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## Medical Officer of Health Presents Annual Report

### Sanitation Unsatisfactory—Free Diphtheria and Small Pox Clinic—Full-time Public Health Nurse Recommended.

Dr. C. V. Williams, M.O.H. for Georgetown, presenting his annual report, stresses the need of a full-time Public Health Nurse for the town. He points out that arrangements might be made with one or two neighboring municipalities for a division of her services and salary. Sanitary conditions are unsatisfactory, and will be so until the installation of a sewage system. This was turned down by the ratepayers when voted upon, but it is planned to bring this to the people again in 1942, when debenture debt will be lower.

Dr. Williams emphasizes the advantages of the free diphtheria and smallpox clinics conducted each year, and states that parents should not wait until children are of school age to have them immunized against these diseases.

The town was free of epidemics during 1939, and no deaths occurred from communicable diseases.

Following is the report in detail:—

To the Chairman and Members, Local Board of Health of the Municipality of Georgetown, Ont. Gentlemen:

I beg to submit herewith my annual report upon the health and sanitary condition of the municipality for the year ending December 31st, 1939.

#### Statistical Statements

Our population, as shown by the Assessor's returns is 2451. According to the records of the Division Registrar, there occurred during the year 10 births, which were no stillbirths. Deaths from all causes numbered 14. There occurred 1 death under 1 year and no maternal deaths.

Information regarding Georgetown births and deaths occurring outside of the Municipality is not available, so the above figures do not reflect the true local situation. Generally speaking, child and maternal mortality has been exceptionally low. Heart disease, particularly in those of advancing years, and cancer, account for a large percentage of deaths.

#### Financial Statement

Revenue: Total revenue received by the Local Board of Health was nil. Expenditures: The total spent during the year was \$400.00.

(1) Amount paid for salaries was as follows: Medical Officer of Health \$200.00; Public Health Nurse, none; Milk Inspector, \$200.00; Other salaries, none; total for salaries \$400.00.

(2) Total amount spent on treatment and control of communicable diseases was none, of which there was nothing spent for hospitalization.

#### Summary of Progress in the Local Health Programme

In this section, I wish to speak of the work accomplished during the year in general terms only, as more detailed accounts of specific projects and problems follow in the course of the report. Under the statutes certain duties are required of the Local Board of Health, and I shall deal with them first.

#### A—Sanitation:

Due to inadequate means of waste disposal, the sanitary condition of the Municipality cannot be classed as good. Domestic and factory waste is being cared for in most cases as well as possible under present conditions, but leave much to be desired. Little more can be done to improve the situation until a sewer system is installed. During the year the ratepayers were given an opportunity of expressing their opinions, favourable or unfavourable to the installation of a sewer system. The result of voting gave the Council no option but to give up the project for the present. The chief reason for opposition was probably the expense involved. In many informed quarters it was felt that a more favourable receipt would be given in 1942, when a large block of debentures will be retired, and it is planned to again make an attempt at that time.

Sanitary conditions in both schools are very good.

The privies and garbage dump in our park do not give visitors a good impression of town sanitation. Sewer facilities will correct the former. The development of a town garbage collection service with some modern method of disposal, such as incineration, will correct the latter at a low cost.

#### B—Milk:

All milk and Cream sold in Georgetown is pasteurized. The Milk Inspector (Dr. Learmonth) has visited the herds producing milk for our dairies from time to time and is responsible for the healthfulness of all milk brought into town for pasteurization. The herds of these producers are free from Tuberculosis and Contagious Abortion. They are also regularly tested by our Milk Inspector for infected udders. The pasteurization plants are subject to his frequent inspections. In addition a Sanitary Engineer from the Ontario Department of Health visits the plants and in collaboration with your Medical Officer of Health and Milk Inspector recommends and enforces the provision of up to date machinery and proper technique.

