

BRONSON HERITAGE

(as told to Stephen Patrick by Martha (Bronson) Fitchett)

My great-grandfather, Martin Bronson, was born in Essex, England, and married Hannah Lewis. During the war of 1812-14, Martin served as a fifer with the Glengarry Infantry, playing the fife at the Battle of Lundy's Lane where Sir Isaac Brock was killed, and also on a route march all the way from Kingston to Belleville. Martin and Hannah Bronson received a grant of land for thirty-four acres in Madoc Township and there they built and lived in a log home which is still being used today.

Martin and Hannah's son, Lewis Bronson, married Sarah Simpson and continued to live on the old homestead where they raised twelve children, one of whom, Raniel Patrick Bronson, my father, married Mary Peacock and settled at Millbridge between Bancroft and Madoc.

Mary Peacock's father, Thomas Peacock, was from Glasgow, Scotland, and had met his bride-to-be, Christine Kennedy, while on the way to Canada. The steamship Thomas was aboard took on the passengers from a distressed sailing ship on which Christine was a passenger, and it appears a ship-board romance was established. Arriving in Canada, probably in the 1860's, Thomas and Christine established a homestead in Tudor Township. Although they began their married life with few resources, Thomas was a weaver by trade and Christine was a seamstress, so with some sheep and a loom built by Thomas, they were able to spin, weave and produce all their own cloth, as well as the other necessities of the pioneer homestead. They were basically self-sufficient. Their five children included both Thomas and Robert Peacock, late of Cannifton, and a daughter Mary who became my mother.

Raniel and Mary Bronson worked hard at Millbridge, most of the work being done by manpower and one grey mare. They had twelve children, of whom those still surviving are Edna Phillips of Stirling, Mary Darrah of Marmora, Martha Fitchett of Stirling, Lottie Harris of Bayside, Walter Bronson of Crookston, Robert Bronson of Tweed, Norma Wright of Stirling, and Josephine Willis of Campbellford.

As their family grew, the land of their homestead became insufficient and so in 1906 the Bronsons moved from Millbridge to Malone, and I still recall bumping along on top of a horse-drawn wagonload of furniture. The neighbours at Malone were kind and the farm was nice, but by 1915, it was again too small and the family moved to Eldorado, about one mile east of Fox's church, to an excellent farm with a beautiful stone house. This was a prosperous farm, with a fine sugarbush and plenty of horses and cattle. I remember one black pony, part bronc, named Ross, who had plenty of spirit, and would not draw even an empty wagon for my father if he felt like it but would do anything for us children.

In 1921, the family moved to Springbrook where Raniel had purchased two farms. Unfortunately, heavy clay land and a reduced manpower as the family grew up and left home, resulted in trying times.

I, Martha Fitchett, met Thomas MacConnell while we lived in Springbrook and I married him in 1926, while Tom was employed at a garage in Belleville. After a year or so, Tom began his own business as a painter and decorator in Stirling where he decorated many homes and businesses over the years. The MacConnell's first child, Robert Bruce (1928-29) did not survive infancy, but their three subsequent children, Lorna, Arthur and Allan, have been blessed with a total of ten children of their own, including Kevin MacConnell and Stephen Patrick, both of Stirling.

While maintaining a household, Martha also worked as a receptionist for dentist, Ralph Vandervoort (1954); as a receptionist for Dr. Cornett (1955-56); as owner and operator of Martha's Tea Room for six years (1956-62); and as administrator of the Belleville Women's Christian Association Home for Elderly Ladies on Highland Avenue, Belleville (1962-68), in the six years after Thomas' passing away.

In November, 1968, Martha married Carman Fitchett and this outgoing couple still share many happy hours with their many fine friends in and around Stirling.

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Veteran returns treasure to community

by Erin McCracken

Madoc - Madoc's Mel Bronson was just one of thousands of Canadian soldiers who managed to survive long enough to return home at the end of World War II. Many tried to start their lives over by putting their harrowing experiences in Europe behind them, locking many of their memories away from family, friends and as a result, future generations, too.

But that's where Bronson is unique. He might tell you at first that he doesn't have much to say about the war years but dig a little deeper and the 81-year-old's stories of his time spent resupplying Allied troops with equipment throughout Europe will soon emerge. He hasn't forgotten and he doesn't want anyone else to either.

