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Active Service Notes

Pte. Hedley Shaw, Brantford, was home last week end.
 LAC George Walker of Ourlph is home on Christmas leave.
 LAC Larry MacKenzie of Toronto was home on week end leave.
 LAC V. R. Kirby, of Aylmer West has left for his station after a two-week furlough at his home in Glen Williams.
 Officer's Steward Ralph Whitmore of the R.C.N.V.R., Sydney, Cape Breton Island is on furlough at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitmore.
 Dolores Broomhead received a unique Christmas gift from her brother, LAC Reg Broomhead, overseas with the R.C.A.F. The gift was in the form of a brooch and was unique in that it was made by an English soldier who had lost both legs at Dunkirk. Dolores is very proud of her gift, as one would expect.
 An aliphath Christmas greeting came to The Herald last week from Opl. E. A. (Ted) Hicken, of the Tank Brigade, Eighth Army, in Italy. The greeting form was very attractive, with the heading "Christmas Greetings from the Eighth Army," and underneath that a mounted shield bearing St. George's Cross, flanked on one side by a palm tree and on the other by an olive tree. Beneath it all is a quotation "Together, you and I will see this thing through to the end."

News from the Public School

On Wednesday the Fall term at the Public School was brought to a close by the usual Christmas Concert for the pupils. On account of the great deal of illness prevalent in the school, the board and staff felt that it would be wise to confine the closing exercises to the pupils themselves. Through November and December the attendance dropped very low; at one time as many as 125 were absent. It is hoped that with the opening of the next term, the usual high percentage of attendance will prevail.

During the Fall the regular activities were carried on. The Red Cross, under the presidency of Ross Sykes, raised \$31 from the sale of baskets and waste paper. From this \$5 was sent to headquarters for membership fees, \$4 to the Crippled Children's Fund, \$4 to the local Senior Red Cross, \$4 to the local Navy League, \$4 to the local Soldier's Comfort Fund and \$5.50 for cartage charges. The Red Cross also supervised the collection and shipping of ten bags of millweed leaves, which were sent to Ottawa to be used in the manufacture of synthetic rubber. The Georgetown School collected the greatest weight of any school in the county.

During Navy week, Nov. 21-28, the tremendous work undertaken by the Navy, was studied and discussed at the school, and a collection for the Navy Fund realized a total of \$29.50. In this same connection one half ton of magazines was collected by pupils and shipped to the Navy League Headquarters in Toronto. These will be placed in various Naval Hostels and ships for reading material.
 The sales of War Saving Stamps for the term were as follows: September \$107.25; October, \$147.25; November \$220.50; December, \$50.25; the total for the term is \$535.25, while our grand total since January 1941 is \$4073.25.

RAYMOND H. THOMPSON MARRIED IN TORONTO LAST WEEK

At a quiet ceremony in Lambton United Church, Toronto, on Monday evening, December 17th, Mary Hamilton, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Hamilton, Medicine Hat, Alberta, and the late Mr. Hamilton, became the bride of Raymond Hilton Thompson, well-known Georgetown Hardware Merchant, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, Georgetown.
 The Rev. Dr. Lockhart officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are residing in Georgetown.

Christmas Cheer for British Children's Fund

Don on hand acknowledged \$40.03
 Mrs. Mary Bally, Stewarttown 1.00
 Miss Rustin 1.00
 Ashgrove United Church 6.26
 White Gift Service 6.26
 Total, Wed. Dec. 22nd. \$77.54

The Herald British War Victims' Fund

Donated to Toronto Telegram 3142.25
 Total acknowledged 128.51
 Total 4.50
 Total 3272.26



