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Children's Aid Society Superintendent's Annual Report

Following is the report of O. P. Thompson, Superintendent of the Halton and Peel Children's Aid Society, as given before the annual meeting of the Society held recently in Milton:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are now well advanced in the fourth year of the Second World War, with increased efforts and sacrifices being required on the part of all our people. This also applies to the social agencies in their work with family problems and the neglected child. According to the press, and figures quoted by different agencies from time to time, our social problems across the Dominion are definitely on the increase, which is a real challenge to all good-thinking citizens.

During the depression years it was generally believed that with the return of employment for everyone, many of our social problems would be solved, but unfortunately this has not been borne out by the facts referred to our Society during the past year. In so many instances where the family income has been substantially increased, the children of the family have derived little benefit, they being left so often to look after themselves while the parent or parents squander their earnings for their own indulgence and pleasure. Many of these same parents, who lived under most adverse circumstances when their income was small, have made little or no effort to better their home conditions as a result of increased income. Today great stress is placed on the academic education of our coming generation, but should we not give more thought to educating our young people for the time when they marry and assume the responsibility of a home and family?

While we can enact legislation in an endeavor to control and guide our people unless the individual has a proper sense of responsibility and good citizenship coupled with a sound conception of what they owe to the state and to their children, laws are of little avail. It is indeed an unfortunate situation that while our country is at war to protect the homes which we value so highly, many of the same homes and family units are on the verge of being disrupted, and the families losing their proper place in the community.

There are many factors leading up to neglect, but the most outstanding ones are excessive drinking, moral neglect, separation of parents and mental incompetency. The first-named, excessive drinking, is widely discussed today, and it is not the purpose of this report to dwell on this particular question, but the fact remains that the excessive use of liquor on the part of parents especially, is one of the stepping-stones to neglect of children, and the breaking down of the home life. So many of the sordid stories coming to our attention prove that moral degeneration is closely coupled with drinking.

Separation of parents is also a real problem. In most cases the parents have not thought it worth-while to obtain legal advice and at least have a properly-executed separation, making some provision for the proper maintenance of their children. So often the parents, in the heat of their anger and disagreement, undertake to do certain things which they, in a more sane moment, realize it is impossible to do. These cases are most pathetic for the children involved. Not old enough to grasp the full significance of the situation, the children are most confused and endeavour to maintain their loyalty to both parents.

The mentally defective parent is a constant problem, not necessarily an institutional case, but quite incapable of properly caring for a home and family, and guiding the destiny of their children, who, in many cases, are also mentally retarded. In the larger centres Auxiliary Classes are operated in the schools for the training of backward children, but it seems impossible to give this special service in the rural district.

With the great demand today for war workers in industry and private enterprises, in many families both parents are working, the children being left more or less on their own during the day, responsible for their own school attendance and the preparation of their own meals. Naturally, there is a general lack of supervision.

In one of our heavily populated areas in the vicinity of a large war industry, provision is now being made through the school and other interested bodies, for the supervision of the children of war-workers during the day, and a hot meal is provided at the noon-hour. In spite of this service, there are parents who are not sufficiently interested to take advantage of this opportunity, nor to assume the small financial obligation involved. Great credit is due to those who are co-operating in this undertaking, giving freely of their time and

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Walter Sargent Places Third in Niagara District Victory Loan Quiz

After winning the Fourth Victory Loan Quiz Contest in Georgetown, and for Halton County at Milton, Walter Sargent advanced to the Niagara District competition held in Hamilton last Wednesday night. Walter is in possession of the High School here, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sargent. He was accompanied to Hamilton by Mr. Matthews of the High School staff. Annual competition from Peel, Wentworth, Welland and Lincoln counties. Walter won third prize for Group A.

C. B. Roulley, Public School Inspector for Wentworth conducted the quiz. Several vocal numbers delighted the audience. This diversion also gave the contestants a rest and gave the judges ample time to decide the prize winners. Prominent members of the National War Finance Committee were present. The questions were well-chosen to test the students' knowledge on the Fourth Victory Loan. As these did not suffice to eliminate any of the contestants, questions pertaining to current events, geography, history, science and literature had to be introduced. The prize was presented by Mr. Merritt, representative for Wentworth. The winners were as follows: First, Ian Smith, Peel; second, Norma Ashmore, Welland; third, Walter Sargent, Halton.

