

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## With the NAVY LEAGUE

See first! Hit hard! Keep on hitting! Into those cryptic sentences is woven the fiery, no-quarter spirit of the Royal Canadian Navy. In eager destroyers and prancing corvettes they guard the lifeline to Europe and beyond. . . In mist and fog, in blinding storm and bitter cold, they shepherd the precious cargoes carried by that other valiant service . . . the Merchant Marine. And though the men who go down to the sea in ships are known as the silent service, their deeds are splashed across the headlines of a hundred papers with thunderous voice. A SALUTE THEN — to the Royal Canadian Navy — to the Merchant Navy.

**LADEY WORK COMMITTEE**  
You could hardly imagine how well this committee has been established in less than a month. Ditty bags have been given out, wool is being knitted into sailors' comforts and good used woolen materials is being made up into afghans. Much credit is due Mrs. Mandham, convener of ditty bags, who has given this work her time, talents and home, in order that this branch of the League will be a success.

A meeting was held at her home last Thursday evening and the amount of work accomplished was most satisfactory. It was decided to hold the next meeting on the first Thursday in January, which will be the 7th.

From the Commander of a R.O.N. ship comes an acknowledgment for woollens and comforts, as follows: "To the Navy League—We do express thanks for the bundles of warm clothing—one bundle for each man. During the bitter watches on the Atlantic our sailors will be thinking of you in thankful memory."

**MAGAZINES**  
The Ontario Division recently had brought to their attention a case where, in a small squadron of the Royal Navy away on a straight five weeks duty, there was not one vessel which had a magazine or book board for the crews to read in their short spells of leisure. Therefore an extra campaign is being launched for half a million magazines and books to be sent to England for the use of men of the Royal Navy and the English Merchant Marine. This appeal is in addition to a continuous appeal for literature for men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Merchant Navy and men of Allied Navies who touch our Canadian ports.

## GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The pupils and teachers of Georgetown High School held a Christmas party at the school Tuesday morning, when all enjoyed a varied program and carol singing with Bill Long as master of ceremonies. Doreen Mulholland gave a recitation, June Clarke, "Bud" Toet and Ken Harrison all played piano solos. Norman Law also gave a recitation. Brian Perry proved himself the champion "barrel boxer," competing against Spence, Norton, Sargent, Parker and Carney. Principal Walter Carpenter acted as referee. Rev. W. O. O. Thompson and Dr. A. McAllister, members of the Board, were present. Following the program the pupils exchanged gifts, sang carols and were wished a Merry Christmas by Mr. Carpenter and Miss E. Fenlon.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS, MARY**  
Without Mary Grannan the CBC Christmas schedule would be incomplete. Her genius for story telling and her warm, unassuming personality have lent distinction to the Canadian air for several years, and every programme is a fresh inspiration to her legion of devoted fans. For a gallant spirit, for an insuperable belief in make-believe, for merriest and unhesitant triumphs; for The Children's Scrapbook, for the Just Mary stories, and for the second annual Christmas fairy-tale cycle, The Magic Chest, the former New Brunswick school teacher is asked to take her bow.

## Santa Treated 800 Kiddies Saturday

It was a big day in the lives of the little folk last Saturday when Santa paid his annual visit to distribute candies and oranges to all the kiddies in Georgetown and district. The crowd had gathered at the tree placed on the Bank of Montreal corner, before Santa hove into view, sharp at 3 o'clock, drawn by sleigh and ponies kindly lent by Kenneth C. McMillan. Bolstered down and merry-makers followed in his train and the Lorne Scots Band provided excellent music.

At the Christmas Tree the Lions Club told Santa to give every child a treat, and 800 kiddies were thrilled with his generosity. After every child at the tree had received his candy and oranges, Santa expressed a wish to see the little girls down at Cedarvale School. Mr. K. C. McMillan kindly put his ponies and sleigh at Santa's disposal once more and away he and his Lions Club helpers went. They got a warm reception from 30 excited little girls, and after Santa gave them their "goodies" the children sang carols for them.

Santa performed another duty the same afternoon, after the kiddies had their candy. He made the draws for the 29 fowl which the Lions Club were raffling off. Lion Bill Long called the prize-winners. The following people were lucky and may collect their prize at Bradley Brothers: Turkey—1975 Judy Beaumont, 2308 W. Emale, 397 Mrs. S. Walker, 824 Frank Petch, 935 Olive Davis, 1833 A. B. Carter.

