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Roads Being Opened

Since our last issue this district has been digging itself from the drifts of snow that blocked roads and railroads and brought business almost to a standstill. From Tuesday evening until late Thursday night there was not a train moved on the C. P. R., which was the longest period without train service since 1904. The Toronto dailies arrived on that train and the people were enabled to spend Friday catching up on their reading. The Walkerton branch of the C. P. R. was opened on Saturday, which brought a train from Walkaerton in the afteranoon, the return trip being made on Monday. Freight movement on the Owen Sound line operated on Saturday. Friday and Saturday the trains from Toronto were from one to three hours late in arriving.

Highway No. 10 was opened from Owen Sound to Flesherton on Thursday night and to the south by Friday afternoon. The road was narrow with great drifts on either side of the opened road, which were shoved back considerably on Saturday. No. 4 Highway to Durham has not yet been opened. The County roads east of Flesherton have been somewhat a problem with hign driftts. Maxwell was reached Saturday evening and a supply of bread taken for the residents there. Feversham was opened for traffic early Sunday afternoon, and Eugenia was relieved Monday morning.

The next problem will be in widening the roads, as a thaw Sunday night and Monday morning has hardened the banks considerably, making it that much more difficult to break through. Another heavy snow storm and high wind would plug the highways so tight that it would seem impossible to open them, as there is so much snow. However, the large plows with plenty of power can work wonders.

Hope is held out to motorists of a supply of synthetic rubber by 1944 sufficient to meet reasonable demands. There is as yet no such assurance with regard to the gasoline situation, but perhaps by that time the Germans submarine nests will have been cleared out and the oil tankers will be able to carry on their traffic safely.

Russian Relief

The Russians need your help and now is the time to give your assistance. A number have sent in donations this week, but much more is required to assist in keeping the women and children alive and fittee with warm clothing. They have assisted miraculously in defending our homes as well as their own. Won't you help? Send in your contribution to The Advance. Following have donated this week:

Previously acknowledged	$15.00
Vandeleur Church W. A.	10.00
Dave Williams	2.00
Mrs. Chris. Thomson	5.00
Mrs. F. G. Karstedt	2.00
Flesherton "Russian"	1.00
Total to date	$35.00

Change of Ownership

I have disposed of my interests in the firm of Down & Boyd to Mr. R. J. Boyd, the junior member, who will carry on the business of Ford Sales and Service in Flesherton.

I wish to express my appreciation to the people of this district for the splendid support they have given me in the 24 years I have been in business in Flesherton, one year in the gocery business, 11 years as H. Down & Sons, four years as Down & Richards and eight years as Down & Boyd.

During my 24 years of business relations with the people of Flesherton and district, I have made many friends and greatly appreciate the confidence and good fellowship that existed in our business relations. I trust that in the future my partner and business successor will have the continuance of your good-will and support.

—ALFRED DOWN.

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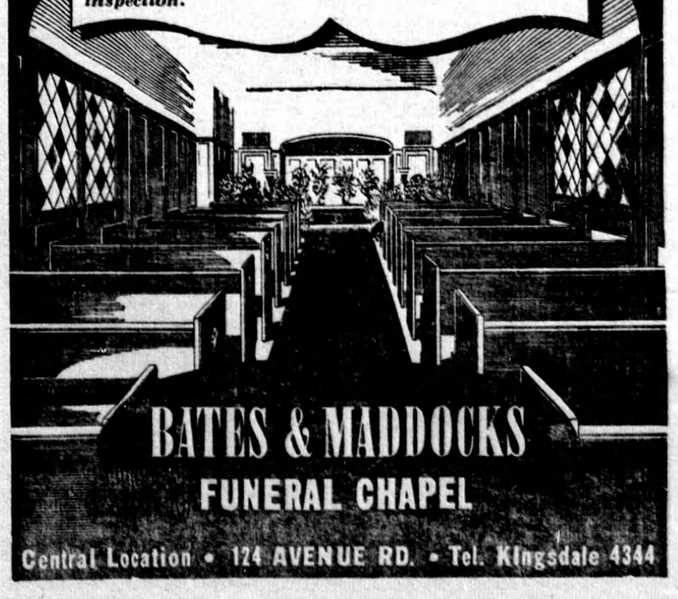

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Russ Valor Shaping Pattern of Victory

By Frederick Griffin

London, Jan. 25 — Sir Stafford Cripps as minister of aircraft production is one of the busiest men in Britain. But he took time out from one of his overburdoned days to give me a message in suppor of the Canadian Aid to Russia campaign.

