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Annual Meeting Red Cross Records Fine Achievement

Over 50,000 single articles have been sent to Red Cross Headquarters during the last four and one-half years from the Georgetown-District Branch, it was revealed last Thursday night at the Red Cross annual meeting held in the Municipal Building. In the same period, five thousand individual subscriptions have been received from the people of Georgetown and vicinity, with donations totalling more than \$22,000. In 1943 \$5388 was donated to the Society. The very full report of Mr. G. W. McIntock, treasurer of the Society in Georgetown since its inception, was received with great satisfaction by the members. Mr. LeRoy Dale, president, presided at the meeting.

The reports of the various committees were heard. Mrs. W. V. Grant, chairman of the purchasing committee, said that the figures on purchases were contained in the treasurer's report, which revealed that local purchases had been made to the extent of \$91.00, and supplies from head quarters were valued at \$1434.

The secretary, Miss Yvonne Adams, read the report of the sewing convener, Mrs. W. G. Bell, who was unable to attend. This report showed that a good effort had been made by the ladies, but those present felt that a more determined effort should be put forth by the town women to attend work sessions in the room. Of late there has been a decided slackening up in this respect, with the bulk of the work falling back on the faithful few.

Mrs. John Campbell, convener of the hospital committee, reported that 7720 dressings had been sent up to July of last year. They are about to start on a new quota and workers will be needed for this department also.

Eight shipments were made during the year, reported Miss A. Ryan, head of the shipping committee. Miss Ryan spoke with regret of the passing of Mr. William Long, who had always given this department valuable assistance. She also moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Charles Parker, who donated the use of his services and truck for transporting the goods.

Mrs. John Campbell, chairman of the blood donor service, reported that seven clinics had been held in 1943, with a total of 423 donations from the people of Georgetown and vicinity. There are 326 donors booked on their list. The last clinic held was the largest to date. Expense involved in the clinics here amounted to \$110.00. As a point of interest, Mrs. Campbell explained that the blood need no longer be typed, and that when the plasma is ready to go to the front it is suitable for any type of blood.

Before going on to the election of officers, Mr. Dale, who has been president of the Society since 1939, commended the treasurer and chairman of the various committees on their fine record of accomplishment for the year 1943. In speaking of the extremely critical times we will be called upon to face in the near future, he said that "All at once this Society is going to be called upon to do a tremendous amount of work. We should be ready to meet every need whenever it arises, so that we can measure up with the men who are facing lead on the battlefields of Italy."

Most of the 1943 executive were re-elected with the exception of those officers who had tendered their resignations. The resignations of Mrs. Anne Lawson as 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. V. Grant as convener of the Purchasing Committee and Secretary of the Blood Donor Service, and Mrs. W. G. Bell as Sewing Convener, were accepted with regret, and the chairman expressed the sincere thanks of the Society for their work.

The offices of the 1st Vice-President and chairman of the Sewing Committee were left to be filled at the first meeting of the executive. Following are the officers for 1944:

Hon. President—L. E. Fleck.
Hon. Vice-presidents—Mrs. A. W. Nixon, Miss A. Ryan, Ven. W. G. O. Thompson, Mr. J. B. MacKenzie.
President—LeRoy Dale, K.C.
Vice-presidents—Ralph Ross, Mrs. J. Hepburn, Sr.
Treasurer—G. W. McIntock.
Secretary—Miss Y. Adams.
Chairman Purchasing Committee—Mrs. W. R. Watson.
Chairman Blood Donor Service—Mrs. A. Ryan.

Chairmen Knitting—Mrs. P. Cleave, Mrs. D. W. Baxter.
Chairman Hospital—Mrs. J. Campbell.
Chairman Shipping—Miss A. Ryan.
Chairman Advertising—Ralph Ross.
Special Projects—Miss M. Gault.
Executive Members—Representatives from Women's Institute, W. C. T. U., Local Council of Women, I.O.D.E., A. Legion, Arts and Crafts Co-operative. Representatives from Glen Williams, Limehouse, Stewarttown and Norval. Representative of clergy.

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hunt
Winter came at last and we have had a week of the old fashioned variety. Six or seven inches of snow and much of it in drifts several feet deep, the mercury hanging around zero every night in the week, and a couple of times below it. The minimum temperatures for the week averaged 41 degrees, and the daily average for the whole week was 11.7 making it the coldest week of the winter so far.

