



Stanfield's Ltd entry into manufacturing safety apparel for Co-Vid-19 has resulted in additional employment opportunities. This sign displayed on Queen Street encourages those looking for work during these difficult times to apply on-line. (Rees Photo)

Masks Become Mandatory July 31

By Maurice Rees

Masks will become mandatory in most indoor public places starting July 31. "As we open our economy, our schools and our communities, we must continue to be vigilant to minimize the impact of a second wave of COVID-19," said Premier McNeil. "Wearing a non-medical mask in most indoor public places is a key part of how we protect each other and support our local businesses so they can stay open for the long run."

Indoor public places include: retail businesses; shopping centres; personal services businesses such as hair and nail salons, spas, body art facilities, except during services that require removing a mask; restaurants and bars, except while people are eating or drinking; places of worship or faith gatherings and places for cultural or entertainment services or activities such as movie theatres, concerts and other performances.

Other places include: sports and recreational activities such as a gym, pool or indoor tennis facility, except

while doing an activity where a mask cannot be worn; places for events such as conferences and receptions; municipal or provincial government locations offering services to the public; common areas of tourist accommodations such as lobbies, elevators and hallways; common areas of office buildings such as lobbies, elevators and hallways, but not private offices; public areas of a university or college campus, such as library or student union building, but not classrooms, labs, offices or residences and train or bus stations, ferry terminals and airports.

Children under two are exempt, as well as children aged two to four when their caregiver cannot get them to wear a mask. People with a valid medical reason for not wearing a mask are exempt. Schools, daycares and day camps continue to follow their reopening plans.

People are asked to use their own masks. Government will help with initial supplies of masks for people who cannot bring their own.



Two Icons Leave Us



David Wilson
Age 91, passed away June 29, 2020.



Gerald Elliott
Age 90, passed away July 16, 2020.

By Maurice Rees

Colchester County and in fact all of Nova Scotia have lost two icons in the last month. David "Dave" Kerr Wilson, 91, Truro passed away June 29, 2020. Gerald Stafford Elliott, 90, Economy passed away July 16th. Their complete obituaries are printed (page 13) in this issue.

As a twenty year old, Dave forged out on his own establishing Kerr Controls Ltd., an HVACR parts and equipment distributor which has grown into a distribution centre and head office in Truro with twelve branches in Atlantic Canada and Ontario.

When he returned from university he joined the family business in Truro, Wilson Fuel Co. Limited. He helped his father George solidify Wilsons as a leading regional fuel supplier. Later, with his late brother and business partner, Peter, they expanded Wilsons into propane and gasoline.

Wilsons now employs over 1200 people in its various divisions including Wilsons Heating, Propane, Mechanical,

Plumbing, Security and Wilsons and ESSO gas stations.

But he didn't stop there. He had a passion for skiing. He joined his father and fellow ski enthusiasts making the trek to Wentworth, helping blaze trails and forge a Nova Scotia ski community. He established Dave Wilson's Ski Shop. Later as owner of Ski Wentworth, he transformed the ski area from a club to an outdoor enterprise. He continued skiing at Ski Wentworth until he was 86.

Due to restrictions in place,

a celebration of Dave's life is planned at a later date at Ski Wentworth.

The area's second iconic loss was the passing of Gerald Stafford Elliott, 90, who made his mark on society. As one of ten children born to the late Raymond and Alice (Linkletter) Elliott, he was blessed with the natural gift of music at a very young age. He often woke up at night to play the fiddle and was accompanied by his proud mother on the organ.

Music was his passion and entertaining thousands along the shore and in hundreds of locations was life's priority. If anyone mentioned The Elliott's they were referring to Gerald and brother, Carl. Then other family members were on the stage or in front of a crowd, to continue the family tradition. Gerald worked at various jobs throughout his lifetime, the last being a truck driver for Dennison. His music continued to be a major part of his life, entertaining people from far and wide with his amazing talent; Dad used to say "I used to get paid for playing and now I pay people to listen."

A celebration of Gerald's life will be held in Economy at a later date.

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