8. Ronald Wyers (b. August 13, 1901 – d. September 17, 1958) he was 5’8” tall and was the eighth child and 5th boy born to James and Fanny MacDonald.

Ronald was active in all phases of community life in Campbellton and was one of an original group of local businessmen who organized the Rink Company and built Memorial Gardens. Ron was the company’s first presidents and worked untiringly on the project. Active in civic circles, he served for several years on the City Council and in 1948 was the Progressive Conservative candidate in the Provincial election. He did well in business and his brother Burns remembers he had a new Buick, a beautiful car. Ron and Burns used to take trips together with their families. Their sons, young Ron and Dan used to be about the same age.

Ron had great admiration for his mother and when she got cancer in her 80’s and wouldn’t have it operated on, Ron helped her take care of herself and for the last weeks of her life she lived in a small bungalow right beside Ron’s house.

Ron and Agnes had five children:


b. Mary Lou married Rudy Renault and they had four children: Lynne and Michael, who, with their father, Rudy, were both killed in a car accident in 1967. A daughter,
Nickie, recovered from the accident, but was later killed by stabbing in 1979, and a daughter, Julie, who now lives in the Edmonton area. Mary Lou married Bob Cawthorne, and winters in Current, North Eluthera, Bahamas and summers in Deep River, Ontario K0J 1P0.

c. Sheila married Harry Gatward and had two children: Colin and Lana, both living in Edmonton, AB. She divorced Harry and married John Lambert. She remarried again twice and her present husband is a Grioux.

d. Ronald Barberie (b. May 1, 1945) who married Pauline Cavanagh of St. Omer, PQ. They have two sons, Shawn (adopted) and Kevin.

e. Janet who married Brian Matheson and had one daughter, Candace, killed in a car accident in 1979. Janet lives in Edmonton as well as Brian. They have been divorced for years, but live in the same apartment building and are good friends.

Ronald died of a brain haemorrhage at the age of 57.

Transcription of Newspaper clipping:

HEADS COMPANY

Ronald W. MacDonald, president of the Rink Co Ltd., who with several other leading citizens of the town, has been primarily responsible for the erection of the new Memorial Gardens which will be dedicated here on November? . Mr. MacDonald was one of the original founders of the movement to construct a rink and took an active part in the raising of the funds for the project. On the formation of a holding company to administer the rink for the town, Mr. MacDonald was chosen as its head. He is now directly concerned with the completion of the final stages of the rink and will supervise its operation following the official opening in December.