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Georgetown Fair Friday and Saturday This Week

Many Feature Attractions

Promised for 1944 Show

The die is cast... On with the Show!

The 1944 Fair will in all probability, be one of the best shows ever offered by the Directors of Esqueing Agricultural Society to the public. Not in 98 years of the Society's existence has there been a more enthusiastic Board of Directors, who, with victory in the offing, are making our Fair into one great post-war effort, so that Halton County will stand in first place as an Agricultural Centre. The war years have been trying ones for the Society, but it has endeavoured to lay a solid foundation, so that when our soldier boys return they will be proud to step back into the harness and carry on in true Canadian style.

SHOW DATES

Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16 are the dates. All day Friday the Fair grounds, and hall especially, will be a hive of activity, as those exhibiting will be placing and entering their exhibits. Entries have been coming in to the Secretary since the first of the week and many old exhibitors are being welcomed back. New exhibitors will be welcomed on fair days, so bring in your exhibits. Membership is only \$1.00 and you may exhibit up to 10 entries in the hall. Over that amount 10c entry fees are charged with 25c for special entries. The hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Show-day proper will be on Saturday when many special attractions are promised.

OFFICIAL OPENING

Mr. J. A. Carroll, Supt. of Fall Fair's Association, will officially open the Fair from the stand, from which a number of other agricultural and fair celebrities will be introduced. The Directors have been fortunate in securing "Tory" Gregg, of Kincardine, outstanding announcer of the big shows, to act as master-of-ceremonies. The Girls' Pipe Band will also usher in the fair, by parading to the park.

SOFTBALL PLAY-OFF

Commencing sharp at 1 p.m. will be the Softball League Play-Off. Two sudden-death games will be played, and will no doubt attract many spectators.

LIGHT HORSE SHOW

Georgetown Fair has advertised their Light Horse Show far and wide, and some of the owners of Ontario's finest horses have been invited to show here. Just how many will be on hand is not known at the moment, but no doubt an appreciable entry will be on hand.

BABY SHOW

The Guthrie Baby Show will certainly be a feature attraction. This year two separate classes will be judged and two competent judges from the lower end of the county will assist Mr. Guthrie in awarding the prizes for which he has been donating for many years.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Those in charge are more than pleased to be able to present a hall exhibit which will no doubt be tops for district fairs. The outstanding exhibit by the Arts and Crafts Co-operative will hold the centre of attraction flanked on all sides by excellent exhibits by the Women's Institutes, Girls' Garden Brigades, School Children's Work, Navy League displays, Girls' Knitting Club, besides the usual display of Victory Garden vegetables, flowers, fruit, grain. A new exhibit will be the husking corn entries, the outcome of field crop competition. Prizes are also offered for children's pets.

On the grounds there will be a large entry of the finest cattle, horses, swine, sheep and poultry. There will be musical chairs and potato races on horseback, high jumping horses, ponies, etc.

The Georgetown Board of Trade will have a tent on the grounds, and Mr. Russell T. Kelley, of Hamilton, has been invited to be present. The St. John Ambulance Association will also have their new tent on the grounds, ready for any emergency that might occur.

FAIR NIGHT DANCE

Friday evening, prior to show-day proper, has always been given over to the usual dance, when young and old trip the light fantastic. This year a brand new dance hall will greet the dancers, as the Arena Building has had many improvements. It is the first dance of the season. Don't miss it. Modestina Orchestra.

With favourable weather, don't you agree that it promises to be a great day in Georgetown. Yes, it is fair time again.

PRICE ON AXIS CHIEFS

Rocky Ford, Colo.—The local Rotary Club is offering Coloradoan troops money if they participate in the capture of Axis leaders. The prices: Hitler, \$100; Hirohito \$85; Himmler \$40.50; Goering \$34.75; Ribbentrop \$30.25; Cossobelli \$27.50; Mussolini \$24.50.

