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Georgetown Citizens Mourn Passing Of Great American President

Memorial Service Held at St. George's—Legion, Lorne Scots and Council in Parade

In company with citizens of all municipalities throughout Canada, Georgetown residents heard with shocked incredulity last Thursday, the news that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States, had died suddenly at Warm Springs, Ga. It was a great loss, not only to his own countrymen, but to all free-loving nations as well, to whom Roosevelt stood as the champion of the Four Freedoms and the strong supporter of an international force for the future preservation of world peace.

Succeeding him to the presidency is former Vice-President Truman, who took office a few hours after the President's demise and on whose shoulders fall much of the burden of future world problems.

Georgetown's regret was expressed from all church pulpits at the Sunday services, with St. George's Church of England holding a special memorial service. The church was filled to overflowing with a church parade which included members of Branch 120, Canadian Legion, the Lorne Scots Reserve, Legion W.A., Town Council and Municipal Officials, and the Lorne Scots Band and Girls' Pipe Band. The pastor, Ven. W. G. O. Thompson, presided over the service for the late President, and in his sermon stressed particularly the fact that Roosevelt had been a man whose religion was an every-day part of his life and who counted on God's support in his onerous duties.

GATES - SNOW WEDDING

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday, April 7th, in Ballinacraig United Church, when Annie Rhoads, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Snow, became the bride of Horatio Archibald, younger son of Mr. Bruce and the late Mrs. Gates of Milton, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was becomingly attired in a floor-length gown of white tulle over satin. She wore a finger-tip veil and carried a bouquet of red roses. The bride was attended by her sister, Lydia, as maid of honour, and Miss Betty MacCaskill as bridesmaid. They wore matching floor-length gowns of figured celanese organza—that of the maid of honour worn over pink, and that of the bridesmaid, over pale green taffeta. They wore short net veils caught up by pink flowers and corsages of pink snapdragons. The groomsmen were Mr. Peter Smith, of Hamilton, cousin of the groom.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. A. Vannatter, of Georgetown. During the signing of the register, Mrs. F. J. Shortall rendered a lovely solo, "The Sunshine of Your Smile."

A reception followed at the bride's home, the bride's mother receiving in a blue two-piece dress and wearing a corsage of white roses. She was assisted by the groom's sister, Miss Dorothy Gates, wearing a black dress and corsage of white roses.

Following the reception, the happy couple left on a motor trip through the Niagara peninsula, the bride wearing a wine dress, dark green topcoat, green hat and white leather gloves, the gift of the groom. The bride's gift to the groom was a morocco leather billfold. They will reside near Milton.



PTE. WILLIAM H. BALCH

killed in action in Germany on February 9th, was a brother of Mrs. Vaughan Bedell, Georgetown. Also surviving are his parents and youngest sister at Hornby, two sisters in New Brunswick, and a brother, Jack Balch, of Hamilton. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

REBEKAH UNKNOWN FRIEND PARTY

On Thursday evening last the annual Unknown Friend Party of Verdun Rebekah Lodge No. 184 was held at the Lodge Rooms when at 7 o'clock sixty five members sat down to a delicious salad supper arranged under a committee composed of the four group leaders, assisted by members of each group. The group leaders were: Mrs. W. G. Marshall, Mrs. W. Mendham, Mrs. Fred McNally, Mrs. Alf. Collins.

The tables were very pretty, decorated with pink and green paper, baby bear plants and lighted candles, and the artistically wrapped parcels served as place cards. After all had partaken of the good things on the table, Mrs. Myrtle Dron, Noble Grand, asked all to stand and join in singing the National Anthem, after which there was a minute of silence in respect to Franklin D. Roosevelt, our good neighbour to the South, who that afternoon had suddenly passed on.

The following toasts were then proposed and responded to: The Unknown Friend, proposed by Mrs. Pearl Lalico and responded to by Mrs. Aileen Bradley; Our Lodge, proposed by Mrs. Lillian Ritchie and responded to by Mrs. Edna McGibbon. Then came the long awaited moment when the parcels were opened and each found out who their Unknown Friend had been and the basket was passed around and a new Unknown Friend chosen for the next year. The rest of the evening was spent in games, sing-songs and a mock wedding arranged by the four groups and their leaders.

ARMSTRONG-MILLER WEDDING AT BRANTFORD

Adorned with pink and white carnations and snapdragons, Trinity Anglican Church, Brantford, was the scene of a military wedding on April 7th, when Pte. Betty Estella Miller, CWAC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Brantford, became the bride of L. Cpl. Arthur Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, Georgetown, Rev. T. D. Paine officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her uniform and a corsage of sweet peas. Her only attendant, Pte. Judy Chablin, CWAC, was also in uniform and wore a similar corsage. Cpl. Joseph Kelly was best man and Kenneth Remning was usher.

Receiving at the Kerby House, Mrs. Miller wore a blue frock with navy blue accessories and corsage of sweet peas. Mrs. Armstrong, assisting, wore mauve with blue accessories and similar corsage.

Preston-Wagstaffe Wedding at St. Alban's

St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glen Williams, was the scene of a pretty wedding at 10:30 Saturday morning, when Ruth Marjorie Wagstaffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy D. Wagstaffe, Glen Williams, became the bride of Trooper Herbert Preston, Camp Borden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Preston, Glen Williams, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a street-length powder blue frock with matching blue flower hat. She carried a bouquet of deep red roses and bouvardia. The bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. John Wagstaffe, was matron of honour, in a brown tailored suit, and green accessories. She carried pink roses. Mr. John Wagstaffe, brother of the bride, was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Preston, had a wedding breakfast at their home, at which immediate relatives and a few out-of-town guests were present. For going away, the bride changed to a navy topcoat, with navy accessories.

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

Nearly every one has an opinion to offer on the weather. All are agreed that for the greater part of the month it has been delightful, but some who like all sunshine have been calling the weather the last few days "miserable" when as a matter of fact it has been more reasonable, and has helped to hold vegetation back a little so that serious injury may not be so likely should we get some frosts later.

We usually look for lots of showers in April, but it is not until the middle of the month that we are beginning to get them. So far the season is between three and four weeks ahead of normal.

Following are the records for the past week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Rain-fall
Tues., April 10	79 38	
Wed., April 11	79 40	
Thurs., April 12	76 42	
Fri., April 13	79 50	
Sat., April 14	60 40	
Sun., April 15	45 24	
Mon., April 16	53 33	.28"

Social and Personal

Miss Judith and Master Jamie Meek of Crewson's Corners, spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McCals.

Mrs. Eric Alan of St. Thomas was a visitor in town yesterday.

Stan Hall, M.P.P. of Streetsville was in town on Tuesday.

LAW Jean Mackenzie and LAW Kathleen Esham, of St. Thomas spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Tedder and sons Tom and Bob of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laws.

Major and Mrs. Roger Guyot, of Toronto, visited friends in Georgetown and the Glen one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir Reid, of Toronto, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reid.

Miss Eileen Reid, of Niagara-on-the-Lake is visiting her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid.

Mrs. Walker Belyea and two sons, Edwin, RCNVR, and Joe, of Toronto, spent the week end at their summer home at the 8th Line Crossroad.

Miss Betty Groves, and Miss V. Clark, of Toronto, were guests at "Wildwood" with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baitkin last week end.

Mr. Percy D. Wagstaffe, Glen Williams, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, last Thursday, where he is seriously ill.

Mr. Harvey Dewhurst attended the funeral services for the late Harry Matthews in Stratford last Wednesday, and served as an honorary pall-bearer.

Out-of-town guests at the Preston-Wagstaffe wedding on Saturday included Major and Mrs. Roger Guyot, Toronto, and Mrs. James Preston and family, Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter with Mrs. A. Leggett of Beauharnois, Quebec, attended the one hundred and first convocation of Knox College, Toronto, in the college chapel last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. B. Gollop of Milton, visited friends in town last Thursday. Mrs. Gollop will soon be leaving Milton to make her home with her daughter and son-in-law who have recently moved from British Columbia to Kitchener, Ontario.

Misses Helen and Evelyn McCals were hostesses at their home recently, when members of the 3-M Club gathered to make a presentation in honour of Miss Annie Snow, a recent bride. The room and bride's chair were attractively decorated with pink and white streamers. During the evening, games were enjoyed, after which gifts were presented to the bride. A salad plate luncheon was served from a table centered with a bride's cake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McKinley, of Toronto, were week end visitors with Mr. P. B. and Miss Hazel Harrison,

Capt. W. D. Murray, of Pointe Claire, Quebec, was visiting in town yesterday.

Some 250 friends from the surrounding district gathered in Norval Parish Hall last Friday evening to honour Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee (the former Gertrude Watson). Rev. J. L. Self was chairman for the evening and Messrs. Don Dobson and Archie Fuller provided music for dancing. The new-yeds were presented with a chest of silver and a purse on behalf of those present, by Betty McClure and Roy Thompson. Mrs. Jack McDonald read the address. Rev. J. L. Self was chairman for the delightful program which followed. Included were vocal duets by Mary Moyer and Molly Hepburn, euphonium duets by Ross Peitch and James Burns and violin duets by Don D. son and Archie Fuller; also a reading by Miss Marg. Meekin. Some of those who expressed good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. McGee were Andrew McDonald, Garfield McClure, Arthur Laudy, Mr. Burnaby, Wm. McClure, A. Harrop, Mrs. Peter Dick and Laverne Thompson. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

Friends in the district will be sorry to learn that Joe Schertel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schertel, R.R. 1, Norval, received a bad eye injury last Saturday night while playing hockey in the Ravinia Gardens, Toronto.

Joe was playing with the "boppers" against "the Peoples" when the puck hit him in the left eye. He is at present in St. Joseph's Hospital, Sunnyside and is making a good recovery, the sight of his eye having been saved.

Congratulations to John P. Alexander, overseas with the RCASC, on his recent promotion to Mechanist Sergeant-Major. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, of Georgetown, he has been overseas since July, 1943, went to Normandy two weeks after 'D' Day, and has since seen action in France, Belgium and Holland. When last heard from, he was expecting to spend a leave in England from his present station in Holland.

Mrs. Ray Harley was pleased to receive a parcel from her husband, Tpr. Ray Harley, now serving in Holland, which contained several attractive Dutch souvenirs.

V-Day Service

Now that the defeat of Germany is certain, and organized resistance a matter of weeks perhaps, the local Ministerial Association have planned a Community Service of Thanksgiving on the official V-Day, to be held on the High School Grounds, at 5:00 p.m.

If the news comes fairly early in the day, the service will be held on the same day, otherwise on the following day. In case of rain, the service will be held in the Arena.

LT. BRUCE ZIMMERMAN KILLED OVERSEAS

News of the death in action of Lt. Bruce Zimmerman, was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McMenemy in a letter from their son, Pte. Bob McMenemy. The community will be saddened at this news, for Bruce was raised and educated in Georgetown, and was employed by the local Dominion Store prior to moving shortly before war was declared. He was the son of Roy Zimmerman and the late Mrs. Zimmerman. His father was employed by O'Neill's for many years before moving to Kitchener. Bruce started his career with the local Dominion Store, and later went to Kitchener, then to Guelph and Galt where he was manager.

He enlisted with the Highland Light Infantry of Canada in 1940, proceeding overseas in 1941. He returned from England in October, 1943, at which time he took an officers' training course at Brockville, and was commissioned a lieutenant. Lieut. Zimmerman went back overseas almost immediately afterwards. He was also married before returning overseas. He was instantly killed the latter part of March, during the crossing of the Rhine.

His father is a member of the Veteran Guards, and his sister Betty is a nurse in the RCAP.

ACTIVE SERVICE NOTES

We are glad to report that Pte. George Teasdale's wounds were not as serious as was at first officially reported. He received a concussion, but has now completely recovered, and has rejoined his unit.

Pte. Joseph E. Hill of the U. S. Army, Oklahoma City, is spending a furlough with his wife and daughter Joyce here.

Pte. Wheldon Emmerson sent a souvenir to his wife, the former Muriel Hewson, which is certainly novel, to say the least. It was his wallet, with papers inside, completely riddled by the shrapnel which wounded him several weeks ago, while serving on the Western Front. Wheldon is in hospital in Belgium, and is making a good recovery.

Cpl. Norman Davidson, who is home from the Mediterranean Area is spending his furlough at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Cain, John and Victoria St. He was called on by the welcoming committee and received a lovely gift. He spent an enjoyable evening with the Committee, which composed Mayor Harold Cleave, Reeve K. MacDonald, Mrs. T. Grieve and Mr. H. Hale.

Congratulations to Ken Murray of Stewarttown, word of whose promotion from sergeant to C.S.M. has just been received by his parents. He is stationed in England as an instructor.

Word has been received by friends in town that Lt. Cpl. Bill Schultz was wounded during the early part of March, while fighting in Belgium and Holland. He has shrapnel wounds in the leg. Bill went overseas last November after training at Camp Borden.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert English returned home last week after spending the past six months in Florida.

Mrs. David Stamp and baby returned to Toronto on Friday after spending a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. David Stamp, Sr.

Eleanor Walker, of Englehart, Dorothy Edga, Gwyneth Morton and Gwen Williams, all of Toronto, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams.

Mrs. James Preston, of Chatham, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Preston.

Mr. George Beaumont, of Toronto, was a week end visitor with relatives here.

Dick Beaumont spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Beaumont.

Miss Rose-Marie Robinson, who has been a patient in Guelph General Hospital for the past three weeks, returned home on Friday.

Mrs. Roger Guyot, of Toronto, was a visitor last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford.

Legion Notes

It was brought to the attention of the writer that an error had occurred in our Legion Notes last week, and we hereby rectify this. Comrade Chapman stated that he has been a member of the Branch for 9 years this coming fall and not 15 years as stated last week. We regret this error and retract same.

A delegation from Georgetown, consisting of 1st Vice-President Harlow, Past President McCartney, Secretary Thompson, Treasurer Roney and Comrade Alex. Taylor motored to Streetsville Sunday, April 8th, to attend the Zone meeting. Comrades Tom and Mrs. Grieve and Harry Savings and Jim Murphy also attended as guests.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Adams of Port Credit, the Past Zone Commander, and after routine business the election of officers took place. Comrade "Ted" Drew, Zone Commander, would not let his name stand for re-election due to ill health. Comrade Drew was heartily applauded when he took the floor stating he regretted he could not carry on as Zone Commander, and it was with regret that his resignation had to be accepted.

The new Zone Commander for the coming term is Comrade Anderson of Milton, with Comrade "Dutch" McCartney, of Branch 120, Georgetown, being appointed as Deputy Zone Commander.

One main resolution brought before the meeting was a recommendation to the Government that the gratuity owing men of the armed forces killed overseas be paid to dependents up until the cessation of hostilities. This resolution when voted on, carried unanimously.

Delegates attending the Zone meeting were from Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Brampton, Port Credit, Oakville and Streetsville.

A great honour was bestowed upon our Branch at the Zone meeting at Streetsville in the election of Com. "Dutch" McCartney as Deputy Zone Commander. So congratulations are in order to Dutch. His first official duty was the installation of the officers for 1945-46 of the Brampton Legion on April 9th. He was ably assisted by 1st Vice-Pres. Harb. Harlow, and after the installation a social hour was held in the Brampton Legion Hall.

Hats off to retiring President Harold Stafford for organizing the church parade of last Sunday. Only a few hours after the announcement of the death of the President of the U. S., Comrade Stafford got busy organizing the church parade which turned out to be a grand success. A full account of the church service appears elsewhere in this paper but for the Legion we can say that all deserve credit for the wonderful turn-out to the appeal of President Stafford. In his last official act as President of Branch 120 he deserves the thanks of his Comrades.

ASHGROVE

The April meeting of the W. M. S. was held on Tuesday afternoon, April 10th at the home of Rex, J. O. and Mrs. Totton, Hornby. There was a large attendance and Mrs. Thos. Chaffin, the president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Hector Bird conducted a very helpful devotional period, during which a lovely vocal duet was contributed by Mrs. C. B. Dick and Mrs. John Hunter. The guest speaker was Mrs. Howson, principal of the Cedarvale School for Girls, at Georgetown, who gave a very inspiring Easter message. A piano solo by Mrs. T. J. Brownridge was much appreciated. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Totton and the committee, in charge and a social half hour enjoyed.

The regular meeting of Ashgrove Y.P.U. was held Sunday evening, April 15th, in the Sunday School room. During the worship period the Scripture was read by John Bird and prayer given by Ismay Kean. The missionary topic "The Work of Dr. Gilechrist and Miss Mary Reid among the Lepers" was well taken by Betty Riddell.

Mrs. George Nurse visited with friends in Toronto and Galt recently. Miss Constance Boutilhe, of Toronto, was the student teacher at Ashgrove school last week.

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