The north Rawdon farm boy moved to Madoc during the war in 1942 to work in his uncle's downtown farm equipment business. That same year he married Hattie and enlisted in the war effort at ordnance headquarters in Kingston. "Everyone in Madoc was going," said Bronson, who had already served as a Hasty Pee reservist since 1940. Next stop was basic training in Cornwall and in 1943 he was sent to Europe where he drove small tanks with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps Regiment and resupplied those fighting on the front lines from the beaches of Normandy right through to Belgium, Holland and France. His memories of being surrounded in the Battle of the Bulge in Holland still have him shaking his head. "It was scary," the decorated veteran said of the Allies being surrounded by the Germans. "The whole Canadian Army was up there."

Sleeping in fox holes also didn't compare to witnessing the fear some men were paralyzed with. "I heard grown men crying out at night for their mothers," said Bronson. The constant sight of dead bodies was a regular reminder of the danger everyone faced on a daily basis. "You can't believe what it was like," said Bronson, who was always on the move with his troop as town after town became liberated. "People waved goodbye to the Germans and they were kissing us on the cheek when we came in, especially the Dutch. They had it rough."

So when Grant Ketcheson, president of the Madoc and District Chamber of Commerce ran into Bronson a few weeks ago, Bronson got the chance he was looking for to give back to the local community. It came in the form of a restored pump organ that was originally manufactured by the Conley Organ and Piano Company, which only operated out of Madoc between 1891 and 1903. The organ's pedals are actually embossed with the name of the village.

The company also manufactured sewing machines as well as sheet music. In another coincidence, Ketcheson and his wife, Gayle, actually have an original book of Conley sheet music. When the couple bought their Madoc Township home in 1962, they also purchased the piano that was in the home and discovered the book in the piano bench.

Ketcheson himself had only just learned about the organ's existence from Evan Morton, curator of the Tweed and Area Heritage Centre and Museum, which had been presented with the period piece in 1998. "At that time there was no cultural centre so we were glad to have it and preserve it," said Morton. But when the new Centre Hastings Public Library and Cultural Centre opened earlier this year, the curator thought it only right that the musical artifact should be returned to its birthplace instead of being put into storage. "It's far more meaningful in the place of origin," Morton explained. That's why he contacted Ketcheson as well as Madoc Reeve Tom Deline.

Madoc-born Joan Brady Van Meer and her husband, Lowell, who reside in Tweed, first acquired the small parlour organ. "It had been sitting in a barn and was actually in terrible shape with mice living in it," Ketcheson said. This Conley organ is only one of two that the chamber president knows about that are in the village. The other organ is at O'Hara's Mill. Van Meer couldn't be reached for comment by the Community Press before press time.

There was only a small wrinkle in adopting the organ. Morton told Ketcheson the Tweed Heritage Centre was looking to recoup the \$1,000 it had paid out to have the organ refinished in 1999 by the late Doug Connor of Tweed (whose grandfather had a hardware store in Madoc) and restored in 2001 by John DeVries of Belleville. "Evan, God bless him, said they didn't want to make any money on this because they wanted to keep it in the area," Ketcheson explained, adding that Madoc's reeve was just as grateful. "Tom said he'd hate to see it go, so we needed a sugar daddy."

So when Ketcheson and Bronson recently ran into one another outside the Madoc Post Office Ketcheson mentioned the venture on the off-chance that the war vet would want to help. Bronson was immediately interested and wanted to take a look at the turn-of-the-century musical piece. He went that very afternoon to Tweed. "I just about died in shock when he said one way or another he'd raise some money," Ketcheson said.

Bronson's only condition was to affix a plaque to the organ to honour all those who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian military. They both feel it's also fitting that the organ is now sitting in the original Madoc Memorial Library which Sam and Jennie Rollins had built in 1946 in honour of all those from the Madoc area who served in World War II. "I think it's a wonderful gesture, absolutely a lasting tribute to his wisdom and generosity," Morton said of Bronson. "What a wonderful tribute to serving men and women."

The Conley organ was moved by Madoc Public Works employees into the cultural centre just in time for Remembrance Day. The small organ fits in perfectly with floor-to-ceiling display cases which currently showcase local World War I and World War II memorabilia including photos, medals and even a bugle and a helmet.

