

**Diary**

# Feared possible Gestapo mauling

This is the fifth in a series of articles written by R. S. Stewart on his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany. Lt. Stewart was captured at Dieppe.

Much of our time in prison camp was devoted to keeping the guards from knowing what was taking place. Stogees were required for a variety of reasons, such as:

- (1) a tunnel was being built.
- (2) an escape was about to take place.
- (3) uniforms, civilian clothes or dummy rifles were being made.
- (4) some officers were listening to the radio.
- (5) we were to hear the news.
- (6) a new arrival was to inform us of developments.



CANADIAN OFFICERS AT OFLAG 94Z  
Lieut. Stewart is standing, second from right

When a tunnel was being built, we had to dispose of the dirt. There would be a steady line of POWs carrying Red Cross parcels filled with earth rather than food. One good spot to dispose of this was at the top of the building just under the eaves. Stogees had to be on the job ready to re-route this parade or to suggest that the work should cease for a time.

If a guard wandered in the direction of the tunnel, the workers had to be advised in good time so that they could hide tools, clean up the area and make the entrance look like any other spot. When our big tunnel was finally discovered, the area above the eaves was loaded and the school was about to collapse.

When it was time to hear the news, we would assemble in a large room. The reporter would stand on a table and inform us of the day's happenings. Outside the room, the stogees would be busy. Some would be walking around while others would be in groups chatting about this and that.

Some of the fellows would be playing bridge and others would be interested in hearing the news, but the most of us would be bored with the Nazi propaganda. As soon as the guard departed, the bridge game ended, the studying ceased and we were once more listening attentively to hear the real progress of the war.

Besides receiving the news, we obtained orders on our secret radio. For one thing, we might be told that, for the time being, no escapes were to be undertaken. Prisoners who were caught trying to escape were being given harsh treatment.

We often feared that some German group such as the Gestapo or the Volksturm (a wild lot half army and half civil-

ian) might overpower the guards and enter our camp with the intention of massacring the inmates. We had to prepare for this possibility. A plan for protecting ourselves was soon laid out.

The stogees were on the alert while meetings were held and protective weapons were gathered together. We also drew up an alternative plan which would allow us to break out of the camp en masse if conditions warranted it.

Platoons were formed with officers in charge. Each POW had his own weapon kept in a handy spot. It may have been a baseball bat or a heavy piece of metal. An innocent looking chain might fall apart when touched, producing weapons for a dozen chaps who would pick up its heavy legs and arms.

Certain individuals had soft-soled shoes, the more easily to reach and demobilize designated guards. These chaps could then obtain real weapons for our defence. Another group was detailed to obtain the rifles and ammunition from the stores.

We never had the opportunity of using our armory because the camp was not attacked and we were advised that it would be wiser for us to stay in our quarters until the advancing allies reached us.