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#### HEALTH REPORT

The following is the report of communicable diseases by the M.O.H. to Georgetown Board of Health for March, 1940:

Diphtheria	0
Scarlet Fever	0
Chickenpox	0
Measles	0
German Measles	0
Mumps	0
Infantile Paralysis	0
Typhoid Fever	0
Whooping Cough	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis (Epidemic)	0

## Canada War at

(Released by Censors)

### ENEMY SPIES POSE AS WAR-GODMOTHERS

Ottawa—An order issued recently by the Department of National Defence brings to mind the memories of a favorite enemy spy trick of the Great War. The order forbids soldiers to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting strangers to communicate with them. It forbids them to reply to such advertisements or invitations. They must not in any other way communicate with strangers concerning military matters.

A popular enemy stratagem to obtain military information is to employ women spies to pose as "war godmothers." On the contrary, the practise is endorsed if done through persons of the soldier's family or of his family circle or through a responsible welfare agency.

The Department does not forbid members of the C.A.S.F. to have "war godmothers." On the contrary, the practise is endorsed if done through persons of the soldier's family or of his family circle or through a responsible welfare agency.

There are worse fates Germans could suffer than being interned in Canada during war time, for instance being free in their own Fatherland. This on the testimony of those wards of the Canadian government who still retain their German nationality. Extracts from their letters to their friends are the best proof of this, and incidentally demonstrate that in this country the International Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War is interpreted in the broadest and most humane spirit.

One letter from a prisoner in the internment camp at Petawawa explains the sense and feeling of numerous others however much the words may differ. He writes:

"The treatment is very kindly and the food very good and be sure many got no so good to eat as they have here."

Another assures his relatives:

"Here in the camp we are looked after all right. We have enough decent food and everything is going on smoothly. We are free all day to do what we like, either go for a walk or while away the time in the recreation hall. In some respects we are better off than the Militia as we have a German cook. Of course it is not as nice as to be with my darling—however, it is not too bad at all."

One of the prisoners at Petawawa knows something of the last war and of the conditions then prevailing in his homeland, as this excerpt shows:

"I have to give the authorities a lot of credit for the treatment they are giving us—all of them from the Com-mandant down to a private are as pleasant as possible. Food is good and for sure better than we had it at home in Germany during the last war. Clothing is also sufficient."

In Canadian eyes these internees are neither automata nor brutes. The fortunes of war have placed them where they are but it is evident on their own testimony what can be done to mitigate their lot is done. The free and genial air fostered under our democratic system permeates even the confinement of their prison camps, and the humanity and kindness of their temporary jailers contrasts strikingly with what they could expect under similar conditions in their own land.

When John David Eaton donated his twin-engineered monoplane to the Royal Canadian Air Force, it was the first Beechcraft to enter the service. The plane is powered with a 300 horsepower engine, has a cruising speed of 195 miles per hour and has seating capacity for eight persons; two pilots and six passengers.

The new Army physical training tables bear little resemblance to the old "physical jerks" of the Great War. The methods used in Canada are those recently adopted by the army gymnastic staff in England. The new methods aim at co-ordination of eye, brain and muscle and the development of flexibility and endurance rather than large muscles and strength.

Measures to control sales and purchases of authorized explosives have been adopted by the Government on the recommendation of the Minister of Mines and Resources. A record of sales by authorized vendors must be kept for submission upon request to an inspector or peace officer. Only one approved statement is required in a calendar year from bona fide owners or operators of mines or quarries.

Veterans enlisted in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for war-time duties receive the medical and surgical treatment privileges accorded to regular members of the Force.

In order to expedite delivery of cables addressed to members of the C.A.S.F. overseas, the following registered cable address has been secured: "Canrecord, London." All cables for personnel of C.A.S.F. should be addressed as follows: Regimental number, rank, name, Canrecord, London.

A Prisoners of War Information Bureau has been organized. Enquiries regarding Canadian citizens in Germany or Poland, or Canadians who may be prisoners of war, should be sent to Colonel Hubert Stehlem, Director, Prisoners of War Information Bureau, Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa. Enquiries about Canadians who are interned in Belgium or other neutral countries, should be addressed to the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, or the Canadian Legation or British Embassy concerned.

