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Canadian Army Train In Georgetown Last Wednesday

2205 People See Train in 2-Hour Stop Here—Three Million Dollars in War Equipment on Exhibit.

The Canadian Army Train attracted a crowd of citizens numbering 2205, when it made its scheduled appearance in Georgetown last Wednesday. The train, which has been making a tour of Canada in connection with the current Victory Loan campaign, was at the local C.N.R. station for two hours—10 a.m. till noon—and officials were extremely pleased at the interest shown by the large turn-out. In the vanguard of the inspection tour were pupils of Georgetown Public and High Schools and Glen Williams Public School, who marched in a body from their classrooms.

Chairman W. V. Grant, of the Georgetown District Victory Loan Committee, in company with other officials of the campaign, met the train at the station when it arrived from Guelph, and officially welcomed Lieut-Col. J. E. McKenna, officer commanding a staff of sixty-six officers, N.C.O.'s and men, who made up the personnel of the train. Committee members had an opportunity of meeting Col. McKenna and the ardent members of his staff in the lounge car and were conducted on a tour of the train by him. He explained that over three million dollars worth of equipment was on display. While the train was in Georgetown, an official photographer from M.D.C. and two photographers from the Montreal Standard, were on hand to take pictures of the personnel, which was hand-picked from regiments right across Canada. Col. McKenna himself was on loan from the Royal Montreal Rifles.

The train was painted in the colours of the four Canadian divisions—red for the 1st, blue for the 2nd, French grey for the 3rd, and maroon for the 4th. The train consisted of fifteen cars, four or five cars in the front were devoted to the men themselves—diner, orderly room, sleeping quarters, a dynamo car for power, and combination lounge and library. The train was run on regular army lines with a complete staff of army men, augmented only by a few necessary railwaymen. Supplies were drawn from depots in various cities en route, by prearranged plan. The only thing lacking was bathing facilities, and the Y.M.C.A. had co-operated in (Continued on Page 4)

A Telegram from the Victory Loan Chairman

Oakville, Feb. 24, 1942.

To the Citizens of Halton County:—

We are now approaching the half-way mark in the Second Victory Loan. The result so far has been encouraging but it will require the utmost effort and some sacrifice on the part of all of us if we are to succeed in meeting our quota of \$1,250,000 for Halton County. We must not fail. To lend our money in the least we can do in support of those who are offering their lives to protect our liberty and all that make life worth living. The tragic events of the past few weeks have proved beyond doubt that unless we assist our armed forces and are willing to assist in every way within our power we cannot win. We are fighting now with our backs to the wall. The initiative rests with the enemy and will continue to do so until we have an overwhelming superiority in trained men, ships, planes, tanks and guns. There are only two alternatives in war, victory or defeat. The decision rests largely in your hands. Without the necessary funds to provide the proper equipment, defeat and enslavement will be our lot. Our very homes and lives are at stake. Our material possessions are only of use to preserve the spiritual values which have been attained through centuries of struggle and suffering. In the hope of victory and in the realization that without victory all is lost, I appeal to you to purchase Victory Bonds to the limit of your ability.

F. FULLEN,
Chairman Halton County.



W. V. GRANT
Chairman of the local Victory Loan Committee is W. V. Grant, of Provincial Paper Ltd., who is devoting much of his time and energy to make the Loan a success.

VICTORY LOAN SHORTS Many Attend Service World's Day of Prayer

icy road conditions are not giving Township canvassers an easy time of it this week. Rural citizens who wish to invest in the Loan can help greatly if they will contact canvassers themselves, or get in touch with their bank and make their purchases now.

Branch 120, Canadian Legion, had the honour of purchasing the first bond in this district—a \$100 one.

When fire destroyed the Hotel Gibson, at Oakville, a week ago Monday, organizers L. C. Amy and J. B. Skelth lost all their personal belongings, which they had brought with them from their homes in Toronto for an extended stay in Oakville during the campaign.

According to the Brampton Conservative, more people saw the Canadian Train in Georgetown last Wednesday, than in our larger neighbour-town. The official figure for Georgetown was 2205, while The Conservative placed Brampton's figure at about 2100.

Lt-Col. McKenna, officer commanding the train, told two interesting stories which we think are worth repeating. In Port Erie, a lady visitor was noticed wiping tears from her eyes, and a query revealed that she had a son who was a prisoner of war in Germany. She was crying with thankfulness to think that the Red Cross was sending such wonderful parcels to the war prisoners. In Barina, an elderly lady was overheard saying to her companion: "I'm certainly going to buy more Victory Bonds. I can see now why we need to."

Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company is one of the larger purchasers of the new loan, and has bought \$15,000 worth of Victory Bonds. The sale will be split six ways, with Georgetown, Nassagaweya, Nelson, Trafalgar, Oakville and Burlington each receiving an equal share of the credit.

