

## CORPS OF "MINUTE MEN" FORMED IN GEORGETOWN

### Local Business Man, J. Richardson Bereaved of Brother in Philadelphia

Mr. James Richardson, local hardware merchant, was called to Philadelphia last week to be at the bedside of his brother, Walter C. Richardson, who had been taken seriously ill, and later passed away.

The late Mr. Richardson was born in Pickering, Ontario, of Quaker parentage, a son of the late William and Sarah Richardson. He received his early education at Pickering Public School and Whitby High School. In his youth he began his career as a clerk in a grocery store in Pickering and from there went to a drygoods store on Spadina Ave., Toronto. Leaving Toronto, he worked in Lindsay for a time, going from there to New York, and in 1910 to Philadelphia. He had been with the John Wansmaker Company for more than 25 years, and had been general manager since 1934.

Besides his brother, James, of Georgetown, his sister, Miss Elizabeth Richardson of Pickering, was also with him at the time of his death.

Surviving also are his wife, a niece of the late John Van Dyke, oil magnate, and a daughter, Margaret.

Sympathy of the entire community is extended to the Richardson family in their sad bereavement.

### Wife of Governor-General Cousin of Queen Wilhelmina

We hear over the radio that Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, with her two little girls, arrived at Halifax. They are refugees from the sinister horrors of the Filthy Ones.

These three princesses are the only descendants of the House of Orange. Four centuries ago, Prince William the Silent was the man who stood out for free conscience, speech and press, as well as for tolerance in general. He gave the Hollanders the first lead in their eighty-year struggle against the then, strongest military force in the world, the Spanish Empire. He never won a battle but he won the war, as Motley points out in his marvelous book "The Rise of the Dutch Republic." In one of his speeches Prince William said: "The one matter that pains me most is seeing rulers trying to have dominion over the souls of their people." During the following centuries the House of Orange always stood for this principle which is the opposite of Nazidom. No wonder Hitler ordered the extermination of this House at any cost. But his order did not click. Queen Wilhelmina is in England with her government. Her navy is a unit of the Allied fleet.

"The best laid plans of mice and men, gang aft agley!"

In the meantime, we the people of Canada, are proud to be able to extend the hospitality of our Dominion to the three Princesses. Recently the youngest was baptized at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, II might interest our readers to know that Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, wife of our new Governor-General, is first cousin of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

### June Meeting of Georgetown Women's Institute

The June meeting of the Georgetown Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Fred McNally on Wednesday afternoon, June 5th, at 3 p.m. After the opening order and prayer, the new president, Mrs. Wylie, took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the new secretary, Mrs. R. T. Paul.

After the adoption of these minutes and the correspondence read, several items of business were dealt with.

The representatives were appointed to attend the District Annual which is to be held in Milton on Thursday, June 12th. Mrs. Livingston gave a report of the work done by the members at the Red Cross rooms and owing to the seriousness of the war conditions at the present time, urged every member to be present at the war rooms to do her bit.

Mrs. N. Snyder gave several very interesting items on current events. Arrangements were made for the July meeting, which is to be a picnic and will be held at the home of Mrs. A. C. McMurphy at Huttonville.

At the conclusion of the business, the meeting closed with God Save the King. A pleasant hour was then enjoyed playing euchre, the prize-winners being Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Bell. The social committee served a cup of tea and refreshments, and after a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. McNally, a most enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close.

### TULIP RECORD SHATTERED

Our little article about a tulip with three blooms which was grown by Mrs. E. H. Eason had a quick response. The Herald was scarcely off the press last Wednesday when Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Preston, King Street, came in to say that they had not only one but two tulips, each with eight blooms on one stem. Just to prove it, Mr. Preston presented them to the Herald on Thursday morning. These ones are of a white colour with a pinkish fringe on the petals.

### PATRIOTIC STUDENTS

Students at Georgetown High School have a plan of buying \$50.00 worth of War Savings Certificates, and turning these back to the Government. To date the students have gathered over \$20.00 towards their objective.

### Softball League Re-organized Consisting of Five Teams

**GAMES THREE NIGHTS A WEEK AT RESERVOIR PARK**

After a period of inactivity extending over two years, the local softball loop has been re-organized and will operate this year with five teams. Games will be played on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings commencing at 7:15 D.S.T. All games will go nine innings if possible, and will be played at Reservoir Park.

At the conclusion of the regular schedule, the second and third place teams will play a best-of-three game series, the winner to meet the first place team for the championship.

