

Marmora - J. J. Bell Sept. 13/71

To Rest at Marmora

MARMORA (Special — The man who became known as the bachelor who told parents how to bring up their children, Dr. Samuel Laycock, MA, MED. PhD, LLD died at his home in Vancouver, B.C. on Sunday, Sept. 5th in his 81st year.

The funeral for Dr. Laycock, who was born in Marmora Township and rose to become one of Canada's leading educators, will be held at the Howden Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. Peter Newberry of Alert Bay, B.C. officiating.

It is in accordance with Dr. Laycock's wishes that his body is being brought from Vancouver to Marmora for burial in the Laycock plot of Marmora Protestant Cemetery. He will be resting at the Howden Funeral Home from Sunday evening on.

Dr. Laycock was a member of the Saskatoon Masonic Lodge. A special Masonic service will be held at the Howden Funeral Home in Marmora at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evening, Sept. 13 under the auspices of Marmora Masonic Lodge 222.

Dr. Laycock was born to the late Ralph Laycock and the late former Margaret Grey. The family, which consisted of four boys and one sister, lived on the township road between Deloro and Marmora, the property now owned by George White.

He was the last remaining member of his family, his brothers John, William and Thomas and his sister, Mrs. P. Thompson (Jenny) having

predeceased him.

Two sisters - in - law, Mrs. Thomas Laycock of Stirling and Mrs. William Laycock of Kingston; survive, as well as a few nieces and nephews scattered throughout Canada.

Dr. Laycock received his early education in Marmora, Madoc and Albert College in Belleville. He was always a brilliant student and at the age of 16 was studying and teaching Greek with an eye to entering the ministry. He entered the University of Toronto and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Divinity but he never took charge of a church. Instead he went west and started teaching probationers at the College of Alberta in Edmonton.

In 1916, Samuel Laycock came east and enlisted as an army signalman and saw action as Passchendale. He stayed with the occupation forces for some time and then returned to Canada.

Upon his return to Edmonton he switched to studying and teaching psychology. He became dean emeritus of the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. During his career, Dr. Laycock wrote 11 books and more than 700 articles for educational journals. He promoted the Home and School Association because he felt it was important for parents and teachers to work together for the mental health of children. He was a strong supporter of the Canadian Home and School movement for decades.

Even after retirement from that post in May of 1953, he continued to lecture at the University of British Columbia. At his retirement dinner Premier T. C. Douglas spoke highly of Dr. Laycock's accomplishments.

In 1970 he was awarded the Medal of Service of the Order of Canada, for his work in the educational field.

Ed O'Connor, one of Marmora's oldest citizens but still alert and active at the age of 95, remembers young Samuel Laycock quite well, having grown up across the road from the Laycock family. He and Dr. Laycock have kept in touch through the years and he received a visit from Dr. Laycock on his last trip east nearly three years ago.

In Centennial Year, 1967, on the morning that Mr. O'Connor received a letter from Dr. Laycock saying he had been awarded a Centennial Medal, he, himself received one in the mail.

It is rather unusual that two farm boys, who were born across the road from each other but who went different paths through life should be so honored.

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DR. S. R. LAYCOCK TO RETIRE NEXT JUNE

(BIOGRAPHICAL DATA)

The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix of Tuesday, October 21, announces that Dr. Samuel R. Laycock, dean of the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, will retire on June 30, 1953. The announcement was made by Dr. W. P. Thompson, university president, at the annual reunion banquet of alumni of the university. The banquet was held Saturday night at the Bessborough.

The Star-Phoenix says — "Dr. Laycock served in the First World War and after discharge taught high school in Alberta. Then he joined the University of Alberta, first in the classics department and later in the psychology department.

In 1922 he went to the University of London, England, where he studied under Prof. Charles Spearman, world-recognized authority on mental ability and intelligence. He received his Ph.D. degree in 1927. He was then appointed dean of the new College of Education at University of Saskatchewan, where he served for 20 years as professor of educational psychology.

Dr. Laycock has taken a great interest in mental hygiene and has done considerable research, writing and promotional work on the subject. In 1929 — 40 he was a member of the Royal Commission on Mental Hygiene for Saskatchewan.

He has also taken special interest in the education of exceptional children. He is a member of the American Association for gifted children.

Born in Marmora, Ontario

Education in rural school, Madoc High School, Albert College, Belleville and University of Toronto. Graduated with degree of B. A., and the Prince of Wales Gold Medal for first place in General Proficiency.

Before going to University, Dr. Laycock taught a rural school in Ontario for one year. After graduation he taught high school work in Mathematics and Latin in Albert College, Edmonton, for five years. During this period he completed his work for the degree of M. A. in Classics from the University of Alberta.

Dr. Laycock enlisted in the First Great War in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, and spent over a year and a half on active service in France with the 1st Canadian Division Signalling Co. He was in the army of occupation in Germany.

After demobilization Dr. Laycock returned to Edmonton. After a short time in high school work he joined a staff of the University of Albert, first in the Classics Department and later in the Department of Psychology. During this period he spent two summer sessions at Teachers' College, Columbia University, and completed the work for the Master of Education degree from the University of Albert.

