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C. E. Herrington Edits New Poultry Paper "Feather Fancier"

Last week-end marked the birth of a new publication "Feather Fancier," printed at the Georgetown Herald Office and edited by Georgetown's well-known chicken man, C. E. Herrington. The first issue is a bright, new four-page sheet, well-supported with advertising and augurs well for the future success of the publication, which will be issued the first of each month. For some time Mr. Herrington has had the idea of such a paper which fills a need for news of a specialized group of poultry breeders in Canada. In addition to these news and advertising of water-fowl, bantams, pet stock and pigeons will be incorporated in the newspaper.

In the first issue are complete reports of the Gushp, Brampton and Hamilton shows with judges' remarks, several informative columns of news and information. The first issue went out to 1500 subscribers, a good percentage of whom manifested their faith in the venture by paying a three-year subscription in advance before even seeing a copy of the paper. Subscribers are already looking forward to the April issue, and new subscribers may secure their copy by addressing "Feather Fancier," Box 236, Georgetown, enclosing \$1 for a year's subscription, or \$3 for a 3-year subscription.

WIFE OF MR. C. G. ENGLISH WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. English, Esq., and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. English, New Toronto, are very proud of their niece, Celia Frances Broad, a pupil of the Grammar School for Girls, Southampton, England, at present evacuated to Bournemouth, who has been awarded the Gamble Scholarship of the equivalent of \$300 a year for three years at Westfield College, University of London.

The following account is taken from an English paper: "She is 17 years old and is the daughter of Mr. H. C. Broad, who has been teaching for the past 2½ years at Fendown and has now returned to teach in Southampton. Miss Broad has had by no means an easy time during the past four years. Her former home at St. James Rd., Southampton, was destroyed by enemy action in June, 1941, her home in Bournemouth was levelled by a parachute mine in November, 1940, and her present address, in Forestside Road, Bournemouth, was also damaged by bombs in November, 1943."

O.A.C. PROFESSOR SPEAKS TO POULTRY ASSOCIATION ON "HYBRIDS"

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown and Halton County Poultry Association was held at the Town Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th. A good turnout was on hand, members being present from Brampton, Milton and Georgetown.

After the regular business was attended to, President C. E. Herrington introduced the special speaker for the evening, Mr. J. McDrath, of the Ontario Agricultural College. Mr. McDrath's main subject was "Hybrids." From his experiments he said you could take two varieties, the one parent with good laying ability and long livability and cross this with a parent just the reverse. The progeny would be a flock carrying most of the characteristics of the better parent. Another result was that by crossing Barred Rocks, that would vary in weight from 5 to 8 lbs. to White Leghorns that would vary in weight from 3 to 5½ lbs., you would produce stock very uniform for size—their weights being from 5 to 5½ lbs.

This proved the case in laying ability also. Breeding a 300-egg parent to a 100-egg parent, the progeny would all hold an average around 200-egg, with no great variation showing.

He stressed the fact that none of this hybrid crossing was necessary if it was possible to get good purebreds and maintain straight breeds. But during the war years, there had been a scarcity of straight breeding stock and the Hybrids had become popular with a lot of farmers.

After his main address, an open forum was held with many interesting questions being asked. Mr. McDrath answered these to the satisfaction of everyone.

The President then called upon Mr. Don Eyles to move a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was unanimously passed.

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

If there is any truth in the old saying that "If March comes in like a lamb she will go out like a lion" there is going to be a heap of growling and roaring in the few weeks that lie ahead of us. For not only the first of March but the first week of it has been quite lamb like. At all events it is best to enjoy the present all we can and not worry too much over things to come. However, we have not yet forgotten that when we chose the 20th of March for our sale when we left the farm a few years ago, there was such a roaring blizzard all day that no one but the auctioneer ventured to come, and when it was postponed for a week there was such a depth of snow on the ground that no cars could travel the roads.

But let us not be too gloomy. For a week or more we have been having fine spring weather and the pre-April showers are taking the snow away with no flooding.

