

Major W. E. Harris Spoke To Dundalk Club

(Frank Macintyre in Sun-Times)

"Everyone in Britain—man, woman and child—is doing the task allotted to him, without grumbling, and the British fighting man is not getting the credit that is due him," declared Major Walter E. Harris of 'A' Squadron, 26th Army Tank Regt. Camp Borden, in addressing Dundalk Service Club at its annual meeting here, Friday night. Major Harris, whose home is at Markdale and who is a member of the House of Commons for the constituency of Grey-Bruce, has just recently returned to Canada after taking six months' training with armored units in various parts of England and Scotland.

"We perhaps do not realize that the casualties sustained by the British forces so far in this war reach almost 300,000 men—almost a third of the losses sustained in World War 1," Major Harris pointed out. The British press and the people themselves tend to minimize their contribution to the war effort, giving credit, much of which rightly belongs to themselves, to the armed forces of the Dominions and their Allies, stated Major Harris. The women are taking men's places in buses, on trains, manning anti-aircraft guns and in other capacities and civilians take on fire-watching and other duties in addition to carrying on their own businesses. "Fire watchers in most cases are on all night for three nights in succession," Major Harris explained, "and often don't get any sleep in that time, as they carry out their regular pursuits in daytime." Members of the Home Guard train two nights a week and take special training every week-end at a regular army camp. Major Harris went on to explain. Buses carry as many people in England as trains, and women carry out most of the duties except driving the buses and locomotives.

English and Scottish people are very hospitable to Canadian soldiers—and if more Canadians take leave to Scotland, it is because they may have been stationed in England and desire a change of scenery, the speaker suggested. When troop trains passed through England, service clubs or other organizations served buns and tea at stopping places.

Speaking about the British climate Major Harris stated, "I shivered in June and September—July and August were the only months in which I was comfortable." The year 1942 had seen the best crops and best summer in England in many years, he had been informed.

Speaking about damage by air raids, Major Harris said he had seen a certain English city which had been bombed "and if there are any of them any more, I don't want to see them." He explained that it is planned to make a large park out of the bombed area surrounding St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Major Harris also related his experience in a certain village when two German planes came over, supposedly to bomb the railway station. Their bombs missed the station, but one landed a short distance away, demolishing one house, blowing the windows out of the one alongside it and completely wrecking the third house in the row.

Explaining that the British civilians aren't taking any chances of giving information to a spy, Major Harris stated, "I have been purposely misdirected by people who knew exactly where I wanted to go." One must know exactly where places are which he wishes to get to or it is almost impossible to find the way, he added, explaining that all signs have been removed, and even the names of railway stations may only be found printed on paper in some obscure place on the building.

"The Canadian troops are impatient to get into action," Major Harris confessed, adding that the invasion of France in 1940 had taught a lesson, that an army cannot be too well prepared, and that till the time arrived when the army was prepared "we could only fight to defend." Reference was also made to the Dieppe raid of August 19. "This raid was not a futile one as many people try to make out," he declared. "It made us aware of some of our weaknesses in attack and certainly diverted attention when our African attack was in the making, the Germans believing we would again strike at France."

Declaring that "the Grey-Simcoe Foresters are the most fortunate unit in Canada", in that they have been stationed at Camp Borden most of the time since they were mobilized two and a half years ago, and that they have been close to home and friends, Major Harris pointed out the great advantage of armored training in unrestricted territory here, compared with the limited areas in Britain. Part of Major

Markdale Council

Minutes of the regular meeting of Markdale Council held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, when the members were all present and the Reeve presided.

York - Scott—That the County Treasurer be instructed to erase the following taxes from the defaulters' roll: Lot 15, Main Street; part 9, Main Street, \$77.47; part lot 10, Argyle Street, \$80.84; part lot 12, Argyle Street, \$76.69; part 11, Mark Street; part 99, range 1, S.W., \$25.00.

Merriam - Colgan—That by-law to close shops on Dec. 26th, be introduced, read the required number of times and finally passed.—Carried.

Merriam - Colgan—That the following Hydro accounts be paid: Collector of Customs, war tax, \$2.05; Bell Telephone Co., use of poles, \$19.80; Markdale Standard, billing forms, etc., \$13.00; Herb. Walker, salary, \$25.00; L. B. Mathews, salary, \$75.00, phone call 40 cents.