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of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, where he served for twenty years as Professor of Educational Psychology.

Being very interested in mental hygiene, Dr. Laycock has had intimate connections with the National Committee for Mental Hygiene of Canada, (now The Canadian Mental Health Association). From 1929 to 1934 this organization paid half his salary, and he was released from part of his University duties to carry on research and to promote mental hygiene projects. During this period he was Consulting Psychologist to the Saskatoon Public School Board, and assisted the Superintendent of Schools to organize classes for dull and ungifted children.

For many years Dr. Laycock has been Director of the Division of Education and Mental Health of The Canadian Health Association. He is Associate Editor of "UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD", a magazine for teachers published by the National Association for Mental Health of the United States. In conjunction with Dr. J. D. M. Griffin and Dr. William Line, he has published a book entitled MENTAL HYGIENCE — A MANUAL FOR TEACHERS.

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In 1933 Dr. Laycock published THE LAYCOCK MENTAL ABILITY TEST, a widely used measure of intelligence of pupils in Grades Four to Ten.

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Dr. Laycock has taken a special interest in the education of exceptional children—children who deviate markedly from the average, either physically or mentally. He has served as a Director of the International Council of Exceptional Children, and is a member of the editorial Board of the Journal, Exceptional Children. He has also spoken at meetings of The International Council for Exceptional Children at Baltimore, Chicago, and Pittsburgh. He is a member of the American Association for Gifted Children.

Dr. Laycock's other main interests have been in mental hygiene, child psychology, and the psychology of adolescence, and he has written widely on these topics. He is an Advisory Editor of The Parent's Magazine.

Although Dr. Laycock delights to put the results of scientific investigations into simple languages which can be made use of by parents and teachers, he published a good deal of research, as articles in the Journal of Educational Psychology, The Journal of Social Psychology, and the School Review, bear witness.

One of Dr. Laycock's major interests is the field of parent-teacher co-operation. To this he has given a great deal of time. He has spoken far afield, and written widely on this topic. He was the first President of the Saskatchewan Provincial Federation of Home and School. From 1945 to 1947 he was President of the Canadian Federation of Home and School. He is at present chairman of the School Education Committee of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation.

At present he is, in addition to his University duties, Director of the Division on Education and Mental Health of the Canadian Mental Association. In connection with his work, in 1934 Dr. Laycock toured the nine provinces of Canada giving nearly one hundred addresses on various aspects of the effects of the war upon children and adolescents from a mental hygiene point of view. In 1944 he carried on a survey of mental hygiene in education in Canada for the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. In 1950 when the Saskatchewan Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association was organized he was made the first President of the Division. He is a member of the Board of Directors and of the Scientific Planning Committee of the national body — The Canadian Mental Health Association. Dr. Laycock was a member of the Canadian Youth Commission. His professional connections include being a Fellow of the British Psychological Society and a Fellow of the Society for Research in Child Development. In 1951 Dr. Laycock was awarded the Diploma in Clinical Psychology by the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology. Dr. Laycock also has done considerable broadcasting work for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He has a wide listening audience in connection with the series "School for Parents". His 1951 broadcasts were ninth year in this series. In 1946 he was appointed Chairman of the Royal Canadian Commission on Penal Reform in Saskatchewan. On July 1, 1947, Dr. Laycock assumed duties of Dean of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, a position which he still holds.

Honours Given Dr. Laycock

Dr. S. R. Laycock is retiring this year as Dean of the College of Education at Saskatoon, Sask. Dr. Laycock, who is a former Marmora boy, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laycock; has been paid honours at a number of events as reported by the Saskatoon Star Phoenix.

LAYCOCK HONORED AT REGINA DINNER

Dr. S. R. Laycock, retiring dean of education at the University of Saskatchewan, was honored this week at a complimentary dinner sponsored by the provincial department of education in the Hotel Saskatchewan in Regina. Henry Janzen, director of curricula, presented him with a club bag and several officials spoke in recognition of his "outstanding contribution" to education, over the years. The Honorable Woodrow Lloyd, minister of education, presided and with the presidents of the Saskatchewan Trustees' Association, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Clubs, praised Dr. Laycock for his work with the youth of the province.

Premier T. C. Douglas also made special mention of Dr. Laycock's work with the penal commission in Saskatchewan and reforms now being undertaken as a result of it.

Dr. Laycock is to carry on at the college of education until mid-June and has not yet announced his future plans.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD HONOURS LAYCOCK

Recently the Public School Board of Saskatoon entertained at luncheon at the Bessborough in honour of Dr. S. R. Laycock, retiring Dean of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. John McAskill, Chairman of the Board, presided and spoke appreciatively of Dr. Laycock's contribution to the work of the Board particularly in connection with the inauguration of special classes for slow-learning and gifted children in Saskatoon. Dr. Laycock was presented with a beautiful Gladstone Bag. Special guests at the luncheon were President Thompson of the University and G. D. Eamer, Secretary of The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.