LAWN BOWLING NEWS

At a special meeting of members of the Ladies and Men's Executive of the Lawn Bowling Club, held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Thomson, it was decided to have the Junior Club. It was decided to have the Junior Club members of age 18 and over, with their own executive. For the purpose of a meeting to be held on May 26th, at which time a meeting will be held in the evening at the home of Mrs. J. B. Thomson, at 111 St. George Street, in local connection with this is an official opening of the local Bowling Season will be for May 24 in afternoon and evening.

Countess of Strathmore Chapter I.O.D.E. Holds May Meeting

The Countess of Strathmore Chapter held its regular meeting at the Legion Hall, Monday, May 17th with Regent, Mrs. A. Greig presiding. The minutes of the April meeting were read by the secretary and the treasurer gave reports of the various convocations. The war services convocation reports \$41 taken in on the quilt which was raffled by the Chapter and won by Mrs. C. V. Williams. Five sweaters and one pair socks were turned in to the Red Cross and sewing and knitting is being continued on the layette sets. 371 magazines were shipped to the Armed Forces and a bale of good used clothing is being prepared for shipment to the Chapter's adopted Northern school. Members were requested to have their donations at the office of the Barber Floral Co. not later than Saturday of this week.

A donation of \$50 was asked from each member to be used for war work for the present month. A letter was read by the secretary from the O.W.A.C. at Brampton, thanking the Chapter for its contribution toward their campaign. It was reported that a presentation had been made to Miss Jean Mackenzie who left recently to join the R.C.A.F. and is stationed at Rockcliffe.

Mrs. G. Sutherland tendered her resignation as Empire Study convener and was replaced by Mrs. W. C. Behn. A letter of sympathy is being sent to Miss M. Chare who was recently hospitalized.

A very pleasant surprise to the members was the donation of a Standard by the Chapter by Mr. Joseph Beaumont of Glen Williams. If the same has arrived in time for the June meeting, a dedication ceremony will be held and it is hoped that all members will attend.

Arrangements were made for a sale of periodicals under the sponsorship of Mr. Alan Hekey which will be held the latter part of the month, weather permitting. The recent party given at Mrs. Hedley Shaw into the paper of a new member. This meeting closed with the collection and the singing of God Save the King. A quiz followed with a refreshment quiz conducted by Mrs. Sam Mackenzie followed by a lunch which was served by the hostesses of the evening, Mrs. K. Landon, Mrs. W. S. Orr and Mrs. J. B. Milne.

J. M. Ruddell Borne to Last Rest

John Newton Ruddell died on Tuesday, May 17th, in Ouelph General hospital following an illness of several months. He was in his 77th year. The funeral was held from his late residence, Canon, Lot 13, Seventh Line, Esqueping Township, on May 16th. Interment was to Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. The service, which was private, was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Todd, pastor of the United Church, Georgetown. Pall bearers were six nephews: Frank Ruddell, John Ruddell, Fred Ruddell, Frank Barnes, R. W. Cunningham, Horace Barnes.

Born at Ballinacraig, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ruddell, he moved with his parents to Lot 50, Seventh Line, and from there to Lot 13 about 50 years ago. Forty years ago he married the former Hannah Barnes. He was a member of the Congregational Church, Georgetown, and a one time member of the United Farmers of Ontario.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one brother, Ward Ruddell, R. R. No. 3, Georgetown, and one sister, Mrs. John Barnes, Norval.

G.H.S. Realizes \$143.36 From Chinese Relief Tag Day

Last Saturday, the sum of \$143.36 was realized for the Chinese War Relief Fund. The tag day was held by the students of Georgetown High School, and the committee in charge, with Miss M. E. Homan as convener, consisted of the girl form representatives: Mildred Eason, North Cove; Jane Egan, Jean Dicks, Paul Robinson. The committee and all the girls wish to thank the citizens of Georgetown, Glen Williams, Norval, Elmwood and district, for their generous response.

NEW DIVISION COURT CLERK AT ACTON

Mr. W. Coles has been appointed clerk of the Division Court and Bailiff, succeeding Mr. E. T. Thielford who recently resigned from the position after a very satisfactory period of service. Mr. Coles received notice of his appointment this week from the provincial department.

Mr. Coles is a resident of the South Acton and the First World War and other war service. He was in the military service during the last year of the war. His appointment to the position will meet with general approval.

Georgetown and District Subscribe \$352,000 in 4th Victory Loan

THE WEATHER

By R. L. Hutt

There has been no lack of variety in the weather the past week. It began with a few flurries of snow, then an all day rain reaching a high water mark of 2.35 inches, then a day or two of cloudy cool weather, and on Friday a day of full sunshine followed at night by a sudden drop in temperature and ground frost in the night Sunday again the climate beginning in the early morning with a violent electrical storm and a period of thunder at 6 a.m. that must have wakened every sleeper in town with a jump and made them think the war in Tunisia had let loose here. A gale from the south west cleared the skies and brought a sudden heat wave that raised the hope that summer had come at last, but it lasted for a few hours only, and we are back to cool weather again with rain and more rain.

