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FEBRUARY IS WAR SAVINGS PLEDGE MONTH

County Council Argue

On Committee Appointments

REEVE CLEAVE CRITICIZES APPOINTMENT SYSTEM — BOARD EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE PURCHASED

The second meeting of the 1941 County Council was held in Milton on Tuesday, Jan. 28th, with all members present and the new Warden, Mr. Leslie Kerns, Reeve of Nelson, in the chair. Minutes were read and adopted and a considerable number of communications read by the Clerk, many of which were filed.

At the afternoon session a letter was read from Mr. John Byers, ex-Reeve of Oakville, tendering his resignation as a member of the Good Roads Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that Mr. Finney be appointed to the Good Roads Committee for the years 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945.

Before the motion could be put before the Council, Mr. Harold Cleave, Reeve of Georgetown, rose to his feet and said—Mr. Warden, I would like to voice my objection to this appointment. I have nothing whatever against Mr. Finney, but I think for the time he has served in the County Council he has been very much over-represented.

Mr. Hillier—Perhaps I might say that neither Mr. Campbell nor myself has any wish to serve on this Committee as neither of us feel that we would have the time to give it at present. However, my opinion of the Road Committee is that it should be formed by committee of five, with the Warden as ex-officio member.

Mr. Cleave—I must say when the striking report at the last meeting, I was, frankly speaking, disappointed. For one thing, I feel when these Committees are struck new members should be given responsibilities whether they want it or not.

Mr. Finney—I have always tried to do my best in every way, and as regards the Road Committee, I think it only fair that preference should be given to the Reeves of the four Townships as they naturally represent a greater percentage of mileage in the County.

Mr. Campbell—Perhaps I should explain to the Council that I was offered the position of Chairman of the Finance Committee but declined.

Mr. Finney—I appreciate that explanation. Mr. Finney was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hillier—I am in favor of that, but I think the extra man should be moved around.

Mr. Cleave—I think we should call in Mr. Dick—he could settle the matter for us in about two minutes.

At this point Mr. Gilbert said—Here comes the gentleman who can give us the information we want—and Mr. P. M. Higgins, from the Provincial Department of Highways walked into the Court Room, accompanied by the County Engineer, Mr. Smith.

The problem of the Road Committee was explained to Mr. Higgins who gave his opinion as follows—If the Warden is already a member of the Road Committee he resigns that office but serves on the Committee in his ex-officio capacity as Warden of the County.

Warden—Supposing we leave this matter over to the next meeting.

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C. E. Ruddy Killed In Motor Crash

C. E. Ruddy, former Georgetown resident, died in a North Bay hospital, on Sunday as a result of injuries sustained in a motor accident the previous Friday. He was a passenger in a car driven by George Price, Kirkland Lake, which was involved in a head-on crash with another auto driven by O. F. Shaw of Toronto. Dennis Moore, Lachine, Quebec, was the passenger in the second vehicle. The accident occurred thirty miles north of North Bay. All four men were badly injured, and lay on the road or in their wrecked autos for more than a hour before the accident was discovered by a passing motorist, Milton Caldwell, Temagami district.

Mr. Ruddy, who never regained consciousness after the accident, suffered a broken leg and severe head cuts. Charles Earl Ruddy was born in Georgetown 43 years ago. He attended school here, and went overseas with the 64th Battalion in the last World War. He operated a tourist camp at Lowell Lake, near Temagami.

Funeral rites were held Tuesday, February 4th, at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Harold Cleave. Rev. F. O. Overend of the United Church conducted the service. The pallbearers were Clarence Benham, Wilfred Hunter, Norman Snyder, Orby Herrington, Harry Goldham and John Watson, former chums of the deceased.

Mrs. Josephine McLeay sang "No Night There." The Georgetown veterans acted as flower bearers on leaving the house and took part in the service at the grave.

Mr. Ruddy leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, the former Amy C. McDonald, and three children, Shirley 14, Charles Jr. 9, and Jo Ann 2; also one brother, Fred Ruddy, of London.