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The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

Award of Honourary Life Membership

to

Dr. S. R. Laycock

April 9, 1953

It may seem odd that we, the teachers of Saskatchewan, are honoring as a teacher a man who has taught in Saskatchewan for a quarter of a century but needs however only a brief glance at your many contributions in the field of education to see that this recognition is most appropriate. Your interest, as our own, has always been in the welfare of education as a whole, hence it is not surprising that we have had many goals in common. May we take this opportunity, Dr. Laycock, to point out a few illustrations of how your influence has been of great assistance to the teachers of Saskatchewan in their pursuit of professional goals.

You have always insisted that teaching is a profession. You have

knowledge, skills, and abilities not possessed by the average lay person. You have consistently fought for the maintenance of high standards of professional training for teachers. Your stand has helped to strengthen the position of the teaching profession.

You have emphasized the personal aspect of teaching. You made all your classes a personal meeting of teachers and students. Your students have striven to institute similar personal relationships in their classrooms. The result has been a greater appreciation of the importance of the teacher as a person.

Through your support of Home and School associations, radio addresses, and numerous writings, you have done a great deal to make the public aware of the importance of the work of teachers. This has greatly helped teachers in promoting better public relations.

Finally, you have always shown pride in your work as a teacher. You have made it known everywhere that you are a teacher, and your achievements have reflected credit upon the profession as a whole. Truly, your life and work have done a great deal to bring prestige to the teaching profession.

Constitutional limitations to the contrary, it is obvious that you have always been one of us: We have joined forces to strive for better schools, we have fought side by side for high professional standards. We have worked together to improve the quality of teaching; in short, we have cooperated in every conceivable way to improve the Saskatchewan educational program.

It was with regret that we learned of your decision to retire from active service as Dean of the College of Education. We will miss you greatly. Knowing you as we do, we cannot conceive of you ever retiring. Though you may change your lines of endeavour, we know you will always be active. Further, we are confident that your interests will direct your activity along lines that will make still further contributions in the field of education.

It is quite fitting for contributions both real and anticipated, that we cement our partnership by making you an honorary life member of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. With this membership goes the sincere thanks of the teachers of Saskatchewan for the valuable service you have rendered to education in this province, and best wishes for a happy and a fruitful future.

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The Star Phoenix also reports the annual reunion supper of the Education College Alumni at which a large crowd of College of Education alumni from the three prairie provinces gathered at the Clinto Lodge, which had as a special feature the honouring of Dr. Laycock. Unfortunately we have not space to publish the report.

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George Hartley is moving his jewellery stock to the building next door to Frank Newton Maretts formerly used as a post office.

Marmora Herald - 4 Dec., 1924

The post office was moved on Saturday in the north side of the building on Forsyth Street, purchased by Mr. James W. Hickey from B.C. Hubbell.

Marmora Herald - 4 Dec., 1924

Miss Taft of the Public School staff is spending the holidays in Montreal.

Marmora Herald - 25 Dec., 1924

On Monday night, Marble Cliff Pavilion, Crowe Lake, was totally destroyed by fire. Flames were noticed issuing from the roof about 9:30 and an alarm was given but too late to save the building. The building was valued at ten thousand dollars and was a substantial structure containing a dancing area, dining room, and other rooms. The building was partly covered by insurance. We understand it is Mr. Neal's intention to rebuild. It is one of the drawing attractions at the Lake.

Marmora Herald - 8 Jan., 1925

The 60th wedding anniversary of our respected townfolk, William Bonter and his wife Margaret Plunkett, was duly observed at the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Charles Lummiss on Friday, January 16. Mr. and Mrs. Bonter have nine children living, namely Robert at Crowe Lake; John, North Marmora; Richard; Mrs. Dennis Meehan (Susannah); and Mrs. Charles Lummiss (Lillieth) of Marmora; Mrs. Oliver Airhart (Eliza Jane), of North Marmora; Frederick of Saskatoon; George of Biggar and Arthur of Regina. A large family party was held in the evening. A radio set was presented to the honoured couple by the family, which added much to the evening's enjoyment.

Marmora Herald - 22 Jan., 1925



A Sentimental Journey

by Gerald Belanger

The 6th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Deloro Trading Company (General Store) was held on Tuesday, February 3. The President, Mr. F.A. Bapty, reviewed the activities of the past year, showing it to have been very successful. The shareholders unanimously returned the Board of Directors for the fourth consecutive term. Subsequently the shareholders spent a delightful half hour viewing and tasting the samples which has been artistically arranged by Mr. Haacke and his staff.

Marmora Herald - 12 Feb., 1925

Deloro Choral Club presented a very fine concert in Deloro Hall on Saturday evening. Mr. Ross Hunter is the club's able director. The real treat was the playing of Mr. Leo Smith, of Toronto, who is recognized as the foremost cellist of Canada. The String Quartette consists of Mr. S.B. Wright, 1st Violin; Mr. Ross Hunter, 2nd Violin; Mr. A.V. Yates; and Mr. W.L. Rigg, Cello.

Marmora Herald - 26 Feb., 1925

Rev. Father Traynor of Sacred Heart Parish, Marmora, is seriously ill and was taken to the hospital at Smith Falls on Monday.