There is no need to define Sir Stafford further, or his great humane liberal interests and his interest in Soviet Russia. Everyone will recall that he undertook the most difficult role of British ambassador to Moscow during one of the most complex periods of the war and sincerely worked, prior to Germany's attack on Russia, for a British-Soviet rapprochment. He laid the foundation for trust between the two governments which has since been sealed with blood.

Since then Sir Stafford was not only a member of the war cabinet, but he made his splendid, if ineffective, trip to India in search of a solution which eluded him. He is today devotedly bringing his great talents to the task of putting aircraft production over the top in 1943, in an all out drive for final and complete victory. His statement follows:

"When I returned from Moscow in January of last year I predicted in an interview with the press the armies of the Soviet Union would not only successfully resist but would meet, defeat and hurl back the German invader by the end of 1942. My prediction may then have seemed rash, but the gallantry of the Russian armies and the skill of their leadership, upon which I based my judgment, are proving that my rashness was justified. From the northern front to the Don and Caucasus the Russian armies are hurling the German invaders back.

"The United Nations and their people owe a profound debt to these armies and their commanders. They have changed the course of the war. The Axis pincers, that so long threatened one Allied possession after another, are now, in Russia and North Africa, being pried open and snapped. The Allied pincers are beginning to close. British victories in Egypt and Libya and Anglo-American landings in North Africa are driving one arm from the west and the great Russian armies are striking from the east. The iniatiative rests with the Allies and more new heavy blows will in future be struck against the German fortress of Europe. Costly struggles lie ahead of us in Africa, in Europe and in the Pacific and we must not minimize the sacrafices that Britain, United States and Canada will have to bear.

"But we can bear them in the sure knowedge that the pattern of victory is taking shape and that in that pattern the valor and determination of our Soviet Allies will have a very great share.

In Memoriam

BINNINGTON — In memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Edmund Binnington, who passed away Jan. 30, 1940.

You're not forgotten mother dear
Nor ever shall you be,
As long as life and memory last,
We shall remember you.
—Lovingly remembered by daughter May and family.

SKATING
FLESHERTON ARENA

TUESDAY
THURSDAY
FROM 8 TO 10 P.M.
SATURDAY
Skating from 8.30 to 10.30

SKATE FOR HEALTH

Activities of Grey County Council

Grey Sounty completed 1942 with a current surplus of $72,246.88, County Treasurer, J. C. Mercer reported to the County Council Friday Morning. This surplus is almost a seventh of the total receipts for the year. It was achieved by reducing expenditures on county roads from $194,000 in 1941 to $134,545 in 1942, by cutting the amount spent on suburban area roads by approximately $15,000 to $14,614 by a reduction of over $5,000 in hospital accounts, a decrease in expenses for the administration of justice and a reduction of a thousand dollars in the expenditures for the Grey County Home.

Some expenditures, for school purposes, county property, grants, municipal government expenses and the North Grey and S. Grey registry offices, were higher, but not sufficiently so to greatly affect the large savings made in other items. Mr. Mercer, in presenting his report, explained that the large figure, $44,488.22, under the head of miscellaneous expenditures including subscriptions to the Victory Bonds by the county, these bonds having since been sold.

Not only has Grey County a substantia l current surplcs, but less than $41,000 is required to wipe out its debenture debt entirely. This debt now stands at $265,000, but the sinking fund contains, in cash and bonds, $224,279.73. Thus the amount required to retire the debt it only $40,720.27.

