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FAIR ATTENDANCE TOPS LAST YEAR'S FIGURES!

1945 SHOW ACCLAIMED BY SPECTATORS AS BEST YET

Light Horse Show. One of the Finest in Ontario—Excellent Horse Races—Hall Exhibit Outstanding—Dance Attracts Large Crowd.

The weatherman smiled on Georgetown Fair last Friday and Saturday, and as a result the 1945 show was acclaimed by many as being the best yet. Both exhibitors and fair-goers were drawn from a wide radius over Ontario, and an estimated attendance of 4500 people passed through the gates. The success of the show was in no small way due to the Esqueping Agricultural Society's energetic young president, Craig Reid, and his board of directors, who spared no time or effort to give Georgetown a fair that the town could well be proud of.

It was one of the hottest fairs that the writer can remember attending, with the thermometer standing at 86 degrees. While the livestock entry was very gratifying, it would have been much larger, had the weather been not quite so warm. Three pigs were casualties in the bacon hog class due to the extreme heat, and we understand some valuable chickens also succumbed.

The fair grounds were never more beautiful than they were this year, and the track was in excellent shape—and was also treated for the dust nuisance just before the fair. The new fence erected along the track drew many fine comments, and President Reid in his remarks over the amplifying system congratulated the Town Fathers on their interest in the park this year. It goes without saying that Georgetown has one of the finest parks in Ontario for such a day as the fair. It is hoped that before too many years Georgetown fair will attract many more thousands of people.

While the midway was a disappointment to both the directors and many who attended the fair, this was offset by a grandstand show of some of the best horses in Ontario. Exhibitors in the light horse ring included five road teams and three carriage teams, owned by Dr. E. E. Foster, Galt, Currie and Tertiv, Wingham; Stan Somerville Hillsburgh; Wilbert Wheeler, Orton; F. Armstrong, Orangeville; Robert Kerr, Acon; K. C. McMillan and the Campbell-McKay entry of Georgetown. There were also a number of Hackney ponies, including those owned by W. E. Newman, St. Catharines; Elgin Armstrong and Mr. Gilbert, Brampton and K. C. McMillan.

The duties of announcing and starting the races were again very ably handled by Tony Gregg, of Wingham. The trotting races were well worth seeing with five horses in the 228 class and three in the classified. We doubt if better races have been put on anywhere this year. They placed as follows: 228 Dr. Hopkins, Cooksville, 2; 2, A. L. Chambers, Milton, 1; 4, 1; Miller Wray, Schomberg, 5; 1, 3; E. D. Giles, Orangeville, 4, 3, 4; Art Harrison, Orangeville, 3, 5, 5; Classified—D. Dowson, Port Perry, 1, 1, 1; M. Wray, Schomberg, 2, 2, 2; Robert Moody, Schomberg, 3, 3, 3. The highlight of the racing program were the road races with six horses competing. Stan Somerville won in two straight heats, with Armstrong second and Dr. Foster third.

The baby show also took place in front of the grandstand, with Mr. Nat Gubrie of Toronto presenting the prizes, and Mrs. F. Peddie and Mrs. Maynard Patterson doing the judging. Winners were under 9 months, Richard Barber, Jane Hoare; under 18 months, Carolyn Njar and Peter Norton.

In the softball game held earlier in the afternoon, Huttonville eked out a win over Smith & Stone 12-11. The poultry lawn show drew exhibitors from points as far west as Windsor, Chatham and Welland, and was a decided success. Some of the best show birds in the province were on display, and many outstanding breeders came to the show just to browse around and acclaimed it a fine lawn show.

The quality and attractiveness of the hall exhibits would be the envy of many fall fairs. We doubt if anything like the display of arts and crafts as put on by the school children of the district could be equalled at any show. Much credit for this display goes to the Principal of the Georgetown Public School and the teachers of the various grades in both the rural and urban schools. The Arts & Crafts display was something most fairs would enjoy. While the display of fruits and vegetables was not so conspicuous by its absence,

husking corn display filled in generously. What vegetables and flowers there were on display were of a high quality, with the first prize squash by Henry and Sandy Best something out of the ordinary. Local merchants purchased space in the hall this year, and booths by Richardson's Hardware, Harold G. McClure and Dick Ridgall (Rawleigh Products) were very attractive. The Dominion Government booth, under the supervision of Mr. F. C. Nunnick, of Ottawa, was well-worth viewing, and the information given farmers very timely.