Marmora Herald - 12 Mar., 1925

Miss Marguerite Finnegan is leaving tomorrow for Lindsay where she will attend the convent.

Marmora Herald - 16 Apr., 1925

Mr. A.H. Connor is reshingling his house with slate crystal surface shingles.

Marmora Herald - 23 Apr., 1925

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Mr. Jacob Wilkes left the first of the week for the north to take up his duties as Fire Ranger.

Marmora Herald - 7 May, 1925

Mr. A.T. Neal has commenced rebuilding his pavilion and dining room hall at Crowe Lake and the work is well under way.

Marmora Herald - 21 May, 1925

Crowe Lake was an attractive spot on Sunday and the Village was about deserted. Excellent fishing, good bathing beaches and the new Park on the shore purchased by Marmora Booster Club make it an ideal spot. Several beautiful homes have been built on the island as well as the mainland.

Marmora Herald - 11 Jun., 1925

Sunday, July 2th, 1925 marked the Centenary of the Sacred Heart Parish in Marmora. Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Farrell and presided over by Archbishop Spratt of Kingston.

Marmora Herald - 9 Jul., 1925

Professor Samuel Ralph Laycock, M.A., B.D. of the Department of Bychology of the University of Alberta is spending a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs. R. Laycock. Prof. Laycock is on his way to England where he will spend two years in research work at the University of London. He also expects to visit Italy, Germany, France and Switzerland before returning.

Marmora Herald - 3 Sept., 1925

Mr. Albert Burrige has commenced the erection of his new brick residence on the Madoc Road.

Marmora Herald - 10 Sept., 1925



A Sentimental Journey

by Gerald Belanger

At the first Council Meeting for Marmora Village on Monday afternoon, the following took the declaration of office; Reeve, G.B. Airhart; Councillor; A.H. Connor; D.E. Bell, F.N. Marett and J.P. Marrin. Clerk, E.C. Prentice and Constable, Hugh Gillen.

The induction of Rev. Arthur Caldwell into the living of Marmora parish took place in St. Paul's Church Thursday evening, Jan 13th in the presence of a goodly congregation.

Marmora Herald-20 Jan, 1927

Miss Clara Eastwood is spending the week in Trenton and Belleville. Miss E. Chisholm is filling her position at the Telephone Office.

Marmora Herald-3 Feb, 1927

Last Thursday afternoon Jerome Keene was found shot to death at his cabin north of the Village. A clear case of murder with no visible evidence of suicide.

Marmora Herald-24 Feb, 1927

Shortly before 5 o'clock Sunday morning fire was discovered in the Vegetable Oil Soap Co. factory and in less than one hour all that was left standing were the stone walls, so rapidly did the flames spread. For the past 5 years it has been used

to manufacture Vegetable Oil Soap.

Marmora Herald-14 April, 1927

Mrs. M.S. Pitcher, of Regina, Sask, is a guest at the Royal Hotel for a few days. She was formerly Miss Margaret Leonard and it is about 42 years since she left Marmora.

Marmora Herald-5 May, 1927

This week Messrs. Robert and Harold Nayler took a number of muskrats to the game preserve, which is being established in Longford township by Mr W.F. Bowen. They motored as far as Bracebridge and drove the remaining 25 or 30 miles with horses. The pelts of the muskrats in this section are graded as the finest in Ontario.

Marmora Herald-12 May, 1927

Michael W.C. Feeney was this year successful in winning a faculty scholarship award to the student with the highest marks on the 2nd year examination by the Medical College of Queen's University.

Marmora Herald-26 May, 1927

Every person driving a motor car in Ontario will be required to carry a driver's license after July 1st. The fee will be \$1.00 and the license will be valid until the end of 1928.

Marmora Herald-2 Jun, 1927

Professor Samuel Ralph Laycock arrived home Saturday from England where he has been taking a two year course at the University of London. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree. In the fall he will go to the University of Saskatchewan where he was accepted as the chair of the Faculty of Education which is to be created next term.

Marmora Herald-30 Jun, 1927

Messrs Charles Lummiss and Robert E. Bonter have purchased the buildings of the old Ledger Gold Mine, near Cordova. After the buildings are taken down they will be brought to Marmora and used to erect a grist mill and feed store. The grinding will be done by Hydro-Electric power.

Marmora Herald-30 Jun, 1927

Considerable interest was aroused in the Village Saturday morning when Col. Lindberg passed over in his monoplane "The Spirit of St. Louis." He was accompanied by eleven U.S. planes.

Marmora Herald-7 Jul, 1927

Mr. Geroge Kerr has been appointed as examiner for those requiring a chauffeur's license under the new

law which requires all drivers to have a permit.

Marmora Herald-21 Jul, 1927

Frank Newton Marett and Co. have purchased their first motor hearse.

Marmora Herald-28 Jul, 1927

James Shannon is leaving for Toronto this week to attend the college of Pharmacy.

Marmora Herald-22 Sept, 1927

Next Saturday will be the last time patrons will have to pay 2 cents Amusement Tax at the Great War Veterans Association shows. The price of admission is adult 25 cents and children 15 cents.

