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## RED CROSS DRIVE ALMOST THROUGH BE GENEROUS

### A. B. "Delly" Beaumont Survives Trentonian Sinking

An official announcement from naval headquarters on Monday told of the loss of the corvette Trentonian as a result of enemy action. Many people in the Glen district have already heard the news for one of the crew members, A. B. "Delly" Beaumont, has been home on "survivors leave" for the past few weeks, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Beaumont of Glen Williams.

The corvette was the fourth lost since D-Day and the tenth since the outbreak of war. It was on daylight convoy duty when a well-placed enemy torpedo struck and the ship sank in ten minutes. Survivors were picked up by Royal Navy motor launches. The only crew member reported killed in action was Lt. G. K. Stephen, of Toronto, and five ratings are also listed as missing. The 95 remaining members of the crew were saved.

A. B. Beaumont was in the water some five hours before being picked up, and rescue came none too soon, as his exposure was gradually weakening him and he couldn't have held out much longer. Prior to enlistment he was an outstanding athlete and prominent in Toronto amateur hockey circles.

### Arthur George Clark Buried at Norval

A former resident of this district, Arthur George Clark, died at his home at Frenchman's Bay, Pickering Township, on Tuesday, March 20th. He was in his 76th year. A son of John Clark and Jane Currie, pioneers of Chinguacousy Township, he was born on the farm first taken up by his grandfather when he came to this country, on the 3rd line West, Lot 16, Chinguacousy.

Mr. Clark married Ellen Jane Cook, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cook, 10th Line, Esquimaux, who survives her husband. After their marriage they farmed in Chinguacousy until about 1909, when they moved to Toronto for a short time, and then to their present residence in Pickering Township. There are two brothers surviving Mr. Clark, Lewis of Norval and Fred of British Columbia; a niece, Mrs. Alex. McKinney, R. R. 2, Brampton, and two nephews, Harold Lyons, Norval and Clarence Lyons, Cheltenham, also survive.

A funeral service was held at the McKeechne Funeral Home, Pickering, on Thursday evening, March 22nd, and a further service in Mount Pleasant United Church, Friday, March 23rd. Rev. F. J. Dunlop and Rev. J. A. Leese conducted the service in Mount Pleasant. Interment was in Norval Cemetery.

### H. L. Hutt Speaks to Junior Red Cross

A meeting of the Georgetown Public School Branch of the Junior Red Cross was held on Friday, March 23 at 3 p.m. in the Assembly Room. The president, Pauline Herrington, occupied the chair. The meeting opened with a few remarks by the President concerning Junior Red Cross activities, during which she outlined some of the services which the funds support. A brief business period followed.

Reports by the Secretary, Treasurer and Circulation Manager were read and dealt with. The treasurer's report showed that \$110.24 had been raised this year, of which \$98.96 had been paid out through donations and incidental expenditures.

Following the business session, a brief programme was presented. This consisted of songs from Grades I, II, and VIII, a recitation from Grade 6, a health play from Grade 5 entitled "The Defeat of King Disease," and a brief address by Prof. H. L. Hutt.

In his talk, Mr. Hutt told about some of his many hobbies, the accounts of which proved very interesting and instructive. As he described various hobbies, he recommended several to the boys and girls, encouraging them to select at least one during their lifetime. Some of those suggested were: Stamp collecting; coin collecting; keeping of a diary, containing especially some interesting facts about nature; keeping a garden, the growing of flowers; observing weather conditions. The pupils and staff always enjoy a visit from Mr. Hutt and look forward to having a visit from him again.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

### THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

The usual salutation these days is "Isn't this wonderful weather?" And well they might exclaim when the temperature Monday, the 28th of March, rose to 80 in the shade. The next question asked is "Is it going to last?" We are not a forecaster, and have learned the most uncertain things are the weather and a horse race. The only hope we have on it is what we get from the frogs and birds and vegetation. And they all say "Don't be a dummy, enjoy it when you can and be thankful."

The frogs have been piping night and day for nearly two weeks, and yesterday they were in full chorus. The old basso profundos booming so joyously they nearly drowned out the tenors and sopranos. The winter birds are so busy with their spring courting, they have no time to come and look at their winter feeding ground. Even the cheery English sparrow and greedy blue-jays are ashamed to look for more grain; and the early summer birds such as flickers and mourning doves are back nearly three weeks earlier than last year. And to cap the climax, Chris, our prize-garden neighbour has his beets, carrots, lettuce, and garden peas soon and early potatoes planted. But not any more of the latter than the stair and parlour carpet will cover in case frosts come again when the tops are too high to cover with earth.

Following are the official figures for last week:

Date	H. & L.	Rain-Temp.	fall
Tues., Mar. 20	55	40	83
Wed., Mar. 21	45	32	79
Thurs., Mar. 22	41	29	75
Fri., Mar. 23	53	36	81
Sat., Mar. 24	60	43	88
Sun., Mar. 25	63	49	91
Mon., Mar. 26	80	54	108

### ACTIVE SERVICE NOTES

Pte. Herb. Preston, who transferred recently from the ROCAF to the army, is now in training in Camp Borden.

Ivan Francis Tait, youngest grandson of Mrs. Frank Beattie, of Lindsay and Georgetown, is reported missing in an air raid over Germany on Mar. 16. He had been overseas since the early Fall of 1944. His elder brother, John Binnie Tait, has recently returned to Canada with a heart condition, after three years' service overseas.

Sgtm. Clifford Davison, serving with the Canadian forces in Germany, has sent home a swastika arm-band to his brother, Harold, and it is on display in the Herald window this week.

Among Georgetown men home on leave last week were: Pte. Walter Cook, Simcoe; Cadet Bill Kelly, Brockville; L.-Opl. Howard Hillock, Camp Borden; Pte. Wm. F. Smith, Bowmanville.

George F. Nixon, of Middletown, Connecticut, son of J. Fred Nixon, formerly of Ashgrove, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He is in command of 181st Quartermaster Battalion of the American Forces somewhere in France.

We are pleased to learn that the wounds received in action on the Western front by Pte. Wheldon Emmerson were not of a serious nature and he is well on the way to recovery.

When Barbara Cousins is home on leave from Sydney, N.S., with her parents, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. B. S. Cousins.

Bdr. Bill Anderson is home on leave from Prince Albert, Sask.

LAC Albert Whitney has arrived overseas according to word just received by his parents.

Gdsman Jack Whitney has returned to Windsor having completely recuperated from his recent operation.

### DISASTROUS FIRE IN GEORGETOWN'S NAMESAKE

A letter received this week from his son, Capt. A. M. Bruyne, by Mr. A. G. M. Bruyne, tells of a disastrous fire which swept through the business district of Georgetown, British Guiana. Two banks and a large department store were among the buildings destroyed.

Capt. Bruyne, who was badly injured in an accident last October 1st, is now in hospital in Miami, and it will be several months yet before he is completely recovered. At time of the accident, he was serving with the Dutch forces at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana. His injuries included both legs and both arms broken.

### OVERSEAS PADRE SPEAKS AT UNITED CHURCH

Capt. J. Y. Fraser of the Reconditioning Dept. in Brampton spoke to a large congregation in the United Church Sunday evening. Rev. R. C. Todd conducted the service which was especially for relatives and friends of the men and women whose names are on the Honour Roll. The Roll was read and prayer was made for each. The flowers in the Church were in memory of Carl Hyde recently killed on Active Service, and placed there by members of his family. Miss Ruth Evans rendered a beautiful solo: "Open the Gates of the Temple." The offertory was played by Mr. S. T. Farham, as a violin solo, "The Palmes".

