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Lt.-Cpl. Gordon Graham One of First Alpine Troop in Canada

Picture of Glen Williams Boy on Front Cover of Montreal Standard

Graduating high in the class of 150 picked officers and men who took the first mountaineering training course to be offered in Canada, Lance Corporal Gordon Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graham, Glen Williams, says "I'm thoroughly enjoying the training; we have a bit of a mountain in Georgetown, but these beat it all hollow." And we might say we feel no resentment at having to give first place to the Canadian Rockies.

Gord, who was home on furlough a short time ago following the completion of his strenuous three-week course, was picked by news photographers as typical of the Canadian troops being thoroughly trained in mountain warfare, and rights to a beautifully coloured full length picture of him standing aloft against the peaks of the Canadian Rockies, clad in the white-parka uniform of the Alpine Troops were bought by The Standard, Montreal, which published it on the cover of their rotogravure section in their September 11th issue.

While he was visiting at home he had many thrilling tales to tell his family about his experiences while scaling seemingly impassable heights, and to prove none of it was exaggeration, he also brought with him actual snapshots of himself and his pals "in action." They brought home very clearly the fact that mountaineering is the art of going safely in dangerous places. Add to that the fact that the most dangerous places are where the enemy is least likely to expect attack and you have in a nutshell the reason for mountain warfare.

The need of Alpine troops has been tragically demonstrated many times in this war. Lack of trained mountain troops cost us Norway, where heavy equipment chained British forces to the valley roads while the Germans shelled them from the heights in Greece the British had a strong position at Thermopylae but the enemy scaled "impassable" mountains to turn their flank. A classic example: Wolfe's taking of Quebec by climbing an "unclimbable" cliff. There are only two countries now at war, Belgium and Holland, that are mountainless.

The men at the camp were nearly all from Ontario and the prairies and most of them had never seen a real mountain before joining the army. Their instructors were highly trained experts procured through the Alpine Club of Canada. And all instructors were amazed at the rapid progress the boys made. Lt.-Cpl. Graham led his

THE WEATHER

(By H. L. Hutt)

The past week we have had ideal weather for the fall work going forward at this time—corn cutting and silo filling, potato digging and apple picking. There has been little or no rain for the past couple of weeks and the ground is very dry.

Following are the local records for the week:

Date	H and L	Temp	Wind	Remarks
Tues. Sept. 21	50-33			
Wed. Sept. 22	70-42			
Thurs. Sept. 23	58-43			
Fri. Sept. 24	53-42			
Sat. Sept. 25	57-39			
Sud. Sept. 26	57-31			
Mon. Sept. 27	71-42			

Council Entertain Firemen and Ladies at Banquet

The town council entertained the firemen to a chicken dinner last Friday evening. The ladies and press were also invited. The guests sat down to tables prettily decorated with yellow mums and red, white and blue victory motifs. Mrs. T. Griev was in charge of arrangements for the banquet, and the Modern Aires Orchestra provided music during the meal, and played for dancing afterwards. Those who did not care to dance played cards. During the course of the evening, Mayor Gibbons addressed the firemen, and congratulated them on being such an efficient Fire Brigade. Fire Chief Donald Latimer replied to the Mayor on behalf of the firemen and thanked the council for the very fine way in which they were being entertained. All joined in a hearty sing song before the playing of the "home waltz" brought the evening to a close.

Mary Cummins and Teammates Accorded Civic Reception in Toronto

A member of the North American Champion Ladies' Relay Team, Mary Cummins and her teammates from the Laurel Ladies' Athletic Club of Toronto, officially received civic honours from Toronto at 215 last Wednesday afternoon, when Mayor Conboy received them in his office at the City Hall. The girls' coach, Ab Foster and manager Mrs. Roxy Campbell, were also present.

Mayor Conboy stated that the girls were a credit to Canada and the City of Toronto. Toronto itself was especially proud of the honours they had brought home after winning first place in the relay race at the American Championship games held at Cleveland Ohio a few weeks ago, and for this reason he presented each girl on the team, their coach and their manager, with a silver trophy depicting a runner. Miss Cummins has kindly consented to let us display her trophy in the Herald Office window this week.

MRS. ALAN MARSELL BORN TO LAST REST

Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Alan Marsell, 75, of Georgetown, who died Wednesday in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, following a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Belgrove of Ballinafad.

A resident here for the past eight years, she was a member of the Georgetown United Church. Her husband predeceased her several years ago.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Charles Van Allen, Windsor; three sons, Benjamin Marsell, Oakville; Alvin Marsell, Lansing; and Harry Marsell, Detroit. Rev. R. C. Todd conducted the funeral service. Interment followed in Ballinafad cemetery.

