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## Final Session of 1944 Council Held Last Thursday Night

AM. Collins Hired as Town Employee—Streets will be Snow-ploughed—December 26th Proclaimed as Boxing Day Holiday.

The final meeting of the 1944 Council was held last Thursday night in the Municipal Building, with Mayor Harold Cleave, Reeve E. S. MacDonald and Councillors McGilvray, Bradley, Lyons, Orr and Thompson present. Several items of routine year-end business were dealt with, including the passing of the usual \$500 grant to the Fire Brigade and instructions to the Town Clerk to pay any bills received up to the year-end, upon the authorization of the Finance Committee.

### New Town Employee

Mr. Alfred Collins was hired as a permanent town employee at a wage rate of 60c per hour.

Mr. H. I. Hutt waited on Council and requested that ashes, collected with the garbage, be dumped as a fill on the roadway into his property, in order to create a proper town road at no cost. Some work was done on this last winter, and Mr. Hutt believed that a couple of months this winter would finish the job. The matter was left with Chief Marshall and the work will be done under his supervision.

### Streets to Be Ploughed

The Council decided to hire Mr. Art Scott to do necessary ploughing of snow on the streets at a charge of \$3 an hour. It was also decided to purchase a quantity of snow fence, to be placed on Papermill Row to stop the roadway from drifting. This winter, street sanding will be done by Bob Lane.

It was decided to proclaim December 26th a Boxing Day holiday, acting on a request from the Retail Division of the Board of Trade. Cr. McGilvray suggested that some coat racks be installed in the Municipal Building for the convenience of public gatherings, and this will be done.

Some discussion took place on the purchase of a town truck, and while no definite decisions were reached, it was decided to apply for a purchase permit from the Oil Controller's Office so that if and when Council decides to purchase one, the preliminary work will have been done.

There was also an informal discussion about sidewalk shovelling by the citizens. Cr. Orr wondered if a one-horse plow could not be procured, as in some towns, and enquiries will be made along this line. The Council thought that citizens should be reminded of their individual duty in keeping their sidewalks cleaned off after a snow-storm.

### The Herald British War Victims Fund

Forwarded to Toronto	
Evening Telegram	\$ 3393 76
Cash on hand, acknowledged	146 32
A friend	50
Total to date	\$ 3530 58

### CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND FOR BRITISH WAR VICTIMS

(This Auxiliary to the War Victims Fund will remain open till Dec. 22nd, when donations will be forwarded to Toronto.)

Employees of Apple Products Co., Glen Williams, proceeds of bingo, Dec. 5	61.04
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stacey	5.00

## THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

After what the weather did for us last week probably the less said about it the better. At all events it looks promising now for a white Christmas, and here is wishing all a happy one.

Here are the records:

	H. and L.	Snow-fall
Tues., Dec. 12	24 18	12"
Wed., Dec. 13	27 20	
Thurs., Dec. 14	24 16	
Fri., Dec. 15	30 19	
Sat., Dec. 16	33 27	
Sun., Dec. 17	26 19	
Mon., Dec. 18	16 6	

### THE BOYS WHO COME BACK ARE REMEMBERED

The Georgetown Soldiers' Comforts Committee are today sending a small Christmas remembrance to the following service personnel who, probably with two or three exceptions, have returned home during 1944:

Harvey Allen, James Collier, Cyril Clarke, Dave Grichon, Fred Ostle, A. E. Colman, Omar Diggins, Arnold Sam Gaby, Fred Grace, James Gillivet, Early, Wes, Fendley, James Freestons, Gerald Gillivet, Clarence Hale, Ed. Hoken, Gordon Harley, Gordon James Kelly, Wm. Lindner, Helen Lane, Walter Lawson, Orval Rayner, W. J. Rogers, Wm. Ritchie, Jos. Stamp, Wm. Tuck, Wm. Young.

The gifts were accompanied by the following letter:

Dear—Georgetown and vicinity are proud of you and welcome you back home. Please accept this small remembrance in appreciation of all you have done for Canada. When peace returns, the peace you have helped make possible, and your comrades come back, you will be remembered by our town in a more substantial manner. In the meantime may your Christmas be full of gladness, and the New Year to come be filled with hope and happiness. Sincerely yours, Georgetown Soldiers' Comforts Committee.

If anyone has been overlooked will you please let The Herald know as the Comforts Committee would feel very badly if all the returned personnel had not been remembered.

