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During the 1930's, he was one of a number of St. Thomas citizens who revived and re-organized the St. Thomas branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Also, he was greatly interested in bird life and nature in general and supported the Ontario Federation of Naturalists. He was noted for his cultivation of roses.

Mr. Bell is survived by his wife, the former Adah Atkin, and three daughters. One brother also survives. His youngest brother was killed in France during World War 1.

Mr. Bell's death brought to a close a remarkable record of services to the City of St. Thomas and Elgin County in the realm of civil engineering and land surveying, one that extended over a period of 87 years, beginning in 1882, when his father established practice in St. Thomas.



NEWTON D. BENNETT, O.L.S., P.Eng.
1904 - 1969

Newton D. "Barney" Bennett of Elm Road, Toronto, died suddenly in his 65th year on January 26th, 1969.

Barney was born in Waterford, Ontario, the eldest son of H. Albiness (Barney) Bennett and Dorothea Ilett on July 17, 1904. After attending Waterford Public and High Schools he moved to Detroit and Flint Michigan where he worked for several years with the automobile industry only to return to Ontario in July 1924 to start his forty-five years of service with the Department of Highways.

To further his career he attended Central Technical School resulting in eventual apprenticeship to the late N. A. Burwash, O.L.S. and subsequently to the late W. J. Fulton, O.L.S. obtaining his com-

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mission in 1930 and becoming a member of the Association of Professional Engineers in 1938. He held many positions with the Department having worked on construction during the period 1928 to 1930 and then with the Surveys Branch from 1930 until 1959 at which time he was appointed to the position of Regional Services Manager in Central Region. It was during this time that Barney undertook the studies that resulted in the development of Service Centres along our Controlled-Access Highways.

In 1964 Barney was assigned to a position that was to him a labour of love—the gathering of historical data for a history on Ontario roads and highways—none was better qualified. As the Department's Historical Research Officer he not only worked on the official history, but was also nominated as a Centennial Project Consultant which greatly increased his responsibilities. In recognition of his service to the nation he was awarded the Centennial Medal in 1967.

As with all things he undertook, Barney exercised a great influence on our Association, being a member of the Council of Management during the years 1959 to 1961 and senior member of the Discipline Committee from 1963 to the time of his demise, as well as having participated on the Publications Committee, Land Surveying and Legislation Committees. As co-chairman of the Legislation Committee 1955 to 1957, he was a tower of strength in working out the vast detail required in the complete revision of The Surveys Act which is law today. While he was chairman of the Legislation Committee in 1958, he was instrumental in the enactment of regulations governing the standardization of survey monuments and regulations setting up survey methods under The Surveys Act, which introduced the use of diagrams or sketches for the first time in regulations made under the authority of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. For the assistance of surveying students, he prepared publications on The Land Titles and The Registry Act and also lectured on these subjects at the Association's Annual Course for many years.

Barney could always find time for his own private interests; he loved working with wood, making many fine pieces of furniture (including the base for the standard measure which is significant in the ceremonies of our annual meetings). His rose garden was a personal pride to him, along with his cottage, his boat and his trout fishing. If it was interesting, Barney was interested as attested to by his membership in the Power Squadron and other diversified activities.

Barney is survived by his wife, the former Nadine Dearing, two daughters, Germain (Mrs. T. O. G. G.) and...