John Atkinson, who handles public relations for the Madoc branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, has been working with local veterans and residents to collect the artifacts which will be on display at the cultural centre until the end of November. To add to the atmosphere, war-era music, compiled by Madoc legion member Kevin Roy, will be playing in the background.

"It's beautiful," said Brenda Rump, Chamber events co-ordinator, about the display and the emotions the artifacts stir up. She has also been helping with the collection. "You think, 'Gosh, some of these people didn't make it back.'"

Her feelings are echoed by Bronson who beams with pride when he looks at the new focal point in the room. It's the same pride that propels him to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies in Madoc every year. "So many people have forgotten," he said.

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But Bronson can't forget. "Funny I can remember that but I can't remember what I did yesterday," he said with a smile. He still remembers getting off the train in Belleville in January, 1946, long after the war had ended. His wife was there to meet him; the farm equipment business was also waiting for him but nothing was ever the same." It was harder, there was no money. It's different from when you're told to get out of bed and what to do," Bronson recalled. "You were glad to be home and then you didn't want to be home. I just never was settled."

Saturday, November 8, Madoc army cadets will be stationed with poppies at the Centre Hastings Public Library and Cultural Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Those who have information to add about the organ and the Madoc company that made it are invited to contact Grant and Gayle Ketcheson by calling (613) 473-4680.



World War II veteran Mel Bronson is giving back to the Madoc community by dedicating this 100-year-old pump organ, which was made in Madoc, to those who served and continue to serve in Canada's military—just in time for Remembrance Day. The organ is now on display at the Centre Hastings Cultural Centre in Madoc along with local war-era memorabilia.

Obituaries

Addie May Brownson

Addie May Brownson of R.R. 1, Eldorado died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough on Monday, April 9, 1979 after a brief illness. She was 92 years of age.

Mrs. Brownson was born the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lajoie in Hungerford Township and educated in Tweed. She was a resident of Marycrest Senior Citizens' Home in Peterborough when she died. Previous to that she had lived with her son, Arthur, in Peterborough.

Mrs. Brownson was a member of Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Madoc and a member of the CWL of that parish. She also belonged to the Eldorado Women's Institute.

Mrs. Brownson was predeceased by her husband, Arthur and three children: Charles, Rose (Mrs. Stafford Callery) and Calvin (Kelly). She is survived by children Lorne of R.R. 1, Eldorado, Mrs. Marie O'Neill of Marmora, Gerald of R.R. 2, Marmora, Mrs. Mae Flynn of London, Annie (Mrs. Mike Callery) of R.R. 2 Marmora, Simon and Cecil of Oshawa and Arthur of Peterborough. She also leaves a brother, John Lajoie, of Tweed and a sister Delphine (Mrs. Louis Laprairie) of Bay City, Michigan.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 11 from the Cassidy Funeral home in Marmora. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at the Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Madoc with Father Peter Murphy presiding. Interment was in Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery in Madoc. Pallbearers were Ed Flynn, Brian Brownson, Gerald Brownson, Charlie Brownson, Brian Callery, Joe O'Neill, Art Brownson and Barney Callery, all grandchildren of the deceased.

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BROWNSON, MARGARET peacefully with family present on Monday, September 21, 1998. Maggie Brownson of Marmora in her 88th year. Wife of Gerald Brownson. Cherished mother of Brian, Karen, Donald and Diane. Loving grandmother of Kelvin, Teresa, Catherine, Jennifer, Sean, Erin and the late Trever. Great grandmother of Anthony. Sister of Edward O'Brien. Loved by many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the physicians and nurses at Carressant Care Retirement Home and the Canadian Red Cross. The family will receive friends at the McConnell Funeral Home, Marmora, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Mass of Christian Burial in Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, Marmora, Thursday, September 24th at 10:30 a.m. Interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Marmora. Donations to Sacred Heart Restoration Fund would be appreciated.

Brownson, Margaret Passed away on September 21, 1998 after a short illness.

Formerly a resident of Carressant Care in Marmora. Margaret was born in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario and was the daughter of the late Margaret Jane (Steepe) and Patrick O'Brien and the sister of Edward J. O'Brien.

Beloved wife of Gerald Brownson and loving mother to Brian of Madoc, Donald of Marmora, Diane of Madoc and Karen of Dunrobin.

