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## Acton Exceeds Quota, Georgetown Nears Mark in War Savings Drive

With the February War Savings Pledge Campaign in its final stages, the town of Acton has gone "over the top" with 1026 pledges reported to March 8th, over 300 greater than the quota of 700. Georgetown reports 714 pledges from the quota figure of 1100, and Oakville 830 out of 1000. Other Halton centres have not as yet turned in reports to the National Committee.

"Cash returns to the National War Savings Committee headquarters indicate the interest created in our recent drive," Walter P. Zeller, Campaign Chairman, declared last week, in announcing receipts of \$2,840,613 for the first six days of March.

Reports from 774 committees out of 1,667 show 1,204,482 actual "War Savers" pledged for duration. "There will be many more when complete returns are received, but these figures merely emphasize the tremendous job still to be done."

"To date we have signed one in ten of our population, and this leaves a big field open for our workers," said Mr. Zeller.

"If the receipts for the first six days continue for the balance of the month, the result will be most satisfactory, but that is an 'if' we cannot leave to chance. It is quite evident that the February Pledge Month has given a strong impetus to War Savings, but as this is a duration undertaking, the final measure of success will depend entirely on the cash receipts in the months to come," Mr. Zeller stated.

Toronto again overtook Montreal in the race between Canada's two largest cities, reporting a total of 175,030 as against 166,395 for Montreal. During the past week, the number of committees going "over the top" was increased from 189 to 256. By provinces these were: B.C. 24; Alta. 31; Man. 3; Sask. 20; Ont. 98; Que. 30; N.B. 10; N.S. 27 and P.E.I. 2.

## Large Crowd Attends Rebekah Birthday Party

There was a large gathering at the 23rd birthday party of Verdun Rebekah Lodge, held in the Arena last Friday night. Thirty-one tables of euehre played around the table in the centre of the room with the usual birthday cake, flowers and candles. It was also a very nice night and several former members were present.

Just before lunch was served, Mrs. Louise Clark, of Toronto, District Deputy President of Centre District No. 23, spoke a few well-chosen words on the origin of the order and some of its teachings. A delicious lunch was then served including the birthday cake.

The euehre prize-winners were: 1st, Mr. Corey Herrington; 2nd, Mrs. Frank King; 3rd, Mrs. C. Glegg; 4th, Mrs. Alex. Lewis. The door prize went to Mrs. Priestly, of Toronto; lucky number prizes to Mrs. William Miller and Miss Viola Costigan, and special prize to Mrs. Alf Collins. Mrs. Howard Lillico, Vice Grand, presented the prizes and thanked everyone for their presence. A portion of the proceeds, the amount to be announced next week, will be forwarded to the British War Victims' Fund.

## The Georgetown Herald British War Victims' Fund

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|---|-----------|
| E. R. Magloughlin   | \$ 5.00   |
| The Georgetown Herald   | 5.00      |
| Helen, Donald and Marilyn   | 10.00     |
| Joe Rice  | 1.00      |
| Happy Times Club  | 3.00      |
| Mrs. J. A. Evans  | 1.00      |
| Mrs. A. L. Grace  | 1.00      |
| Mrs. H. Scott   | .25       |
| Mrs. W. G. Bell   | 5.00      |
| Mrs. Matthew Armstrong  | 2.00      |
| Georgetown High School  |           |
| Proceeds of Valentine Party held on February 14th                                       | 10.50     |
| "Glees-Williams"  | 7.70      |
| Total, Feb. 26th  | \$ 51.45  |
| Miss Yvonne Adams   | 2.12      |
| "A Friend"  | 2.00      |
| Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hepburn  | 5.00      |
| H. A. Smith   | 1.00      |
| Slalom Ski Club   | 9.84      |
| Mrs. H. Scott   | .50       |
| Proceeds of dance, Feb. 28th, sponsored by Larry Mackenzie, Ralph Whitmee and Bob Early | 21.05     |
| Proceeds of play put on by ladies of Norval United Church                               | 20.00     |
| Additional contributions at Legion Stag Party   | .85       |
| Collection from concert on Hockey Train to Peragus, March 3rd                           | 5.66      |
| Total, March 5th  | \$ 119.27 |
| Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock   | 2.00      |
| Social evening, Mar. 6th, at home of Mrs. F. Broomhead                                  | 7.00      |
| Georgetown Women's Institute  | 25.00     |
| The Glen Community Club   | 15.00     |
| Total, March 12th   | \$ 168.27 |

Publicly advertised goods are like the widest, and most public city streets — nearly always safe.

