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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Mildred Bussey was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Nellie Hodgson of Toronto is a visitor with friends in town.

Mrs. Glenn McGee visited with friends in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of Toronto were visitors in town at the week-end.

Miss Lillian Hamilton of Toronto is a visitor with her mother and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Colgan of Toronto were week-end visitors with their parents.

Mrs. A. Hyslop of the Bank of Toronto staff is assisting in the office at Feversham.

Miss Phyllis Bowler, nurse-in-training at Hamilton General Hospital, is home on a week's holiday.

Miss Colleen Samson and Mr. Gerald Samson of Flint, Mich., are visitors with Mrs. C. W. Rutledge.

Messrs. N. L. Curry and Harold Curry of Toronto were visitors in town and at Rocklyn on Friday last.

Mrs. J. J. McGee is visiting with members of her family after spending the winter months in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Champion of Orangeville are visitors with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott.

At the sessions last week Grey County Council decided to keep all County roads open during the winter season.

Misses Mary Kinney and Mary McMillan have gone to Jordan where they will be employed on a fruit farm.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hale of Sudbury are visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. King and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Burnside.

Miss Margaret Dundas, who has been at home on sick leave for several months, is spending a few days in Toronto.

A number from Markdale attended the Tank Range re-union picnic at Harrison Park, Owen Sound on Saturday.

Messrs. Alex. Acheson and A. E. Colgan attended the funeral of the late R. J. Woods at Dundalk on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. J. Peart, Wm. and Esther attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Duncan Morrison at Dornoch on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCutcheon and family of Toronto were Sunday visitors with Mrs. A. McCutcheon and Miss Saddle.

Mrs. Fred Sparks, Mrs. James Diel and son, Jimmie, were visitors with the former's sister, Mrs. A. E. Colgan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews and family of Orangeville were Sunday visitors with the Tuck, Walker and Buschler families.

Mr. H. Elviage and granddaughter, Miss Madelin Weld of Delaware visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Adams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little and Miss Robena Little of Bethel were visitors on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Colgan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burnside and Mr. and Mrs. James Reid and Ruth of Goderich were visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. King.

Wingham Ranch Boys Orchestra will provide a program for a concert in Markdale on the evening of July 12th and will provide music for a dance afterwards.

Mr. Byron Hill and his mother, Mrs. Silas Hill spent Sunday in Toronto where they attended the christening of his twin daughters, Glenda Jane and Margaret Beaty.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley and Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Wiley and Kenneth of Fairmount, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wiley and family on Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. Shaw of Vandeleur, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Baker of Eugenia and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellis and Mr. R. Stafford of Kimberley visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker at Tavistock.

After a short visit with Mrs. Madden, Mark and Mary, Mr. Wm. Madden of Greenwood, B.C., and daughter, Mrs. G. Jones with son, Bill, of Princeton, have returned to British Columbia. They are expected back in the spring to spend the summer in Markdale.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. J. H. Johnston of this place was badly injured when a stick of wood was thrown by the saw at a buzz bee at the farm of Mr. A. Rusk. He was struck on the forehead and knocked unconscious. After spending the night in the local hospital he was taken to Toronto for an operation which was performed on Friday. He is now making satisfactory progress.

"A" and "B" Coys., Grey and Simcoe Foresters, under the command of Major F. W. Owen Sound and Capt. F. D. Sawyer of Markdale went to the Sarawak Ranges for rifle practice on Sunday. "B" Coy., which comes from Markdale, Durham and Meaford, was about sixty strong and all declared they had a splendid time. The troops arrived at the range at 10 a.m. and began their firing under the direction of Col. N. E. McDonald, C.O. of the regiment. Good scores were chalked up by the local boys who put into practice on the long range the things they had learned on the shorter 25-yard Armoury range. "B" Coy. will be going to camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake on July 16th and the whole unit is expecting a very instructive and interesting time.

W. B. Phillips, R.O., Eyesight Specialist, will be at The Murray Drug Store the 1st and 3rd Tuesday p.m. each month. Make appointment at the Drug Store.

Killed In Action

Friends in this district have received the sad news that Pte. Allan Bradey of Toronto was killed



Pte. Bradey has three aunts in this district, Mrs. Hugh Johnston, Euphrasia Twp., Mrs. David McCauley and Mrs. Wilmore McCauley, Holland Twp., where he had visited several times and was a favourite with all who knew him.

Pte. Albert Brown Reported Missing In France

Relatives here have received word that Trooper Albert Brown is reported missing. He enlisted on June 11th, 1941, and on that date in 1944 he was reported missing. His training was completed at Camp Borden and he went overseas in October 1941. Trooper Brown is 20 years of age, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, formerly of Euphrasia. He has one sister, Mrs. Leonard Bailey, in Toronto and three brothers, Earl in town, Carman three miles north and Ivan at Vandeleur.

