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## Welcome the Navy League Canvasser!

### Comrade Robert Muir Guest of Honour at Legion Stag Party

Re-union of War Veterans at Legion Hall—Presentation of War Bond.

The stag party given in honour of Comrade Robert Muir, whose marriage to Mrs. Ivy Thurston took place last week, was one of the largest gatherings of Veterans ever assembled in the Legion Hall. Over 75 members of the Legion enjoyed supper and entertainment that will be remembered for a long time.

Sitting at the head table were officers of the local branch with Col. O. B. Cousins as chairman of the banquet and Mr. Robert Muir, guest of honour.

The opening ceremonies started with the singing "The Maple Leaf", followed by a word of welcome by the chairman. The toast to the King was proposed by Col. Cousins with all standing in attention at the singing of "God Save the King."

A toast to the guest of honour, Mr. Muir was proposed by Comrade Harold Stafford. Before the toast was responded to by Col. O. B. Cousins thanked Comrade Muir on behalf of the Legion for the wonderful work accomplished, as chairman of the entertainment committee and wished him and his bride many years of happiness and stressed the point that he hoped that the good work done by him would continue in the future as in the past.

Comrade President Fred McCortney responded to the toast to Comrade Muir in a very humorous manner. Comrade Muir thanked the gathering and all joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Before the close of the banquet the chairman moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who looked after the meal, the Lions Club for the use of their room, the donors of "sets" and the prizes.

An invitation was extended to the ladies to appear in the hall, and this was done. Headed by Mrs. Jim Blair, and her committee composed of Mrs. Wm. Honey, Mrs. E. Tennant and Mrs. Wm. Hewitt, they entered the hall amidst a thunderous round of applause from the gathering. In a few well chosen words the chairman thanked the convener Mrs. Blair and her committee for the grand meal served.

Mrs. Blair is to be congratulated on the splendid meal provided and knowing too well that men love their eat, as convener, nothing was wanting, the plates were overflowing with nicely fried chicken, vegetables, etc., cooked entirely to their satisfaction, with all the trimmings. The tables were very beautifully decorated with Legion colors and what greatly added to the appearance was the grand display of late Autumn flowers on all the tables. All present had nothing but the highest of praise to offer Mrs. Blair for the manner in which the banquet was put on.

Mr. Robert Muir, guest of honour, later in the evening was presented with two gifts, the first, a gift for the household and the second, a very substantial gift in the form of a Government War Bond and certificate.

Comrade Muir expressed his sincere thanks to the comrades on behalf of (Continued on Page Three)

### A Letter to the Citizens of Georgetown

On this the eve of my departure to join the Canadian Army (Active) I take this opportunity to say so long to the many friends and business associates in the community.

I am reminded of the many kindnesses done for myself and family by so many of you in the short time it has been my pleasure to call Georgetown home and I leave with a real feeling of regret.

To those loyal customers who have depended on us for their feed requirements I say we will not let you down. My business will continue as usual under the capable management of my wife, ably assisted by Mr. Clarence Wilson. I feel sure that you will give them the excellent cooperation which I have been pleased to accept from you in the past.

To the Mayor, Reeve and fellow Councillors I extend my appreciation of the splendid job they have done. Great credit is due in particular to Mayor Gibbons, whose calm fair guidance has helped us over the rough spots on more than one occasion.

May the coming Yuletide season bring to all of you, Peace, Happiness and Prosperity.

Yours very truly

HEDLEY SHAW

### Scarlet Fever

It has come to the attention of the Local Board of Health that some cases of Scarlet Fever have not been reported. These persons, after a short stay at home, mingle with others and spread the disease. In some instances the symptoms are so mild that the householder is not aware of the situation. Again, there is often a delay of several days before a physician is called. By this time the signs and symptoms are so indefinite that a diagnosis is difficult to make.

Every case of scarlet fever should be examined for a red rash, chiefly noticeable on the chest and abdomen—sometimes only visible by good, natural light. If at all suspicious, a physician should be called without delay.

The Public Health Act requires that all suspicious cases be treated as Scarlet Fever.

To protect your family and the public, may we have the co-operation of all concerned.

C. V. WILLIAMS,  
M. O. H., Georgetown

### PLEASE NOTE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to delete a number of news items from this issue. They will appear next week.

### Bickerings Over Night Constable's Duties Got Council Nowhere

Technicality in Handling of Arena Disposed of.

Council held another special meeting on Thursday evening last when two important matters were dealt with: firstly, a technicality in the management of the Georgetown Arena now owned by the town, (2), the airing of some accusations in regard to the Night Constable. Mayor Gibbons was in the chair, Reeve Brown and Councillors MacDonald, Lyons, Thompson and Hall present.

