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## The Editor's Corner

### A POPPY FOR REMEMBRANCE

Once again this year the Canadian Legion is asking the people of Georgetown, and district to wear a poppy for remembrance and on Saturday poppies will be sold in town. During the years since John McCrae wrote his beautiful poem "In Flanders Fields", the poppy has come to be the symbol of the debt we owe to those who died in battle and on this one day in the year people throughout Canada wear poppies to show that they remember. Not that any special day or any special act should be necessary to call back the missing faces of young men whose trip across the water was a one-way passage, and who paid with their blood for the way of life which we today enjoy. For in the sorrowing hearts of friends are etched the names of twenty-four who lie buried in foreign soil since the first World War and to their names on the cenotaph have been added thirty-nine more from the recent conflict.

While remembrance of the dead is the spiritual aspect of the poppy, there is also a practical purpose of assisting the living, for the money raised through the fund is used for emergency assistance to veterans and to families of veterans. There are many cases on record where necessary assistance has been forthcoming in a matter of hours. Often there are worthy veterans who hesitate to apply to any of the organized charities. Through the comradeship of the Canadian Legion their needs are learned and the assistance is given. While the Poppy Fund is a national appeal, the money raised locally is used locally to assist veterans and their families.

The slogan "Wear a Poppy for Remembrance" is a good slogan. It is one that deserves the support of every citizen.

### POT POURRI

Fall rain and continued warm weather has caused some interesting crop phenomena in this district. A district farmer, Cliff Hunter, brought some shoots of wheat to the office last week which measured twenty two inches in length. The fall wheat, sown at Exhibition time, normally measures about six inches at this time, and Mr. Hunter says that this long growth is lying over the field like a carpet. Our first visit to a new organization, the Western Ontario Publishers' Association proved interesting on Saturday. The group met in Harriston for a chicken dinner at Harriston's famous Royal Hotel and held an afternoon business session in the Legion Hall at which Randolph Churchill executive editor of the London Free Press was speaker. Mr. Churchill had the broad topic of "News" as his subject and to illustrate how a story can be developed, he said that a good reporter should be able to write a story of any given length on any given subject. The Free Press had once developed a half-page feature article on a brick wall by research on white brick once commonly used as a building material in London. They traced back the early history of the brick, discovered that there had once been dozens of small brickyards in that district, found out why they no longer were in operation, etc. Costuming at the Lions Masquerade set a new high this year and we don't envy the judges who had to pick the prizewinners. Among those who were overlooked were Cal Marshall, who made one of the most unusual ballet dancers one could ever imagine; Jim Burns, a good Frankenstein's monster; Reta Maw in gentleman's evening dress and a tray on which were glued an assortment of bottles and glasses; Lion President Len Lambert and Mrs. L., a perfect Julius Sneezer and wife; Cece McNamara whose bedtime attire was complete with a candle which lighted with a flashlight battery; Bill Barry, who startled residents on Saturday morning by walking to work in his elongated clown shoes; Bruce MacKenzie, who would make a perfect end man in a minstrel show. It was a wonderful party. Put a big red circle around November 25th on your calendar. That's the annual nomination meeting and it should be a "must" for any taxpayer. Wonder if there is a town in Ontario whose Main Street sees so many changes as Georgetown? In the past few months no less than seven businesses have changed ownership, and two more are in the rumour stage. Visiting the Municipal Office for a few minutes at other day we found the new assessor, Joe Gibbons, at work filling out one of the new appraisal forms on which assessments will be based in the future. There is a surprising amount of detail and it seems that everything is put down in black and white except what the carpenters had for dinner. It should provide the best comparative valuation system possible. We don't repeat a joke very often, but this one, told by Mr. Churchill at the meeting mentioned above tickled me. It seems that the late Teddy Roosevelt was

once making a campaign speech in a backwoods community in the Ozarks Mountains and to illustrate a point he asked how many present had heard of George Washington. There was a dead silence. How many had heard of Abraham Lincoln; was the next question, and again a silence. Exasperated, Mr. Roosevelt said "Has anyone here ever heard of God?" After a moment a lanky mountaineer rose in the back of the hall and drawled: "Is his last name Damm?"

## Chatting . . . . . By M.H.B.

● THAT LITTLE gale we had a week ago Monday, not only swept down the last leaves of summer but sent the fall apples tumbling to the ground as well. And this latter by-product of the wind storm had some disastrous effects — especially on the apple trees of the district.

On the Albert Presswood farm at Glen Williams, a herd of ten cows ate up the windfalls of several wild apple trees. They ate, in fact, until they were overcome by the apple juice. When Mr. Presswood found them he had an extremely difficult time, trying to get them moving, and into the barn. He finally succeeded, however, called veterinarian Dr. Charles Sayers, and had to work with the cows all day to keep them from dying from their over-indulgence. Fortunately, or unfortunately — rather, they lost only one cow. Talking with Mrs. Presswood, she said it pointed up the well-known fact that fallen apples are dangerous to a herd of cattle. And it seems that there weren't the only cows to get into difficulties from eating them. Several of the larger herds in the district became ill after the storm, and Dr. Sayers spent a very busy few days.

● WHILE WE'RE still thinking about animals — here's quite an interesting little story about dogs you might enjoy hearing. It came as quite a surprise to learn that bloodhounds are very rare in Canada. In fact there are only two kennels in this country where you can procure them — one is at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson's, Hornby — and the other kennel is in British Columbia.

In common with most people we had always been under the impression that bloodhounds were of a fierce disposition and homely as well. But Mrs. Robertson tells us differently. Actually they are highly intelligent and affectionate dogs and it's not at all hard to become very fond of them, with their wrinkled faces and perpetually worried expression.

Most of the hounds from the Robertson kennels are sold by mail, and are largely sent to the U.S.A., to be used by the police department. This week they are shipping one to Big Springs, Texas, and one to Perrine, Florida. Blood hounds have not yet become popular in Canada as pets — perhaps the high price (\$125.00) of puppies helps act as a deterrent. Then too, of course, they are so scarce. Very few people have seen a real live bloodhound.

The Robertsons have had the raising of bloodhounds as a hobby for several years now. They are importing two hounds from England, and expect them within the next few weeks.

● SEEMS AS THO' Mrs. Robertson is really breaking into print these days. Just a week ago, she wrote in "Over The Tea Cups" a daily column feature of the Toronto Daily Star, and won first prize in their "Short-Story contest." It's amusing, actually, to note and remember herself and husband, as well as her two sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Finlay of town.

● "IT'S A BOY" for the Stanley Turner's of Hornby. Mrs. Turner was Miss Alice Fairbairn before her marriage, and a member of the Georgetown High School teaching staff.

Mrs. Robert Walthe had a surprise visit last week from an old friend, Mrs. Robert Roscoe, of St. Catharines. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe (who at one time lived here when Mr. Roscoe worked with the late W. C. Anthony), have just returned from several months' holiday in the British Isles and Holland. Even better than their homeland, they liked Holland where the climate and countryside are so lovely and the people so friendly. These things they could appreciate, in spite of the sadness which underlaid their visit there. For it was in Holland where their son William was killed while serving with the Canadian Army. It was some comfort to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe to see the grave and cemetery so beautifully kept, it was just like a flower garden. And a Dutch family, with whom their son stayed while in Holland, is looking after his grave. This custom apparently prevails throughout the country, where the Canadians won

a never-to-be forgotten place in the hearts of the kindly Dutch people.

● ATTENDING THE I.O.D.E. Arpa Conference at St. John's Anglican Parish Hall, Kitchener, last Wednesday night, we were standing around chatting before we took our places at the table, and happened to glance back at the church W.A. ladies who catered for the dinner. And wouldn't you know — yes, we saw someone who used to live in Georgetown — Mrs. Henry Matthea. Enjoyed renewing acquaintanceship.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Creasey of Glen Williams sailed on their return to England last week, aboard the Empress of France, from Montreal. They will make their home at Rowston, near Digby, Lincolnshire. Mr. Creasey is interested in amateur boxing, and held boxing classes while they lived in the Glen. We've heard of "Ten on the Terrace", but it's the first time we've heard of "Ten on a rooftop". It actually took place tho, I at week, when Mrs. Bill Roney was shingling the roof of their Market Street house, and friend-neighbour Mrs. Jack Whitney brought her a cup of tea, which Mrs. Roney, loath to lose any time from her work, enjoyed right on the job.

One of our local girls, the former Anne Bowman, has gone away out to St. Johns, Newfoundland, to live, where her husband, Alistair, Burnett, has been appointed psychologist for the Dominion Government.

### NORVAL CHURCH GUILD PLANS DECEMBER BAZAAR

The members of St. Paul's Church Guild reversed the seasons at their meeting last Wednesday night and gave Norval Parish Hall a "spring cleaning." The members turned out with soap, mops and scrubbing brushes and after everyone's hard work, their efforts were rewarded with tea and cookies served by Miss Prairie Maguire and Mrs. H. Gollup.

The members are planning a bazaar in early December and there was some discussion of this during the evening.



REV. R. C. CHALMERS

The men of Georgetown United Church are reserving Thursday for a meeting with Rev. R. C. Chalmers, associate secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service during the 110th anniversary week.

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