York - Scott—That the following general accounts be paid: H. Page, salary, \$62.00; J. Johnston, salary, \$62.00; A. Rusk, \$6.00; W. J. Colgan, \$6.00; A. E. Scott, \$6.00; Stan. York, \$6.00; H. S. Merriam, \$6.00; Mrs. V. Mercer, \$43.75; T. Tuck, \$56.25; Old Age pensions, \$8.00; Board of Health, \$10.00; Dr. R. L. Carefoot, Board of Health, \$100.00; W. Noble, Board of Health, \$10.00; C. R. King, yard light, \$7.20; J. A. Crowston, \$7.20; M. C. Richards, \$7.20; Murray Drug Store, \$7.20; G. A. Beaton, Division Court, \$40; County of Grey, use of grader, \$4; A. McClung, team work, \$5.00; Mrs. V. Mercer, stamps, \$12.00; W. N. Burnside, library furnace, \$25.00; W. W. Graham, car account, \$2.88; Hydro System, street lights, \$460.20; A. J. Norris, insurance on rink, \$101.50; Mrs. V. Mercer, collecting tax-arrears, \$50.00; Lucas & Glass, account, \$24.00.

York - Scott—That the following Waterworks accounts be paid: E. Jeffrey, salary, \$50.00, 20 hours work, \$6.00; Hydro System, pump, \$36.00, lights, \$2.41; Bell Telephone Co., account, \$3.55; H. Carter, salary, \$25.00; Village Treasurer, on loan, \$1000.00; W. Stoddart, work, \$2.25; W. N. Burnside, account, \$3.00; B. H. Walden, account, \$4.05; Roy Woods, account, \$31.50.

Colgan - Merriam—That Council favors renting skating rink to Dr. R. L. Carefoot for the season.—Carried.

York - Scott—That a new music box be installed at the rink at a cost of approximately \$125.00.—Carried.

New England W. A.

The December meeting of the New England Women's Association was held on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10th, at the home of Mrs. Nelson Wilcox, with a fair attendance. The Scripture, taken from Luke 2, was read by Miss Dorothy Wiley. The roll call was answered by a Christmas verse.

It was decided to send Christmas cards to the shut-ins. A vote of thanks was tendered to the continuing president and secretary-treasurer for their past year's work. A splendid financial report was given by the secretary-treasurer, of the year's work.

The election of officers resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Willard Wiley; 1st vice, Mrs. George Wiley; 2nd vice, Mrs. E. Wilcox; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Roy Kirkpatrick; assistant, Mrs. Frank Wiley; sunshine committee, Miss Ella Wiley; Mrs. Stanley Clugston, Miss Dorothy Wiley; program committee, Mrs. M. Devitt, Mrs. S. Clugston, Mrs. W. Clugston; organist, Mrs. Devitt; assistant, Mrs. Gordon Wilcox; flower committee, Miss Ella Wiley, Mrs. G. Wilcox; auditors, Mrs. Victor Wiley Miss Ella Wiley.

Mrs. Frank Wiley and Mrs. M. Devitt were appointed to remember the shut-ins after our social gatherings.

The program consisted of readings by Mrs. Frank Wiley, Miss Dorothy Wiley and Mrs. Nelson Wilcox. The exchange of Christmas gifts then took place. Meeting closed with the hymn, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour", followed by prayer.

A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Wilcox and her assistants, Miss Ella Wiley and Mrs. Roy Kirkpatrick. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Wiley.

Harris' training in Britain was in driving tanks, he stated. "Driving a tank is a young man's job", he declared.

Introduced in happy fashion by Rev. M. G. Butler, Major Harris was thanked in equally good style by Roy E. Clunas, who had served in the last war.

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WALTERS FALLS

Mrs. Herb. Lemon and little Betty of Euphrasia spent several days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemon.

The December meeting of the Red Cross Unit was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. H. R. Seabrooks. A fine collection of refuge sewing and knitting was on exhibition. Plans were made to have the articles packed and forwarded this month. A very satisfying financial report for the year was read. The election of officers was postponed for a meeting on Dec. 29th, with hopes for a good attendance. A quilting was held on Thursday when two quilts were added to the articles for shipment.

The December meeting of the W. I. was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. Rennie. A fair number was present. Mrs. Laycock read several short articles dealing with Home Economics. Mrs. W. I. Seabrook read the Christmas message. Two carols were used.

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