Last week it was mentioned in these columns that in order for the municipality to operate the Arena, it would be necessary to do so under a Board of Parks Management. Going back to 1929 it was found that the so-called "Cemetery Board", was really a Board of Parks Management, according to the original by-law. With this management already intact, Council felt that they should be consulted first in regard to the management of the Arena. In other words they were invited to meet with Council last week.

In opening the discussion, Mayor Gibbons said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters vital to both the Board and the Corporation. He considered that the Cemetery Board had made such a fine job of running the cemetery that they would make a fine management for the Arena. Failing to do this, they could resign in a body, be reinstated immediately as a Cemetery Board, and the council could then appoint a Board of Parks Management.

Representing the "Cemetery Board" were Chairman Ed. McWhirter, E. W. Cole, Miss Annie Ryan and W. F. Bradley. This committee expressed the opinion that while they would like to continue operating the cemetery, they felt that to handle the Arena was more than they could handle. They decided to resign as suggested, and give the Council a free hand in appointing a Board of Parks Management.

Mayor Gibbons then said that if Council had any matters to discuss with Night Constable Fordyce regarding his duties as night constable he had arranged to have him at the meeting.

Councillor Hall said he for one would like to have him there, and get this matter cleared up before nomination. Mr. Fordyce was then ushered in and the "board of enquiry" let loose with a barrage of questions to which Night Constable Fordyce seemed to supply the required information, although not always to the satisfaction of some of the members. When the discussion became too heated, Mayor Gibbons called order and said the discussions must continue in an orderly manner.

To some of the matters, the bickerings between Council and Mr. Fordyce, brought out nothing of importance to show that he was not conducting his

### Navy League Deserving of Support

This week, November 21st to 27th, inclusive, is known as "Navy Week" when public attention is being focused on the Navy, the Merchant Navy, and the work of The Navy League in relation to both. This week canvassers will call on you, on behalf of the Navy League, and we urge you to be as generous as you can in this, the first drive for funds to be made in Georgetown by the Navy League.

The work of the Navy League embraces the entire Dominion from sea to sea. Since the outbreak of this war, it has increased many fold. Estimates available for last year indicate that over two million men and women of three services and allied merchant seamen have made use of the Navy League clubs, recreation centres and hospitals. Thousands of Ditty Bags, Magazines and Knitted Comforts have been supplied to our seamen, as well as survivors' bundles. In all these aspects of work the Georgetown branch of the Navy League has contributed its share. In fact its record of achievement is outstanding since organization was accepted one year ago.

All the services of last year, including the important and ever-increasing Sea Cadet movement, must be duplicated and greatly increased in 1944. It is for this reason that you are being asked for financial support. The Navy League needs the help of every last man, woman and child in this stupendous effort so that our men of the sea continue to stay on the sea delivering to Britain and her Allies all that is needed to bring Victory. With your help and the help of others they can carry on. For all these reasons, we ask you to "Welcome The Navy League Canvasser when he calls."

MR. AND MRS. ELLIS SCHOFIELD  
HONOURED ON 25TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A delightful surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Schofield on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary by the girls of Smith & Stone Pottery, last Thursday evening. The girls assembled at the Schofield home and the guests of honour joined with them in a program of songs and games. Following this, Miss Dolene McEmery read a short address to Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, which concluded with the following poem:

"May all the joys you two have shared  
Together on life's way,  
Be reflected for you  
On your Silver Wedding Day.  
As countless happy memories  
Come back to-day to bless  
Both of you and fill your hearts  
With perfect happiness."

Mrs. Fred Yates then presented the couple with a handsome silver flower basket filled with two dozen baby mums. A buffet luncheon was served from a table attractively decorated in pink and white, centered with a miniature wedding cake. Mr. Schofield extended his wife's and his own appreciation to the girls for such an enjoyable evening and lovely gift. Mr. and Mrs. Schofield's son, Sgt. James, is serving in Italy with the Saskatoon Light Infantry.

Those present were: Nan Collins, Ellen Yates, Ann Henney, Mabel Louf, Marg Martin, Dolene McEmery, Norma Foster, Winnie Willett, Ethel McLellan, Grace Beerman, Alice Japon, Ledda Yates, Elsie Rennie, Hazel Armstrong, Elsie Stigger, Mary Foster, Jean Lockhart, Lillian Knight, Annie Garner, May Hall, Betty Cudden, Pearl Webster, Jean McEmery, Emma Keeler, Edna King, Dorothy Hill, Sue Cowtan, Elizabeth Bryden.

### DEATH OF MRS. JAMES G. FORD

Residents of Halton and Peel Counties heard with regret that Mrs. James G. Ford, formerly Margaret Jane Ford, passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Englehart, at Burlington, following a lengthy illness. She was born at Omagh, a daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Featherston Ford, who were early residents of Halton County.

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### NOMINATION MEETING FRIDAY

Friday next is Nomination Day in Georgetown, and opening at 7.30 p.m. in the Library, nominations will be accepted for the offices of Mayor, Reeve, Councillors, Hydro Commissioner and School Trustees. In addition the council of 1943 will discuss with the ratepayers matters pertaining to the municipality during the past year. It is expected that a large representation of ratepayers will be present, and it is hoped that all officers will be filed in order that a further nomination meeting will not be necessary.

Copies of the 1943 Interim statement will be available and this statement will be discussed by members of council. Reports on the Hydro Commission and School Boards will also be given.

Like our weatherman, your political reporter has been under the weather the past few days, and therefore what we will have to say further is more or less off the record and unofficial. We generally make it a point of contacting all council members and aspirants with a view to getting their last-minute decisions, but this year this formality will have to be dispensed with.

Mayor Joseph Otobons has already stated his intentions of retiring from the public life of the community, for a time at least, after faithfully serving the corporation for thirteen years, three as councillor, and ten as mayor. This is one office that the ratepayers must see is filled, and filled adequately. Great responsibilities rest upon the preceding officer of any town, and while we feel Georgetown has many capable men, it is the duty of its citizens to see that their names are placed in nomination.

Rumour has it that Reeve Brown will not contest the reevehip this year, due to his inability to attend County Council regularly, but will run for council in Ward III.

Councillor K. R. MacDonald, we believe has almost definitely decided to enter the field for reeve. He has spent a number of years as councillor and

### "IN OUR MAIL BAG"

Today, Wednesday, Nov. 24th, thirty-five or forty of our law-abiding citizens are summoned to appear at the Municipal Building to answer to a charge of operating a radio without a license. As one of the offenders I would like to make a protest, and bring to the attention of your readers the "sly" manner which these radio license inspectors used to obtain convictions.

Using the time of day when the men were busy at work they appeared at residences varied in long coat covers, all, inquiring if their radios were in good working condition, and asked to be admitted to inspect same. After being admitted to home, in some cases (without showing any credentials that they were Government Inspectors) they turned in the radio to assure themselves that the set was in good working condition, asked the owner to produce their license. If you did not have the license, your name was put down in a little black book, also advising the owner that a radio license should be secured as once. At this happened early in October and everyone visited immediately purchased a license.

On November 19th, our Chief of Police handed out these summonses to appear in Court.

The writer would suggest that if at any time these men should again return to Georgetown that they be refused admission to your home, and that no questions be answered unless these inspectors can produce the proper credentials that they are from the Radio Division.

We would think, that in war times, when people are urged to invest in War Bonds, War Savings Certificates and stamps, also the conservation of gas and rubber, that the Radio Branch could make better use of their radio cars and the men employed (with the sole purpose of making convictions) in more important war efforts.

No respectful citizen of Georgetown wants to break the law and it was a shame that these people should have to lose a half day to appear in court for an infraction which could have been very well taken care of with the use of a post card reminding these people that they were operating a radio set without a license and were liable for conviction.

It is not the \$4.00 fine that hurts our good citizens, it is just that they have to lose a half day to appear in court to pay their fine.

Thanking you Madam Editor for the space allowed in your valuable paper. Yours truly,  
ONE OF THE VICTIMS

### Area Convention of W.I. Held at Guelph Early This Month

#### Avoid Late Copy

We appreciate the interest our readers are taking in the paper, which is evinced by the number of correspondence items they send in for its columns. We're always more than glad to receive them. However, there is a problem facing us in which we would ask all our contributors help. Shortage of labour and a rush of job work has made it doubly hard to get the paper out on time these past few weeks. There is only one way to remedy the situation. If you have an item for the paper, be it a "verbal", "active service note", or meeting write-up, by keeping your cooperation in having it in by noon on Tuesday at the latest. This will guard against a last-minute rush of copy which always tends to pile up and makes the paper late on press-day. Thank you.

has decided to step up. In the same Ward Councillor Thos. L. Lyons is not any too optimistic about the town securing a mayor. He says if no one wants the mayoralty and the position is open he might consider it for a year; but that he would probably end up contesting his council seat in Ward III.

Over in Ward II we hear there is quite a stir in municipal matters. The question doesn't seem to be to secure the required number of amirants, but who is going to run Both Councillors, Joseph Hall and Clifford Bradley seem undecided what to do this time, but should they decide to drop out it looks as though there will be more than enough to fill their places.

There will be at least one vacancy in Ward I, with Councillor Hedley Shaw joining the Active Forces. Councillor W. P. Thompson, will we believe, enter the field again. There doesn't seem to be many seeking office in this Ward, although some rumor has it that a couple of starters are probable.