Ladies' work was on the increase, while the baking class still failed to draw much interest by local domestics. The dressed fowl specials were all filled. Of interest too, were the exhibits of the Georgetown, Limehouse and Dublin Institutes and the Ashgrove Girls' Club. Oldest person attending the fair is registered with the Secretary as Mr. Henry Wilson of Ashgrove, who is 82. Mr. Wilson has been an ardent supporter of the fair all his life. Many Georgetown old boys and girls were noticed on the grounds, in fact it looked like an old boys reunion in many respects.

The Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band came in for considerable comment on their fine appearance and music, as they supplied entertainment during the afternoon. The fair night dance on Friday evening was another grand success, despite the warm evening. The Modern Aires filled their engagement for this dance to the enjoyment of the dancers.

And so another successful fair is past and the directors are already turning their thoughts and efforts toward a bigger and better show next year to commemorate the One Hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Esqueping Agricultural Society.

A complete list of exhibitors in the various classes will appear next week.

HALTON CROP ASSOCIATION TO STAGE PASTURE TOUR

"Long Term" or "Permanent Pastures" as they are sometimes incorrectly named, have been the subject of keen interest among Ontario farmers the past two or three years. Demonstration fields and plots have been laid down in the majority of Ontario counties by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the respective County Crop Improvement Association for 1944 and 1945. In order to provide an opportunity for Halton farmers to see for themselves and secure first hand information, the Halton Crop Improvement Ass'n. has arranged a Tour to some seven different Halton farms to be held on Monday, September 18th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will be led by A. T. Woodley, President of the Halton Association. The date selected is Thursday, Sept. 20th, and the various points to be visited are outlined elsewhere in this issue.

N. J. Thomas, Pasture Specialist at the O.A.C., is scheduled to accompany the tour. For further information, those interested should contact either Mr. Woodley, or Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock at Milton.

CLOUTIER - SHEPHERD WEDDING AT ST. GEORGE'S

St. George's Church of England was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday, September 10th, when Helen Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Shepherd, M.B.E. became the bride of Noel Cloutier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cloutier of Peace River, Alberta.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street-length, lime-green silk dress, with lime-green and brown accessories. She carried a lovely bouquet of pink roses. Miss Doris Shepherd, sister of the bride, was her attendant, wearing a street-length dress of lavender crepe with white accessories, and a corsage of pink roses. L. Cpl. B. A. Raymond, of the Irish Regiment recently returned from overseas was groomsman. Following a honeymoon trip, the couple will take up residence in St. Thomas.

Social and Personal

Mr. LeRoy Dale, K.O., has returned to town after a vacation visit in the West with his brother, Mr. John Dale, at Kitchico, Alberta.

Mrs. Al Cameron and son Donald of Kincardine are holidaying in town with the Misses Brown.

Mrs. J. W. Berlanguet has returned to Brandon, Manitoba, after spending three and a half months visiting in Georgetown, Norval, Long Branch and Toronto.

Miss Roberta Woon has returned to her home in Toronto after holidaying with her cousin, Dianne Hillcock.

Mr. Jack Thompson spent the week end in Hamilton, where he was the guest of Rev. Griffin Thompson.

Mrs. Clarence Kennedy and son Douglas, of Everett spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Herington.

Mrs. Frank Bennett, Toronto, spent the week end with Miss Marjorie Gault.

Miss Marlene Bludd returned to her home after a two week vacation in Nanticoke, Ont.

Mr. Bob Cummings, who has been operating an electrical and radio repair service in town, has moved to Larder Lake, and with his wife and family left last week for their new home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall, of Hamilton, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Lawr and visited the Fair.

Mrs. Jack Roughley and son David were in town for the week end, en route to London, where they will make their home for a time until Mr. Roughley secures living quarters in town.

Master Terry Bludd has returned to his home, from a vacation at Claremont Ont.

