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## Georgetown Audience Received A Rare Treat Thursday Night

Major Edith R. Dick, R.R.C. addresses Meeting Held by Red Cross Society—Tells of Experiences in France, Belgium

Despite the sub-zero weather of Wednesday night, Jan. 24th, a goodly number of interested citizens gathered at the Public Library auditorium to hear Major Edith R. Dick, R.R.C. (Royal Red Cross), formerly Principal Matron of No. 10 Canadian Hospital Unit tell of her trip, experiences and work especially in France and Belgium in the summer and autumn of 1944.

The president of the local Red Cross, Mrs. LeRoy Dale, R.C., was chairman of the evening and in introducing Major Dick, said it was a pleasure to introduce one who had brought honour to our County. Major Dick is a daughter of Crown Attorney and Mrs. W. I. Dick of Milton, Ont. Dale, also thought that Georgetown could claim a share of the honour as Major Dick's grandmother, Mrs. Sidney Young, James St., has been a resident here for a great number of years.

Long before Major Dick's informal talk was ended her audience felt well repaid for venturing out on such a frosty night. Major Dick told of leaving the shores of Canada in December 1942, in the big luxury liner "Queen Elizabeth" and how it took hours of steadily marching feet before the ship's human cargo was complete. She told bits about her hospital work in England—how they had outlived an obstetrical ward for civilian use—how they would get word to be prepared to accept three hundred casualties from the Italian battle front—what great kindness had been shown them by the people of Britain—and so on.

But she knew her audience wanted to hear about her hospital work in France and Belgium, so she quickly came to that interesting part of her talk. How they had been fortunate enough to go over the Channel in a ship instead of a barge as anticipated and how they had arrived two hours before their vans were scheduled to pick them up and were told to sit in a corner and make themselves as inconspicuous as possible, this being shortly after "D" day. She said that team-work had meant so much even in their organization, everyone in their right place at the right time. She paid great tribute to the Nursing Sisters at the Casualty Clearing Stations whose work was so much more arduous and called for so much more have-what-it-takes than those at the Base Hospital. These nurses actually sorted the wounded, sending on those that could be moved and keeping the chest and abdominally wounded at the Clearing Stations.

All through her talk she paid great tribute to the help of the Red Cross. Time and again she mentioned articles that might have been made right in our own Red Cross work-rooms. The short bed-jackets, the box linings, the woolen comforts all came in for a share of her praise. As for the patch-work quilts—well their uses are manifold. The pastel tones served as bedspreads, as the Army quota never contained a sufficient number to equip all beds. They brought a bit of color to an otherwise drab room. The darker quilts were used as covers for the wheel-chairs or rugs for the grass while the soldiers were convalescing. The afghans were used as throws to cover the patients when they were up and about yet having their afternoon naps. The first seventy-two hour leave that a soldier gets after being in hospital he is equipped with woollen comforts by the Red Cross and is allowed to select the type of sweater he wishes just as if he were shopping for it, whether a turtle-neck, sleeveless or V-neck. Major Dick spoke of the blood-banks, the Red Cross Comforts Bags, the Red Cross letter writers for those with hand injuries, the Red Cross cards sent to next of kin reporting the true condition of patients, in fact, their work is legion.

Major Dick, also said that she knew our Editor's brother, Major T. J. Biehn, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist attached to the same hospital as she was. He was doing very fine work over there. She also mentioned knowing Col. R. J. Nodwell, a brother of Mr. W. Nodwell of this town. She might have mentioned had she known at the time, that Godfrey Collier is also on the dietitian's staff of this same hospital.

Mr. Dale in thanking Major Dick, took the opportunity of making a plea on behalf of the local Red Cross for more workers. There was considerable room for improvement over our present set-up. Our soldiers were standing firm and forging ahead. There has been no slackening in our war effort, nor should there be any on the home front, not even in our Red Cross work-rooms.