Marmora Herald-27 Oct, 1927

Last Thursday morning about 2am Mr. Issac Storing started to walk to Madoc to attend the funeral of his brother. About four o'clock, when near the boundary, three wolves came close to him. He turned his flashlight on them and they howled and jumped a fence and took to the woods.

Marmora Herald-29 Dec, 1927

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Dr. S. R. Laycock Addressed Peterborough Rotary Club

That in the treatment of behavior cases among children we are still in the family medicine bottle stage was one of the many interesting statements made to the Peterborough Rotary Club Monday at its weekly luncheon in the Empress Hotel by Dr. Samuel Ralph Laycock, Ph.D., professor of educational psychology at the University of Saskatchewan, Sask.

Dr. Laycock, who is a native of Marmora, and a graduate of the University of Toronto, where he was awarded the Prince of Wales gold medal for the highest rank in general proficiency, had among his audience two of his brothers, John R. Laycock, a prominent shoe company executive of New York city and T. E. Laycock, of Marmora. Other guests were Principal Wightman of Central school, Dr. Clark and Ryerson Ritchie.

Introduced by Rotarian D. E. Bell, Dr. Laycock pointed out that the physician who was called in to attend a patient and found a temperature of 103, did not attempt to cure the symptom but proceeded to diagnose and deal with the underlying cause for it. That was exactly the course that should be followed in behaviour cases; that is not to try to correct the symptom, but to get at underlying causes. Unfortunately as a rule, however, the parent, the teacher, the social worker, or the minister as the case might be did nothing of the sort, but usually followed one of two courses, that is they scolded or prescribed severe punishment for the offender. In that respect they were back in the old days of the family medicine bottle when a patient was usually given either Epsom salts or senna tea.

Gives Many Examples

Dr. Laycock, out of the rich store of his experience illustrated his arguments with example after example. He showed that truancy, for example, had many causes. It might be due to the fact that the pupil was mal-adjusted to the curriculum or to his teacher, or to his home or to his playmates, and once the cause was determined the problem was easy to handle. Similarly with stealing which most people were inclined to look upon as merely stealing and nothing else. Dr. Laycock was able to show that there were many simple explanations for some apparently mysterious cases of juvenile theft.

The speaker explained how psychologists endeavoured to set up a clinical picture of each case brought before them, explaining all the factors that must necessarily be considered in assembling that picture.

One interesting statement was his remark that if all the children in Peterborough who were 10 years of age were to be tested it would be found that 3 per cent would have the intelligence of 9 year old children, 20 per cent would be below 9 years in intelligence, 10 would be below $8\frac{1}{2}$, three would be under $7\frac{1}{2}$ and one per cent would be under 7 years in intelligence. Similarly three per cent would prove to have the intelligence of $10\frac{1}{2}$ years, 10 per cent would be above 11 years, 10 per cent above $11\frac{1}{2}$, three per cent above $12\frac{1}{2}$ and one per cent above 13 years in intelligence.

Rotarian Rev. Dr. A. T. Barr voiced a vote of thanks to the speaker.

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~~Samuel R Laycock~~ Dr MA

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born 1890C, Mamoye Trip PHD
parents Ralph E Laycock + Margaret ~~Gray~~ LL.D
b 1855 curia

Chambers
b 18 Aug 1860
d 15 Feb 1941

gifted student -
went Albert College + University of Toronto

died - 5 Sept 1971, Vancouver Residence
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Overseas - action at Passchendaele

studied ^{teaching} psychology - became Dean emeritus of College of Ed
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lectured University of B.C

Medal of Service of the Order of Canada 1970

Awarded Centennial Medal (1967) address with his
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Prof S. R. Laycock of Alberta College, Edmonton ↓

Services Held For Dr. Laycock

SAMUEL R. LAYCOCK

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JOHN R. LAYCOCK

John R. Laycock, who was born near Deloro, died recently in New York, shortly after reaching his 80th birthday. The only surviving member of the Laycock family is Dr. Sam. Laycock, who has retired after being Dean of Education at the University Saskatchewan and is now living in Vancouver where he is a part-time lecturer at the University of British Columbia.

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THOMAS E. LAYCOCK

Early Friday morning Marmora Township's most prominent citizen passed away in Nicholls Hospital, Peterborough, in the person of Thomas E. Laycock. He had been suffering from a heart condition and other ailments for two or three years and about three weeks ago his condition became critical and he was taken to the hospital. In spite of all that medical science and skillful nursing could do he failed to rally and passed away Friday morning.

The late Thomas Laycock was the eldest son of Mrs. R. Laycock and the late Ralph Laycock and was born sixty years ago on the farm on the old Deloro road, where he resided all his life. He chose farming as his life vocation and made a success of it, being particularly interested in the breeding and raising of pure-bred Holstein cattle.

From early manhood he took a deep interest in municipal and public affairs and gave a good deal of his time and ability in serving the public. About the time Marmora was incorporated in 1900 he became clerk of the townships of Marmora and Lake and he held that office until the end of 1912, when he resigned to accept nomination for Reeve, succeeding Mr. Hugh Moloney, who resigned after several years of valuable service to the municipality. Mr. Laycock was elected and took office in January, 1913, continuing to hold office for about six years, when he decided not to accept nomination. He was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Richardson.

