata township), daughter of Mrs. George Bedore and the late E. Foley, and Mr. William Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellis, of Belleville. Rev. J. J. O'Leary officiated.

The bride wore a pretty frock of heavenly blue with bustle back and matching turban and corsage of orchids. Miss G. Schnupp, of Sudbury, attired in grey sheer with black accessories and corsage of American Beauty roses, was bridesmaid. Mr. John Schnupp, Sudbury, was groomsmen.

A reception was held at the home of Mrs. G. Schnupp, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ellis left on a wedding trip to Kirkland Lake and North Bay. The bride travelled in a turquoise wool frock with brown accessories and brown broadtail coat. Upon their return they will reside at 375 Marion Street, Sudbury.

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MARRIED

ELLIS — ELLIS

A quiet wedding took place at St. Andrew's United Church parsonage, Marmorata, on Saturday afternoon, December 12th, when Donald Delbert Ellis, son of Mrs. George Ellis and the late George Ellis, of Cordova, and Dora Stella Ellis, of Belmont Township, were united in marriage. Rev. Dr. W. P. Fletcher officiated. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Watson, the latter being a sister of the groom. The young couple will reside in Belmont Township.

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KILLED AT ROCK QUARRY

Donald Ellis, aged 24, of Cordova, was killed at the Ontario Rock Company quarry at Preneveau on Monday as a result of a dynamite explosion which buried him under two tons of rock. George McGowan, who was helping him, suffered injuries to his right leg, his head and his face. He was taken to the Cummings Nursing Home at Havelock. His three brothers, who were also working at the quarry witnessed the accident.

Ellis was one of a gang engaged in blasting and loosening enough rock for the days work. A number of charges of dynamite had been prepared and the fuses lighted. One was found to be damp from the rain Sunday night and an attempt was made to fix it so it could be lighted. Before the work could be completed an explosion occurred and according to reports 50 sticks of dynamite were exploded. Ellis was blown into the air, being instantly killed, and came down under a couple of tons of rock. Coroner Dr. Holdcroft decided to hold an inquest.

The deceased leaves a widow, who was previously bereaved as a result of an accident. Her first husband was Harry Pressick, who was killed in a mining accident in Northern Ontario a few years ago.

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OBITUARY

ALONZO ELLIS

Following several months' illness Alonzo Ellis passed away in Kingston General Hospital on Monday afternoon. He had undergone a number of critical operations, but failed to benefit from them.

The late Alonzo Allis celebrated his 50th birthday less than a month ago. He was a son of Mr. Simeon Ellis, of Malone, and the late Mrs. Ellis and was born in Madoc. For a number of years he engaged in farming and he spent some years in Western Canada. About fourteen years ago he entered the employ of Deloro Smelting & Refining Co. Limited and he was well liked by his fellow employees. Friendly and kindly and willing to help anyone in trouble he had many friends and was held in high esteem in the community.

The deceased leaves a widow, formerly Reperta Margaret Bedore, and six young sons—Gordon, Harold, Norman, Raymond, Clifford and Clayton. He is also survived by his father, Simeon Ellis, Malone, and one brother, John Ellis, of Belleville. The sympathy of the community goes out to the family in their bereavement.

The funeral was held this afternoon service being conducted in St. Andrew's United Church by Rev. Dr. W. P. Fletcher with interment following in Marmorata Protestant cemetery.

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20 FEB 1941

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OBITUARY

SIMEON HERBERT ELLIS

After an illness of nearly two years

Simeon Ellis, a former esteemed resident of Marmora, passed away at the home of his son, John F. Ellis, 11 Albion street, Belleville, early Sunday morning. He was born in Madoc 85 years ago, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Ellis. For quite a number of years he was a resident of Marmora and had a large number of friends here, but most of his life he lived at Malone. For the past two years he had made his home with his son in Belleville. Quiet and kindly he was highly respected by those who knew him. He was a member of Zion United Church.

He is survived by one son, John F. Ellis, of Belleville, and one sister, Mrs. Catharine Ferguson, of St. Paul, Minn. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, August 13, service being conducted in the Belleville Burial Company Funeral Chapter by Rev. E. M. Cadigan, pastor of St. Andrew's and Zion churches. Interment took place in Lakeview cemetery, Madoc.

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AUCTION SALE

Mr. Alonzo Ellis has instructed F. S. Johnston, auctioneer, to sell by public auction on Lot 12, Con. 8, Marmora Township (about 1 mile north of Deloro), commencing at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15th, 4 horses 10 Milch Cows, Heifer, 10 Calves, 3 brood Sows, 24 young Pigs, Hens, Chickens, Farm Machinery, Hay, Oats, etc. Terms Cash. No reserve as Mr. Ellis is giving up the farm.

F. S. Johnston, Auctioneer
Alonzo Ellis, Owner

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1 OCT, 1936

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Mr. Alonzo Ellis is serving on the Petit Jury, which will decide the fate of Harold W. Vermilyea, who is being tried at Belleville this week on a charge of murdering his mother.

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14 FEB, 1935

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MARRIED

BARRONS—ELLIS

On Tuesday afternoon, June 21st, at the United Church Parsonage, Aletha Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ellis, of Cordova Mines was united in marriage to Goldie Stewart Barrons, son of Mrs. Barrons and the late Chas. Barrons, of Cordova Mines. Rev. C. W. Hollingsworth performed the ceremony.

The couple were attended by Mr. Jack Ellis, brother of the bride, and Mrs. Garnet Emmorey, sister of the groom. After a wedding dinner served at the bride's home the young couple left for a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls and other western points. They will reside in Cordova Mines.

