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Arrived Overseas

Mrs. Ken Betts received word last week that her brother, Pte. Wayne Weber of Kimberley, had arrived safely overseas.

Pte. Fred Partridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Partridge of Rock Mills, has arrived overseas, according to a cable received by his parents last week.

Sergt. Major Angus Turney has arrived overseas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turney.

United Church Notes

Last Sunday at 11 a.m. the church was well filled for the service. The minister's text was the third words from the Cross: "Woman, behold thy son; behold thy mother."

Next Sunday morning the text will be the fourth words: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me." What must these words have meant on the lips of Jesus?

The attendance at Sunday School was slightly improved last Sunday there will be still further improvement. All boys and girls are invited to stay for church. There is always a story and hymn for the juniors.

It isn't only the big shots that need to be square shooters.

Future Events

SKATING IN MARKDALE

Skating and dancing in Markdale Arena each Saturday night. Skating from 7:30 to 9:30. Music for dance by Rubin Kirk orchestra.

CONCERT AND DANCE

Junior Red Cross of O.D.R. School will hold a concert and dance in the school house on Tuesday, March 6th, at 8:30 p.m. Admission: 25c. Ladies with lunch, free. Floor manager, Don Gillies. Stable accommodation.

EUCHRE AND BINGO

A euchre and bingo will be held in the Munshaw House on Friday evening, March 2nd, to commence at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Flesherton Welfare Club. Come and assist in sending boxes to the boys overseas.

MEAT PIE SUPPER

The annual meat pie supper will be held by St. John's United Church W. A. in the church basement on Friday, March 16th. Supper from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by crokinole and Chinese checkers. Admission: 40c, Children 25c.

The Ladies of the Providence Church have arranged for a Necktie Social, at the home of Mr. Frank Short, this Friday, March 2. A free will offering will be taken and lunch will be served. An enjoyable evening is planned, of contests, games, etc.

Won Efficiency Medal

GNR. DON BROTHWELL

Gnr. Brothwell is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brothwell, formerly of Flesherton. He has been overseas four years with the Royal Canadian Artillery and has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brothwell were former Flesherton citizens, the latter being the former Ida Fisher, sister of Mr. T. J. Fisher of town.

SENT SOUVENIRS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pocock of the 12th Line, Osprey, received a parcel last week from their son, Pte. Dalton Pocock, who is with the Queen's Own Rifles. The parcel contained a couple of watches, a miniature parachute, dated July, 1943. used for holding flares in the air, also some pictures and 1,000 Francs in Belgian and other currency. It is an interesting collection and will be valued by Dalton on his return home.

Baptist Church Notes

"Jehovah's Witnesses" will be the subject discussed (by request) at the mid-week meeting for prayer and Bible study. Mrs. Wyatt's residence will be the place of meeting, this week, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

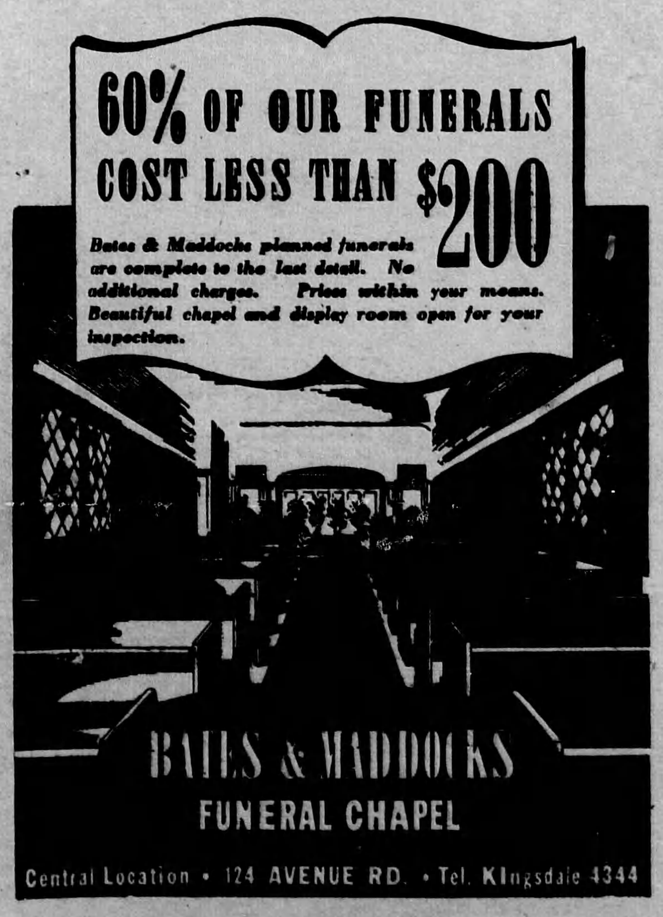
The ladies of the congregation will hold a quilting at "Cedarside", Friday afternoon. The quilt will be given to the Stitch and Chatter Club for the Overseas bale now in preparation.

