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War brought sorrow to another Georgetown family last week when Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davidson, Charles Street, received word that their son, Pte. Harvey Laverne Davidson had died accidentally as a result of a mine explosion. NO further details are available, and it is not known if the accident occurred in England or on the continent. He was in England when last heard from.

Born in Terra Cotta 19 years ago, Harvey attended school there and at Norval, and moved with his family to Georgetown four years ago this summer. He was employed with Tyers Milk Products and Provincial Paper Ltd., prior to enlisting in the army on April 22nd, 1944.

He trained with the Armoured Corps at Orillia, was then transferred to infantry and took advanced training at Ipperswash and Debert, N.S., prior to going overseas last January.

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Gallantry

By **KARL GRAYSON**
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WE WHO gather occasionally on the veranda of the Harrison Hotel to engage in idle conversation and exchanges of congenialities are apt, in the course of a year's time, to touch upon almost every topic of discussion one can imagine.

Today we spoke of gallantry. And Old Les Wilton discounted the tale of Walter Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth, which has survived history as the shining example.

"I once knew a man," Les began, "who won laurels for gallantry without show or fuss or desire for public acclaim for his act. He lived right here in Harrison, this man did, or leastwise he settled down here permanently after marrying Delia Kilday."

"The story I have to tell concerns Della, I guess, more than Roger Ide, hence I'd better give it to you from her point of view. She was a pretty girl, Della was; had a sweet sort of way about her manner of talking. It's more than likely that, had it not been for Della's affliction, she'd have married Douglas Currier, the son of our town's leading citizen and richest man in those days, for the young fellers all made a play for her hand, and Douglas was about the best catch of the lot."

"But Della had an affliction, if you could call it that. She was left-handed. Don't seem like much, does it? Well, oddly enough, it happened that the girl was the only person in town who could lay claim to such an outstanding peculiarity. You get her in a big crowd and the thing was plumb noticeable. Combine this with



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the fact that Della was naturally a sensitive little chit, and you had something that proved mighty troublesome.

"Della had reached her twenty-second year, which was about the limit of matrimonial eligibility in those days, when she met Roger Ide. Roger came from down country somewhere, a bright young man, with a sense of humor and a likeable personality. But probably no one, of the dozens of friends he acquired shortly after his advent into our midst, appreciated his qualities more than Della Kilday.

"There was a reason for it, and a good one; a reason that served to immediately establish a bond of friendship and understanding between the two, that has never since been shattered. Roger Ide was left-handed!

"Roger was not only left-handed, but Della knew by the faintly embarrassed and awkward manner in which he held things that he was as sensitive about the attention his affliction might attract as she was about her own. Instantly he excited her pity and sympathy and understanding. She looked at him and smiled and realized at once that at last she had found a friend who would never grate on her nerves.

"That, and the fact that Roger was as deserving of a good wife as ever a young man could be, resulted in the ultimate union of the pair three years later. The courtship began with the first night Della accepted Roger's invitation to attend the semi-annual ladies' aid supper (a date which, incidentally, she dreaded for fear that Roger would make some remark at sight of her ladling soup with her left hand) and continued without a quarrel or disagreement or misunderstanding."

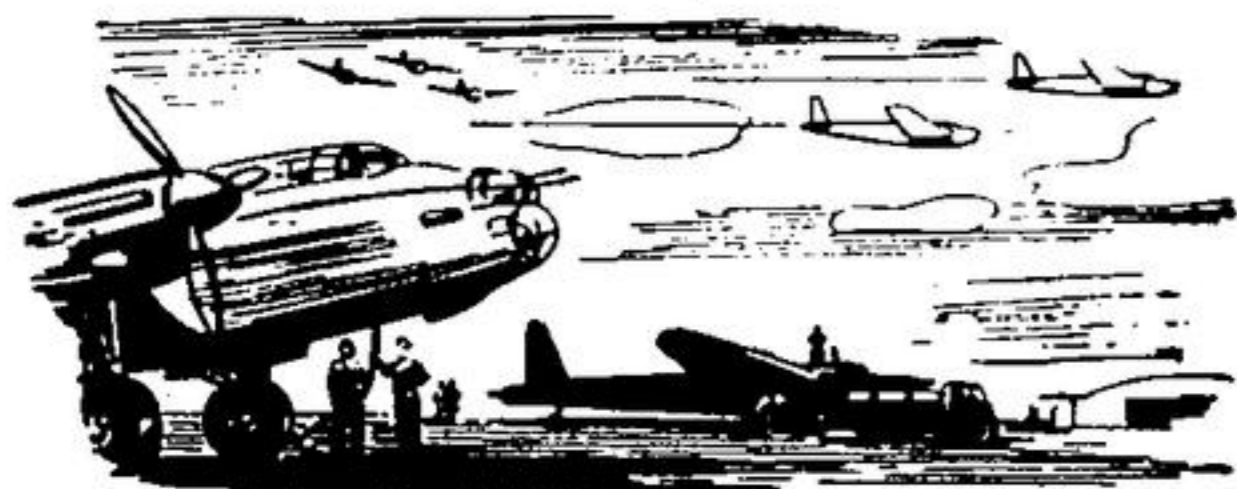
Deke Leighton looked a little bewildered and shook his head. "Well," he remarked, "I suppose you might call it gallant. But there's nothing outstanding about it; nothing that compares with Walter Raleigh. Why, your Roger was probably as grateful to Della as she was to him. They were both pretty lucky."

"Nope," said Les soberly. "Nope, you're wrong, Deke. Roger Ide was truly a gallant young man, and unselfish and modest. And he knew his manners, too; had breeding and a good bringing up. For you see, about a week after Roger and Della were married, she came into the kitchen one day and found her husband eating his dinner and reading the newspaper at one and the same time. He musta been pretty much interested in the newspaper article and sort of forgot himself for a minute, because he was wielding a fork with his right hand! And the way he wielded it there was no mistaking the fact that Roger was naturally right-handed."



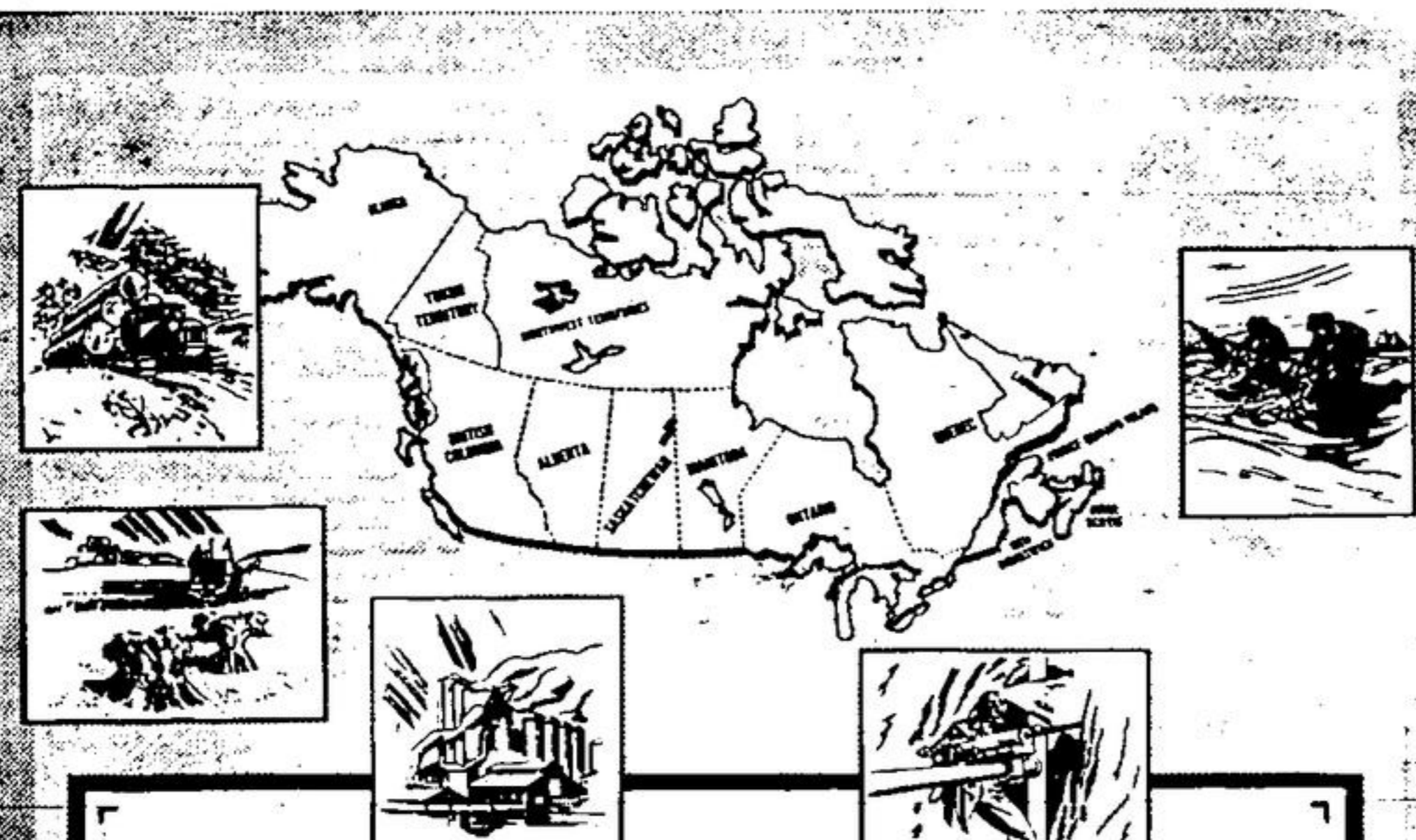
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