

Brief Historical Sketch Of Limehouse Presbyterian Church

(We are indebted to our Limehouse correspondent, Mrs. A. W. Benton, for this account of the history of Limehouse Presbyterian Church, gleaned from the first records of the church.)

The church building now known as the Limehouse Presbyterian Church, situated on the east corner of lot 23, Concession 6, in Esquimaux Township, was erected jointly, on land owned by the Presbyterians, by members of the Calvinistic (known as Canada Presbyterians), the Episcopalians, and the Episcopal Methodists in 1860 and 1861. It was to be known as Union Church with each denomination holding its separate service at a decided time. The Presbyterians having first choice. If any other Evangelical denomination wished to hold a service they were at liberty to do so provided they did not interfere with those times chosen by the three first mentioned. In the presence of James Lindsay and Thomas B. Fraser, as witnesses, the following five signed the first agreement:—James Fraser, John Nickel, John Meredith, John Newton, and Charles Meredith. At a joint meeting later, the Presbyterians chose morning services, the Methodists the evening, and the Episcopalians, not represented, were left the afternoon.

At a meeting called in the church in 1861, Messrs. Hugh McKay and Robert Young were present as a deputation from Georgetown Presbyterian congregation to urge union between the two congregations in order to have a regular supply minister. This was duly discussed and passed by a majority vote of those present.

At a meeting in January 1862, a committee of three — William Shanks, T. B. Fraser and James Lindsay were appointed to transact business for the ensuing year. As each year ended one man retired by ballot and a new one was appointed to take his place. Mr. Shanks retired in January 1863, and Thomas Sommerville was added. This committee, it is supposed, is now known as Board of Managers. They were later appointed for a period of 3 years and in 1906 were increased to six men.

A deputation from Georgetown attended a meeting in Union Church, Limehouse, March 10, 1864, for the purpose of calling a minister. Eight supported the motion and four voted against it. William Simpson, a student, was to be applied for, for six months, and in the meantime try to get a minister. Rev. R. Ewing is the first regular minister mentioned in the minutes book in 1871. James Lindsay is the first mentioned treasurer and remained in office until January 1871, when Ninian Lindsay was appointed. Later, John Lindsay served 24 years as treasurer.

A collector was appointed annually until 1879 when a motion passed leaving the young people responsible for the collecting and raising of money for schemes of the church. The following year thirty copies of the Presbyterian Record were purchased for the first time, so the young people must have been successful. In 1886 the envelope system was adopted but dropped after two years. It was again used in 1905, following years. The minutes of the 1862 and 1863 annual meetings give more information than those previous. In 1862 the report of session read:—Number on communion roll, 74. Added during year, 4. Withdrawn during year, 3. No deaths, 3 baptisms. Georgetown congregation asked for morning services throughout the year and Limehouse decided at this meeting to grant same, provided that Georgetown pay two-thirds of minister's salary and Limehouse one-third.

In 1863 there were thirty-six families connected with this congregation. A tea meeting was suggested as a means of clearing up the organ fund. This is the first year that annual reports of W.A. and W.M.S., and Sabbath schools were mentioned. The managers were instructed to insure the church property as soon as possible.

There was some interest in music prior to 1900, as five music books were purchased in 1870 and additional ones obtained for the choir in 1885.

In these earlier days no women's names appear but about 1900 the officers of the women's organizations read their own reports at the annual meeting and soon were voicing their opinions in other matters of business.

In 1914 a committee was appointed to investigate and report regarding the church removal. In 1919 they were disbanded after reporting that feelings were against the idea.

Minister mentioned in these old minutes since Rev. Ewing in 1871, are as follows:—Rev. J. Pringle, 1870; Rev. W. O. Wallace 1884; Rev. A. H. Drummond, 1889; Rev. Joseph Alexander, 1891; Rev. D. M. Buchanan, 1892; Rev. L. Ferrin, 1894; Rev. R. P. Cameron 1904, the last named being pastor here for more than twenty years, when ill-health finished his career as minister. Those who followed him are well remembered by many in this neighborhood: Rev. Kenneth McLean; Dr. A. L. Howard; Rev. D. D. David; and our present minister, Rev. C. G. Cochran, who came to us from Geraldton, Ontario, in September 1941. Members of session now are Messrs. Geo. Mino, Dr. J. G. Sutherland, Thos. Appleyard, J. N. Newton, T. H. Price and Joe Ross. The board of managers includes:—A. C. Patterson, chairman; A. W. Benton, treasurer; T. H. Price, J. N. Newton, J. R. Scott and Harvey McDowell.

