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The Room at the Top of the Stairs

There's an empty room upstairs, but it is empty only to the stranger. For there are pictures on the walls, and pennants and trophies and knickknacks on the bureau, and the memory of his play and his play dwell there. It can never be merely a vacant room any more.

This is where he grew up. This is the record of his life from the time we moved the cradle out of our room, and he was old enough and big enough to demand a room "all my very own."

With this sanctuary he made his lures and his flies. Here he set up the microscope for which he had long saved pennies. Here he kept his first goldfish. On this old maple bed he read "The Three Musketeers," "Treasure Island," "The Arabian Nights," "Sherlock Holmes," "King Solomon's Mines," "The White Company," and "Sixty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea."

The record of his day is mirrored on the walls. In the drawers of the bureau—lying as he left them—are baseball gloves and spilt shoes, photos of hunting and fishing trips, shells he found on the lakeshore, his old catapult, a dozen "inventions" he had designed in evening hours.

On the bureau stands the picture of his "best girl," signed and framed. For this was his own and special "den." How many anyone say this is an empty room. Very neat and trim it is. His mother has a habit of "tidying" it. It is here that her quiet prayers are said. The room has become holy with sacrifice.

Between the boy and us is the span of oceans and the length of far horizons. Yet memory and the companionship wrought in his childhood days bind us in love and communion. So helpless we feel, his mother and I, knowing the little we can do for him who is our own warm flesh and blood.

Here we are, two people past the crest of the years, whose ambition it has been to watch the boy become a man—a good man—and settle down and be happy in his home. We live in safety and in comfort only because his brave young body and gallant spirit stand between us and the evil things of war. Perhaps he was in our debt because we loved him as a child; now we are in his debt through his love for us.

Yet there is one thing we can do for him. We have bought a bond, a Victory Bond, token of our affection and our loyalty. It shall be his when the storm has passed. If the Spirit of the Good Life has other plans—if we are not to meet again in this world—the bond stands as a mark of our faith in each other which none of us ever for one moment doubted. By this sign he shall know neither war, nor the far horizon, nor death can destroy our mutual loyalty.

We have bought this bond at some cost. We shall go without comforts and conveniences. We shall buy other bonds. We shall go without more of the satisfaction and privilege that living in Canada has given us. How else could we be worthy of the boy whose little room now stands open to the sunshine and the songs of spring? How else could we prove worthy of the boy whose spirit whispers to us at dawn and at sunset to be strong and loyal and true?

Of course we have a bond—Thank God

—By James P. Dunn in the London Free Press

Large Congregations at Baptist 96th Anniversary

The 96th Anniversary of the Georgetown Baptist Church was celebrated on Sunday, October 24th, with large congregations in attendance at both services. The church auditorium was attractively decorated with mauve, yellow and brown chrysanthemums.

The special speaker for the occasion was Rev. J. C. Williamson, minister of the Preston Baptist Church. At the morning service Rev. Mr. Williamson spoke on the question asked by the Psalmist, "What is man?" The speaker suggested that this was a supreme question for humanity, and the momentous thought at the present time. That question lies behind all nationalism and individualism, and whether vocal or not, is the question involved in the war.

The choir sang as their anthem "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem" by J. H. Maunders. Rev. Mr. Ostrom sang feelingly Herbert Johnson's setting of "Face to Face".

The evening service was preceded by a fifteen minute violin and organ recital, played by Miss M. Young, (organist) and Rev. J. E. Ostrom (Violinist). Other musical numbers rendered during the service, included a duet by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ostrom entitled "Hark, Hark, my Soul," music by Harry Rowe Shelley; a beautifully rendered anthem by the choir—"At Even ere the Sun was Set," by Edmund Turner, and a solo "Down From His Glory," to the melody of "O Sole Mio"—sung by Mrs. Ostrom.

The evening message was the other side of the same question considered in the morning sermon. It was presented in a review of God's conception of man as seen in redemption through Christ. Christ is man's Substitute, because of man's sin; man's perfection, because of his salvation, and man's life, because it is the gift of God.

A fitting conclusion to a glorious day was the hearty singing of the Coronation Hymn, "Crown Him, with Many Names," sung to the tune "Dladem". Meetings will be held each evening this week in the Baptist Church, at which the Rev. Mr. Williamson will preach and special music will be offered.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends for their kindness to me during my recent sad bereavement.

MRS. HUMIE CURRIE

Among local movie shows advertised to "Eight Army News" readers is "Dearest Victory" at the Odéon Cinema, Catania, Italy. It sounds like carrying "goals to Newcastle".

