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Help the Red Cross! . . . Get Into the Big Push!

Capacity House Enthusiastically Receives Legion Concert Party

Every seat in the Gregory Theatre was filled last Monday night to see and hear the Legion Concert Party sponsored by Canadian Legion Branch 130, Georgetown. A rollicking, talented program, with never a dull moment, brought two or three hours of undisturbed enjoyment to the audience.

Mr. L. J. Moore, business manager of the Concert Party and treasurer of the Guelph Branch of the Canadian Legion presented the visiting troupe to the Georgetown Branch and to the citizens of Georgetown and district for their approval. He then introduced Rowland Fell, president of the Guelph Branch of the Legion, to Fred McCarty, president of the Georgetown Branch. After welcoming the troupe and expressing the hope that the many patrons would enjoy the presentation to the full, he turned the program over to Harold A. Cole, the grand master-of-ceremonies, and the show was in full swing.

There were features of the program which many people consciously or unconsciously felt and appreciated. The performers had just as much fun out of presenting the program as the audience had in watching it. None of the talent was professional, and all had some connection with either this war, or the last war. They took the audience to their hearts, and it was reciprocated in equal measure if applause and number of encores are used as a yard-stick.

Everyone enjoyed the rich mezzo-soprano voice of Miss Victoria Valeriotte and her rendition of "Dauney Boy" was particularly lovely. Harry Rigby provided more than a touch of comedy on the program with his droll actions and funny songs. He was also an accomplished pianist. We can still see him all dressed up like a woman, shapely (?) legs shown off by silk stockings, high heeled white shoes, and wearing a huge red picture hat, while he sang that well-known tear-jerker "Always a Bridemaid but Never a Bride." Mrs. Mary Hardy was soprano soloist, and her numbers were enjoyed by all. Attractive Miss Luella (Ducky) Brown contributed several entertaining tap routines, as did the youthful dancing trio composed of Misses Rita Cremasco, Diana Carlo and Jean Reynolds. The peppy old time music rendered by George Heffernan, Dave Burnett and Harry Rigby was encored again and again. But "the show must go on," as the master-of-ceremonies finally expostulated, and the audience had further treats in store, when they saw Miss Margaret Ferris display exceptional skill and dancing talent in her comic dance number, "The Village Belle." While we're speaking about Miss Ferris, we cannot pass by without saying how very much we enjoyed her interpretation of the Indian nautch girl dance. The popular president of the Guelph Branch of the Legion, Rowland Fell, has a fine tenor voice, which he used with great effect in "The Road to Mandalay," and several encores. There was some extremely good youthful talent on the program too, with twelve year old Norma Graham displaying a promising voice and flair for entertaining. Seven year old Darleen Heffernan also scored a hit in an acrobatic dance number. Charlie Holmes, a member of the orchestra, provided much enjoyment by giving several monologues delivered in his own inimitable way. Among others, he presented "Albert and His Recumbent Posture," and "Hitler's Dream." Harold Cole played a double role on the program, by contributing some fine vocal selections, as well as keeping a smooth fast-moving performance from start to finish in his role as master-of-ceremonies. An instrumental duet rendered by Geo. Heffernan and Eddie Burnett was well received. The show rolled up to a grand finale with Norma Graham leading the entire company and audience in "Carry On," "God Bless America," "O Canada," and "The King."

During the intermission period, and at the commencement of the concert, the Guelph Legion Concert Party Orchestra offered a group of selections. The orchestra was composed of Harry Rigby, Bill Holland, Charlie Holmes, Dave Burnett, Charlie McCarthy and George Heffernan.

After the curtains had been drawn, President Fred McCarty, on behalf of the Georgetown Branch of the Legion, thanked members of the troupe for their fine performance, which was given gratis with only transportation expenses to be met. He also expressed satisfaction at seeing a full house. He explained that there were four separate funds in the Legion, namely the Poppy Fund, Christmas Tree Fund, General Fund and War Services Fund.