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Telegram	\$3142.25
Cash on hand acknowledged	84.25
A Friend	.25
Total Sept. 29th	\$3226.75

MISSING AT SEA

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wylie received word on Friday that their son Private Robert James Wylie has been reported "Missing at sea". They are still hoping for better news.

Former Maple Ave. Resident H. A. Hunter Died in Toronto

Lived Here Three Years Prior to Going to Toronto

Henry Alfred Hunter, a native son of East Gwillimburgh, died at his home 771 Annette Street, Toronto, on Wednesday, September 15th, after a long illness. Oliged to undergo an operation five years ago, Mr. Hunter had been in failing health since that time and had been seriously ill for some months prior to his demise.

Mr. Hunter was a son of the late W. H. Hunter and Mary Ann Gillespie and was born on the Hunter homestead at The Maples. He received his education in The Maples school, Orangeville High School and the Ontario Agricultural College. As a young man he farmed on the James Johnston farm at The Maples for a number of years and then moved to Alberta, where he engaged in ranching for twenty years. He returned to Ontario in 1922 and in 1931 married Miss Grace Gentle. Following his marriage he moved to Georgetown, where he resided for three years before settling in Toronto.

Mr. Hunter was a quiet, pleasant, unassuming man, a devoted husband and a great home lover. He never lost his attachment for the "home" and scenes of his boyhood days and was never happier than when he had the opportunity to revisit the old home and the relatives and friends of his earlier years. He was a staunch member of the Rymyevic Presbyterian Church, Toronto. His demise is mourned by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. I. O. Reid and Mrs. W. G. Keane, Orangeville, and three brothers, W. H. Hunter, Orangeville, and Gordon and Bryson Hunter, Hamilton.

The remains were brought from his Toronto home to St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, at 11 a.m. on Friday. A large number of relatives and friends assembled for the service which was held in St. Andrew's, the church his father had helped to erect, at 2:30 o'clock. The service was taken by his pastor, Rev. MacQueen, of the Rymyevic church, who was assisted by Rev. Murdoch Mackinnon, pastor of St. Andrew's. The casket in which the remains were placed was decorated with beautiful floral tributes, which spoke with eloquent eloquence of the esteem and sympathy of the many friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. S. C. W. Hughson, Peter B. Norris, Jno. R. Gillespie, John B. Atkinson, Hugh Reid and T. Emerson Reid. The active pallbearers were Graham Keams, W. H. Hunter, David Currie, W. E. Nodwell, John Campbell and Ernest Hodgson. The flower carriers were Douglas, Lyle and Chas. R. Reid, Harold Keams, Lewis and J. Clare Reid.

Squads of Police Search Vicinity for Gunmen

STILL IN HINDING AFTER \$1600 FERGUSON ROBBERY — FOUR THIEVES CAUGHT HERE LAST THURSDAY.

Rarely have Norval and Georgetown seen as many police in their vicinity as on Wednesday and Thursday of last week when squads of them, assisted by armed farmers engaged in a grim hunt for three alleged gunmen who fled into an extensive swamp off No. 7 Highway after a pitched battle with two pursuing officers on the outskirts of Brampton.

The three men were wanted in connection with the theft of a large safe containing \$1,000 in cash from the Ferguson Dairy and Creamery at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday morning.

All incoming and outgoing cars in Georgetown were stopped on Wednesday night and their occupants instructed what to do if anyone asked for a lift in this vicinity. As another precaution the freight cars were searched as they came into the station, and although the three criminals which were being sought did not show up, Chief W. O. Marshall arrested four young men, ranging in age from 18 to 22, who had hoped a freight from Hamilton on Thursday morning. Upon investigation, it was found that these men were wanted by the police in Hamilton where they had stolen a car one night before. The car was later found ditched in Burlington, from which point they had evidently departed to continue their journey to Georgetown.

Main street men were "bitter" Wednesday and Thursday nights while the search continued in this vicinity and many left their homes at night. However the summer did not invade Georgetown.

The first contact with the robbers was made when Provincial Constable Ray Hodgson and a Brampton traffic officer endeavored to intercept a car speeding down No. 7 Highway from the direction of the safe robbery. Hodgson and his companion parted into pursuit when the car failed to stop and fired a single shot at the fleeing auto. The bullet pierced a rear tire and the car ploughed into the ditch. Three occupants were up and running for the bush before the car stopped rolling. When Hodgson again shouted a command to halt and fired a warning shot into the air, the fugitives replied with a burst of revolver fire, and eight shots were exchanged. Later reports indicated the men had taken refuge in the Norval swamp area, and police immediately opened temporary headquarters at Norval Hotel. A network of Provincial police from Toronto, Brampton and Kitchener kept watch all night.

In spite of all precautions taken, the gunmen came out into the open at Brampton to steal a 1938 blue panel Ford truck, belonging to Mr. Harry Hergaarden, Queen St. West, from a garage close beside his house on Wednesday night. It is now believed that the thieves made their getaway to Toronto in this car, and that they have circled around again and are now hiding out in the Forks of the Credit district. At time of going to press they were still at large.

COUNTRY FAIRS ATTRACTING LARGER CROWDS THIS YEAR

Many Attend Anniversary Services and Concert at United Church

Anniversary services for the United Church were held here last Sunday when large congregations assembled to hear the guest preacher, Rev. William England, minister at St. Andrew's Church, Niagara Falls, and Secretary of the United Church Committee on Camps and War Production Centres. His sermon was very inspiring and dealt with the work the church is doing among workers in industrial centres. Miss Verma McClure, Toronto, was contralto soloist at both morning and evening services.

On Monday evening the annual anniversary concert was held, with Rev. Capt. N. Dawson as special speaker.

His talk "Whether Bound was greatly enjoyed. Blended in with the excellent serious side of his address, Rev. Dawson wove an irresistible vein of humor, and all left the hall hoping he would return again to Georgetown in the not too distant future. Miss Dawson, Milton and Mrs. J. E. Ostrom, were soloists. Miss Lois Nelson played several selections on the piano while the audience assembled and Miss Alma King of the organ accompanied the choir.

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The bride, given in marriage by her brother, was gowned in embezzed satin, made on princess lines with sweetheart neckline and leg of mutton sleeves. She wore a finger-tip halo veil of net and her nosegay bouquet was of sweetheart roses and white gladioli. Her sister, Mrs. Stanley Sinclair was her matron of honor, wearing a floor length gown of turquoise chiffon with bishop sleeves. She wore blue flowers in her hair and carried a nosegay of pink roses and asters. The bride's niece, Beth McEnery, of Acton, was flower girl, frocked in rose-pink net over satin, with blue velvet flowers in her hair, and carried a nosegay of pink roses, baby mums and gladioli. The groomsmen were Ross Huxley, of Hillsburg, Mrs. V. Vannatter, of Ballinafad, played the wedding music and the soloist was Miss Joanna Shortill, of Georgetown, cousin of the bride.

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ASHGROVE

A most interesting and informative paper on "Plastics" was prepared and given by Mrs. Milton Bird at the September meeting of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Robert Cunningham spoke on the motto "Waste not, want not". Mrs. Francis Thompson favored with a lovely solo. The roll call was answered by giving the recipe for an emergency dish. Business matters dealt with included plans for packing boxes for community boys overseas, filling ditty bags and plans for a euchre to be held the latter part of October. The hostess, Mrs. Clayton Wilson assisted by the lunch committee served refreshments after the singing of "The King".

Margaret C. Leslie Wed at Manse in Norval

At the Manse at Norval, September 25th, 1943, the marriage of Margaret Catherine Christine Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Starratt Leslie, Georgetown, Ont., and Charles Gordon "Bud" Bishop, son of Mr. William H. Bishop and the late Mrs. Bishop of Toronto, was solemnized. The Rev. J. Leonard Self officiated.

The bride wore a brown tailored suit with blue hair line stripe, a dusky blue hat and brown accessories. The attendants were Mrs. W. H. Murray of Montreal and Mr. Howard Dolson of Georgetown, Ontario. The bride is a granddaughter of Dr. Alexander McLeod of Caledon East.

After a short honeymoon the happy couple will reside on the groom's farm at Glen Williams, Ontario.

Petty Officer Jack Tost Married at St. George's

Miss Margaret Annie McBride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McBride, of Milton, became the bride of Petty Officer Jack Tost, R.C.N., son of Mrs. Tost and the late Fred Tost, of Georgetown, at a quiet wedding ceremony at St. George's Anglican Church on Friday, September 24th. Rev. W. O. C. Thompson officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was charming in a rust and green floral crepe afternoon dress with brown accessories. Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Ray Beesey, of Georgetown. Ray Beesey was groomsmen. The groom will return to Newfoundland following a leave in Georgetown.