Native of Ashgrove Dies in Nebraska

Agnes Warren Wehrman, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Warren, was born at Ashgrove, Ontario, May 29th, 1885 and passed away at her home near Angus, Nebraska, at the age of 58 years.
 The deceased came with her mother in the Spring of 1890 and located west of Angus. Here she made her home until her marriage to C. F. Wehrman on Nov. 2nd, 1904. To this union were born one daughter, Norma Lorraine and a son Clair Warren. The late Mrs. Wehrman joined the Christian Church at the Osbow Church, which was then located west of Angus, at the age of 17. She was a faithful Sunday School teacher as long as her health permitted and was active in all other lines of church work. She remained true to her faith until her Lord saw fit to call her home.
 She was a devoted wife, the best of mothers and a friend worth having. She will be sadly missed by all. Her illness dates back six years ago last February as a result of strokes, but during it all she was very patient.
 She leaves to mourn her loss, her devoted husband, C. F. Wehrman, one daughter, Norma Melvin of Edgar; one son Clair Wehrman of Oak; and two grandchildren, Nolan and Freda Melvin, also two brothers, Will and Alex Warren and one sister, Violet McCulloch. All of Ontario and one sister, Agnes Ellrittz of Edgar, Nebraska.
 Funeral services were conducted last Wednesday afternoon at the Angus Christian Church, the Rev. C. M. Foust officiating.
 Faith in the keeping of God
 I am in heaven Dear ones,
 Oh so happy and Oh so bright
 There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.

The Herald Soldiers Comforts Fund

Forwarded to Soldiers' Comforts Committee \$573.54
 Cash on hand acknowledged 190.94
 Junior Red Cross Public School 4.00
 Proceeds from Victory Garden Display prizes won at the Fall Fair by Grade VIII 2.50
 Total, Wed. Dec. 22nd. \$879.58

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our neighbours and friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy to us in our recent and loss of a beloved mother, Mrs. L. Carter.
 —From the Family

CHURCH NEWS

St. George's Church
 Ven. W. O. O. Thompson, Rector
 Christmas Services:
 Holy Communion,
 Midnight Service beginning at 11:45 on Christmas Eve.
 Holy Communion on Christmas morning at 8:00 o'clock.
 Let everyone be in church on the Birthday of the Son of God.
 First Sunday after Christmas:
 Holy Communion, 8:00 a.m.
 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
 Matins, 11:00 a.m.
 Evensong, 7:00 p.m.

St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams
 Christmas Day:
 Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
 All people are invited to come to Church on this, the Feast of the Nativity.
 First Sunday after Christmas:
 Evensong, 2:00 p.m.
 Evensong, 3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 Minister—Rev. J. E. Ostrom
 Sunday, December 26th.
 9:30 a.m.—Christmas Service.
 2:30 p.m.—Sunday School.
 6:45 p.m.—Carol Singing.
 7 p.m.—Worship. "The Babe of Bethlehem."
 Christmas music by the choir.
 Mr. Ostrom will speak and sing.
 The B.Y.P.U. meet on Monday at 8 p.m.
 The Mid-week service of the church on Wednesday at 8 p.m.
 Welcome.

St. John's Church, Stewarttown
 Rev. S. R. Colebrook, Rector
 Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday, December 26th.
 2 p.m.—Sunday School.
 3 p.m.—Carol Service and Sermon.

St. Paul's Church, Norval
 Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 10:15 a.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 26th.
 7:30 p.m. Carol Service and Sermon.

St. Stephen's Church, Hensby
 Sunday, Dec. 26th.
 11 a.m. Holy Communion.
 Carols and Sermon.

Holy Cross Church
 Rev. V. J. Morgan
 Mass at 9:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m., 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Norval Union Presbyterian Church
 Rev. J. L. Self, B. A., Minister
 UNTON
 10 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11 a.m.—Public Worship.
 Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.
 NORVAL
 1:30 p.m.—Sunday School.
 2:30 p.m.—Public Worship.
 Prayer meeting Friday, 8:30 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Chas. C. O'Grane, B. A., Minister
 10 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11 a.m.—Public Worship.
Limehouse Presbyterian Church
 2 p.m.—Sunday School Bible Class
 3 p.m.—Public Worship.

The United Church
 Rev. R. C. Todd, Minister
 10 a.m. Sunday School.
 Christmas Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 At the evening service Rev. T. R. Todd of Toronto will be the guest preacher.
 A Very Merry Christmas to All.

