

Drummers' Patriotic Outing

Born in History of Club—Large Crowd Enjoy Second Program

At Georgetown in 1918

The most successful outing in the history of the Drummers' Patriotic Club was held last Friday. The weather was fine and the large attendance at the open air concert on Friday evening and at the sports on Saturday afternoon, was well deserved proof that the citizens of Georgetown were anxious to see the annual visit of the members of the Sunbeam Club, who visit us annually, program their arrangements each year for the pleasure and entertainment of their guests. Never before was the attendance so large or the program so interesting as that presented by the Sunbeam Club. Over 3000 people present at the open air concert on Friday evening. More than 800 autos passed through the Park gate and there were dozens of horse drawn vehicles.

President J. H. Miller made an excellent speech and his opening address expressed his pleasure at the large attendance, and thanked all for their interest and assistance in the efforts of the Sunbeam Club to raise money, for patriotic purposes. An open air concert followed the both band and solo performances by numerous soloists from first class artists, prominent which were: Miss Margaret Park-Wilson, of Toronto; The Hamel Sisters of Hamilton; Little Miss Trixie, Louise and Gladys Male Quartet; Miss Dorothy Williams, contralto, and Misses Mary and Helen, Canadian models, and popular farm girls in alto-soprano and violin solos.

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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This newspaper is not being kept in as much a condition as usual. While some sections are kept better than others and many plots look neat and trim, upon the whole it looks rather neglected. This should not be so. We hope to be able to note a change for the better almost immediately.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Post Office Dept. are issuing a Post Card to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation. The Card need is the ordinary Post Card, with an inset containing information of the various Provinces existing in 1867 and now, and also statistical information in regard to the area, population, general development and industry of the country since 1867. The Dept. has also in contemplation the issuing of a commemorative stamp, to consist of an engraved reproduction of Harris' Painting, "The Fathers of Confederation."

The committee on Sabbath observance of the Toronto Methodist Conference complained that there was too much Sabbath breaking and that motor riding on Sunday has increased to an alarming extent. It is true the auto is providing an easy means for transporting people, and some are missing church services on Sundays, but on the other hand, the auto is also the means whereby church attendance can be increased. Voices will not help church attendance. Church officials must entitle the people to put their church first, and to them there must be voices of deep interest, and more devoutness on the part of professing Christians.

The Hawley time is rapidly approaching. In fact hayng has well progressed during the unusually good hay weather and the wheat is turning. Nearly all crops are reported a good average, the chief exception being tree crops, which with rare exceptions are unusually poor. Apples especially are reported a failure, while peaches, pears, plums and cherries are not more than a 75 per cent crop. Roots and vegetables promise well, and all garden products are abundant. There is promise of a large yield of potatoes, although rot is threatening in some districts. It is hoped that the price of these will not reach the fabulous figures of the past season.

The following proclamation has been issued by the Ontario Government: "Whereas Saturday the 4th day of August, 1917, will be the third anniversary of the declaration of war and the occasion calls for fitting and solemn recognition throughout our Province:

"We therefore, believing it to be right and proper that our people should at that time reaffirm their belief in the righteousness of the cause for which we are fighting and their inexorable determination to continue the struggle until victory has been achieved, have thought fit by and with the advice of our Executive Council for the Province of Ontario to appoint and do hereby appoint the said day to be observed throughout our Province of Ontario in the manner aforesaid:

"And we do hereby urge the calling of public meetings throughout our Province on the date mentioned for the purpose of stimulating the devotion and patriotism of our people and of embodying these sentiments in appropriate resolutions and thereby uniting them effectually for the supreme effort which is necessary to bring to a victorious issue the struggle for the maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the allies."

New and serious problems for town merchants in Ontario are foreshadowed by the action of a large Toronto mail order house in establishing outlet departments in the towns throughout Ontario. The mail order evil has been serious enough but now the big mail order outlets have taken another step and placed a personal representative in an adjoining town. With its frontiers enlarged, the big business houses will doubtless be encouraged to posticipate further encroachments on the rights of smaller merchants. There is one clearing aspect of the case and that is that the right hand silly of the big merchants is also available for the help of the small merchants. We refer to the power of effective newspaper advertising. Indeed, is one way the small merchant has the big fellow handicapped in the race for local trade and favor. Most of the town newspapers and refuse to accept mail order advertising. This leaves the local merchants with a free field in which to practice intensive cultivation of selling ideas looking to the greater production of paying customers. The funny part of it is that many local merchants are content to let the big fellow in the city see their own particular business end with the seed of mail order literature without so much as putting in a counter crop. They seem to trust the local editor to keep the evil seed plowed up. Personally, we have done considerably plowing of that sort, and the time is coming when the mail order slave will be personally represented and then what is nobody's business (but ought to be local merchant's business) will become paying business for the big store's representative.

Mrs. Wm. Henry of Terra Cotta has purchased the brick house on Main St., belonging to Isaac Watson. Sale was made by K. A. Beagham, Georgetown.