The Victory Loan campaign has brought your editor an unexpected meeting with two old friends. What was our surprise, when we began our tour of the army train, to recognize the soldier on guard in the first car as Cpl. Lawrence Owen, a fellow-student at University. Larry was in his final year of a theological course when he decided to join the army, and he told us that since then he has married and has a four-month old son. Another friend turned up in the "Masquers" revue the next evening, in the person of Grace McCutcheon. Grace has been dancing for several years now, and was in England when the war broke out, returning home in the fall of 1939. She now teaches a dancing class at her home in Toronto, as well as appearing with the Masquers.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. O'Donovan and Patsy, of Toronto, were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Haines, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. William Everson, and Mr. Alfred Blair, of Toronto, spent the week end with relatives here.

Miss Marjorie Wagstaffe, who has been in ill health for some time, is now a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. Robert McMenemy is spending some weeks with relatives in Guelph, while Mr. McMenemy is undergoing treatment in Guelph General Hospital.

Boys in uniform home on leave during the week end included: AC2 Lawrence Beaumont, AC2 Bill Schenk, and Pte. Gordon Allen; AC2 Vernon Kirby is home on two weeks' furlough from Aymer.

Collector's Salary Increased \$150 After Lengthy Debate

M.O.H. and Auditors' Report Feature Special Council Meeting—New Fire Truck will be Purchased—Band Hired for 12 Concerts—Barbers' Petition Withdrawn.

- HAVE YOU DONE YOUR DUTY?
- HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR VICTORY BOND?
- HAVE YOU BOUGHT ALL YOU CAN?
- THE MOST YOU CAN LEND IN THE LEAST YOU CAN DO.
- If you can lend more please communicate with your Victory Loan salesman, call Victory Loan Headquarters, or arrange to place your subscription through your bank. Act without delay as the need is urgent.

Several important items of business were dealt with on Monday evening, when a special meeting of Georgetown Council was held in the Council Chambers on Main Street. Dr. C. V. Williams, Medical Officer of Health, and H. A. Lever, of the firm of Jenkins & Hardy, auditors for the town, were present to deliver their reports for 1941. A salary increase request of \$300 from K. M. Langdon, collector of taxes and water rates, was refused, and an increase of \$150 was voted. The Lorne Scots Band was hired to give twelve concerts in town during the year at a fee of \$25 a concert. It was decided to purchase a new fire truck, and the clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for a chassis for the truck. A petition by the barbers and hairdressers for an early closing by-law, which was to have been presented, was vetoed when three signers backed out of their original intention and the required majority was not available.

M.O.H. Report

All members of the Council—Mayor Gibbons, Reeve Cleave, and Councillors Bradley, Oatigan, Brown, Crippa, MacDonald and Mackenzie—were present at what proved to be one of the most important meetings in the past year. First on the agenda was the report of the Medical Officer of Health, which will be reprinted in detail in next week's Herald. Dr. Williams made another strong recommendation that a municipal garbage and disposal system be inaugurated—a point on which he has many times expressed himself. The cost, he claims, would be less than is paid now for individual collections.

A great asset, he suggested, would be a municipal building for the youth of the town, for games, lectures, theatricals, etc.

Mumps Epidemic

Georgetown was relatively free from communicable diseases last year, except for an outbreak of mumps, which totalled 168 cases. He outlined preventative measures taken, including 70 immunizations against diphtheria and 26 vaccinations against smallpox.

A report of the health of school children telling of measures taken in eye, ear, nose and throat trouble and dental hygiene, St. John Ambulance work and the work of milk inspector, Dr. R. Learmonth, were other items dealt with in the report of the M.O.H.

Auditors' Report

Mr. Lever, town auditor, expressed himself as very pleased with the report of the year's business of the municipality, and had only minor suggestions to make regarding any improvements which could be made. Dog tax collections were not good—only \$3 tags being issued compared with 108 in the previous year, and he was certain that there were more dogs than this in town. Insurance carried on town properties is sufficient, with the exception of the water works office, on which no insurance is carried.

Improved Tax Collections

He commended the tax collector on (Continued on Page 8)

Herald Staff Change Next Week

Mrs. Broomhead Reports to Galt A.T.A. on Monday—Second Employee to Go on Active Service

Reg Broomhead, an employee of the Georgetown Herald for the past three and one half years, received notice to report on Monday morning at Galt, where he has enrolled in the Aircraft Training course, and will finish his duties at the Herald this week-end. Reg, who is the only son of Mrs. Lily Broomhead and the late Fred Broomhead, has been active in church work at the United Church, where he has been a member of the choir, president of the Tennis Club, and secretary of the Y.P.B. He is the second Herald employee to enlist, LAC Leslie Clark having joined the RCAP last July. He is at present stationed in Guelph.

The new man at the Herald Office is P. M. "Mike" Oilmore, who has been working for O. R. Vandusen of the Tara Leader, for the past six months. His home is in Oshawa. Until Mr. Oilmore familiarizes himself with his new job, there are bound to be delays, and we hesitate to predict just when the Herald (which has not been setting any early-edition records, as it is) will be off the press for a few weeks. We will be doing our best, and hope that subscribers will bear with us during the next month or two.