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS COMMITTEE RECEIVE LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

The Soldiers' Comforts Committee have commenced to receive letters acknowledging the receipt of their cigarettes from men who have not yet actually "crossed the pond" but who are nevertheless considered overseas. All the letters express a warm appreciation of the efforts of the folks back home and their generosity in contributing to the Soldiers' Comforts Fund. Typical of those coming in is the following, written to Mrs. W. V. Grant, secretary of the organization: "Dear Mrs. Grant, I find it rather hard to find words to convey to you and to the other members of the Soldiers' Comforts Committee my gratitude and appreciation for the smokes I have received from you. It is very gratifying and heartening to myself and to all the other fellows from home to know that you people are thinking of us. May I extend my very best wishes to yourself and to all the other members of the committee. Gratefully,
 (Signed) JACK TOST"
 Jack is Petty Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Santa Claus Here On Saturday At Community Christmas Tree

THE WEATHER

This the 21st day of December is officially the first day of winter. But we do not need any official to tell us we have during the past ten days had some real winter, with the mercury four times below zero. Unlike last winter we have had as yet very little snow and unless it comes soon we may have a given Christmas. A good snow blanket is now needed to protect the vegetation.
 The daily average temperature for the week was 181. Prevailing air the local records for the week:

| Date | H and L Temp |
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| Tue Dec 14 | 16 8 |
| Wed Dec 15 | 15 -5 |
| Thurs Dec 16 | 21 -3 |
| Fri Dec 17 | 20 10 |
| Sat Dec 18 | 26 21 |
| Sun Dec 19 | 27 24 |
| Mon Dec 20 | 26 19 |

Local 474 Christmas Party Big Success

About 65 members, wives, friends, children, and Management Personnel attended the Alliance Paper Mills first Christmas party held in the Legion Rooms last Friday evening. Mr. Roy Norton, President of Local 474, was the capable Chairman for the evening and welcomed everyone, particularly the visitors. A short program followed beginning with the singing of the National Anthem Solo by B. Crosby. Recitation by Doreen Mulholland. Accordion solo by Harvey Drumhart. Highland Fling Dance by Inez Scott, assisted on the bagpipes by Grace Beerman. Guitar solo by Grace Beerman.
 At this point Mr. Thos. Eason, Jr. was called upon to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. R. Muir, recent newcomers. After reading an address Mr. Eason presented the happy couple with a merchandise credit note from Local 474. Mr. Muir, much surprised, thanked everyone very much. Birth bells were then heard and jolly Old Santa made his appearance, bringing with him gifts, candies and oranges for 40 children. Santa then presented gifts to the employees of the Alliance which were bought amongst themselves.
 Mr. Ted Ewing, who walked from Ballinacred to the party carrying a heavy sack of parcels was the hit of the evening. After a lot of fun, with everyone opening their parcels, a very delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.
 Committee in charge of the evening were Thos. Eason, Jr., C. Brandford, Marion Forgrave, Alice Addy, Elsie Fry and Inez Scott. Those assisting the committee were Roy Ward, Ernest Forgrave, Ed. Mann, Maud McDonald and Martha Graham.
 Mr. Thos. Eason, Jr. presented each lady on the committee with a box of chocolates, expressing the appreciation of Local 474 for their work during the year. This brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ST. GEORGE'S BABY BRANCH TEA

The annual Baby's Branch Christmas Tea was held last Wednesday afternoon in the Sunday School room of St. George's Church, with more than fifty babies and their mothers present.
 Tea was served at attractively decorated tables, after the Rector, Venerable W. G. O. Thompson had made a few opening remarks for the occasion. Each child on the Baby Branch Roll received a gift, and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the mothers.
 Mrs. A. Dewhurst, Superintendent of the Baby Branch was in charge of arrangements for the tea, assisted by the following committee: Mrs. J. Hall, Mrs. H. Hurley, Mrs. W. Russell, Mrs. F. Laws, Mrs. W. Bullivant, Mrs. W. V. Grant and Mrs. S. MacKenzie. Mrs. S. Grant decorated the tables.

CASUALTY IN ITALY

Spr. Frank Larus of the Royal Canadian Engineers was reported wounded in action in Italy, according to word received by parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Larus. Spr. Frank has been within 5 miles of his father's birthplace and that of his grandparents but has not as yet been able to see his relatives. We hope he has a speedy recovery.

ONTARIO FIRST IN PENSION INCREASE

Ontario is the first province in Canada among several which have announced increased old age pensions to put them actually into effect.
 More than 60,000 old people are to receive their extra \$10 before Christmas as a result of special efforts to get the tremendous amount of clerical work involved done in a hurry. Hon. E. P. Vivian, Ontario Minister of Health, has announced.

