

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## YOUNG GEORGETOWN WOMAN DIES AFTER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A traffic accident in Pennsylvania brought tragic death to one of Georgetown's most popular young ladies last week when Mrs. Nell McLennan, suffered fatal injuries and died in Meadville Hospital. The accident occurred at a highway intersection when a car driven by Mr. McLennan, was struck broadside by a car driven by Paul Fisher of Greenville, Pa. Mrs. McLennan was thrown several feet from the auto and suffered fatal head injuries. Both vehicles were badly wrecked and Mr. Fisher and his passenger, Evelyn Joanne Koston, 18, of Shenkleyville were both seriously injured, receiving head and facial injuries. Mr. McLennan was treated for minor injuries and shock.

The accident occurred at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday when the McLennans were en route to their home in Islington after driving her maternal uncle back to the States after a visit in Canada. When news of the accident reached town, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Moyer immediately left by car with Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McLaughlin to be with their daughter. An operation performed at the hospital did not help and the accident victim failed to regain consciousness before her death on Saturday.

Mary P. Moyer was born in Buffalo, N.Y., 23 years ago. The family later moved to Toronto and in 1940 came to Georgetown to live on the former Hutt farm just out of town limits on Main Street South, moving a few years ago to their present home on Mill Road. She attended high school here and after graduation was employed as a clerk in Robb's Drug Store. A year and a half ago she was married to Nell McLennan, who had been manager of the store, and they moved to Islington where he had purchased the "Six Points" drug store.

Mrs. McLennan had a beautiful contralto voice and was prominent in school music festivals and as a member of St. George's Choir. She had sung many times at public social events in town and district. She also took an interest in dramatics and was a member of the local Theatrical group, Apprentice Productions. Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by a younger sister, Olive.

The funeral service at the McClure Funeral Home yesterday was conducted by Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, with Rev. A. H. McKenzie of Islington assisting. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were Charles McLennan, Arthur Reinhardt, Paul Barber, Norman Flahiff, Gordon Beatty and Harold Martin.

## OWEN HUGHES NOW A TORONTO "ROOKIE"

Mr. Owen Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes, Main Street North, has joined the Toronto Police Force, being posted to No. 1 Police Station, prior to the commencement of his eight-week training course.

Owen resigned from the Engineering Department of the Ontario Department of Highways, which he has been with for the past three years, in order to become a member of the Toronto Police Force.

## THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:

Call the past week's weather Indian Summer, or whatever you wish to, but you will have to agree it was really enjoyable. The week's average of 55 and 34 degrees are 13 and 6 degrees respectively, above the normal average.

The last thunderstorm in November recorded here was in 1943 and it only lasted an hour; so the one we had last week was really unusual and quite prolonged.

Date	Max	Min.	Rain
Nov. 7	56	33	
Nov. 8	59	39	
Nov. 9	45	23	
Nov. 10	40	31	.32
Nov. 11	60	42	
Nov. 12	47	35	.07
Nov. 13	57	35	.47
Average	55.28	34	1.16"

## STROKE IS FATAL TO GEORGE WALTERS

Rev. Chas. R. Gower was in charge of the funeral service from McClure's Funeral Home on Saturday, for the late George J. Walters, who died in Guelph General Hospital on Thursday, November 10. He had been in failing health for some time, prior to the stroke, which was the immediate cause of his demise. Mr. Walters was in his 75th year.

Born in Acton, the son of the late John Walters and Jessie Hardy Walters, Mr. Walters lived all his life in this vicinity, having made his home in Georgetown for the past thirty years. He lived a quiet life, and attended the Georgetown Baptist Church. For many years, he was employed with the W. H. Kentner and Son coal firm. Of later years, he had been helping his son Clarence in his market garden.

Surviving are his widow, the former Maude Harding, and five children: Harvey, Acton; Clarence, Georgetown; Lorne, Guelph; John Lloyd, Hamilton; and Jessie, (Mrs. Harry Shortill), Georgetown. There are also four grandchildren: Delmer and Corinne, of Guelph; Karen, Georgetown; and Charles of Hamilton.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Albert Karshaw, Gordon Spence, Herb Distance, Alan Norton, Ed Logan and Joseph Gibbons. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery.

## ARMSTRONG - TROYER NUPTIALS AT HUTTONVILLE

In a double ring ceremony in Huttonville United Church on October 28th, Dorothy Isabel Troyer, daughter of Mrs. M. F. Towns of Watermark became the bride of Harvey Allan Armstrong, son of Mr. H. W. Armstrong, Georgetown. The bride wore a white satin gown with a fingertip veil falling from a heart-shaped headpiece. Donald Armstrong, Ingleswood, was best man and ushers were the groom's brother, Norman Armstrong, and the bride's brother-in-law, Raymond Whaley. A reception was held at Huttonville at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Ethel McMurchy. The couple will reside in Huttonville.