She will be fondly remembered by her eight grandchildren.

Margaret was a member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus congregation in Marmora as well as a 50 year member of the Catholic Women's League.

A funeral was held for Margaret on September 24 and was officiated by Father Brennan. She was laid to rest at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

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Stafford Lawrence Callery

Stafford Lawrence Callery, 1 Bix Street, Falconbridge, Ontario, died in Laurentian Hospital, Sudbury, Ontario, May 30, 1984.

Born August 25th, 1918, he was the son of Beatrice Feeney and Bernard Callery.

Mr. Callery had lived in Falconbridge for 28 years where he worked as Production Foreman at Falconbridge Mines.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society.

Predeceased by his wife, Rose, he leaves a son Bernard, Kingston, Ontario, daughter Susan Gratton, Chelmsford, Ontario, a sister Edith

Sweet, Marmora, four grandsons, Dwayne, Robert, Kevin and Bernie Callery and one granddaughter Tasha Gratton.

He was predeceased by brothers Bill, Bernard, Joseph, Michael, Murtagh, Fred, Vince and Francis and sisters Beatrice and Zeta.

Funeral service was held Saturday, June 2, 1984, from Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, Rev. J.P. Carty officiating. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Cassidy Funeral Home, Marmora.

Pallbearers were Dwayne, Robert, Bernie, Kevin, Norman and Brian Callery.

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Lorne Brownson

Lorne Joseph Brownson of RR1 Eldorado, Ontario passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, North Bay, Ontario on Thursday, Aug. 11, 1994. He was 84.

Mr. Brownson was born in Tweed the son of the late Addie (Lajoie) and Arthur Brownson.

Mr. Brownson was the beloved husband of the late Catherine (Cameron).

He was the loving father of Charles Brownson and his wife Patricia, RR1 Eldorado; Lorna and her husband Donald Cameron, Garson and Carol and her husband John Rowe, North Bay.

Mr. Brownson is survived by his sisters Marie O'Neill, Marmora; Mae Flynn, London; Anne Callery, Deloro; and brothers Gerald Brownson, Deloro; Simon Brownson, Oshawa and Arthur Brownson, Oshawa.

He is predeceased by brother Charles and sisters Rose and Kelly.

Mr. Brownson lived at RR1 Eldorado for the past 20 years. He previously resided in Garson, Ontario for 37 years.

Mr. Brownson was retired from Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Garson.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, Madoc.

Mr. Brownson had been a volunteer fire fighter in Garson, as well as a minor hockey coach.

His funeral service was held on Monday, Aug. 15, 1994 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Madoc with Father Joe McAuley officiating.

Interment followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lorne Brownson, Charles Brownson, Gerald Brownson, John Cameron and Tom Cameron.

Brownson-Law wedding

Barbara Joyce Brownson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brownson, Madoc, and Michael Robert Law, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Law, Toronto, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony held at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church on July 31, 1983, by Rev. Paul Kompass.

Traditional wedding music was provided by Miss Lamoine West. The soloist, Mr. Larry Stickwood sang "The Wedding Song" and "You Are My Miracle". During the ceremony the congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee".

Given in marriage, by her father and mother, the bride was lovely in a gown fashioned for her by her mother, of Tissue Faille, with over skirt of chiffon, Galoon Lou adorned the bodice and long sleeves, and also formed a very deep border which trimmed the entire dress and train. She wore a waist length veil of tulle with double rows of lace, which was gathered to a head piece made of sequins and pearls.

She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses, baby's breath and English ivy.

Matron of Honor was Mrs. Gail Murray and bridesmatron was Mrs. Joan Savage. Both are sisters of the bride. The flower girl was Miss Karen Savage, niece of the bride. All attendants wore identical floor length gowns of mauve swiss dot chiffon, underlined with mauve. Deep hem-line flounces and short, frilly jackets accented the dresses. They carried bouquets of mauve and white Shata daisies.

Best man was Mr. Peter Law, brother of the groom. Usher was Mr. Chris Smirlies, close friend of the groom. Ring-bearer was Master Christopher Murray, nephew of the bride. They, along with the groom, wore silver-grey claridge tuxedos, frilled shirts and black bow ties.

Receiving the guests at the reception at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall was the bride's mother, lovely in a street length dress of dusty rose chiffon with matching

dress of aqua chiffon. She wore white accessories and a corsage of aqua and white carnations.

A three tiered wedding cake, made by the mother of the bride and decorated by Gail Murray, sister of the bride, adorned the bride's table, along with "White Iris" candelabra and floral arrangements.

Following a delicious dinner, the bride and groom began the dance and then everyone joined in.

For the wedding trip to Florida and the Atlantic States, the bride wore a red and white silk dress with deep ruffled neckline, matching hat, white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

For their departure the guests formed a friendship circle and the bride and groom expressed their thanks and bid farewell to each one.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Law will reside in Toronto.



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Funeral mass for James Orland Bronson was conducted Thursday, July 22, from the Cassidy Funeral Home, Marmora, to Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart Cemetery by Rev. J.P. Carty.

Mr. Bronson died Monday, July 19, 1982, in Kingston General Hospital following a year-long illness. He was 58.

Surviving are his wife,

JAMES ORLAND BRONSON

the former Marjorie Lajoie and daughters Cathy (Mrs. Gary Stark), Springbrook; Elaine (Mrs. Ron Bateman), Springbrook; Theresa Anne (Mrs. Jack Davidson), Wilberforce; Janet (Mrs. Dan Keegan), RR 2, Marmora and Angela, at home.

Also surviving are a sister Ruth (Mrs. Charles McFaul), Peterborough and brothers, Bob, Springbrook; Bill, Peterborough, and

Doug, RR 4, Marmora.

A self-employed carpenter, Mr. Bronson was born in Madoc Township, son of James Findley and Pearl Bronson of Marmora, who survives. He was a lifelong resident of RR 2, Marmora.

Mr. Bronson was a veteran of the Second World War and member of Marmora Branch 237, Royal Canadian Legion.

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Obituary

Eva May Brownson

Funeral services for the late Eva Mae Brownson was held on Sat., April 1 at 2 p.m. from the Howden Funeral Home, Marmora. Rev. D. Rutherford officiated and temporary entombment was in the Marmora Protestant Cemetery Vault. Interment in the spring will be at Zion Cemetery.

Mrs. Brownson died at Belleville on Thursday, March 30, 1978. She was born and educated at Marmora and lived all her life in the community. Mrs. Brownson was also a member of the United Church.

She was predeceased by her parents the

late William Holland and the former Maude Ruport by one sister.

Surviving are her husband Angus Brownson of RR2, Marmora; two daughters Betty (Mrs. Winston Brown) of Gananoque and Carol (Mrs. Dave Magee) of Guelph; one son - Albert of Colborne; one sister Thelma (Mrs. Perc Melville) of Chestley; three brothers, Clarence of Napanee, Charles of Oshawa and Cecil of Port Hope and 7 grandchildren.

The pallbearers were Gordon Jones Clayton Tompkins; Walter Henry; Gordon Magee; Ray Brown; Harry Keating.

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FERCY BROWNSON

The death occurred in Belleville General Hospital on Friday, January 7th of Mr. Percy Brownson, of Marmora, following a short illness. He was 77 years of age.

Mr. Brownson was born in Rawdon Township a son of the late John Brownson and Mary Ann Liberty, and spent nearly all his life there. He engaged in farming until a couple of years ago when he retired and moved to Marmora Village.

He was a member of the United Church and of SpringBrook Orange Lodge, No. 442 and was well respected in the area.

He is survived by his wife, the former Aimyra Lee; two daughters, Mrs. M. McMullen (Kathleen) Stirling and Mrs. R. McMullen (Marjorie), Batawa; six sons, Stewart, Detroit; Gordon, Sarnia; Arthur, Madoc; Bert, London; Ford, Foxboro and Garnet, of Marmora; 1 sister, Mrs. Victoria Simmons, Belleville and 2 brothers Charles Brownson, Picton and Arthur Brownson, Eldorado and 26 grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday, January 20th, from the Howden Funeral Home to St. Andrew's United Church where service was conducted by Rev. J. M. D. McLeod at 2 P.M. Interment was in the O'Hara Cemetery near Madoc.

The pall bearers were Ronald McMullen, Jim McMullen and Allan, Gary, Brian and Douglas Brownson.

Couple mark anniversary 25

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bronson, R. R. 2, Marmora, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday evening at the Canadian Legion Hall, Marmora.

