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Georgetown Boy: Home From Service Overseas

Last week was a happy one for seven Georgetown and district families, with the return home of their servicemen from overseas. Arriving together at Toronto last Wednesday night were Pte. Gordon Lane, C.Q.M.S. Joe Emmerson, P.O. John Wilson, Pte. Norman McDonald, Pte. Harry Allen, Pte. Lloyd Grace, and Pte. Lt. Leon Cowtan.

Pte. Gord. Lane, wounded at Dieppe in August, 1942, served with the Westminster Regiment. He enlisted originally with the Lorne Scots in April, 1941, and went overseas the following June. Gord was employed at Harley Kay Ltd., before going on active service.

Pte. Lt. Leon Cowtan, overseas for two and one-half years as a wireless operator in the West Africa Coastal Command, arrived home May 24th, to be greeted by his wife (the former Sue Smith) and son Robin, whom he saw for the first time. Pte. Lt. Cowtan, looking tanned and fit, was working with a New Zealand squadron. He has been a member of the RCAF for four years and prior to enlisting was employed by the Dale Estate, Brampton. Just before coming home, Leon saw P.O. Les Clark and Norm Barber, who is in an army orchestra.

After being overseas more than five years, Pte. Harry Allen was reunited with his wife and daughter Barbara, at present living in Milton. Pte. Allen was in Headquarters Company of No. 1 Cdn. Corps. He enlisted originally with the Lorne Scots and has served in Italy, Holland and Belgium. One brother, Sgmn. Stanley, is still serving overseas, and his other brother, Harvey, has returned from overseas service and is employed by Provincial Paper Ltd.

Pte. Norman McDonald, who has been a prisoner-of-war in Germany since October 17th, was liberated on April 12th by British troops and arrived in Toronto last Wednesday night. His mother is Mrs. Emily McDonald of Dolly Varden. Norm was in hospital for a time in England with a sore foot, but is now feeling fine.

Pilot Officer John Wilson was given his commission when he arrived in England after having been a prisoner-of-war in Germany since October 12, 1942. A wireless-airgunner in the RCAF, he bailed out over Arnhem, Holland, when his plane was shot down by German light fighters. Three of the crew were killed. He was at large for three days before the Germans picked him up. The Dutch family he approached for shelter could not hide him, or they would have all been shot. P.O. Wilson is in good health in spite of the starvation rations meted out in the prison camp.

On Christmas Day their food consisted of three slices of bread, two potatoes and a cup of watery turnip soup. Just to anger the prisoners, the Germans posted up the menu German prisoners-of-war in Canada had Christmas Day. P.O. Wilson and his fellow prisoners felt very bitter about the excellent meals and housing of the German prisoners-of-war in Canada, when they were so poorly treated. John said he was one of the lucky ones, and wasn't abused. Their only pastime at the camp was reading. P. O. Wilson has come back home with the very definite impression that Canada is the most wonderful country in the world.

Pte. Lloyd Grace, overseas 5 years with the Royal Canadian Engineers, arrived home Wednesday night last, on a 30-day rotation leave. Lloyd has served in Holland, Belgium and Germany. He was an employee of Smith and Stone Ltd., before enlisting with the R.C.E. in London, Ontario. Pte. Grace wishes to thank the Soldiers' Comforts Committee, Legion W. A. Loren Scots W.A. and the United Church for their kindness in sending him parcels.

C.Q.M.S. Joe Emmerson went overseas with the Lorne Scots four years ago. He is home on a 30-day rotation leave with his wife and children, Grant and Marina. A brother, Chief Petty Officer John, is in Halifax, N.S., and another brother, Sgmn. Jim, is in the Navy at Sydney, N.S.

LO.D.E. HOLD MEETING

The Countess of Stathmore Chapter, L.O.D.E., held their monthly meeting Monday, May 21st, with the Regent, Mrs. L. J. Bell, presiding. Several items of business were discussed and plans made for the Mile-of-Pennies held last Saturday. Mrs. H. E. Batkin was appointed convener. Each member brought 2 chocolate bars to the convener of the Adopted Ship Committee, Miss M. Cave. These will be sent to the crew. Mrs. Arthur Beaumont, in charge of the Chapter's Adopted School in Halliburton, collected the used clothing brought to the meeting and it will be shipped to the school in the very near future. Tea and sandwiches were served by the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. J. D. Kelly, Miss M. Mackenzie and Miss Hilda Erwin.

MRS. MAX HAUPTMANN DIES IN KITCHENER HOSPITAL

Mrs. Max Hauptmann, the former Rosina Pillafer, passed away on Monday, May 21st, in St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener, where she had been a patient for a week. The late Mrs. Hauptmann had lived in Georgetown for the past thirteen years, where her husband is employed with Smith & Stone, Ltd. Devoted to her family, she lived a hard-working, Christian life and had borne the pain of a serious illness for the past few years with courage and fortitude.

She was a member of Georgetown Baptist Church and took an active interest in the Mission Circle of the church. Surviving are her husband and one daughter, Ingeborg, at home.

The funeral service was held from McClure's Funeral Home on Wednesday, with her pastor, Rev. J. E. Ostrom officiating at the service. Pallbearers were George Chapman, Charles Roberts, Bill McDonald, Watson Winfield, Clarence Bain and Ern Thompson. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Her weary hours and days of pain, Her troubled nights are past; And in our aching hearts we know She has found sweet rest at last.

BOARD OF TRADE EXECUTIVE MEET

The first executive meeting of the newly elected officers of the Georgetown Board of Trade met in the Municipal Building last Friday night. President Arthur Speight presided.

Mr. A. E. Wilford, publisher of Transport News, addressed the Board, in regard to an advertising scheme he was promoting in an endeavor to induce U. S. manufacturers to locate in Ontario small towns. His contacts would entail a remuneration of \$200.00. The Board felt the town was not in a position to cope with further new industry until such times as housing and labour rights itself, but would keep Mr. Wilford's plan in mind.

The housing problem was then discussed again at some length, and the Board felt the townspeople certainly did not realize the seriousness of the situation. It was planned to draw their attention, and that of the Town Council, to this fact by an open letter in the press, and to solicit the whole-hearted support of all citizens, so that something in the line of housing may assure our soldier boys of accommodation when they return.

Mayor Harold Cleave and Rev. C. C. Cochrane were elected honorary presidents and appointed to the executive.

A donation of \$10.00 was passed to the Sports Section to be used for recreational work among the younger boys of the town at the park. This project is open to all boys who attend. A request will be made to the Lo-

HALTON DEANERY

The Clergy of Halton Deanery met on May 15th at St. George's, Holy Communion was celebrated at 10.30 by Rev. Rual Dean Kirk, assisted by Archdeacon Thompson. Rev. S. R. Colobrook was the preacher. Meetings for business and discussion were at the Rectory, and dinner was served at the McGibbon Hotel.

A paper was given at the afternoon session by Rev. E. Rigby on the subject of Rural Life, and was followed by considerable discussion.

The following resolution was passed, after discussion of Bible Instruction in the public schools: Resolved: that the Deanery of Halton strongly and unanimously approves of the Bible Teaching in the schools, and expresses appreciation of the action of the Department of Education in the course they are pursuing.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. W. H. Anthony wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them, and for the floral tributes at the time of the death of their dear mother.

The Council of Women, asking them for permission to remove and repair the swings now located in Central Park, to the Agricultural Park or any place where they see fit, in order that they may be put to better use.

The membership drive for the 1945-46 season is now under way, and it is hoped that many more will avail themselves of becoming a member of the Georgetown Board of Trade.

JEAN MacDONALD WED IN TORONTO

A pretty marriage was solemnized on May 12th at Parkdale Presbyterian Church, when Jean Elizabeth MacDonald, daughter of Mr. John MacDonald, became the bride of Mr. Edward Witty, of Toronto. The Rev. C. C. Cochrane of Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, officiated at the ceremony which took place at three o'clock.

The bride was attired in a street-length frock of white sheer and lace. Her finger-tip veil fell from a head-dress of seed pearls and orange blossoms, and she wore a corsage of red roses and white sweet peas. The bridesmaid was Miss Grace MacDonald, sister of the bride, who wore a powder blue sheer dress, with matching head-dress and corsage of pink roses and white sweet peas. The bride's brother, Mr. William MacDonald of Toronto, was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Old Mill, where the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. MacDonald, received with the wedding party. For the wedding trip to New York, Mrs. Witty changed to a blue ensemble with black topcoat and accessories. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Witty will reside in Toronto.

ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Ballinafad, announce the engagement of their twin daughter, Ruth Winifred, to Wilfred McKinnon Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burt of Hillsburg. Wedding to take place in Ballinafad United Church June 23rd.

THE WEATHER

H. L. Hutt

We have had a lot of unusual weather this spring that has had a marked effect on vegetation and will have a more marked effect on various crops for better or worse this year.

To begin with there was little or no frost in the ground last winter. March proved to be the warmest on record, and the first half of April there were no rains to hold up work on the land, and a lot of spring seeding was done much earlier than usual which now looks very promising for a bountiful crop.

Then the latter part of April and for the greater part of May we have had incessant rain that has held up work on the land so that seeding now done earlier will be very late, and quite likely lighter yielding.

Another effect of the lack of sunshine for the greater part of this month has been the sickly growth of plants in greenhouses. Yesterday we struck out to find a few tomato plants that looked fit to plant, and instead we found a good grower so discouraged after all his hard work this spring he said he felt like pitching his whole house full of plants on the scrap heap. Unfortunately all the help we could give him was to advise him to pray for more sunshine and vote for an honest to goodness government at Toronto and Ottawa on election days.

Date	H. Temp.	L. Temp.	Rain-fall
Tues., May 22	75	51	.05"
Wed., May 23	58	40	
Thurs., May 24	65	40	
Fri., May 25	73	40	
Sat., May 26	71	44	
Sun., May 27	71	50	
Mon., May 28	65	50	.24"

PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLD "OPEN AFTERNOON"

Last Wednesday afternoon, Empire Day, the Georgetown Public School was open to the parents and friends of the school. The guests were free to visit the classrooms from 1.30 to 2.30, see the class-work in progress, chat with the teachers and see the work of the past school year displayed in each room. By so doing it was felt that the parents might the more easily be able to understand their child's comparative position in the academic standing of their respective classes. Each classroom presented a very colourful display of arts and craft work besides examples of work done in the various other subjects of the school curriculum. The staff was well pleased with the number of parents who took advantage of this opportunity of cooperating with the teachers in this way.

The classroom visitation was followed by a program in keeping with Empire Day, presented at 2.40 in the assembly room of the school.

After the opening chorus by the entire school and a few remarks from the principal, the program was turned over to Pauline Herrington, president of the Junior Red Cross, who acted as chairman.

Grade I presented two numbers, "Old King Cole" and "Hickory Dickory Dock." Mixed choirs from Grades IV and V sang "The Waterfall" and "Now is the Month of Maying"; this was followed by a Health playlet "The Safety First Train" from Grade II. Two choruses from the Senior Boys were enjoyed: "Aurora" and "Men of Harlech." Grade III's contribution to the program was a marching song "Our Country," followed by a two-part girls' choir "O West Thou in the Cauld Blast."

The concluding number was a Victory Pageant presented by the pupils of the Senior Grades. This was most fitting to the occasion and recalled many of the highlights of the past five years of war leading up to V-E Day, and spoke of the winning of the Peace which now confronts us.

Mrs. McLellan, music supervisor of Milton, presided at the piano; she was ably assisted in the musical part at the piano by Miss Hazel Harrison, former music supervisor of the school.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Graham, of Glen Williams, have purchased the former Mulholland home on Chapel St. and have taken up residence there.

We are glad to report that Miss Charlotte McCullough, who has been seriously ill for some time in Guelph General Hospital, is now much improved and out of hospital.

Miss Rosie Romhill and Miss Ann Curto visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Lucas on the 24th of May.

Last Friday evening a number of friends held a surprise party for Mrs. E. O'Neill at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Lillio. Mrs. O'Neill's health has improved considerably, and she is going to visit her father, Mr. Webster, at Oakwood.

Rev. R. C. Todd is attending sessions of the Hamilton Conference of the United Church of Canada being held this week at McMaster University, Hamilton. Messrs. J. B. Miller and T. L. Leslie are lay representatives from Georgetown United Church.



PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4th, 1945

NOTICE To Active Service Voters who are absent from their units

The attention of members of the Navy, Army and Air Force and all other persons who qualify as Active Service Voters under the Ontario Active Service Voting Regulations, 1945, is directed to the following provisions.

1. Active Service Voters at their homes.

Active Service Voters who are in their place of ordinary residence on polling day may vote in the manner prescribed by the Election Act for civilian voters, whether or not their names are on the Voters' List, on taking a declaration (Form 8A) before the deputy returning officer.

Such voters may vote at the regular polling place for the voting sub-division in which they reside.

2. Active Service Voters on Leave or Furlough.

Active Service Voters who are absent from their units but not in their place of ordinary residence, on leave or furlough, including such voters on farm leave or industrial leave, may poll their votes with any commissioned officer appointed to take the votes of Active Service Voters, on producing to such commissioned officer documentary proof that they are on leave or furlough and provided that they have not already voted in the election.

Such voters should apply to the nearest Naval, Military or Air Force headquarters for information as to the location of the Commissioned Officer nearest to their present address.

Alex. C. Lewis
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER,
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO