

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

HAIL TO GEORGE GUTHRIE

George Guthrie acting Chief of Police of Toronto, celebrates the 43rd anniversary of his connection with the force in that city. Toronto is lucky indeed to have a man of his enviable attainments in such a position of responsibility. I have known him for nearly a score of years, and to the performance of his duties he brings a heart of the kindest and most generous impulses towards victims of the seamy side of life whose frailties in human nature force themselves upon his attention. One of his hobbies is amateur sport, during a wide experience in which he served as president of the Ontario branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

ENOUGH TO MAKE A PREACHER SWEAR

Dominion Day, 1940, will long be remembered by Rev. L. S. Mott, United Church minister, who moved from Berville to Tara that morning. Just prior to leaving Berville the cleric loaned his car to a friend to drive a distance of five miles and in an accident which occurred the machine was damaged almost beyond repair. It is estimated that an expense of three hundred dollars will be required to place the vehicle in running condition once more. Mr. Mott secured another car and drove to Tara, where he was informed that the moving van in which his household goods were being transported from Berville had left the highway on the outskirts of Chesley and toppled over in the ditch. In the crash a great deal of household furniture was broken and much valuable glassware smashed, entailing another financial setback of several hundred dollars. Such a series of mishaps clarifies the old expression, "Enough to make a preacher swear."

KEEP YOUR TOWN ALIVE

A town is very much like an individual. To be flourishing, it must have energy and enterprise. The people in a town should remember that individual prosperity depends to a large extent upon the character of the place in which their business is located. Every public measure should be liberally supported by all, especially the business men. At the present time there is much competition between towns as there is among persons and business enterprises. A man seeking a location will invariably select a town that is up to the times, and is eagerly in favour of every modern improvement. A town in these modern days can't afford to be peopled with old fogies or antiquarian fossils who are constantly kicking at every enterprise. To make a flourishing town you must believe in its future and work for it encouraging every improvement. Make a special effort to exhibit some evidence of improvement in your own

work and character. Help every worthy man, every enterprise, and encourage every good man to locate in your town.

THE MAN WHO MAKES HIS MARK

A country editor who evidently had been a close student of human nature, turned out the following editorial: "It is no discredit for a person to have enemies and opposition: The world is full of envious people. Some people envy a successful business man because he has prospered instead of making a failure. If he occupies a prominent place in the life of a community, there are people who condemn him because he is more outstanding than they are. The only person for whom the world has no animosity is the quiet man who offends no one nor gets in anybody's way. He may lead a more contented life but never makes much of a mark in the world."

SHERWOODS OF ENGLAND IN CANADA SINCE 1832

The sixth reunion of the Sherwood family was held on the maple-shaded community grounds at Kilbride recently. More than 100 members, including a few old-time friends, were present; also five youthful members of the sixth generation, since the pioneer fore-fathers sailed in 1832 from Hull, England. Reunions of the family branches have taken place periodically since the one hundredth anniversary of the emigration to Canada; and this year representatives of the family are again in England, with His Majesty's forces at Aldershot.

Luncheon was on the lawn beside the Kilbride schoolhouse, where the late Dr. William Watson, a member of the family, once taught. Greetings were extended by Dr. Edward Watson, Niagara Falls; Dr. James Sherwood, Buffalo; Mr. Charles Readhead, Milton; Mr. James Watson of Georgetown, the oldest member present; Mr. Will Russell, Flint, Mich.; Mr. William Bridgman, Burlington; Mr. W. R. Hume, Milton; Mr. Edward Sherwood, Freeman; Mr. S. T. Coulson, Milton. The sports program was directed by Mr. Jack Anderson, Toronto, and Mr. Vernon McArthur, Milton.

THEY WERE LIKE THAT IN '14

A Nazi parachutist who landed in a Belgian harbor opened fire with an automatic rifle and revolver till he blazed away all his ammunition. Then he yelled for mercy. "Save me," he shrieked, as five French soldiers dashed towards him. This story was told by a Belgian who arrived at a south coast port in England recently. He added: "I do not know what happened to the parachutist, but I have a good idea." The trouble with Father Time is that he doesn't take round trips.