About 125 relatives, friends and neighbours joined Marjorie and Jim for an evening of dancing to "Smokey Nelson and his Band" from Frankford.

A purse of money was presented to the happy couple by Frank McCarthy who also acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The three tier wedding cake was made by Irene Clemens and the party was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Bronson's five daughters spent three days with Mr. Mrs. Gary (Cathy) Stark of Trenton, Mrs. Jack (Theresa Anne) Davidson of Wilberforce and Elaine, Janet and Angela at home.

On hand for the celebration were the groom's mother, Mrs. Pearl Bronson of Marmora and the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lajoie, R. R. 2 Marmora.

Mr. Bronson's only sister Mrs. Ruth McFaul of Peterborough and two of his three brothers Robert and Doug of Madoc and Marmora were present.

Maid of honor and best man at the wedding on November 29, 1948, Marie and Stan Packer of Douro were present on Saturday evening as was Mr. Bronson's other three sisters Mrs. Frank (Rita) McCarthy of Peterborough, Mrs. Mark (Theresa) Thompson of Cobourg, Mrs. Gerry (Frances) Garrison of Belleville and Mrs. Doug (Anne) Bronson, R. R. 4 Marmora and her only brother Albert.

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Dan Bronson

At Sunnybrook Hospital on Thursday August 23, 1979 Dan Bronson, of R.R. 4 Madoc passed away in his 73rd year. He was the beloved husband of Marguerite Catherine Bronson (nee Foley), dear father of Gwendolyn (Mrs. J. Statham) of Belleville Michigan, Lorraine (Mrs. D. Rombough) of R.R. 4 Marmora and Marcella (Mrs. C. Wood) of Havelock. He was dearly loved by his 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and predeceased by 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Mr. Bronson rested at the MacKenzie Funeral Home Madoc where services were held on Monday August 27, 1979 at 1 p.m. Mr. Dwight Nelson officiated, Interment White Lake Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mel Caverly, Harold McCann, Joe Ray, Harry Dennis, Ralph McCann, Carl Spry.

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**MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR
BROWNSON MARRIED 55 YEARS**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brownson, of Eldorado celebrated the fifty-fifth anniversary of their wedding at their home on Sunday, July 14th. About 200 friends and relatives visited them on the happy occasion, among them being Mrs. Brownson's sister Mrs. Tillie Logan, aged 91 years, and Mr. Brownson's brother, Mr. Chas. Brownson, aged 92, of Picton.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownson were married at St. Carthagh's Roman Catholic Church, Tweed. She was the former Mary Addie Lajoie, of Tweed. Mr. Brownson was a cheesemaker for 25 years. For some years they have resided on a farm at Eldorado. They have six sons and four daughters living and all were home for the anniversary event.

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**Exchange Wedding Vows
At Sacred Heart Church**

O'BRIEN — BROWNSON
Exchanging marriage vows on July 1st in Sacred Heart Church Marmora, were Patricia Catherine O'Brien and Thomas Arthur Charles Brownson. She is daughter of Mrs. O'Brien and the late Edward O'Brien and he is son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brownson of Garson, Ont. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father E. J. Keyes.

The bride's gown was white peau de soie with a full skirt accented with beaded medallions, which also decorated the long train. A coronet of tiny white

roses held her shoulder length veil and she carried white gardenias and stephanotis. Mr. Colin Fallow of Whitby gave her away. Cousin of the groom, Miss Karen Brownson attended her, wearing a green floral empire gown and her bouquet was of white daisy mums.

Groomsman was Bernard Callery and usher was Brian Brownson, both cousins of the groom.

The reception was at Havelock Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Brownson will live at Sorel, P.Q. after their wedding trip to Eastern Ontario.

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BROWNSON — LAJOIE

Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, August 3rd, when Anne Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lajoie, of Marmora Township, became the bride of Douglas Albert Brownson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brownson of Madoc.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. P. Healey. The wedding music was played by Mrs. Hugh Brady who was also the soloist.

The bride chose a street length gown of white peau de soie, with embroidered yoke trimmed with seed pearls, her veil of net with border of Chantilly lace fell to finger tip length from a pearl headdress. She carried a cascade bouquet of red roses and white stephanotis.

