

GEORGETOWN HERALD

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Men May Hads Polls In Esquesing Township Election

Esquesing Township electors will hold their annual polls on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at 10 o'clock. Three councillors for the year 1945 will be elected. It was a very light vote, but the election was held throughout the Township, and the results were as follows: One-fifth of Esquesing's electors cast their ballots. This was the first Township election since 1941, when 902 voters turned out for an election for deputy-revee, councillors. At that time, J. W. Harvey, who was given an acclamation as reeve for 1945, won the election for deputy-revee over Ed Harrop, and George Cleave, Geo-

Name	LA	IB	SB	4	5A	5B	6	Total
C. H. May	8	10	14	20	16	40	30	94
George Currie	22	7	15	41	23	55	29	92
R. N. Brown	7	11	15	32	33	71	28	90
W. O. Brownridge	14	4	25	38	9	1	22	15
	51	32	79	140	81	107	100	231

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Pte. Reg. Blair Pays Supreme Sacrifice in Italy

The sad news was received last Friday by his wife and parents in town that another fine young Georgetown soldier had paid the supreme sacrifice in Italy. Pte. Reg. Blair was one of the first Georgetown men to don uniform, enlisting in September, 1939, shortly after the outbreak of war. He trained in Winnipeg and went overseas in December of that year with the Princess Pats. He had been serving in Italy for the past year and a half. In England he met and married the former Nancy White, of Salt Deans, Sussex, who with their baby son, James Reginald, came to Georgetown last October to make her home with the Blairs. News of the casualty came at a time when the family was happy in the thought that Reg would soon be home on one of the overseas leaves granted to Canadians who had five years service overseas to their credit, and it was a distinct shock to everyone when word of his death was received. Pte. Blair was born in Georgetown in 1924, and would have celebrated his 21st birthday in March. He was prominent in juvenile hockey in the town, and played on the team which won the midwest championship against Copper Cliff. Surviving besides his wife and son, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair, four sisters, Flossie (Mrs. L. Tracey), Violet (Mrs. Wm. Hewitt), Pearl (Mrs. T. Wilson), Jean, and a brother, James. To these and to his many friends in town, the Herald extends heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Harvey Nurse First in Husking Corn Competition

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Huitt
The old year went out in a fog with the trees covered with a heavy hoar frost for three days in succession. The new year came in with a 3.75" snowfall to add to the foot or more already on the level. Many good citizens thus got a chance to work off the drowsy effect following a heavy fowl dinner, shovelling paths out to the street. The December just past was a regular old-time winter month, with the daily average temperature for the month 7 degrees below normal, and a total snowfall of 21.05 inches or 8 inches above normal. Now look out for our usual January thaw. Fortunately there is little or no frost in the ground and melting snow should soak in quickly without much flooding. Following are the local records for the week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Snow-fall
Tues., Dec. 26	21	2
Wed., Dec. 27	21	3 1"
Thurs., Dec. 28	24	9 3"
Fri., Dec. 29	14	9 36"
Sat., Dec. 30	23	2
Sun., Dec. 31	32	22
Mon., Jan. 1	32	25 3.75"