REMINISCENCES OF GEORGETOWN

We continue from our last issue the Reminiscences of Georgetown by C. W. Young, a native son, and written for this paper back in 1920:—

PAPPY CHARLEY'S PARTY

Beyond the White Bridge all was farm land. East of that on or near the main highway, lived "Pappy John" Kennedy, as he was called, a nickname which his son Charley wore after him. Perhaps there are some who can yet recall "Pappy Charley's" party, which was the event of years. I think a new house had been built, and the party was a house-warming. Charley was a genial, good-natured boy whom everybody liked. He did not bother much about invitation, but went around with a big farm sleigh and gathered up everybody in town, and brought them to the new house. There was music aplenty and games of all kinds, especially of the forfeit and kissing variety, but no dancing, as that was taboo, owing to religious scruples. In some houses a few people could hardly gather without the piano going merrily and chairs and tables were hastily shoved aside for cotillions, eight-hand reels, money musk, quadrille and lancers, as an innovation, with a Virginia Reel or Sir Roger de Coverley as the invariable wind-up. There were of course waltzes, galops, polkas, schottisches, mazourkas, etc., but square dances were the favorites. If there was a dance at Milton, Streetsville, Acton or Erin village, there were ten to thirty thought nothing of driving the 10 or 15 miles to "Dance all night till broad daylight." And home with the girls in the morning.

DANCING

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TAVERN SPRES

The tavern dances or "sprees" as they were called, were very much as they are today, and almost any kind of public gathering, were frowned upon by "the quality," but the youngsters used to think it great fun to watch them through the windows. A single fiddler or two, consulted the orchestra, who made up for harmony by the energy they put into their elbows. One artist in his way, I recall, was Bill Waltonberry, whose services were always in demand. He was not only a good fiddler, but a prime "caller off," an indispensable factor. One can almost hear his stentorian voice, "Balance all," "Swing your partners," "Allemand left," "Kiss or cheat," "Promenade to seats," etc. Naturally the principal revenue came from the bar-room, and the closing hours of these spreps were sometimes scandalous.

MORE OLD TIMERS

In a large frame house on the south side of the main street lived Robert Young, Division Court Clerk, who was an inveterate smoker. He bought his T. D. clay pipes by the box and only smoked them a few days and put them carefully away in another box. Us boys thought they were just right then, and whenever we wanted a pipe we used to raid Uncle Robert's cache. With Robert Young lived a nephew, David Deig, who came out from Scotland as a boy, was educated in Georgetown, went sailing and soldiering in the American army, and joined the Canadian expedition that went by the Dawson route to Fort Garry under General Wolsey, and took his part in squelching the first Red rebellion. This was in 1870, I think. After the war was over, David Young, the having taken his uncle's name) worked for an old Irishman named Higgins and developed his business into the leading store in the new city of Winnipeg. He was a daring real estate operator in the boom times, and accumulated a large fortune, but died comparatively poor.

Along side Robert Young lived W. W. Roe, a burly, warm-hearted Irishman, and the most popular and successful auctioneer in that part of the country. Mr. Roe was also a keen sportsman and a crack shot, and possessed an army of dogs, hounds mostly, a howling pack always following his vehicle as he drove through the streets. His son, Dr. W. J. Roe, afterwards occupied the homestead. East of Mr. Roe on the same side of the street, an Englishman named Statham kept a tin shop. He was quite musical, and was for many years bandmaster of the town band. Opposite Mr. Moore kept a general store, but later moved down town into the store formerly James Young's hardware. He was built of the Division Court.

After Mr. Moore moved out, two young men, Charley Chisholm and Frank Rcmanc, came from Oakville and kept a general store for a short time. Chisholm, afterwards, invented a machine for threshing green peas, which came into general use in Canada and the United States, and from which he realized a fortune in royalties. Below Mr. Moore an English tailor named Bailey made clothes for the villagers. He was also a tailor named VanAllen, who became turkeys of the County goal at Milton. Also a Mr. Geddes further down the street, and another, rather more modern, a Mr. Rue.

The Baileys were all musical and

their singing of old English songs was a feature of many gatherings. "Missie-de-Boo" (The Mistletoe Bough) being always called for and applauded to the echo.

Half way down the hill, nearly opposite the Baileys was a large frame house, the upper portion of which was divided into tenements, and in the basement a china shop, kept by the owner of the building, a Mr. Robinson, a tall florid man, heavily built. There was an Irishman named Shea who lived in a shanty next to Robinson's. His son, Thomas Shea, was given a good education and went to Hamilton, where he had a good position in the Separate Schools in that city.

E. W. Leonard, a retired gentleman, lived adjoining the pond, afterwards the home of Thomas Ruston, who kept a drug store further down the street. Elijah Travis had a planing mill, and a dwelling adjoining, which was fed from the lower dam, the water passing under the main street, and after having served Mr. Travis, being conducted in a wooden flume to the flour mill, formerly Kennedy's but for a long time owned by Lawrence Rose, whose daughter, Miss. Laura Rose, was a leading Farmer's Institute worker, and married in the Eastern Townships, Que. Near Mr. Travis a liquor store was kept by a Mr. Parker, but that was a good deal later in the history of the village. I think the Creelman factory is about in the old Parker place.

MEMBER FOR PEEL ASKS FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS ON BRAMPTON'S "WIN-THE-WAR" DONATIONS

Gordon Graydon, M.P. for Peel County asked last week in Parliament for a clarification on the status of Brampton citizens who contribute to a "Win-the-War" fund in that town. "This committee," he stated, "proposes to make one or perhaps two appeals a year and to disburse its funds to the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Canadian Legion and so on in a fixed proportion."

Explaining that, as he understood it, persons contributing to this fund were not allowed the fifty per cent exemption given for direct donations to these organizations, he asked for a statement from the Minister of Finance clarifying this point.

Mr. Isley, Minister of Finance, replied that it was decided that a strict limiting of the number of organizations, donations to which allow a fifty per cent tax exemption, was the wisest course.

These five organizations are: Red Cross, Canadian Legion, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus.

As the Brampton "Win-the-War" Funds go to organizations outside this classification, donations to these are included only in the ordinary 10 per cent exemption. Furthermore, said Mr. Isley, only a very, very small proportion of givers give more than ten per cent of their incomes to charities.

Provincial Governments Receive V.R.C.W. Surveys On Homes for Refugees

Details of the homes offered for refugees in each province, are being forwarded to each provincial government now, as the special surveys are being completed by hundreds of volunteer workers under the Voluntary Registration of Canadian Women. In making this announcement, Miss Margaret Hyndman, K.C., director of organization, stated that in addition to these special provincial surveys on registration, a set of cards containing the complete registration details were being sent "on loan" to Children's Aid headquarters in the provinces, as their authorities had stated that this was the most practical form in which they could make the best use of the information prepared by the V.R.C.W. In addition a set of cards is being returned to provincial headquarters of the V.R.C.W. and over 80,000 are now with the Dominion Government in Ottawa.

This survey on the thousands of homes throughout Canada offered for refugees has been made by a special volunteer staff of girls working in space provided by the University of Toronto, at the request of the Ontario Provincial government. In addition many thousands of business girls are still at work in space donated by their employers, the tabulation of the 250,000 questionnaires received.

Speaking in the House of Commons on June 18th, on the mobilization of Canada's resources, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said, "I should like here to express the war appreciation of the Government of the valuable work already accomplished through the Voluntary Registration of Women undertaken as a spontaneous contribution to the development of Canadian efficiency in war time."

"The fullest use will be made of the results of the register now being completed." Authorities of Children's Aid Societies are recognizing the fact that the amount of information on these cards is of extreme value in that most of the questions, if not all, asked in a preliminary interview are here gathered and tabulated in a form which can be used most speedily. This means that through the efficient work of the V.R.C.W. very important information is available immediately. The number of details on each questionnaire— with a maximum possibility of 92— gives a preliminary picture of the home that is very valuable to those who are considering taking refugees. The number of homes offered free of charge is remarkably high throughout Canada.

One of the interesting developments of the voluntary work conducted through this nation-wide registration of Canadian women is the volunteer offers for help of all sorts which are pouring into headquarters. Scores of teachers of French, Dutch, Swedish, have offered to donate their holidays this summer to teaching refugee children to speak and understand English.