The schedule has been drawn up as follows:

- June 10—Glen vs. Pirates.
- June 13—Smith & Stone vs. Business Men.
- June 14—Action vs. Pirates.
- June 17—Glen vs. Smith & Stone.
- June 20—Business Men vs. Action.
- June 21—Pirates vs. Smith & Stone.
- June 24—Business Men vs. Glen.
- June 27—Action vs. Smith & Stone.
- June 28—Pirates vs. Business Men.
- July 2—Glen vs. Action.
- July 4—Smith & Stone vs. Pirates.
- July 5—Glen vs. Business Men.
- July 8—Smith & Stone vs. Action.
- July 11—Action vs. Business Men.
- July 12—Pirates vs. Glen.
- July 15—Smith & Stone vs. Glen.
- July 18—Business Men vs. Pirates.
- July 19—Action vs. Glen.
- July 22—Business Men vs. Smith & Stone.
- July 25—Pirates vs. Action.

### BOWLING CLUB OFF TO A GOOD START

The first of the Thursday evening 10c jitneys saw three rinks in play. Mr. Bell and Mrs. McDowell turned in high scores for the evening. A feature of the evening was the presentation of prizes to some of last year's players. Mr. Faram presented twin cups to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, as winners of the doubles. Mr. Kennedy spoke a few words of thanks from his wife and himself. He regretted that, much as Mrs. Kennedy enjoys the game, she has been forced to give it up this year for reasons of health. She will be missed as an active participant, but it is hoped that she will still be on hand to enjoy the social events, and give moral support to J. W. The two cups will be engraved and will remain the permanent possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. Harold Cleave and Mrs. McDowell came second in the event, and their prizes were a vase and a bake dish. Mrs. McKenzie and Mr. Reeves, in third place were presented with a teapot and a china ornament.

### JOHN FORD CELEBRATES 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. John Ford, celebrated his 80th birthday last Friday, June 7th, at his home on Market Street.

Mr. Ford has been a resident of Georgetown for the past thirty years, coming to this town from Guelph. He is a builder by trade, and has also engaged in the business of selling.

His son, John, lives in Acton, and his daughter, Mrs. Lily Seager, is in Toronto. Mr. Norman Delke, of Georgetown, is a grandson of Mr. Ford.

He has been in good health until recently, but has spent the last three weeks in bed. We hope that Mr. Ford will be able to celebrate his next birthday in a more pleasant manner.

### Local Lions Attend Meeting in Hamilton

Lions Long, McWhirter, Welk and Kelly attended a District Zone meeting held in Hamilton on Monday night, at which W. W. Bartlett, M.D., of Brampton, was elected Deputy District Governor. It was also the occasion of the 20th birthday anniversary of the Hamilton Club.

W. J. McCullough of the Hamilton Spectator, was speaker of the evening, and gave an inspiring address on England. A floor show and community singing were also features of the dinner, which took place at the Royal Connaught Hotel.

### RUMMAGE SALE CONTINUES

The community rummage sale will be continued on Saturday, June 15th, in the McGibbon Block. Anyone having articles for sale, kindly bring to the store Saturday morning. We would like to thank Mr. McGibbon for the use of his store and everyone who helped in anyway to make this sale a success.

### Summer Training Announced For Lorne Scots by Col. Conover

A full compliment of officers of the Lorne Scots (P.D. H. Regt.) attended a special meeting Tuesday, June 4, in the Brampton Armouries, to hear Col. R. V. Conover, V.D. Commanding Officer, detail plans for summer training and announce dates for Officer's Training Schools. More than twenty officers from the Regiment will attend schools at Niagara-on-the-Lake during July.

Disappointment was expressed at the fact that the Regiment had not been included in the third or fourth Division, as announced by the Department of National Defence, but enthusiasm on the part of the officers for their work was undiminished, and the keynote of the meeting was expressed by Col. Conover, who said "We shall carry on."

Reports by Company Commanders indicated that the prospects for recruiting in the various centres had never been better, and that while certain trained men were being transferred to the C.A.S.F. new recruits were maintaining Regimental strength above authorized establishment.

It was pointed out that opportunities to serve in the Militia, and thus obtain adequate training for the active service, and for the defence of Canada had never been better, and that full facilities for such training are available.

Lt.-Col. Leonard Bertram, M.C., second in Command of the Unit reviewed Canada's war effort in the last conflict and emphasized the fact that in the present crisis the responsibility for providing the Dominion with trained men lay almost entirely with the Militia.

Regardless whether we are mobilized or not," said Lt.-Col. Bertram, "it is our duty as soldiers and Canadians to continue training in this area so that the officers and men who go forth to serve their country from the Counties of Peel, Dufferin and Halton, which we represent, will be second to none, in the armed forces of our Country and worthy successors to those who served from this district in the great war."

