

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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Heavy Loss in Cleave Barn Fire

One of the worst fires in recent years occurred last Saturday morning at the height of a wind storm when the huge barn on "Cleave" farm, the farm of Mayr, Harold Cleave, burst into flame and was totally destroyed. The fire was first noticed by Mr. Cleave's employee, Chester DeForest who was on his way to the barn after breakfast shortly after nine o'clock. While Mr. Cleave turned in the alarm, the two men raced to the barn and in a scant five minutes allowed them before the barn became a raging inferno, they released thirty head of registered Holsteins housed in the barn. Two horses, a bull and five head of cattle could not be saved and perished in the fire.

To add to the confusion, a hydro break had occurred shortly before the fire and it was impossible to sound the siren which is electrically controlled from the telephone office. The girls at the office worked valiantly phoning firemen individually. There was little the brigade could do except play water on an adjoining building and to protect the house. Luckily the barn was roofed with sheet metal. So strong was the 70-mile gale that chunks of burning metal were blown across the fields for hundreds of yards. Had the roofing been shingles worse damage might have occurred to other buildings in the vicinity. As it was, burning debris set fire to shingles on the roof of Lorne Peters' home at the corner of George and Main Streets and the fire truck had to leave the fire for a time to extinguish these.

A hollow tree in a George Street backyard also caught fire when sparks ignited it. It was fortunate that the wind was also blowing directly across the widest expanse of cleared field, and away from the Churchill Crescent housing subdivision.

The fire brigade stayed at the scene until late afternoon, pouring water on the blazing rubble to cool it down. Besides the animals, Mr. Cleave lost the greater part of his farm machinery and most of the season's crops.

The barn was built in 1891 when the property was owned by James Kennedy. The farm had been in the Kennedy family for generations and was purchased by Mr. Cleave's father, the late William Cleave, in 1908. Situated within town limits, the farm lies at the rear of properties along George Street with Churchill Crescent at the back and the CNR railway line cuts along the other side of the property.

LIONS CLUB MAY RUN FALL FAIR CONCESSIONS

Posseesors of the "travelling lion" for a week after taking it from the Credit Valley club, the local Lions lost it in turn to a number of members of Hamilton Downtown Club who attended their dinner meeting in the McGibbon House on Jan. 17. The trophy goes to any three or more members who visit one of the other clubs in the district and is designed to promote inter-club visiting.

Lion Chief J. L. Lambert presided at the meeting which had been planned mainly for business. A \$25 donation was voted to the Sick Children's Hospital and a cable of congratulations sent to a new club in London, England, the first club to be formed in the British Isles. Alex Maclaren was elected third vice president of the club to replace a member who had resigned and Spence McKinnon will fill his position as a one-year director.

Winner of a lucky draw on a bed lamp donated by Fred Schultz was Alex Maclaren. Don Barrager spoke of the club's success in operating one or two concessions at the fall fair last year and it was suggested that this year the club take over the whole entertainment concession. A committee will further investigate this. Cecil Davidson reported for the membership committee that at present there are 42 members and 9 potential members have been passed. The club limit stands at 50. Alex Maclaren spoke on suggested town improvements which the civic betterment committee will discuss.

Impromptu entertainment was provided by two members, Frank Murfin and Vic Smith who were asked for a three minute speech on their business.

In Chelmsford, England, married school teachers who are going to become mothers may take 14 weeks maternity leave. They do so on half pay.

Annual Meetings For District Presbyterians

The annual meetings of Norval and Union Presbyterian churches were held last week, each taking the form of a noon dinner with the business meeting following in the afternoon. Rev. J. L. Self is minister of both churches.

Union Church had an exceptionally good year and showed the largest amount of money raised in the history of the church. A new furnace was installed in the church during the year and improvements made to the Sunday School room. The churches combined to make renovations in the manse at Norval and to paint it. Both churches met their mission allocations.