The Stitch and Chatter Club will meet Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Cedarside Parsonage.

Services next Sunday will be held at the regular hours in both churches. The ordinance of the Lord's supper will be observed at Cedarside Church following the morning service.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Edith Cameron and family wish to sincerely thank their friends and neighbors for the floral tributes sympathy and kindness shown them during their recent sad bereavement.



And The Rains Came

Two weeks ago we mentioned the scarcity of water in this district. Mr. Porter Beard, south of town, had to draw water a mile for his stock and many other farmers were suffering the same inconvenience. Last Thursday we experienced a one-day thaw and Sunday another one set in. Rain fell all day on Monday and the village streets were in bad condition. However, many of the soft water cisterns in town had a couple of feet of water and the housewives were happy again that they had soft water for washing, the farmers' wells were replenished and the shortage of water was brought to an end for the time being. Monday evening the weather tightened up and Tuesday snow was falling, sometimes in blizzard proportions.

Airman Comes Home

Warrant Officer Mack. Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephen of Maxwell, arrived home from overseas

W.O. MACK STEPHEN

on Wednesday of last week. Mack had 30 tours over enemy territory as a Navigator on a bomber and had some "interesting" experiences. He was severely burned last May when his bomber took fire over Germany when it was struck by flack and also by a night fighter. The bomber took a dive earthward and the crew tried every way to extinguish the flames, even using their drinking water after the fire extinguisher fluid had been used up. The fire appeared to be gaining headway and the pilot ordered the crew to bale out. In the meantime the pilot and flight engineer were using their whole strength on the controls to bring the plane to level flight. Mack stayed with the ship as his parachute had been burned beyond use. He thought they were gong to crash, but when about 1,000 feet from the ground they levelled off and the fire was miraculously extinguished by the terrific draft of the wind. They decided to head for England. Despite most severe burns to his face and hands, Mack gave the course for home, but when England was reached they were forced to make a crash landing at the first opportunity, as the "kite" was mortlaly damaged.

Mack spent several months in hospital recovering from his burns and the doctors did such a good job on his face and hands that the marks of the burns cannot be distinguished. After recovering he went on operations again, finishing his tour at Christmas time. His many friends in this district are pleased to see him home safe again.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Joe Watson wishes to thank all friends who sent cards, letters, treats, and visits while in Hospital, and after coming home, also to J. A. Richards and Best Bros. for the comfortable way I came home. that will be remembered.

RATION COUPON DUE DATES

Coupons now valid are butter 90 to 97, sugar 46 to 53, preserves 33 to 40. Butter coupon 98 becomes valid March 8.

Canned rhubarb and canned crabapples sweetened or unsweetened have been removed from the list of rationed preserves.

Overseas Since October

L.A.C. HAROLD BEST

L.A.C. Harold Best has been overseas since October, 1944, after having enlisted in the Air Force in September, 1943. His wife and two children, Geraldine and Edward, reside in Flesherton.