Every cent of proceeds from the con-

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

For several reasons last Sunday was a red letter day in this year's calendar. In the first place it marked the time when the sun reaches the equator in his journey South, and when for a short period the days and nights are of about equal length.

And because the moon happened to be at the full exactly on that day it set the date for Easter Sunday the latest it can possibly be. For by an ancient law established long before the introduction of electric lights, that festival was fixed as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring equinox. This will occur on Tuesday April the 30th, so Easter Sunday will come on the 25th this year.

It also was the official opening of Spring, regardless of the fact that many of last winter's snow banks still remain. But we do not need a calendar to assure us Spring is here. All Nature says so. Quite a number of the migrant birds are back again, sap is running and the pussy willows are purring. The only thing we have yet failed to see is the small boy and his marbles.

Following are the local records:

| Date | H. and L. | Temp. | Precipitation |
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| Tues. March 16 | 33 26 | | 1.28 rain |
| Wed. March 17 | 44 20 | | |
| Thurs. March 18 | 33 26 | | |
| Fri. March 19 | 26 21 | | 25 snow |
| Sat. March 20 | 32 28 | | |
| Sun. March 21 | 38 18 | | |
| Mon. March 22 | 35 22 | | |

Heart Attack Fatal To Mrs. George Ford

A heart attack on Thursday March 18th, brought about the sudden demise of Mrs. George Ford, at the home of her son, Wakefield. For many years a resident of Georgetown, her passing was a shock to her friends, as well as her family, and she will be greatly missed. The late Mrs. Ford was seventy-three.

She was a faithful member of the United Church, and always took an active part in the Ladies Auxiliary. She belonged to the Women's Institute, and was one of the oldest members of the Ladies Lawn Bowling Club.

The late Mrs. Ford was born in Maple, near Woodbridge, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Blough. After her marriage to George Ford, she came to live in Georgetown, and has made her home here ever since. Her husband predeceased her six years ago.

The funeral was held at the home of her son, W. B. Ford, by Rev. R. C. Todd. The bearers were three nephews: Messrs. E. Shunk, Toronto, E. Witherspoon, Woodbridge, P. McCullough, Toronto; and W. F. Bradley, Hugh Dickie, and Everett Cole. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Wakefield and Wilfred, of Georgetown, one grand son, Donald, and four sisters: Mrs. Mary Witherspoon, Mrs. Florence McDonald, Mrs. Edith Grey and Mrs. Ellen McLean, all of Woodbridge.

Scout Executive Formed

A meeting of the Boy Scout executive was held at the home of Mr. D. Licata last week end, when Mr. George Mason, of Acton, Scout Commissioner, gave an interesting and instructive discourse on Boy Scout leadership. The Lions Club, which is sponsoring the movement will buy the initial books and Messrs. Charles Davis, Albert Post and Jack Armstrong have undertaken to look after the boys. They are calling a meeting in the Town Hall next Monday night, and it is to be hoped that between 12 and 14 years of age will turn out in good numbers.

cert will be spent on comforts for the boys overseas. Mr. McCartney also thanked Mr. J. Sanford for installing the loud speaker system, and all those whose cooperation had helped make the affair such a success. The event was planned by the following committee, headed by Bob Muir: H. Harlow, Sam Tennant, Charles Parton, J. Boley, J. Roberts, Tom Orlove, H. Stafford and Geo. Alook.

Following the concert, the Georgetown Legion members entertained the Concert Party at a banquet in the Legion Hall.



R. D. WARREN

A former editor and publisher of the Georgetown Herald, who died at his home in Toronto, on Monday. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown, today.