Major Dick was then questioned about her investiture at Buckingham

### VIC MILLAR PRESUMED DEAD



A.B. VIC MILLAR

Missing since April 29th, 1944, when H.M.C.S. Athabaskan was sunk by enemy action, Able Seaman Victor Millar is reported as "missing, presumed dead" in an official casualty list issued from Naval Headquarters last week. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Millar, of Lakeview, former residents of Georgetown, Vic had been in the Navy for three years and had been a member of the Athabaskan crew since she put to sea a year before her sinking. The 1900-ton destroyer was on pre-invasion manoeuvres in the English Channel when she was split in two by a German submarine. Ten officers and 115 ratings lost their lives in the sinking, the remainder of the crew being rescued by a sister ship, the Haida, while 85 were taken prisoners by the Germans.

Born and educated in England, Victor came to Canada with his family in 1929 and settled in Georgetown, where he was employed with Alliance Paper Mills at time of enlistment in the navy. He was 27 years of age. Surviving besides his sorrowing parents are two sisters—Mrs. Norman McLaughlin (Irene) of Lakeview and Mr. Robert Anderson (Andrew) of Georgetown. To these are extended the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

### HORNBY

Well January has gone, and we cannot say that we regret its passing, for it has brought us little comfort. It has been the coldest January without in the memory of the oldest resident, with nary a thaw at all. The mercury has been at or away below zero most of the time. There has been a succession of snowstorms and blizzards. Water supplies are getting low, and many have to melt snow for washing water, and many farmers are drawing water for their stock. Let us hope that February will bring us a thaw that January failed to provide. The North Grey by-election has not engendered sufficient heat to warm up the air that continually blows down to us from that direction. Perhaps the approaching general election will warm things up a bit for us.

Mr. Howard Bradley is making satisfactory progress toward recovery following his recent operation, but has not yet returned home from hospital in Milton.

Mrs. William Near is spending some time in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Bridgen, after a few days in Milton hospital where she received some medical treatment. We hope her condition will rapidly improve.

The sympathy of all is extended to Mr. William Nielson owing to the recent death of his sister, Mrs. William Allan, whose burial took place in Milton on Monday.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. P. F. Blackburn wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received from their kind friends and neighbours during their recent sad bereavement.

Palace, and though reluctantly, she graciously gave a word picture of this and His Majesty, the King. She received the Royal Red Cross, a token of appreciation given to nurses for their work on the field.

Our wounded soldiers are to be envied if all the nurses are as dainty, as bright, as efficient and as kind as Major Dick. The audience could readily understand what inspired the song "The Rose of No Man's Land" in the last war.

### LIEUT. RUSSELL FIRESTONE BOMBS FROM OVERSEAS WITH LEG INJURIES

His many friends in town will be glad to know of Lieut. Russell Firestone's arrival back in Canada, and also to learn that although he received a bad leg injury in France, he will eventually have full use of his leg again. Lieut. Firestone was wounded on August 24th, after being in France only a short time. He arrived back in Toronto last Wednesday and was met by his good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tennant and Lt. Col. Jean Tennant. He is in Chortley Park Hospital at present, but expects to come home to the Tennant's shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Tennant report he looks very fit, considering the rather bad time he has had.

Like the other boys who have come home, Lieut. Firestone was very happy to be on Canadian soil again, after having been overseas for fifteen months. At the time he was wounded, Pte. Bernard Tennant was with him, and it was through Bernard that the Tennant family received news of the casualty before being officially notified by the government. The unit was about five miles from the front line in France when Lieut. Firestone was wounded. During his service in England and France, Russell saw several men from Georgetown, including "Nick" Carter, "Chuck" Davies, Tom Given, Percy Chaplin and Roaf Barber.

Enlisting in the army in June 1939, Lieut. Firestone trained at Brampton, Newmarket, Three Rivers and Brockville, before proceeding overseas.

### S. A. FAY HEADS LORNE SCOTS BAND EXECUTIVE FOR 1945

The annual meeting of the Lorne Scots Band was held in the band rooms in the old Town Hall on Tuesday, January 23rd. Mr. S. A. Fay, of Milton, was chosen president for 1945. Other officers elected were: Honorary Presidents—L. E. Fleck, J. B. Mackenzie, D. G. H. Wright, A. Mason, Acton, Col. G. B. S. Cousins, Col. W. E. Phillips, Col. Jas. Ballantine.

Vice President—J. Emslie.  
Secretary—Chas. W. Lansborough Acton.  
Treasurer—H. King.  
Committee—A. C. Herbert, Joseph Carter, J. T. Armstrong, R. Spellvogel, Acton, E. McKerr, Milton.  
Librarians—T. Herbert, J. Harrison, Property Custodian and Caretaker—N. Long.  
Social Committee—T. Herbert, M. Herbert, R. Spellvogel.

### MRS. R. C. TODD'S FATHER DIES IN TORONTO

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. R. C. Todd, the death of whose father took place in Toronto last Sunday afternoon. The late James Henry Lavery was born in New York city 75 years ago. Raised in Chatsworth, Ont., he later became a realtor in Toronto. He was an Elder of Centennial United Church, Toronto. His death came after an illness of over a year.

Mr. Lavery is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, a son, Captain the Rev. A. M. Lavery, overseas; and a daughter, Florence, Mrs. R. C. Todd, Georgetown. A sister and brother also survive, Mrs. Alex. Robertson, San Jose, California, and Mr. William Lavery, Edmonton, Alta.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. S. H. Greenslade from Myers Elliott Funeral Parlours Tuesday last, at 4 p.m. Interment was in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

### LIMEHOUSE

The county road leading to the village was closed by the blow of last week, until plowed early Saturday morning.

The congregational meeting of Limehouse Presbyterian Church has been postponed one week.

The burial of the late Victor D. D. Fraser, of Cheltenham, took place in Limehouse cemetery on Saturday.

Two quilts were completed last week, one at Mrs. H. Norton's for the W.M.S. and one at Mrs. Joe Scott's for the W.I.

Mrs. J. E. Campbell spent the week end with Mrs. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Robinson of Guelph visited Mr. W. A. Lane on Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Knowles is undergoing treatment for gonorrhea in Guelph General Hospital. We hope that he may be about soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Given, of Delhi, Sask., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Given and family.

—It seems that the once rarely-encountered porcupine has become quite plentiful in the Georgetown district this winter. There have been several dogs suffering from encounters with the bristly beasties.

### FENDLEY-WILLET WEDDING AT ST. GEORGE'S

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, January 27th, when Winnifred Irene Willett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Willett, Ontario Street, became the bride of Gerald Dixon Fendley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fendley, Norval, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson officiated at the ceremony in St. George's Anglican Church.

The bride wore a two-piece rose ensemble with brown accessories and corsage of white carnations. Her bridesmaid was Miss Pearl Webster, who chose a turquoise dress with brown accessories and corsage of pink carnations. Mr. Wesley Fendley, of Hamilton, brother of the groom, was best man.

Following the wedding, a reception for the family and a few friends was held at the bride's home, where Mrs. Willett, in a wine crape ensemble, received the guests. Upon their return from the wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Fendley will live in Georgetown.

### MRS. P. F. BLACKBURN DIES SUDDENLY

It was a distinct shock to her many friends in this district to hear of the sudden death on Sunday, Jan. 21st, of Mrs. P. F. Blackburn, beloved wife of P. F. Blackburn, and youngest daughter of the late Herbert Thomas and Mary Graham Arnold, born in Acton, at an early age she moved to Georgetown, where she spent the rest of her life. She was a member of St. George's Church of England and was treasurer of the W.A. for the past thirteen years. She was Past District Deputy of Verdum Rebekah Lodge, also a member of Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, Jacqueline and Helen, also four brothers, William and Roy of Acton and George and Jack of Georgetown, and two sisters, Mrs. G. C. Brown, Norval and Mrs. G. O. McNicol, Georgetown.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from St. George's Church, and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. G. O. Thompson. Interment took place in Hillcrest Cemetery, Acton.

### MISS A. RYAN CHAIRMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

The Public School Board held their first meeting of the new year on Wednesday evening, January 17th. Miss A. Ryan was elected chairman of the Board, and the following committees appointed: Supply Committee—J. D. Kelly and Mrs. P. W. Cleave. Property Committee—H. Barnes, P. V. MacCormack and D. P. Orlinton. Attendance Officer—W. O. Marshall. Secretary-Treasurer—P. B. Harrison. Representative on Public Library Board—Mrs. J. L. Lambert.

The Board will meet the second Tuesday of each month.

### SEVERAL CASES OF TIRE AND GAS THEFTS

People who value their four-wheeled auto-buggies these days of gas and tire rationing would do well to keep them securely locked away in a garage when not in use, judging from the fate that has befallen a few unfortunates within the last week.

On Saturday night last a party from the Dominion Bridge Company (Skl Club in Toronto) came out to spend the week end at "Y" Camp, Norval. The lane leading to the camp was blocked with snow and three cars had to remain parked at the gate for the night. In the morning the girls found that seven wheels, complete with tires and tubes had been neatly removed from two of the cars. Traffic Officer Ray Mason is investigating.

Another case of car tampering occurred a few hundred yards farther along the highway towards Georgetown, a week ago Saturday night, when the A. E. Shain's were disturbed by a noise in their garage at about half past two in the morning. Upon investigation the next morning they found someone had drained the gas tank of the car and had evidently been in the act of trying to take off the spare tire when the lights in the house frightened them away. Traffic Officer Mason is also investigating this case.

### LAWYERS ASSURE DOG HEROES' WELFARE

Stirred by revelations of useless cruelty, dog lovers are urging Congress to protect K-9 veterans, America's valiant canine soldiers, from vivisection. Get this Sunday's (Feb. 4) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, bringing you The American Weekly, with an article on these dog heroes and many more exclusive features.

## 1944 Fair Best in Past Ten Years Annual Meeting Reports Show

Craig Reid Elected President for Third Term — Other Officers Elected—C. E. Herrington Guest Speaker.

### THE WEATHER

By H. I. Huitt  
There are two young peach trees in this vicinity we had intended to watch carefully this spring for the prospects of a fine peach crop. But with the mercury down to 20 and 25 below only a few yards from our tree and Bill Roney's tree only a few hundred yards away and on the same level, we are not counting heavily on the peach crop.

We have not heard a peach peep out of the Niagara district yet, but we know how the growers down there get on their knees and with an anxious look on their faces begin to slice into fruit buds after the weather has been down to 10 or 12 below. One consolation is there was a generous show of fruit buds last fall and they went into the winter in excellent condition. Here are the tell tale records:

Date	H.	L.	Snow-fall
Tues., Jan. 23	23	17	
Wed., Jan. 24	8	2	
Thurs., Jan. 25	13	26	
Fri., Jan. 26	15	-20	
Sat., Jan. 27	24	0	
Sun., Jan. 28	23	6	
Mon., Jan. 29	27	10	

### TWO-ALARM FIRE ON MILTON MAIN STREET, FRIDAY

A two alarm fire occurred on Main Street, Milton, last Friday night, when the frame block owned by Ernest Middleton, and formerly the property of the late E. Byers, very narrowly escaped complete destruction. Damage was estimated at around \$2,000. Maher's Shoe Store, Marshall White's printing office, Chamber's Bakery, Fred Dewar's insurance office, and the apartment of Mrs. Evelyn Black are all included in the building and sustained damage. The fire is said to have started from overheated stove pipes.

The alarm was first sounded at 6.30 p.m. and the blaze extinguished, but apparently it was still active in the partitions of the building for at 8.00 o'clock Miss Dorothy Roffey noticed fire again and turned in a second alarm. By this time it was threatening to gain great headway and if it had gone unnoticed a few minutes longer, the building would have been lost. It is situated between the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Dominion Store, both of which are brick buildings.

### SUDDEN PASSING OF ISABEL McDERMID IN TORONTO SADDENS GEORGETOWN HOME

It was a great shock to her friends in town to learn of the sudden passing of Isabel McIntyre McDermid, popular Georgetown girl, Tuesday, January 23rd. In ill health for the past few months, Miss McDermid had recently returned from a trip to the west and was taken to Toronto Western Hospital for treatment a few weeks ago. Her condition was not believed critical when death came quietly in her sleep.

Born in Georgetown, she was the only daughter of Mrs. John S. McDermid and the late Mr. McDermid. She received her schooling in Georgetown and for the past ten years she had been a member of the local Post Office staff. She was an active member of Georgetown United Church and a valued member of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E., being secretary of that organization. She was also a member of the Bon Temps Club.

To mourn her loss she leaves her mother and one brother, Rev. John A. McDermid, of Brampton. Funeral services from the family residence on Thursday were conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. C. Todd. Pallbearers were Walter Richardson, Douglas Cole, Charles Wilson, J. G. Kennedy, Sam Mackenzie and Howard Wrightworth. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

### M.O.H. REPORT

The M.O.H. presents the following report on communicable diseases for the month of January in Georgetown:

Chickentox	0
Scarlet-Fever	1
Mumps	0
German Measles	0
Diphtheria	0
Infantile Paralysis	0
Typhoid Fever	0
Whooping Cough	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis (Epidemic)	0
Tuberculosis	0

The 96th annual meeting of the Huking Agricultural Society, opening Georgetown Fair, was held in the Municipal Building on Saturday afternoon, January 27th, with a fair attendance. In his address President Craig Reid thanked all those who had assisted in making the 1944 fair, the Huking Corn competition and other projects sponsored by the Society, the grand success they turned out to be. He touched on the various phases of the fair, highlighting the events that proved most attractive to the show, and offered suggestions to bring the weak sections up to par.

The financial report was presented by the Treasurer, P. W. Cleave, and showed the largest increase known in some years. Three years ago the Society had a deficit and this year's statement showed a bank balance of \$900.00 with all obligations met. The Directors agreed that there was no time to rest on our laurels, but that they must continue to strive to make Georgetown fair one of the most outstanding in this section of the province, and on a level with the larger fairs. Many suggestions were put forth for increasing the prize list and providing better entertainment for fair goers.

Mr. C. E. Herrington, President of the Halton County Poultry Association, was guest speaker, and gave a very enlightening talk on poultry from the showman's angle. He said that both the poultry fancier and the brooder of production fowl were both working toward the same goal. Both were working for higher egg production, etc. While the bird fancier endeavored to attain the high egg production and at the same time keep the bird true to type and variety, the production breeder was not so particular as long as production was increasing. "Breeding fancy poultry goes back to the days of 'jungle fowl,'" said Mr. Herrington, "and there are 207 different varieties." He said the Georgetown district was noted for the number of fancy poultry breeders, and compared favourably with any district of the province. Mr. Herrington said the newly organized Halton County Poultry Association would endeavor to co-operate with the fair board, in revising the prize list. He had been an exhibitor at Georgetown Fair for 33 years.

Mrs. Herb. Cleave, Mrs. Spencer Wilson, Craig Reid and G. McIlvray were appointed as delegates to the Ontario Poultry Association Convention to be held in the King Edward Hotel on Feb. 28th and 9th. Directors on the various committees gave reports on last year's work and activities on fair day.

Special mention was made of the success of the Huking Corn competition, the Arts & Crafts display at the fair, school children's work and the light horse show. Members of the Georgetown Arts & Crafts are making a display at the Fair's Convention in Toronto next month at the request of the Department. Mention was also made of the address to be given at the same convention by C. Howitt, Public School Inspector for Halton County on "Effective Planning for an Exhibit of School Children's Work."

The election of officers took place as follows:

Honorary President—Hughes Cleave, M.P.  
Honorary Vice-President—L. E. Fleck.  
President—Craig Reid.  
1st Vice-President—W. J. Alexander.  
2nd Vice-President—Harding Price.  
Treasurer—P. W. Cleave.  
Secretary—Garfield McIlvray.  
Honorary Directors—Nat. Guthrie, Douglas, G. H. Wright, John Bingham, W. A. Wilson, Dr. R. T. Paul, T. L. Leslie, Herb. Cleave.

Board of Directors—G. W. McIlvray, T. J. Brownridge, John Biehn, M. H. Moyer, R. Miller, H. C. Wright, W. C. Cunningham, Walter Carpenter, Spencer Wilson, Frank Felch, Howard May, N. H. Brown, D. Charles, Nelson A. Robinson, James Fisher.

Associate Directors—E. C. McIlvray, John McIlvray, R. Alexander, Rodas McIlvray.

Lady Directors—Mrs. H. Cleave, Mrs. Spencer Wilson, Miss C. McCullough, Miss Elsie Bird, Miss Marjorie Genik.

### CARD OF THANKS

The wife and family of the late William James Allen wish to express their heartfelt thanks to their many friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy shown them in their recent sad bereavement. Also thanks to Rev. A. O. W. Fussman who conducted the funeral services, the pallbearers and all those who so kindly loaned their cars.