The contract has been let for re-decorating the interior of the church during this summer. This has not been done since 1922 and is badly needed now.



BEAUTY ON THE AIR

A name which represents pleasant memories for concert and radio audiences almost everywhere in Canada belongs to the charming soprano pictured here. She is Frances James, native of New Brunswick, resident of Toronto, and for the past 18 years, a favorite star of the CBC. She is currently featured with other leading Toronto singers and musicians on the weekly musical comedy program, "Curtain Memories," which is produced from the CBC Toronto studios under the direction of George Stewart. The next program with selections from favorite operette and musical comedy successes of years gone by, will be heard Wednesday, June 24th at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

\$300 Grant From County Council to Lorne Scots Band

Red Cross, Fair Boards, Also Benefit From Grants At Meeting Yesterday

A delegation composed of Mayor Joseph Gibbons and Harold C. McClure, attended the monthly meeting of Halton County Council in Milton yesterday afternoon, to request a grant for the Lorne Scots Band. In previous years, Georgetown Council has granted money to the organization, but this year a new regulation from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs denying Town Councils the right to do so, precluded this. An effort by the town council to get around this was made when they passed a resolution hiring the Band for a series of twelve public concerts at \$25.00 a concert. This did not meet the approval of the Department and had to be rescinded, so Council offered to send a delegation to the County to see what they could do. After some consideration, the Council agreed to supply a \$300.00 grant, as they are empowered to do so under the Act.

Another deputation from the County Red Cross included President Le Roy Dale, of Georgetown. They were granted \$500.00 to be split up among the various districts.

Representatives from Milton, Acton and Georgetown Fair Boards were present to ask for grants, and President Herb Cleave and Secretary Frank Fetch represented Georgetown. Grants of \$100.00 were given to Georgetown and Acton and \$200.00 to Milton.

KNOX CHURCH W.M.S. AND HOME HELPERS HOLD JOINT MEETING

On Wednesday afternoon, June 10th the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian Church, were invited to join with the Home Helpers at the home of Mrs. Hume Currie for the June meeting.

Mrs. William Sinclair, president, led the devotional exercises. Mrs. George Leslie read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Ledingham gave the prayer. Mrs. McPadden, of Omagh, district vice-president, spoke on some of the mothers of the Bible.

Mrs. (Rev.) Ledingham, of Weston, as guest speaker, brought a challenging message to all present. Mrs. W. Cromar and Mrs. L. DeVries entertained with two duets.

A vote of thanks to the speakers and others taking part was given by Mrs. Devereaux. Sandwiches and tea were served at the close of the meeting, and all enjoyed a social hour.

Sunday, June 21, will be the occasion of the thirty-first anniversary when services will be conducted at 3 p.m. by Rev. Forbes Thompson, B. A., of Acton and at 8 p.m. by Rev. Dr. A. C. Cochran, brother of our present pastor, of Port Credit. The choir will be assisted by guest artists at both services.

The annual garden party will be held for the fourth time on the lawn by Rev. A. C. Patterson, Silvercreek, where a program will be in charge of the Gospel Concert Co. We hope to see a good attendance at both affairs to encourage the great work of the Church, for we all feel that the churches are the root of victory in the terrible conflict in which we are all engaged in some way.

J. L. Lambert On Leave Of Absence for Duration

O.H.S. Principal on Active Service — Bowmanville Teacher Will Replace Him During Absence

Lieut. J. L. Lambert, principal of Georgetown High School, left town last week for a month of preliminary "qualifying training" at Camp Borden, after which he will be stationed on active duty with the King's Forces.

His many friends and former students were proud, yet sorry, to see him leave. Tangible evidence of this feeling was produced on Wednesday afternoon, June 3, at the school, when the pupils and teachers assembled on the beautiful lawn of the school and Mary Paul presented Mr. Lambert with a military wrist watch on their behalf. Mr. Paul read the presentation address and Mr. Haldmann, on behalf of the teachers, and Rev. W. O. C. Thompson, chairman of the High School Board, both expressed their regret at his departure and all hoped his leave of absence for the duration would not be for long, so he could be back home and resume his peacetime duties at the school once more.

Mr. Lambert is following in the footsteps of his father, who served with the Imperials in the last war. He was born in Manchester, England, and received his secondary education there. His Bachelor of Arts and B. Ed. degrees were obtained at the University of Toronto. After his graduation he taught in the Mimico High School for two years before coming here as principal of O.H.S. In the autumn of 1935, upon the retirement of Mr. Ralph Ross. He taught Upper School English and Latin.

Mr. Lambert took an active interest in community affairs. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Golf Club and played the violin in the Georgetown String Quartet. He was an executive of the Library Board and Lay Reader at St. George's Anglican Church.

In 1940 he commenced training at the Armouries as a private in the Lorne Scots Regiment and went to camp with them. Last summer he took the three-month Officers' Training Course at Brockville, when he obtained his rank of Lieutenant.

The officers of "C" Company, Lorne Scots 2nd Battalion, held a surprise party for him at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McClure, Wednesday night, June 10th, and as a token of their high esteem, Mr. McClure presented Mr. Lambert with a military pen and pencil set on their behalf. Those present were: R.B.M. and Mrs. Carney, Quartermaster and Mrs. Ivan Crabtree, Lieut. and Mrs. Weddell, Erin; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wigglesworth; Mrs. J. L. Barber, Lieut. and Mrs. J. L. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. O. Martin.

Mr. Walter Carpenter will be the principal of the High School during Mr. Lambert's absence. He graduated from Trinity College, University of Toronto, in 1930, and in 1931 obtained his honour B.A. in Classics. Before coming here, Mr. Carpenter taught at Bramford Collegiate Institute, Glen Lawrence School, Toronto, and at Bowmanville High School. His father is an Anglican church minister, and he is married with two children.

Installation Night At Lions Club

Under the direction of Lion V. V. Grant, installation night was held on Monday by the Georgetown Lions Club. Assisting Lion Grant as installing officers were Lions E. McWhirter, W. H. Long and Col. James Ballantine, all past presidents of the club. The following officers were installed: President, D. Brill; 1st vice-president, R. Ross; 2nd vice-president, Le Roy Dale; Lion Tamer, J. D. Kelly; Tall Twister, C. G. Benham; directors, (2-year term), W. H. Long, James Ballantine; (1-year term), E. McWhirter, A. H. Peller.

During the meeting, C. G. Benham presented the retiring president, R. Licata, with a past president's pin and commented on the fine leadership he had given the club during the past year. W. H. Long, on behalf of the club, expressed their regret at losing their secretary-treasurer, Walter Biehn, who goes on active service next week. H. C. McClure and E. McWhirter were appointed representatives on the newly-organized Active Services League. It was decided to loan the piano owned by the club to the Lorne Scots W.A., who are planning a series of dances in the Armouries. The salvage work which has been operated by the club during the past year will be reorganized in an effort to more completely cover the district and Lion D. Brill, in a named chair with a committee composed of R. Licata, LeRoy Dale, D. Brill and E. McWhirter. A report on the recent "donkey draw" showed about \$50.00 netted.

"Hey, Mike! No Office Proof on This!" When an Editor Enlists

By G. Mc O.

It is not very often that we get the chance to alip one past the editor, but there is always a first time for everything. Mike is our new printer, and his instructions were clear. "No office proofs on this copy," it must be the front page unnoticed and well I guess it did. . . . Probably it is a wee bit late . . . guess you have already heard the news . . . maybe we were scooped anyway . . . the editor enlists. . . .

The war was brought closer to our door last week, when Edith Biehn (Walter to most everyone), made the announcement to the staff that he, too, had joined the services. While we were not surprised, because Walter had signified his intentions of doing so on many occasions, it left a rather vacant feeling in the office — some one "going active" who was really a vital cog in the newspaper machinery — the boss, the editor would be wearing the King's Uniform on June 22nd.

Walter Biehn was born in Chesley . . . well it wasn't thirty years ago . . . and when six years old, moved with his family to Windsor, where he attended public school and Patterson Collegiate Institute. Upon graduation he entered the University of Western Ontario at London and graduated from there with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Honour in Business Administration, a short time elapsed between the time when he left college and took over the Herald, which time was engaged as an auditor with the firm of Edwards, Morgan & Co., Toronto. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Biehn, of Windsor and his brother, Capt. J. Tedford Biehn, of Garsia, is with the

Sgt. "Sheeny" Tost Killed On Manoeuvres Overseas

Tragic News Received Last Monday — Popular Athlete First Georgetown Man to Pay Supreme Sacrifice

Friends in Georgetown were saddened last Monday to hear the tragic news that Sgt. H. P. "Sheeny" Tost had been killed on manoeuvres overseas. A brief telegram was received on that day by his mother, Mrs. W. H. Tost, that he had died on June 15th of gunshot wounds in the head. Sgt. Tost, who was among the first Georgetown men to go overseas, was a member of the 1st Battalion, Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, and had been training with the "commandos," crack raiding battalion of the overseas armie. Enlisting as a private he had proved to be a good soldier, and was first promoted to corporal, later to sergeant after his arrival overseas.

He was the first Georgetown native to pay the supreme sacrifice of giving his life for his country, and a mantle of gloom was thrown over the whole district as the news spread. A popular athlete, he was one of the mainstays of the Georgetown Intermediate hockey team, and while overseas he was still keenly interested in local sport and followed the progress of his team in the Herald.

Besides his sorrowing mother, Mrs. W. H. Tost, only recently returned home after a serious illness, he is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. E. O. McMillan (Gladys), and Mrs. Edith McMillan, of Georgetown, William, in Florida, and Cyril, also in uniform with the Royal Canadian Engineers in Toronto.

Active Service Notes



A SERGEANT NOW

It's Sergeant T. S. Warren for this Georgetown man now, who is serving overseas with the Lorne Scots. Sgt. Warren, familiarly known as "Tommy" by the fellows back home, is in the army since early in 1941, and after being stationed at Camp Borden for several months with the 4th Highlanders, rejoined his Regiment when it went active and went overseas with them last summer. Sgt. Warren is a noted trapper, and has had some of the finest trap catches in the province. He is also a member of the Royal Canadian Mounties, the Georgetown Choral Society and the Grace Male Choir, in Brampton, exercised his vocal talents in those groups. Mrs. Warren and the children live on Victoria Street, Georgetown, and they're mighty proud of their daddy's rapid promotion.

Main Street Merchant Enlists in Army

Clayton Bradley Training in Toronto — Cl. Bradley Takes His Place in Meat and Grocery Business

Clayton Bradley who for the past two years has been associated with his brother, Roy, in the meat and grocery business on Main Street, has enlisted in the army and left last week for Toronto where he has commenced training. He is the son of Mrs. Harvey Bradley and the late Mr. Bradley, and after attending Georgetown High School worked at the Provincial Coating Mill prior to setting up in business. His brother, Clifford, employed at the same store during his absence. Clifford is a member of the Georgetown Council, having been elected for a two-year term at the 1940 elections.

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

The weather is warming up very slowly this year. Here it is the middle of June and we are often wishing for the end of the winter. The average for the past week was 61.9, barely one degree higher than the previous week. A grate fire or even a fire in the furnace was necessary to make indoor living comfortable last Sunday and Monday.

With all the rains we have had of late, vegetation is making wonderful growth, and the cool cloudy weather has enabled all bloom to last a long time. The only slow growth is in corn, tomatoes, melons and those vine crops that require a more tropical temperature to do their best. However, we may get plenty of that later.

Following are the local records for the week:

| Date | H. and L. Temp. | Rain fall |
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| Tues., June 9 | 75 41 | |
| Wed., June 10 | 82 54 | |
| Thurs., June 11 | 79 63 | .04 |
| Fri., June 12 | 80 63 | .25 |
| Sat., June 13 | 79 63 | |
| Sun., June 14 | 80 81 | .35 |
| Mon., June 15 | 85 44 | |

STUDY CLUB OPEN MEETING

The annual open meeting of the Georgetown Study Club was held on Friday, June 6th. Miss H. A. Staunton, president, welcomed the members and their guests and introduced the speaker, Mrs. T. G. Falkner, who is the head of the Women's Electors League, of Toronto. Mrs. Falkner spoke of women's place in the changing world, and strongly urged her listeners to take a more active part in civic and community life of their home town. Her vigorous talk was much enjoyed by her audience. Tea was served at the Rectory, the home of Mrs. W. O. C. Thompson, and a very enjoyable gathering closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The collection, War Savings Stamps, resulted in three War Savings Certificates being sent to Ottawa and cancelled at the request of the Study Club.

DIED
HUNTER, Hubert—In Georgetown, on Monday, June 15th, 1942. Beloved husband of Margaret Davidson Maw. Aged 75 years. Interment in Huttonville Cemetery.

Lieut. Lynn Wilson, a former Georgetown boy, is stationed at Brampton with the R.O.A.M.C. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson, of Toronto, and his father was formerly accountant of the Bank of Montreal branch here. Lieut. Wilson was himself on the bank staff at the time of enlistment.

Ordeman William Kosack, who has been stationed at Camp Debart, N.S., for some time, has been moved to Toronto. He is in town over the week end and paid a call at the Herald Office.

Lieut. Max Strang, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Strang, of Georgetown, has completed his initial training course at Brockville and is now at Barrieham Camp, where he is attached to the R.O.C.O. for a further three-month training period. Writing to his parents, he describes the new training system in Brockville, where future officers are given the "commando" instruction so necessary to present-day soldiers. On graduation day, his class presented the first exhibition of this which includes such things as crawling through barrels, scaling a fifteen foot wall, ploughing through a swamp filled with trees and rocks and crossing a gulley on a thirty-foot wide walk, with barbed wire entanglements underneath. Lieut. Strang, who is a graduate of the University of Toronto, is an ordnance mechanical engineer.

Men in uniform home last week included: Flying Officer Ken Mackenzie, Aylmer; Pilot Officer Gordon McDonald, Camp Borden; LAC Dick Beaumont, Mountain View; ACC Jim Louth; Pte. Perc King, Pte. Bill Bryden, Brampton; ACC Stuart Young, Jarvis; Pte. Mack Young, Camp Borden; O.S. Jack Tost, Toronto.

No. 34 Basic Training Centre at Brampton opened Monday and about a thousand men will be under canvas by the end of the week. Major R. O. Coover is commanding officer of the new training centre on the First Line West. Cpl. Cook William Emmerson, of Georgetown, is a member of the staff. Cpl. Emmerson was night constable here at the time of his enlistment and has been stationed at Hamilton and Niagara prior to moving to Brampton.

Cpl. Norman E. Deike writes from Camp Niagara to tell us of his recent promotion to that rank. He is now with the 18th Cdn. Infantry Regiment, after serving seven months in the Lorne Scots and seven months in the 14th Brigade. Corporal Norman E. Wright, who was on the staff of the Lorne Scots at Georgetown Armouries and who has been at Niagara with Cpl. Deike has been transferred to British Columbia.

Another Georgetown man to get his "stripes" was Corporal Bill Hillier, stationed at Debert, N.S. Bill joined up with the Lorne Scots last June, but was left in Canada when the detachment went overseas.

NORVAL JUNIORS MET AT HOME OF MARION DICK

The Norval Junior Farmers and Junior Institute held their first meeting of the year at the home of Miss Marion Dick with a good attendance.

The Junior Institute opened their meeting with the new president, Miss Dorothy Cleave in the chair. During the business the girls decided to divide the proceeds from their draw on the quilt (\$31.00) among the Red Cross, the Milk Fund, and the Central Fund. Miss Violet Dick, gave the girls some very helpful tips on "Country Etiquette" and Miss Charlotte Wilson showed the proper way to make "Introductions." Miss Isabel Wrigglesworth and Miss Reta Fisher gave the reports of the Institute District Annual Day held at Georgetown, and Achievement Day held at Milton. The Norval Club was again honoured by having the Halton trip winners come from their club—Charlotte McLaughlin and John McEabbb. Miss Betty Speight favoured with a pleasing piano solo.

The Junior Farmers' meeting was well conducted by their new president, John McEabbb. The boys' report on Achievement Day was given by George Henderson, and John Bird read various articles from a Junior Farmers' paper.

An excellent joint meeting was enjoyed after their separate meetings. Miss Florence Laidlaw, of Norval, sang a delightful solo. Mr. George Elliot, a Milton, guest speaker of the evening, told of some interesting experiences in the court room. Miss Betty Speight, of Georgetown, played another lovely piano solo. The meeting came to a close with the usual tasty luncheon.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE HELD AT NORVAL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. D. L. McClintock, of Fairwinds United Church, Toronto, conducted the morning and evening services last Sunday, at Norval United Church. Despite inclement weather, the congregation attended in large numbers to commemorate the founding of this church fifty-three years ago. The choir, under the leadership of Miss Jean Laidlaw, presented special music for the occasion. Miss Olive Rankine was soloist at the morning service and Miss Florence Laidlaw sang in the evening.