ONLY \$73,000 SUBSCRIBED VICTORY LOAN LAGS HERE

Hume Currie, Well-known Livestock Dealer, Dies Suddenly

The communities of Georgetown and Stewarttown were shocked by the sudden passing of Hume Currie, well-known livestock and coal dealer at Stewarttown, on Thursday, October 21st, in Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, following an operation. His funeral, on Saturday October 23rd was largely attended by his many friends in the district. Rev. O. C. Cochran, minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, of which the late Mr. Currie was a member held the service.

Born in Esqueping Township in April, 1884, the eldest son of Mrs. Currie and the late George Currie, he lived all his life in the communities of Ashgrove and Stewarttown. For the past twelve years he operated a livestock and coal business at Stewarttown, after he and his wife retired from their farm on the 4th of Esqueping. The late Mr. Currie was a well-known and popular man in this district. For many years he was a director of the Esqueping Agricultural Society; he acted as clerk for many an auction sale, and was also well-known at the Union Stock Yards, where his business frequently took him.

His wife, the former Gertrude Agnes Fisher survives the loss of her husband. A daughter Mary Helena predeceased Mr. Currie seven years ago. The pall bearers were: Messrs Hazen Graham, Frank Petch, Albert Dulson, Donald Houson, Maynard Patterson and George Pearson. The following were flower-bearers: James Fisher, Lloyd Lawson, Gordon Lawson, Walter Lawson, Douglas Lawson, Jack Freeman, Douglas Freeman, Roy Currie, Jack Currie and Gordon Hume. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

ROYAL AIR FORCE PILOT GUEST OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH BOYS LEAGUE

St. George's Church Boys' League were especially honored Monday night, their guest being Pilot Officer Arthur Gray of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Pilot Officer Gray spoke to the Boys of his home in Scotland, his University as he was a medical student before enlisting in the R.A.F., his winning his wings at Calgary, and now just having finished a navigation instructor's course at the Empire Air Training scheme station at Goderich.

Besides telling the Boys and answering questions about navigation and other interesting matters pertaining to the airplane, Pilot Officer Gray also spoke inspirationally, comparing the perfect and upright growth of the spruce tree with the imperfect growth of most humans.

Not until after their leader called a halt to the questions, the Boys were so interested, Earl Walters moved a motion, seconded by George Louth and passed unanimously, that Pilot Officer Gray be thanked for coming to our Club and giving the Boys such an interesting address.

The rest of the evening was spent in their service and games followed by refreshments served by the Leaders and their assistants.

GOLDEN GATE CAFE CHANGES HANDS

Harry Chu, for eleven years the proprietor of the Golden Gate Cafe here, has sold his business to the Chin Brothers of London, Ontario, who took over the reins of management last week.

"Harry" as he is popularly known to the townspeople, has taken a position with a private household in Toronto. We wish him luck in his new venture.

Four MacKenzie Boys Members of R. C. A. F.

None of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney MacKenzie, all have fine records in Airforce.

Among the families in Georgetown which are making an outstanding contribution to the armed forces, is the MacKenzie family. Four sons, constituting the whole family of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney MacKenzie, Guelph St., are members of the Royal Canadian Airforce. All the boys are natives of Georgetown, and attended Public and High School here.

Bruce MacKenzie is the most recent family recruit to the Airforce. He is at present in Manning Pool, Toronto, and will later be posted to an air crew training centre. Bruce took a special academic and electrical course at Westdale Technical School in Hamilton, after attending O.H.S. At time of enlistment he was with his wife and son Paul lived in Brampton, where he was employed with the Armstrong Construction Company. Mrs. MacKenzie and Paul will continue to live in Brampton.

Flt. Lieut. Ian MacKenzie is the veteran of this air-minded family, having enlisted in June, 1940. Prior to reporting for duty in August of the same year, he had positions with the Huffman Construction Company and the Fryd Construction Company. Ian really was a lot of Canada while taking his pilot training, having been stationed at Brandon, Man., Patricia Bay, B. C., Gordon Head B. C., Regina, Sask., and Fortage La Prairie, Man., before receiving his wings on commission at McCleod, Alberta in July 1941. He completed his training as an instructor at Trenton, later being posted to Hagersville where he was a flying instructor and flight commander for two years. Flt. Lieut. MacKenzie has just returned from No. 1 O.R.S. Summer-side P.F.I., where he has been taking a special navigation course. He paid a short visit to his parents this week before being posted to Western Air Command. He married the former Helen Cole of Brampton in August, 1942.

AC2 "Larry" MacKenzie is in training for the air crew at Toronto. Following in the family footsteps, he too was an employee of the Armstrong Construction Company before enlisting in September, 1942. Larry attended I.T.S. in Victoriaville, Quebec, and also in Lachine, Quebec, before being transferred to Toronto for further training.