John Grierson Chosen By Progressive Conservatives

At a largely attended meeting of Progressive Conservatives representing all parts of the Federal riding of Grey-Bruce held in Durham on Friday afternoon last Mr. John Grierson, drover and farmer of Bentinck township, was chosen as the standard bearer for the next general election. Mr. A. E. Ball of Hanover, President of the Association, was in the chair during the election of officers and for the convention at which the candidate was chosen.

The first business was the election of officers which resulted as follows:

President, Mr. A. E. Ball, Hanover

1st Vice-President, Mr. Campbell Grant, Walkerton

2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Pinkerton, Eugenia

Secretary, Mr. W. R. Brunt, Hanover

Treasurer, Mr. F. D. Sawyer, Markdale

When the delegates had been registered and each supplied with ballots, nominations were called for and ten candidates were named: Dr. L. G. Campbell and Mr. F. D. Sawyer of Markdale; Mr. John Spiez and Mr. Karl Knechtel of Hanover; Mr. J. P. Johnston of Brant Township; Mr. Campbell Grant and Mr. John Erdman of Walkerton; Mr. O. Stiegler of Mildmay; Mr. H. A. McCauley of Fiesher-ton and Mr. John Grierson of Bentinck.

The first six named withdrew and the delegates, two hundred and eleven in number, began voting. The first ballot eliminated Mr. Stiegler, the second Mr. Erdman and on the third Mr. Grierson received a greater number than Mr. McCauley. The choice was made unanimous on motion of Messrs. McCauley and Erdman.

Mr. Earl Desmond, M.P. for Kent, then spoke to the gathering referring

Officially Presumed Dead



Sgt. 'Dick' Fitch

Ptolemy - King

At the parsonage at Temple Hill on Saturday, June 17th, 1944, by Rev. E. V. Warren, Mr. Ernest Ptolemy of Holland and Mrs. Gertrude King were united in marriage. The will reside on the groom's farm on the townline near Walters Falls.

to the policies proposed by Mr. John Braeken, the leader of the Progressive Conservative party.

The meeting was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Sgt. Richard J. Fitch

Sergeant Richard J. Fitch, better known to his many friends as Dick, who has been missing since July 26th, 1943, after an air raid over Essen, Germany, has been officially declared presumed dead. This sad intelligence was released from Ottawa recently to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wilson of Glenelg.

Dick, a splendid example of young manhood, was born at Dunkirk, Sask., in 1922. His father, the late Walter Fitch, was the first teacher in the school there. After his father's death, Dick, with his mother and younger brother, Charles, came to reside near Markdale. Here he obtained his public school education by first attending Orange Valley school and finishing up at Lauriston school, where he obtained his High School Entrance certificate.

Since Dick was a very musical young chap he, at an early age, joined the Markdale Citizens' Band and when the call came for recruits in the Canadian Army, he very nobly responded and on December 6th, 1941, enlisted as a bugler at Manning Pool, Toronto. Later he became a security guard at Camp Borden where he merited his corporal stripes. Following this he took a thirteen months' course at Fingal, Ont., where he graduated third out of a class of twenty-three. This seems very remarkable due to the fact that Richard had had no high school education. Up to this date he was the first all Canadian to graduate from Fingal.

Arriving in England, November 5th, 1942, he attended an advanced school of training and was promoted in March, 1943, when he was made Flight-Sergeant. Following his graduation he went to an operational station. While on one of his first five flights over enemy territory his plane

was airborne for eleven and one-quarter hours. At the time that he was reported missing he had had twenty-six operations to his credit. He had almost completed his first tour of operations and had he done so, he would have become an instructor for a few months before commencing the second tour.

Richard Fitch was highly experienced and efficient in his trade and his loss was greatly mourned by all with whom he was serving overseas as well as his many friends here. Our sympathy is extended to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wilson (nee Dell Irving) and his young brothers, Charles and Keith.

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Ewer, who was a drug store clerk in Vernon, B.C., brought a Lancaster home from the Skoda Works attack recently on three engines after being airborne for 11 1/4 hours. He landed it safely, in spite of the double handicap of a useless engine and a flat tire, both casualties of a combat with an ME 210, one of Germany's latest type of nightfighter. It was the crew's fifth operation.

On their first they went to Duisburg, a short trip, it is true, but to 'Pappy Valley.' Then they went to Berlin. Later they were over Berlin again and a few nights ago they made a long hop to the Gulf of Genoa to bomb dockyards at Spezia. Nearly 40 hours of flying they've had in only five trips.

