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## Fifth Victory Loan Campaign Opened on Monday

### Esqueuing Agricultural Fair at One Time Held Alternate Years in Acton

Richard Tracy Was First Secretary—P. W. Cleave Has Been Treasurer 21 Years—Many Presidents Have Led the Society Through It's 97 Years of Existence.

#### CHIT-CHATS ABOUT OTHER FAIRS THIS YEAR

(By Garfield L. McOliver)

When we had finally decided last spring to take over the Secretariat duties of the Esqueuing Agricultural Society (or better known perhaps as Georgetown Fall Fair Board), we had not given much thought as to the history and background of this institution. We had been sitting as a Director on the Board the two years previous, and while we knew the Society had been in existence since 1846, it was quite easy to say that we were emulating our own ninety-seventh year without stopping to consider just how long that length of time really constituted.

Not until we had read a couple of paragraphs in the Acton Free Press of September 30th did we fully realize that the Society did have a history worth telling to the public.

It seems that over thirty years ago a number from the village of Acton were members of the Esqueuing Agricultural Society, and at that time the fall fair was held two years in Acton and then two years in Georgetown, hereby one fair served both communities. However just thirty years ago the annual meeting of the Society decided the fair should be held every year in Georgetown. As the Free Press says, here is an use going into the gruesome details of what took place after his motion went through, but the outcome was that Acton fair was organized on its own. So while the neighbouring fair is just thirty years old, it too has a past.

Looking back into the files we discovered that the first Secretary of the Esqueuing Agricultural Society was Richard Tracy, father of the late A. Tracy, of Stewarttown, who later took over the duties from his father, and carried on as Secretary-Treasurer for many years. Following Mr. Tracy's death Mr. W. A. Wilson was the next secretary, and he too gave many years of faithful service to the fair board. Retiring a few years ago, three different secretaries have been in office since—Mr. Oscar Lerch and Mr. Frank Petch, if our memory recalls correctly served two years each, and our present Secretary.

While we have no record of who headed the first fair board, we might say that they have been numerous (Continued on Page Seven)

### Loan Salesmen Out to Meet \$370,000 Objective

#### MAN PURCHASES BOND PRIOR TO GOING TO HOSPITAL.

Georgetown's Fifth Victory Loan salesmen are enthusiastic and very optimistic over the first two days' sales of Bonds. They report being very well received and sales are coming in a par with other loans. One salesman tells of a man who made his application for a bond before entering hospital for treatment, which shows only a small way, that the people are recognizing and doing their duty to this Loan to "Speed the Victory". They also brought back numerous Headquarter that Fifth Victory Loan Bonds would not be sold for three years. This is an unfounded rumor and should be squelched at once. Fifth Loan Bonds, the same as all other Bonds, may be cashed at any time.

The Government have also called in bonds coming due in 1944 and 1945 which should be converted into this loan and not be held. Bonds of the same called in, while they will still be good, will not draw further interest, so we say, don't forget to have these bonds converted.

The first day's canvass in Canada's Victory Loan yielded subscriptions amounting \$87,729,450.00, the National Finance Committee announced, this is more than four millions greater than the sales for the first day of last year, which were \$83,293,760.00. A daily average of \$66,668,000.00 is required to reach the loan's objective. Georgetown and District objective is \$70,000. No stone must be left unturned that this objective be met. Give the salesmen a welcome at your door, and purchase a bond to help "Speed Victory" and bring the boys back home. Local salesmen who will be calling on you are: W. Deans, P. Kersey, W. Wilson, Hedley Shaw, George C. Brown, and L. E. Olegg.

### Marjorie McCaig Weds P. O. E. G. Wanless

Eglinton Street United Church in Toronto was the scene of a lovely early October wedding when Marjorie (Rachael) McCaig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McCaig, Georgetown, became the bride of Pilot Officer Ernest Garfield Wanless, son of Mrs. Wanless and the late Mrs. Harry E. Wanless of Toronto.

The church was decorated with ferns and pink and white gladioli, forming a pretty background for the double ring ceremony, performed by Rev. W. J. Johnston. Mr. Hodgins played the wedding music and during the signing of the register Mrs. F. J. Shortill of Georgetown sang "The Sunshine of Your Smile."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white slipper satin with a fingertip veil caught to a sweetheart halo. She carried a cascade bouquet of Better Time roses and baby's breath. She was attended by her sister Helen, maid of honor, and Jeanne Campbell, bridesmaid, wearing dresses of French blue and delicate pink sheer respectively, with matching shoulder-length veils held in place by halos of Briarcliff roses and carrying bouquets of the same flowers. Mr. Hilliard Allan, R.C.O.C., Kingston, was the best man, and the ushers were Marshall and James McCaig, brothers of the bride.

At the reception held in Haddon Hall, the bride's mother received in a blue and white printed gown with black accessories and a corsage of American Beauty roses, the groom's mother in a black suit with black and white accessories and a corsage of American Beauty roses.

For their wedding trip to Huntsville the bride wore a brown tailored suit with matching accessories, camel hair topcoat, and a corsage of Tallman roses. On their return they will reside in Port Dover.

Guests were present from Toronto, Georgetown, Acton and Kingston.

### I.O.D.E. Preparing Christmas Boxes for Crew of Adopted Ship

The Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E., met for their monthly meeting in the Legion Hall, Mrs. A. Craig, regent, in the chair. Mr. Walter Carpenter, principal of Georgetown High School was present and asked the Chapter to donate a second prize to be competed for at the school. The Chapter agreed to donate a \$5.00 prize.

Mrs. J. L. Lambert reported that receipts of the tag day for the Blind amounted to \$138.50 and that donations received amounted to \$38.25, making a total of \$176.75 realized.

The wool convener reported that a number of articles had been turned over to the Red Cross, among them 8 baby jackets, 1 bonnet, 3 pair booties, 1 pr. Airforce gloves, 3 pr. Seaman's socks, 2 long-sleeved sweaters and 2 baby shouderettes.

The Chapter are preparing Christmas boxes for the 31 men aboard the adopted Minesweeper. Already purchased for the parcels are 4000 cigarettes, 31 boxes Smiles 'n' Chuckles, 31 decks of playing cards, a number of games and a quantity of chewing gum and chocolate bars. A donation of 14 pr. of socks was also made to the Navy League.

The dedication of the I.O.D.E. Standard, donated by the late Mr. Joseph Beaumont, will take place following the business part of the next meeting in November.

The National Anthem and lunch prepared by the hostesses, Mrs. P. F. Blackburn, Mrs. A. Beaumont, and Mrs. W. Ford, closed a very interesting evening.

Mrs. Edna Duncan is in charge of the office duties at Headquarters, and the following citizens head the Georgetown and District National War Finance Committee:

Hon. Chairman—L. E. Fleck.  
Chairman—Ralph Rosa.  
Vice Chairman—W. F. Bradley.  
Sales Committee—K. M. Langdon.  
Chairman; F. Wilson, H. Cleave, H. May, W. T. Evans, G. Farnell, H. Dickie.

Public Relations Committee—W. Carpenter, Chairman, G. L. McOliver, W. F. Bradley, F. D. McNally, Dr. J. B. Milne.  
Employees' Committee—R. B. Foulis, Chairman, A. Beaumont, J. D. Kelly, H. Dickie, D. P. Oughton, W. B. Ford.



FAMILY SERVICE REUNION—Pictured above are former residents of Georgetown, Cadet Bruce Zimmerman and his sister Betty. Bruce arrived back from overseas last week after more than two years service with the Highland Light Infantry of Canada. On arrival he found sister Betty all ready to sign papers to join the Women's Division of the Airforce. Making Kitchener their home the past few years, they are shown shortly after the happy reunion at the City Hall Recruiting Centre.

### HOME FROM OVERSEAS BROTHER AND SISTER MEET

Bruce Zimmerman Will Take Officers Training Course at Brockville—Sister Now in R.C.A.F. (W.D.)—Father With Veterans' Guard of Canada.

From time to time the Herald chronicles the doings and happenings of local boys and girls in the services, and this week a story comes to hand from Kitchener, way, and concerns former Georgetowners, Bruce and Betty Zimmerman. The Zimmermans are son and daughter of Roy Zimmerman and the late Mrs. Zimmerman, and were both raised and educated here. Their father was employed with J. N. O'Neill, and shortly before the war moved to Kitchener. Before going to Kitchener, Bruce was on the staff of the local Dominion Stores, and later was employed by the same firm in Kitchener, Ouelph and Galt where he had become manager of one of their Stores. Betty was still going to school upon leaving Georgetown.

But the war came, and the family became somewhat separated. Bruce enlisted with the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, his father joined the Veterans' Guard of Canada, and sister Betty made her home with her aunt in Kitchener.

Last week, however, there was a happy reunion. After two years and three months overseas, Cadet Bruce Zimmerman arrived home. He naturally went to visit his sister upon arrival, but was surprised to find that Betty

was among the candidates reporting to the R. C. A. P. Mobile Unit recruiting men and women at the Kitchener City Hall. Thus it was a public meeting when the above picture was taken. Before the day ended she had passed her tests and was a member of the air-force, to make it an all-service family.

Cadet Bruce Zimmerman joined the Highland Light Infantry in December 1940 and went overseas with that unit about a year later. He says everything is pretty much routine in England and stressed the fact that the soldiers overseas get a bigger kick out of a letter or parcel from home than any other thing. Bruce leaves shortly for Brockville where he will take a course that will eventually lead to a commission.

Sister Betty leaves for Rockcliffe, near Ottawa, shortly, to start her basic training, and by coincidence the two stations are not far apart, so sister and brother will have opportunities to see each other on week-ends.

The Zimmermans have many friends in town, and they can be assured of a call from Bruce almost any time, now that he is back from overseas, as Georgetown holds a warm place in his heart.

### Active Service Notes

George E. Bradford, an employee of Alliance Paper Mills Ltd., has enlisted in the air crew of the R.C.A.F. He is stationed at present in Manning Depot, Toronto.

Nellie Maynard of the C. W. A. C. London, has been in hospital there for the past two weeks, but we're glad to say has made a good recovery. She is at home in Georgetown now on two weeks' sick leave.

We certainly "put our foot in it" last week when we reported that Pte. Leonard Rayner was married overseas. It turns out that Len is still a bachelor, and the item should have read that Pte. Thomas Rayner wed the former Patricia Mary Spittle. The error is regretted.

Pueller Clarence Kennedy has been seeing Canada these past two weeks. From Niagara-on-the-Lake, he moved with the Scots Fusiliers to Sussex, N. B. From Sussex he was transferred to Prince Edward Island Highlanders Regiment. After being there only a short time, he was shifted out to the West Coast, at Prince George, B. C., according to word received by his wife this week.

Sgt. Bud James is to be congratulated on receiving his three stripes recently, rising from the rank of Bombadier. Sgt. James has been in Newfoundland for a year and a half. He enlisted in January, 1940.

### "Victory Bonds Greatest Security—Safest Investment," says Dr. Sikox

Victory Loan Rally Well Attended—Address is Feature of Evening—Pipe Band Drew Much Applause.

#### THE WEATHER

(By H. L. Hunt)

After the longest spell of fine weather many of us have seen for years the rains came at last, and they were real soakers and went down to a plow depth so the boys on the heavy lands can now get ahead with the fall plowing.

Accompanying the showers we had considerable drop in temperature. The average daily temperature last week was 68.9, over seven degrees below that of the week before, which made many of us turn to taking off the fly screens and putting on the double windows. But don't be too much alarmed, winter is not here yet notwithstanding the snow flurries reported on sides of us. The weather reports for the continent, which are now allowed to be published says they are having fine mild weather out in Manitoba, and if we do not miss our guess we are likely to be enjoying that a few days later.

Following are the local records for the week:

Date	H and L	RAIN
Tues Oct 12	77 35	
Wed Oct 13	70 39	
Thurs Oct 14	58 40	68
Fri Oct 15	57 43	
Sat Oct 16	41 40	108
Sun Oct 17	40 34	50
Mon Oct 18	41 34	06

### "Home is Mosquito Net Under Olive Tree"

WRITEN BY K. D. SPENCE FROM SICILY.

Pte K. D. (Koopee) Spence of the Saskatoon Light Infantry, formerly of the Lorne Scots, has seen plenty of action since going overseas in June, 1940. One of the few to come through unscathed from the Dieppe Raid, he is now in the front lines in the Mediterranean theatre of war.

Writing home recently to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Spence, Pte. Spence gave them some interesting sidelights on his impressions of Sicily. Here are some excerpts from his letter: "I guess you know pretty well by now just where I am—yes, in Sicily. You were worried for a while, but we weren't allowed to say a great deal about where we were, until now. The invasion of Italy has already started as I write this letter, so it may be some time again before you hear from me. I saw no fighting here in Sicily, not getting here until it was all over. Gordie Lane was all through it, though (G. Lane was wounded at Dieppe—Ed.) I haven't seen Gordie since I saw him in Scotland, but I know for sure he is O. K.

"It's hot here all the time, and the grass is all brown and burnt up, and the dust is terrible. The towns and the people are very poor. There are very few people here who can say they have a pair of shoes or a decent suit of clothes. The Germans took almost everything they owned away from them when they left. Can you imagine a donkey and a couple of goats living in your kitchen at home there? I guess not, eh, but they do here.

"There is lots of fruit here—peaches, figs, lemons, grapes, bananas, olives and all kinds of dates and nuts.

"I've been swimming in the Mediterranean since I came here, and boy, was it nice. The water is just like warm milk at home, because all I wear is a pair of shorts and socks and boots. It never rains here in the summer, but they get plenty in the winter. The only home I have here is my mosquito net, under an olive tree. Malaria is very bad here, so I'm drugged up pretty well, to keep it down. Bert and Bill Tuck are both fine and dandy, and I hope to see Gordie soon."

Pte. Spence enlisted in the Lorne Scots Reserve, and went active with them in April 1940. After arriving overseas, he later transferred to the Saskatoon Light Infantry. He was employed at Smith & Stone before enlisting.

#### GEORGETOWN TEACHERS HONOURED

At the annual meeting of the Peel-Halton Local of the Teachers Federation, the following officers were elected: Past President: R. E. Peterson, Brampton; President: G. E. Bennett, Oakville; Vice-Pres.: Miss E. P. Luke, Georgetown; Sec.-Treas.: Miss M. E. Inman, Georgetown; Publicity Representative, W. Carpenter, Georgetown; Rep. for District Meeting: Miss; G. B. MacKay, Oakville; Delegate for Provincial Annual Meeting: A. E. Buckle, Streetsville.

The skirl of the pipes made a fitting preliminary for the Fifth Victory Loan Rally in the Gregory Theatre on Sunday evening. The Georgetown City Pipe Band in their smart uniforms paraded to the theatre and rendered several selections prior to the opening of the Victory Loan program. Their numbers were highly appreciated by the large audience.

Mr. Ralph Ross, chairman of the Fifth Victory Loan committee in Georgetown, acted as chairman of the evening, and after explaining the nature of the rally, called upon Mr. Walter Carpenter, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, who introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Dr. C. E. Sikox, of Toronto. Dr. Sikox is outstanding as a speaker, and is an authority on both religious and public affairs. He is a member of the Executive of the League of Nations Society in Canada; on the program committee of the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs; a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs; a Governor of the Society for Crippled Civilians; Vice-President of the Toronto League for Race Betterment; recently he has been used by the Canadian Bureau of Public Information (Speaker's Division) to tell the story of Canada's War Effort in Canada and the United States.

Dr. Sikox in his opening remarks, said that the greatest social upheaval in the history of the world was the result of the accumulative power of evil. This war was changing the entire map of civilization, with four or five continents feeling the full extent of the war. Millions of people in Europe, Asia and Africa were suffering in war and unrest. 160,000,000 Chinese were wandering through their vast country homeless; the natives of darkest Africa watched the planes of destruction fly overhead and the big tanks rolling down their native village streets, trying to piece together incoherent inhumanity of civilized man.

Only the Americans are safe from bombing today, said Dr. Sikox. Because thousands of our sons have gone over there to meet the foe, our war workers and civilian workers are safe behind the far-flung battle lines to turn out the needed equipment. We do not know the privations and suffering of the peoples of the Ukraine and Russia, the anxiety of Poland and her massacred, the half-starved people of Greece, the plight of Jewish people the world over, and the degradations of the peoples of Holland, and Norway, and France. What have we to talk about, who are living peaceful and almost normal lives.

While many of our men were paying with their lives on the battlefield, so too were there those who were enduring heroically on the home front. Those who work in factories, in the schools, the public press are all doing a splendid job, all were also helping the war effort through taxes. He explained how Canadians were making more money today than they ever made before. How the potential purchasing power of the people far exceeded goods and services that could be purchased. Thus, said Dr. Sikox, instead of levelling still further taxes which might work hardships on some, the Government is asking us to loan our money in Victory Bonds. By loaning our surplus cash we are helping to keep our Country on an even keel, avoiding inflation and economic dislocations following the war.

"The United Nations are going to win the war," Dr. Sikox said, "and the greatest security and safest investment for your money is Victory Bonds—backed by the resources of the greatest country in the world. We will need every cent later on which we invest in Victory Bonds now. You are only fighting for your own integrity when you purchase Victory Bonds. If Canada is worth living for, worth dying for, then it must be worth investing for," said the speaker.

Mr. Ross thanked Dr. Sikox for his very fine address, and then called upon Miss Alva Cripps, who rendered a beautiful solo. Miss Cripps and her accompanist, Miss Norah Cleave then played a pleasing piano duet.

The presentation of the Fifth Victory Loan Flag by Dr. Sikox to Mr. Ross, followed by the singing of God Save the King, closed a very worthwhile meeting, and set the Fifth Victory Loan off to a good start. Kenneth Harrison played the accompaniment for the final number.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Mrs. Harry Presswood wishes to thank the neighbours and friends for their many kindnesses and flowers in the sudden death of her father Mr. Wills.