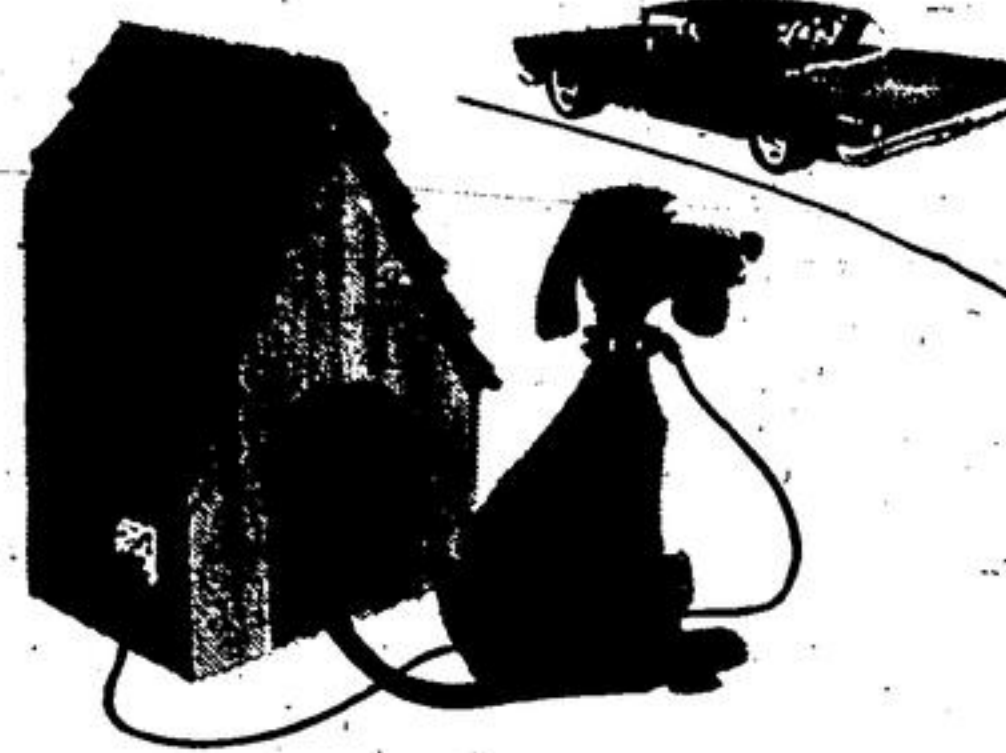
I do not know what would have happened if we had been besieged, but I do know that many of the invaders would not have lived to tell the tale. I seriously believe that we would have been victorious and headed into the open country with very few casualties.

Some of the more aggressive inmates were actually disappointed that we were never given the chance to prove our superiority.

**DO AS I SAY**

Golf, the popular game of millions, has an early history of interfering with duty. During the 15th century in Scotland parliament issued three decrees urging the "golfe" to be abolished in favor of archery, then essential in defending the nation. These efforts to suppress the game were unsuccessful, however, for the Scots continued to swat the ball.

# Bring 'em back ALIVE!



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- Stop at least once every three hours for a rest.
- Take it easy on crowded or unfamiliar roads.
- Always stay alert to changing driving conditions.

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—An E.M.O. crew held their practice at the deserted Harris woollen mill in Rockwood on Monday evening.



ON STAGE TO SING for parents and friends are the girls and boys of one of the classes at the Daily Vacation Bible School, held for the past two weeks at the Christian Reformed church. The closing concert was Friday. (Staff Photo)

**LIMEHOUSE**

## Picnic, meeting, deaths reunion in news of district

by Mrs. A. Benton  
Congratulations to Moreen Noble who recently got 92 in her grade two piano examinations as well as passing her theory.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Benton attended the annual King reunion at Thornbury on Sunday.

We extend sympathy to the Rose family in the passing of a little granddaughter at Port Credit.

We also send sympathy to Mrs. Douglas Scott on account of the tragic death of her grandfather, Mr. George Ford, who lost his life in a fire at Crystal Beach last week.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Bert Benton last Thursday evening. Mrs. Sanford taking the chair for her mother, who is holidaying in Saskatchewan. Scripture was read by Mrs. G. Booth and Mrs. Mills led in prayer.

Mrs. Sanford read from the study concerning the different religious sects in Canada and closed the meeting with prayer. The hostess served refreshments afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Booth and family hosted a Hume family gathering a week ago Sunday.

Due to unfavorable weather again, the postponed congregation and community picnic was held at Limehouse Memorial Hall instead of at Ross Lake on Friday.

# Craft, design school opens in September

Until this year, Canadians have had to go outside the country if they wanted to find the kind of training that will be offered by the Ontario Craft Foundation School of Design. In September, it will open with an expected enrolment of 50 in the former Lorne Park College at Port Credit.

The school will serve all of Ontario but will operate as a division of Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology, whose main building is in Brampton.

Enrolment will be varied. While three-quarters of the inquiries up to this time have been from recent high school graduates, there have also been some from older students. The usual requirement is graduation from grade 12 but, as is the case in all the colleges of applied arts and technology, mature students without grade 12 standing, but who seem to be good candidates, will be considered for admission.

A dean and four studio heads will constitute the staff for the time being.

The four areas of study will be — textiles; ceramics, which

will include glass; wood, principally its use in furniture and furniture design; and metals. In the first year, students will study design and work in all four media; in the second year, they will specialize.

Artists and designers of today must be businessmen, which has not been overlooked in the planning of the curriculum. The Brampton campus of Sheridan will provide instructors in business practice and English.

Sixty can be accommodated in residence on an attractive campus a stone's throw from the Queen Elizabeth Way just west of Highway 10. Applications are now being accepted and additional information is available from the Registrar of Sheridan College, whose temporary office is at 90 Dundas St. West in Cooksville.

# County Briefs

During the regular meeting of County Council this month members:

• Noted the county engineer had been authorized to initiate pre-engineering studies to determine the feasibility of improving the Guelph Road at Lovvillie.

• Learned the architectural firm of Dunlop, Wardell, Matsui, Aiken and Farrell had been named to design the Regional Detention Centre planned to serve Halton and Peel. The appointment is subject to the approval of the Minister of Reform Institutions.

• Paid tribute to Lloyd D. Dingle, a former Crown Attorney of the county, who passed away recently.

• Noted the Halton County Jail employees had applied for certification and a hearing before the Labor Relations Board was held July 19.

• Noted the Road Committee had accepted the tender of King Paving and Materials Ltd. in the amount of \$155,118.50 for the reconstruction of a part of county road 26 (Waterdown Road).

## Halton County Standings

(as of July 17)

	W	L	%	GBL
Dundas	11	3	78.6	
Burlington	12	4	75.0	
Campb'l	11	4	73.3	1/2
Hamilton	11	5	68.7	1
Oakville	9	6	60.0	2 1/2
Georgi'n	6	9	40.0	5 1/2
Preston	4	11	26.7	7 1/2
Water'n	4	33	23.5	8 1/2
Milton	1	14	6.7	10 1/2

**OBITUARY**

### Mrs. A. J. Aitken dies in 84th year

In her 84th year, Mrs. Jean (Hewat) Aitken of R. R. 3, Acton, passed away in Guelph General Hospital on July 7, after an illness of a month. Mrs. Aitken was born at Rockwood and was married there in 1911 to Andrew J. Aitken, who predeceased her. She was a graduate of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Her main interests in recent years had been her grandchildren and her flowers. She is survived by a son and daughters, Calvin J. Aitken, R. R. 3, Acton; Annie (Mrs. Gordon Leslie) R.R. 3; Jean (Mrs. George Jackson) R.R. 3, Acton and Irene (Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer) R.R. 2, Acton, and Edna (Mrs. Michle George) Georgetown, 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and a brother A. R. Hewat of Mimico. She was predeceased by three sisters.

She had lived for the past five years with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Leslie.

She was a member of Knox Home Helpers and of Green-cook Women's Institute.

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Monday, July 10, conducted by the Rev. Gordon Turner. Interment was in Everton Cemetery.

Surviving as well as her husband are sons Kenneth, R.R. 4, Rockwood and Doug, Guelph; daughter Dorothy (Mrs. K. E. Scott) Ottawa; brothers Harry, Richard, George and Charlie, all in England; sisters Edith, Elna and Foll, all in England; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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### Mrs. A. McDonald buried at Fairview

After an illness of six months, Dorothy Violet McDonald of R. R. 4, Rockwood, passed away in Toronto General Hospital on July 4. The wife of Alexander McDonald, she was 73 years of age.

Funeral service, conducted by the Rev. G. Turner, was at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on July 7 and interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were a nephew, Alex. Thompson; and Doug Guthrie, Tom Shannon, Robert Turner, James McEachern and George Abram. Flower bearers were Joe Whyte, Don Campagnola, Frank Pink and Lorne Fletcher.

Mrs. McDonald was born in 1894, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bight, and came from England to Canada in 1917. She and Mr. McDonald were married in London in 1915. They moved from Willowdale, Toronto to R. R. 4, Rockwood, 40 years ago.

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