ARMY HOCKEY SCHEDULE

As we announced two weeks ago, the sports committee of the 2nd Bn. (R) Lorne Scots has organized a hockey league, comprised of teams from the various companies: A Coy (Oakville), B Coy (Port Credit), C Coy (Georgetown), D Coy (Acton and Milton), E Coy (Orangeville and Shelburne). The following is the schedule: Friday, Jan. 5—Support Coy (Brampton) at A Coy (Oakville); C Coy (Georgetown), Acton and Milton at B Coy (Port Credit); Monday, Jan. 8—A Coy at D Coy (Orangeville); B Coy at Support Coy; Thursday, Jan. 11—D Coy at C Coy; Friday, Jan. 12—Support Coy at B Coy; Monday, Jan. 15—D Coy at A Coy; C Coy at Support Coy; Wednesday, Jan. 17—B Coy at D Coy; Thursday, Jan. 18—A Coy at C Coy; Monday, Jan. 22—C Coy at A Coy; D Coy at Sup. Coy; Friday, Jan. 26—A Coy at Sup. Coy; B Coy at B Coy; Monday, Jan. 29—A Coy at B Coy; C Coy at D Coy; Thursday, Feb. 1—Sup. Coy at C Coy; Monday, Feb. 5—B Coy at A Coy; Thursday, Feb. 8—B Coy at C Coy. The local team, "C" Coy, made up of players from Acton, Milton and Georgetown, had its first practice last Wednesday night, at which there were about sixteen keen "huck-chasers," any six of whom will make their opponents step. Among the Georgetown boys trying out are M. Lorusso, A. Ritchie, N. Long, J. Burns, G. Scott, J. McClure, L. Brandford, K. Hill, R. Crichton, Mr. J. L. McDonald of Acton is the manager of the team, with A. Ritchie of Georgetown, assistant manager. The final practice for "C" Coy team will be Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. Come and see our team in the making. Their first game will be in Oakville on Friday, Jan. 5th. The first home game will be in Georgetown on Thursday, Jan. 11th at 8.15. Keep this date open for the first local hockey game of the season.

PRIZES PRESENTED AT NORVAL BANQUET

Awards in the Husking Corn Competition were announced at a banquet held for that purpose on Wednesday, Dec. 20th in the Parish Hall, Norval. The banquet had been scheduled for the previous Wednesday, but due to the snowstorm and blocked country roads it had to be postponed. About seventy sat down to tastefully decorated tables, and a delicious meal of cold roast pork, scalloped potatoes, and all the trimmings, catered to by the Norval Women's Institute. Attractive printed menus and programs added to the pleasure of the evening. The banquet was sponsored by the Esquesing Agricultural Society and the Halton Crop Improvement Association under whose joint auspices the Husking Corn Competition was held during 1944. So successful did the competition prove that the banquet was held to mark the occasion and present the awards. Harvey Nurse, of R. R. 2 Georgetown, won the Canadian Industries, Ltd. special award to take first place in the competition. This prize was \$50.00 worth of C.I.L. products. Other prizes-winner, in order of merit were: T. J. Brownridge, \$25.00 cash; F. W. Ruddle & Sons, \$15.00; K. C. Lindsay, \$10.00; M. T. McNabb & Sons, \$10.00; W. H. Reid & Sons, \$7.50; Spencer Wilson, \$6.25; Edwin Harrop, \$6.25; Francis Thompson, \$5.00; J. Alexander & Sons, \$5.00. The outstanding fact about this competition, which was held to ascertain whether husking corn could be grown successfully in Halton County, was that the first-prize winners' yield averaged 80.73 bushels to the acre and yields of four others averaged over 70 bushels per acre. President Craig Reid, of the Esquesing Agricultural Society, presided at the banquet table, and after his opening remarks and the singing of God Save the King, announced the following program of speakers, interspersed by accordion selections by a young Guelph artist. Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, gave the highlights of the competition, and brought greetings from Mr. J. A. Carroll, Supt. of Fall Plots Association, who was unable to attend on the postponed date. Mr. Emble, of Norval, presented the C.I.L. prize in the absence of his father, Mr. B. Leslie Emble, who also was unable to be present. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. William Wallace, of Woodlee, himself a practical husking corn grower in Kent County. Mr. Wallace proved a very interesting speaker, well-versed in his subject, and saw the Halton growers many helpful hints on the growing, curing and marketing of husking corn. He was introduced by the President of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, Mr. Edwin Harrop. Prof. James Lauehand, of the Dept. of Field Husbandry, O.A.C., Guelph, spoke briefly on husking corn variety tests. Presentation of awards were made by Mr. Garfield McMillan, Secretary of the Esquesing Agricultural Society, to whose opinion it was that had the Georgetown Fair Board done nothing else during the past year than sponsor this competition, it would certainly have been a worthwhile effort in the light of its benefit to Halton county farmers. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought another very pleasant evening in the life of the Agricultural Societies to a close. Those at the head table included: President Craig Reid, President Edwin Harrop, Mr. Harvey Nurse, Mr. Wm. Wallace, Mr. J. E. Whitlock, Prof. Lauehand, Mayor Harold Cleave, Mr. Clarence Rodce, editor Farmer's Magazine, Mr. Emble, and Mr. G. McMillan.