### PTE. BILL RITCHIE BACK FROM THREE YEARS' SERVICE OVERSEAS

Family and friends are glad to welcome back Pte. Bill Ritchie of the Army Service Corps, who has been overseas for three years. Bill arrived home at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and like the other boys who have returned, is exceedingly glad to be with his wife and parents again.

Bill has been serving in Sicily and Italy since a year ago last September, and during that time saw several boys from Georgetown, including Bert Tuck, Don McPhail, Ab Reeves, Eddie Hill and Steve Emmerson. For the past two and a half years, he and Tony Stapleton have been together.

Enlisting originally with the RCE in June, 1940, Bill later transferred to the Army Service Corps. He trained at Petawawa, Peterboro and the Hamilton Trades School before embarking for overseas. Prior to enlistment, Pte. Ritchie was employed with the Georgetown Hydro Power Commission.



## G.H.S. COLUMN

(Dec. 11 - 15, 1944)

By Joan Main

On Monday, Dec. 11th the school had the privilege of listening to an interesting and informative lecture by Mr. R. H. Spenser of the Public Information Department of the Bell Telephone Company. He was introduced by Mr. W. O. Misener, district manager of the Bell. After the talk he was thanked by Craig Alexander on behalf of the school. The pupils then had a chance to listen to their voices recorded on the microphone.

We are now in the midst of examinations. They were planned to allow the Main Street merchants to have the services of the high school students for the Christmas rush as soon as possible and at the same time give sufficient time for review after Commencement.

The high school is planning a school party to be held at the rose room on Thursday evening. Ex-students and friends are invited.

### MANY ATTEND BABIES' BRANCH PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the Babies' Branch of St. George's W.A. was held in the basement of the church on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13th, with thirty-five Little Helpers and their mothers, and in some instances their grandmothers, in attendance. They were addressed by Archdeacon Thompson, who welcomed them and said Grace before they sat down to a delicious tea, served from tables most beautifully and fittingly decorated with snow people of all kinds. After tea they all gathered round the Christmas tree which was laden with lovely toys for each baby boy and baby girl (sixty-five in all). Mrs. S. Dewhurst, Secretary of the Babies' Branch, members of the W.A. and other church friends had a busy time seeing that one and all had a most enjoyable party.

### HALTON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY FORMED

Proceedings were taken at a meeting in Milton that will dissolve the present Peel and Halton Children's Aid Society and formulate a Halton Children's Aid Society. The two counties will act independently in this work when the arrangements are completed.

Mr. Amos Mason, Acton, was chosen President of the new society and Rev. J. B. Moore, of Milton, vice-president. Mr. G. F. Thompson is Secretary; Miss E. Anderson, Treasurer. The Halton Board is made up of sixteen members, two representatives from each of the five towns, one from each township and two representatives from County Council.

The first Board comprises the following: Acton, A. Mason and G. A. Dills; Burlington, Mrs. W. A. Weaver and A. D. Pellerin; Georgetown, Dr. C. Reid and W. Deans; Milton, Mrs. M. Nixon and Rev. J. B. Moore; Oakville, Mrs. P. Pallen and Mrs. R. H. Archibald; Esquimaux, Mr. R. Sharpe; Missagawa, Mr. E. Mahon; Nelson, Mrs. Mary Pettit; Trafalgar, Mr. Victor Hall; County Council, Norman Gilbert and J. M. Campbell.

### LORNE SCOTS REUNION IN ITALY

Gathering from their scattered posts throughout the Canadian Corps, the Lorne Scots rallied in a town along the Adriatic Front for their first regimental get-together in their many months of campaigning in Italy. Dispersed as is no other regiment, the Scots provide a defense company under Major Stewart Beatty, Brampton, for corps headquarters, defence platoons for the headquarters of an infantry division and the various brigade headquarters of the corps.

The program included a church service, a march past in which the salute was taken by the Corps Commander, a special appearance of the Army-Soldier CWAC show "Funborn Poles" and informal gatherings of the sergeants and officers of the regiment. The pipe band of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada played the march past.

### HORNBY

Miss Jardine and her pupils of Hornby public school scored another distinct triumph in the program which they presented to a well-filled house in the Christmas entertainment held in the school on Thursday evening last, Dec. 14th. The program consisted of Christmas carols, recitations, piano solos, music by the rhythm band, a play entitled "The Gingerbread House," an operetta "Christmas with the Old Woman who lived in the Shoe," and work selections given by the different grades, from their readers and from the Bible. This last was a very fine demonstration of the new course in religious education introduced into the schools of Ontario this year. The children all showed careful training by their teacher and the music instructor, Mrs. Clements, and excellent memories, even the very little ones. Santa Claus was also present to unload the tree and distribute the gifts to the happy recipients. The school room was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Yes, we got our share of the big snow-storm last Tuesday. It came as a great surprise so early in the season. The snowplows were not ready for work and the roads are still none too good for motor traffic. Well, those who have been singing of their dreaming of a white Christmas will surely have their dreams fulfilled this year. Christmas services will be held in the local churches next Sunday. Let everyone plan to attend.

### TERRA COTTA

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. R. Puckering is on the sick list at present. We all sincerely hope soon to hear of her complete recovery.

Mrs. H. Puckering and family of Toronto spent the week end with Mrs. E. Team and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kidd and family spent Sunday with Terra Cotta friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vander Vliet and daughter of Toronto spent the week end at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eaves and family have moved to the Interprovincial Brick Plant at Cheltenham. We are sorry to lose such kind and obliging citizens from our village, but all join in wishing them every success in their new home.

Mrs. Wright spent a few days with friends in Toronto.

Miss Langdon and lady friend of Toronto spent the week end at her home here.

## Howard May Host at Warden's Dinner Monday

### F.O. JAMES JONES HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Flying Officer James Jones, overseas for a year and a half as a pilot with the RCAF, returned home last Monday morning. His wife, the former Olive MacDonald, met him at the Union Station in Toronto, and they will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones of Mimico (formerly of Acton) for a few days before coming to Georgetown.

His homecoming came as a complete surprise to his wife and parents, when they received a Telegram from him on Saturday morning when he landed.

F.O. Jones enlisted in the RCAF in August, 1941, and will be home for thirty days.

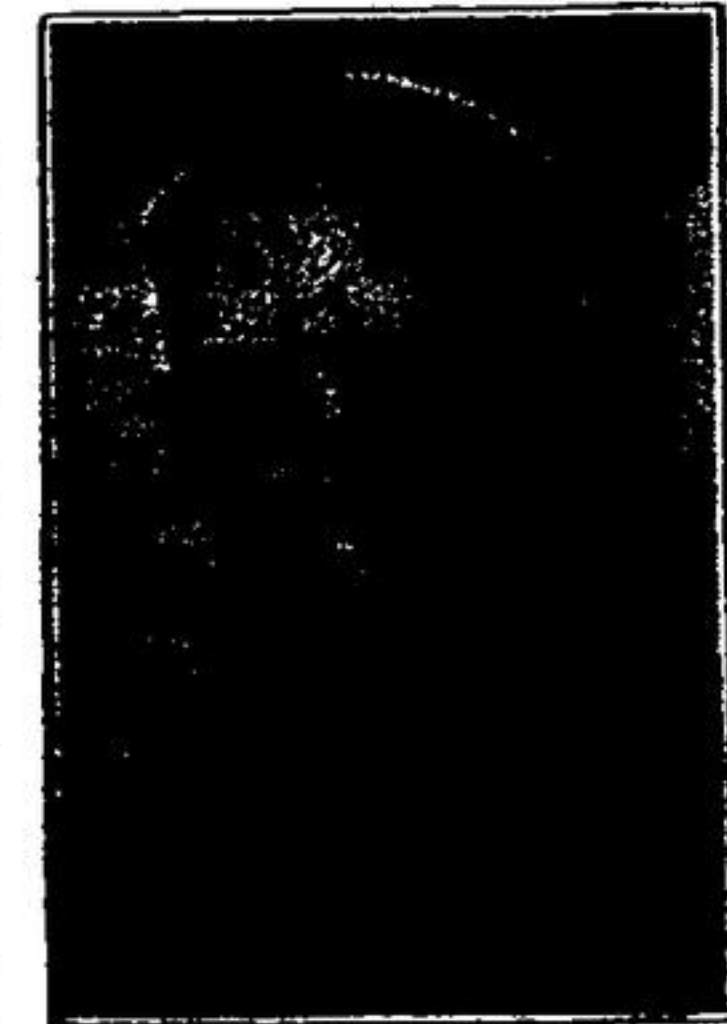
### STEWARTTOWN SOLDIER WEDS ENGLISH GIRL

A wedding of interest to residents of this district, took place on September 16th, at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, England, when Sgt. Kenneth G. Murray and Miss Constance Logan were married. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Edith Logan and the late Frank Logan of Aldershot, and Sgt. Murray is the son of Sgt-Major and Mrs. J. C. Murray, of Stewarttown.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF BABY SON SADDENS NORVAL HOME

A Norval home was saddened last week when William Earl, age 8 months and 3 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grady, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 14th, in Toronto Sick Children's Hospital after a very short illness.

Besides his parents, he is survived by four sisters and two brothers—Jean George, Shirley, Colleen, Nancy and Robert. The funeral service was conducted from McKillop's Funeral Parlours, Brampton, on Saturday. Rev. F. J. Dunlop of Norval United Church conducted the service, and interment was made in Brampton Cemetery.



TO MONTREAL

R. S. (Boj) Eyster, who started his CBC career as junior news editor in Toronto two years ago last September, has been transferred to Montreal to take over the position of senior English news editor.

Howard May, of Norval, Esquimaux's Reeve and Warden of the County, was host to some 80 of his friends and municipal associates on Monday night, when the Warden's Dinner took place at the Estaminet, Burlington. The dinner was postponed from last Tuesday when the snow-storm blocked all the county roads.

The guests enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, followed by a number of toasts, interspersed with musical selections by Miss Mildred Dickson, of Hamilton. J. E. Whitlock, Agricultural Representative was toastmaster and the toast list was as follows:

"The Armed Forces," Mrs. Mary Pettit, F.O. Bruce McNab, D.P.M., "Canada," Judge W. N. Munro, Hughes Cleave, M.P., "Ontario," LeRoy Dale, K.C., Stanley Hall, M.P.F., "Ex-Wardens," W. I. Dick, K.O., Harold Cleave and John Blair, "County Council," W. J. L. Hampshire, Wesley Murray.

"The Warden," George Cleave, Howard May.

Mr. May in his remarks, stressed that there was much necessary road work to be done in the county in post-war years, and suggested that no sharp reduction should be made in tax rates, in order to build up a surplus to take care of this. He also mentioned the problem of equalized assessment and said that he hoped to eventually see a county assessor appointed. He pointed out the steps that present and past councils had taken in reforestation and hoped this work would be continued in future.

Following his speech, a presentation of a chair was made to the Warden by Norman Craig, on behalf of the 1944 County Council.

Guests from this district who attended the dinner included: Harold Cleave, LeRoy Dale, J. Humphreys, Isaac Bennett, K. M. Langdon, George C. Brown, N. A. Robinson, Jack McCibbon, Miss Sybil Bennett, K. C. Lindsay, Art Benton, George Cleave, Walter Hehn, William Campbell, T. L. Leslie, W. Cunningham, Wesley Murray, Wm. Deans and G. W. McLintock.

### ACTIVE SERVICE NOTES

LAC Bob MacKenzie is home on leave from Nova Scotia. Bob's posting has been changed, and when his furlough ends, on December 18th, he will leave for Goose Bay, Labrador.

Congratulations to 2/Lt. George Perry, a Georgetown boy who recently received his officer's commission at Brockville O.T.C. Son of Cpl. and Mrs. George Perry of Toronto, Lt. Perry will be married on December 30th to Miss Carolyn Ryan, of Oakville, "Miss Toronto" of 1944.

Bill Anthony, former Brampton lacrosse star has recently arrived overseas with the army. He is well-known in Georgetown, where he played intermediate hockey with the local entry a few years ago.

LAC George H. Perry has been posted recently from Bagotville, Quebec, to Gander, Newfoundland, while en route he visited overnight with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perry. O.J.S. Don Early, RCNVR, from Nova Scotia, is home on 14 days leave.



## HEY! Kids!

I'm coming to Georgetown, Saturday, Dec. 23rd. . . meet me at the Community Christmas Tree in front of the Municipal Building at 3 p.m.

Tell your Dad and Mom not to forget their tickets on the annual lucky draw. Extra proceeds to help the boys and girls in England who have been bombed out . . . Sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club, there's a grand prize of a doll dressed in 25 \$1.00 bills . . . and 24 prizes of Chickens and Geese.

See you Saturday, December 23

## Proclamation

### Boxing Day Holiday

Whereas the Board of Trade (Retail Division) has requested that Boxing Day, Tuesday, Dec. 26th, be observed as a public holiday in Georgetown:

And whereas the Municipal Council have authorized me to comply with this request:

Therefore, I do declare, Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 1944, a Public Holiday in the Town of Georgetown.

HAROLD CLEAVE, Mayor.

GOD SAVE THE KING