However, vegetation has made a start. The maples and elms are budding out, lawn mowing has begun. But unfortunately most farm land is still so wet that work on the land is at a stand still.

Following are the local records:

Date	H and L	Rain- fall
Tues. May 11	67 48	2.35
Wed. May 12	67 48	
Thurs. May 13	50 38	
Fri. May 14	58 34	
Sat. May 15	58 31	
Sun. May 16	73 48	
Mon. May 17	57 47	

Organizers and the committee of the Fourth Victory Loan are well pleased at the response from the general canvass which has amounted to \$352,000 in subscriptions from Georgetown and Esqueping, Georgetown District. The loan is still open this week, and those wishing to invest in bonds may do so, and the amount will be credited to our Victory Loan Drive total.

Everyone who has had any connection with the loan is to be commended on the splendid results their efforts have achieved. Salutations, particularly, have worked hard and report that in nearly every approach, have been well received. Following are the salutations who canvassed this district, with their objectives and total subscriptions:

O. C. Brown	\$24000	24500
Wm. Deans	36000	40800
P. Kersey	34000	38500
L. E. Clegg	48000	48450
T. L. Leslie	39000	35300
W. A. Wilson	31000	38500

In the Payroll section, with an objective of \$30,000, \$37050 was subscribed. The bank had investments amounting to \$94,600 with an objective of \$171,000.

The amount subscribed by "Special Names" is not included in this total, and the district does not receive credit for it. In the Third Victory Loan, \$332,950 was subscribed in the General Canvass, and this year tops that record by over \$20,000. Good work, Georgetown.

Minister Inducted at Norval and Union

On Tuesday afternoon in the Norval Presbyterian Church the new minister, the Rev. J. Leonard Self, B.A., was inducted into the charges of Norval and Union, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

The service of worship was in charge of the Rev. Dr. A. C. Cochrane of St. Andrew's Church, Port Credit, who read the Scripture lesson from 1 Peter 2:1-11, and chose for his text Hebrews 13:17-18a, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you. Pray for them." In his sermon, Dr. Cochrane drew attention to a mistaken view of the meaning of the Reformation with regard to Church authority. The Reformation does not mean that discipline is done away, but that false authority is supplanted by that which is grounded in and founded upon the Word of God in Scripture. Members of the Church are not, however, made subject to the arbitrary opinions and doctrines of men, but only to those who "watch for your souls." On the contrary, Christians must resist all authority which is not of God, as those who "obey God rather than men". A faithful minister is the work of God and not of man, therefore it is necessary that the congregation pray for its minister, Dr. Cochrane stated in conclusion.

The service of induction was in charge of the Rev. A. Neil Miller, B.A., D.D. of Brampton, in the absence of the Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. J. B. Thompson. The interim Moderator during the vacancy, the Rev. Chas. C. Cochrane, B.A., narrated the steps leading up to the induction, after which the new minister was formally inducted into his new work and admitted to membership of the Presbytery.

The address to the minister and congregation was given by the Rev. R. G. McKay, M.A. of Woodbridge. Mr. McKay urged members of the congregations to encourage and support their minister in every way possible, and warned the men against making "church widows" of their wives. In addressing the new minister, the speaker counselled him to have regard to his health, to pursue his private devotions, and not to neglect his studies.

At the conclusion of the services, the congregations were given an opportunity to meet their new minister and his bride as the people filed past on their way to the Sunday School Room in which all enjoyed a most ample supper provided by the ladies. Mr. Cochrane of Georgetown presided at the table, and called upon the Rev. S. R. Colbrook of the Church of England in Norval to convey greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Self. Mr. Andrew MacDonald and Mr. Albert Hunter, Clerks of the Sessions of Union and Norval respectively, warmly welcomed the newly inducted minister on behalf of their congregations. Mr. McClure added a word of thanks on behalf of both Churches to the interim Moderator whose work had been deeply appreciated.

The Rev. Mr. Self spoke briefly for his wife and himself, thanking those who had helped him and expressing his gratitude to those who had provided so delightful a reception for them.

