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## Welcome Home

### Flt. Lieut. Doug. Sargent

Returning to Canada on the Stratheden, which docked at Quebec City, Flight-Lieutenant Doug. Sargent arrived home last night to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Sargent.

Flight-Lieutenant Doug. Sargent has been overseas with the ROAF since 1941. Stationed in Iceland, North Scotland and Northern Ireland.



Doug. was due home for a "rest leave" at Christmas, having completed more than his quota of operational flights. His brother Jim who was in the Paratroops overseas, has just returned, and another brother, Sgt. George, is still in Holland. Doug. enlisted following his graduation from Georgetown High School.

### Sgt. G. H. Smith

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Smith, Main Street, Sgt. Hilton Smith arrived home recently on the Ile de France. Overseas about a year, he enlisted in 1942 with the ROCAF, and has signed for the Pacific. He is spending a month's leave with his wife at their home in Washago. Sgt. Smith is one of three members of the family to serve in this war. His brother, Sgt. Edwin recently returned to Canada after being wounded and taken prisoner at Dieppe. His sister, Lieut. Darlene McClellan is a nursing sister with the navy.

### Flt. Lt. Jim Evans

Another Georgetown boy who came home on the Stratheden, was Flt. Lt. James F. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Evans. Enlisting in June, 1940, Jim trained in Manitoba and British Columbia, graduated and was commissioned at Winnipeg in August, 1941. The following month he was married to the former June Frank and left for overseas two weeks later, as first navigator on a bomber. Loaned to the R. A. F., he has been attached to an RAF Squadron ever since.

After his first tour of operations he was posted as an instructor in submarine bombing to Nassau, and he and



Mrs. Evans spent a year and a half in the Bahamas. He returned to Great Britain in May, 1944, for a second tour.

His only brother, Flying Officer John Taylor Evans, was killed on active service six weeks after Flt. Lt. Evans arrived overseas, and it was some comfort to Jim and his family, that he was able to attend the burial service in Kirk Ayr, Island, Isle of Man.

Flt. Lt. Evans will spend thirty days leave in Georgetown and Rockwood.

### Tpr. R. F. (Bob) Emmerson

Tpr. R. F. (Bob) Emmerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Emmerson, Georgetown, arrived at his home in Acton last Tuesday morning, after crossing on the "Louis Pasteur." He is a member of No. 2 CACRU, and has served overseas for two years. His wife and family reside in Acton. Following a 30-day leave, Tpr. Emmerson will train for service in the Pacific.

### Lieut. Gordon Boody

A prisoner-of-war in Germany for seven months after he was captured in Italy, Lieut. Gordon Boody arrived in Toronto a week ago yesterday, after making the Atlantic crossing on the "Louis Pasteur." Overseas for two years with the Irish Regiment, Lieut. Boody was wounded shortly before he was taken prisoner. He was a member of the same unit as Pte. Geo. Green-sward, who was also taken prisoner at the same time, and has been home in Georgetown for several weeks.

Lieut. Boody is the son of Mrs. Boody and the late Harry Boody of Sarnia. A graduate of the University of Toronto, he will resume study for his Chartered Accountant degree with Clarkson, Gordon, Diworth & Nash, following his discharge from the army. On Friday evening at 7.30 in St. George's Church, he will be married to Pte. Helch Williams, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Williams.

### Alliance Local 474 Picnic

Alliance Local 474 held a picnic on July 28th in Stanley Park, Erin, attended by 225 members, friends, and management personnel. A special program was enjoyed under the direction of Thomas Eason, Jr., with the following prize winners:

Races—Boys under 5, Paul Ward, Tom Forgrave, Bobby Kidd, Robin Cowtan; 12 and under, Terry Merritt, Roger Wade, Billy Merritt; 16 and under, Glen Scott, Bobby Hepburn, Doug. Scott; open 100 yds. Jimmy Sargent, Thomas Hill; half-mile relay—Andy Ritchie and Jim Sargent; Glen Scott and George Stigger; half-mile open, Billy Muir, Glen Scott.

Girls, 5 and under, Elizabeth Ward, Margaret Eason, Penny Norton; 8 and under, Sandra Scott, Gail Wheeler, Ellen Dickenson; 12 and under, Mary McNally, Patsy Pallister, Donna Castle; 16 and under, Marie Hulme, Kathy Haines, Ruby Mitchell; 100 yd. open, Marie Hulme, Patsy Pallister; half-mile relay, Patsy Pallister and Marie Hulme, Jean Tennant and Ethel Kenn-shed.

Nettle race, Mrs. Roy Norton and Tom Hill; soda biscuit race, Lillian Alderson, Marjorie Harlow; boot and shoe race, Grace Beerman, Jean Tennant; sack race, Patsy Pallister, James Ford; 3-legged race, Jean Tennant and Jim Sargent; potato race, Mary McNally, Howie Farwell; wheelbarrow race, Jean Tennant and Jim Sargent; rolling pin, Grace Beerman, Inez Scott; tug o' war, Finishing Dept. defeated Coating Dept. to capture Crichton Trophy.

Delicious salad plate supper was served.

The ball game between S. & S. and Alliance was called in the 5th inning due to rain. Score at this time being 8 - 7 for S. & S.

Bingo brought the pleasant evening to a close.

Committees were as follows: Sports, Roy Ward; prizes, Elsie Fey and Alice Aday; supper, Marlon Forgrave and Maud McDonald; transportation, Roy Ward, Alf Goodwin and Win. Wheeler.

### NORVAL CITIZENS ORGANIZE FOR FUTURE FIRE PROTECTION

As an aftermath of the fire which destroyed Mrs. J. Black's general store and home in Norval village last Wednesday, a public meeting was held in the schoolhouse on Monday night at which the Norval Fire Protection Association was formed, some 30 rate-payers attended the meeting, which was presided over by Walter Fidler, with George C. Brown as secretary.

An executive, headed by Norm Demerling, was elected, with Miss Grace McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer, and an executive committee composed of N. A. Robinson, J. Bidwell, E. McLean, A. E. Carney, Cecil Adams and Perc Donaldson.

It was decided at the meeting to collect \$150, which will be divided equally between Georgetown and Brampton fire brigades. Several suggestions for future fire protection were brought before the meeting, and the executive committee will investigate these and make a report to another public meeting which will be held in a few weeks' time.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Grimwood, Norval, wish to thank their many friends and neighbours, who so ably assisted in saving their home in the recent fire, also the Brampton and Georgetown Fire Brigades for their prompt and efficient services. We sincerely appreciate what everyone did to help.

### James Watson, Pioneer Citizen, Dies in 92nd Year

James Watson, who celebrated his 92nd birthday on July 25th, passed away on Sunday, July 29th, after being bedfast for five days. Although in failing health for some time, Mr. Watson's demise came suddenly, and his mental faculties remained clear right to the last.

A son of the late William and Mary Watson, he was born on the homestead in Nassagaweya, one of a family of nine. The late Mr. Watson farmed in Nassagaweya until 1917 when he moved to Rockwood. In 1917 the family came to Georgetown and lived here until the death of his wife, the former Margaret Jane Ramsay, in 1936. He then lived at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. Laverne Thompson, 6th Line Chinguacousy. While in Georgetown Mr. Watson worked for J. B. Mackenzie & Co. and for Harley-Kay Ltd. for twenty years. He was a member of the United Church and a staunch Liberal in politics. Mr. Watson lived quietly, with gardening and reading his chief hobbies. About two years ago he moved to Toronto, where he lived at Tweedsmuir House.

Mr. Watson was married twice, his first wife having been the late Martha Ramsay. Children of the first marriage surviving to mourn the loss of their father are John R., London, Ont., William E., Toronto, and Bertha (Mrs. R. M. Millar, Vancouver, B.C.). Mrs. F. Laverne Thompson (Jean) is the only child of his second marriage surviving to mourn her father's demise. Another daughter, Mrs. W. R. Hume (Eleanor), of Milton, died 14 years ago. Also surviving is a brother, Dr. P. E. Watson, Niagara Falls, and Mrs. Mary Springer, of Redondo Beach, California. There are 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service, in charge of Rev. J. L. Self, was held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. L. Thompson, 8th Line Chinguacousy, on Tuesday, July 31st, at 2.30. Pallbearers were four nephews and one grandson: Messrs. Elias, Orville and Morley Watson, of Freeman; Mr. William Bridgeman, Burlington; Mr. Wilbur Watson, Toronto, and Mr. P. B. Harrison, Georgetown. The four Watson brothers sang "The City Four-square" at the service. Interment was in Ebenezer Cemetery.

### George Beckett Died at His Home in 40th Year

The death of George Dolg Beckett, beloved husband of Jean Brunton, occurred at his home on Sunday evening, July 22nd. Mr. Beckett had been ill for the past six months. He was in his 40th year.

A professional gardener, Mr. Beckett's main interest in life was flowers and gardens, and many homes in town have been made beautiful due to his planning and care of the grounds and flowers. The late Mr. Beckett was a native of Blebo Orangs, Fife, Scotland, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Beckett. He came to Canada and settled in Georgetown 16 years ago. In 1936, he married Jean Brunton. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Surviving to mourn his loss are his widow, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beckett, of Blebo, Scotland; two sisters, Elizabeth (Mrs. James Scott) and May (Mrs. Alastair MacPhail) both of Blebo; also one brother, Thomas Beckett, formerly of Georgetown, and now of Pitscotie, Fife, Scotland.

The funeral service was held from the home of Mr. James Brunton, Victoria Street, on Wednesday, July 25, by the Rev. C. C. Cochrane. Pallbearers were Messrs. Jack Harrison, Robert Henney, James Murphy, Arthur McGuigan, William Maybank and Hugh McNally. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

### G.H.S. CADETS PRAISED FOR GOOD CONDUCT AT CAMP

Principal Walter Carpenter, of Georgetown High School, who has returned from marking departmental exam papers in Toronto, has received a letter from A. B. Cockburn, cadet instructor at Niagara Camp, which speaks highly of the conduct of the seven boys from G.H.S. who attended camp there recently.

Mr. Cockburn was in charge of No. 9 platoon, and says in part "I wish to assure you that your boys acquitted themselves as gentlemen at all times, and assure you it was a pleasure to have your boys in my platoon."

### LIMEHOUSE

Misses Marjorie and Doris Herring-ton with Fred Brown's last week. Mr. and Mrs. Foster of Baden with the Nobles on Sunday.

Helen Meredith in Toronto on holidays this week.

### FIRE RAZES NORVAL BUS DEPOT AND GENERAL STORE

#### THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

Except for a change of surroundings there has been no weather this year to drive our citizens to lake side resorts. It has been delightful summer weather right here at home, on the whole just a little cooler than normal. Our figures show the daily average temperature for the month was 66.2 degrees, which is 1.6 of a degree below normal. And the rainfall 3.52 inches, a little over half an inch above normal. No lawn watering and lots of grass to cut.

Following are the records for the past week:

Date	H. & L. Temp.	Rain-fall
Tues., July 24	87	60
Wed., July 25	87	67
Thurs., July 26	78	60
Fri., July 27	77	58
Sat., July 28	74	56
Sun., July 29	78	53
Mon., July 30	83	66

#### FALL FAIR NITES

Georgetown Fair dates . . . Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8.

With so many newcomers to Georgetown and district, the fall fair may be something new to many, as a number of places do not hold fairs. To these, we might say the fall fair is a combined effort of the farmers and the townspeople to put on a day of entertainment with educational value—a day for displaying the farmers' wares of better livestock, horses and poultry; and a chance for the womenfolk to exhibit their best in baking, fancy work and handcraft. It is a day to which most rural communities look forward to—a day that sets the small town apart from the rush of the city. It is a country fair—there is nothing else like it. We invite you to attend.

#### How to Enter Your Exhibits

To enter almost any event, it is necessary to either have a membership or pay an entry fee; this helps to defray expenses. So it is with the fair. Big cash awards as well as awards in merchandise are given and this has to be raised in various ways. No matter what you enter at the fair it is necessary to secure a membership in the Society. If you are displaying baking, fancy work, vegetables, etc. in the hall, your \$1.00 membership allows you ten entries from the prize list; should you enter more an entry fee of 10c per entry is charged. Just take your prize list and go over the various items, and see how you can make yourself a little extra this fall. It is interesting once you start—to see how "your dahlias stack up" against your neighbours, or "if your beets, carrots, pumpkins are as good as John Jones." Bring your entries to the secretary at the office on the fair grounds on Friday morning Sept. 7th, or if you have a large entry, better to send it in ahead of time—and do your share to help boost the 1945 fair.

Looks as if this year's fair will have one of the best midways for many a season. Most people like a good midway if for nothing else than to hear the music of the pipe organs. The directors have signed an agreement with the Laval Midway Attractions Co. to stage the whole show. They promise four rides and twenty concessions. The directors intend having the midway in full swing Friday night for those who do not wish to dance. At the Arena the usual fair night dance, which last year attracted over 400, will be held with the Modern Aires Orchestra supplying the music.

Every indication points to Mr. W. H. Petrie, of Toronto, bringing out his six-horse team to Georgetown fair. Then again we may have Jack McPherson, of the Ontario and Quebec Farm Broadcast, C.B.C. with us, and possibly the CBC Mobile Unit. Should he come, Jack promises to cover the fair for his Monday's broadcast. While these items are still in the air, we understand that there is every possibility of them being at the fair.

"Tory" Gregg, of Wingham, will again be on hand as master of ceremonies. . . . More about the fair after the holidays, when the prize list is expected to be off the press in about a week.

#### ACTIVE SERVICE NOTES

LAC Graham Farnell has received his discharge after two years' service with the RCAF, and is back on the job at their grocery store on Main St.

A disastrous fire which broke out at 12.30 p.m. last Wednesday, completely destroyed the general store and Gray Coach depot operated by Mrs. J. Black in Norval village. The fire resulted from exploding paraffin which was being heated on an electric hot plate. At the time of the outbreak, Mrs. Robert Gollop was waiting on a customer in the store, and Mrs. Black was in the front part of the house. Calls were immediately sent to Brampton and Georgetown Fire Brigades, and the Brampton brigade reached the fire some ten minutes later. Georgetown brigade were somewhat later arriving, as no arrangements are in effect between town and township regarding fire protection in the township, and it was necessary for the local brigade to secure the proper authority to answer an out of town call. 1250 feet of hose was laid by the brigades from the mill dam, and a bucket brigade of neighbours formed until the hose was hooked up. Although not able to save the blazing structure, efforts to save adjoining buildings, one owned by C. Grimwood and the other tenanted by Mrs. Clara Watson, were successful, although as a precaution, all contents of the buildings were moved out. Four Brampton firemen, Oliver Burton, Herb Jordan, Jerry Kendall and Norman Poyntz, suffered burns to their faces, and Fire Chief George Maitland suffered injury to his hip when struck with a large hose. Neighbours stayed at the scene all day Wednesday and until 6 a.m. Thursday morning to quell further outbreaks.

Citizens who rushed to the scene of the fire were able to save a considerable quantity of the stock and some of the household furnishings in the doomed building. A Weston's bread truck driver, who left his truck to aid in clearing the building was the victim of thieves who looted his truck and made off with quantities of pies and pastry.

The building, of frame construction, contained some twenty rooms, including living quarters and a number of store rooms. It was erected on the site of a building owned by the late Ed Gollop, father of Mrs. Black, which was also destroyed by fire 31 years ago last March. Circumstances of the two fires were somewhat similar, as the first resulted from an explosion while Mr. Gollop was melting resin which he used in harness making. In this fire, his 10 year old daughter, Mary Ann, was burned to death and Mr. Gollop himself was badly burned.

The loss in Wednesday's fire has not yet been accurately determined, but it will run into several thousand dollars. The loss is partially covered by insurance. No plans have been made for rebuilding as yet, and Mrs. Black is holding a sale this Saturday of salvaged articles.

#### STEWARTTOWN

(Last week)  
Mr. M. Patterson and daughter Anne, of Toronto, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Grant.  
Mrs. Jenkinson, Mrs. R. Standish and Miss Frances Jenkinson were at Mrs. Jenkinson's for Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Standish have returned after a very enjoyable week's holiday at Bala.  
Miss Christine Dickenson visited with friends in Brampton over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lake and son LAC Joseph Lake, of Powassan, visited yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Feiler. LAC Lake is on 30-day leave prior to leaving for Pacific service with the RCAF.

#### NO HERALD NEXT WEEK

The Herald office will be closed from Saturday, August 4th to Saturday, August 11th, inclusive, and there will be no issue of the Herald next week.

If you have news and social items, advertisements, et. for our next issue on Wednesday, August 15th, we would be pleased if you would leave them with Mr. Thompson at Phoenix Gift Shop.

## \$1586 Total to Date in Sick Children's Hospital Campaign

A total of \$1586.50 has been received to date in the Georgetown campaign for the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital Building Fund. The original objective was \$2500 and officials are still hopeful this figure will be reached, as several canvassers have not yet turned in their reports. There were also several donations made privately to Toronto before the local campaign was started, and these have not been included in the above total.

Canvassers in the district are: Mr. Benton, Limehouse; K. C. Lindsay, Stewarttown; John Bingham, Glen Williams rural; Wm. Schenk, Glen Williams; Harold Cleave, Jack Armstrong, Mrs. T. Grieve, D. Brill, Georgetown.

The campaign will continue for another week or two and those who wish to make donations are urged to do so through their canvasser, or at the Bank of Commerce. Although the Toronto fund is nearing seven million dollars over the original six million objective, no sum can be too great to spend for children's health work.

#### DISTRICT FARMER DIES SUDDENLY

Friends in the district were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Arthur J. Evans, 8th line farmer, yesterday morning. Mr. Evans complained at the breakfast table that he was not feeling well, and later went out to the barn, where he suffered a heart attack and passed away. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Evans of Streetsville, he was in his 58th year.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 3 o'clock with interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

#### M.O.H. REPORT

The July report of the Medical Officer of Health shows the following statistics on communicable diseases in Georgetown:

Chickenpox	0
Scarlet Fever	0
Measles	1
German Measles	0
Mumps	0
Infantile Paralysis	0
Influenza	0
Whooping Cough	2
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis (Epidemic)	0
Tuberculosis	0

#### ASHGROVE

There was a large attendance of members and visitors at the winter roast held last Friday night under the auspices of the Y.P.U. in Mr. Norman Laidlaw's flats. Games were enjoyed and lunch served around the camp fire. A sing-song brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Mr. Denis Reed has been visiting with his aunt, Mrs. Geo. Wingfield, Corp. Percy Oaks, U. S. Army Air-force, Mrs. Oaks and son Percy of Gulfport, Miss.; visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson last week.

LAC Victor Thompson and Mrs. Thompson of Toronto are visiting with Mrs. George Nurse.

Miss Enid Shore, of Woodbridge, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wigglesworth. Mrs. James Carney and daughter Sandra also visited at the same home.

#### GLEN WILLIAMS

Sgt. Tom Howitt and Mrs. Hewitt returned to Peterborough on Saturday after spending the past two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lucas and family, of London, were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. David Barclay, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. David Barclay, Jr. and Mrs. Gordon Hills have returned home after holidaying at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen spent a week's holiday in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Everson, Jr., and while there they attended Wayne's birthday party. Wayne was celebrating his third birthday.

Dick Beaumont spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beaumont. Mrs. McMaster of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is spending a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hills.

Bernard Poole, recently received his discharge from the army and is working in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Campbell, Toronto, are holidaying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lyons.