The deceased was also widely known and highly esteemed in Masonic circles. After occupying various offices in Marmora Lodge No. 222, A. F. & A. M., he was elected Master of the Lodge in 1912. About 1920 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward, which office he filled in a highly creditable manner. He was also a member of Madoc Chapter No. 161 G. R. C., Royal Arch Masons, and had passed through the various chairs being First Principal in 1926.

The late Thos. Laycock was a prominent Liberal in politics. At a convention held in Madoc on Nov. 16th, 1932, he was unanimously elected Liberal Candidate for the Provincial Riding of North Hastings. A few months later the Riding of North Hastings was merged with the Ridings of West and East Hastings, leaving only two for the county, and at a Convention for West Hastings Mr. Laycock resigned in favor of Dr. J. A. Faulkner, of Belleville. He was elected President of the first Liberal Association of the new Riding of West Hastings and held that office until last Fall when he resigned owing to failing health. While he was a strong Liberal his fairness and straightforwardness won him the esteem of all classes. He never sacrificed his convictions for political advantage and when he said "I don't think it's right," or "I am not in favor of it," that settled the matter as far as he was concerned.

The deceased had been a member of Marmora High School Board since it was first formed early in 1935. He had also held other minor public offices and had spent a great deal of time in public service for which he received no remuneration and often apparently little thanks. He did make a legion of friends by whom he was held in the highest esteem.

For years he had been a steward of St. Andrew's United Church, Marmora, and a member of the Official Board of the Church.

Quiet and unassuming and somewhat reserved people were not quickly admitted to his intimate friendship, but those who knew him best admired him most. He had a wholesome philosophy of life and his many contacts gave him an interesting viewpoint on many subjects. Devoted to his home, his wife and mother the bond which existed between the deceased and his brothers was very strong. He found much pleasure in their successes and the thought that he had by his work on the homestead been able to contribute in some measure

to their start in their various fields of action.

The late Thos. Laycock is survived by his wife, formerly Miss "Flossie" Heath, of Rawdon, his aged mother, three brothers and one sister. The brothers are John Laycock, of New York city; Wm. E., of Montreal, and Dr. S. R. Laycock, of the staff of Saskatchewan University, Saskatoon. The sister is Mrs. P. Thompson, of Edmonton.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and the attendance was very large. Many were present from a considerable distance to pay their tribute of respect to the departed. Services were conducted at the home, in St. Andrew's United Church and at the graveside by Rev. C. W. Hollingsworth. The funeral was under the auspices of Marmora Lodge No. 222, A.F. & A. M., and members of the Craft were present from several of the other Lodges in the District. The Masonic ritual was taken at the house by V. Wor. Bro. W. L. Rigg and at the graveside by Rt. Wor. Bro. C. H. Buskard and Wor. Bro. J. A. Rice. The pallbearers were Past Masters of Marmora Lodge and were Rt. Wor. Bro. C. H. Buskard, V. Wor. Bro. W. L. Rigg and Wor. Bros. Col. A. V. Yates, W. A. Sanderson, E. C. Prentice and H. W. Sabine. Interment took place in the family plot in Marmora cemetery.

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Prof. S. R. Laycock, of Alberta College, Edmonton returned home last week. Mr. Laycock has resigned his position on the teaching staff of the College and intends to enlist for service overseas.

MARMORA HERALD
26 OCT, 1916

Sapper S. R. Laycock of the Divisional Signalling Corps, Ottawa, is on last leave and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laycock this week.

M MARMORA HERALD
22 FEB, 1917

Mr. Thos. Laycock has received a numbers of souvenirs taken from the uniforms of killed or captured Germans. They were sent by his brother, S. R. Laycock who is with the Canadian forces in France.

MARMORA HERALD
5 OCT 1918

Rev. S. R. Laycock left on Tuesday for Edmonton, where he will resume his former position as one of the professors on the staff of Edmonton University. Prof. Laycock resigned to join the C. E. F.

MARMORA HERALD
11 SEPT, 1919

Mr. S. R. Laycock was in Toronto on Monday where he enlisted in the Divisional Signal Corps of the Canadian Overseas forces.

