

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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Disastrous Fire in Georgetown Monday Afternoon

C.N.R. Freight Sheds, Coal and House Destroyed in Spectacular Blaze

Monday afternoon blaze one of most serious in years
Damage will run close to \$60,000.

Fire of undetermined origin swept through the C.N.R. freight sheds on Monday afternoon, completely destroying the shed and contents. The fire was first noticed by Mrs. Frank Tyler, whose husband is a railway employee, shortly before 4 o'clock, but before the fire brigade could reach the scene the whole freight shed was a blazing inferno. The Tyler home close to the sheds, which was owned by J. B. Mackenzie was also a victim and so quickly did the fire spread that only a few articles of furniture and clothing were able to be removed, and these were badly damaged by the intense heat. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler had lived in the house since moving here from New Hamburg and as there was not room for all their furniture had some of it stored in the sheds.

Preliminary estimates of loss suffered by the railway, according to station agent V. T. O'Connell, are in the neighbourhood of \$50,000. The shed was a structure 160 ft. by 70 ft., and housed a considerable quantity of freight, although fortunately the day's deliveries had been made. Local furniture dealer, Harold McClure was lucky in that a new shipment of furniture had just been delivered to the store that morning. S. An Grabb of Georgetown Furniture Sales was not so fortunate and lost a large shipment of new furniture.

Three railway cars loaded with freight, including farm implements, were burned with their contents and four others damaged. Railwaymen managed to get three other cars on the siding safely away.

J. B. Mackenzie & Son, contractors and coal dealers, were also heavy losers, with loss estimated at five thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance. Their coal shed was destroyed and several tons of coke burned, though some of the coke pile was saved. Firemen remained at the scene for several hours after the blaze had subsided, and guard were placed by the firm and town overnight as it was feared combustion might occur in the burning coal pile. The Mackenzie firm also lost a considerable quantity of roofing material which had been stored in the shed, and this much-needed material will be hard to replace. The coal weigh-scales were also damaged badly.

At the height of the fire, it was feared that it might spread to houses along King Street. A volunteer crew removed practically all the furniture from the home of Mr. Ray Thompson, but the building suffered no damage other than blistered paint at the back of the house. Furniture was also removed from the home of Mr. Gordon Boushield and a large garage at the rear only a few feet from the burning Tyler home was cleared. A barn at the rear of the Ed McWhirter residence caught fire at one time, but was extinguished before damage resulted.

Work will start immediately on rebuilding both the railway property and the Mackenzie sheds. The most serious loss of all, perhaps, is the Tyler home, occurring as it does at a time when Georgetown is already desperate for housing accommodation.

DAVISON — ZILLO WEDDING AT ST. GEORGE'S

The marriage took place quietly in St. George's Church of England last Wednesday, April 17th, at 6:30 p.m. of Marion Zillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zillo of Terra Cotta and Clifford Davison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davison of Glen Williams. Ven. W. G. O. Thompson performed the ceremony. The bride wore a street-length lime green jersey dress with white coat and corsage of pink roses. Her attendant, Miss Dolly Black wore a turquoise blue dress and coat, and corsage of pink carnations. Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Harold Davison. The groom is a veteran of service with the Canadian Army overseas. They have taken up residence in Glen Williams.

MEMBERS OF TORONTO LODGE PAY GEORGETOWN VISIT

On Tuesday evening last, April 19th, members of Margaret Pearce Rebekah Lodge, of Toronto, paid Vernon Rebekah Lodge, Georgetown, a fraternal visit and exemplified the Rebekah degree on three new candidates, Mrs. Joe Schenney, Mrs. Ed. Johnson, and Mrs. Clifford Sweeney. Following lodge a delicious lunch was served and a social time spent.

LOCAL NEWS

—Don't forget to set your clock ahead an hour when you go to bed this Saturday night.

—For prompt electrical repairs to appliances and wiring call H. C. Bailey, Charles St., Phone 399w.

—Easter Sunday was a beautiful day and we noticed many ladies all togged up in their new spring outfits for church and the Easter parade later in the afternoon.

—109th Anniversary supper of Glen Williams United Church, Monday, May 6th. Supper from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults, 35c, children, 20c.

—Get your phonograph records and needles at Penon's Fish and Chip Store. A good selection of popular records, 25c and 35c.

—Get your tickets for "Captain Eddie" at the Gregory, April 30 and May 1, sponsored by St. George's Club. Regular admission.

—3rd Annual Father and Son Banquet sponsored by Norval Boy's Club in Norval Parish Hall, Thursday, April 25th, 7:30 p.m. Speeches, movies, eats, fun for all.

—St. George's Tennis Club will meet in the clubrooms next Monday, April 29th at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

—The W. A. of the Georgetown United Church will hold a sale of aprons and baking in the McGillivray Store on Saturday, April 27th at 2 o'clock.

—Eucharist party in St. George's Clubrooms, Friday, April 26th. Prizes, refreshments. Admission 25c.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Local Council of Women will be held in the Municipal Building on Friday, April 26th at 3 p.m. Mrs. Harry Bewell will be guest speaker.

—Mrs. Henry Young is a native of Stoneleigh, Surrey, rather than Stoneley as we reported in a news item in last week's Herald.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fred McNally. The County president and secretary will be guest speakers.

—The Norval Junior Farmers will hold their annual church service in Norval United Church on Sunday, May 12th. Guest speaker, Mr. Gordon Hume of Milton, student at Victoria College, Toronto.

—Ven. W. G. O. Thompson gave an interesting talk on "Church Symbols" at a meeting of St. George's Club last night. Plans were completed for the theatre nights next Tuesday and Wednesday and tickets distributed for members to sell.

—Teen-agers! What are you interested in? What recreational activities would you like in Georgetown? The Recreational Council would like to know and would like you to meet their new director, Mr. Newman, at an open forum in the old Town Hall on Friday evening, April 26th at 8 p.m. Bring your ideas! Bring your questions!

—Have your eyes examined by O. T. WALKER, R.O., Optometrist, at his office over the Bell Telephone Co., Main St., Georgetown, the second Wednesday of each month. Or you may consult O. T. Walker at his office in Brampton. Phone Georgetown, 167; Brampton, 599.

NORVAL MISSION IS SPECIAL RECTOR PREACHER AT WATERDOWN

At the request of the Waterdown Ministerial Association the Rev. H. Leigh Pink L.Th., Anglican Rector of the Parish of Hornby, Norval, Stewartville, preached a series of four Special Mission Sermons during Holy Week at Waterdown. The Ministerial Association reports a "most satisfactory Holy Week Mission, with increasing attendance every night."

The opening service was held Monday, April 15th, in the Presbyterian Church at Waterdown, with attendance of 55, when the Rev. Mr. Leigh Pink preached forcibly on the theme "The Saving Power of Belief." On Tuesday, April 16th, over sixty people gathered to hear the second address "God Wants Your Answer." The Wednesday night service in the United Church had just begun and the first hymn was ending when every light in town suddenly went out due to power failure. Nothing daunted, asking for a flashlight, the mission preacher read the Scripture Lesson, and within a few minutes several of the 75 people present had hurried home and returned with Candles. By candle glimmer—in a truly "Early Christian" and impressive atmosphere the third sermon was delivered—"Jesus Christ's Last Step."

Over 90 people crowded Grace Church (Anglican) at Waterdown on Thursday night April 18th to hear Rev. H. Leigh Pink's final sermon, "The Man Who Was Not There."

STEWARTTOWN

The services in St. John's Church were well attended Good Friday and Easter Day. Miss Eleanor Smith presided at the organ for the Good Friday Service.

Communion service was at 9 a.m. Easter Day. Sunday School at 2 p.m. Presentation of Lenten Boxes and a talk by the Rector. Easter Day Service at 3 p.m. The Rector, Rev. H. Leigh Pink was in charge of all services.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. G. Appelbe is on the sick list, and hope he will soon be around again. The last word was that he was improving slowly.

Mr. James McBride met with an accident last week while working with the tractor. He was taken to the hospital at Guelph, where we hope he will soon be mending.

Some of the visitors during the Easter week-end were: With Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Baldoock of Brampton and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Osborne and daughter, Heather Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hodge and Joan at Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodge's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenkinson and Mrs. Jack Jenkinson of Mount Dennis were here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Huffman of St. Catharines were home with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith.

With Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. and Mrs. John Brown, Orangeville, Mrs. Stewart Simpson, Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tennant, Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson and Elaine of Georgetown.

Miss Christine Dickenson of Georgetown was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson of and family of Georgetown were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Standish.

With Mrs. Mary Baily. Good Friday, were Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Baily and daughter Dawn all of Hamilton. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. Baily, John and Paul of Toronto.

—Mrs. Lawson spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawson at Windsor. The school children were taken to Limehouse, Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. Cromar and Mrs. DeVries to see the pictures shown by the Dept. of Education.

TERRA COTTA

A young lady from Toronto has purchased a lot off Mr. W. F. Hunter's Credit Flats and had a large cottage hauled up from Toronto in sections. The cottage will be completed this week and contains four rooms. This is our way of coping with the housing shortage.

We also learn that Mr. R. Clancy of Guelph has sold part of his bush farm on the mountain to a gentleman who purposes erecting a summer cottage on it. "Watch Terra Cotta Grow."

The assessor has been making his usual rounds here.

Easter visitors have been quite numerous here during the holidays.

Miss L. Laughon of Toronto spent Easter at her summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vanderliet and daughter of Toronto spent the week-end at their summer home here.

Mr. W. H. Stringer of Toronto spent Easter with his brother, Mr. John Gordon Stringer.

Mr. J. O. Stringer has purchased an up-to-date truck and is prepared to do all kinds of trucking. All phone orders promptly filled on shortest notice. Success to you, Gordon.

Mr. B. Messenger, we understand, has sold a lot off his farm to a gentleman who also purposes erecting a summer home on it.

Miss Arnie Puckering of Toronto spent the week-end with Terra Cotta friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Puckering of Toronto spent the week-end with Terra Cotta friends.

Terra Cotta had what might have been a disastrous fire. While burning grass, the fire spread to Mr. Leslie Toan's house and got under the house which was totally destroyed in a short time. The book and ladder company were on hand, but too late to save the building.

A number of our citizens are engaged at Brampton Brick plant at present.

INJURED IN TRACTOR ACCIDENT

A tractor accident, last Thursday on his farm on the 6th line seriously injured James McBride. Mr. McBride suffered a bad fracture of the left thigh. He was attended by Dr. A. McAllister and later removed to Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shely of Birmingham, Michigan spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. O'Neill, Master John O'Neill of Toronto is visiting this week at the same home.

ASHGROVE

The Women's Institute meeting was held last Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Robt. Cunningham's with a splendid attendance. It opened with the ode and minutes of the last meeting. Roll Call responded to by a potato recipe.

This being the Grandmother's meeting it was turned over to them. Mrs. Dick gave the motto "East or West, Home's Best." Mrs. Ward Ruddell gave a reading "By Gone Changes" by Edgar Guest.

Demonstration of home-made carpets by Mrs. R. J. Graham, Reading by Mrs. Nurse "An old fashioned Courtship," a musical number by Mrs. Fred Wrigglesworth and Mrs. Dick. The former as a sweet demure lady and the latter dressed as a gent with high silk-hat, gloves and cane singing Reuben and Rachael; this number caused much merriment.

Mrs. Milton Bird gave the report of the nominating committee. The officers for 1946-47 are:

President, Mrs. Robert Cunningham; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Thea Giffen; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Archer; Sec. Treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Giffen; Directors — Mrs. R. J. Graham, Mrs. A. J. Ruddell, Mrs. F. Thompson, Programme Com., Mrs. J. Bellbody, Mrs. H. Barnes, Mrs. Marion Hunter, Mrs. J. McClelland, Mrs. T. Browne.

Flower Committee — Mrs. C. Austin, Mrs. Gerald Graham, Mrs. Milton Bird, Pianist — Mrs. Hector Bird; Assistant Pianist — Mrs. T. Brownridge; Press — Mrs. Jno. Bellbody; Red Cross Committee — Mrs. Clayton Wilson and Mrs. J. J. Thompson. Courtesy Committee — Mrs. H. Bird and Mrs. R. Heppburn; auditors, Mrs. W. Brownridge and Mrs. Jno. Ismond.

The Easter services were well attended both morning and evening. The front of the church was lovely with an Easter Lily and sprays of yellow forsythia. In the morning the choir rendered two anthems and Miss Joy Ruddle sang "The Holy City."

In the absence of our minister who was not able to be with us the service was conducted by two students from Milton training for the ministry, namely Gordon Hume and James McDougal who gave us a lovely Easter message. In the evening the Young People had charge and musical numbers from Hartley and Colin Anderson with violin and cornet were much enjoyed and the address by Rev. J. O. Totton, a former minister on "Mary Magdalene her griefs and her love" closed a lovely Easter Sunday.

Easter visitors noticed were: Mr. and Mrs. McClelland and two sons from Manitoba at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin's.

Miss Viola Brigidon, Mr. and Mrs. T. McMullen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Grouser and children with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brigidon.

Victor Thompson of Toronto with Mrs. Nurse and Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carney and Sandra of Alton with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wrigglesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christian and three daughters of Hamilton with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddle.

LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Ethel Lowden left last week for San Francisco where she has secured passage on a freighter which will take her back home to Australia. A native of Sydney, New South Wales, she came to America with her husband and settled in the States shortly before the outbreak of war. Her husband died suddenly and Mrs. Lowden found herself all alone in a strange land, with no friends or relatives and unable to get back to her homeland.

She came to Canada and after working for some time at a war plant in St. Catharines came to Georgetown a year ago and took a position in the Assembly Department at Smith & Stone, Ltd., making her home with Mr. and Mrs. J. Farmer. Prior to leaving town, fellow employees at Smith & Stone presented her with a pearl necklace.

G.R.C. RECREATIONAL FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$27 00
Georgetown Motors	25 00
Shl Silver	25 00
Dayfoot Shoe Company	25 00
TOTAL, April 24th	\$102 00

ENGAGEMENT

Major and Mrs. Roger Guyot, of Toronto, formerly of Glen Williams, wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Vivienne Betty, to Mr. George Meville Nixon, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Nixon of Montreal. The marriage will be solemnized in St. Paul's Anglican Church Chapel, Toronto, on Thursday, May 23rd, 1946, at 7:30 p.m.

Forty Applications For Veterans Homes

In response to a questionnaire appearing in last week's Herald, Town Clerk P. B. Harrison reports that to date 40 applications have been received. Of these 20 require 4-room houses, fifteen, 5-room and five, 6-rooms. The large proportion of applications are from veterans, but there are also several civilian applicants.

The property committee has been investigating potential building projects all this week, among which are lands owned by George H. Leslie and A. MacLaren in the paper mill district and a portion of Cedarvale Farm bordering No. 7 Highway.

LIMEHOUSE

Holiday visitors in the neighbourhood included:

Mrs. Scratch of Leamington with her son Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scratch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler and Susan of Toronto with the Roughley's.

Mrs. T. J. Campbell and Billie of Hamilton with the Norton's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Newton of Barrie and Miss Evers of Toronto with the Newton's.

Mrs. Reamsbottom of Kirkland Lake, Mrs. Jones and Miss M. Reamsbottom of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Foster.

Mr. Jas. Nickell of Royal Oak, Mich., with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nickell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow and Elaine and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lane, and daughter, all of Toronto with Mrs. R. Lane.

Members of Mrs. R. Lane's family held a Reunion at her home on Saturday evening in honour of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lane and family, prior to their removal to Montreal.

The Girls' Looout Club met at the home of Shirley Wright last week.

We are sorry to learn of Mr. James McBride's unfortunate accident. We hope that he may have a speedy recovery in Guelph Hospital.

Mr. Hetherington, Fed. Agricultural Fieldman for Halton showed films in Limehouse Memorial Hall last Wednesday afternoon and evening, ending with an old fashioned spelling match. A social time was spent at the close.

Easter thanksgiving meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Newton on Thursday afternoon last. Miss Louise Reith of the Literature department of W.M.S., Toronto was guest speaker. She dealt with the work of her department and outlined the 1946 Study book after Africa and told the Easter story. Refreshments were served at the close.

Miss Marjorie Heppburn and Mr. Sam Glsby were soloists at Limehouse Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon. Both were accompanied by Mr. Kenneth Harrison.

GEORGETOWN WOMAN INJURED IN NORVAL ACCIDENT

When the car in which Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Follow of Georgetown were riding turned over in a ditch at Norval, Mrs. Follow received a bad shaking up which necessitated her removal to Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. The car, a 1931 Pontiac coach, driven by Mr. Follow was proceeding east and had just come down Norval Hill when he noticed a van unloading furniture. He swerved to avoid the van, almost went in the left ditch and the car went out of control and turned over in the right ditch about half-way between the hill and Donaldson's Garage. The accident occurred Saturday afternoon.

Dr. R. T. Paul of Georgetown was called to attend Mrs. Follow and fortunately her injuries were not so serious as at first believed. The car was badly damaged.

AN ENVIABLE RECORD

The Beaumont Employees Parcel Fund came into being in 1942 with Harold Wheeler as Chairman and Mary Watson Treasurer. By May 1943 a total of \$2,741.58 had been raised of which \$2,716.16 went to supplying Overseas Parcels to boys from the village and surrounding territory. In addition through voluntary weekly contributions 291,200 cigarettes were supplied.

Joining forces with the rest of the village they raised over a balance of \$469.42 to which has been added \$469.17 proceeds from various activities and \$882.86 from canvas making a grand total on hand of \$1,851.44 for presentation to Returned Veterans.

The final big effort is the Presentation and Old Boys Reunion on June 21 and 22.

We doubt if this record can be equaled in any small community in the Dominion.