Miss Donna McFaul, of Peterborough, niece of the groom was bridesmaid. She wore pale blue silk organza over taffeta with matching bolero of lace. She carried white shasta daisies and yellow roses.

Mr. Albert Lajoie, brother of the bride was groomsman.

The wedding dinner was served in Sacred Heart Parish Hall and the reception was at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride's mother received the guests, wearing a sheath of aqua with white hat and accessories and a corsage of pale pink roses. She was assisted by the groom's mother who chose a two piece navy dress with matching accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

After the reception the bride and groom left on a trip to the United States, the bride wearing a three piece turquoise and white linen suit with white accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Guests were present from Buffalo, N.Y., Peterborough, Belleville, Omeme, Campbellford, Tweed, Flinton and Marmora.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownson will reside at 123 Annette St., Toronto.

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RANIEL PATRICK BROWNSON

A lifelong resident of Rawdon and Tudor townships, Raniel Patrick Brownson died in Kingston on Fri., February 14th, in his 86th year after an illness of about six months.

He was the husband of the late Mary Peacock, who died five years ago, and father of the late Mrs. E. A. Strebe, who also died five years ago.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Morley (Edna Phillips and Mrs. T. C. (Martha) McConnell, both of Stirling, Mrs. Joe (Mary) Darrah, Marmora, Mrs. George (Lottie) Cotton, Bayside, Mrs. Will (Nora) Wright, Brampton, Mrs. Oliver (Josephine) Willis, Hoard's Station; four sons, Walter of Crookston, Tom and Robert of Tweed, and Delbert of Brighton; 45 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Born in Rawdon township, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brownson, deceased was a retired farmer and a member of the Brethren church.

The funeral was held on Monday with service at the Duffin Funeral Home, Stirling and entombment in Stirling Cemetery vault.

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MR. AND MRS. G. LEE, MADOC, CELEBRATE 65th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, of Madoc, were at home to their sons and daughters and many friends to commemorate their 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were married in Swan village, Staffordshire, England, and came to Canada about 55 years ago. They lived in Deloro for about two years and then moved to their farm a few miles west of Madoc where they have resided ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Lee enjoy a fair amount of good health and their many friends wish them good health for the coming years. Their family are:

Mr. Fred Lee, of Marmora; Martha (Mrs. W. Davidson), Marmora Township; George Lee, Madoc Township; Joseph Lee, Madoc Township; Benjamin Lee, Madoc Township; Maria (Mrs. Percy Bronson), Rawdon Township; Maude (Mrs. Kenneth Barriage), Belleville; Mabel (Mrs. Albert Bronson), Rawdon Township; Floss (Mrs. F. Ethier), Belleville; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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MRS. MARTHA ANN BRONSON (R.R. 4, Madoc)

Mrs. Martha Ann Bronson died at the residence of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bronson, of R. R. 4, Madoc, on Thursday, July 13th, 1961, in her 89th year. She had been in failing health for the past 10 years.

Born at Bonarlaw, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David McComb, she was educated in that community and was a lifelong resident in the district. A member of the United Church Mrs. Bronson was a life member of the Madoc Women's Institute and was a well known and highly respected resident of the community.

She was married to the late John W. Bronson. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary White, of Belleville; three sons, Nathan of R. R. 4, Madoc, Alex of Niagara Falls, Ont., and Carman, of Toronto; a sister, Mrs. Charles Nichol, of Marmora; five grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the residence of her son, Nathan, R.R. 4, Madoc, where service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Smith, assisted by Rev. S. Bronson. The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes attesting to the high esteem in which the deceased was held in the community.

Interment took place in Lakeview Cemetery, with bearers being Melvern, Verle, Grant, John and Wayne Bronson and John McCann.

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MARRIED

CALLERY—BROWNSON.

A very pretty wedding took place in Sacred Heart Church, Madoc, on Saturday morning when Miss Ann Victoria Brownson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brownson of Eldorado, was united in marriage to Michael Henry Callery, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Callery of Deloro. Nuptial mass was said by Rev. Father Hyland.

The bride looked charming in a dusty pink crepe gown with white prayer book with streamers of orange blossoms. She wore a corsage of American Beauty roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Frances Leady, wore a gown of blue sheer with pink roses. The groomsman was Simon Brownson, brother of the bride.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. Charles Stockler and during the ceremony Mrs. Fred Meraw sang a solo. The altar of the church was beautifully decorated with white marguerites and peonies and white ribbons with marguerites marked the guests' pews.