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23 JUN 1938

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OBITUARY

JOHN ELLIS

Death claimed another life long resident of Belmont township on Saturday April 1st last, in the person of John Ellis, who passed away at his home in Havelock, after a long illness. The deceased was in his 75th year.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Ellis, of Rockdale, and it was there he spent over 50 years of his life. After leaving Rockdale he took up residence at Rush Point where he lived upwards of 24 years. Some 3 months ago he came to Havelock to reside.

Surviving him, besides his sorrowing wife, formerly Eliza Deshea, are three daughters, Mrs. Frank Parcels, of town, Mrs. James Jacobs Campbellford and Mrs. Herbert Chard of Cordova; two sons, James and Brooks of town; two brothers, Daniel of Cordova, Harvey of town, one sister, Mrs. Vesterfelt, of Marmora. Nineteen grandchildren also survive him.

The funeral which was largely attended was held from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Parcels, on Monday, April 3 last with services conducted by the Rev. Harris of Havelock Pentecostal church with interment at the Rockdale cemetery.

Out of town friends and relatives who attended the funeral included Mr. Charles Steenburgh, West Virginia, Mrs. Edward Daves and daughter Helen, and Henry Ellis of Peterborough.—Havelock Standard.

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Lefty Ellis shows a unique kerosene can formerly used on CN railway lines presumably to fill lanterns. It is a real collector's item and who better to own it than a real collector like Lefty who collects everything.

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Bottles to biscuits

By JEANNETTE MOORE

Lots of people have a hobby collecting stamps, coins, something that appeals to them -- and then there is "Lefty" Ellis, RR 1, Marmora, who COLLECTS. For the past 10 years he has set his mind to gathering old bottles some of which perhaps even the museums have not seen, old tins from tea, coffee, etc. no longer in commercial use, his latest being a little "Old City Peanut Butter" pail made in Quebec, milk bottles, insulators (one even made of carnival glass) old items from railway days, lamps, harness, Roy Rogers cowboy holsters, old guns even special editions of old newspapers, one rare item being the December 16th, 1956 edition of the Toronto Telegram with the headline "Edward Abdicates".

But of all his possessions his favorite is his Coca Cola collection. With Lefty, Coke is really it. Where all the other things are artistically grouped on shelves or hanging from the ceiling or in use in the large recreation room in his basement, his Coca Cola collection stands apart in a separate room and contains a staggering collection of novelties and actual items of former use by the Coca Cola Company from bottle openers even to telephones made in the shape of a Coca Cola bottle, and signs, trucks, displays, toy cartons of Coke, a tiffany Coca Cola lamp, a cask for serving Coca Cola, so many things it is impossible to take them all in with the eyes.

So many indeed, that only in the Coca Cola archives in Georgia is there a like display. Representatives of the Coca Cola Company have visited him to look and shook their heads in disbelief.

"I have everything that has come out around these parts as well as old items from the past I've found or

have had brought to me," said Lefty.

He doesn't know how it all first started except that he likes Coca Cola and also the color red.

In one corner of his Coca Cola room his wife Josie has set up her Pepsi-challenge and has shelf after shelf filled with Pepsie memorabilia but she'll never catch up with her husband.

Would he sell any of them? No, he says. Only if he got too many items the same. He just likes to keep them.

In order to make space in a soon to be completely filled large basement he recently sold 200 milk bottles to a dealer in Havelock. His mania for collecting has become known to many dealers in antiques and memorabilia but he rarely parts with one of his prize possessions.

The hobby craze is catching. Josie not only has the Pepsi challenge but a collection of over 100 old dolls which fill a spare bedroom. She also collects salt and pepper shakers, egg cups and has a huge assortment of tiny perfume bottles. Indeed, every shelf throughout their entire house reveals a different collection.

"A few years back we used to drive around on the back roads and found old dumps where we dug and got a lot of our rare old bottles but everybody has gotten into the act and there's nothing to find any more" said Lefty.

It used to be, too, that every Christmas Josie could spot a new Coca Cola novelty which solved her Christmas present for Lefty, but they've bought out the market and now there is nothing left to buy. Except, maybe, a couple of cartons of Coke?

After one has viewed the Ellises' collection and before you leave the house, Lefty will plug in the electric cord leading to a bird cage containing two artificial birds. A chirping and singing then begins to emanate from the cage.

"Our granddaughter thinks this is just great" said Lefty.

If he ever lets her loose in his Coca Cola room she'll think she is in toy heaven.

Raymond Alonzo Ellis
April 13, 1936

Married
Helen Marie Holmes
August 31, 1957

RESIDE IN C'FORD

Catherine Elizabeth
February 20, 1958

Linda Marie
April 19, 1959

Richard Charles
September 18, 1960

Married
August 27, 1983

Married
June 27, 1980

Married
June 3, 1989

Allen Robert Newton.....
July 19, 1961

Francis Albert Toms
February 23, 1951

Tracey Lynn Mechetuk
October 13, 1964

Sarah Elizabeth
August 3, 1985

Ryan Christopher
March 31, 1982

Isaiah Scott
July 29, 1994

Jesse Raymond
October 2, 1989

Ashley Marie
December 22, 1984

Dylan Andrew
August 3, 1989
RESIDE IN C'FORD

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Robert Joseph
January 27, 1964

Randy Thomas
January 30, 1966

Married
November 15, 1986
Mary Balas
March 16, 1960

Married
April 18, 1987 (DLW 1995)
Debbie Dykstra
Oct. 3 1960

Nicholas Robert
May 15, 1987

Amber Alysha.....Kirstin Kimberly
February 9, 1988 May 6, 1991

Dawson Mattingly
July 11, 1999

RESIDES IN BOWMANVILLE

RESIDE IN WARRICKONTIT