There were many beautiful floral expressions of sympathy. Interment was made in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

Stewarttown, January 27th, 1941. A special meeting of the Stewarttown Township Council was held on Monday afternoon. All members of the Council were present and Reeve Wilson presided at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Higgins, District Engineer, and Mr. Lee, of the Department of Highways were present and Mr. Robertson opened tenders for grader and snow-plow, from The General Supply Company, Dominion Road Machinery Company, Sawyer-Massey Limited, and J. D. Adams Limited.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and May, that this Council purchase one No. 412 J. D. Adams grader, including snow plow and wing, purchase price to be \$6,542.00 according to the specifications of the tender forms.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Murray and May, that this Council do now adjourn.—Carried.

Stewarttown, February 3rd, 1941. The February meeting of the Stewarttown Township Council was held on Monday afternoon. Deputy-Reeve O. H. May, Counsellors O. W. Murray, Edwin Harrop and George E. Cleave were present. Reeve William A. Wilson presided at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Moved and seconded by Murray and May, that the Treasurer pay the road sheets as presented by the Road Superintendent, \$352.89.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Harrop, that the Treasurer pay relief accounts as presented by the Relief Officer, \$188.66.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Harrop and Cleave, that the Treasurer pay: Board of Health accounts: Dr. O. K. Stevenson, for treatment to patient No. 10, June 1 to September 7, 1940, \$89.00; John Jenkinson, to taking indigent to Toronto General Hospital on Jan. 12th, \$5.00.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by Cleave and May, that the Treasurer pay: Bell Telephone Co., account \$3.80; Whittier and Co., assessors supplies \$34.55; John Standish, to caretaking of hall for nomination \$8.50; Board of Hygiene Commissioners, Georgetown, street lights at Glen Williams, Oct. to Dec. \$74.75; Clerk, registration of births, marriages and deaths in 1940, \$14.75, stamps \$2.34, total \$17.09.—Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Murray, that the Treasurer pay: T. J.

Rev. Arthur Leggett Tells Lions of the River Thames

Rev. Arthur Leggett, of Norval Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting in the McGibbon House on Monday evening. Choosing as his topic "The River Thames," he told of an American traveller who approached an English Cabinet minister as he gazed reverently over the river.

"This doesn't compare with our American rivers," the American said. "Why the Mississippi and the Missouri are much larger and much more impressive than this little trickle of water."

"Sir," said the Englishman, "The Mississippi and the Missouri are larger, it is true, but they contain nothing but water. This river is full of liquid history."

Mr. Leggett then sketched some of the history which is tied up with the river Thames. Oxford, one of the oldest seats of learning in the world, is situated on the Thames. It was at Runnymede, that King John signed the Magna Charta and granted to the English people the first step towards building our democracy. London, the world's greatest city, stretches along the Thames, and Windsor, the home of kings also faces the river. The House of Commons, called the "Mother of Parliaments" because its set-up has been copied in almost every civilized country in the world, is one of the Thames' links with history.

Mr. Leggett predicted that the hordes of Hitler, which were trying to bomb London, the nerve centre of the Empire, out of existence, would be defeated, and one more glorious page in the history of the River Thames would be written.

NORVAL RIFLE CLUB

The scores made on the range Monday night: Five of the nine contestants scored the coveted possible 100 points. They are as follows:—Aikinson 100 x 8; Meredith 100 x 9; Nurse 100 x 8; Johnson 100 x 5; Hunter 100 x 8; Caves 98 x 6; Cantelon 96 x 8; Crozier 95 x 3; Stark 96 x 4. The Hillsburg team is expected down in the near future.

PIANO RECITAL

The pupils of Miss Norma Stephenson held a very successful piano recital last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. W. A. McClure, Maple Grove Farm. Those taking part were Catherine Haines, Mary McClure, Paul Wagstaffe, Betty Anne Kerr, Islay McClure, Aileen Allan, Bobby Addy, Marguerite McMenemy, Marion Hepburn and Marjorie Wagstaffe.

Vocal selections were also given by John and Marjorie Wagstaffe and Miss Stephenson and Marion Hepburn. After the musical part of the program games were played and lunch served, bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

NORVAL JUNIOR FARMERS

The Norval Junior Farmers held their monthly meeting at the home of Craig and Bruce Reid, Tuesday, January 31st.

The minutes were moved and adopted. The business was then brought before the meeting.