Current assets were reported by Mr. Mercer as $127,412.15, a surplus over liabilities of $72,246.88. Largest item in the list of assets was the balance in banks on Dec. 31, 1942, of $78,418.18. County roads and suburban area roads subsidy due from the province was placed at $37,500, while there is due from the City of Owen Sound approximately $8,000. Largest amount among the liabilities is $50,000 due various schools for maintenance of county pupils.

Earl Radburn, Reeve of Keppel, was chosen by acclamation as Warden of the County for 1943.

County authorized grants as follows: Canadian Red Cross $2,500; Canadian Aid to Russia Fund $1,000; Chinese War Relief $1,000; Navy League $500; Canadian Legion, Owen Sound Branch $800, to assist in financing its acquired headquarters, the former Sydenham Club building.

A committee consisting of Reeves Wm. T. Riley of Meaford, S. M. Patterson of Egremont and D. J. McDonald of Bentinck wasa appointed to report on an equalized assessment of the various municipalities in the county, to be made this year.

Reeve Morton Sayers and Deputy Reeve Fred Hale of Osprey and Reeve W. J. Aldcorn of Egremont were the only members absent from the council during its sitting, it being impossible for them to attend due to the storm

Reeves J. A. Davis of Artemesia, Albert Rusk of Markdale and A. Down of Flesherton were appointed as members of the Board of Management of the Grey County Home, for three, two and one year respectively.

The salary of the County Treasurer was raised $250, who will now be making $2650, and his assistant $1,185.

At Dec. 31, 1942, there were 71 inmates of the Old People's Home, seventeen of whom are pensioners.

WILL MOVE REPLY TO SPEECH

Major W. E. Harris, member of Parliament for Grey-Bruce will move Address in reply to the speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament on Thursday.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my gratitude to friends who sent cards, gifts and letters while I was in the hospital and for kindness during my previous illness.

— Emery Fisher

Dog Used For Delivering

During the height of the storm on Wednesday of last week, bread was delivered to houses in the village by Mr. Arthur McDonald, with a dog hitched to a sleigh loaded with the staff of life. The drifts were so high that the car coauld not be used for delivery. This is the first time that we have known of a dog being used for such a purpose.

The dog is a large black Great Dane named "Dale", and is an excellent sleigh dog with great strength.

FLESHERTON FIRM ENDS PARTNERSHIP

The firm of Down and Boyd is dissolving partnership, Mr. Reginald J. Boyd having purchased the interest of the senior partner, Mr. Alfred Down, the business change taking effect the end of this month.

Mr. Down has been in business in Flesherton for the past 24 years, the first year in the grocery store now conducted by K. G. Betts. In the fall of 1919 he and his father and his brother Robert, now of Markdale built the fine garage on the main cornor and operated the Ford Sales and Service Agency, which continued for 12 years when the partnership of H. Down and sons disolved. The business continued under the name of Down Richards for four years, with J. A. Richards of Flesherton as junior partner, and for the past eight years has been conducted by Down and Boyd.

Mr. Down conducted a splendid business and had the confidence of a wide business connection, who always found him fair and square in all transactions. He also has had the confidence of the village citizen as he has been our Reeve for the past several years. Mr. Down does not know what his feture course will be but we regret to lose him from our business life and hope that something will turn up to keep him with us.

Writes From England

Gnr. Fred Patton of the 1st Survey Regiment wrote an interesting letter to his mother, Mrs. J. O. Patton, from which we take parts, as follows:

Somewhere in England
December 14th, 1942

It seems now that we detest schemes. It used to be quite the thing to get out and see the country, but we have seen all we want to, specially of Wales in winter. I thought we had plenty of rain in England, but the trip I have had to Wales had everything beaten. I've never seen Wales in summer when they have decent weather, but our opinion of its isn't very much. You see some real hills and mountains, the range being 1,700 feet up. The earth is all a reddish color and you would think someone had taken a batch of red paint and thrown it over the trucks. All the way up the hill there was hard rock and on the range there are bog holes. Our truck had to be winched out three times. It rained steady for four days with a high wind, so you can imagine what it was like. Then followed a heavy fog and we were two hours finding our way out. We took two days going up and only one coming back. I drove the whole way back, about 220 miles, and I was a tired boy on reaching here. In the two weeks we were in Wales I drove over 1,000 miles.

I received quite a number of parcels for Christmas and Santa has been very good to me. The candy and other food sure hit the spot. Yesterday was our big day for mail, as they kept it mostly all here for the two weeks. Everybody in our room was happy and there was about a foot of paper on the floor from the parcels. Received a parcel from the Red Cross in Durham and Flesherton some time ago, also cigarettes from the 4th Line Red Cross unit. The people have been awfully good to me and I appreciate it greatly.

All beef purchased for the Canadian armed forces is inspected and stamped by graders of the Inspection and Grading Services, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Thousands of carcasses are approved each week.

Three Brothers Join Air Force

Fifteen years ago, K. Kimmerly left Ottawa for Watertown, N.Y. With him he took his family of three small sons, Kenneth Jr., Lloyd and William, aged three, four and five respectively.

Settling down in Watertown, Mr. Kimmerly became advertising manager of Sears Roebuck Company in that centre. He lost all contact with Canada. But this week he came back. He came back with two of the three sons he had taken with him years ago. Came back with them to Ottawa to arrange for them to fight for the country of their birth in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Kenneth Jr. was now 18, Lloyd 19 and William, the eldest, now 20, had preceded his brothers by a year and a half and was now flying coastal patrol out in British Columbia, as Pilot Officer William Kimmerly.

On Tuesday morning at the R.C.A.F. recruiting centre at 132 Queen Street, Kenneth and Loyd Kimmerly also became members of Canada's Air Force.

And so, once again Mr. Kimmerly is on his way to Watertown. But this time he leaves his three sons behind — fighting for Canada. — Ottawa Citizen.

[Editor's Note: The Kimmerly brothers are grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Sloane of Flesherton, their mother being Leila May Sloane, who was born at Eugenia.

55th Anniversary

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Taylor of town, who will celebrate the 55th anniversary of their wedding on Monday next, February 1st. Although this highly respected couple are elderly in years, they are young in spirit and are attending to their every-day duties with as much enthusiasm as ever. Best wishes are extended to them by a host of friends.

GORDON BOWLER PASSES AWAY AT VANCOUVER

Mr. Gordon Bowler, son of Mrs. C. W. Bowler of Flesherton, formerly of Markdale, resident of Chillewack, B. C., passed away in a Vancouver hospital on Friday last, Jan. 22, after only a short illness, at the age of 56 years. Deceased was born in Markdale and moved to the West 30 years ago where he was in business until he retired a few years ago. He was married to Miss Sadie Fletcher, formerly of Stone's Line, who survives together with a daughter, Bertha (Mrs. Hall) of Payton, Sask. He also leaves his mother, one brother, Harold Bowler of Markdale, and five sisters, Annie Bowler of Hamilton, Ruby (Mrs. Wm. Dundas) of Markdale, Amy (Mrs. Everette Hill) of Windsor, Viotta (Mrs. J. A. Richards) of Flesherton and Irene (Mrs. P. York) of Markdale. The funeral was held on Monday, Jan. 25th.

ARRIVED OVERSEAS

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Meads of the Old Durham Road received a cable on Monday announcing the safe arrival in England of their son, L.-Cpl. Wallace Meads.

Financial Report of F.-A. Red Cross Branch

Following is the financial statement of the Flesherton-Artemesia Branch of the Red Cross:

Receipts—Cash on hand, Jan. 1st, 1942, $258.55; general donations $166; campaign $1305.90; donations for local Branch $486.09—Total $2216.54.

Expenses—To Division for war work $1018.78; wool and material from Division $809.21; wool and material, locally $230.78; workroom expenses $5.28; publicity expenses $1.20; miscellaneous $1.03.—Total $2216.54 Balance on hand $150.30.

One workroom is in use with an average of 14 in attendance and there are six co-operative units. Articles sent to Division include: knitted articles 747, civilian 595, hospital 508, blankets, quilts, etc. 112; Distributed to sailors, soldiers and airmen 66.