Township School Areas Increase From 15 to 248

Since 1938 the number of township school areas in Ontaro has been raised from 15 to 248 resulting from the organization of 1,423 school sections states Dr. J. G. Althouse, chief director of education for the province.

Almost a quarter of the province's 5,747 school sections have now been organized on this basis and "the accelerated swing to this system shows its advantages are becoming apparent to municipalities," Dr. Althouse said.

Sixty-one of the larger units were organized in Ontario last year, largest increase in any single year. Under the system, any portion of a township may be set aside for the school area and is administered by a board of trustees.

Benefits claimed are equalization of school opportunities for rural pupils, more equitable distribution of school costs, saving in the purchase of school supplies, improved administration and supervision.

94TH BIRTHDAY

Congratulations are extended to our good friend Mr. Rufus Wickens of the Valley, who observed his 94th birthday quietly on Sunday, Feb. 15. Recently Mr. Wickens walked half a mile through the snow to visit neighbor. We hope that he continues to enjoy his usual good health for many more years.

Local Resident Loses Mother At Tiverton

Mrs. Jas. Avis, mother of Mr. Angus Avis, manager of the Flesherton creamery, passed away at her home at Tiverton on Saturday morning of last week, Feb. 24th, in her 76th year. She had not been enjoying good health for a number of years, but had only been sick a few days when death came. Her husband passed away eight years ago. She leaves to mourn a kind and loving mother, three sons and one daughter, Gordon and the Russell Avis, at home, Angus Avis of Flesherton and Mrs. C. Rutherford of Kincardine.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, interment being made in the Tiverton Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Avis, Robert and Joan attended the funeral.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the many neighbors and friends for the lovely cards, letters and boxes sent to me while in the hospital and since coming home, also ot those who visited me during my illness and for the many kind enquiries. I wish to also thank Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Holmes who took me to the hospital and came for me. These acts were all greatly appreciated.

— Mrs. Joe Porteous, Maxwell.

Well there's one consolation—February is a short month, and then we only have unpredictable March to contend with.

Ceylon Boys Give Thanks For Gifts

The following letters were received by Mrs. Mary Irwin in regard to the Christmas parcels sent to the boys from Ceylon district overseas:

I received the Christmas parcel from the Ceylon Community Club and was really glad to get it. Parcels from home are really appreciated especially at this time of year.

— Wallace McDermid

A word of thanks for the lovely Christmas box, which I received this week. I hope you are all well. I am doing considerably well, here in Holland. Many thanks again for your kindness.

—Gnr. Bill Marshall.

I received the Christmas box that you sent O.K. and everything is great. Many many thanks. You are sure doing a great job for us.

I am still instructing in D. & M., but not in the same place. I moved about three miles last Friday to the new address. I was all set for a nine day leave when a notification came in from Canadian Military Headquarters for me to make this move. I am attached to the British Army now and will be instructing officer cadets. I was sure disappointed when my leave was cancelled, but everything is o.k. now as I am going to Scotland on Friday.

For the past five weeks I've been at our Field Training Unit. We all slept outside under a tank canvas for a bivouac. We cooked a lot of our own meals and most of the time got very dirty. It rained quite a bit, but we managed to keep dry most of the time. I only got wet once and my blankets wet once.

The weather has been fairly good this fall. There has been some heavy frosts but most of the time a warm wind. I heard on the radio this morning where there has been a big fall of snow in Toronto and Montreal. Guess everyone will be digging out about now.

There are a lot of lights on here now. The towns look much better with street lighting and the houses with dim lights. Most of the street lights are gas burners, the gas being made from coal.

Well I must close for now and try to catch up with more letter writing.

— Sgt. Milford Piper.

Holland, Jan. 17, 1945.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for all the good things sent to me in a Christmas parcel. They have been thoroughly enjoyed, and are very much appreciated. Your kindness thus expressed went a long way towards giving us a very fine time at Christmas and New Years. When you consider the circumstances, I think we did very well indeed. Our unit was among those fortunate enough to be cut out of the line for the day, where a fine dinner of chicke.., or I should say turkey and pork along with the usual fixtures, including plum puddding and sauce, was given to us.