### HALTON HOLSTEIN CLUB MAKE PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. ADDISON T. WOODLEY

A social evening was staged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Lawrence by the Halton Holstein Club on Tuesday evening, June 4th, in conjunction with this a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Addison T. Woodley on their recent marriage.

"Add" Woodley, well-known Holstein breeder of Milton and a member of the directorate of the Halton Club, has contributed much to the building up of the Halton Club into one of the strongest units of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. Under the chairmanship of President A. S. Mahon, a brief programme was run off. The address to Mr. and Mrs. Woodley was made by Secretary Lawrence of the Halton Club and the presentation was made by 1st Vice-president J. C. Bell. The balance of the evening was given over to progressive euchre, the winners being Mrs. J. C. Bell and R. S. Heatherington.

### Lt.-Col. Ballantine Names Leaders -- States Objective

#### Asks Support of All Male Citizens who are not Already Actively Engaged in Defence of their Country.

Last night at 8 p.m., under the instigation of Lt.-Col. James Ballantine, D.S.O., V.D., seventy representative citizens of Georgetown and district gathered to discuss the organization of a local corps of "minute men." Col. Ballantine addressed the meeting at some length, outlining the object of the scheme. It is simply organization of the men of the community so that if and when the time comes, there will be an auxiliary force, trained and ready for action at a moment's notice, which could be placed at the service of the government to be used in any desired capacity.

"There are a great many men, both young and old," said Col. Ballantine, "who would like an opportunity to serve their country. Some of these are highly trained, but above military age. Others are younger men whose duties as farmers, professional men, and workers preclude their active participation in war work. This will give them that opportunity without interference with their every-day work."

He emphasized that this was not a plan to form a Halton guard. There are no dues, no obligations, and no pay. The men of different districts will merely be organized under group leaders. There will be instruction in first aid, taking up positions, signalling, and light drills. Although not formed primarily for the purpose of checking on fifth column activities, it will be expected that any man who is suspicious of subversive activities will immediately report these to the R.O.M.P., who are in charge of such investigations.

Col. Ballantine expressed his thanks to Major Barber for the use of the drill shed in the Park for this and future meetings.

Several citizens expressed their satisfaction with the plan adopted, and with the leaders chosen by Col. Ballantine.

Mayor Gibbons: "I know of no man more capable of putting this plan in operation than Col. Ballantine. I shall do all that is humanly possible to assist in the plan."

Dr. C. V. Williams: "It is an honour to be chosen as one of the leaders, and I feel that the sooner we get started the better."

Dr. Williams suggested that the members of the group wear some sort of distinguishing mark to identify them as members.

Principal J. L. Lambert: "This plan will have great psychological value, insofar as it will be converting disgruntled criticism into some tangible action."

Dr. R. T. Paul: "I appreciate being given the opportunity of thinking we might be of some help in this time of crisis."

N. H. Brown: "I am strongly in favour of the movement. I suggest that we have some distinguishing signal, say three blasts of the fire siren, as a warning call to assemble our numbers quickly when needed."

Capt. Beene: "This is a movement worth going ahead with. We must put our shoulders to the wheel, as we did in the last war."

W. F. Smith: "I am proud to see the men of Georgetown here tonight -- to see that there are people who are thinking, and believe me in these times we have to think. We're still British, and we're going to be as long as there's a man of us left."

J. D. Kelly: "A splendid group of men have been chosen as leaders, and I have no doubts that they will serve us well. I hope with all my heart that we shall never have to use this force, but if the need comes, we shall be ready."

At this point, the meeting was adjourned, and the various leaders were instructed to register the names of those from their district who were at the meeting. Piper E. R. MacLoughlin provided some stirring music on the pipes while this was in progress. Col. Ballantine announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., when it was hoped that the leaders would turn in a complete list of names for their territory. The meeting closed with the singing of God Save the King.

The gross revenues for the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways for the week ending May 14, 1940, were \$4,613,996 as compared with \$3,883,064 for the corresponding week of 1939, an increase of \$730,932, or 18.8%.

### HALTON RURAL MAIL COURIERS MET AT HOME OF MRS. PETTIT, NELSON TOWNSHIP

Tuesday, June 11th, is a date that will long be remembered by the Halton Couriers, who accepted the kind invitation of Mrs. Mary Pettit, the lady member of Nelson Township Council to hold their usual monthly meeting at her lovely home "Prospect Lodge" on The Queen Elizabeth Highway at Burlington.