General contributions at Norval totalled \$1997 and \$378 was subscribed for missions in the report presented by the treasurer, F. R. Fendley. Reports were given for the Sunday School by Mrs. Craig McClure, for the Mission Band by Mrs. Oliver Hunter, for the Alexander Auxiliary WMS by Mrs. F. Fendley, the WA by Mrs. Hunter, and the choir by Albert Hunter, N. A. Robinson, Oliver Hunter, J. E. Paterson and Donald Dolson were elected to the Board of Management, other members of which are H. McClure, Jack Harston, Percy Leslie, W. Lindner, M. McNabb, Tom McGee and H. Craig Reid, W. E. Townsend and H. Craig Reid were reappointed auditors.

Union's general contributions were \$1394 plus \$326 for missions according to treasurer Art McKane's report. Mrs. Jack McDonald reported for the WMS, Mrs. Clarence Anderson for the Sunshine Mission Band and LaVerne Thompson for the Sunday School. Wilfrid Leslie was reappointed to the Board of Management and new members are Jack McDonald and Hugh Leslie. Other members are Eric Leslie, William Hunter, Fred Lyons, Albert Dolson, LaVerne Thompson and Arthur McKane.

Winning Plowmen Sail For Month in Britain

When Canada's champion plowmen sailed January 12th to participate in matches abroad they took maple trees with them to plant in Great Britain, Holland, Denmark and West Germany.

In addition to the maple trees the Canadian plowmen carried with them a quantity of maple sugar supplied by the Province of Quebec for distribution to friends. The trees were furnished by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

Canada's champion plowmen are Ronald K. Marquis, 28, of R. R. 1, Sunderland, Ontario and James M. Eccles, 30, of R. R. 2, Brampton, Ont. Esso gold medalists in the horse and tractor classes respectively at the International Plowing Match held near Branford last October. The pair are accompanied by Alex McKinney, Jr. of Brampton as coach-manager.

The three sailed from New York on the Queen Mary for a month's tour of the British Isles as guests of Imperial Oil. In addition to taking part in plowing matches they will study British methods of agriculture and visit many places of interest. At the end of the British Isles tour they plan to visit Holland, Denmark and West Germany at their own expense. They will fly back to Canada.

None of the three have ever been abroad but they are all of British stock. They represent fourth and fifth generations of families that migrated to Canada more than a century ago and they plan to look up family connections when overseas.

WIND SPOILS FOX DRIVE PLAN ONE THIS SATURDAY

District foxes had a week's grace due to the wind storm on Saturday. A fox drive planned by the Anglers and Hunters Association had to be postponed as the wind would have made it impossible to have a successful hunt and the drive was postponed to this coming Saturday, weather permitting. Those interested will meet at Georgetown Motors. Three prizes are being offered for the best bag of foxes and rabbits, and of course each fox shot is worth a \$5 bounty paid by the county.

Horton - Morgan Nuptials in Toronto Welsh Church

The wedding of two former Georgetown residents took place on Saturday, January 14th, in Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, when the Reverend Williams united in marriage Doreen Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Morgan of Toronto and Harold Kenneth Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Horton of Sprucedale. The bride was formerly employed in the office of the lower paper mill, and later was a member of the Smith and Stone office staff.

Given by her father in marriage, the bride was charmingly gowned in long white tulle with Russian trim, her short veil caught by a halo of white roses, and she carried American Beauty roses and white snapdragon. Her bridesmaid Miss Beverley Mossart of Toronto wore a long blue figured taffeta with bustle effect and cap sleeves, and long matching mittens and a blue net halo. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white snapdragon. Groomsman was Lloyd Crawford and the ushers were William Bayliss and Allan Brown, all of Toronto. Mr. Dan David played the wedding music.

At a reception in the church basement, catered to by Mrs. G. Middleton and Miss A. Hancock, the bride's mother received wearing wine taffeta with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses and mums. The groom's mother assisted wearing a grey figured crepe dress, a corsage of pink roses and mums. The tables were decorated with vases of white and pink rose and pink streamers, and three large white bells hung overhead. Centering the table was a three-tiered wedding cake. Guests were present from London, Exeter, Georgetown, and Sprucedale.

For a honeymoon trip, the bride changed to a black crepe dress and black coat, tiny white fur hat and black accessories. The couple will reside at 882 Runnymede Road, Toronto.