Miss Betty Grant and Miss Esther Shamus of the teaching staff of Arthur High School, spent the week end with Mrs. W. V. Grant.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. E. Colman and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Colman last Friday were Mrs. Jim Colman and son Ernest of Toronto. Ernest has recently returned from overseas.

Mrs. Alan MacDonald and Howard of Galt spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Victor MacDonald.

Miss Marion Grant and Mr. Donald Marks of Montreal were visitors on Monday with Mrs. W. V. Grant.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Charles Hoare has been able to return home and is recuperating favourably from a heart attack which he suffered a month ago while enroute to visit his son in Oshawa. He has been a patient in Oshawa General Hospital.

Mrs. John McDermid, who moved from her former home on Market Street last week, has been visiting in Brampton with her son, Rev. John McDermid and Mrs. McDermid. She is leaving soon for an extended visit with relatives in Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. McMillan and Joyce entertained their friends who showed horses in the light horse show at the Fair on Saturday to a dinner at the McMillan House. President Craik Reid and Secretary G. McGillivray represented the Fair Board at the dinner.

Mrs. Harry Mathews and Robert of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Baker of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peck over the week end.

Mrs. Audrey Sharpe was honoured by fellow-members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade a week ago Monday night, when they arranged a surprise party at the home of Mrs. McGuigan. Mrs. W. F. Smith read the address and Miss Marjorie Evans presented her with a Schaeffer pen, as a memento of their good wishes in her work as a member of the V.A.D. Mrs. Sharpe leaves for England on Tuesday. The party was arranged by Mrs. W. Peck and Miss Dolene McEnery.

On Saturday night Mrs. Sharpe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grievie, held a farewell party for their daughter, with 60 relatives and friends present from Toronto, Guelph, Rockwood and Cheltenham.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. A. Wright were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Crowl, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woon and daughter Roberta; Capt. Hartt and Mrs. Hartt and Miss Margaret Hartt; Mrs. Van Slyke and Misses Florence and Helen Van Slyke; Miss Kathleen Miller; Mr. Morrell Hillcock; Mr. Jack Hillcock; Mr. Frank Stephenson; Mr. Rogers, Toronto; and Mr. Jim Corbett, Whitby, Ont.

Corporal Joseph P. Prucyk of the RCAF for the past three years, stationed at Trenton, Ont., has received his discharge and has gone back to his trade as unsmith for the R. H. Thompson Hardware. Joe formerly lived in Selkirk Man. Mrs. Prucyk and baby son Larry are spending this week with their aunt, Mrs. A. Wright.

Jimmie Preston, son of Mrs. Kathleen Preston underwent a serious operation on Tuesday at the General Hospital in Toronto.

Mrs. D. Fraser and Miss L. Caldwell have returned from a week's visit in Niagara Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fraser, who visited them in town for the week end.

Among visitors at Georgetown Fair were Mrs. W. C. Bessey, Mr. and Mrs. Win. Potts, and Mr. and Mrs. Weir Reid, of Toronto.

Visiting in town last week end were Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Joe Wilcox, of Callander. CPO Wilcox has just received his discharge after serving for almost three years with the Navy.

Miss Betty Snyder, whose marriage is to take place this Saturday, has been honoured with several presentations during the past week. On Tuesday, Sept. 4th, the ladies of the bowling club made a presentation of a very beautiful picture. After choir practise on Thursday night, a social time was enjoyed. A tasty lunch was served, after which Betty was presented with a lovely pottery vase. The S. G. C. Club, of which Betty is a member, presented her with a bathroom hamper and a handsome console mirror was received from the staff of Dominion Seed House. On Sunday morning, September 9th, the United Church Sunday School presented Miss Snyder with a wedding Bible and address which was read by Miss Joan Main.

On Friday evening, September 7th, Misses Eleanor Milliere and Isobel Dobson held a surprise kitchen shower at the home of Miss Milliere in honour of Miss Betty Snyder. The gifts were nicely arranged in awishing-well which was decorated in a very artistic manner. Many lovely and useful gifts were received by the bride-to-be, after which the guests enjoyed a few games of bingo. At the close of the evening the hostesses served a very dainty lunch.

On Thursday night, Miss Norma Thompson entertained 45 guests at her home on the occasion of a miscellaneous shower for Miss Betty Snyder, whose marriage to Mr. Gordon McMurchy takes place in September. The rooms were prettily decorated with gladioli and pink and white streamers and the bride to be received many lovely gifts. During the evening, Mrs. J. E. Ostrom, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. William Thompson, sang "I Love You Truly," "Sunshine of Your Smile" and "Just a Wearyin' For You." A mock wedding provided added enjoyment to the event, and a delicious lunch was served by the hostesses.

A. HYDE INJURED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Mr. A. Hyde sustained broken ribs and a slaking up in an automobile accident on the 2nd Line a week ago yesterday, when his car was in collision with one driven by Dr. G. E. Syer, of Milton. Both cars were damaged considerably. No blame was attached to either party, the accident occurring at a bad intersection where vision was obstructed.

MRS. AUDREY SHARPE SAILS FOR ENGLAND

Mrs. Audrey Sharpe left Toronto on Monday for Quebec, where she will board the Empress of Scotland on Wednesday to sail for England. Mrs. Sharpe is one of a group of 37 Canadian girls, who as members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, will take up nursing duties in the British Isles. It is of interest that the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice are sailing on the same ship and since the Princess is honorary head of the Brigade in Canada, the girls hope to have an interview with her. Mrs. Sharpe will go directly to London and be posted out from there.

ACTIVE SERVICE NOTES

Warrant Officer I Horace Hurley has received his discharge from the RCAF recently and his joined the staff of Confederation Life's Central Branch in Toronto. He returned to Canada in July after a year's service overseas. Tpr. Sheldon Layr has been discharged from the Army and is going to work at Smith & Stone.

Welcome Home

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Huff
We have just had the warmest week of the year, with an average of 67 degrees night and 85 degrees day temperatures, making a mean daily temperature for the week of 71 degrees. And what a history making week—Georgetown Fair eclipsed all records, Japan surrendered and the war is won. Probs say we're now in for lower temperatures, and we can all settle down to ordinary living and win the peace in cooler weather.

Following are the records for the week:

Tue., Sept. 4	82	45
Wed., Sept. 5	88	53
Thurs., Sept. 6	89	59
Fri., Sept. 7	89	59
Sat., Sept. 8	86	55
Sun., Sept. 9	82	50
Mon., Sept. 10	80	53

SPORTLITE

By J. Stamp
Well the scheduled softball league played its final league game on Friday, Sept. 7th in Georgetown Park. The two teams who met were Smith & Stone and the Alliance Club.

This game was taken by the "slipping" Smith & Stone team by a score of 9 to 7, but the S. & S. team had lost the previous game to the same team on Tuesday of the same week, Sept. 4th, to the tune of 9-4 in favour of the powerful Alliance Club. Line score of the Tuesday game was Alliance, 9 runs, 13 hits, 0 errors; S. & S., 4 runs, 7 hits, 3 errors. The Friday game looked like this: S. & S., 9 runs, 13 hits, 1 error; Alliance, 7 runs, 9 hits, 1 error.

Ritchie hit perfect for Smith & Stone in both games. He was up to the plate six times altogether, counting both games, and hit the "pill" safely SIX times, to boost his batting average way up.

Chaplin hit extra good too; five trips for four hits. Lusty got his first side hit of the season (S & S pitcher) and Holden (another hurler) got his second safehit!

Roy Norton Jr. hit good for Alliance (sure showed his Pop something) getting 2 hits for 3 bats. Ward was good, also Tom Hill and Bill Brydon came through with good batting average.

Tuesday's win over the Smith & Stone team puts the Alliance on the top of the league (so they've won the softball pennant) ("what" is it?)

Play-offs start Saturday afternoon, September 15th at 1.45. Alliance meet Smith & Stone in the best two games out of three, while Huttonville play two out of three with Business Men. Be on hand folks and give the fellows a crowd to play to!

BIG SEVEN BATTERS

	AB	Hits	P.C.
Ritchie—			
Smith & Stone	32	21	.656
Chaplin—			
Smith & Stone	33	19	.575
McMurchy—			
Huttonville	31	17	.548
K. McNally—			
Alliance	32	16	.500
Stanger—			
Smith & Stone	20	10	.500
Ward—			
Alliance	33	16	.484
Scott—			
Alliance	26	12	.460

FINAL LEAGUE STANDING

	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Alliance	11	7	3	1	15
Huttonville	11	6	3	2	14
Smith & Stone	11	6	4	1	13
Business Men	9	0	9	0	0

(Alliance wins league race)

* Businessmen were willing to play only nine games so that the playoffs could commence earlier.

Huttonville 12 — Smith & Stone 11 (Exhibition Game)

"Under the burning Fair Day sun" these two teams met in battle. It was so "durn" hot that Saturday noon, it almost "cooked" the cattle!

It sure was hot, but both teams played as hard as ever, and gave a mighty good exhibition of softball; lots of hitting and running and Huttonville were lucky to emerge with a 12-11 victory over the "Glass Garden Guys."

Spr. James Dickenson

Spr. James Dickenson arrived home in the Glen on Monday night, and was reunited with his wife and children, Barbara Leslie, Betty, Freddie and Ellen. He came to Canada on the Cameronian. A native of Yorkston, England, Spr. Dickenson came to Canada about eighteen years ago and settled in Glen Williams. Prior to enlisting in the army in April, 1940, he was employed with the Alliance Paper Mill. He went overseas in June, 1940, and for the past two and a half years has been on the Canadian Headquarters Staff in London. His son, Pte. Stanley Dickenson, a member of the Argyle & Sutherland Highlander, died of wounds in France on August 28th, 1944.

Cpl. Dorrie Kidd

Arriving in Halifax on Sunday on the Nieuw Amsterdam, Cpl. Dorrie Kidd came home to Georgetown yesterday. Overseas 4 years and seven months, he joined up with the Lorne Scots in May, 1940, transferred to the RCASC and trained at Camp Borden before going overseas, where he has since been a member of the Canadian Postal Corps. He has served in Italy, Holland and Belgium. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kidd, of Inglewood, he is married to the former Ruby Tennant, of Georgetown, and they have a five-year old son, Bobby. Prior to enlistment, Cpl. Kidd was employed with the Glen Textile Industries, Ltd. A brother, Pte. Fred Kidd was killed in France in October, 1944, and two other members of the family are overseas, Pte. Grace Kidd with the OWAO and LAC James Kidd of the RCAF, both stationed in England at present.

Sgt. Albert Reeve

Home in Georgetown after crossing from England on the Nieuw Amsterdam, is Sgt. Albert E. Reeve, a member of the RCEME. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reeve, he enlisted on July 1, 1940, with the 48th Highlanders, trained at Camp Borden and Debart and went overseas the following year with the Canadian Scottish Regiment. During service in Italy and Holland he has been a member of the Cape Breton Highlanders, the Perth Regiment and later the RCEME. In August, 1942, he married the former Alice Edwards of Croydon, who with their son, John, will be following Sgt. Reeve to Canada later this year. Sgt. Reeve was employed in town at Cripps' Garage and was working in a mining camp near Kirkland Lake when he enlisted. His brother, Sydney, who also served overseas, returned to Canada last spring and has since received his discharge from the army.

Sgt. Jim Gambell

Among district men who came home this week on the Nieuw Amsterdam, was Sgt. James Gambell, of Glen Williams. One of the Lorne Scots, who went overseas in June, 1941, Sgt. Gambell has served in Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. While in Italy he was mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Oak Leaf decoration. He was employed with Provincial Paper, Ltd. prior to enlistment. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gambell, of Brampton, he is married to the former Jean MacDonald. Sgt. Gambell was thrilled to see for the first time his daughter Jeanne who was born two months after he went to England, and the two are busy getting acquainted these days.

Grn. Earl Wilcox

Arriving in Georgetown yesterday morning, Grn. Earl Wilcox is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilcox, Victoria Street, College View. Enlisting in 1940 with the artillery, Grn. Wilcox landed in England on Christmas Day of that year. He has been with the army in Sicily, Italy, France and Holland. He crossed from England on the Cameronian, which docked at Quebec City. Prior to enlistment, Grn. Wilcox was employed at the Budget Groceteria.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank organizations and individuals in Georgetown and Glen Williams for the many parcels and cigarettes received by me during service with the army overseas.—Sgt. James Dickenson, Glen Williams.