From Herald Files of Former Years

DECEMBER 11, 1919

A Supper and Reception given by Marmora Soldiers Welcome League to the men who enlisted here for overseas service was tendered in the Town Hall on Dec. 3rd, an account of which had to be held over until this week. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Potts catered in a very creditable manner. Spragg's Orchestra furnished music which was much enjoyed. The following returned men were presented with diplomas, rings or lockets: Capt. Yates, Deloro; Corp. H. F. Buchanan, Pte. Frank Grant, Sgt. Percy Gray, Pte. Herb Yatton, Corp. Roy Snell, Staff Sgt. J. West, Sap. S. Laycock, Sap. J. T. Rupert, Pte. Wilbert Bedore, Pte. Jas. Nobes, Corp. John Gibbs, Pte. Wm. Gawley, Pte. Herb Wright, Sgt. W. G. Kerr, Pte. Mat McGarvey, Pte. Isaac Wright, Sgt. Sub.-Lieut. F. J. Nickle, Pte. Clinton Rose, Pte. Wilbur J. Cronkright, Pte. Fred Reynolds, Corp. A. Archer, Pte. A. Bartlett, Sgt. W. J. Cottrell, Pte. Harold McWilliams, Pte. Dennis Logan, Pte. R. A. Southworth, Sig. Eric Holt, Pte. John Neill, Sap. P. E. Wiley, Pte. Harold Osborne, Lance-Corp. Ross Cronkright, Pte. H. Harris. In Memoriam Pte. Jos. Reynolds. Among those present was Pte. Michael McFarlane, who was one of the first to enlist from Marmora. During one engagement on the Western Front he had the great misfortune to lose his eyesight. Mr. McFarlane was presented with a special token of esteem in the form of a fine leather Club bag, for which he expressed his thanks.

Mr. Don B. Taylor, of Almonte, visited Rev. S.R. Laycock a few days last week. Both were Sappers in a Divisional Signalling Corp and were together practically all the time they were overseas.

From Herald Files of Former Years

AUGUST 14, 1919

Mrs. R. Laycock arrived from the West last week to visit her son, Mr. Thos. Laycock. Mrs. Laycock has spent several years in Saskatoon with her son Prof. S. R. Laycock.

MARMORA HERALD
5 JUL 1934

Mr. Don B. Taylor, of Almonte, visited Rev. S.R. Laycock a few days last week. Both were Sappers in a Divisional Signalling Corp and were together practically all the time they were overseas.

Mrs. R. Laycock, who has been in Saskatoon for several years with her son, Dr. S. R. Laycock, returned to her former home here last Sunday. Dr. Laycock will visit his brother for a few days before leaving on a trip to the British Isles, France and other parts of Europe.

MARMORA HERALD
23 MAY 1935

Dr. S. R. Laycock of Saskatchewan University, Saskatoon, visited brother Thos. E. Laycock for a few days this past week. He accompanied his mother to Montreal, where she resides with her son William.

MARMORA HERALD
19 MAY 1938

Mr. and Mrs. R. Laycock had their four sons home last week, all at the same time. John Laycock lives in New York, Will is in Galt, Sam is one of the professors in Alberta College, Edmonton, while Tom runs the farm at home. All four have made good in their chosen vocations.

MARMORA HERALD
7 SEP 1922

SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1925

Professor S. R. Laycock, M.A., B.D., of the Department of Psychology of the University of Alberta is spending a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs. R. Laycock. Prof. Laycock is on his way to England where he will spend two years in research work at the University of London. He also expects to visit Italy, Germany, France and Switzerland before returning.

On Friday last the results of the 2nd year examinations of Toronto University were published and show Mr. Samuel Laycock, of Deloro, to

be among the successful students. He fully sustained his high reputation as a student by standing second in general proficiency out of a very large class.

MARMORA HERALD
17 JUN 1909

His friends in Marmora and elsewhere will unite in congratulating Mr. S. R. Laycock, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Laycock, Deloro, on having received his degree of M. A. He also received a scholarship on "Religious Education." Mr. Laycock is at present a professor on the staff of Edmonton University.

MARMORA HERALD - 18 MAY, 1916

Sapper S. R. Laycock of the Divisional Signalling Corps, Ottawa, is on last leave and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laycock this week.

MARMORA HERALD - 1 MAR, 1917

→ Mr. Ralph Laycock, of Deloro, had a barn raising on Tuesday afternoon. When completed it will be one of the largest barns in this part of the county.

MARMORA HERALD 30 JUNE 1910

Mr. Samuel Laycock, of Toronto University, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Deloro. Mr. Laycock has been elected president of the Literary Society of Victoria College, which is the highest honor the students can confer on one of their number. His record at University has been a particularly brilliant one and he is well deserving of the congratulations he is receiving.

MARMORA HERALD

22 DEC, 1910

Mr. Sam Laycock, of Deloro, left on Wednesday for Edmonton, Alta., where he will take a professor's chair in the Methodist College in that city.

MARMORA HERALD 24 AUG, 1911

John Laycock, son of Ralph Laycock, Deloro, has received the appointment of manager of the Regal Shoe Company's Store, one of the largest shoe firms in New York city. Mr. Laycock graduated from Albert College, Belleville, in 1895.

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University Results

The REVIEW offers hearty congratulations to Miss Helen Daffoe and Mr. S. R. Laycock on the brilliant standing which they have taken in their final examinations at Toronto University. Mr. Laycock stood first in general proficiency in theology, and Miss Daffoe tied for first place in first-class moderns.

Professorship for Former Madoc Boy

The Marmora Herald says:— Mr. Sam. R. Laycock has accepted the position of Professor of Mathematics and Science in Alberta College, Edmonton, his duties to commence Sept. 1st. This certainly speaks very highly for the ability of Mr. Laycock, few men obtaining such a position at his age.