Ladies Make \$30.00 on Pillow Slips

The following group of ladies: Mrs. H. Hurley, Mrs. T. Eason, Mrs. Jack Bailey, Mrs. Wm. Merritt, Mrs. Mark Clark, Mrs. Vance Kentner and Mrs. T. Sykes have formed a knitting club which meets at the homes of the various members every Thursday afternoon to knit for the boys in service. A small silver collection is taken at each meeting. From this fund, they bought a pair of pillow slips, which Mrs. Hurley worked. Tickets were sold and the draw was made Saturday night at the Legion Hall. Miss Marjorie Allen of Acton won with ticket number 216. Thirty dollars was realized from the raffle and the ladies have divided the proceeds as follows: British War Victims Fund \$10; Canadian Aid to Russia, \$10.00; Navy League, \$5.00; Soldiers Comforts, \$5.00.

FORMER MINISTER HERE CELEBRATED 90th BIRTHDAY

Word has been received here that Rev. David A. Moir, now of Hamilton, celebrated his 90th birthday recently, and has completed 68 years in the Methodist and United Church Ministry.

In excellent health in spite of his advanced age, with his faculties as keen as ever and his quiet sense of humor unimpaired by the passing of years in carrying on with his ministerial duties, preaching many Sundays in the year, although he has now no permanent charge.

During the quarter century from 1875 to 1900 he served in Georgetown, Alma, Drayton, Wakeston and Oakville, and later Niagara Falls. He retired in 1925.



CBC NEWS CHIEF

Objective presentation of the news is the keynote of the CBC National News Service, which was inaugurated January, 1941. Supervising this important wartime service of the CBC is Toronto newspaperman and former public relations specialist, D. C. McArthur. The CBC news chief has recently completed a tour of the network news bureau at Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax, where staffs trained in the preparation of the news for broadcast presentation are on duty to provide the summaries of each day's significant happenings, at home and abroad.

Hurley-Curry Wedding

The marriage of Miss Mary A. Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Curry, Glace Bay, N.S. to Sgt. Horace R. Hurley, R.C.A.F. station at D. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurley, Georgetown, Ont., took place Monday afternoon, March 8th, at 3:30 o'clock in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The double ring ceremony was performed.

The bride looked very charming in a street length dress of powder blue with accessories to match and wore a corsage of pink American Beauty roses. The bride was attended by Miss Clara Quinlan, who wore a street length dress of navy blue crepe with flowered hat and a corsage of red roses.

The groom was attended by Flight Sgt. Lou Troman.

Following the ceremony a supper and reception was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel where the couple were guests for a few days.

Among the guests were L.A.C. Tom Curry, brother of the bride and Mr. Fred Morrison, R.C.N.V.R. of Georgetown, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley will make their home at Halifax, N.S.

VERDUN REBEKAH LODGE VISITED BY PRESIDENT

On Tuesday evening, March 16th, the members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge were honored by a visit from the President of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, Mrs. Norah Bruner of Ruthven, Ontario. She was accompanied by Mrs. Grace Osborne of Toronto, District Deputy President of Centre District No. 23 and Mrs. Ethel DeWitt also of Toronto, District Deputy President of the West District No. 22.

During the course of the regular Lodge business the Rebekah Degree was conferred in a very beautiful and capable manner on a new member, Mrs. Keith Spence. At the conclusion of Lodge, Mrs. Bruner spoke a few words to the members and Mrs. Howard Lillie, Noble Grand presented her with a gift from the Lodge. Miss Osborne and Mrs. DeWitt were also called upon for a few remarks. Groups 2 and 3, under the leadership of Mrs. H. Bailey and Mrs. J. McGibbon served a war time lunch.

