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Georgetown Women were Not on Ill-fated Athenia

Fear that they Might have been Returning on this Ship. Caused Much Concern in Community.

Of the three known Georgetown women who are visiting friends in England, all are reported to be still in the Old Land. When news was received of the sinking of the S. S. Athenia by a German submarine, anxiety was felt for the safety of these ladies, who, it was reported, might have taken this boat for home. However, the minds of loved ones at home were relieved when a cable was received stating they would not sail for some time. Those visiting in England are Mrs. Sam. Walker, Mrs. Chris. Sargent and Mrs. Fred Yates.

CHURCH NEWS

St. George's Church
Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, Rector.
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: Holy Communion 8 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 7 p.m.

St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church
Minister—Rev. D. D. Davidson, M.A.
Sunday, Sept. 10—10 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. public worship. The minister will preach. Everyone welcome.

The United Church
Rev. P. C. Overend, B.A., Minister.
The Sunday school will meet at 10 a.m. Morning and evening worship will be held at 11 and 7 o'clock. The subject for the morning will be "A Message for Grey Days," and in the evening, "Keeping one's footing in a slippery time." Wednesday evening service for prayer and Bible Study will be held at 8 o'clock.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. G. Baxter, Minister. 10 a.m. Church School. 11 a.m. Morning worship and communion service. 7 p.m. Evening gospel service. Thursday 8 p.m. Prayer service. A welcome to all.

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MARRIED
WILLIAMS—ALLEN—On Saturday, September 2nd, 1939, at Glen Williams United Church, by the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, Bertha Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen, to Albert James Gwynne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Williams, both of Glen Williams.

CLARK—HURLEY—In St. George's Church, Georgetown, on Friday, September 1st, 1939, by Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, Edna May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hurley of Georgetown, to Mr. James Davey Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clark of Glen Williams.

DIED
REID—At her home, Acton, Ontario, Thursday, August 31st, 1939, Martha E. Reid, daughter of the late Rev. Hugh Reid, late of Erin.

SHEPHERD—In Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday, September 3rd, 1939, John Shepherd, dearly beloved infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shepherd, aged 4 years, 5 months.

OBITUARY

GEORGE EARL WILSON
With the death in Galt General Hospital, Aug. 26th, of George Earl Wilson, Ashgrove community loses a well-known and beloved citizen. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson and was born July 22nd, 1885. Surviving him is his widow, formerly Ellen Hartley, to whom he was married eighteen years ago; one sister, Mrs. Stanley Gowland of Milton, and five brothers, Wilnot J. (Phm. B.) Windsor, Dr. Arthur Woodstock, Frank of Esquimaux, Guy and Fred of Esquimaux Township.
The funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 29th, at 2:30 p.m. from his late residence and were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. O. Totton. Interment took place in the family plot, Hillcrest Cemetery, Montreal. The pallbearers were his school-day friends of the deceased, namely: D. F. Wright, A. J. Ruddell, C. B. Dick, Fred Wrighthead, George Currie, Thos. Brownridge. The floral tributes and the large number of friends and relatives present indicated the high esteem in which Mr. Wilson was held. He was a faithful member of A.H. grade United Church and had been an elder since church union. He also took a keen interest in community activities, among them being the agricultural exhibits of the district fairs. All who knew him would honorably and dutifully. He will be greatly missed by his wife and loved ones but they will cherish the memory of a devoted husband and a dear brother, who through life found joy in giving his best to them. His cheerfulness and high courage during his illness were indeed a fine example to all.
"God sometimes calls those servants home. Whose years are in their prime. But he has better measure than The pendulum of time: Some workers quickly do their task Of service and of love. So their promotion early comes To higher work above."

WILLIAM COLE
Another of Acton's elderly and highly respected residents passed away on Monday, when William Cole died at his home on Frederick Street. About seven weeks ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he failed to rally, and gradually failed. He was in his eighti-seventh year.
Born on the farm on the sixth line at lot 29, Esquimaux, which is now owned by his son, Fred, he was the son of the late Peter Cole and Sarah Price. He had spent all his life in this district and none was better acquainted or held in more general high esteem in this district of his life-time. His wife, Margaret Jane Reid, predeceased him forty-six years ago. Four daughters and one son remain to preserve a memory of a beloved father: McKay, Esquimaux; Mrs. John Kirkwood, Erin; Miss Emma, at home; and Fred, on the homestead, just east of Acton. One brother, Robert, also remains at Balljnfad.
Eleven years ago William Cole retired from the farm on the sixth line and went to Acton in retirement. He took a keen interest in the affairs of the community and enjoyed the years of leisure just as citizens of Acton enjoyed his bright and cheery personality. He will be missed about the community. All enjoyed the friendly greeting he invariably had and the conversations he had with friends, young and old. In spite of his years, William Cole didn't grow old.
He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and a regular attendant at the services. In politics he was a life-long Conservative and he had championed the party of his choice against all. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, with a brief service at the home, followed by a service in Knox Church, conducted by his minister, Rev. H. L. Bennie. Here numbers of friends gathered to pay tribute to a life admired. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. The pallbearers were Messrs. Robt. Erwin, Percy Cleave, Fred Thompson, Chris. Moffat, James Eccles and Robert Miller.
Among the floral tributes that bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held were the following: Pillow, from the family; and the floral offerings from Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mann; Mr. and Mrs. James Reid; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reid; Mr. and Mrs. Angus Thompson; Grandchildren: Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Nelson and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Ritchie; Mr. LeRoy Dale, K.C.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. Collier; Mrs. Robert Cole and Mrs. Chester Burt; Mrs. T. J. Sully; Knox Church Choir; Family of late Henry Cole; Mr. and Mrs. C. Outis and Molly—Free Press.

TIME WAS WHEN
We copy the following from the agricultural page of the Dunnville Gazette, which is being written by Rev. R. Field Elliot, of Wellandport, formerly of Appleton.
Time was when Farmer Cornstassel's wheat crop failed to appear as per schedule with other undeniable signs of spring, but instead came row upon row of thin mealy-looking spears of grass-like growth instead, he knew in a jiffy his crop of wheat had turned into drips, or cheat, or choss, according to the part of Ontario in which he lived.
Yes sir, there it was proven right before your face and proven facts produced in plain sight are undoubtedly hard to refute.
Farmer C. spoke with conviction. He was as convinced of the miraculous transmutation of his wheat crop into something else as he was of his own testimony at Sunday morning class meetin'! And for the same reason—he had told it so often.
To give him due credit for his own observation, it certainly did look, in those hallowed days of moon-guided agriculture, as if Satan himself had got into the wheat.
Good seed had been planted the previous fall. Careful cultivation had been attended to. The crop went into the winter with good prospects for a fair return. And then! April sends up a spindly growth of disappointing stuff that is anything but wheat in appearance to give birth to a superstition that has been hard to uproot.
There are still well-meaning people who plant their seeds by the phase of the moon. There are still a few who place a pan of milk inside the kitchen door at night to placate evil spirits. We could even produce some who are convinced that baby loads come down with the showers. And, by the same token, there may be yet a few who can't imagine anything else happening to the lost wheat crop but that it turned into "drips." Flipp! Just like that.
Usually the farmer is a good judge of those plants which, if successful, bring him in an income. He has not always been an authority on those plants which were a nuisance to him and which occasionally defeated his best efforts to bring a livelihood from the soil. He has too often been satisfied with appearances rather than set out to find the facts behind the evidence. Well, that is a condition that is fast disappearing. Today, any well-informed farmer knows that his wheat crop never came up that spring as "drips" or anything else. It was a plain case of winter killing. What did appear though was a grass, a winter-annual, that seldom winter-kills, known variously as drips, cheat or choss. It has a thin chaff-like seed which, till recent years, was not removed by a fanning mill. So thin and hard to catch sight of was it, that most farmers actually planted, year by year, quantities of it without ever knowing of its existence.
"This grass is not often killed by hard winter conditions which will wipe out a wheat crop and, if sowed with the wheat, will appear in parallel rows where the wheat ought to be. Hardy as it is with regard to frost, it is however, usually choked out of existence by a sturdy-growing crop of grain which grows faster and leaves no chance for the drips amongst the spring growth.
Like many other and similar notions aimed to explain natural occurrences, whose cause was not otherwise plain, the above belief is now merely amusing to intelligent farmers. If any there be who require further persuasion we refer them to any Guide to Native Grasses, or even suggest an enquiry of the Department of Agriculture.
And yet, time was when, and still is, that
"A man convinced against his will Is of the same opinion still."

More Traffic Officers Needed to Teach Safe Driving

(Orilla Packet and Times)
The motor car continues to take its terrible toll of life. In some cases, the deaths are due to accident; in too many instances they are crimes.
The distressing feature of the situation is that so little is being done to put a stop to the slaughter of innocent victims that fall under the latter category. There is much talk and pleading, but little action.
The most promising suggestion for reducing the number of "accidents" occasioned by breaches of the law or regulations is an increase in the number of traffic officers. If motorists understood that the law meant what it said, that it was not subject to individual interpretation as to the circumstances, and that habitual evasion or breaches would certainly bring punishment there would soon be a very marked difference in the character of driving on the highways. The careful driver would not be subjected to one or more nerve wracking experiences in every hundred miles; and there would be a marked diminution in motor casualties.
It is not necessary that every minor breach of the law, involving at the moment no risk to others, should be followed by a fine. A courteous warning in such cases, coupled with the understanding that half a dozen such check-ups, reported to headquarters, would involve an inevitable penalty, would soon work a revolution on the highway. There could be no more effective method of educating motor drivers in safe driving. Flagrant violations of the law, endangering the lives of others, would, of course, continue to meet immediate punishment, but far more frequently.
The authorities, we imagine, have been deterred from taking this course by two considerations. The first is the expense. But against the toll in human life this is not to be considered. If the Canadian Government can call out ten thousand men to preserve property against sabotage in case of war, the financial Government should not hesitate to employ a couple of hundred motor cyclists to make the roads safe for motorists in times of peace. For while war demands awful sacrifice of life and limb in a short space of time, in the long run the motor car will take a heavier toll, unless the frequency of "accidents" is sharply reduced.
The second deterrent, we imagine, is occasioned by the tendency on the part of the public to rebel against strict enforcement of the law. The moment the police begin to attempt to carry out their duty there is an outcry against

"traps" and "unreasonable enforcement." There is an idea that every man (and woman) should be allowed to judge for himself as to whether the law should be observed under the particular circumstances of the moment. Canadians need to be taught that law must be observed as long as it is law, whatever one's personal opinion as to its advisability or reasonableness. No more effective method of bringing this about can be imagined than for someone in a place of power and authority with the courage to risk his political life in his determination to put a stop to the slaughter of human life, by enforcing observation of the regulations governing motoring. In the long run we predict he will be acclaimed as a public benefactor.

—It is the easiest thing in the world for us to raise the devil with our children for raising the devil we used to raise ourselves when we were children.

THE RIGHT WAY

If you watch a person who is not used to hard work attempt to lift a heavy weight, you will notice that he invariably bends his back, keeps his legs straight, and then reaches down and lifts the object. This puts the greater part of the strain upon the back.
The best way to lift a heavy weight is to keep your back straight, bend your knees, grasp the object with your hands, and push up with your legs, putting the hardest work on your legs, which can stand a heavier strain than your back.

—R. J. Deachman, M.P., North Huron, was the winner of \$1,000 first prize, for writing a short constructive letter to Red Book Magazine criticising that periodical. Mr. Deachman is a journalist by profession.

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