Mr. Laycock is well known in Madoc, and he formerly attended High School here.

NORTH HASTINGS
REVIEW — MADOC
8 JUN 1911 PG 5

PREACHED TRIAL SERMON

On Sunday evening last Mr. Samuel Laycock, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Laycock, of Deloro, who has been recommended as candidate for the Methodist Ministry by the Quarterly Official Board of Marmora Circuit, preached his first sermon in the church here. His discourse proved both interesting and instructive and showed considerable ability. Mr. Laycock has had a very successful career as a student both at Albert College, Belleville, and Victoria College, Toronto taking high honors in a number of subjects. He has a splendid voice and delivery and prepossessing appearance and no doubt will be highly successful in the work to which he has been called.

MARMORA HERALD
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Dr. S. R. Laycock, Ph.D., gave an address in St. Andrew's United Church last Sunday morning, which was much appreciated. It dealt with child welfare problems along somewhat the same line as the address Prof. Laycock gave before the Peterborough Rotary Club on Monday, a brief summary of which appears in this issue.

MARMORA HERALD
3 JUN 1937
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Dr. S. R. Laycock, Ph.D., Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Saskatchewan, and his mother, Mrs. R. Laycock, of Saskatoon, Sask., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Laycock. Dr. Laycock accompanied his mother as far as Toronto and then went to Windsor for a new Dodge car which he secured from the factory there, and drove to Marmora the latter part of the week. He will visit Montreal, New York and other Eastern Points before returning to the West. Dr. Laycock and Mrs. Laycock will motor back to Saskatoon the latter part of the month, as he will lecture for some of the summer courses at the University there.

MRS. MARGARET LAYCOCK

One who for many years held the esteem of the whole community and the affection of many warm friends passed away in a Montreal Hospital on Monday in the person of Mrs. Margaret Laycock, widow of the late Ralph Laycock. For several years after leaving Marmora she resided with her son, Dr. S. R. Laycock, on the staff of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask., but recently owing to failing health she had resided in Montreal with her son, William. The late Mrs. Laycock was born in Madoc township eighty-two years ago the 18th of last August, her maiden name being Margaret Chambers. At a comparatively early age she was married to the late Ralph E. Laycock, who predeceased her, and they took up their residence in Marmora township. Their family life was a very happy one and their home one in which friends delighted to visit. The deceased was a woman of fine Christian character, kindly and sympathetic, true to her convictions and devoted to her family. For many years she was a highly esteemed member of Marmora Methodist Church.

The late Mrs. Laycock is survived by three sons and one daughter:— John, of New York City; William of Montreal; Dr. Samuel R., of Saskatoon; and Mrs. Jennie Thompson, of Edmonton.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon. The remains were conveyed by C.R.N. from Montreal to Belleville, thence by motor to St. Andrew's United Church, Marmora, where a very impressive service was conducted by Rev. Dr. W. P. Fletcher, who also conducted the burial services at the graveside. Interment took place in the family plot in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

The pall bearers were Messrs. W. R. Linn, W. A. Sanderson, H. W. Sabine, E. C. Prentice, C. H. Buskard and H. O. Loveless.

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Dr. S. R. Laycock, of the staff of Saskatoon University, Sask., is spending a couple of weeks in Eastern Canada and visited Mrs. Thos. E. Laycock the early part of this week. He was also in Marmora on Tuesday calling on number of friends. Dr. Laycock came east to be one of the Guest Speakers at a Conference which will be held all next week at Hotel Opinicon, Chaffey's Lock, Rideau Lakes. The conference is sponsored by the Eward Hazen Foundation of the United States and the theme for study is the "Influence of the University on Student Life." Prof. Laycock will give an address on "Personal Values in Higher Education."

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Bruce McInroy is reported to have purchased Mrs. T. E. Laycock's farm on the old Deloro road, a distance east of Marmora. It is a good farm and improved prices for farm stock and produce should prove a profitable investment. Mr. J. R. Reynolds is said to be considering the purchase of Mr. McInroy's property in the village.

MARMORA HERALD
21 MAR 1940
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**Former High School Student
Ordained Anglican Clergyman**

A former graduate of Marmora High School, Rev. E. G. Kettleborough, B.A., L.Th., is spending the week with Mrs. Thos. E. Laycock in Rawdon Township, and renewed acquaintanceships in Marmora on Tuesday. He first came to this part of the County from England about ten years ago and made his home with the late Thos. E. Laycock and Mrs. Laycock on the farm near Deloro, attending Marmora High School. He was a very diligent and capable student, securing his senior matriculation in three years and winning the Hon. J. R. Cooke scholarship for the one year. Since leaving Marmora about seven years ago he has attended McGill University where he won a number of scholarships. In the holidays he did mission work for the Church of England. On Sunday, June 7th, he was ordained at the Church of the Advent, Montreal. He has been appointed assistant at the Church of the Ascension, Montreal, his duties to commence Sept. 1st. During the summer he will supply wherever needed in the Diocese of Montreal. Rev. Mr. Kettleborough deserves much credit for the success he has achieved in working his way through school and university.

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