Dr. Dolson is survived by his widow, Mildred R. Dean; one son, E. Dean Dolson; two daughters, Miss E. and Mrs. R. C. Cavill (Jeanette), all of Toronto; two brothers, Dr. W. J. McL. Dolson of Toronto, Alexander of Norval; four sisters, Mrs. LeRoy Brown, of St. Catharines, Mrs. George Leslie, of Georgetown, Mrs. Norman Cameron, of Norval, and Mrs. William Wilson, of Fort Credit.

"The Masquers" Make A Hit In First Georgetown Appearance

Small, but Enthusiastic, Audience Enjoy Victory Loan Show—Mayor Gibbons Guest Speaker.

The Gregory Theatre should have been crowded to the doors last Thursday evening. There should have been a standing line, and even a number of disappointed last-minute arrivals who could not obtain seats. Instead of this, only some two hundred citizens were privileged to witness one of the finest variety shows that this writer has ever seen on any stage. We have seen the Zigfield Polles, with a large cast of stars, and scads of beautiful chorus girls; radio comic Fred Allen, in his pre-radio days, in "Three's a Crowd"; Earl Carroll's Vanities, George White's Scandals, the International Garment Workers' show "Pins and Needles," among others. All these shows had the benefit of star personalities publicized by highly-paid press agents, expensive costumes and stage sets, big stages, beautiful lighting effects, everything to enhance the stage "land of make-believe."

And yet we can truthfully say that with one stage drop, a narrow stage not designed for the presentation of stage shows, simple lighting effects and a minimum of costuming, we thoroughly enjoyed the performance of the Toronto Masquers, brought to Georgetown by the Victory Loan Committee, as part of the publicity work in the present loan drive. The Masquers, sponsored by a number of Ontario firms, were originally a Toronto Little Theatre and first immediate past master of Fidelity Lodge.

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THE WEATHER

The changeable nature of winter weather and the futility of attempting to forecast it for even a day ahead was seen last week. We mentioned in our last report a sudden drop in the barometer which indicated a thaw and milder weather, but the thaw was of such short duration that we were back to almost zero weather before the report appeared in print.

The variability also within a comparatively small area might be noted in the fact that while we enjoyed a bright sunny day last Sunday, only a few miles north and west of us about Shelburne they were having a blizzard that threatened to block the roads, and snow ploughs were busy trying to keep them open.

For the past couple of weeks we have had nothing more than a few light flurries of snow, and a four or five inch covering remains on the ground.

Following are the temperature records for the week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.
Tues., Feb. 17	30 27
Wed., Feb. 18	27 19
Thurs., Feb. 19	7 3
Fri., Feb. 20	13 3
Sat., Feb. 21	19 3
Sun., Feb. 22	28 16
Mon., Feb. 23	33 19

Georgetown District Over Half-way Mark In Loan Campaign

\$108,300 Reported to Tuesday Night — 57% of Total is Raised in Halton.



FRED McNALLY

As chairman of the Speakers' Committee, Fred McNally is in charge of furnishing guest speakers for events during the period of the Second Victory Loan. This week he was instrumental in bringing Sgt.-Major Lostry, of Toronto, who talked to employees at the larger industrial firms in Georgetown and the Glen on Monday.

Figures released today by W. H. Long, chairman of the sales committee for Georgetown and district, reveal subscriptions of \$108,300, out of the \$185,000 objective set for the district. This is roughly 59% of the quota, with the campaign at the half-way mark, and is on a par with total county figures, which show 57%, or \$713,850 of the total objective of \$1,250,000 raised.

A comparison of the six districts is reproduced below showing the comparative standings of the six divisions in Halton.

District	Objective	Raised	Approx. %
Burlington	\$280,000	\$110,000	40%
Oakville	410,000	314,000	77%
Milton	200,000	75,000	37%
Campbellville	40,000	19,300	50%
Georgetown	185,000	108,300	59%
Acton	135,000	86,550	64%
Total	\$1,250,000	\$713,850	57%

There is still almost \$80,000 to go, if Georgetown is to reach its objective—but we won't stop there. In the Victory Loan last June, with an objective of \$140,000, \$331,800 was subscribed. Are we going to top it?

Active Service Notes

Jim Sargent, overseas with the Lorne Scots, has obtained his two stripes, and is now a corporal.

LAC Stewart Maclaren has been transferred from Toronto to No. 7 Air Observer's School, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Men in uniform home on leave last week included: AC1 Stuart Young, Jarvis; AC2 Lew Humberstone, Toronto; Pilot Officer Ken Mackenzie, Aymer; AC2 Bill Schenk, home on furlough at his home in the Glen; AC2 Lawrence Beaumont, Toronto; LAC Horace Hurley, Guelph; AC3 Lloyd Boyd, Toronto.

AC3 Jack Gilbert, who was taken ill at his home in the Glen last week end, was taken by a military ambulance to Toronto Riverdale Hospital, when it was found he was suffering from a slight attack of scarlet fever.

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British War Victims' Fund

Forwarded to Toronto Evening Telegram	\$2525.32
Cash on hand, acknowledged	125.44
McNabb St. Neighbourhood Club	10.50
Total, Feb. 25	\$2661.26

Don't forget Bob Goldham night at Maple Leaf Gardens—Saturday, February 28th.

Come On Georgetown - Buy Victory Bonds