The youngest member of the MacKenzie Airforce quartet, is LAC Robert, or "Bob" as he is more familiarly known. Enlisting when only halfway past the "17 mark", his parents had to sign for him before the R.C.A.F. authorities would accept his enlistment. In November, 1942 Bob is in the ground crew, and trained at Mountain View and Manning Pool, before being posted to his present station at Scoudouc, New Brunswick. Prior to joining the Airforce, he was employed by the Fryd Construction Company and Hedley Slaw Flour & Feed Mill.

Mrs. MacKenzie, mother of the boys, now that her family all have "flown", is doing her part in the war effort at home by giving of her time and talents to all war efforts, and especially to the Soldiers' Comforts Committee of which she is treasurer.

It is a record of service of which the family and Georgetown will well be proud.

HEAD-ON COLLISION SATURDAY NIGHT

A head-on collision Saturday night at the "White Bridge" on Main St. north, caused Mrs. Wilfred Curry, of R. R. No. 1, Meadowdale to be taken to Toronto General Hospital with a badly lacerated face and neck.

The accident occurred at 6.45 at the crest of the hill, when Wilfred Curry, owner and driver of the southbound car was travelling on the wrong side of the road. Percy Heath of Toronto, driving the northbound car, crashed into him head-on, and the resultant damage to both cars was considerable. Altogether there were four passengers in the Heath car and two in the Curry car. Mrs. Curry was the only one to receive injuries. Dr. C. V. Williams treated her face before she was taken to hospital.

Chief W. G. Marshall investigated. Charges will be laid against Mr. Curry.

The railings which were round Hyde Park, in London, England, have been made into sixteen anti-aircraft guns.

More Interest Must be Taken if Objective is to be Reached

THE WEATHER

(By H. L. Hutt)

Last week was a gentle reminder that the beautiful weather we have been having all fall cannot continue indefinitely. There was no snow or rain, but the skies were heavily overcast for five days of the week, and the daily average temperature dropped to 40.5, six degrees lower than the previous week.

Just another hint that winter is coming, and like the squirrels we had better be getting in our stores for it.

Following are the local records for the week:

Date	H and L Temp.	Rain-fall
Tues. Oct. 19	44 32	
Wed. Oct. 20	58 31	
Thurs. Oct. 21	61 30	
Fri. Oct. 22	43 31	
Sat. Oct. 23	45 37	
Sun. Oct. 24	45 40	
Mon. Oct. 25	40 30	

Victory Loan Quiz at Public School

The grand Victory Loan School Quiz for Georgetown and district, was held on Thursday night last, in the auditorium of the Public School. A number of parents and interested citizens were present to hear the students compete for highest marks on questions pertaining to the Victory Loan. Representatives had been chosen from each class, and in answer to questions put to them by Mr. W. Carpenter, Chairman of the Public Relations for the Georgetown and District War Finance Committee, the following pupils were acclaimed winners:

Group A (grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12): Grace Gledhill, G.I.S.; 2nd, Helen Clave, G.P.S. Group B (grades 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1): Carl Schenk, Glen Williams, 2nd, Hugo Tapp, G.P.S. Group C (grades 3, 2, 1): 1st, Robert Lucas, G.P.S.; 2nd, David McVey, Limehouse.

The judges for the contest were Miss M. White and Mr. Ralph Ross, Chairman of the Local Victory Loan Committee. The winner in each group is entitled to enter the County finals to be held later on during the campaign, probably at Milton. The winners here received War Savings Stamps as prizes.

Rags salvaged in Great Britain last year made two million battle-dresses, two thousand acres of felt, thousands of overcoats and blankets, and a million maps and charts.

\$18,500 IN BONDS CONVERTED FROM PREVIOUS LOANS

The Fifth Victory Loan campaign in Georgetown is lagging. A great effort must be put forth by our salesmen, and still a greater effort on the part of local and district citizens if our \$370,000 objective is to be reached. The period set aside for the canvass is at the half-way mark and Georgetown is still away behind with not a third sold yet.

Up until yesterday only \$73,000 had been subscribed. While this did not include the Payroll Savings, it is still not enough to start on the last lap of the campaign. People of this community you are asked by our government not become complacent when it looks as though victory was in sight, but to back up our boys over there with every dollar you can possibly put into Victory Bonds. It is the boulder duty of every citizen to pledge as much as he possibly can.

The local thermometer is in place at the corner of Mill and Main Sts. and it will indicate the progress being made in the campaign. When you look at the thermometer and consider the drive is not making the headway it should, go out and buy some more Bonds.