WHAT COUNCIL DID ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Held a special meeting to discuss with engineer C. R. Hagey an account for \$2200 interest which the Scott, Jackson Construction firm claims is owed by the town on moneys that had been held back on the sewerage contract. Mr. Hagey said that the town would be held liable for interest on the disposal share of the hold-back as a 6 per cent interest clause was included in this contract. While there is no such clause in the sewerage contract, the town may have a certain obligation in this. The interest accrued on a hold-back of some \$35,000 after the contractors had posted a bond to cover any discrepancies after the work was completed. Last years council had followed a policy of paying only when accounts were certified by Mr. Hagey and claimed that the disputed payments had not been made until this certification was received.

Scott, Jackson in turn claimed that their bill was due when rendered. Council decided to clear the matter up at once and are arranging an early meeting with the contractor in order to save any further interest charges against the town. To enquiries regarding the disposal plant Mr. Hagey said that town foreman Ern Hyde, was doing a very good job there and took a personal interest in the plant.

Rebated \$510.72 to Smith & Stone which was an overcharge on their Maple Avenue property. The company had paid their sewerage levy in full for the 20 year period and it was found they had been overcharged.

Cr. Petch drew council's attention to the fact that a number of tenants of wartime housing had taken the wrong impression from recent talk that they be given a chance to purchase houses. There is no intention of forcing a tenant to purchase the house he occupies or having it sold over his head.

Cr. Lyons thought council should ask Central Mortgage and Housing for an extra month's rent in lieu of taxes as he does not think the town is deriving sufficient revenue.

Granted permission to the Lions Club to hold a tag day on May 6th.

On motion of McGillivray and Lyons council decided to ask Provincial Police headquarters for a promotion for Constable Jack Sheffield, who is in charge of the local detachment to the rank of N.C.O.

Appointed assessor Charles Gibson as collector of dog taxes in addition to his regular duties as assessor.

Funeral Service For Mrs. Dennis Tracey

In ill health for some time, Mrs. Dennis Tracey died at her home in Glen Williams on Monday, January 9th. A daughter of the late James Norton and Mary Jane Allison, she was born in Churchville 79 years ago and had spent most of her life in the Glen. She was a member of the Church of England.

Predeceased by her husband six years ago, she leaves three sons, John of Chicago, Ill., Lou of Georgetown and Harry of Glen Williams and two grandchildren. A brother, Allan Norton of Limehouse is the only surviving member of the original family of six. Brothers and sisters who predeceased her were Mrs. Charles Sutherland, Mrs. Richard Marchmont, Fred W. and James. Two sons also died several years ago, Herb and Albert. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service last Wednesday from her residence, Pallbearers were Ken Weston, Roy Norton, Arthur Norton, Tom Norton, Albert Carter and Joe Norton. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Local Liquor Store Opened Saturday

Georgetown's new liquor store opened last Saturday. The store is located on Mill Street in part of the Tom Hewson building, where Mr. Hewson's office was formerly located. Attractively painted in two tones of green, with natural wood finish, mastic tile floor and fluorescent lighting it is one of the most attractive stores in town. J. B. Mackenzie and Son were contractors for the job.

J. Arnett Early, former town assessor who served overseas as a major with the Canadian army is vendor of the new store and Jim Ritchie is employed as a clerk. A Toronto man is in town this week to instruct the local men in management.

The new store will serve a wide area between Guelph and Toronto, being the only liquor outlet between these two cities. It came to town as a result of a petition by the Retail Merchants Association to the town council, who in turn petitioned the Liquor Control Board for its establishment. A similar petition about the same time from Acton was turned down.

LIMEHOUSE

Donations were sent to the Save the Children fund and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at the January meeting of Limehouse Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick on January 5th. Reports given showed that eight shuttles in the community had been remembered with fruit boxes at Christmas and that nearly \$100 was raised in prize money by exhibiting at fall fairs in the district. Mrs. Miller reported approximately \$80 made from the sale of Christmas cards. Over \$20 was made by catering to one banquet. The institute held a Christmas party on December 27th when all children in the community were given bags of candy, nuts and oranges. The topic for the meeting, Citizenship and Education, with Mrs. Noble as chairman, consisted of current events by Mrs. Corbett, reports of standing committees by the conveners and a very timely article "New Year's Resolutions" by Mrs. O. Mulder.

The Sturms of Weston visited the Enul Spitzers on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henderson of Orangeville with the R. Thompsons.

The J. A. Smethursts of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grant and Kenneth of Stewarttown visited Mrs. Smethurst on Sunday.

Visitors in the community are few, perhaps due to the condition of the county road leading to the village from No. 7 highway.

The dinner planned by the W.A. for last Friday night was called off due to bad weather.

Communion services will be held at Limehouse on January 22nd.

EDWIN WILSON IS NEW SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: The poor weather man certainly got lost off on all sides, even today about himself in one of his favorite columns. Oh well, I'll still continue to read the Mackenzie News. If this breeze continues to blow I think I'll have to order an anemometer to record the wind velocity. Even at that, would you like to change places with British Columbia and their 37 inches of snow?

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Jan. 9	41	2	
Jan. 10	49	24	.62
Jan. 11	40	17	
Jan. 12	35	10	
Jan. 13	58	25	.51
Jan. 14	34	25	
Jan. 15	32	18	
Average	41.28	17.28	1.13

BOB CALDWELL IS NEW ACTON MERCHANT

Acton's Main Street is looking more familiar to Georgetowners with the addition of a second Georgetown merchant. A few years ago Clifford Bradley purchased a butcher shop in our neighboring town and recently Bob Caldwell has become a partner in the Caldwell and Mathers Food Store there. The new store is located at the main corner where the former Carload Grocceteria was located.

Mr. Caldwell came here from Brampton a few years ago, where he had been meat manager at the A & P store and purchased Jim Goodie's grocery business. Selling out last year to Roy Barker and Charlie Brown, he purchased the former Long's Confectionery and operated it until its sale to Steamboat Emmerson last fall. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and son Edgar are still living in the apartment above the Barker and Brown store but expect to move later to Acton.

China Missionary Bible Class at St. John's

Rev. Geo. King, B.A., missionary of the United Church of Canada to China now home on furlough was the guest speaker at St. John's Church on Sunday morning. Mr. King gave a brief resume of mission work in Honan, North China and showed how in spite of hardship, persecution and superstition the Christian gospel was made known to the people of Honan. He referred to the present political problem in China and expressed faith that the indigenous church would remain loyal to Christian standards and continue the acts of Christian worship and service. The choir under the leadership of Mr. Norman Laird sang the anthem "Sun of My Soul". The solo parts were sung by Mrs. G. Kidney.

The evening worship was conducted by the Pax Bible Class from Weston Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gordon Alcott, teacher of the class and well known to the people of Georgetown, spoke to the congregation on the theme, "The Challenge". By illustration from the life of Jesus Christ and His Disciples Mr. Alcott referred to the challenge of God in the lives of men and women, and urged that a response be made in order that the Gospel might be made known by Christian example. The Old Testament lesson from Exodus was read by Ken Niepaga and the New Testament lesson from St. Mark by Craig Cribar. The choir, consisting of members of the Pax Class under the leadership of Mrs. J. Murley and accompanied by Mr. Rex Metcalfe sang two anthems "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Come Unto Me." A quartette arrangement of "Whispering Hope" was sung by the four Desmond sisters.

It was announced that Kenneth R. Harrison would present a brief organ recital following the evening service next Sunday evening.

After departure from the service he joined the farm assessment division of the Federal Income Tax Department and was employed in Toronto until last week. Last summer he purchased the former South West of England and they are living at the corner of Market and Waterloo Streets.

The funeral business is fast the night this, Mr. J. Col. Barber who has been fortunate in having two around the world time as well as around the continent. In 1928 he sailed central Europe in a hulk (hulk and his wife) and took about him to such places as Japan, China, Spain, Africa, Brazil, America, India and the Philippines. With an army man he is at present in command of the Home State Regiment with headquarters in Brampton.

Winning records for the department have had its day. Various real estate values mean new records will cover time around and be only a few stages high.

WRONG DATES

The Herald had its dates mixed last week. Readers will please note that the Lions Carnival is on Friday, January 27th and the I.O.E. Valentine Dance on Friday, February 10th.