The golf sticks and tennis rackets that some have boasted of using in mid winter can now be laid aside, and skis, toboggans and snow shovels have their innings.

Following are the local records for the week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Snow-fall
Tues., Feb. 8	18 -1	Flurries
Wed., Feb. 9	29 5	Flurries
Thurs., Feb. 10	20 10	
Fri., Feb. 11	9 6 2	inches
Sat., Feb. 12	13 5 5	inches
Sun., Feb. 13	21 -6	
Mon., Feb. 14	25 10 5	inches

Regular Schedule Almost Finished in Army Hockey

BRAMPTON AND NO. 2 CAMP BORDEN TEAMS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE

Many Georgetown citizens have enjoyed the Army hockey at the Arena here this season, and as the regular schedule draws to a close, speculating on play-off berths, winners and runners-up are now the order of the day.

As the standing is now, Brampton and No. 2 Camp Borden teams are tied for first place in the group, with Newmarket third, and T. & S. Camp Borden fourth. This standing may yet be altered as there are one or two games yet to be played.

What is assured to be one of the best games of the year, will be played here next Monday night, when T. & S. Camp Borden visits the Brampton team.

Positively the best game of the season, Brampton took a 11 to 6 reverse when No. 3 Camp Borden team overpowered the favourites at the arena here. However, on Monday night they redeemed themselves by defeating Orillia 14 - 4 in a rather listless affair.

Brampton is almost assured of a play-off position, so watch for further particulars regarding play-offs.

Webb-Swindlehurst Wedding at Ballinafad

Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, pastor of Ballinafad United church, solemnized the marriage of Ethel May Swindlehurst, daughter of Mrs. Swindlehurst and the late Eph. Swindlehurst, Ballinafad, and Keith Fairburn Webb, Hermitage Farm, Pickering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Webb, Cavendish, P.E.I., Thursday evening, Feb. 3rd, at the home of the bride's mother.

Given in marriage by her brother, Ray Swindlehurst, the bride wore a two-piece heaven-blue-crepe frock with brown accessories, small brown hat with veiling and carried a corsage of coral roses. For the occasion the bride's mother chose an ensemble of dark green printed crepe.

Following a buffet luncheon, the couple left for Ottawa, the bride topping her wedding costume with an airforce blue coat with brown squirrel collar. They will make their home on North Hermitage Farm, Pickering.

A QUIZ: HOW GOOD A PARENT ARE YOU?

If you are a mother or a father and you don't want your offspring to be a problem child, it is wise to guard against being a problem parent. A Judith Chase Quiz... in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (Feb. 20) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times... reveals how much of a risk you're running. Get Sunday's Detroit Times!

As appointed by themselves Mrs. R. Ross, Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson, Dr. C. V. Williams, E. Cole, D. Brill, J. Gibbons, Mayor H. Cleave, Reeve Howard May, W. A. Wilson, Col. G. B. S. Cousins.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the executive the first Tuesday of every second month.

Auditors for 1943 were appointed: H. C. McClure and Wm. Deans. Delegates to the Provincial Council will be the chairmen of each of the eight committees and the Treasurer and Secretary.

Report of Georgetown Soldiers' Comforts Comm.

The fourth annual meeting of the Georgetown Soldiers' Comforts Committee was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th, at 8:00 o'clock, with the president, Mrs. A. Beeve, in the chair.

The following statement was submitted by the treasurer, Mrs. Sid. MacKenzie, and audited and approved by Messrs. McIntock and Doble:

RECEIPTS	
Bank balance Jan. 1st, 1943	\$ 114.91
Donations:	
Georgetown W.I.	5.00
Norval W.I.	10.00
Verdun Rebekah Lodge	10.00
Georgetown Lions Club	50.00
Herald Fund	200.00
Sundry Personal	295.00
Imperial Tobacco refund	3.48
Tag Day	148.00
	\$ 662.39

DISBURSEMENTS	
Imperial Tobacco Co.	\$ 456.56
Smiles and Chucks	30.72
Gifts to Service Men	3.10
Postage	5.00
Advert. and Tags	8.30
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1943	56.71
	\$ 662.39

The donations for 1943 showed an increase of \$69.03 over 1942, and tag day receipts an increase of \$39.08. As their family grows so does their income which is a very happy state of affairs.

A motion re-electing last year's officers was passed. The officers and committee are as follows: President, Mrs. A. Beeve; Treasurer, Mrs. Sid. MacKenzie; Secretary, Mrs. W. V. Grant; members of the executive being, Miss M. Lawson, Mrs. D. Livingstone, Mrs. A. Beaumont, Glen Williams, Mrs. N. Robinson, Norval, and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, Limehouse.

The Committee, at this time, would like to thank many people, and many groups of people and organizations, and they do, but they want especially to thank the Georgetown Herald for sponsoring their fund and keeping their name before the public. They would, also, like to thank Messrs. McIntock and Doble for auditing their books. The boys in their acknowledgments ask the Committee to thank those responsible for maintaining this fund and in their general phrase the Committee says for them "Thanks a Million" and hope in the not too distant future that the boys will be able in person to thank all. Some of the boys returning have stopped members of the Committee on the street to tell them what it has meant to be remembered by the old town.

As soon as the list can be compiled and addresses verified the Committee expects to send cigarettes, and chocolates to the non-smokers, to probably 300 men and women from Georgetown and vicinity who are now overseas.

MRS. WM. DUCKWORTH NATIVE OF GEORGETOWN DIES

Mrs. Annie Taylor Duckworth, wife of William Duckworth, M.P.P. for Toronto-Dovercourt, and sister of Mrs. Nellie Greensward, of Georgetown, died suddenly yesterday at her residence, 24 Brook Ave. as a result of a heart seizure.

A native of Georgetown, she went to Toronto in 1908 after her marriage and was a member of Olivet Baptist Church and the I.O.D.E.

Also surviving are a brother, John P. Taylor, of Toronto, and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Greensward, Georgetown. Mrs. Duckworth has acted as judge of the baby show at Georgetown Fair on many occasions.

Miss Heier Blackburn Hold Recital

Miss Helen Blackburn held her mid-winter piano recital on Thursday evening in the auditorium of the Public School. The following pupils were on the program:

Barbara Stewart, Dianne Hillock, Marlene Bludd, Sylvia Barrow, Lorraine Emerson, Ruth Bradford, Joan Chaplin, Gladys Ruddell, Paulene Tyers, Bobby Lucas, George Farmer, Bobby Lavole, Mary Jane Arnold, Owen Davis, Ruby Mitchell, Bonnie Carlisle, Sylvia Lorrman, Billy Arnold, John Farmer, Gerrard Wilcox, Margaret Sargent, Richard Slenko, Ross Preston, Margaret Bradley, Joan Bradley, Violet Shepherd, Olive Moyer, Joyce McMillan, Fred Warnes, Mrs. E. Watkins, Audrey Mitchell, Dorothy Aloit, Shirley Harrison, Joan Lavole, Mrs. Slenko, Kathleen Thompson.

On behalf of the students, little Marlene Bludd presented Miss Blackburn with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Annie S. Thompson Buried at Norval

Annie S. Thompson died at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. D. Johnston, Charles St., on Tuesday, February 8th, in her 78th year. Miss Thompson had been in failing health for the past year or so.

She had been a faithful member of St. George's Church of England ever since coming to live in Georgetown. For many years she taught a Sunday School class, and she was also an active member of the Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Thompson did a tremendous amount of work for war charities, where her contributions of sewing and knitting will be greatly missed.

The youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson of Ashgrove, Miss Thompson received her education at Ashgrove, Streetville, and Toronto. She taught school in Norval for many years. Twenty years ago she came to Georgetown, and was Dr. F. R. Watson's secretary until three years ago, when she retired due to ill health.

A private funeral service was held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Johnston, on Friday, February 11th, at 1:30 p.m., followed by a service in St. George's Church. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the service at the residence, and at the church he was assisted by Rev. S. R. Colebrook of Norval. The pallbearers were: three nephews, Frank Thompson, Wilfred Thompson, Harold Pettigrew, and Fred Morrison; Fred Wrigglesworth and Arthur Ruddell, of Ashgrove. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. W. D. Johnston, Georgetown, and one brother, Rev. Griffin Thompson, Hamilton. Friends from Hamilton, Toronto, Stratford, Milton and Brampton came to pay their last respects.

Figure Skating Exhibition Friday Night

The figure skating exhibition, featuring University of Toronto Skating Club's talented skaters, held last Friday night in the Arena by the Ditty Bag Committee of the local branch of the Navy League and the Countess of Strathmore, Chapter I.O.D.E., was greatly enjoyed by the patrons. There was a good attendance considering the heavy snow storm that evening.

The ice was in perfect condition and the skaters, in their colourful costumes showed grace and skill in their numbers. The waltzing numbers by the entire troupe were excellent, the solo exhibitions well-done, and perhaps the hit of the evening was the "five" number performed by two couples.

In between numbers the Girls' Pipe Band played selections and this talented group of pipers again proved their popularity with the crowd. The refreshment booth where hot dogs, coffee and chocolate bars were available, was well-patronized.

The program was over around ten o'clock, after which the arena was opened for general skating.

CURLING CLUB HOLD GAMES WITH TORONTO AND HILLSBURG

Last Monday night the Georgetown Curling Club entertained about twenty-five members of the Toronto Bowlers at the rink. Three friendly games were curlied after which the committee served lunch and provided entertainment in the club rooms.

On Tuesday evening the Georgetown Curlers journeyed to Hillsburg with three rinks for a friendly game. There is a good membership in the local club this year and quite an active program is being enjoyed.

"THEY MARCH BETTER ON TEA"

Commandos march better on tea than on water. This fact has been demonstrated by an official test recently carried out in Great Britain. A Canadian battalion undergoing a 12-days course of battle training. The last six days were devoted mainly to marching, and during the period the foot-sloggers covered more than 280 miles. As an experiment, three out of four platoons were allowed to get all the water they wanted. The members of the fourth platoon were kept entirely off water and were served only with tea. The "water platoons" made good use of their water bottles, but the "tea platoon" was the only one to finish the course intact. Which only goes to show that there must be something in the soldier's traditional liking for "a cup of rosin lee"—Extract from the Tea and Rubber Mail.

The snowplow has made a fairly good job of pushing the snow on Main St. to the sidewalks. If much more falls it will have to be taken away.

Endeavouring to Organize Board of Trade Here

Knox Presbyterian Church Reports Successful Year

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church gathered at the annual meeting on Wednesday evening to hear very favourable reports of the work of the Church in all departments. Every organization was able to show an appreciable year-end balance, and the total amount raised by the congregation was \$4649.25, of which \$728.16 was earmarked for misadventure work. The Minister, Rev. Chas. G. Cochran, presided, and told the congregation that 1943 had been a year of steady progress in which the one outstanding loan of \$400.00 had been retired, and a sum of \$250.00 had been set aside for the eventual redecoration of the church building. The chairman suggested that a Property Committee be formed for the purpose of investigating the needs of the Church in this respect, but no action was taken at the time.

The retiring members of the Board were re-elected: W. G. Marshall, Hodgins Barnes, and Cecil Doble. It was agreed to give Mr. Gordon Martin leave of absence from the Board for the duration of his term, Mr. Martin being on Active Service with the ROAF. Other elections resulted as follows: Church Treasurer, Mr. Cecil Doble; Budget Treasurer, Miss Janet McDougall; Church Stewards, Mrs. Herb. Harlow and Miss Jean Martin; Record Secretary, Mr. Fred Thompson; Auditors, Mr. R. B. Foulis and Mr. S. J. MacKenzie.

Votes of thanks and appreciation were extended to the Church Treasurer Mr. Doble; to the auditors, Messrs. Foulis and MacKenzie; to the Budget Treasurer, Miss McDougall; and to the Church Stewards, Mrs. Harlow and Miss Jean McDonald, for their services during the past year. The meeting also instructed the secretary to convey the gratitude of the congregation to two of its members who had made the insulation of the church possible at no cost.

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction by the minister, after which the ladies served delicious refreshments to the gathering.

Forest Tree Distribution Receives Cooperation of County Council

In 1943, the Halton County Council co-operated with the Ontario Forestry Branch and the Public School Teachers of Halton, in a programme to encourage increased tree planting. This effort, stated Public School Inspector L. L. Skuce when addressing Halton County Council recently, resulted in the distribution of 246,000 trees for planting purposes in Halton County in 1943, in contrast to 113,000 trees in 1942 and 156,000 trees in 1941.

Arrangements have been made again this year by Inspector Skuce and the Halton Public School Teachers to take orders for trees. The programme is open to all residents of Halton County. Orders close on March 1st. The trees will be delivered, without charge, to the respective schools around May 1st. The Halton County Council has again agreed to be responsible for all charges entailed in connection with the distribution. Varieties available, are as follows: Red Pine, Scotch Pine, Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Walnut, and Soft Maple.

Residents of Halton County who wish to avail themselves of this service should contact their local public school teacher at once.

Inspector Skuce, the public school teachers of the County, and the members of the County Council, are all to be congratulated on this worthwhile programme.

NORVAL

The Norval Boys' Club will meet on Thursday of this week at Union Church.

While in Brampton last Friday, Mr. Maguire, who is visiting with his daughter, Miss P. Maguire, had the misfortune to slip, striking his head on a cement step, and receiving a very severe cut. He is progressing favourably.

Mr. W. Townsend underwent an appendix operation last week and is doing nicely.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the relatives of the late Miss Annie Thompson. Miss Thompson taught in the Norval Public school at one time, and for many years attended the Anglican church here.

Some public-spirited business men are endeavouring to interest others sufficiently enough to attend a meeting next Wednesday evening in the Municipal Building, with the object of forming a Board of Trade for Georgetown. It has been felt for some time that such an organization could fill a great need in the community, especially now when one hears so much about post-war planning and the decentralization of industry after the war.

At a fairly representative meeting held on Monday evening, it was decided to further explore the possibilities of a Board of Trade here, at an organization meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, at 8 p.m. Every business man and public-spirited citizen in Georgetown is being contacted personally and by letter, and a full representation of merchants and industrialists is anticipated.

Mr. George Muckart very kindly consented to act as chairman of two previous meetings, until an organization could be formed; Garfield McGilvray, also secretary pro-tem.

Mr. LeRoy Dale, K.C., is very keen for any step that might be taken in this direction. Mr. Dale says: "I would like this to include the business section and anyone else interested in the welfare of our town—should include industrialists. It is immaterial what you call it as long as a good piece of work is done, and many people are interested in post-war planning. The thing is a fine idea—a town is as big as the people in it. Georgetown is now just at the cross-roads. Canada is going to grow; we should see we share in the growth."

Active Service Notes

LAC John Evans will return this week to Calgary, Alberta, after spending a leave at home.

Fusilier Mervyn Kirby, of the Picton Highlanders, was home a week ago from New Brunswick.

Pte. J. M. Cummins, overseas, has received his first stripe and is now a Lance-Corporal.

LAC Larry MacKenzie, of Toronto, was home for the week end.

Pte. Lorne Cross, who has been overseas since last June with No. 4 C.I.R.U., Lorne Cross, sent home his Christmas dinner menu to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cross. The menu was mimeographed, and on the heading there was a comic drawing of a soldier chasing a duck with a bayonet. The two were separated by the maple leaf crest. Here is what Lorne and the boys in his regiment had for Christmas dinner: Turkey a la Belfast, dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, creamed cauliflower, sprouts a la Belgium, plum pudding with rum sauce, rolls and butter, and beer, pop, coffee or tea. In addition to this, Lorne wrote that they were treated to apples, candy and cigarettes. The mess hall was prettily decorated with a Christmas tree and lights. On this special occasion the boys were served their dinner on white porcelain dishes. The letter was written on Christmas day, which Pte. Cross said was like a midsummer's day over here.

Mrs. Max Strang, daughter-in-law of our "As We See It" columnist has arrived safely in England, according to a cable received by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Strang on February 9th. Mrs. Strang Jr. is a member of the Red Cross Food Division, and she, with nine others, left Toronto on the 24th of January. Proceeding to the coast, they spent 6 hours in Montreal, where the Red Cross entertained them, and having to spend some time in St. Johns, N.B., they were equally well received by the Red Cross there. Mrs. Strang's husband, Lieut. Max Strang is a Wireless Maintenance Officer in England. They planned to meet each other as soon after her arrival as possible. They are likely to be stationed near each other for some time at least.

Spr. Eric Warnes has transferred to No. 2 D. D. Toronto from Petawawa.

REV. AND MRS. OSTROM LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Sympathy of the community is extended to Rev. J. E. Ostrom who received word of the death of his father, John E. Ostrom, which occurred on Saturday, Feb. 12th, in Beverly Hills, California.

The late Mr. Ostrom was in his 70th year, and had been ill for some time. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and two daughters in California, one daughter in Chicago, a son in Westfield, N.Y., one son in St. Paul, Minn., and Rev. J. E. Ostrom, Georgetown.

Rev. and Mrs. Ostrom left on Tuesday-morning-for-California.