Lt. George Ferry Wed to Oakville Girl Sat

St. John's United Church, Oakville, was the scene of a lovely wedding last Saturday, December 30th, when Carolyn Juanita Ryan, of Toronto, and Lt. George S. Ferry were united in marriage. Rev. E. B. Eddy officiating. Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, of Oakville, and the youngest daughter of Lt. George S. Ferry, of Toronto and Georgetown. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white slip and lace gown, satin head-dress and finger-tip veil, and carried a bouquet of red and white roses. Miss Black was maid of honour and Wanda Locksley and Rena Peterson bridesmaids, gowned alike in berry red velvet with velvet collar and carrying white mistletoe with red flowers. 2nd Lieut. Clare Buckley, 1st Lieut. and 2nd Lieut. H. C. Taylor and E. Stewart, ushers. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Ryan, with black accessories and orchid corsage. Mrs. Ferry assisted, wearing a blue crepe dress with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. The couple left for a wedding trip to the States, the bride going with in a turquoise blue wool dress with mink coat and hat, and brown accessories.

FORMER GEORGETOWN RECTOR'S WIFE DIED SUDDENLY AT FORT ERIE

Mrs. Hannah Elisabeth Burt, wife of Archdeacon William Burt, rector of St. Paul's Church of England, Fort Erie, died suddenly on Saturday, December 30th, at the rectory. Mrs. Burt is remembered by many friends in Georgetown, where Archdeacon Burt was rector of St. George's from 1916 to 1920. Surviving besides her husband are three daughters, Lieut. Jean Burt, attached to a Canadian hospital unit in Italy, Lieut. Patricia Burt, in charge of a Canadian hospital in Britain, and Mrs. (Dr.) William Reid, of Fort Erie. Mrs. Burt had taken a prominent part in church and patriotic work in Fort Erie and was a past president of St. Paul's Women's Guild. The funeral was held yesterday, with services from the church and interment in the adjoining churchyard.

FRED SHARPE, WELL-KNOWN IN DISTRICT, DIES AT BARRIE

Well-known in the Georgetown district, where he resided until his removal to Barrie some years ago, Frederick James Sharpe died suddenly at his home there on Sunday, December 17th. A conductor for the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Sharpe had come home from work that morning, suffered a heart attack from which he failed to rally and passed away Sunday evening. Born in 1882 in Chinguacousy Township, he was one of triplets, born to Mrs. William Sharpe and the late Mr. Sharpe. During his residence in this district he was conductor on the Hamilton-Allandale CNR line, and was prominent in railway circles, being a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. He was a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Lake Simcoe Lodge No. 377 and Corinthian Lodge, and was also an active member of the Allandale Bowling Green. The funeral service was held from the home on December 22nd, with Rev. (Dr.) Green officiating at the service. Pall-bearers were three fellow-members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Harry Norton, Alfred Hunter and B. Green, and three Lodge members Russell Walker, Robert McBride and Elmer Thompson. A profusion of floral tributes testified to the esteem in which deceased was held in his large circle of friends. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Barrie.

