

PICTURES OF MY LIFE

PART II

1945 – 1954

Age: 11-20



**Pop married
Janet Hopkins
on April 7, 1945
at
Olivet Gospel
Hall, Toronto**



**New
grandparents,
uncles and
aunts and
cousins.**

Here are some of the Hopkins. Mother is on the left, with her parents and Aunt Ruth in the front row. Behind them are Uncle Harry, Mother's brother, and His wife, Aunt Chris.

**1945-
1946**



Our new cousin Donald in front beside David.
We spent a lot of time with him from then on.

1945-
1946

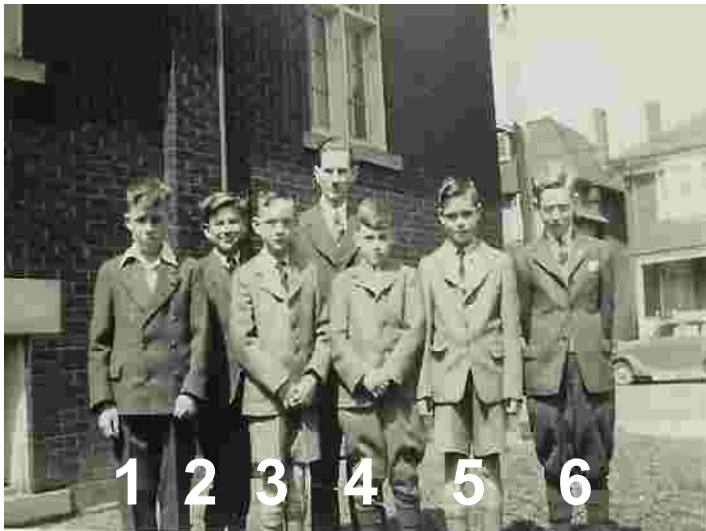
Change of Church to “Open Brethren”

Mother was not allowed to “break bread” at Euclid Gospel Hall until she submitted to some of the Exclusive Brethren's demands, including her having no fellowship with her family and friends at Olivet Gospel Hall – an “Open” assembly. Pop became convinced that the Open Brethren were not nearly as bad as he had been led to believe. Consequently, soon we all started attending Olivet Gospel Hall on Ossington Avenue. just north of Bloor Street.



1946

New Church, New Sunday School, New Friends



My new Sunday School class at Olivet. I'm #2, the Pipe twins, #3, 5. Jim Mair (#6) became a good friend during my teens



Sunday School picnics were a whole-day affair at Centre Island or Queenston Heights. There were lots of novelty races.

**New Home -
Shared with Miss
Peterson, owner**



After a year in North Toronto, we moved to 26 Hepbourne St. In return for my parents' caring for elderly Miss Peterson, the owner. We had the use of most of the big house for very little rent. Here she is in the back yard with Mother. She had a large bed-sitting room on the second floor. David and I had the 3rd floor —one large room.

1946-1947

New Home, New School, New Park

As you can see, Olivet Gospel Hall was in walking distance. Christie Pits was our favourite spot in warm evenings. Dewson Public School (Gr. 8) was just one long block down Concord Ave.; Bloor C. I., not far west on Bloor St. (7-8 blocks)





Pop and Mother in our back yard at 26 Hepbourne St.

1946-



Mother with Grandpa and “GG” Hopkins

1946-



Piano Lessons!

Miss Peterson had a piano in the dining room. I was excited to get started on lessons again and progressed through the grades—about two a year.



1946-



New Problems, New Pain

In the midst of all the changes that had happened in the last year and a half, there was growing inside of me a pain that I did not recognize clearly, but I felt I had lost my close relationship with Pop and was jealous of his attention to Mother. There also had developed tension between me and David.

1946-



Death of Miss Peterson

Not many months after we moved into 26 Hepbourne Ave., we came home from school to find Miss Peterson dead in her bed.

1946/7?



Guest Home for Preachers and Missionaries

My parents agreed with the proposal of the Peterson family that we should still live there and host preachers and missionaries who needed accommodation while in the Toronto area speaking at Olivet Gospel Hall and other Open Brethren Assemblies.

Mr. and Mrs. James Russell,
missionaries to Argentina, and
their unmarried daughter Grace.

1947-



Guest Preacher
Grace Russell **me**

Mother **Aunt Ruth**

1947-

By age 13, I was starting to play for the Sunday School and for children's meetings.

By 16, I was the regular pianist at Olivet Gospel Chapel

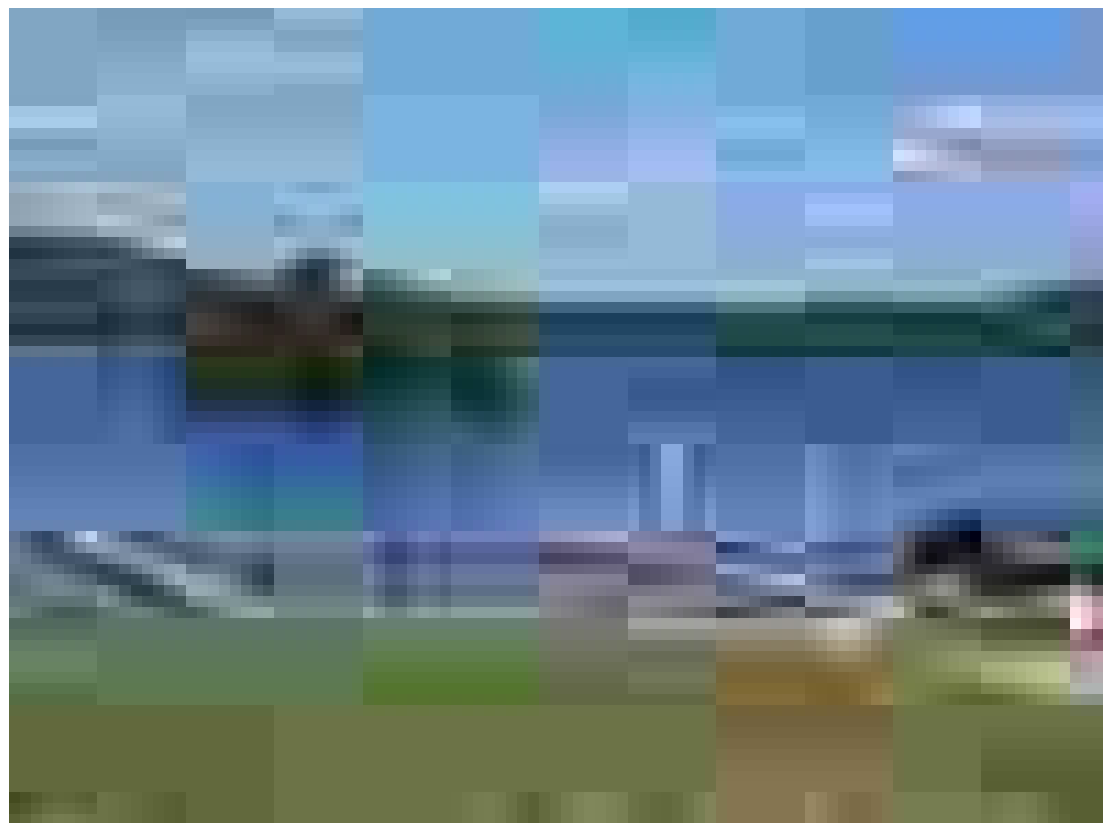


1947-



Camp Mini-Yo-We
Mary Lake,
near Huntsville, Ontario

Camper
ages 12, 13, 14
1946-1948





**Mother,
David, me,
and a guest
preacher**

1947-1952

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the 22nd day of August, 1952

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Mother

Grandpa

**Grandpa Wilson visits
from England
1952?**

Behind me are Uncle Bill and
Aunt Elizabeth Hopkins, their
daughter Edna Beatty and
husband Dave



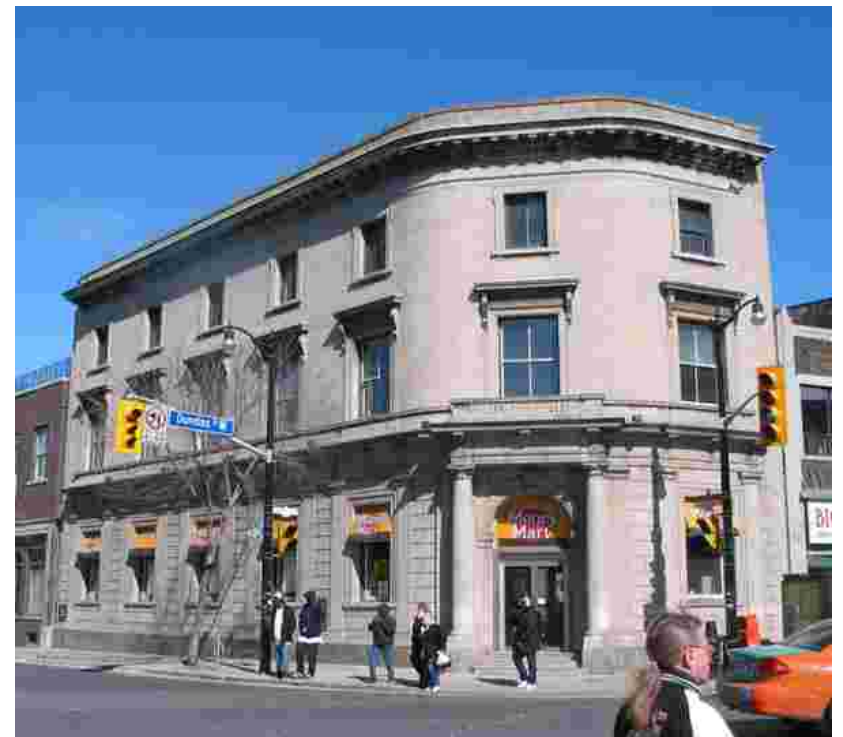
Grandpa



**Junior clerk
Bank of Toronto**

As it was many years before

**Summers
1950, 51
Bank of Toronto.
Dundas & Keele,
West Toronto
“Junction”**



As it became many years later

1952-1953
Junior Office Clerk
Tidewater Associated
Oil Company

near
Bloor & Lansdowne,
Toronto





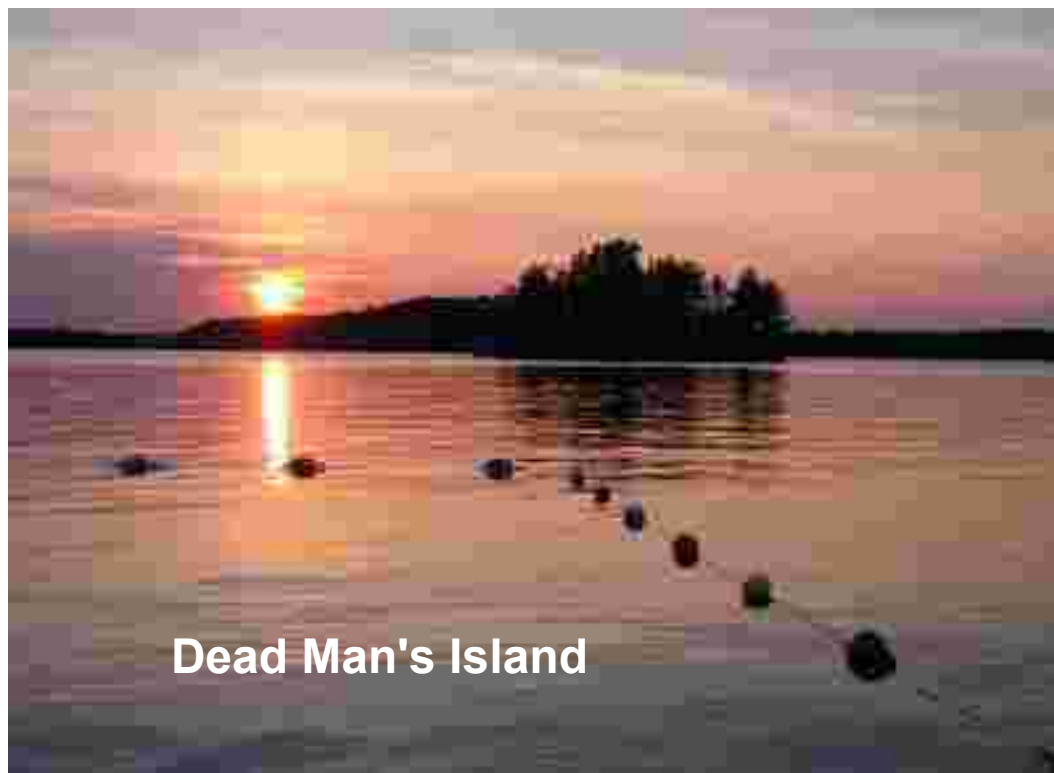
**1953
Move to 203
Epsom
Downs Drive,
Beverly Hills
(Downsview)**





Camp Mini-Yo-We
Mary Lake
near Huntsville, Ontario

Counsellor
1953, 1954



Dead Man's Island

**1953-54 Emmaus Bible School
Toronto**

**Sundays – Richvale Bible
Chapel, Richmond Hill, ON,
with other Emmaus students**

Mac and Marg Hallowell are on the steps;
Ted Angrove is waving from the door.

**Fall 1954 in Emmaus Bible
School, Oak Park, Illinois**