## Canon Woodcock Preaches Sunday at St. George's

Canon H. F. Woodcock will preach at morning and evening services in St. George's Church of England this Sunday, when special services will mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the church. Canon Woodcock is a former rector of St. Jude's Church, Oakville, and of Christ Church, Deer Park, Toronto. At the evening service the Lorne Scots Band will assist with the musical portion of the service. Special music is being prepared by the St. George's Choir under the leadership of W. F. Bradley and Mrs. Bradley will as usual be at the organ.

## ACTON BUSINESSMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Frank Wood and Mrs. James Ritchie were among those who attended the funeral in Acton last Wednesday of William Blair, brother of Mrs. Wood, who died suddenly in his 69th year on the previous Sunday. A son of Donald and Susanna Blair, he was born at Belfountain and after many years as a carpenter, he bought a plumbing and heating business in Acton which he was operating at the time of his death. He was a past master of Walker Masonic Lodge.

Three daughters survive, Mrs. Percy Smith, (Minnie) of Everton, Mrs. Omar Parker (Beatrice), Everton and Mrs. Rae West (Velma), Acton. There are also two brothers and one sister, Wesley Blair of Calgary, Alta., Joseph Blair of Chaplin, Sask., and Mrs. Wood. His wife, Mary Ann Allen and one son, Torrance, predeceased him.

## Georgetown First to have Free Dental Care

Dr. J. M. Mather, Halton Medical Officer of Health and Dr. B. J. O'Meara, newly appointed county dental inspector, attended a meeting of Georgetown Board of Education last Wednesday and explained in detail how the new dental system will work. The local board, at a previous meeting, had already voted to provide free dental treatment for all public school children, and an agreement will be signed, effective the first of the year, to provide for this. Thirty per cent of the cost is borne by the provincial government. The work covers only extractions, ordinary fillings and prophylaxis, and local dentists work at an hourly rate. It was pointed out how free treatment had benefitted many municipalities. A test survey in Nassagaweya, which has had free treatment for two years showed 66 per cent of the pupils needing dental attention. A similar survey in Oakville, which has not had this service, showed 93 per cent in need. Georgetown is the first municipality to inaugurate free treatment, though all four townships now have it.

An appraisal of the public school building by Sam Mackenzie showed its replacement value at \$78,000. As co-insurance of only \$47,000 was carried, and to collect full value this type of insurance requires that at least 80 per cent coverage be carried, the board decided to increase insurance to \$78,000. Insurance on contents was increased from \$4000 to \$10,000 also, the business to be divided equally between local agents Elmer C. Thompson and Walter T. Evans & Co.

A contract for painting the fire escape and tarring the roof at the high school was given to McCleod and Frank at a price of \$80. A letter from Inspector L. L. Skuce informed the board that as Georgetown had the largest public school enrolment, the school board was eligible to appoint a member to the North Halton High School district board.

## BABY RUSHED TO CITY, DIES AT SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A newborn baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker, John Street, born in Guelph on Saturday, was rushed to Toronto Sick Children's Hospital for treatment by specialists, but died on the following day. The 11-pound baby was taken by police ambulance to Toronto, with a nurse administering oxygen.

## ITEMS HELD OVER

It was necessary to omit some news items from this issue, including the Recipe Column, Public School News and the Bowling column, due to space requirements. Sorry, but until rubber type is invented this is bound to happen occasionally.

## Native of England, Mother Dies in Guelph

Mrs. Harry Goldham, Sr., mother of Harry Goldham, Georgetown merchant, died in Guelph on October 31st in her 81st year. With her husband, she emigrated from England and they resided in Acton for forty years. Her husband predeceased her several years ago and for the last four years she had lived with her daughter in Guelph. She leaves a family of five children, Mrs. W. Neln of New York; Harry of Georgetown, Mrs. Harry Holmes, Acton, Charles of Guelph, and Mrs. J. Irvine, Montclair. The funeral service was held in Acton and interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

## Lodge Past Master John P. Reid Dies

Following a long period of failing health, John P. Reid died suddenly on Monday evening, November 7, in his 71st year. Member of a pioneer Georgetown family, he was a son of the late Dugald Reid and Janet McGill, who settled in Georgetown about ninety years ago. Possessing a pleasing personality and fine character, he was held in high esteem throughout the community where he was widely known through his many years as a Main Street businessman.

The late Mr. Reid attended public and high schools here and was a member of Credit Lodge as were his father and three of his four brothers. His father was Master of the Lodge in 1897 and he was elected to this honour in 1911.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Olive W. Donaldson, one daughter, Miss Marlon R. Reid, R.N., of Toronto, one sister, Mrs. (Dr.) H. G. Wood (Katharine) of Rochester, Minnesota, two nephews and two nieces, K. Reid McGregor, Malcolm Gillespie, Mrs. A. Wood and Mrs. M. Luzine, all of Toronto. He was predeceased by four brothers and one sister.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Alex J. Calder, of Knox Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday at the McClure Funeral Home with interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Pallbearers were Clayton Dick, Sr., Everett Cole, D. R. Donaldson, Herb Distance, Alex D. Hume and Reid McGregor. Relatives attended the funeral from Erin, Brampton, Ashgrove, Toronto, Galt, Sheffield, London and Hillsburgh.

## HALTON FARM FORUM

(by Lillian C. Gray)

Forums that sent in reports to the county press correspondent this past week were: Town Line, Omagh, Kelso, Boyne, Zimmerman, Mt. Nemo, Kilbride, S. S. No. 4, Esquewaing and S. S. No. 1, Nassagaweya. The topic for conversation for the evening was "Should there be Federal aid for education," a subject which all Forums realize is of first-hand importance to themselves and the future generation.

As to what the Government should do concerning the Canadian Teachers' Federation's appeal to Ottawa for financial aid to the provinces for elementary and secondary education, the opinion was unanimous that the Dominion Government should give financial aid where it is needed and establish minimum standards in all provinces. Five of the forums added that at the same time the province should be left in control of education as at present. This was because, as Town Line pointed out, "If the province or municipality has no voice in the control of education it will lose interest." S. S. No. 4 Esquewaing says, "Teachers could teach in all provinces and students could move from one province to another without hindering their progress." Boyne thought if the poorer province could receive Federal aid, and minimum standards were established, it would "give every Canadian child equal opportunity." Also "that it would make for better Canadian unity if we had a Canadian school system."

When it came to the question, "What do you consider the most serious education problem in your community?" Mt. Nemo observes, "There is only one thing touchier and that is Russia and the atomic bomb." Five forums replied that injustice in taxes was their problem. Some said they were paying taxes for schools they would never receive any benefit from. Zimmerman thought, "Taxes should not all be borne by the land-owner but tenants should be taxed as well." Indirect taxation was favoured rather than land tax. Other problems mentioned were poor teachers, daylight saving time, and unsatisfactory courses for rural pupils.

## Attorney General O.K.'s Magistrate's Decision

### Personal Tax Services Opens Local Office

Personal Tax Services, an organization known from coast to coast in Canada has opened a branch office in Georgetown and this week the announcement is made that Marshall Timbers will be in charge. The new office is located in the building on Main Street which Al Norton has purchased and is making over into apartments and offices. The last commercial establishment to occupy the building was Norman Brown's Bakery and it has been used as a house since that time.

Personal Tax Services has offices in such leading places as Windsor, Newfoundland, Montreal, Moncton, N.B., Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Vancouver and Toronto, where head office is located. A wide variety of services is offered, from detailed bookkeeping to audit and advice on tax problems. A staff of competent assistants is available at all times, and will do the work at the home, farm or office.

According to news items in Tuesday's Toronto papers, Attorney-General Dana Porter is quoted as saying: "I'm satisfied the magistrate acted properly in this matter. We are only concerned with his bona fides as a magistrate. We are not a court of appeal."

Last Thursday police chairman Cecil Davidson, Acting Mayor Jack Armstrong and Deputy-Reeve James Goodlet went in person to Toronto, bearing council's request that Magistrate K. M. Langdon be replaced by an outside magistrate in hearing local court cases. The complaint had been made because a majority of the council disagreed with one man holding office as magistrate and town solicitor as well as carrying on a private law practice, and because they were not satisfied with acquittals made by the magistrate in the Eschlin case and other speeding and parking charges. Mr. Porter told the deputation that the matter would be investigated.

At press time no official letter had been received from the Attorney-General's department at the town clerk's office.

## War Dead Honoured On Remembrance Day

acted as bugler for the Last Post and Reveille.

The Poppy Day committee, which was again headed by Mrs. T. F. Grieve reports the most successful tag day to date, \$310.82 being the proceeds on November 5th. In addition generous donations were made by individuals and organizations. The following are acknowledged: Bank of Commerce, Royal Bank, Harley-Kay-Marland, Smith & Stone, Board of Education, L. E. Fleck, Miss H. A. Staunton, Legion W.A., Beaumont Knitting, Town of Georgetown, Robt. Simpson Co., Meadowlawn Growers, Canadian Legion, T. Eaton Co., Dominion Stores, Apple Products, I.O.D.E., Local Council of Women, True Blue Lodge, Rebekah Lodge, Local Union 474, Dominion Seed House, D. G. H. Wright, K. M. Langdon, Dale & Bennett, Georgetown Herald, McGibbon House, and all businessmen.

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

HAD HEARD that Mrs. George Hughes was establishing a Convalescent Rest Home at "Elmholtz", on the 7th Line, phoned to ask her a little bit about it, and was invited out to have a look, and get my information first hand.

In case some of you are not familiar with the farms in this vicinity, Elmholtz was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes from Vern Pickett about four years ago, when Mr. Pickett bought the Ross Thompson farm, Mr. Thompson coming here to engage in the shoe business he now operates on Main St. It is the old Bessey homestead, owned by Dr. McAndrew prior to its purchase by Mr. Pickett.

Now, having thoroughly acquainted you with the past history of Elmholtz, we'll bring you right up to date. In her 14-room home, Mrs. Hughes recognized, right from the start, the wonderful possibilities it had for conversion into a convalescent rest home. The possibility has now become an actuality, with five lovely bright bedrooms newly decorated and two bed-sitting rooms downstairs finished and ready to be furnished.

Had no idea, seeing the house from the road, that it was so huge—the rooms are really large with several windows in each. Then Mrs. Hughes showed us the new sunroom, being built right across the back of the house, truly making the house an ideal setting for its purpose.

And that purpose is, literally and figuratively speaking, to let in a little sunshine on the lives of elderly ladies, who no longer wish, or are able to keep up their own home.

Mrs. Hughes' patrons will also include walking convalescents from hospital, as she will not be able to care for bed patients. In order to make life as pleasant as possible, guests will be allowed freedom of the whole house, tray service in their rooms if desired, and plenty of good food in warm and comfortable surroundings. Added advantages of course, are the beauty of the countryside, coupled with its nearness to town.

THIS TREND OF THOUGHT led us to the conclusion that

there seem to be few towns of any size, nowadays, without their "nursing home," or even in some cases, hospitals. We're thinking in particular, of Chesley, a town smaller than Georgetown, in Bruce County, which recently converted one of its largest and oldest homes into a beautiful and very up-to-date hospital. The feat has been accomplished by voluntary donations, in addition, of course, to the government grant. Financing of such an ambitious project, is naturally an uphill road for the community, but voluntary donations are still supporting it. We feel a great deal of credit is due them.

The women of Chesley have formed a large organization which they call the "Hospital Aid". This organization works hard making things for the hospital, and raising money for it. At present plans are being made for a huge bazaar.

ON A RECENT weekend in Chesley, we visited the home of Editor and Mrs. Clayton Schaus of the Chesley Enterprise. Couldn't help remarking on the beauty of the floral centrepieces and "winter bouquets" placed here and there about the room. Whereupon Mrs. Schaus hastened to assure us that they were not all "permanent fixtures" so to speak, in the room, because she was making them to sell for the Hospital Aid. In the course of conversation, we learned that she had made \$70.00 for the Aid this fall through the sale of her "arrangements".

The \$70.00 was clear profit, too, because those beautiful centrepieces were made with colourful wild berries, cones, milkweed pods, bits of driftwood attached with plasticine to small slabs of stone, or an old plate or vase, given a lift with a new paint job. In some were a few everlasting flowers, a couple of bull-rushes, and a trail of bright living ivy. Maybe you don't think that sounds very attractive. . . but arranged with a gifted hand, they truly become a work of art. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. (continued on back page)

## Social and Personal

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. James F. Evans were Bill Anderson and Donald Weber of Guelph.

Miss Joyce McMillan, home from Branksome Hall for the week-end had as her guest Miss Bonnie Taylor of Toronto.

Miss Barbara Cooper of Goldwater was a recent visitor at Wildwood with Mr. and Mrs. Ern Batkin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Patterson of Ottawa were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Bell at their home on Market Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blehn, Carolyn and Ellen visited in Ingersoll on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lee and family.

Mrs. William Hill-Burn returned to her home on John Street and is convalescing after spending some time in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Crawford and son Roderick visited in Orillia for the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. George DeLagran.

Miss Gwyneth McGowan of Montreal spent the long week-end in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGowan.

Visitors last week with Mrs. J. N. O'Neill and Miss A. Coventry were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ransom of Holland Centre, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McGuiness of Berkeley, Mrs. R. Sanderson and Mrs. Kendall of Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey S. Holt and Mr. Russell Stone of Mount Carroll, Illinois, were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken McMillan, renewing acquaintances made last year at the Chicago horse show. The Americans have brought their Argyle Stables to Canada for the Royal Winter Fair.

Mrs. W. C. Reynolds and Mrs. J. S. Hughes were delegates from the Counties of Strathmore Chapter, IODE, to a tea given by assistants to the Burlington Health Clinic a week ago Tuesday. The tea was held in the Legion Hall, Burlington, and gave the guests from various communities in Halton an opportunity to see how the Burlington ladies assist their County Health Clinic. Mrs. Mather, wife of Halton County's Medical Health Officer, Dr. J. M. Mather, presided at the tea table.