Have you signed your War Savings Pledge? If not, why not drop in to the Post Office and do so at once?

## Urge "Folks Back Home" to Back Boys War Victims' Fund Exceeds \$150 in Third Week



Government House, OTTAWA.

March 1941

Dear Senator McKeen,  
Princess Alice and I are glad to become Patrons of the Canadian War Services Fund, for we realize the invaluable assistance the member organizations have given to our Armed Forces at home and abroad. We have been privileged to see these War Services at work in Canada and Great Britain, and we are greatly impressed with the excellent work they are doing. We cannot emphasize too greatly the importance of providing pleasant recreation, healthy relaxation and comforts for our sailors, soldiers and airmen, and we are sure that nothing contributes so much to their physical and spiritual well-being. These services signify to them the affection and thoughtfulness of "the folks back home."

The Salvation Army, the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., the Canadian Legion, the Knights of Columbus and the I.O.O.F.E., have united in the Canadian War Services Fund Campaign, and we commend their aim and purpose to all Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

Major-General the Hon. A.D. McKeen, C.B.,  
National Chairman,  
Canadian War Services Fund,  
200 Bay Street,  
TORONTO, Ont.

The Earl of Athlone, Canada's Governor-General, stated he and the Princess Alice were glad to become patrons of the Canadian War Services Fund because they had seen its organizations at work in Canada and Great Britain. They recognized the invaluable aid these services gave the fighting men of Canada, he said. "Nothing contributes so much to their physical and spiritual well-being." His Excellency pointed out in the letter reproduced above, "These services signify to them the affection and thoughtfulness of the 'folks back home.'"

## Earth's Shadow to Cross Moon Eclipse Visible Here Tomorrow

A partial eclipse of the moon, the first eclipse of 1941, takes place on Thursday, March 13th (to-morrow). The greater part of the eclipse will be visible throughout most of North America, except the extreme northeastern section.

About one-third of the moon's disc will be darkened by the earth's shadow, and the phenomenon will be clearly visible where skies are clear. The eclipse begins at 5:37 (E.D.T.) when the moon enters the penumbra. The middle is at 7:55 a.m., and the end comes at 10:13 a.m. (E.S.T.).

Although not a notable astronomical event, this eclipse will make an interesting sight for those who happen to be up bright and early on Thursday morning. On the day of the eclipse the moon is full, and rises just about as the sun sets.

There will be an annual eclipse of the sun on March 27th, but in the Western Hemisphere it will be visible only in parts of South America.

The bright queening of the sky, Venus, is rapidly disappearing into the morning twilight as the distance between this planet and the sun increases. On March 27th, Venus and the waning crescent moon will be very close together and can be best seen in the sky at about 4:46 a.m. (E.D.T.).

## THE WEATHER

Last week began with the first sleet storm of the winter and made it rather slippery for travelling for a short time. But it has been followed by more or less sunny weather for the greater part of the week, which has gradually melted the old snow till there is not more than a couple of inches on the level, and on sunny banks the ground is bare again.

For a couple of times during the week the night temperature went down to almost zero, although with the bright sunshine it warmed up well during the day. Last Sunday and Monday it became almost as balmy as Spring, but it is a little too soon to look for that yet. The old fashioned down East snow storm that set in this Tuesday reminds us winter is still with us.

Here are the records for the week:

| Date           | Temp. | Preclp. | H and L. | tation   |
|----------------|-------|---------|----------|----------|
| Mon., Mar. 3   | 37    | 28      | 66       | rain     |
| Tue., Mar. 4   | 18    | 1       | 1        | and snow |
| Wed., Mar. 5   | 26    | 11      |          |          |
| Thurs., Mar. 6 | 25    | 14      |          |          |
| Fri., Mar. 7   | 28    | 2       |          |          |
| Sat., Mar. 8   | 27    | 13      |          |          |
| Sun., Mar. 9   | 33    | 32      |          |          |
| Mon., Mar. 10  | 39    | 19      |          |          |

## Euehre and Cash Gifts Give War Victims' Fund 300.00

The sum of \$300.00 has been sent in to the Toronto Evening Telegram British War Victims' Fund from the community of Norval, representing cash donations and proceeds from an auction euehre held in the Parish Hall last Wednesday.

There was a good attendance at the euehre, which was sponsored by the Norval Women's Institute, with Mrs. J. H. Hunter in charge of arrangements. Among the prize-winners were Spencer Williams, Mrs. F. Dick, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. D. Gilbert, E. Lyons, W. Anderson and W. Ash.

W. H. McKee acted as auctioneer for the goods which had been donated by various people in the district. Many prize-winners turned these in to be auctioned, and Mr. McKee was kept busy at his job. A list of cash donations, which space does not permit us to print this week, will appear in the Herald next week.

## G.G.H.G. Invades Georgetown

Motorcycles and army trucks roared down Main Street last Friday morning as several hundred Governor-General's Horse Guards arrived in town on a route ride from their headquarters at Exhibition Park, Toronto. The cyclists looked business-like, with rifles slung across their shoulders, and a companion riding in the side car of their machine. The army trucks, painted a dingy gray-brown, were filled with soldiers, faces reddened by the chilly wind, but looking for all that, as if they were enjoying the outing.

The troops drove to the Armouries in the park, where a Salvation Army canteen truck supplied hot coffee to the men. After circling the town, they headed for Toronto again.

## Georgetown Lady is Personally Thanked By Mrs. V. Massey

Mrs. Elizabeth Loud, of Georgetown, who before Christmas sent a parcel of clothing to Mrs. Vincent Massey for distribution among air raid victims in England, recently received a very charming letter from Mrs. Massey, thanking her for her thoughtfulness.

Mrs. Massey's letter read:

Dear Mrs. Loud:  
I cannot tell you how touched and moved I was when I opened your wonderful parcel. Those little dresses with the maple leaf on them will give more pleasure than you can ever know and the tender care with which everything was made and planned is being told the people that receive them. The help and understanding of people like yourself mean so much to all the people here. You would be amazed at the courage and spirit of the people, young and old; whatever happens to them they remain indomitable.

May I at this late date wish you a very happy birthday, and do know how full of gratitude I feel for the imaginative and charming parcel you have given me the privilege of distributing.

Yours sincerely,  
ALICE VINCENT MASSEY  
Mrs. Loud, and her daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Swan, Brampton, and Mrs. K. Preston, Georgetown, have been actively engaged in war work for the past year, helping out wherever they can to aid air raid victims in England.

At present, Mrs. Swan is busy packing more boxes for children, suggesting the people help her donations of shoes, wool, ribbon, print, anything which can be made into children's clothing. Anyone wishing to help fill the boxes may leave donations with Mrs. K. Preston in Georgetown.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Preston is busy on a scheme of her own to raise money for the War Victims' Fund. She has made a quilt, and is embroidering names on it for 10c a name, and hopes to raise \$20.00 before she is through.

## THE PROBLEM OF THE EMPTY CHURCH

The following letter written by Mrs. N. McLachlan, Powassan, appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail and was later reprinted in the Powassan News. One of our readers has asked that we reprint it in the Herald:

To the Editor of The Globe and Mail:

The problem of the empty church is one that should be of thoughtful and prayerful interest to every Christian, and I would like to give a few reasons that through observation and questioning have come to my notice. It is to our young people we must look to fill up the gaps being made in pulpits and pews every year, and since so many new and varied methods are being adopted to draw them into the Church, after quitting the "church school," one cannot but question why so few, especially of our young men, can be persuaded to attend.

Being concerned about this, I have questioned some, and the parents of others, and find that the following are among the chief reasons given: That all the Church wants of them is their money; that they see no difference in the lives of those who go, and those who do not; that neither the pulpit nor the pew practice what they preach and profess.

We frequently hear it said that there has never been a better or more intelligent class of young people than we have today, and certainly there has never been one more given to criticism, or to independent thought and action. Therefore, their criticism, like the bitter tonic our doctor prescribes to correct some physical disorder, should, though not pleasant to take, be a means of recovery. (Continued on Page 5)

Violet Irvine, a brother, Dr. F. J. R. Forster, of Stratford; and two sisters, Mrs. George P. Stewart, of Belleville, and Mrs. T. Albert Moore, Toronto. The funeral was held from the William Speers' Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, February 26th, with interment in Prospect Cemetery.