## Georgetown Women's Institute Meeting

The April meeting of the Georgetown Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Howard Kentner on Wednesday afternoon, April 3rd.

Despite a very rainy afternoon, there were 16 members present. The meeting opened with the usual opening-ode and prayer after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and several items of business arising out of the correspondence were dealt with.

Mrs. Livingstone gave a very full and gratifying report of the work done by the Institute at the Red Cross rooms. Mrs. George Campbell's current events were very interesting and instructive. The Roll Call was answered by giving "Your Mother's Maiden Name."

A contest involving the names of the different Institute members, occupied a short period in the program and at the conclusion Mrs. A. C. McMurphy was awarded 1st prize for the same with Mrs. Geo. Campbell 2nd. There were three different salads on display and the recipes for them were given.

At the conclusion of the business and programme a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Kentner for her hospitality, and the members then enjoyed the salads for lunch, along with other dainties, and the meeting closed with the singing of "God be with You Till We Meet Again."

## A ROBIN IN MILTON

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pearen, of Milton, have an original name for their new baby daughter, born on April 6th.

On Sunday, the baby was crying lustily, when a robin perched on the window-sill and began to chirp. Immediately, her cries ceased and she smiled.

So they are calling her Robin Diane. Mr. Pearen is a nephew of Mrs. V. Gollop, of Georgetown.

## Interesting News Items

From Surrounding Villages

### BALLINAFAD

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirkwood of Georgetown spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. P. Kirkwood.

W.M.S. held their regular meeting at the Manse Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was small due to the very wet day. Mrs. Foreman had charge of the worship service, the theme of which was "Into All the World." The members answered the roll call with the name of a mission station in Alberta. The chapter from the study book "Medical Missions in India," was dramatized by several of the members. Miss B. Hills and Mrs. R. McEnery were appointed delegates to the Presbyterian to be held in Waterdown.

The Mission Circle will hold their April meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. S. Sinclair.

There was a good attendance at the dance held in the community hall at the Red Cross Society Tuesday night. The lucky draw for the bag of sugar was won by Garnett Sinclair.

### ASHGROVE

The Ashgrove W.A. will hold their much postponed crokinole social on Thursday evening, April 11th, whether there is good weather or not.

On Wednesday afternoon the Ashgrove W.M.S. held their Easter thank-offering meeting with a fair attendance. Mrs. W. Brownridge presided. Ladies from the Georgetown W.M.S. conducted the worship service. Mrs. Francis Thompson's solo and a vocal due by Misses Joy and Betty Ruddle were musical numbers much enjoyed. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Chapman of Burlington, a returned missionary from India, who gave glimpses from her experiences in India, concluding with thoughts on "Courage." The pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with a social time when the Ashgrove ladies served a dainty luncheon.

Miss Ethel McEnery and her mother of Georgetown were guests of Mrs. Clayton Wilson over the week end.

Several members of the Young People's Union attended the Young People's Rally on Monday evening, April 8th, which was a special feature of the Franching Mission, sponsored by the Baptist and United Churches, under the leadership of Rev. Duncan McLeod, B.A., D.D., returned missionary from Formosa.

On Wednesday evening, April 3rd, several members of our congregation had the privilege of attending the Laymen's Banquet held at Waterdown.

Mrs. Earl Wilson was the guest speaker at the Mission Band Easter thank-offering on Sunday afternoon. She told the children a lovely Easter story from India, concluding with thoughts on how each Mission Band member can become a steward for Christ. The roll call was responded to with the spirit of good cheer and happiness brought to us from the birds. The junior members of the Mission Band sang "When He Cometh." A reading by Gilbert Wrig-

## Keith N. Dolson of Norval Wins Peel Temperance Trophy

At Brampton and Competes for Provincial Temperance Banner and Trophy in Toronto.

### I.O.E. BRIDGE AND EUCHRE

The members of the Counties of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.E. held their second annual bridge and euchre in the Legion Rooms, Georgetown, on Friday evening, April 6th.