The bride and groom left for Belleville and various points east, and on their return will reside in Deloro.

On Thursday afternoon friends of Miss Brownson held a surprise picnic for the bride-to-be at Casa Loma Inn at Moira Lake. At the tea hour which was served as a pot luck supper, Mrs. Kathleen Meraw read an address.

The address was signed on behalf of the ladies of the church and her friends. Miss Brownson thanked the ladies for their gifts and the very pleasant time they had given her.—North Hastings-Review.

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OBITUARY

THOMAS KELVIN BROWNSON

The funeral of Thomas Kelvin Brownson, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Whitby on June 26th, was held on Friday, June 29th, proceeding from the home of his parents to Sacred Heart of Mary Church, Madoc, where Requiem Mass was conducted at 10.30 A.M. by Rev. Fr. Michael Simpson.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brownson of Eldorado and was 32 years of age. He was married to Louraine Sharp at Toronto on April 28th of this year. He was born at Eldorado and attended school at Madoc and Marmora and later Queens University, Kingston. At the time of his death he was employed as an accountant with the Bell Telephone Company in Toronto. During the war he served in the Navy Signal Corps. He was a member of Our Lady of Sorrow Parish, Toronto.

Besides his parents he is survived by four sisters and six brothers: Lorne Brownson, Garison, Ont.; Mrs. Michael Callery (Annie), Deloro; Mrs. Joseph O'Neill (Marie) Marmora; Charles, Sudbury; Gerald, Montreal; Mrs. Stafford Callery (Rose), Deloro; Mrs. Edward Flynn (May) Marmora; Simon and Cecil, Oshawa and Arthur, Port Credit.

The six brothers acted as pall bearers.

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FORMER MARMORA MAN KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Thomas Kelvin Brownson, aged 31, of Princeton Ave., Toronto, was one of four persons fatally injured in a two car head-on collision on Highway 401 seventeen miles west of Liverpool early Tuesday morning. Brownson, a native of Madoc Township, attended High School in Marmora and later entered the employ of the Dominion Bank here.

The driver of the car in which Brownson was riding was Kenneth Carl McCauley also of Toronto.

Harold (Bud) Cheyne and his mother Mrs. Harold Cheyne of Toronto were victims in the other car. Injured were Albert Boniface and Robert Cheyne, 12, also of Toronto.

The McCauley car turned onto the wrong lane of the super highway at the Liverpool cloverleaf and travelled 17 miles against the traffic narrowly missing several other cars before the accident.

Boniface, following another car attempted to pass a transport. The first car was able to avoid the oncoming vehicle and pull onto the right side of the road but Boniface met the McCauley car head on in the worst crash since the super highway was opened.

"Kelly" Brownson as he was known here was a brother of Mrs. Joseph O'Neill and Mrs. Ed. Flynn of Marmora.

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MARRIED

BROWNSON—HOLLAND

A very pretty wedding took place last Thursday evening when Eva Mae, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holland of Marmorora, became the bride of Angus, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brownson, Rawdon Township. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Mr. Harrison. They were attended by Miss Dorothy Osborne and Mr. Jules Ethier, both of Belleville.

The bride looked charming in a gown of pale blue sheer with white accessories. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas, baby's breath and delphinium. The bridesmaid wore a striking blue gown and silver slippers.

The ceremony was followed by an informal reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barriage on Pinnacle Street. Mr. and Mrs. Brownson will reside in Rawdon Township.

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BILLING—BRONSON

A quiet ceremony was performed Thursday evening, May the twentieth, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Billing, Marmorora township, when Gertrude Bronson and Richard Franklin Billing were united in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. Hollingsworth, Minister of St. Andrew's United Church, Marmorora.

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MARRIED

FLYNN—BRONSON

A wedding of local interest was solemnized in the Sacred Heart Church, at Madoc, on Wednesday, June 26th, when Miss Mae Bronson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bronson, of Eldorado became the bride of Mr. Edward Flynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flynn, of Marmorora. Miss Eileen Flynn, sister of the groom acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Lorne Bronson was the groomsman. The young couple left on a motor trip to Toronto and Kitchener and will reside in Marmorora on their return.

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