MRS. GRANT HOSTESS TO NAVY LEAGUE LADIES

The women's committee of the Navy League enjoyed a social evening last Thursday, at the home of Mrs. W. V. Grant. Everyone joined in the contest of making the event a most pleasant one. Contests were won by: Mrs. A. Lawson, Mrs. Label Clave, Mrs. Elmer Dron, Mrs. W. McDougall, Mrs. A. H. Folger, sang, accompanied by Mrs. R. T. Paul, and Mrs. E. Jones favoured with Hawaiian Guitar selections. The draw was made for the Navy League cushion, the winner being Miss Margaret Pasmore, with number 360. The cushion made by Mrs. Fred Laws, who also made the draw, \$23.35 was realized from the sale of tickets. The evening took the form of a cash show for Ditty Bags, and the collection amounted to \$4.80. Some of the managers provided a dainty lunch, which brought a happy evening to a close.

Active Service Notes

William Bescooby Buried in Georgetown

William Alfred Bescooby died Wednesday morning March 17th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mark Oliver, at the ripe old age of ninety-one. He had a birthday the Monday before he passed away, but no celebration was held as he was in very poor health, and had been for a number of years.

The late Mr. Bescooby farmed all his life, coming to this country from county Essex, England, when he was 21. He was the son of Ann Willoughby and Richard Bescooby. Shortly after arriving in Canada, he married Mary Shortt, who predeceased him many years ago. They farmed on the homestead on the Check Line until 1910, when the farm was sold, but he resided there until 1917. At that time he moved to Stewartown, and then came to Limehouse to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mark Oliver, until his death.

He leaves to mourn his loss, two daughters and one son: Mrs. Mark Oliver, Limehouse, Mrs. Harry Leitch, Winnipeg, and Howard of Toronto; six grandchildren: Olive, Jean and Lloyd Oliver, John Leitch, Harold and John Bescooby.

The funeral was held from Johnstone and Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, Saturday, March 20th, with service conducted by Rev. W. O. O. Thompson and Rev. C. C. Cochrane. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Flowers were from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Oliver and family, Howard, May and Harry Leitch, Vera and Harold Bescooby, Flo and Bill Coole, and the Girls' Lookout Club. Flower bearers were: Lloyd Oliver and Harold Bescooby. Pallbearers were: Harry Devereaux, Norman Devereaux, Harry Lawson, Joe Scott, Thomas Kennedy and Ninian Lindsay.

Those from a distance attending the funeral included: Howard Bescooby, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bescooby and Mrs. John Bescooby, all of Toronto, and Mrs. Harry Leitch, Winnipeg.

Aid to Russia Totals \$861.00

Georgetown's Aid to Russia Fund has reached a grand total of \$861.00 to date. Since our report of last week, the following donations have been received by Mrs. Preston:

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| Smith and Stone, Punch Press | |
| 'War Workers' | \$70.00 |
| Thursday Afternoon | |
| Knitting Club | 10.00 |

Red Cross Campaign Nears Its Quota

Georgetown's Red Cross Campaign is rolling up to a conclusion, with a total of \$3975. collected, and \$528 still to go before we reach our quota of \$4500. The campaign closes Saturday, and just before going to press, the president, Mr. LeRoy Dale, expressed the hope that Georgetown would exceed their quota even to the extent of crowding the \$5000 mark. It can be done, and once again, on behalf of the Red Cross, we exhort you to give, and give generously.

Following are the returns of the various committees to date:

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| Ward 1 | \$420.00 |
| Ward 2, S. of C.N.R. | 425.00 |
| Ward 2, N. of C.N.R. | 100.00 |
| Ward 3 | 1000.00 |
| Corporations, Companies and Societies | 780.00 |
| Glen Williams | 550.00 |
| Naval | 450.00 |
| Stewartown | 175.00 |
| Limehouse | 75.00 |

The Herald British War Victims' Fund,

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| Forwarded to Toronto | |
| Evening Telegram | \$3142.25 |
| Cash on hand, acknowledged | 39.30 |
| Thursday Afternoon | |
| Knitting Club | 10.00 |
| Total March 24th | \$3191.55 |

Word came from Ottawa last Saturday, informing Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Orlinton of the promotion of their son, Sergeant David, to the rank of warrant officer. Congratulations Day, W. O. Orlinton is with the R.C.A.F. in

Cyril Clarke is in line for congratulations, having sewn on another stripe. He is now a full-fledged corporal.