Capt. Fraser, himself a casualty, spoke of the problems of the men away from home, particularly those of returning service personnel, pointing out the necessity of giving them comradeship, and a cause towards which to direct the restless energy generated by the tension under which they have lived. "They have been fighting whole-heartedly in a cause," he said, "and they will need cause when they come home. Their cause and the cause of the Church are closely related. Let the Church enlist them in the fight to eradicate the sin and evil in our midst which cause war and injustice. Let the Church give them comradeship." "In many cases," he said, "the therapeutic of religion will be needed to heal wounded minds. In cases of moral failure, there is nothing like the great Christian doctrine of forgiveness of sins. If any have failed morally, let them know that the soul with the broken pinion CAN soar as high again."

### Fred Spire Names New Plant Newspaper

At Smith & Stone, Ltd., a contest was run last month, to find the most suitable name for the new plant newspaper. From the 72 entries in the contest, Fred Spire's suggestion was voted the best, and as a prize he received a Ten Dollar War Savings certificate. The name submitted by Fred was "The Stamp". The letters of the word "Stamp" are formed by the first letters of all the manufacturing departments in the plant, i.e. Shipping, Toolroom, Assembly, Molding and Pottery. The whole design of the masthead makes a very attractive heading for the newspaper.

### BRITAIN'S GREAT WAR PRIME MINISTER DIES

David Lloyd George, Britain's Prime Minister in the first Great War, died at his Welsh home on March 26, after an illness of a few months. One of the Old Country's top-ranking statesmen, he had sat in parliament for 54 of his 82 years, and served as Prime Minister in the Coalition government from 1916 to 1922.

### Gnr. Sidney Reeve Home in Toronto After 5 Years Overseas

Gnr. Sidney Reeve, who has been serving in England with the R.C.A. for the past five years, arrived home in Toronto on St. Patrick's Day, and is spending a thirty-day leave there with his wife and family. Gnr. Reeve has two sons, Ronnie, age 14, and Norman 12. Ronnie who just recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is at present in Georgetown visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Reeve.

## \$5,500 Already Subscribed In Red Cross Campaign

Georgetown and district's contribution to the National Red Cross Campaign has now reached a total of \$5,500, in the third and final week of the drive. The objective for our area is \$6000 and LeRoy Dale, K.C., President of the Red Cross and chairman of the drive, is confident that the \$6000 mark will be reached and passed.

The Western Front is in the throes of the most decisive and bloody battles of the war. Give generously to the Red Cross so that the life-giving supplies of blood plasma and medical aid may be adequate for this greatest of all emergencies.

Among the larger donations received are the following:

L. E. Fleck	\$ 25.00
P. R. Watson	20.00
Mrs. J. R. G. Sutherland	30.00

### Pte. Ed. Shortill Home From Italy On Rotation Leave

Another Georgetown soldier returning home from overseas last week in the person of Pte. Ed. B. Shortill, who arrived at Toronto Union Station early Thursday morning. For the next thirty days he will spend a thirty-day leave with relatives in Toronto and Georgetown, after which he reports to No. 2 District Depot, Toronto.

Pte. Shortill is one of those who was granted the five-year rotation leave for service overseas. He enlisted on September 18th, 1939, and was one of a group of Georgetown men recruited by the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. After a short period of training in Winnipeg, he arrived in England on the last day of December, 1939, and was in training in the Old Country until the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, since when he has been with the Canadian forces in Italy. He has many pleasant recollections of time spent in England and speaks highly of the warm welcome accorded Canadian soldiers by the British. More reticent on discussing life in Italy, he sums it up in the phrase "I'm glad to be back in Canada."

Pte. Shortill is the possessor of the Canadian Efficiency Decoration, awarded to him for 18 years of army service, part of which was spent as a member of the local LoRne Scots Reserve prior to his active army service. It was some time since he had seen any familiar faces in Italy and he recalls that the last such meeting was last November when he met a number including Bruce Harley, Fred Toet, Jack Watson and Bill Collier.