"Blarney" Turns Up After Month's Wandering In Georgetown

Georgetown has always been a difficult town for the stranger to find his way around, but it is seldom that anyone stays lost as long as "Blarney" who disappeared on August 5th and didn't turn up again till last Friday. Blarney is a handsome black Persian cat who came for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell of Hamilton and saw more of the town than he bargained for. In answer to advertisements in the Herald, Mrs. Bell had been informed by several townspeople that the elusive cat was about town in the Queen Street district and around the monument. Last week some kiddies captured him and brought him to the Herald office where they were directed to the home of Mr. Bell's mother in town but Blarney escaped en route and the search started all over again. Last Friday, he turned up again in the ravine behind Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapman's home on Main Street south and in response to a call from Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Bell was able to persuade Blarney that there was no future in wandering around Georgetown with autumn coming on. Now he is back safe at home in Hamilton where he is probably ruminating on how a small town can have so many streets and by-ways. Incidentally, Mrs. Bell is grateful to all her friends in town who kept her supplied with news of Blarney's whereabouts.

Active Service Notes

Sgt. George Gilmer, wireless air gunner with the R.C.A.F., arrived safely overseas according to a cable received on Friday by his wife and family.

Birthday congratulations go this week to Pte. Gordon Lane, who celebrates his 22nd birthday, his fourth birthday overseas, on Friday, September 15th. Pte. Lane, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lane, went overseas with the Lorne Scots and has since transferred to the Saskatoon Light Infantry. For the past two months he has been in a convalescent depot in Italy recovering from an attack of diphtheria.

W.O. 2 Horace Hurley has reached overseas safely according to word recently received by his parents.

Le-Cpl. William Kelly, Camp Borden spent the week end at home.

I.A.C. George Bradford graduated last Friday at Guelph and received spurs, symbolic full-flight Wireless Navigator. He will be posted to Chatham, N.B. at the first of October.

Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, formerly Bishop of Niagara, and now Primate of the Church of England, suffered a sad loss last week, when his son David died of wounds sustained in the battle of France.

Cpl. Bill Armstrong of St. Thomas was home on week end leave.

Barbara Cousins, daughter of Col. and Mrs. G. B. S. Cousins has enlisted in the W.R.N.S. and is at present taking her basic training at H.M. C.S. "Conestoga", Gall. Barbara is a graduate of Georgetown High School.

Sgt. Norman Deike of Vancouver, B. C., has been spending a furlough in Georgetown and Toronto. Sgt. Deike who originally enlisted with the Lorne Scots has since transferred to the C.M.B.C. (Corps of Military Staff Clerks) and is at headquarters in Vancouver. He brought news of Norman Wright, an Acton boy who was stationed at Georgetown Armouries for some time back in 1941 when the Lorne Scots were recruiting. Norman recently went overseas with a Western Unit and held the rank of Company Sergeant-Major.

—The Georgetown Board of Trade is planning a big event for Fri. Oct. 6th. See next week's Herald for further announcement.

W.O. James Kelly Safe in England

Three months of anxiety ended for Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kelly and family last Sunday morning when they received a cablegram from their elder son, Warrant Officer James Kelly, saying he was safe in London, England.

Twenty-year-old W. O. Kelly, was reported missing in a raid over Cambrai, France on June 12th, being a member of the crew of a Lancaster bomber which was shot down. Since then his family in town and his wife in Winnipeg have never lost hope that he would some day turn up safely. Details of his activities the past three months are not known as yet, but it is assumed he had been in hiding in France in one of the areas recently liberated by the Allied Armies.

On Monday, the Kelly family received official confirmation of his safety in a telegram from R.C.A.F. Headquarters, and they expect further word by letter from the young airman in the next overseas mail.

GEORGETOWN DRUGGISTS PARTICIPATE IN WAR SAVINGS STAMP DRIVE

The druggists of Georgetown are 100 per cent behind the Canadian Druggists' War Savings Stamp Drive, which began on September 1st. The drive has a million dollar objective, and the money has been earmarked for the government to send Orlikon shells to Canadian forces overseas. These are 20 mm. shells for the Orlikon guns. You may see examples of them in the three drugstores.

Again this year as last, when a total of 16 stamps are bought, each druggist holds a draw to see which of the purchasers will win the \$5.00 war savings certificate. MacCormack's Drug Store and Robb's Drug Store have not yet held a draw. At Chapman's, Mrs. Norman Snyder won the first certificate, and Mr. H. Moss, of Toronto, won the second.