Pte. Clayton Bradley from Camp Borden is spending a two week furlough at home.

Cpl. L. Puckering, who is taking a special course at Long Branch, was home for the week end.

Pte. Walter Blahn, of Orillia, was home on week end leave.

Private Cecil Davidson was home on week end leave from Kingston.

Pte. Jack Bailey, Camp Borden was home last week on five days' leave.

Pte. Jean Tennant, of the O.W.A. Toronto, spent the week end at home.

Cnr. Bill Bryden, Camp Borden, spent the week end at home.

Pte. W. H. Fenson also of Camp Borden was home for the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fenson.

ACI Bill Preston is home from Verdun, Manitoba, for 10 days' leave.

Albert Stapleton, a former employee of Smith & Stone Ltd., has enlisted in the Infantry Rifles, and is temporarily stationed at No. 20 B. T. O., Brantford.

Officer Stewart Ralph Whitmore of the R.O.N. phoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitmore, from Miss U.S.A., where he was on shore leave, to say he was fine and that he "likes the Yanks pretty well."

A.C. Larry MacKenzie is taking his refresher course at Montreal University. He was formerly at Manning Pool Toronto, and recovered a short time ago from an attack of Scarlat Fever, which he contracted at the Toronto base.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anguish had a pleasant thrill of surprise when they recognized their son, Private Howard, in a picture of His Majesty the King, Lieut. Gen. Andrew O. L. McNaughton, and Major General O. H. Roberts (who led the Canadians in the Diappe Raid) inspecting the Lorne Scots, "Somewhere in England." Although the names of the soldiers pictured were not given, Howard was clearly recognizable, standing in the front row, fourth from the left. Pte. Anguish will celebrate his second overseas birthday next Sunday. Best wishes, Howard.

The department of National Defence announced last week that The Canadian Efficiency Medal had been awarded to Private H. L. Allen, of the 48th Highlanders of Canada. Pte. Allen is a native of Georgetown and attended school here. Prior to his enlistment with the Lorne Scots here, he worked in Milton. Later he transferred from the Lorne Scots to the 48th Highlanders in Toronto, before proceeding overseas.

Both Ptes. Harry and Harvey Allen, sons of Mr. Thomas Allen and the late Mrs. Allen, are in the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade, overseas. Elsewhere in this column we have reported the special distinction conferred upon Pte. Harvey, the 7th Brig. as a whole has been an outstanding one, as evinced by a letter written to the A.Q.M.G. of the 3rd Canadian Division by the Army Welfare Officer. He praises it most highly, and says in part "I have worked with many Inf. Bdegs. during the last three years, and I think that I can safely say this is quite the best Bde. that I have met during the war. Wherever one goes one meets with courtesy, co-operation and efficiency, combined with a friendly and hospitable attitude." The Allen boys may well be proud to belong to such a fine group of men.

Among the 32 Ontario Wrens in the first west-coast contingent of members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service now on duty in Vancouver, is Margaret Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Leslie. In the "Women's navy" she is a motor transport driver. After finishing the lower grades, Miss Leslie attended high schools in Georgetown and Brampton and then Toronto Normal School. She was on the public school teaching staff at Glen Williams, Ontario, until six months before she enlisted in the naval service last year. During those six months, she was on the staff of Research Enterprise Ltd., at Leaside, Toronto. Miss Leslie is in a group sent west recently after taking a four-week basic training course at Camp Ont. The girls, from many parts of Canada, are living in barracks and working at Vancouver Naval Headquarters, doing various jobs designed to release men of the Royal Canadian Navy for sea service. Commanding Officer of the Vancouver Wrens is Third Officer Alexis Alvey, of Toronto, a graduate of McMaster University. A civilian who she was a photographic technician for the Banting Institute in Toronto.