Yuletide Services in Georgetown Churches

Special music and services in Georgetown churches marked the Yuletide Season. People turned out in large numbers to join in prayer and choral praise. At St. George's Anglican Church, a midnight choral communion service was held Christmas Eve. A large congregation filled the church, which was beautifully decorated with Christmas evergreen and poinsettias. Mrs. Thos. Given was soloist in the special anthem by the choir. During the service, the names of all those on the Church Honour Roll were rehearsed, and prayers offered. The evening service at the United Church on Christmas Eve, took the form of a musical pageant "The Messiah Comes". This was a series of tableaux, during which Rev. R. C. Todd read the scripture prophecies leading up to the birth of Christ, and the beautiful Christmas story. Christmas carols and hymns in which congregation and cast joined, were interspersed throughout the pageant. At the beginning of the pageant Jane Milne, dressed in white, placed the Bible before Mr. Todd. Taking part in the presentation were the regular choir and the Junior choir. Messrs. Bob and Jim Burns and Ross Petch were the Three Shepherds, and the Three Wise Men were impersonated by Messrs. S. Faram, Jack MacLaren and Bud Tost. Miss Erma McCumber played the part of Mary, Mother of Christ, Joseph was portrayed by Norman Long. Mary Dobbie took the part of an angel. Mr. Howard Lillio, that of a martyr, and Mrs. Robert Jones that of a sinner. Half-way through the pageant, Joan Dobbie, dressed in white carried a large cross, and placed it behind the manger. Miss Lynda Stewart presided at the organ, assisted by Mrs. R. H. Wright at the piano. Miss Ruth Evans was soloist. The church was filled to capacity for this beautiful and inspiring presentation. Last Sunday night, in the United Church, a special carol service was held. A large congregation joined in the singing of twelve Christmas carols. The anthem "Night of Nights" by John Adamson, was sung by the choir. Rev. Todd gave a short talk "A Christmas Carol" and a ladies' double quartette and organ solo were also presented. Knox Presbyterian Church was filled on Christmas Sunday to hear special music by the choir and the Christmas message of the minister, Rev. C. C. Cochrane. Miss Molly Hepburn was soloist, singing "My Gift" and "The Holy Child". Christmas services at the Baptist Church also featured beautiful music and inspiring sermons by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Ostrom. In the morning, the choir sang "Peace on Earth," and at the evening service the anthem was "Hallelujah". At the Christmas Eve service, Mrs. Ostrom sang "O Holy Night," and with Mr. Ostrom, a lovely duet "Christmas Night," to Brahms' Lullaby tune. After the church service, Rev. and Mrs. Ostrom held an informal carol service at their home. On New Year's Eve, a watch-night service at the parsonage at 11.15, was well-attended. At Holy Cross R. C. Church a special

Pte. Aubrey Kerr Seriously Wounded

Mrs. R. Kerr, Norval, received word last week that her son, Pte. Aubrey Kerr, had been seriously wounded on December 17th, while serving in Italy with the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. Just a few days before came word that he had been slightly wounded on December 13th, but remained on duty. Pte. Kerr was back in action after being twice wounded before—on May 3rd and September 5th. Training at Toronto, Brantford and Camp Borden, Pte. Kerr went overseas in June, 1943, and has been in Italy since January, 1944. Prior to enlistment he was employed at the Credit Quarries. His friends in the district are hopeful that good news of his condition will soon be received.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR BRITISH CHILDREN

Previously acknowledged	\$ 66.64
Mrs. M. Bally	1.00
A Friend	5.00
	\$ 72.64

The Georgetown Herald Soldiers' Comforts Fund

Forward to Soldiers' Comforts Committee	\$ 77.87
Cash on hand, acknowledged	248.00
J. Crawford	1.00
	\$ 326.87

KNOX SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPER AND CONCERT

The children of Knox Sunday School had their annual Christmas supper and concert on Friday evening, December 22nd. All sat down to a delicious hot supper prepared and served by the Women's Association, after which the concert was held. Rev. C. C. Cochrane presided at the program, which opened with hymns led by Marie and Marjorie. Miss Jean Ruddle was chorist for the evening. The numbers were: Sunday School pupils were exceedingly these, as well as the carols, were enjoyed throughout the program; they enjoyed very much by the audience. The concert opened with recitations by the Primary Class, taught by Miss Baird. This was followed by a dialogue by the boys of Messrs. MacKenzie and R. Alexander's classes. Miss Hunter's class gave a lovely tableau. Mr. Kenneth Harrison played a piano solo, and a piano duet by Miss Virginia Chapman and Mr. Harrison was well-received. The singing of the National Anthem brought the concert to a close. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree then became the centre of attention, as Mr. Cochrane distributed the gifts and candles and oranges to the pupils.