Geese—1561 Billy James, 809 Anne Beaumont, 210 P. Oullen, 992 May, 1540 Cpl. A. Lowther, Toronto; 1310 Le Roy Dale, 1072 Doris Green, 124 C. Cousens, 1927 Dick Grace, 833 Hazel Hoare, 1836 Allen Bailey, 3393 Gordon Simpson.

Chickens—1742 Muriel Hewson, 946 George Barnes, 315 Mary Paul, 1229 J. J. Hornby, 178 J. Louth, 1121 H. Dickie, 808 William Holmes, 1106 James Crabtree, 822 P. Sykes, 2168 Myrtle Warren, 137 W. Londry.

The Lions Club wish to thank all those who helped make the kiddies' afternoon and fowl raffle a success. Santa also made a draw for the Red Cross. Little Carol Benham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Benham, won the quilt, donated by Mrs. Christopher Nixon, and Mrs. Chris. Frank won the doll and doll's wardrobe. The comforter will be drawn for later on.

## Presentations to Wigglesworth Family

Last Tuesday evening about seventy neighbours and friends of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Wigglesworth and family, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brownridge to bid them farewell. Mr. and Mrs. Wigglesworth have moved to a farm west of Milton recently. The first part of the evening was spent playing cards and crokinole. After lunch Mr. T. Brownridge, acting as chairman, called on Mr. Frank Wilson to read the following address:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wigglesworth and Family:

On the occasion of this pleasant social evening, we your friends and neighbours have gathered to wish you well as you go to a new community. We are glad that you are not moving so far away, but that you will be able to visit at Ashgrove from time to time. Many occasions of social gatherings of this community come to mind when you, Norman, with your ready wit and willingness to serve have very acceptably taken impromptu the duties of chairman, carrying the program along smoothly to a very pleasant conclusion.

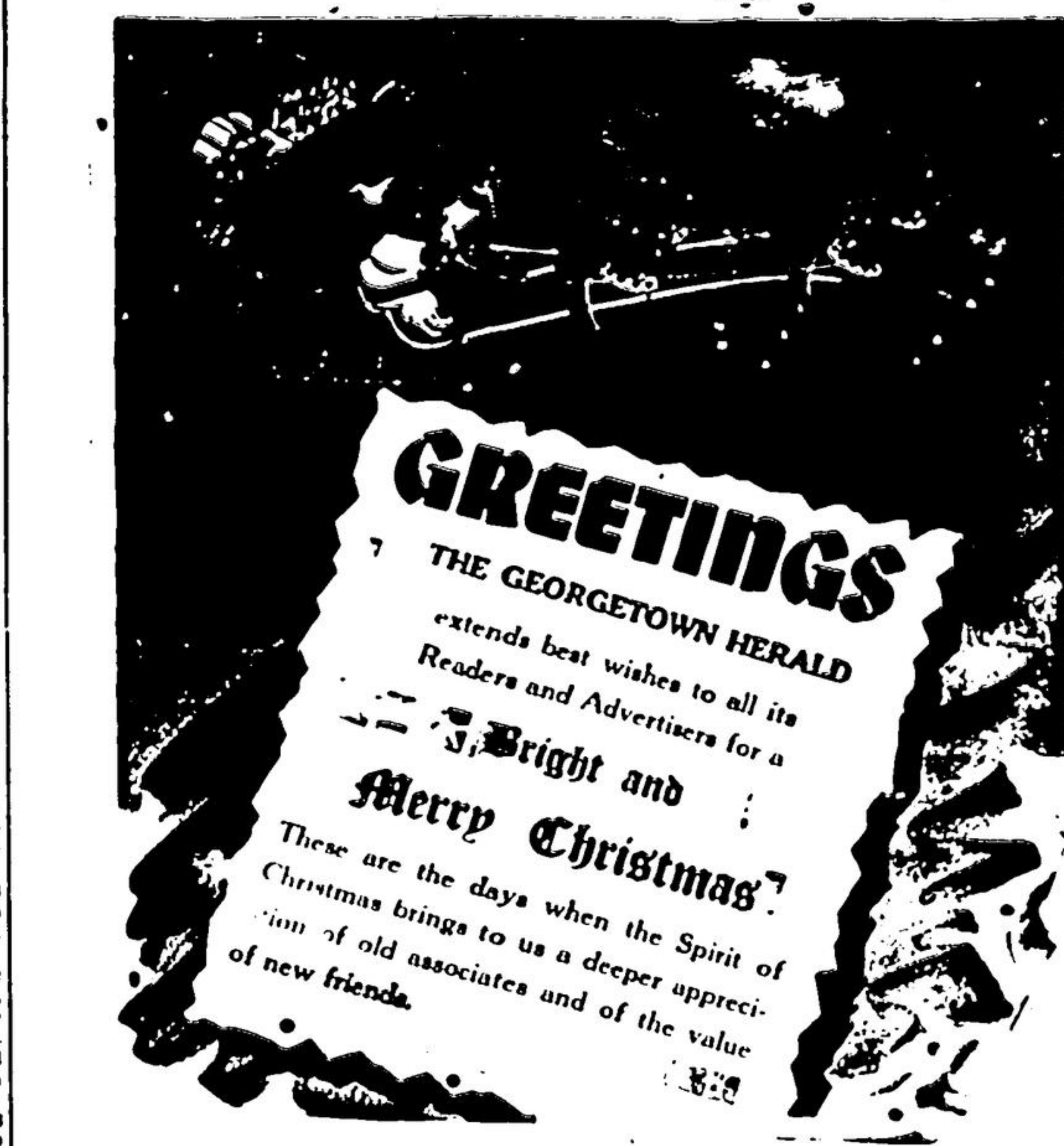
Mrs. Wigglesworth, too, with your cheery smile and musical ability, have been ready to do whatever you could to help in our community life. As your family have grown up, they also have given willingly of their talents and we will miss you all. However, we know you will give to your new community life the same readiness to serve that you have shown here.