Many Won Feet in Raffle

The cool crisp air and a light skitter of snow in the air made Saturday an ideal day for Santa's visit to Georgetown. The jolly old gentleman arrived at the town hall at three o'clock and from there proceeded to the giant Christmas Tree at the corner of the Municipal Building, accompanied by his troupe of elves and merry-makers, and the Lorne Scots Regimental Band.
 The crowd of children eagerly awaiting his arrival wasn't quite as large as last year due to the flu and quarantine cases, but his welcome was just as enthusiastic as ever. After Santa had distributed his oranges and apples to the children, he and his Lorne Scots helpers visited an old member of the Club, Mr. Charles Barnard, who is sick in bed. Throughout the afternoon 30 members of the Lorne Scots Regimental Band played, and their music was much appreciated by the crowd. The large number of members who turned out was indicative of the fine spirit of co-operation prevalent in the Band.
 As usual, Santa didn't forget all his little girls at the Cedarvale School. The girls and their superintendent, Miss Oliver, greeted him and sang a few songs, after which he and his helpers distributed oranges and apples.
 There was another big attraction in addition to Santa at the Community Christmas Tree on Saturday afternoon—the big raffle for Christmas food, which were especially difficult to obtain this year due to wartime shortages. After the draws were made, the following found themselves lucky winners:
 Ticket Number 2258, Turkey, C. Spence; Geese—1530, Mrs. B. Reeves; 1579, Art Evans; 2001, Joan Oudden; 2477, Harry James; 38 Fisher St., Toronto Chicken—Numbers 394, Dan Oliver; 509, Hazel Wright; 534, Wm. Wylie; 123, W. H. Kenner; 965, Mrs. Spence; 959, Mrs. N. Snyder; 1100, P. L. McCilvray; 1174, C. R. Bain; 1749, Mrs. E. Scarlett; 1814, Mrs. W. P. Bradley; 1881, Sid Silver; 1908, Don Ward; Norval; 1944, Kenneth Holme; 2094, Albert Dolson; R. R. No. 4, Georgetown; 2382, P. Anguish; 2503, Mrs. W. H. Kenner; 2623, Lawrence Boukhill; 2784, Mrs. Puckering; 2623, Don Brill; 2850, W. Wilson; 4143 Dundas St., Lambton Mills; 2970, Sam Tennant.

ASHGROVE

Miss Kean and her pupils are to be congratulated for the very fine concert on Friday evening, Dec. 17th, in the basement of the church. The program consisted of carols, plays, recitations, solos by Viola Bridgen and a drill "Christmas Wails". Throughout the evening the children showed honor to their teacher and school by giving of their best. It was unfortunate that two pupils were unable to attend due to sickness but their parts were cheerfully and capably taken by others. Mr. John Bird assisted at the piano. At the close of the program Santa made a welcome visit and all had a happy time while he, assisted by the boys distributed the gifts and treats.
 Mrs. Hector Bird was hostess to the ladies of the Women's Institute on Tuesday Dec. 14 for the Xmas meeting. The motto "Good Things to Eat Made Without Sugar" was taken by Mrs. Jas. Barnes. Gifts and money donations were received for the British War Victims. Carol singing was lead by Mrs. Dick and thoughts for the Xmas season were brought out in two readings "Xmas Almost Died" and "Candles to Light", also two poems read by Mrs. Hector Bird. Mrs. Clayton Wilson inquired with a lovely solo. At the close, Mrs. Chas. Austin conducted an interesting contest. The annual meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Geo. Nurse and will be a quilling.
 The Bright Star Mission Band held a work meeting at the home of Frank and Bernice Wilson. The children completed pictures and story scrap books for the mission bazaar. Mrs. Bird conducted a short worship service. On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, the Band held their annual meeting in the basement of the church. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Bird and Mrs. John Holbody gave the Xmas story. The following officers were elected for 1944:
 Superintendent: Mrs. H. Bird; President, Herb Wilson; Vice Pres., Gladys Riddell; Rec.-Secy., Betty Switzer; Treas., Frank Wilson; Herald, Jean Bird, Elmer Bird, Gordon Bird.