Marksmanship of the rear-gunner, an Englishman and the pilot drove off the ME 210, which attacked them when they were 200 miles homeward bound after bombing the Skoda plant at Pilsen in Czechoslovakia. Ewer was taking evasive action to avoid searchlights at the time of the attack. Using the searchlights as a blind for his approach the German came close and attacked at 300 yard range. He was seen by the rear-gunner as he came up from below and astern of the bomber. The Englishman opened up as the German let go his burst and Ewer, already in a dive, stuck the nose of the bomber down still further. Tracers beat around the German's fuselage and he broke off to starboard, where, as his belly showed, he caught another squirt from the English rear-gunner's four 303s. He was not seen again but his one burst had done enough damage to the bomber to make return to base a hazardous venture.

The starboard inner engine had been hit in its coolant system and the pilot had been forced to cut the engine and feather the propeller. The main-plane had been damaged. There were holes in the flaps and in the bomb-doors on the starboard side and it was probable with such a heavy attack on that side that the starboard undercarriage or landing wheel had suffered.

Already behind time, due to the evasive action while over the searchlights, Ewer was delayed by the loss of power and was faced with the prospect of crossing the dangerous, well-defended French coast in daylight.

"We took a very dim view of that," he relates.

After five wearisome hours flying on the three good engines, crossing the French coast safely, he finally reached base and made a successful landing on one wheel.

"The odds were that the starboard tire was damaged so I didn't take a chance on it," he remarked. "I was so tired after the long trip that I wanted to get her down. The port wheel carried us until we lost flying speed, then I put the starboard wheel down. We managed to stay on the runway, though she tried to swing off after I put the starboard wheel down."

The other trips made by this crew were uneventful except their second Berlin "do" when "flak" reached them over the target.

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Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Collinson of Cayton announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Jean Coleman, to L.A.C. Frank McKenzie Duncan, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Duncan of Fiesher-ton. The marriage will take place Saturday, July 1st, in Christ Church, Markdale, at 2 o'clock p.m.

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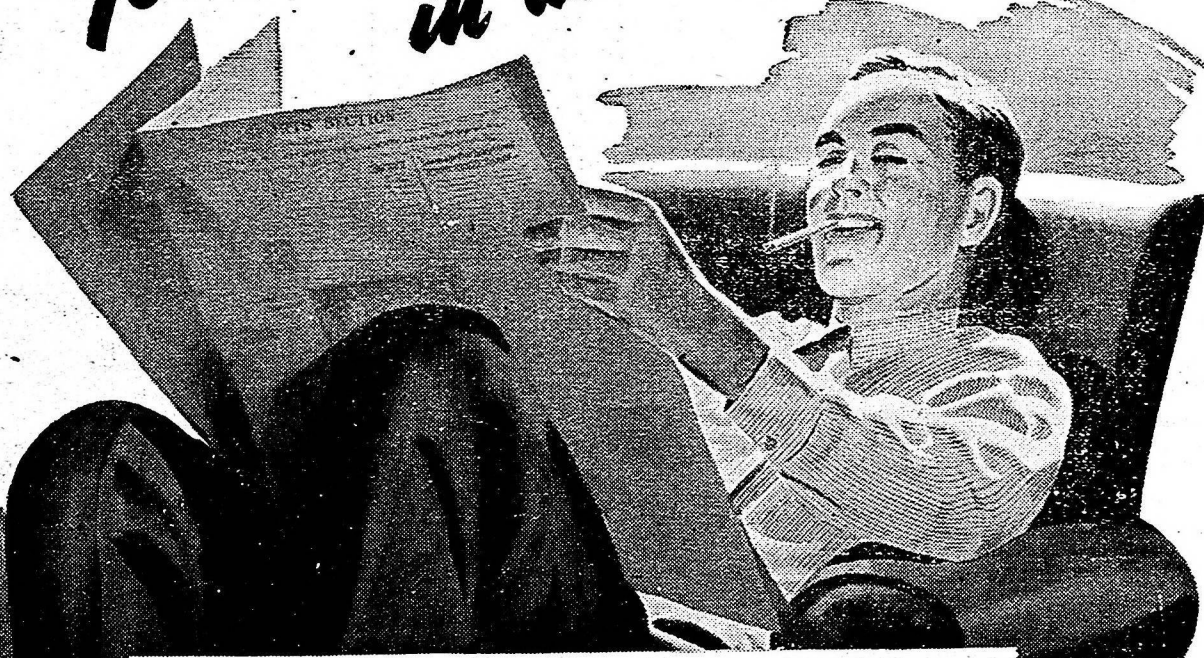
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