So tonight we wish to express in some tangible way the good wishes of this community and ask you to accept this ninety-six piece set of dishes, hoping that as many a family gathering is held around the festive board, they may bring to you all kindly memories of your friends of Ashgrove.

To Frances, Gilbert, Mabel, Jean, John and Gordon, we also wish to present these gifts. In days to come when they are brought into use may they serve to remind you of your boyhood and girlhood days at Ashgrove, and our good wishes for health, success, happiness and loving friends always.

Signed on behalf of the community:  
THOMAS BROWNBRIDGE,  
FRANK WILSON.

Mr. Frank Ruddle presented pieces of the set of dishes, Clayton Dick, Jr. and Ward Brownridge presented bibles to Mabel, Jean, John and Gordon, a pen and pencil to Frances and bill to Gilbert. Mr. Wigglesworth



voiced appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Wigglesworth and the children Messrs. Clayton Dick, George Currie and Rev. J. O. Tutton were called upon to say a few words.

Mrs. Clayton Wilson read the following address to Mrs. Wigglesworth and Mrs. P. Ruddle presented the gift.

Dear Mrs. Wigglesworth:  
The members of the Ashgrove Women's Institute wish to say we are going to miss you. You have been a cheerful worker in our midst. You and your family have always been ready to lend a hand with our programs and work meetings or whatever project we undertook. We will miss your friendly, cheerful smile at our meetings.

We all join in wishing you the best of happiness and success in your new home.

We ask you to accept this purse as a token of remembrance of happy associations with the Institute members. Signed on behalf of the Institute:  
MRS. RUBSEL HEPBURN,  
MRS. M. BIRD.

Mrs. Wigglesworth expressed in a few words her gratitude for this remembrance.

Miss Donna Adams and the pupils of our school are to be congratulated on the very fine program which they gave on Friday evening, Dec. 18th. Mr. John Bird assisted at the piano. The cantata "Santa Claus Incorporated" was the chief feature of the program. A play "The Pied Piper," a drill "The Maypole" with several choruses and recitations completed the program. Santa Claus made his appearance at the right time to distribute gifts, candy and oranges to the pupils.

## CAPTAIN W. ROGERS DIES IN MONTREAL

His many friends in this locality will be sorry to learn of the death of Capt. William Rogers, a veteran of the Red Rebellion and the last World War, in Lachine General Hospital, Montreal, on Saturday, December 20th, after a lengthy illness. He is a brother-in-law of Col. James Ballantine, D.B.O. Born in Ireland 79 years ago Capt. Rogers was a son of the late William Rogers, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and the late Kate Moore Cuffie. He came to Canada at the age of 10. He served in the Red Rebellion as a corporal with No. 1 Company of the old 10th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto. His death leaves only four survivors of that unit.

When the last war broke out he went overseas with the 7th Battalion of which his brother-in-law, Col. J. A. Ballantine, D.B.O., was the officer-commanding, and served as quartermaster, later being transferred to the Depot Battalion in Montreal, under the late Col. Piche, with the rank of captain. In business he was associated for more than 20 years with the Toronto Type Foundry Company, acting as that firm's Montreal representative until his retirement in 1940. He resided in Montreal for many years prior to establishing his home in Pointe Claire about 20 years ago. He was

## THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt  
The weather surely gave us a surprise last week. For it is not often we get as severe cold before Christmas, and as the 21st was the shortest day of the year we hope that old saying about "the cold strengthens as the days lengthen" is all a myth.

This record-breaking cold snap was no local affair, for it covered the whole of Ontario with temperatures in the Lake Erie Districts of 12 below ranging to 48 below in the Georgian Bay districts. Fortunately there is a good six inch blanket of snow covering the ground and protecting vegetation, and there was no wind to make it more penetrating.

Following are the local records for the week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Snow-fall
Tues., Dec. 15	27 17	1"
Wed., Dec. 16	10 -3	1"
Thurs., Dec. 17	20 -2	5"
Fri., Dec. 18	17 10	2"
Sat., Dec. 19	3 -11	
Sun., Dec. 20	6 -2	
Mon., Dec. 21	23 -2	5"

## XMAS GIFTS FOR OTHERS SERVICE AT THE UNITED CHURCH

During the morning service at the United Church, members of the Sunday School and the congregation came forward to present their special gifts to Christ on the Altar. The sum of sixty dollars was presented and this sum of money will be forwarded to the Aid to Russia Fund to help relieve the distress of the War Victims in that country. Anyone else desiring to make a contribution may place their gift on the offering plate next Sunday enclosed in an envelope designating where the gift is to go.

The minister received for Holy Baptism, Bruce Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Godfrey, Toronto; and Verma Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pickett, Georgetown.

At the candle-light service Sunday evening, the minister preached on the text: "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." Proverbs 20: 27. Lovely anthems were well rendered by the choir under the direction of Miss Elma King, at both services.

## THE NAVY, HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

In Ottawa the other day the Hon. Mr. MacDonald reported that the Royal Canadian Navy is now doing forty-seven per cent of the convoy work in the North Atlantic. He also reported that no less than 12,000 ships now, have sailed from Canadian ports carrying in their holds 65,000,000 tons of war supplies to Britain.

well known on the lakeshore. Surviving are his widow, the former Catherine E. Ballantine, of Georgetown, Ont., two daughters, Kathleen Claire and Margaret E. Rogers, and two sisters, Mrs. J. J. McKenna and Mrs. C. H. Waller, of Toronto.

## Final Meeting Esqueuing Council

The last regular meeting of Esqueuing Township Council for the year 1942 was held on Tuesday. All members were present and Reeve C. H. May presided. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications were read from Department of Public Welfare, with reference to food on behalf of relief recipients. Wartime Prices and Trade Board Wood Fuel Administration, asking for an estimate of the wood fuel situation for the winter of 1943-44.

Mr. O. E. Smith, local wood dealer, waited on the Council by request, and explained the difficulties he was having in purchasing wood as there were no men to be found for wood cutting.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Currie, that Board of Health accounts be paid: Department of Health, balance account for Insulin 80c; J. H. Bingham, meetings \$24.00, mileage \$2.70, total \$26.70; Dr. R. T. Paul, meetings \$24.00, mileage \$1.20, total \$25.20; C. H. May, meetings \$24.00, mileage \$4.80, total \$28.80; I. M. Bennett, meetings \$24.00; J. Sanford, account to date \$29.00.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that the Treasurer pay: C. H. May, meetings \$42.00, mileage \$11.20, comm. \$90.00, total \$143.20; G. W. Murray, meetings \$33.00, mileage \$11.00, comm. \$80.00, total \$124.00; George E. Cleave, meetings \$42.00, mileage \$7.00, comm. \$70.00, total \$119.00; George Currie, meetings \$42.00, mileage \$5.00, comm. \$70.00, total \$117.00; Wm. A. Wilson, meetings \$42.00, mileage \$5.00, comm. 70.00, total \$117.00.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that we now adjourn to meet at 2 p.m.—Carried.