More than one hundred guests were present and all report a very pleasant evening.

The prize winners were: bridge, Mrs. W. B. Boyne and Wm. Roney; euchre, Mrs. D. Livingstone and T. R. Cave; lucky tally, Mayor Gibbons.

A dainty lunch was served by members of the Chapter, after which Mrs. K. D. Barber, Regent, expressed the thanks of the members for the support given to the work of the Order by the people of Georgetown and community.

The arrangements for the evening were in charge of the following committee: Mrs. J. A. Greig, convener; Mrs. T. Hewson, Mrs. C. V. Williams, Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. W. B. Ford, Miss A. Hickey, Mrs. J. A. Squires, Mrs. J. L. Lambert and Mrs. A. Beaumont.

The proceeds will be used for war and local welfare work.

### BLACKOUT

Late stayer-uppers in Georgetown were treated to our first local blackout since the War began. The lights blinked out for two or three minutes last Wednesday evening about 11:30.

Coming on the heels of a strange aeroplane which flew over the town late the previous evening, residents are wondering if the War is coming closer to home.

### OBITUARY

#### REV. A. H. DRUMM

A former pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, passed away on Sunday, April 7th, in Hamilton, in his 82nd year.

Rev. A. H. Drumm served as minister of Knox Church from 1888 to 1890. He was a popular preacher, and those who were privileged to hear him, say that he preached wonderful sermons. While in Georgetown, Rev. Drumm married a local girl, Anna Ouldren, who survives him. Their son is rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Hamilton.

From Georgetown, Rev. Drumm was transferred to Niagara Falls and later went to Hamilton where he has since resided.

A private service was held on Tuesday, with interment in Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton.

#### FRED C. BONATHON

A well-known resident of Georgetown, Fred C. Bonathon passed away on Saturday, April 6th, at his home in town. He had been sick but a short time, having recently suffered a heart attack, from which he failed to recover.

Mr. Bonathon was born at Bowmanville 60 years ago, son of the late William Bonathon. He married Vera Jane Cole, and for 21 years operated a blacksmith business in Stowartown. He retired a few years ago, making his home in Georgetown.

He attended the Church of England. Rev. W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service on Monday, and burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. William Bonathon of Newcastle; a son, William, of Georgetown; a daughter, Mrs. James Weatherston, of Toronto, and two sisters and a brother. His wife predeceased him nine years ago.

A clever worker and a good father, Mr. Bonathon will be missed by his family and friends.

#### MRS. S. H. MCGIBBON

Early Sunday morning, Mrs. Samuel H. McGibbon passed away at her home in Georgetown. She will be sadly missed by her innumerable friends, and the family which she leaves to mourn.

Born in 1868, Ann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Darling, she came from a pioneer family of this district. Her early life was spent on her parents' farm on the 4th line, Esquevas Township. Married 52 years ago last July to Samuel H. McGibbon, she resided in Centreville and Acton before coming to Georgetown in 1895.

A member of Knox Presbyterian Church, she was an active worker for the Women's Association of the church up to the time of her sickness. She had been in ill health for the past three years, and five weeks ago suffered a stroke from which she failed to rally.

She is survived by her husband, proprietor of the McGibbon Hotel; five daughters, Mrs. C. R. Van Dusen, Tara, Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Toronto, Miss Gladys McGibbon at home, Mrs. C. Cobb, New York City, Mrs. G. H. MacFarland, Toronto; and two sons, John and Robert, at home. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Emily Joyce in Millwaukee, and brothers Robert and David of Esquevas Township.

The funeral was attended by scores of friends and relatives. Tribute to the popularity of Mrs. McGibbon was shown in the many floral tributes sent by loving friends.

Rev. A. L. Howard, of Orillia, assisted Rev. D. Davidson of Knox Presbyterian Church in conducting the service. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

As the wife of one of Georgetown's businessmen, local merchants paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. McGibbon by closing their places of business during the funeral on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Sloan, who has been confined to her bed for some time, is now able to sit up each day for awhile and is steadily improving in health.