There was a good turnout of members, who, in addition to transacting the usual business, were privileged to hear a very fine address by Mr. MacLellan, the postmaster from Hamilton, on the subject of "The Development of the postal services in Canada." Mr. MacLellan has had a wide experience in the postal service and gave some very interesting stories of his trips in the northland among the Eskimos. He also gave some very interesting facts concerning the air mail service, pointing out in particular the fact that a letter mailed in Hamilton before 7 p.m. would be delivered in Vancouver on the afternoon delivery the next day, or just 15 hours after mailing.

Mr. MacLellan also pointed out on the map of the northlands how the air mail services have speeded up delivery of the mail from somewhat around seventy to eighty days to just three days to various points within a few hundred miles of the North Pole. There is only one delivery a year at several offices in that region and he gave us an amusing instance of a delivery of mail he once made to a man living alone on an island, except for two mounted police and some Eskimos.

It was the first week in September and the man received 1200 letters and 5 large bags of newspapers. The majority of it was Christmas mail and the man was at a loss to know which Christmas it was intended for, the coming, or the preceding one.

Also at the meeting was the President of the Burlington Branch of the British Legion, Mr. Eagles, who gave a short talk on the activities of the Branch during the present grave crisis. Another welcome visitor was Mr. Kenner, the genial postmaster of Burlington, who spoke briefly.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Pettit for her generous hospitality brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

### Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleave, Halton's Member

### Defence Minister Killed

During the past weeks my weekly letter has been in the form of selected quotations from speeches in the House of Commons. As our war effort has now been fully reported by the Government and as full comment has been made of the criticism of the Opposition I thought that this week I would risk giving some of my personal impressions gained from talks with members of the Press Gallery and Members of Parliament but events have been marching so quickly these days that I almost hesitate to write either impressions or prophecies which may be badly outdated by the time this letter goes to press.

During the past few weeks we have seen Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium fall into the hands of Hitler and today the destiny of France rests in the balance. At noon today came the news of Italy's entry into the war followed almost immediately by the news of the accidental death of our Minister of Defence and his party. The late Minister was a young man, forty five years of age. This afternoon the House met in an air of general gloom which extended throughout its membership and the gallery spectators. Tear filled eyes were seen on all sides. Immediately the House was called to order the Prime Minister rose to make his sad announcement. Mr. King's voice was low and shaking, scarcely audible as he said "It is my duty to inform honorable members that my dear friend and colleague has been killed in an airplane accident." He said Mr. Rogers had this morning asked him if he should cancel the engagement in view of war developments. At the last minute he had decided to fly to Toronto and fly back immediately in order to be present in the House this afternoon. The Prime Minister said when he and Mr. Rogers concluded their conversation preceding the Minister's departure, Mr. Rogers' last words were "Very well I will carry on." The Prime Minister added "I believe those are the words he would have me give his colleagues and the people of this country at this time." And so passes from Canadian public life and from a Canadian home, one of our most beloved statesmen.

Norman, as he was known to his friends, was kindly of disposition, unassuming and a staunch friend. At this time our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to his wife and his two young boys.

It has often been said that the true measure of a man is the way in which he faces adversity. The same holds equally true of nations and of



HON. NORMAN ROGERS

Canadian Defence Minister, who was killed when the plane in which he was a passenger crashed east of Toronto. Flags on the Post Office and other buildings in town are flying at half-mast in memory of one of Canada's outstanding public men.

While saddened and depressed by the reverses which we have sustained in the field and by the loss which we as a country have sustained in the death of our Defence Minister the Canadian people were never so determined as they are today to fight to a successful conclusion the struggle in which we are engaged.

Canada's answer to the reverses which we have sustained and to the entry of Italy into the war is expressed by the words of the Prime Minister when in concluding his recent broadcast he said:

"I speak the heart and mind of our country when I say that every fort in Canada will be another Calais and every harbour another Dunkerque before the men and women of our land allow the light and the life of our Christian faith to be extinguished by the powers of evil or yield their liberties to the tyranny of Nazi brutality." Ottawa, Monday, June 10, 1940.

### PERCIE COX WILL LEAD PETROLIA WHITE ROSE BAND

Arrangements have been completed whereby a noted Toronto bandmaster Mr. Percie Cox, has been secured to take charge of the Petrolia White Rose Band. This local organization, whose name has been changed from that of the Petrolia Citizens' Band, in recognition of its recent sponsorship by the Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd., manufacturers of the White Rose oil and gasoline products, had its first practice on Tuesday evening under its new director and the band executive is looking forward to a successful season and a continuation of its pleasant relations with the public of town and district.

In an interview on Wednesday with the Advertiser-Topik, Mr. Cox voiced his pleasure over his reception by the

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