They have offered their time for use in any way in helping to adjust the children to Canadian life. Teachers in the psychological departments who are used to handling problems of child life have volunteered to do their part in helping to establish the children as happily as possible on Canadian soil.

The volunteer spirit shown in the minutely detailed work of hundreds and thousands of girls, carrying on until far in the night with the same type of work which they do all day, is an impressive sight. Over 80,000 completed cards in the special qualifications requested by the Dominion government are now in Ottawa. These cards are being handed over to the department for reference where they will be most needed.

WHY SHOULD WE FIGHT FOR ENGLAND?

"Why should we fight?" he asked me. "Cause England is at war? Why are they fighting now, dad? What are they fighting for? What does it mean to you, dad? To babe and mums and me? The Germans won't come here, From away across the sea."

So why should you go there, dad, And leave us here to cry? Is it 'cause England owns us? Is that the reason why? His eyes looked widely at me, I tightly held my son, And this is how I answered, His questions one by one.

"We fight when England calls us, For in her sacred keep The ashes of our fathers Lie in her soil— asleep. And many times for England, They fought that she'd be free, And they are part of England, And so, my son, are we."

And some may pass her by, lad, And some may scorn her hand, But we must be forever, A part of that fair land. For everything we have, son, That's good and fine and just, Was washed in British blood, And given to us in trust.

And we must keep that trust, son, Against the force of greed, And fight beside Old England Whenever she's in need. And once again she's calling, Across the Empire wide, And all her Empire answers, "You'll find us at your side."

Oh, yes we're owned by England, But we own England, too, As you are part of me, son, And I am part of you."

A PATRIOTIC MANICURE

A beauty shop proprietor in Hollywood has a new kind of manicure. Tiny American flags are painted on the ladies' fingernails, and proceeds from this are donated to the Red Cross.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD TAKE UNUSUAL PICTURES



Can you identify this subject? The answer is below—with other ideas for novel and amusing pictures you can take.

WHEN you run out of ideas for the usual type of pictures—try your hand at unusual pictures. Look out for novel angle shots, and opportunities for "puzzle pictures." This is fun—and such shots will add novelty to your snapshot album. There are all sorts of unusual things worth trying. For example, odd lighting effects when you are taking night snapshots. Instead of having your photo bulbs at eye level, put them on the floor for a few shots, so that they shine up toward your subjects, and cast long shadows on the wall. It's a stunt that yields surprising effects. Try shots at unusual angles. Take a picture from an upstairs window, with a subject directly below you looking straight upward. Try a steep up-angle shot of a tall building. Shoot straight down a stairway well. The picture above is a shot of a deep circular staircase, taken with the camera pointed almost straight

down. You'll agree it makes a novel effect. For another stunt, try tricks with perspective. Take a shot of a subject sitting down, with his feet extended toward the camera. If the feet are fairly close to the lens, they will show up absurdly large in the picture. For shots such as this, use the smallest lens opening on your camera, as you need extra "depth of field." It won't matter if the nearest objects are slightly out of focus, but they shouldn't be too "fuzzy." Try some double-exposure tricks. For example, a close-up shot of a newspaper page—and then a close-up of a person on the same film. Use a dark background for the shot of the person. You can produce some unusual "combination" effects in this manner. Try all these stunts—and keep your eyes open for other novel picture chances. They'll give novel spice to your camera hobby.

John van Guilder

To Help You Pay YOUR INCOME TAX Next April 30th

It is none too soon to begin to provide funds for paying your necessarily increased income tax when it falls due next April. Here is a practical plan: An INCOME TAX Savings Account Open immediately at the Bank a special savings account just for income tax purposes, and deposit each week, each fortnight or each month enough of your income to accumulate by next April the full amount of your tax. By faithfully following this plan you will be fully prepared and will avoid embarrassment. The Bank of Montreal is glad to offer this special service to make it somewhat easier for you to meet your tax obligation to help our country. BANK OF MONTREAL ESTABLISHED 1817 Georgetown Branch A. C. WELK, Manager "A BANK WHERE SMALL ACCOUNTS ARE WELCOME"