### Large Crowd Enjoys Agricultural Society Social Evening

A large crowd of district residents enjoyed a supper and dance in Norval on Thursday night sponsored by the Agricultural Society. There were 36 tables of supper, after which refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed to Barden's Orchestra. Mr. Craig Reid, president of the Society, welcomed the guests and announced that net proceeds of \$26.00 would be turned over to the Red Cross to help the current campaign for funds.

Buohre prize-winners were Mr. L. Bousfield, Hymny; Miss Edith Squires, Mr. John Schertel and Mrs. T. Giffin and Mrs. K. King, who were tied for fourth prize.

### Further News About Cpl. Hedley Shaw Received From Ottawa

Encouraging news was received recently from Ottawa, by Mrs. Hedley Shaw, whose husband Cpl. Hedley Shaw, was reported missing in action in Holland on February 20th. The word was to be considered unofficial, but authorities wrote that he had good reason to believe he was a prisoner-of-war.

### Local Woman Bereft of Brother in Alberta

The sad news was received recently by Mrs. W. G. Marshall that her brother, George K. Robertson, passed away on Friday, March 16th at his home at High River, Alberta.

Born in Erin Township, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson. Also surviving are three other sisters, Mrs. William Graham, Mrs. John Shortt and Miss Florence Robertson, all of Erin.

### G. H. S. Glee Club Concert Nets \$50 For Red Cross

#### Cpl. Carl Hyde Killed in Germany

The sad news was received last week that Cpl. Carl Alfred Hyde had been killed in action in Germany. He was in his 30th year. Sympathy of the community is extended to his wife, the former Agnes Isley, and their children Anne and Rodney; also to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde and family.

Before enlisting with the Engineers on July 1 1940, Cpl. Hyde was employed by G. R. Muckart, plumbing and heating contractors. He trained at Camp Borden until August, 1940, when he went overseas. He has served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Cpl. Hyde is survived also by three brothers and one sister: William and Walter, Georgetown, Winnifred, Toronto and LAC Ernest, RCAP, Ottawa.

#### Soldier Writes Re Town Controversy

Italy, 19th Feb, 1945

Dear Madam Editor:

I recently received copies of the pre-election and post-election editions of the Herald and was much interested in the discussion which took place on the merits of the Municipality taking over the arena and the former Bank of Montreal Building.

There seems to be a good deal of doubt as to the soundness of these transactions. To my mind, both were very wise moves. The arena as it now stands can be put to many valuable uses as a recreational centre for the young and old of our town, and under the present capable management should afford much pleasure to all. The new Municipal Building is certainly a far more fitting place in which to hold council meetings than was the previous cramped and unpretentious location. Our town is one in which we have the deepest pride and it is only right that we should provide a suitable place for its business to be conducted.

The thought has just struck me, that a simple solution for obtaining an opinion on this matter would be to conduct a "miniature Gallup Poll" on the corner of Main and Mill streets on a Saturday night when the week end shoppers are out in force. If one or two people were to ask each passer-by a question such as "Do you feel that the Municipal Building and Arena are an asset to our town?" or a similar question, it would not only settle the problem, but also give an insight as to the interest taken in the important municipal issues.

Very truly yours,  
"Seedee"

#### Stewarttown

The members of St. John's Church voted to send cigarettes to the boys overseas and chocolate to the one girl. It is hoped they will arrive in time for Easter.

Miss Eleanor Smith went to Clifford last Thursday to assist on the Commemoration program at the High School there. She was the week end guest of Miss Kelsey, formerly a teacher at Stewarttown.

The W.A. meeting last week was a quilting at the home of Mrs. John Bird.

Miss Margaret Bird has returned to Clarkson after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Bird for a couple of weeks. Congratulations to Stoker and Mrs. Stewart Simpson (formerly Joan Young) who were married last Saturday. Mrs. Roy Smith was matron of honour and Mr. Douglas Lawson was best man.

The Easteride services at St. John's Church are: Good Friday—Service at 3 p.m. Easter Sunday—Holy Communion 9 a.m.; Children's Service, with presentation of Lenten boxes 2 p.m.; Evensong with Easter hymns and sermon 3 p.m.

#### Glen Williams

Jimmy Cain, who has been a patient in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, for the past two weeks, returned to his home on Sunday.

Mrs. I. Bullivant and Miss Anne Bullivant of Hamilton are staying here, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMenemy.

Miss Rose Marie Robinson, who is a patient in Guelph General Hospital, is now improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stamp and Marion spent the week end with relatives in Toronto.

Over \$50 was realized and turned over to the Georgetown Red Cross at a Glee Club concert sponsored by the students of Georgetown High School and held in Knox Church last Thursday night. An excellent program of chorus numbers, solos, duets, piano, solos and instrumentals and recitations was enjoyed by the audience.

Mr. Walter Carpenter, Principal, was chairman for the evening, and the school music was under the direction of Mrs. J. Morrison (the former Thelma Cappel). Selections by the Glee Club Chorus included such well-known favourites as "Czechoslovakian Dance Song," "Fair Land of Freedom" and "Come to the Fair." Vocal soloists in the program were Norman Long, "Give Me a Ship"; Darrell Dawson, "Love's a Merchant"; June Clarke "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"; Marion Hepburn, "Homing" and Mary Moyer, "Bless This House." Ross Petch and James Burns played the beautiful "The Holy City" as a euphonium duet. Margaret Bradley's piano solos "Ballad" by Chopin and the "Danse Negre" were much appreciated. Joan Lavole and Pauline Norton sang very sweetly "Santa Lucia" and "Smilin' Thru" as duets. Doryne Mulholland's recitations were well done, especially the one entitled "The Last Hymn." Elocution numbers by Ruth Armstrong of Brampton were also enjoyed. The program came to a fitting conclusion with a medley of War Songs by the chorus which the audience joined them in singing.

Kenneth Harrison and Mrs. J. Morrison were pianists for the evening. Before the National Anthem was sung, Joan Lavole presented Mrs. Morrison, with a lovely bouquet on behalf of the members of the Glee Club.

### Injured in Normandy, Pte. Ted Rogers, Back in Canada

Pte. E. J. (Ted) Rogers, veteran of a year's service overseas with the Tank Corps, arrived in Georgetown last Friday morning, where he will spend a thirty-day leave with his family. Pte. Rogers trained at Camp Borden prior to going overseas in the spring of 1944 and was in England only a short while before embarking for Normandy soon after "D" Day. He was injured in a motorcycle accident in France and received a badly broken arm and fractured ankle, and has been convalescing in England since then.

Pte. Rogers' father is also a veteran of the war, having served overseas for some time. He returned to Canada about the same time Ted left for overseas and is back at work in town after receiving his honourable discharge from the forces. Prior to enlistment, Pte. Rogers was employed at the Alliance Paper Mills, Ltd.

### Terra Cotta

Real estate is sure on the move in Terra Cotta this spring. Mr. J. E. Rutledge we understand has purchased the 50-acre farm on the Town Line from Mr. John Gordon Stringer, better known as the old Stringer Homestead, having been in that name for over 100 years. The consideration we learn was \$1,800. Success to you Ted.

Mr. J. Eaves we are sorry to learn had to be taken to Toronto hospital for treatment. We are also pleased to learn that he had a very successful operation and at present writing is making good progress towards recovery. His many friends here hope soon to hear of his complete recovery. Seeding will soon be the order of the day.

Mr. R. J. Stringer has moved into Mr. George Townsend's house on Maple Ave., this week.

Miss Laughton of Toronto spent the week end at her home here, Mr. and Mrs. Mackie of Toronto spent the week end at their old home here. Mrs. Mackie had the misfortune of falling on the ice and fracturing her wrist. We also hope that she will soon be able to be around again as usual.

Mr. Charlie McNally attended the funeral of his uncle, the late Mr. L. Britton of Toronto. Mr. Britton was favourably known here, and we all extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

The Misses Wrights of Toronto spent the week end at their cottages here.