## \$150 in Third Week

Donations for the Herald War Victims Fund received in the past two weeks have raised it well over the \$150 mark with today's balance showing \$188.27 in the bank account. \$21.05 was turned in by Bob Early, Ralph Whitmee and Larry Mackenzie, who sponsored a successful dancing party in the Arena on Friday, February 28th.

A donation of \$20.00 was added to the fund by the ladies of Norval United Church. This was proceeds of a play "Look Who's Here," put on by the Young People's Society of Eden United Church in Norval, on February 19. \$9.64, funds remaining to the credit of the now-defunct Slalom Ski Club, were turned over by the treasurer of the club, while Miss Yvonne Adams, finding a small account at a local bank which she had forgotten about, closed it out with a cheque to the fund.

The Georgetown Women's Institute voted \$25.00 from the general funds of the organization to be added to the War Victims' Fund, while a \$15.00 donation was received from the Glen Community Club, representing proceeds from social evenings held by the club. Another social evening, at the home of Mrs. F. Broomhead netted \$7.00, to swell the growing list of contributors.

## Marshall Alderson Dies in Toronto Hospital

Irving Marshall Alderson, who moved to Georgetown with his family in January of this year, was taken to Toronto General Hospital, Tuesday evening, March 4th, and passed away the following day. He had suffered paralysis after an attack of measles. Mr. Alderson, a son of Mr. James and the late Mrs. Alderson, had spent all his life in the Alliston district, where he farmed in Tossorontio Township. Moving to Georgetown last year, he took up residence on Church Street. He was 48 years of age, and a member of the Anglican Church.

Marshall Alderson is survived by his wife, formerly Gladys Laking of Everett, one son, James, and three daughters, Margaret, Jean and Lillian. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Ludlow of Alliston, and Mrs. Vern Callow, formerly of Alliston, now living in Brampton.

The funeral took place from the home of Mrs. Ludlow on King Street, Alliston, on Saturday afternoon. Rev. F. C. McMillan of Rosemont conducted the service and the committal in Alliston Union Cemetery. Rev. E. P. Smyth and Capt. O. M. McClean assisted.

The pallbearers were two brothers-in-law, J. R. Ludlow and Roy Laking, and two nephews, Russell Hood and Leroy Whiteside, and two neighbours, Job Small and George Jackson, Jr. Friends were present from Toronto, Georgetown, Brampton, Shelburne, Stuyver, Stroud and Lefroy.

The Hon. tributes included remembrance cards, the assembly room staff of Smith & Stone at Georgetown, and the Georgetown Clay Products, where his son and daughter are employed.

Contributions for the Herald War Victims Fund accepted at the Herald Office, on Main Street.

## Canada War at War

A Weekly Review of Developments on the Home Front; February 27 — March 6, 1941.

1. Government-owned Housing Company formed to deal with shortage of living accommodation for war workers. Joseph M. Figgot, Hamilton, president designate of company.
2. Contracts awarded during week ended February 21 by Department of Munitions and Supply numbered 1524 and totalled \$19,019,249.
3. Thousands of Canadian soldiers and airmen arrive in Great Britain March 1st.
4. Total of over 90,000 vehicles for military purposes sent from Canada to Empire at war.
5. Justice M. E. Archibald, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, appointed commissioner to inquire into the causes of lack of capacity production in the coal mines in the Minto-Chipman district, New Brunswick.
6. Government Bill before Commons making pensions act of Great War of 1914-18 applicable to present war.
7. Of 200,000 enlistments since opening present war, 10,829 discharged as medically unfit. Means adopted to tighten medical examination of recruits.
8. Canadian warships arrive home after ten months service in war area.
9. Net revenue from tourist traffic in 1940 estimated at \$25,000,000.
10. Income tax collections during eleven months period of fiscal year (April 1, 1940, to February 28, 1941) totalled \$231,179,485, net increase of \$108,677,639 over corresponding 11 months of previous fiscal year.
11. Munitions and supply contracts awarded from July 1, 1936, to November 30, 1940, totalled \$1,204,886,821. Total includes both Canadian and U. K. accounts; also orders for Canadian civil aviation equipment.
12. Sixty-three mills treated 1,016,430 tons of ore from Ontario mines in January, creating all-time monthly record for gold ore milling in Ontario.
13. Special committees of Commons appointed to review Defence of Canada regulations with law relating to deportation and naturalization.