As an added incentive this year, the Drug Trading Company has donated a \$500.00 bond, and each purchaser of stamps at Robb's or MacCormack's has chances equal to the number of stamps he buys. For every four stamps, however, an extra chance is given.

Death of Pte. Starley Dickenson Overseas

The communities of Glen Williams and Georgetown were shocked and grieved to learn of the death overseas of Pte. Stanley Dickenson on August 28. His mother, Mrs. James Dickenson, received official notification in a telegram from Ottawa Monday morning. It stated that her son had been killed in action in France, and that further information would be forwarded as it becomes available. His father, Spr. James Dickenson is on the Canadian Headquarters Staff in London, England.

Pte. Dickenson enlisted in May of last year, with the Argyle and Southern Highlanders. He was nineteen in July. Born in Yorkshire, England, the family came out to Canada and settled in Glen Williams when he was a small child. He had lived there ever since, and was employed in Beaumont's Woolen Mills before enlisting. A fine lad in every way, he will be mourned by a large circle of friends. His is the first death on the Honour Roll of St. Alban's Church of England.

Surviving him are his parents, and Barbara, Leslie, Betty, Freddie and Ellen, at home.

THE WEATHER

We have had a week of ideal autumn weather. Warm sunny days but cool nights, when the glow of the kitchen stove or fireplace feels comforting. The average daily temperature for the week was 57.2, about eight degrees lower than the previous week.

Following are the local records:

Date	H.	L.	Rain-fall
Tues. Sept. 5	70	50	.08
Wed. Sept. 6	74	53	.20
Thurs. Sept. 7	60	50	
Fri. Sept. 8	63	50	
Sat. Sept. 9	68	44	
Sun. Sept. 10	70	40	
Mon. Sept. 11	75	45	

This contest is for Ontario only.

The Druggists' War Savings Stamp Drive ends on September thirteenth. Remember when you make a purchase at Chapman's, Robb's or MacCormack's this month, buy a War Savings Stamp to send shells to our boys!

Reg Broomhead Married in England

Mrs. Lily Broomhead received a cable last Wednesday, September 6th, that her son, Reg. Broomhead, stationed in England with the R.C.A.F., was married to the former Miss Betty Daley. Further details are following by letter and an account of the wedding will appear in a later edition of the Herald. Employed at the Herald at time of enlistment in the Air Force, Reg. is a member of Georgetown United Church and the United Choir.

McClean-Herrington Nuptials Last Friday

On Friday, September 8th at the United Church parsonage, Rev. R. C. Todd officiated at the marriage of Audrey M. Herrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Herrington, Georgetown, and Stanley J. McClean, Sloker 2nd Class, Royal Canadian Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McClean of Brampton. Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Norton, Georgetown, were the attendants and the parents of the young couple also attended the ceremony.

A wedding supper was held at the home of the bride's parents, attended by the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. Later in the evening the bridal couple left for a short honeymoon. On their return the groom reports to his station in Nova Scotia.

An unusual feature of the wedding supper was the presence of four generations in two families. These were Mrs. Melissa Ross, Mrs. Corey Herrington, Mrs. Jack McMullen and Edward and David McMullen. The other group consisted of Mr. George Herrington, Mr. Corey Herrington, Mrs. Jack McMullen and Edward and David McMullen.

Public School Pupils Planning Fair Exhibits

Milkweed Collections and War Stamps Drive

Pupils at Georgetown Public School are busy these days planning their entries for the Fall Fair this week-end, as well as an autumn War Savings Stamp drive, a milkweed collection and a continuation of last year's successful paper and basket salvage.

Principal H. O. Wrigglesworth reports an enrolment of 313 students, which includes 41 beginners, an increase of 15 over last year's beginners' class. There are 34 students in this year's entrance class. Mrs. G. McLellan has been appointed supervisor of music for the school, a position which she held in Milton P. S. last year.

L.A.C. ROBERT HOARE TELLS OF A NEAR TRAGEDY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoare received a letter last week from their son Bob of the R.C.A.F. in England, which contained the following:

I must tell you about the narrow escape I had 2 weeks ago. On a Sunday afternoon I went to a show. The three which were in the home where I have been living were the mother and her little boy and my chum. When I came back from the show, there was no home and the three were killed. Civilians searched for the bodies till 10 p.m. I have to get a new kit and a new home. They gave my chum a military funeral that I will remember for a long time. If I hadn't gone to the show—well, we won't talk about that. You can imagine how I felt. I managed to save a few articles, including my uniform. I expect to go to Scotland shortly when on leave. I am in good health, so until I write again, keep smiling and love to all.

BOB HOARE

PTE. W. C. DEFOREST KILLED IN ACTION IN ITALY

Another Georgetown home was saddened this week when Mrs. Clare Wilson received the news that her brother, Pte. William Clarence DeForest, had been killed in action in Italy, September 1st. Son of A. H. DeForest, of Killbride, Pte. DeForest went overseas with the Irish Regiment in March of this year.

He is survived by three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Clare Wilson, Georgetown, Mrs. Gordon Stenhouse, Freetown, Miss Doris DeForest, Toronto Pte. Chester DeForest, Ashgrove and Irwin DeForest at home.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Georgetown, September 11th, 1944

Dear Madam Editor:—It is my desire through the medium of the Georgetown Herald, to refer to a debate in the Municipal Council in regard to the Georgetown Arena as published in your paper of Sept. 6th.

His Worship the Mayor is quoted as saying that the Arena had been a "white elephant" long enough and that the Parks Board should be paying the Town something, instead of the Town giving their income of taxes, water rates, etc.

May I, as briefly as possible point out to the citizens, who may not be familiar with the situation that approximately twenty years ago the voters of Georgetown approved a by-law granting the Arena Co. a fixed assessment and free water for a period of ten years, therefore the fact and truth is that the Corporation of Georgetown, from the time the Arena was built until to-day has never received one dollar for the supply of water to the Arena Co.

The assessment on land and buildings was adjusted in such a way that the taxes amounted to approximately eighty-dollars.

When the 1943 Council voted unanimously to foreclose the mortgage there was owing to the Town \$14,000 by the Arena Co., and one of the reasons for doing so was if the situation were allowed to continue the Corporation through the Status of limitation might lose their right to collect and as the matter stands today the citizens of Georgetown own an Arena at a cost of \$14,000, less than half the replacement value.

I suggest, Madam Editor, that regardless of the management or mismanagement of the Arena down through the years, the Mayor on second thought would not say it had been a white elephant.

We shall not forget the keenly contested Hockey games with our neighboring Towns and cities which you recently referred to in your valuable paper. We shall not forget young men like Bob Goldham, one of the best hockey players in the N.H.L. who interrupted a brilliant sports career by his desire to serve his country in the Canadian Navy. No the people of Georgetown will not forget the many happy hours boys and girls, men and women have spent curling, skating and dancing in the Georgetown Arena.

The Parks Board, constituted under the Board of Parks, act under the chairmanship of Mr. W. G. Bell, are entitled to an amount not exceeding \$1260.00, the same as the Cemetery Board but through their consideration for the taxpayer they are only collecting \$600 this year. This money together with their operating surplus will be used for much needed repairs and improvements and a visit to the Arena will convince one that the money is being well and wisely spent.

I, therefore as a humble citizen and taxpayer, commend the Reeve and members of the Council for carrying out the terms of the By-law which appointed the commission to do a very difficult job, and I submit it behooves all the citizens to assist in any way we can to make the publicly owned Georgetown Arena the great community asset it was always intended to be.

JOS. GIBBONS

Different Program For Acton Fair on September 22 and 23

Acton Fair which comes this year on Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23 has many added features. The original Jimmie Fax has been secured to bring his Fun Company for a First Night Concert in the Town Hall and a dance will follow the concert.

Two bands will take part on Saturday, the well-known Lorne Scots Band and Acton Boy's Band, appearing for the first engagement locally in their smart new uniforms. Ken Budd and his Rodeo Six are featured before the Grandstand, as well as the Potato Race, Musical Chairs, Gentlemen's Road Race and High Jumping Horses and Baby Show. A tent has been secured for part of the usual Hall exhibits. Indications are that horse lovers and live stock men will see the usual big show. The Prize List is more attractive than ever. A second dance will feature the Saturday program. Acton Fair of 1944 has many new features and all the proven attractions.