CAPT. ROBERT McLAUGHLIN HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Captain Robert J. McLaughlin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McLaughlin, R. R. No. 3 Georgetown, returned home last Wednesday after having served overseas four years and a month. Capt. McLaughlin arrived in Halifax Christmas Day, but it was not until the following Tuesday afternoon that Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin received word of his arrival back on Canadian soil. Capt. McLaughlin, who is a graduate of the University of Toronto, received his military training at Varisty C. O.T.C. He has been serving in England since going overseas. Home for health reasons, Capt. McLaughlin will be stationed in Canada on Headquarters Staff. Just before leaving England, he had the good fortune to have a reunion with his brother, Pilot Officer Jim, who is instructing with the R.A.F. They were able to spend a week together. Another brother, Flying Officer Bill McLaughlin, was killed in action a year ago in March. Shortly before he was killed, Bill and Bob had spent a holiday together.

1800 BAGS MILKWEED PODS COLLECTED BY HALTON BOYS AND GIRLS

Recently, we were interested to learn from Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, that Halton Public School children collected 1800 bags of milkweed pods. This achievement culminates the programme announced last August by the Agricultural Supplies Board at Ottawa. The milkweed floss is being used as a substitute for kapok in being used as a substitute for kapok as a filler in life jackets. Kapok is normally secured from Java, but with that country now in the hands of the Japanese, other sources of supply of this material and other substitutes had to be found. The material collected by Halton boys and girls is sufficient to fill 900 life jackets. The programme in Halton was under the direction of Chas. Howitt, Public School Inspector for Halton, who together with teachers and boys and girls are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts. It was also of interest to learn that at the rural schools in the County, that at Tansley of which Miss Beattie Alderson is teacher, made the greatest contribution, gathering 1200 sacks of pods, while in the urban centres of the County, the Milton Public School, of which E. W. Foster is principal, gathered a total of 160 sacks. A car-load of this material totalling slightly over 4000 sacks was recently shipped from Milton, to the State of Michigan, where it is being utilized in the manufacture of life jackets.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL

The pupils of Helen Blackburn held a successful piano recital in the auditorium of the public school on Monday, December 18th. The pupils were: Claudia Milne, Sue Crabtree, Dianne Hillcock, Bernice Wilson, Ruth McBride, Jean Muckart, Patsy Willson, Patsy Schrag, Marie Armstrong, Marilyn Chaplin, Mabel Shepherd, Annie Chalker, Marlene Bludd, Bonnie Carlisle, Sylvia Barrow, Mary Arnold, Bobby Lucas, Ross Preston, Lorraine Emmerson, Bobby Laviole, Fred Warnes, Joan Chaplin, Gerald Wilcox, Jane Milne, Bill Arnold, Gwen Davis, Pauline Tyers, Joan Bradley, Margaret Bradley, Joyce Hill, Margaret Sargent, Gladys Ruddell, Jimmy Kirkwood, Violet Shepherd, Ruby Mitchell, Jean Tyler, Ann Crabtree, Joyce McMillan, Betty King, Shirley Harrison, Joan Laviole, Kathleen Thompson, Eleanor Cummins, Ethel Kemmhead, Therese Wilcox, Mrs. B. Armstrong, Mrs. T. Golden, Mrs. J. Britton.

The Herald British War Victims' Fund

Forwarded to Toronto Evening Telegram	\$ 339.76
Cash on hand, acknowledged	145.00
Christmas Cheer for British Children	72.64
J. Crawford	5.00
Total, Jan. 3rd	\$ 562.36

St. GEORGE'S CHURCH BOYS' LEAGUE HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. George's Church Boys' League were entertained by their leaders, Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid at a Christmas party for them Christmas night. Around a beautifully lighted and decorated Christmas tree several carols were sung. Soloists included Ross Norton, Billy Doherty, Dan Hewitt and Billy Hewitt and their party. An interesting time was had by most of the boys telling their own Christmas story. The Christmas story was read from a Children's Bible, several of the boys each read a portion of it. After the story was read down to the gaily decorated dining room table, the dining table being lit by candles, the boys enjoyed oranges, candies, and books and bits of ice-cream.