From British Camp

We have received the following interesting letter from Whitley Camp:

Dear Joe,
I am sending you a few lines to tell you about my life here. I am staying at the Hotel in Georgetown, as I thought I would drop you a few lines in regard to the 10th Regt. Hospital. Of course you know we are being treated in this country as we were in France. The hospital is very comfortable and the food is good for us. We are here for two weeks. While I was here Jim came over to see me and we would go for walks there for twenty-eight days. Well that didn't sound very encouraging, but the camp wasn't up to much either. The camp was built up in three weeks. The tents were put up in three weeks. The men were sent to East Endling but were only two days there. We were broken up and mixed with the 120th, 178th, 204th and 215th, with the 120th, 178th, 204th and 215th. We went on pass for a week. I went to London then to Edinburg, Scotland, and before we came back to Georgetown we had a rest. At first I was ordered to carry on busines with the 175th Regt. Shoemakers. I reported to him but he didn't give me much responsibility, so I made the 176th Regt. Shoemakers. I was given a first option to go to 175th. We got a fine new open top and were getting along fine when word came to pack up and get ready to move because the 164th had been reorganized. We left Edinburg Monday morning for Whitley where we are now carrying on the same work as before. We were sent to Kipland and are now here. At first I found it hard to get gasoline to run the engine. You know over here you can't buy gasoline without a permit. I managed to buy a few gallons at the gas station and Canadian money has no value but we had to draw above to bear the bill all right.

You know Joe this is a wonderful country, very beautiful no matter where you go. It was also very pretty down in Scotland. I might add that when we were down in Scotland it was almost a case of shooting kills, in fact most of our boys were there while on pass and they certainly made quite a hit, especially in Scotland. I didn't wear them out in Scotland. I didn't wear them out in Georgetown. I got one lone octopus. I suppose it's bad enough to have cold feet without having wet ones. Get in this camp you can wear anything you like. It's terrible the price of everything over here just now. I might say, much to the discredit of the commanding, when they came over the first contingent, when they came over they had to pay double for clothes and when they had them let it fly making out that all Canadians were well dressed. Oh this is some country and everybody is doing there best. The roads are all paved and very beautiful with trees planted along them.

Now Joe I want to impress on you that we have a fine Battalion having received a few drafts. Once a Battalion is split up it's a hard proposition to re-organize again, but very much to the credit of the Battalion. It was a hard task to make it alright. All the boys are fine at least mostly all and you ought to hear our band—some else. Our bugle band broke up and remains so, and I'm not sorry—they would drive a man crazy in that. Things are pretty hot at the moment.

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Well Joe I think I will go to bed. Harry Ormsby and Tom Allen wish to be remembered and you can look for us home about December. Regards to all.

Good night, Bob.

J. H. Hallington

June 24, 1917.

Dear Sister,

I received your letter dated May 23d yesterday, which of course in all odds. Yes, my mother is coming in all right and I expect she will pass over and you now thinking of my next one, which will finish our training here. I liked the Infantry drill but the M.G.H. is far better and hope I do not have to go to that again. I am not fond of the M.G.H. but of the machine gun, which will give you an idea of our work. We are having the weather just enough rain to cool the air. Our meals are very good now. I often think of the ice-creams we have over home. I have only had one since I came home and cost me nine cents but not about half as much as I paid in Canada for five cents. Percy and I are feeling fine. Love to all.

Yours brother, Bob.

Miss Nora Wilson, of Stawbridge, is spending a few weeks with friends here.

Miss Olive MacKenzie, of St. Catharines, is spending the week-end at home here.

Mr. T. W. Wals spent the week-end in Toronto.

Miss Laura Scott of Acton is the guest of her cousin Miss Eleanor Beaumont.

The most excited member of the season will be the play on the local stage on Saturday, Aug. 4th at 8 p.m. Georgetown vs. Glenwilliams.

Master Harry Neaves of Georgetown spent a few days with friends here.

The waterworks committee has been doing some work on the Maple Grove Avenue. We cannot say why it is spilling but it cannot be used in town.

Master Harry Robinson and Arthur Hargraves of Toronto are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bludd.

An income tax for war purposes is proposed by the Minister of Finance. Although there will probably be some change in the tax as proposed will turn out as follows:

Your per cent upon income exceeding \$9,000 per annum in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children.

The same tax on incomes exceeding \$9,000 in the case of other persons is added to the following super-tax to be imposed:

Where income exceeds \$6,000 and does not exceed \$10,000, 10 per cent.

Where income exceeds \$10,000 and does not exceed \$30,000, 10 per cent.

Where income exceeds \$30,000 and does not exceed \$50,000, 10 per cent.

Where income exceeds \$50,000 and does not exceed \$100,000, 15 per cent.

Where income exceeds \$100,000, 20 per cent & 5% of the amount on incomes exceeding \$100,000 in the case of corporations or joint stock companies.

The plan will work out as follows:

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