After being nominated, the nominees have until 9 o'clock on Saturday evening to qualify for office. In the event more than the necessary number of candidates qualify an election will be held on Monday, December 6th, with voting at the following places: For Ward I, Town Hall; Ward II, I. Hornby's House; Ward III, Municipal Building.

### Georgetown Fire Brigade Help (Fight \$100,000 Blaze in Brampton)

Twelve members of the Georgetown Fire Brigade, together with brigades from Weston and Port Credit answered an emergency call from Brampton shortly after nine o'clock on Monday morning to assist in fighting the worst fire in the history of Brampton, when Brampton's 100-year-old Royal Hotel was gutted by fast-spreading flames. Travelling the distance from here to Brampton, a matter of 12 miles or so in 11 minutes, the Georgetown Brigade stayed on the job until 1.30 p.m. Their job was to play the hose on the front of the burning building, and this was done with difficulty due to the dense clouds of black smoke.

A soldier and a bread-wagon driver are credited with saving the lives of three women when flames, said to have been started by the collapse of a furnace pipe, raced through the old Royal Hotel and within a few hours left it a mass of smouldering ruins that represented an estimated loss of \$100,000.

Nearly half of the 60 guests in the building converted into apartments about 10 years ago, were in their rooms when the flames were discovered about 8.50 a.m. They escaped only with the clothing they wore.

The fire was first noticed by Lou Ehrig, bread deliveryman, when he smelled smoke in a lane by the building. He gave the alarm and then ran inside, going to the apartment of Mrs. Robert Robson, 87, proprietor and owner, and her daughter, Mrs. Fred Howell, and assist them to the second floor balcony, from which firemen took them down ladders.

The third woman rescued was Miss Ellen Bostwick, a retired nurse, who also lived on the second floor. She was taken to safety by Sgt. R. J. Marsh, attached to Basic Training Centre 24, and who was staying at the hotel. They were rushed to Peel Memorial Hospital suffering from inhalation of smoke, and shock.

Within 10 minutes after the fire started, witness said the flames had

Following registration of members and delegates of W. I. branches in Halton, Bruce, Huron, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington Counties, the first session of the 1943 Guelph Convention opened in Norfolk St. United Church, on Thursday morning, Nov. 6th, with Area Chairman, Mrs. P. W. Merry of Thornby in charge.

The program followed the theme "A. the Home is, so is the Nation". Following the opening exercises, chairman's address and a welcome from the minister of the church, Rev. Dr. Kenny, Miss P. P. Ezdie took charge for the Girls' Session. Miss Charlotte McCollough of Georgetown was chairman for the demonstration, chief of which was entitled "Let's eat tomatoes for vim, vigour and victory", which was well performed by two Junior girls.

Other topics discussed were "Habit in the Home", "Locker Storage", "Vegetables for Family Meals", "Storage in Winter Use", "The Summer Club", "The Cereals Bowl", and the "Canadian Brigade". The last speaker stated that there were some two thousand brigades this year, growing up to twenty-one vegetables each in her garden. One speaker displayed lovely crisp lettuce leaves just cut from her garden in Bruce County.

Miss Olive Scott of Bluevale led in devotional exercises in opening the afternoon session, choosing "Prayer" as her topic for discussion. In welcoming the visiting ladies to Guelph, Mrs. McCollough stated that the first W. I. convention ever held in this area was held at the O.A.C. in Guelph in 1908.

Miss Mary A. Clark, Superintendent of Women's Institutes Branch, Dept. of Agr., Toronto, was the chief speaker for the afternoon. Her talk was also woven around the convention theme, "As the home is, so is the Nation". She stated that Public Health begins in the home and is carried throughout the nation. Children taught to share responsibilities and pleasures within the home carry these traits out into community life. The home is the beginning of education, spiritually and culturally. She urged the forming of homemaking clubs to bring into community life the people coming from other lands. The fact that the W. I. is interdenominational makes it possible to include all as members.

From an economic standpoint the said each must balance her own budget first. She praised farm women for their contribution to the National Production.

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### SCHOOL NURSE ADDRESSES LOCAL COUNCIL

On November 19, the Local Council of Women, held their meeting at the home of Mrs. J. B. MacKenzie. In the absence of our President, Mrs. Ralph Ross, presided. After opening with silent prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting and the financial statement were read and approved.

It was moved and seconded by Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. J. B. MacKenzie that a donation of \$5.00 be given to the Navy League. Mrs. MacKenzie and Mrs. McDowell nominated Miss A. Ryan to the Public School Board. Carried.

Mrs. Ross introduced the guest speaker, Miss W. Walker, our school nurse. Miss Walker gave a generalised programme as to what is done by a school nurse in cooperation with the parents. Mrs. Ballantyne moved a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Walker and to their hostesses.

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