George Henderson gave a talk on the conference for Conservation and Re-forestation, and Joe Rosa gave a splendid talk on "Drink More Milk."

The joint meeting with the Institute then took place. Mr. Fred Wright of Acton presented a splendid showing of pictures on Home Improvement.

Mr. J. E. Whitlock, Halton Agricultural Representative, made a few comments on agriculture.

Rev. D. D. Davidson also attended the meeting. A vote of thanks was extended to those taking part in the evening program, and the meeting ended with the singing of "God Save the King." Lunch was served.

THE WEATHER

Again we have had another week of good steady winter weather with no storms nor extremes of temperatures, and the winter is half over.

Candlemas Day (February 2nd) is said to be midwinter, and the time according to the old adage when farmers should take note of their feed on hand to carry their stock through till spring pasture. "On Candlemas Day have half your oats and half your hay."

It is also spoken of as "Groundhog Day" when the groundhog wakes up from his long winter sleep and comes out to take a look about. If the sun is shining so he can see his shadow he makes up his mind he might as well go back and have another six weeks' nap.

We have not yet had any reports of any snow out this winter, but we think they must have had a comfortable time of it this winter, for with the heavy snow blanket all winter there is still no frost in the ground.

Following are local records for the past week:—

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Precipitation
Mon., Jan. 27	15	10 2.0" snow
Tues., Jan. 28	27	14 2.5" snow
Wed., Jan. 29	27	4
Thurs., Jan. 30	27	7 1.0" snow
Fri., Jan. 31	26	11
Sat., Feb. 1	35	4
Sun., Feb. 2	35	21
Mon., Feb. 3	20	12

LeRoy Dale, K.C., Heads Red Cross For 1941

"BOOM TOWN" AT GREGORY

Revealing the entire story of the thrilling drama of oil for the first time, with a story that is entirely one of action and with a star group that includes Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert and Betsy Lamarr, "Boom Town" will open at the Gregory Theatre, next Saturday, Feb. 8th.

"Boom Town" is a cavalcade of oil-drama as "The Pilot" covered the dramatic story of testing drills in the sky. It is a dramatic story of two friends who carry on through reversals and successes even when one marries the sweetheart of the other. The friendship breaks dramatically and is renewed just as dramatically when the unmarried friend breaks up an affair between his former sweetheart's husband and an adventuress.

Through this story run scenes of roaring gushers, flaming oil fires whiffed out with TNT, blistering flat fights, a head-first dive into a streak of oil to escape a rain of bullets, the hero on a bucking mule, a thrilling hold-up, a scrap between two dance hall girls and thousands of other fast-action sequences.

Joseph Hall, P.D.D.M., was one of the speakers when Alton I.O.O.F. 357, entertained their wives at a recent banquet in the Palmer house.

SOCIETY HAS DONE GOOD WORK SINCE FORMATION IN 1933—\$1,886 NEEDED BY SEPTEMBER

The first annual meeting of the Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held in the Public Library last Thursday, January 30th, with President LeRoy Dale in the chair.

Treasurer G. W. McInlock presented his report for the calendar year 1940, which showed total receipts of \$4284.66, of which \$750.66 were in unpaid pledges. After disbursements, which included payments to Red Cross Headquarters of almost \$2,000, cash balance on hand at January 1st was \$1,386.40.

Mrs. F. B. Coffin, chairman of the Purchasing Committee, reported that \$3,900 had been handled by this Committee since the formation of the Branch a little over a year ago. \$2,681.78 of this amount had been spent at Headquarters and the remainder locally and at wholesale houses. This Committee had also looked after six British war guests, purchasing clothing and Christmas cheer for them to the value of \$25.00. This sum had been raised for this purpose at a tea.

Speaking for the Finance Committee, G. W. McInlock compared the state of finances as of December, 1939, with that of December, 1940, showing that there had been an improvement during the year. Mr. Dale explained that the canvass of Stewarttown and Limehouse had not yet been completed as the late harvest this year had made the time of the regular canvass in September a bad time to approach the rural districts. This canvass is now in progress and it is expected that it will soon be completed.

Miss Yvonne Adams presented the report of the Sewing Committee, which showed a total of 9478 articles made during the year. These included pyjamas, hospital gowns, khaki handkerchiefs, pneumonia jackets and box linings, as well as a large amount of refugee clothing and supplies.