\$18,500 has already been converted of the bond issue which the government has called. Remember these bonds should be converted as they will not bear interest in the future unless they are.

The cumulated total of bonds sold throughout the Dominion to date is \$487,270,200. These figures compare with the cumulative total of \$436,345,250 in the last Victory Loan. Daily average of the present loan is approximately \$60,600,000, about three million dollars greater than the amount required to achieve the one billion 300 million dollar objective.

Little Miss Muffett
Sat on a Tuffett
Eating her curds and whey,
Along came a spider,
And sat down beside her
And said "Buy a Bond Today!"

Little Miss Muffett
Took out her cheque book
And wrote out a cheque right away,
Said she "What a buy;
You're a regular guy,
Mr. Spider, we'll both Speed the day".

The British Ministry of Health is building 3,000 farm cottages, two of which are ready for occupancy. The 350 per week rent which workers will pay for these cottages includes water and light.

Over 80 Guests Attend St. George's W.A. Banquet

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION FITTINGLY CELEBRATED

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Georgetown, was fittingly celebrated by a banquet on Monday night, to which over eighty people, members, ex-members and guests sat down. An old-fashioned menu of fifty years ago was followed as closely as possible for the dinner. A beautiful birthday cake on which were fifty candles, and tables prettily decorated with gold-coloured marigolds carried out the theme of the memorable occasion, which was held in the Sunday School room of the church.

At the head table there were two Charter Members, Mrs. Minnie Coffin and Mrs. Nell Hunter. Many out-of-town people were present, including Mrs. Arthur Sleightholme of Oshawa, Mrs. L. F. Dennison and daughters Betty, Jane and Margaret, Toronto, Mrs. Hadley, Glen Williams, pres. of St. Alban's Guild was a guest, as were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beaumont and Mr. Lindley Beaumont also of Glen Williams. It was a matter of note that Mr. Arthur Beaumont and Mr. Lindley Beaumont are grandson and son respectively of the beloved first president of the W. A., Mrs. B. Beaumont, who held the position for thirty years. Other guests included the choir leader and organist, the Daughters of the Church and their ex-president, the Sunday School Superintendent, Church Warden and Vestry Clerk. Before the

tonats were proposed, Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson, Secretary, read congratulatory greetings from several former members of the W. A., who now live in other centres.

Rev. W. G. O. Thompson was toastmaster for the banquet. All sang the National Anthem in response to "The King." Mr. Thompson fittingly replied to the toast to the Church, proposed by Mr. Thomas Eason, after which those present sang "The Church's One Foundation". Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson proposed the toast to the Sunday School, to which the S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Walter Carpenter, replied. Mr. W. F. Bradley, Choir Leader, responded in his usual jovial manner to a toast to the Choir, proposed by Mr. Wallace Thompson. Mrs. Sid MacKenzie very ably proposed the toast to the visitors to which Mrs. L. F. Dennison, Toronto responded. The President of the W. A., Mrs. D. W. Baxter replied to the toast to the W. A., proposed by Mr. Walter Carpenter. During the course of the evening, greetings were read from the Church Boys' League, which is affiliated with the W. A.

After the toasts had been proposed, an informal, and altogether enjoyable social time was enjoyed renewing old acquaintances.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the banquet commemorating the Golden Anniversary of this organization which makes such a wonderful contribution to the work of St. George's Church, was composed of Mrs. W. V. Grant, Mrs. Minnie Coffin, and Mrs. Sid MacKenzie.

Committee Authorized to Hire Manager for Arena

GRANT \$25.00 TO POPPY FUND

A special meeting of Council was called last Monday night to deal with matters pertaining to the Arena, with Mayor Gibbons, Reeve Brody and Councillors MacDonald, Hall, Thompson and Lyons present. After considerable discussion the property committee and the chairman of the finance committee were authorized to hire a manager for the Arena and arrange terms. As the town debentures are coming due soon, it was unanimously decided to credit the account of the municipality with \$15,000 proceeds of the sale of the 4th Victory Loan issue of bonds. Council sold part of a lot on Lorne Street, owned by the town through a

tax sale, to Mrs. Alvin MacDonald, for \$50.00.

In response to a request from the Legion, they were granted permission to hold a Poppy Day on November 6th, and voted the usual grant of \$25.00.

Chief W. G. Marshall was authorized to order 100 yards of sand and 1 and a half tons of calcium for the streets. In connection with the proposed permanent "Bus Stop" signs, Council thought the Gray Coach Lines should be contacted again, and when signs are procured the Chief of Police will place them in the most suitable position.

Council adjourned to meet again next Monday night at the regular session.