There was an extra issue of an orange, some candy and chocolate. This, we all donated to the children of the district for when we held a dinner just before our own. They seemed to enjoy everthing very much, and this made it better for us too. The people in the country here, who have two or three cows, a few pigs and some hens, get by, not too badly, but the larger places were not so well off. The situation is getting better all the time, and with the passing of the winter the worst should be over for the liberated areas. Just the same, I am sure that a good number of the things the young ones had for ther Christmas dinner were almost unknown to them before.

I have not seen anyone from around home for a long time. There are a good number from Ontario, and even Western Canada, in this unit but I am the only one from Ceylon-way who seems to have found his way in with the "herring chokers".

Any of us, who have been in this theatre of war for six months are getting leaves to Britain now. A number have gone already and report a very good time from both England and Scotland. I am not sure yet, how soon my turn will come, but since I have completed six months unbroken service here, it should not be too long. It works out that you get about eight free days in any part of the British Isles. You get extra time for travelling, if you are going to Scotland or Ireland.

I have been getting the Flesherton Advance pretty regularly now and it is always good to read what is going on around the district. The Ceylon news naturally gets first consideration. I was very sorry to hear about Mervyn Sturrock's death. Already, too many of the home boys have paid the price.

I send you all my heartiest thanks and wish you all the best, sincerely,

Grant Muir.

Burglars At Markdale

Thieves entered the Gillespie Garage, Markdale late Sat. night & stole an axe, rifle, shotgun, several hammers and other items. The robbery was discovered by employees of the Ontario Hydro Commission, who have offices above the garage. It was thought that the thieves entered the building prior to the time the night watchman, J. Johnston, came on duty, which was at midnight. It was ascertained that the burglar or burglars gained admission to the building through a back window, leaving by the front door when disturbed. Constable H. Black of Flesherton is investigating.

The Red Cross And Its Great War Work

The Red Cross sends 300,000 packages every month to Germany. In the International Red Cross warerooms in Geneva, Switzerland, the boxes for the lads are piled higher than ever; and nine ships currently sail the seas carrying only Red Cross relief supplies. Last year the Red Cross fleet made 32 voyages, loaded with 84,000 tons of food and medical supplies. Each day an average of 50 freight carloads leave Switzerland for Germany.

The prisoners of war get no newspapers from home but there is a sort of grapevine telegraph among them and they are in touch with the course of the war. Nothing could exceed their joy at the rapid advance of the Russians into Germany. Inclosing a letter to his people here, one lad said: and how his words made me think: "We get out for an occasional walk, which is certainly a godsend, and gives one a feeling of freedom again!"

There was only praise for the Red Cross from all the boys in prison camps.

BRIDGE AND EUCHRE AT THE GOESSEL HOME

Very successful euchre and bridge evenings were spent recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Goessel in aid of the Welfare League. Mrs. H. McCauley, Bob Phillips, R. W. Piper and C. J. Bellamy were the winners of the bridge prizes. Mrs. J. Nuhn was the lucky winner of a hamper of groceries on which tickets had been sold. The bridge netted $10 and the hamper $31.00. At the euchre Mrs. Hass, Dan McTavish Jr. and Mrs. Alex. Henderson were the winners and several prizes were given for lucky numbers. The euchre netted $13.00. The Welfare League is doing a good job looking after the soldiers overseas and their activities should be heartily supported.

Born

LITTLEJOHNS — In Orange Valley on Sunday, Feb. 18th, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Littlejohns (nee Verna Russell) a daughter, Linda Mae.

WEBER — At Collinwgood hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Weber a daughter, Carol Anne.

How Insects Breath

Unlike the higher animals, insects breathe through a number of minute openings, known as spiracles, located on both sides of the body. These do not connect with lungs in the true sense but wth a series of finely branched tubes which run to all parts of the body, carrying oxygen to be transmitted directly to the blood stream.

Careless talk is dangerous, but no more so than careless thinking.