Miss Annie Ryan reported 3488 articles turned in to the Knitting Committee, and Mrs. J. Campbell presented the Surgical Report showing 16,558 articles made by district women.

Miss Ryan reported that there had been 21 shipments made during the year, and pointed out that O. E. Parker had carried these to the C. N. R. station free of charge. Chairman Mrs. J. Cleave, of the Soldiers' Comforts Committee explained that cigarettes and parcels had been sent to Georgetown and district soldiers overseas during the past months. Several organizations had donated funds for these and the public had heartily supported a Tag Day last September.

The President, Mr. Dale, then thanked the officers and members for the whole-hearted support given the Society during the year. A great deal of credit is due the ladies for their wonderful work and time spent in doing their share to make Georgetown's contribution to the Red Cross a worthy one.

"The Branch must now send 50¢ of each dollar collected to Headquarters," said Mr. Dale, "and I feel that we should raise at least another \$1,000 by next September, in order that our Branch may continue to do the work it wants to do."

Election of officers for the coming year took place, with most of the active officers being retained. LeRoy Dale will continue as President, with Miss Annie Ryan 1st vice-president, and Ralph Ross 2nd vice-president. G. W. McInlock and Miss Yvonne Adams continue in their offices as treasurer and secretary.

Mr. Joseph Beaumont, Glen Williams, was named honorary president, with Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, L. E. Flock and Mrs. A. W. Nixon as honorary vice-presidents.

Members of the executive include: Mayor Joseph Gibbons, Reeve Harold Cleave, Reeve W. A. Wilson, of Esqueving; J. D. Kelly, Col. G. Cousens, W. H. Long, W. V. Grant, W. C. Beaman and George Alcock, as well as representatives from the Ministerial Association, the chairman of each of the Ladies' Committees, and representatives from the Local Council of Women, Y. W. A. to the Legion, I.O.D.E.—W.O.R.V., Women's Institute and the Branches in Limehouse, Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval.

Mr. Dale thanked the members for re-electing him to office for 1941. In 1940, he had not been able to devote as much time to his duties, as he would have liked to, because of illness, and he hoped that in the year to come this would not be the case. He predicted that Georgetown would continue to give full support to Red Cross activities in the future, and hoped that at next year's annual meeting the Society could say that it had supplied all the necessary work and goods it had been called upon to give.

STEWARTTOWN

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Mrs. J. Blair, welfare 15.00
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P. B. Harrison, postage, etc. 5.00
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Mrs. John Erwin Buried Here

Mrs. John A. Erwin passed away at her home in Sarnia on Tuesday, January 28th, after an illness of some months' duration. The former Martha Kennedy, she was born in Georgetown and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kennedy. She was at one time a soloist in the Methodist church here.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin had been residents of Sarnia for over forty years. A funeral service was held in Robb's Undertaking Chapel in that city on Thursday night, and burial took place the following day in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Rev. F. O. Overend was in charge of the service here, and pallbearers were Mrs. Erwin's five brothers-in-law, Robert Erwin, Fred Erwin, and Edgar Erwin, of Georgetown, Lorne Erwin, of Toronto, Charles Erwin, of East Rochester, N.Y., and Harold Cleave.

St. Valentine's Day, February 16th.

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Local War Savings Campaign Under Way Next Week

Plans are being laid by the Local War Savings Committee, under Chairman Col. Gordon Cousens, for the local drive for pledges which will be a part of the national campaign being conducted on behalf of the sale of War Savings Certificates. The local committee will meet Thursday night, when plans will be drawn up. A shipment of badges has just arrived, on which is a picture of the well-known hand with "thumbs up" and the words "War Savings" painted underneath in red. These will be given out to purchasers of War Savings Certificates, to be worn on lapels.

It is expected that campaign headquarters will be set up in a Main St. location, and it is rumored that Major J. R. Basher has consented to allow his local militiamen to parade on Main Street some night this month to assist in the campaign.

The local committee is confident that Georgetown will support this campaign to the utmost of its ability, and every citizen is urged to find a place for his badge for the regular purchase of war savings certificates.

WORK-SAVE-LEND - for Victory

BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES