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**Private George Thomas
of the 147th Battalion**

In last week's Toronto Daily Star Gregory Clark has a very interesting article telling of the inspiring work of Rev. W. H. Davis, Chaplain of the 4th C.M.R., at the battle of Passchendaele, where for 30 minutes he held up activities while the wounded on both sides were removed and cared for by their comrades. This was the battle in which Tommy Holmes of Owen Sound earned the V. C. We have listened to some of the boys who were active in the Passchendaele district. They had read and re-read Gregory Clark's article. They were living over again those awful days spent in Ypres territory. We know nothing of the sufferings and hardships of those awful days, so we just listened. Among the names mentioned, and often repeated, was that of George Thomas. "Who is George Thomas?" we enquired. We were told that he was one of the Grey County boys whose home was somewhere near Ayton in Normanby township and that to him, and to him alone should go the whole credit for breaking through the German line at Passchendaele. It was early in the morning of Oct. 26th, 1917, when he appeared as if from nowhere right at one of the German pill-boxes. At close range with a bomb he stopped the firing of a machine gun operated by two German soldiers. He rendered a German officer incapable of giving further orders and in their own language ordered a "pill-box" full of German soldiers to surrender, which order was obeyed. George Thomas' action permitted his comrades in the 4th C.M.R. to advance and the German line for some distance was captured. In the action which followed Tommy Holmes earned the V. C.

The bravery of George Thomas was never recorded. Officers who witnessed his great deed were laid to rest in "No Man's Land", and with them went the knowledge of a brave man's action. There are still however a few, but very few, of the boys who were comrades of George Thomas and they revere him. Some day perhaps he may be honored. We understand he still lives near the village of Ayton. At this time, 20 years after the great battle of Passchendaele, we pay tribute to George Thomas, who accomplished what the British army had been trying for three months to do. His action at the moment was responsible for the capturing of the first German pill-box and eventually the taking of the whole Passchendaele ridge. If Thomas had delayed his action for but a few minutes the visibility would have prevented him from gaining the position which enabled him to accomplish what he did.

Today we think of George Thomas in his humble abode in Normanby township and pray that yet he may be recognized for his bravery in that historic engagement.

ORANGE VALLEY

(Intended for last week.)

Several from this line attended the Hallowe'en dance at Fred Russell's on Friday night and report a good time.

Mr. Leonard Alcox, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alcox and Leslie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith at Rock Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mathewson spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathewson.

Mr. Robert Swanton was a caller at Mr. Alex. Miller's on Friday.

Miss Velma Alcox has accepted a position with Mrs. Cecil McTavish at Flesherton.

Mr. Ed. Beirnes called at Mr. F. Brown's on Sunday.

IRISH LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Butler of Berkeley, accompanied by Miss Helena Butler and Miss Valeria Stafford of Owen Sound, visited on Sunday with the Sweeney families.

Mr. George Smith of Kitchener spent Sunday with Mrs. Sullivan and family.

Mr. James Sullivan and sister, Mae, of Toronto spent Sunday at their summer home here.

Sunday visitors with Mr. John McWhinney and family were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Koba and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Will Maycock of Hanover; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stafford of the West Backline.

Mr. Fred Eagles purchased a fine young team of Percheron horses last week.

Miss Alice Sullivan is visiting friends in Toronto for a few days.

Mr. Willard McWhinney and sister, Ruby, spent a Sunday recently with Mr. and Mrs. E. Maycock at Leith.

WALTERS FALLS

(Held over from last week.)

Mrs. McQuaker left a short time ago to spend the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. W. Caswell, in Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bassett, daughter, Miss Ina, and friend of Owen Sound spent the week-end of Oct. 24th with Mr. and Mrs. S. Caswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Caswell spent several days of last week with friends in Owen Sound.

The United Church Y.P.S. held a Hallowe'en social last Thursday evening in the Sunday School room.

Misses Hilda Long and Mar. Dixon have been successful in getting 12 local girls to join with them in the "Milky Way" project club, of which they attended the class held in Bognor some time ago. We wish the girls every success.

Mr. Wilbert Hopkins is absent for several days this week and his blacksmith shop is closed. We do not expect him to come home to live alone any more.

Mrs. Alex. Carmichael of Bognor spent a few days of last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Speck.

Owing to special services in Knox Church, Holland, last Sunday the United Church service here was withdrawn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Strain and boys of Toronto visited at the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. Olmstead.

Messrs. Robt. and Tom Walters of Toronto were last week-end visitors with friends here and assisted, somewhat, the local imps, who were abroad on Saturday night.

The school pupils had an afternoon devoted to Hallowe'en last Saturday. The school room was decorated for the occasion and quite a number were in costume. A nice number of parents attended for the fun.

The Women's Institute held a masquerade Hallowe'en social on Saturday night in the Hall. Quite a goodly number of people came masked. Quite a variety of characters were represented by young and old. Children and adults were judged separately. Rev. Burry, Dr. Thompson and Mrs. R. Dixon judged the adults, Mrs. Laycock taking the latter's place for the children. Miss M. Marshall ably played the piano marches for the promenade. Rev. Perry was chairman for the short program. The number getting the most applause was judged the best. Mrs. R. Speck and Miss L. Nigh winning the prizes. The hall was very nicely decorated. The lunch of sandwiches, pie and tea was quite enjoyable.

The A.Y.P.A. held their first meeting of the season on Tuesday evening, Oct. 26th, at the Rectory. Harold Laycock read the Scripture and prayers were read by the rector, Rev. Perry. The members decided to assist the Sunday School financially. The new officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. H. Stephens; Vice-President, Garnet Holmes; Secretary, Ivan Seabrook; Treasurer, Miss V. Rennie; Assistant Secretary, Miss J. Wales; delegates to the local council, Miss V. Rennie and Mrs. Perry. It was decided to hold a Hallowe'en social on Nov. 2nd.

John McDonald of Melancthon township had only five sheep left out of a flock of 25 as a result of a raid by dogs.

TRAVERSTON

(Intended for last week)

Nearly all farm crops are safely housed, save a few fields of corn stocks.

In past seasons it has always been great fun to burn the dry potato stalks. The kiddies had big sport darting to and fro in the rolling billows of dense smoke and even the farmer himself secretly liked to see the dense clouds rolling over the root ground. This year they hang dejected from the corners of the old snake fences, or lie sodden on the stones that fill the spaces between.

Fall wheat is going into winter quarters in promising condition and fall plowing is generally pretty well completed.

Miss Elva Horn went home over the week-end to Bervie. The United Church there held most successful anniversary services, having the colored Florida sextette as a drawing card.

The young people are holding a meeting on Wednesday evening in the Church to arrange for the annual Christmas tree concert and to select a play.

The neighbours are all pleased to learn that Mrs. Thos. Timmins is improving in health day by day and that Mrs. Will Ellison is making good recovery after her recent operation in Markdale hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott of town were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Peart on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Edwards and family and Charlie Atkinson visited the Atkinson family in Owen Sound the first of the week.

Mr. Clifford Cook has traded in his coupe and purchased a Ford coach.

Recently Fred. Cooke of Edge Hill purchased a new tractor and plow and has been kept busy ever since turning the sod and stubble fields under.

Mrs. James McNally of the 9th con. had the ill luck to lose a valuable horse last week.

Mr. Albert McNally sold an old one to the owner of a milk farm near Owen Sound for \$10.00.

Misses Belle and Margaret Flinn and their brothers, Ed. and John, motored up on Saturday from Toronto and were guests at W. J. Greenwood's and J. H. Robson's until Sunday evening.

Mr. Jack McKechnie of the Rocky was a visitor a couple of days last week at Mr. Hugh McArthur's. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McNally.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell of Welbeck visited at the McClocklin homestead on Saturday.

'Twas a pleasure to have a brief visit from Mrs. Harold Clarke (Agnes Robson) of Edmonton, who was visiting her brother, J. H., last week. She called on many of the old schoolmates and neighbours, who were more than glad to meet her again.

Zionites had a real treat on Sunday last. Mr. Irwin Sharpe and a male sextette of Queen Street United Church, Durham, motored out with their wives and sweethearts and conducted Zion's service in the absence of Rev. R. G. Halbert, who is seriously ill in a hospital in Toronto. Mr. Sharpe is a gifted speaker. Mrs. Shipman was accompanist for the singers. These people showed a fine spirit in providing service for the rural Church.



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1 small cup brown sugar
¾ cup lard
1 egg
½ cup corn syrup
2 tablespoons hot water
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon soda
Add flour to roll out into cookies. When cooked put two together with cooked figs or dates.
Ruby Allison,
R. R. 7, Markdale

LEMON TARTS

1 egg
1 cup white sugar
1 lemon, rind and juice
Mix all together and put a little in each tart shell and place a small piece of butter on top. This makes about 12 or 15 tarts.
Ruby Allison,
R. R. 7, Markdale

LEMONADE

4 oranges
6 lemons
4 lbs. white sugar
2 oz. citric acid
Grate yellow rind of oranges, add acid and sugar and scald with two quarts boiling water. When cool add juice of oranges and lemons. Let stand 24 hours, then strain and bottle.
Mrs. F. B. Brandle,
Neville, Sask.

SANDWICH FILLING

½ cup butter
1 cup white sugar
3 eggs
1 level teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons mustard
Cook above in double boiler and when cold add:
1 small cup vinegar
1 cup grated cheese
1 cup cream
1 can pimento, cut finely
Then beat all together. This will keep.
Mrs. F. B. Brandle,
Neville, Sask.

GINGER SNAPS

1 cup molasses
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup lard
Put on stove, let boil but do not burn. Add 1 teaspoon ginger, 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in a little vinegar. Stir well and remove from stove. Add flour to make a stiff dough. More flour as you roll them out. Work quickly as the dough crumbles if allowed to get cold.
Betty Walker,
R.R. 1, Sunderland

CAKE PUDDING

2 cups brown sugar
1 cup boiling water
butter, size of an egg (let dissolve in oven while mixing cake.)
¼ cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup milk
flour to stiffen
1 teaspoon baking powder
vanilla
Put in a buttered pan, pour syrup over. Bake and serve with cream.
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Mrs. Albert French of Melancthon township grew a pumpkin which weighed about 56 pounds.

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A. F. & A. M.—Hiram Lodge No. 490, G.R.C., Markdale, meets in the Masonic Hall, Reburn Block, at 8 o'clock p.m., on the second Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. B. Harris, W.M.; A. E. Colgan, Sec.

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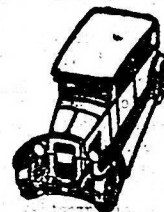
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