The council resumed.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Cleave, that relief accounts be paid \$165.12.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that the following be paid: Corporation of Georgetown, Division Court fees \$16.50; Town of Milton, Division Court fees \$4.80; Acton Public Utilities Comm., Crescent street lights to Dec. 15.00; The Georgetown Herald, to Victory Loan advertising \$4.25; Bell Telephone Co., services \$3.87; Department of Game and Fisheries, 350 special hunting licenses \$3.50; I. M. Bennett, revising voters' lists 1942, \$33.50; I. M. Bennett, paid telegram, collect 30c, paid telephone calls 60c, total \$1.08; J. Sanford, 1 snow shovel 85c, relief accounts to date \$143.20; \$18.85; Canadian General Insurance Co., renewal bond No. 285362, J. Sanford, tax collector, to Dec. 1942, \$37.50; H. Robertson, stamps \$13.50.—Carried.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Currie, that the road accounts be paid \$2897.44.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for holding municipal elections for the year 1943, and that said by-law be now read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Wilson, that Dale & Bennett be paid balance of accounts in full for 1942, \$44.00.—Carried.

## RED CROSS NEWS

Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth and rank possessing, ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.  
—Good King Wenceslas.

The RED CROSS is one organization that plays Santa Claus, as it were, to millions of people the year round. Here are just some of the many things that it has done and will be doing:

**BLOOD DONORS:** 8,000 donations of blood per week during the year 1942, which is to be doubled for 1943. This will mean that it will be necessary to receive the voluntary contributions of about one in every 1000 of our normal population each week. Thirty-five Red Cross volunteer blood clinics are now in operation, or authorized, across the Dominion. These are in addition to mobile units which are now being developed to tap donation sources in industry and other places unable otherwise to be reached.

**PRISONERS-OF-WAR PARCELS:** Nearly two million parcels have already gone over from Canada and the Canadian Red Cross has undertaken shipment of 70,000 food parcels each week for British Empire prisoners in Europe. "It was impossible to describe my emotion on opening this box," a former prisoner says of Canadian Red Cross food parcels.

**WOMEN'S WORK:** Since the outbreak of war, 17 million articles have been shipped overseas from Canada. These articles include civilian clothing, bedding, hospital supplies and woolen comforts for men and women in the armed forces. Seventeen million articles—a most impressive figure, one that bespeaks an unbounding determination to do a job that must be done, and one which adds up to a high notion of what women can really do when they believe in what they are doing.

**BRITISH WAR VICTIMS:** Major Elliot Halburton, M.O., in his address to the Empire Club on Dunkirk, D-Day and beyond, a few weeks ago, made this rather amazing statement — the Canadian Red Cross Society has donated ten and a half million in goods and one and three-quarter million in cash to British War Victims since the war began.

## ON THE HOME FRONT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** At the Lions' Christmas Tree last Saturday afternoon, the lovely quilt made and donated to the Red Cross by Mrs. Chris. Nixon, was won by Miss Carol Benham, and the doll was won by Mrs. Chris. Frank. Congratulations winners. This committee realized nearly \$300 on these two articles, which we consider very good in view of the fact that at the present time ticket-selling is a little over-crowded.

**SEWING:** We are pleased to report that the first assignment of sewing to the Dominion Seed Auxiliary has been returned to the rooms—beautifully done. We can see where this Auxiliary is going to be a decided acquisition to our Society.

**SHIPPING:** A large consignment of beautifully knitted articles left the rooms last week for Headquarters. Among the articles were one hundred turtle-neck tuck-ins. The fingers of our knitters are never idle.

## A COMMENDATION

In presenting his own personal account of the Canadian Red Cross in Britain, Viscount Bennett, assured us that "the services you are giving to your fellow beings are worthwhile" and "you are making a contribution not only to your own people, your own kind, but to the world at large."

## FINE CONCERT AT ST. GEORGE'S

Santa Claus paid his annual visit to St. George's Church of England Sunday School last Monday night, after a fine concert had been presented, and gave each pupil a bag of candy and an orange.

Mr. Walter Carpenter, Sunday School Superintendent, was chairman. The audience joined in singing carols between numbers. Piano solos were played by Patsy Schrag, Doris Roberts, and Kathleen Thompson. Mr. H. Dewhurst and Mr. J. Carter favored with an accordion and banjo. Miss Wilson, Rosa Byars and Margaret Sargent gave recitations. Mrs. Eason, Alva Gravel and class presented a highly entertaining radio quiz and Mr. J. Carter's class gave a splendid performance in a play entitled "Eat Your Cake and Have It."

Rev. W. G. O. Thompson presented prizes for merit and attendance.

\$44.00.—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that the thanks of this council are hereby tendered to Reeve C. H. May for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this council during the past year.—Carried.