Harry P. Lawson, Jr. Dies in 30th Year

Harry P. Lawson, Jr., died on Wednesday, May 12th, after a brief illness of 5 months. He was born in Toronto, February 4, 1914, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lawson, Stewarttown. He attended public school in Stewarttown, High School in Georgetown, and College in Coburg. For several years he worked for the former Hazel Cox of Acton, residing in Acton, Ontario. He has resided on the Sixth Line, Georgetown, for the last five years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Hazel M. Cox of Acton; three sons, Harry Cox, Paul Anderson and Peter Noel; two weeks old. David predeceased his father 10 years ago. Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lawson, Stewarttown and one brother, Douglas.

The funeral took place on Friday, May 14th at 2:30 o'clock from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lawson, Stewarttown. Friends from Toronto, Stratford, Fergus, Acton and Milton attended the funeral.

Beautiful floral tributes were received from: Joe and Jean Hunter; Mr. and Mrs. Luce and Grace; Isabel, Cleber and Earl McDowell; Uncle Will, Aunt Minnie, Rhea and Irene McDowell; E. Hicken and Family; Betty and Russell Hatch; Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Doris and Harvey; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kingshott; Lois and Benny Benham; Beardmore Employees Association; Walter Lawson and Family; Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thompson, Francis and Ruth; Mrs. Cox and Family; Aunt Adah, and Alice McDowell; George Chong; Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanford; Miss White, Miss McPhail and Children of Stewarttown School; Esqueping Women's Institute; Aunt Minnie Lawson; Mr. and Mrs. H. Deveaux and Family; Margaret, Mary, Helen, Walter Lawson; Mary, Hettie and David Lawson; Hume and Gertie Kerr; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanford; Scotch Block Carriage Skilling Family; A. C. Steel Family; Cecil and Harry McDowell; George McDowell and Family; Mrs. Gladys Steel, Bill and Pearl; Albert, Mayme, Doreen McDowell, Bill King, Clarice and the Girls; Orl and Stan Norton; Kay, Marlene and Terry Bludd; Hazel and Ted Arnold.

The Georgetown Herald Soldiers' Comforts Fund

Forwarded to Soldiers' Comforts Committee	\$573.54
Cash on hand acknowledged	41.38
Ladies of Glen Williams Community Club	26.00
Loyal True Blue Lodge, No. 393, Georgetown	16.00
Total May 9th, 1943	\$656.92

OF THINGS TO COME?

Today's headline reads "BLAST ITALY'S PANTALLERIA (ARMA)". We are not sure but it sounds like a kick in the trousers.

Mary Pickford Coming Home in War Role For Britons

To Dedicate Bungalow While
in Toronto and to Tour
Ontario Towns

Mary Pickford is coming home.

The first lady of the screen is returning to her native Toronto for the week of Victoria Day in a war role—a role dedicated to embattled Britons.

Miss Pickford's stay in Canada will be devoted entirely to furthering the Mary Pickford Bungalow Project—a major war undertaking that she instituted herself last fall and furnished \$5,000 to launch.

Now completed, the handsome \$15,000 home at O'Connor drive and Glenwood crescent will be officially opened and dedicated by Miss Pickford during her stay.

This project is sponsored by Lions International, District "A," and the Gerard Business Men's Association.

The benefactors of Miss Pickford's devotion of time, money and efforts will be the civilian adults and children of Great Britain and the George Cross Island of Malta. Not proceeds of the project are going 50 per cent. to the Lions' British Child War Victims' Fund, 40 per cent. to The Evening Telegram British War Victims' Fund and 10 per cent. to the For Malta War Relief Fund Society of Toronto.

Although she has been under her doctor's care for a year, America's Sweetheart will travel 8,000 miles to further Canada's war effort. The Mary Pickford Bungalow Project represents one more link in the chain of war charity events that have proudly borne her name.

During her stay in Canada, Miss Pickford will visit several major Ontario cities, with the same purpose in mind, but the



MARY PICKFORD

Itinerary has not yet been settled.

On the long trip, Miss Pickford is paying her own expenses. Here she will visit war plants and make personal appearances, in addition to officiating at the opening of the bungalow.

Miss Pickford will arrive in Toronto on Saturday, May 22, and her tour of Ontario will follow the Queen City visit. On route to Canada from her Beverly Hills, California, home,

the star will make stops at Memphis, Tennessee, and New York. Miss Pickford will be the guest of honor at the dedication of Gailor Hall—patterned on the famed Boys' Town, Nebraska, while at Memphis.

Starting the long trip, she leaves Hollywood to-morrow.

Miss Pickford was instrumental in starting the project through her interest in Canada's war effort and a cash donation of \$5,000.