Here are the records for the week:

Date	H.	L.	Rain
Tues., Feb. 27	26	14	
Wed., Feb. 28	34	16	
Thurs., Mar. 1	41	20	
Fri., Mar. 2	39	33	25"
Sat., Mar. 3	45	30	
Sun., Mar. 4	34	13	
Mon., Mar. 5	41	15	

Pte. Percy King Wounded in Action

Word was received by his wife, the former Elsie Bullock, that Pte. Percy King was wounded in action on February 24th. According to his most recent letters, Pte. King has been serving in Germany for a week, and it is surmised his injuries are not serious, as the cable stated he was remaining on duty with his unit.

Pte. King went overseas nearly two years ago with the Lorne Scots. After arriving in England, he was transferred to the Toronto Scottish Regiment, and he went to France with them last July, a month after "D" Day.

MRS. THOMAS BRISTOW DIES IN TORONTO

In ill health for the past two months, Mrs. Thomas Bristow passed away at her home, 909 Dovercourt Rd., Toronto, on Friday, March 2nd. The funeral service was held on Monday from the Myer-Elliott Funeral Chapel, and was conducted by Rev. L. I. Hunter of Westmoreland United Church. Interment was in Park Lawn Cemetery.

The late Mrs. Bristow was born in England. She was predeceased ten years ago by her husband, who was at one time a resident of Georgetown and was a son of the late Mrs. John McNally, whose death occurred a week ago. Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen, a sister and two brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lewis, Georgetown, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNally, Terra Cotta, attended the funeral.

PTE. W. H. BALCH, BROTHER OF MRS. V. BEDELL, MISSING IN ACTION

The home of Mrs. Vaughan Bedell was saddened last Friday when word was received that her brother, Pte. W. H. Balch, was reported missing in action. Bill was born in Somerset, Eng., and came to Canada with his family in 1927, who settled in New Brunswick. Two years later he and Mrs. Bedell moved to Ontario, and until his enlistment early in Sept. 1939 he had made his home with her and her family.

In September of last year he was transferred to the infantry and saw service in France, Belgium and Holland, doing advance patrol duty with "the Essex Scottish Regiment." In one of his recent letters home he stated how he had met Jimmy King of Georgetown and through him had become well acquainted with his sister's new home town, Mrs. Bedell having moved here shortly after her brother proceeded overseas in 1940.

Pte. Balch was due for his 30-day leave this month and had expected to spend his 38th birthday in the return trip home to Canada, which is the 25th of this month. His parents moved to Ontario four years ago and live at Hornby.

MODERATOR'S VISIT GREATLY APPRECIATED

Well-filled pews greeted the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church during his visit to Knox and Limehouse Churches last Sunday morning and afternoon. The services were conducted by the minister, the Rev. Charles Cochran, and two very fine sermons delivered by the Moderator, the Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.

In the morning, Mr. Stewart spoke from a text in 1st Corinthians, "For we are labourers together with God," and he called on every member of the Church to do his part in the life and conduct of the Christian community. The Moderator acknowledged that his office imposed a very heavy burden upon him, and requested the prayers of all Christian people in the discharge of his duties.

The only sure foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ Himself, the Moderator stated; and the Church is built neither upon the man Peter, nor upon a succession of men, but solely upon the revelation of God. "I make no apology," said Mr. Stewart, "for the continued existence of the Presbyterian Church, if we are true to our teachings, to our doctrine, and to the glory of God."

The Moderator then proceeded to ordain the elders-elect, Messrs. Wm. Cromar, Cecil Dolbe and Samuel J. Mackenzie.

Music fitting for the historic occasion was rendered in solos by Miss Mary Moyer, and a duet by Mrs. Herbert Harlow and Miss Jean MacDonald.

At Limehouse in the afternoon, the Moderator chose as his text Mark 4:40: "How is it that ye have no faith?" and Luke 18: "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" The speaker said that there were many storms abroad in the world today, and he forebode men turning to Jesus when all else had failed. Only through faith are these storms to be overcome.

Solos by Mrs. A. W. Norton and Mr. Samson Glsby added beauty and reverence to the service.

PTE. WILLIAM KAY DIES OF WOUNDS

War brought sadness to another Georgetown home last week when Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kay received word that their eldest son, Pte. William Kay had died of wounds.

Born in Georgetown 24 years ago, Pte. Kay moved with his family to Elora at the age of five years; attended school there, later graduating from the School of Practical Science at Calgary and taking a position with the Elora and Fergus Motors. He enlisted in the army in April, 1942, with the Kitchener-Waterloo Regiment. Since arriving overseas he had seen action in France, Belgium and Holland and was recently mentioned for bravery during the battle of Neudorp.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Jack of Georgetown and Gnr. Roland, in England with the Canadian army. Communal sympathy is extended to these in the loss of a brave soldier son and brother.

ASHGROVE

Ashgrove Y.P.U. held an enjoyable skating party in Georgetown Arena on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th. After skating, lunch was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth.

Georgetown Red Cross Needs Workers

HAROLD STALFORD ADDRESSED MEETING

The ladies of the Georgetown Branch of the Red Cross, held what was really an extension of the Red Cross annual meeting, last Tuesday night in the Municipal building. Due to the inclement weather, a large number of the ladies were unable to attend the regular meeting.

The meeting on the 27th was a very good one, and all present seemed enthusiastic over the work planned for the coming year. Mr. Harold Stalford gave the meeting a splendid address on his experience with the Red Cross both in this war and the last war. He couldn't praise the Red Cross work highly enough. Mrs. A. Lawson presided, except for the election of officers, when Mrs. R. Ross took the chair. Mrs. Lawson was elected Vice-President of the local branch. Convener of the cutting of materials at the work rooms were Mrs. D. Livingstone and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. P. W.

REBEKKAH MARATHON EUCHERE SUCCESSFUL

The marathon eucHERE held under the auspices of Verdun "Rebekkah Lodge, No. 184, in the Oddfellows Hall, came to a successful conclusion last Thursday evening, when twenty-two tables were filled for the fifth night, when prizes were presented as follows: Marathon winners, Mrs. E. Tyers and Mrs. V. King tied with a score of 353. Tyers won the draw and had first choice with Mrs. King second. In third place was Miss Rowena Stull with a score of 340. Mrs. Ken. Hunter was fourth 336. Mrs. Harvey Clarke was a close runner-up with 335 and was also presented with a prize.

The high scores for each night were as follows: Miss Olive Logan 112, Mrs. A. Wilson 103, Mrs. H. Bailey 92, Miss Rowena Stull 91, consolation Miss L. Francis 263.

There was a tie also for the nearest to half the high and low score added together which was 303—Mrs. Jimmie Britton and Miss Wilma Stull having to out with Mrs. Britton winning. Miss Stull received a small prize also.

The high score for last Thursday evening was held by Miss Florie Alcott with Mrs. Jack McEhobon second and Mrs. R. Kay consolation.

A sandwich and a cup of tea was served, and after a few remarks from the Noble Grand, Mrs. Myrtle Dron, a successful marathon eucHERE was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Franklin-Benton, Limehouse

Martha Jane Franklin-Benton died very suddenly at the home of her son at Limehouse on Tuesday, Feb. 20th. Born at Limehouse in 1878, the daughter of James D. Lane and Hannah Havers she spent all her life in Esquimaux township. Following her marriage to Arthur William Franklin-Benton in 1904 the couple resided in Acton for thirteen years, since when they have made their home at Limehouse. Following the death of her husband two years ago she had lived with her son Arthur.

Of five children born to them, two sons mourn the loss of a quiet, loving mother, Arthur William at Limehouse, and John Ritchie, of R. R. 4 Acton. There are three grandsons.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. C. C. Cochran was held on Feb. 22nd, with services at her son's home and in Limehouse Presbyterian Church where she was a member. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs. T. H. Price, J. M. Newton, W. O. Marshall, S. M. Wright, Sam Glsby and Jos. Scott.

Church Choirs Combine For Choral Effort

A real treat for music lovers is in store later this month when some 60 members of the choirs of St. George's, Knox, the United and Baptist Churches will present the cantata "Olivet to Calvary." Ministers from three of the churches are assisting in the choral work to the extent of taking solo parts and soloists from each church also have important roles.

The work is under the direction of Miss Lynda Stewart, ATCM, assisted by organists of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches. The cantata will be presented in the United Church on Thursday, March 29th. This is a date which every music lover will want to keep in mind.

SOFT ICE FOR BAND CARNIVAL

Due to the mild weather last week the ice at the Arena was not the best for a successful skating carnival, but a very good crowd turned out with quite a number of costumes. Major H. C. McClure was master-of-ceremonies and handled the microphone during the evening. The judges for the costume events were Mrs. McClure and Mrs. J. L. Lambert.

The winners of the races and costume prizes were as follows:

Boys' race under 12 yrs.—1st, Keith Fay, Milton; 2nd, Bud Varey, Georgetown; Boys' race 12 to 16 years—1st, Frank Anderson, Georgetown; 2nd, Jim Goldham, Georgetown. Girls' race under 12 years, 1st Delores Herrington, Georgetown; 2nd, Belle Tennant, Georgetown. Girls' race 12 to 16 years, 1st, Marie Hulme, Georgetown; 2nd, Jean Tyler, Georgetown.

Best National costume—Billie McCormack; best comic costume—Ronald Denham; best Negro costume, Mrs. Elsie Hillier; best skating couple—Mr. and Mrs. Marsell, Oakville; oldest skating couple, Mr. W. Greensward and Mrs. Hillier.

Following the racing and costume events the Lorne Scots Band and some members of the Boys' Band provided music for skating.

Friends Welcome Lieut. Russ Firestine Back to Georgetown

Saturday was a big day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tennant, John Street, when friends gathered to welcome Lieut. Russ Firestine back to Georgetown. Wounded on August 20 while serving with the Canadian army in France, Lieut. Firestine was invalided home to Canada and arrived in Toronto in January where he has since been receiving treatment at Chortley Park Military Hospital. Recently he has been transferred to Christie St. Hospital and his "48" last weekend was the first opportunity he has had to renew acquaintances in town.

The reception was the first to be arranged by the Reception Committee of the Georgetown Rehabilitation Council, which plans to welcome back all returned servicemen in an organized way, and to show the gallant lads from this district that Georgetown truly appreciates the sacrifices they have made.

Lieut. Firestine arrived at the Tennant home in a car driven by Mr. D. Brill and was greeted by a "Welcome Home" sign on the flag-draped house. Among those who were on hand to greet him besides the Tennant family, were: Mayor Harold Gleave, Lt.-Col. G. B. S. Cousins, Major Harold McClure, Cr. Garfield McGilvray, Q.M.S. Henry Shepherd, W. E. Nodwell and Walter Blehn. Mr. Nodwell took several pictures of the group and it is hoped to have one of these available for insertion in next week's Herald.

Lieut. Firestine suffered a bad leg injury which required grafting a bone from his good right leg in order to repair the injured one. It will be some time before he can discard the crutches, but the leg is responding favourably to treatment and will eventually be 100% again.

C. G. I. T.

The Canadian Girls in Training met in the Sunday Schoolroom of the United Church at 7:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 27th.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Virginia Chapman. The meeting opened with the C.G.I.T. hymn, followed by the C.G.I.T. purpose.

The leader, Mrs. Jeffery, took the worship service. The secretary, Joan Lyon, read the minutes of the last meeting. In the business period it was decided that the next meeting would be a work meeting at which would be made silhouette pictures.

The meeting continued with mission study from the book "Second Pioneers." The girls then played some games and the meeting closed with "Taps."

By Virginia Chapman.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS. JOHN McNALLY

A funeral service was held from the home of her son, Charles McNally at Terra Cotta last Wednesday for Mrs. John McNally, who passed away the previous Monday. Rev. J. L. Self was the officiating minister and pallbearers were Jos. McBride, Gerlad Downer, Harvey Puckling, Jack Edge, Fred McNally and Wesley Rutledge. Interment was in Glen Williams Cemetery.

The annual Red Cross drive for funds has now begun, and on behalf of all the men and women serving in the Allied Armed Forces, we ask that you give as generously as you possibly can, when the canvasser calls at your home.

There is no need to elaborate on how very much the vital services performed by the Red Cross, are needed. Letters home from the men "over there", are the best testimonials you could ever have. Whether they be wounded, serving on the field of battle, flying planes, sailing ships, or in a German prison camp, the Red Cross is making their lot easier, and in an untold number of cases, saves their lives. The Red Cross is needed more today than it has ever been, now that we have actually come to grips with the enemy on his own soil. Give generously that their services may be carried on, and extended.

The campaign organization for the local branch has been completed, with the following committee in charge.

Chairmen—Ward 1, Ralph Ross; Ward 2 (S. CNR) J. D. Kelly; Ward 2 (N. CNR) Harry Savings; Ward 3 William Deans; Glen Williams Village, William Schenk; Glen Williams Rural, John Bingham; Norval, Howard May; Stewartown, K. C. Lindsay; Limehouse, A. W. Benton.

List of canvassers assisting above chairman will be published next week.

PTE. CLARENCE FREESTONE HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Pte. Clarence Freestone, 23, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Freestone of Georgetown, is the latest Georgetown man to arrive home after service overseas. A member of the 48th Highlanders, he is spending 30 days leave in town. Overseas since August, 1940, Pte. Freestone was wounded two days before Christmas of 1943, by the explosion of an 80mm. gun during the battle of Ortona. He was in a field hospital in Sicily for two months, then was returned to England for further hospital treatment before coming home.

FIRST PANSIES OF 1945

Mrs. George Herrington brought a lovely nosegay of pansies to the office on Tuesday. The hardy little flowers are blooming in her rock garden between two banks of snow. Can anyone beat this record?

HORNBY

An unusually large number attended the eucHERE and dance in the Orange Hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th, under the auspices of the Women's Institute. All seemed to have a good time and returned home about three a.m.

The Official Board of Hornby charge of the United Church of Canada met for the transaction of business at the Parsonage on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 27th. The minister presided and Mr. Emerson Ford acted as secretary. There was a good number present from all three churches on the charge. Reports were received of the work of all departments of the church for the past year, which were highly satisfactory. The total amount of money raised was \$293, of which \$263 was given to the missionary and maintenance fund. Mr. John T. Ford was elected Recording Steward for another year, and Mr. Thos. Douglas was elected lay representative to Presbytery and conference. A motion was passed agreeing to adoption of the new plan for the support of the Pension fund of the church, namely a payment of an amount equal to 5% of salary paid to the minister. A pupil supply committee consisting of Messrs. Thos. Douglas, Thos. Brownridge and Percy Merry was appointed.

A large number attended the March meeting of the Women's Association held at the parsonage on Thursday afternoon last, March 1st. After a short business session in charge of the president, Mrs. Clifford Wrigglesworth; busy fingers in record time completed a quilting. Lunch was then served by the hostess and a social time enjoyed over the tea cups. It was decided to hold a cyncholine social some evening near St. Patrick's day.

We thought we had enough snow to last for many weeks yet, but it is surprising how so much of it has disappeared both from fields and roads during the past week. It is surely good to be able to drive on bare road beds once more. There are signs of an early spring, such as the return of the robins and flights of geese winging their way north, and never have we seen the grass and fall wheat so green when the deep covering of snow has been removed.