

A Merry Christmas to all!

Blazing Wreckage Traps Two Rockwood Young Men

Terrible Fatality in Silvercreek Hill Crash

Two Rockwood youths died in the blazing wreckage of a car on Silvercreek hill early Sunday morning, two miles west of Georgetown. The double fatality occurred shortly before 3.30. A passing motorist, Kenneth Adamson, Acton, saw the car ablaze at the roadside and a call was put in to Acton Fire Brigade to extinguish the burning car. Constable Howard Gunn, Milton, investigated the accident.

Farr Trimble, 20 and John Bacon, 17, were returning from Toronto in a 1941 Ford which had been borrowed by young Trimble from his brother John. They had planned to go to a dance in Toronto. Traveling up the hill, the marks showed that the car had run for 73 feet along the west side of No. 7 highway before striking a tree in front of Del Maltby's residence. So intense was the blaze that it was impossible for motorists or the many Silvercreek residents who hurried to the scene to venture near the wrecked car. A Georgetown man, Bill Robinson, returning from a hospital call in McClure's ambulance, was among those on hand shortly after the crash.

The two young men worked in Guelph. Bacon at Victoria Motors and Trimble at the Kemp Manufacturing Company. The car's ownership was established through a check of the car's licence plate. Positive identification of the two bodies was made by a dentist late Sunday afternoon.

Trimble was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Trimble, of Rockwood. Also surviving are six sisters, Mrs. Edna Sayers, of R. R. 6, Pualinch, Mrs. Grace Dyer, Mrs. Iris Butcher, Mrs. Vera Brown, and Mrs. Marie Powell, all of Guelph; Patay, of Rockwood; and four brothers, Albert of Guelph; and Donald, Clifford and John Jr., all of Rockwood. Bacon is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bacon, a brother, David, and a sister, Allada, all of Rockwood.

John Graff Marks 90th Birthday Here

A family gathering recently marked the 90th birthday celebration for John Graff, Georgetown, who formerly lived in the Acton district. The gathering was held at the home of his son, Howard in Georgetown. All but one son, George, whose home is in Saskatchewan, were present for the celebration. Nine children and their families were present. The nine sons and daughters present were Mrs. Tom Gordon, Acton; Mr. William Graff, Galt; Mrs. Fred Anthony, Mrs. Pat Heelan, Mr. Howard Graff, Mr. Ward Graff, Mrs. F. Connelly, all of Georgetown; Mrs. B. Robertson, Guelph; Mrs. E. Worsley of Kitchener.

Craig Reid Appointed School Board Member

H. Craig Reid, a former Equestrian Township councillor and prominent in many farm groups in this part of the township has been named a member of the North Halton High School District board next year. Mr. Reid will represent Equestrian School Area No. 1 which this year appoints a member to the board because Equestrian has a greater number of public school children than any other of the five municipalities in the district. For the past three years Georgetown has had the most students and Walter Blehn has represented Georgetown Public School board on the district board.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James Dickenson announce the engagement of their daughter Betty to George Milton Kay, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kay, Massillon, Ohio. The wedding will take place in St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams, on Saturday, January the seventeenth at two-thirty o'clock.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hughes were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gribben and son Alex, and Mrs. Walter Clayton of Toronto.

Miss Joyce Partridge, a former member of the Smith & Stone office staff here who is now employed in the Toronto office was a week-end guest in town with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson.

Wayne Riddall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Riddall, celebrated his seventh birthday with a party at his home on December 17th. His little guests were Bonnie and Paul Graham, Lynne Ritchie, Jane Bradley, Michael Tyler, Jimmie Hepburn, David Graham, Bobbie Korzak, Herbie Lockhurst, his cousin David Hall and brother Kent. Wayne, whose birthday is December 28th celebrated a little earlier.

Bonnie Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham celebrated her third birthday with a party at her home on December 12th. Her little guests were Brenda Shankland, Darlene Bouskill, Lynda and Brian Van Wyck, David Hall, Wayne Riddall, Richard Huta, Jimmie Hepburn, Gordon and Gerald Willis, and her brother Paul.

Grass Fire Unusual Occurrence in December

A most unusual occurrence for this time of year was a grass fire which Georgetown Fire Brigade was called to extinguish on an 8th Line property south of the town limits on Friday morning.

The fire started when a pile of rubbish was being burned and spread over the hill above Bert Raymond's house, causing a lot of smoke. Firemen did not need to use their equipment and soon had the blaze out by beating the edges.

SIX TURKEYS PRIZES CURLING CLUB DRAW

A special feature of a mixed curling party Wednesday night in the arena was a lucky draw for six turkeys. Winners of the prizes were Hugh Wylie, Don Barrager, Mrs. Jack Hepburn, Norton Nelson, James F. McNab and Mrs. Ernest Curry.

Months in Hospital Accident Victim Dies

Hospitalized with serious head injuries since a motorcycle accident on August 23rd, James Robert (Ish) Hill, 27, died in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Thursday.

A member of the Yellow Jacket Motorcycle Club, he received his injuries when his motorcycle was involved in a head-on collision with a car on No. 7 Highway between town and Norval. Unconscious in Toronto General Hospital for weeks after the accident, he underwent a brain operation and had been making some progress towards recovery. Several weeks ago he was transferred to the Brampton hospital.

Born in Glen Williams, he moved to Georgetown with his family when he was a young lad and after attending Georgetown Public School he joined the Smith & Stone staff, where he was working in the bakelite department at the time of the accident.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill, John Street, five brothers and two sisters, Mrs. John Limebeer (Ruby) of Holland Centre, Albert, Mrs. Carman Copland (Ella), Charles, Kenneth, William and Douglas, all of Georgetown.

Rev. Alfred Barker conducted the funeral service on Saturday at the McClure Funeral Home, and interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were members of the Yellow Jacket Club: Don Hutchinson, George Stringer, Doug LeRiche, Stanley O'Connor, Maurice Tendall and Jack McDougall.

Lions Attend Function At Ancaster Last Week

Five members of Georgetown Lions Club attended a meeting in Ancaster last week at which a life membership in Lions International was presented to Bert Lewis, Ancaster, a past district deputy governor.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Walter Fisher of Port Erie, a past international president. Those attending from Georgetown were Clarence Kennedy, Ivan Crabtree, Bob Reichardt, Bill Marshall and Spence McKinnon.

Raiders Lose Two More Better Luck in January

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:— With this week's summary, the Weatherman would like to wish for Everybody — "A Very Merry Christmas."

Date	Max.	Min.	Ern Batkin Rain & Snow
Dec. 15	34	21	
Dec. 16	38	25	
Dec. 17	41	27	
Dec. 18	32	25	
Dec. 19	37	24	
Dec. 20	37	17	2" S
Dec. 21	32	25	
Average	36	23.42	2" S

Municipal Board Okays School Debenture Issue

With tentative approval received from five municipalities for a \$350,000 building program, North Halton High School District board heard at their meeting Thursday night in Equestrian Community Hall, Stewarttown, that the Municipal Board has also given the go-ahead signal for debenture issues by Georgetown, Acton and Milton to cover the cost of the schools.

That day, municipal representatives from the three towns had interviewed the Department in Toronto and had found no stumbling block in the way of quick action on the program which will provide a new school for Acton, a 4-room addition at Georgetown and a one-room addition at Milton.

The board is now in a position to engage architects for the project, and two firms have been asked to interview the board at a special meeting later this month.

Miss Marilyn Bell is home from Havergal College, Toronto, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell. Miss Jane Milne, also a Havergal student, is home for holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Milne.

Well, it's getting to be a habit the way Georgetown Raiders are losing hockey games. If the boys don't smarten up we won't see any playoffs around here come spring-time.

In Fergus last Wednesday, Raiders were beaten by a 9-man team. It was the first win of the season for the Fergus club. Besides winning the game, the Thistles gave Raiders a lesson in team spirit and the will to win, which our team hasn't had since the first game played against Milton here. We hope the new year will bring the fans better luck than they've seen so far.

The big guns for Fergus were Emalie and Dobbie, each scoring twice with Gear doing most of the leg work for both, and also scoring once. Dixon and Halton finished off the scoring with one apiece.

Kemahead potted two for the locals and Ferri and Chappel got singles.

Fergus came off the ice with a 7-4 victory. During the game, Brown of Fergus broke his nose.

ELMIRA IS — RAIDERS 4

Elmira Polar Kings, last year's Intermediate B champs came to town Saturday and before the night was over they extended their winning streak to fifteen, with no losses. They showed the Georgetown fans why they are champs, knocking off the Raiders in easy style and outscoring them 12-4.

In the first period Elmira rapped in 6 goals to Georgetown's one. Some of the goals which the Kings scored were easy ones which just dribbled in past Spencer who seemed to be having a bad time, something similar to the game he played in Fergus. Nick Ferri set Chappel up for the first Raider score at 18.35.

The second period was a little more even as far as the scoring went, two by each team. Raiders played their best hockey in this stanza and were out-lucked on a couple of close shots. Chappel and Varcy counted for the locals. Blake and Trapp scored for Elmira. The final period was strictly Elmira, as they outplayed the Raiders by a long shot, scoring 4 goals while Raiders managed only one.

This was the last game to be played until January 3rd when the Raiders go to Collingwood. By that time we hope to have Junior Beaumont back in the lineup.

Massey-Harris Dealer Fifty Years in West

Father of Miss Prairie Maguire, Norval, William Charles Maguire, 88, died on December 5th in hospital in Regina after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Maguire was born in Toronto and in 1882 went east to Winnipeg. He served with the Winnipeg Dragoons in the Riel Rebellion in 1885 and on discharge returned to Manitoba and took a 320-acre tract of land near Souris.

In 1888 he married Elizabeth Cormac, who died shortly after the birth of their second daughter. His second marriage was to Margaret Stewart, who died fourteen years ago.

In 1892 Mr. Maguire joined the Massey-Harris Company at Winnipeg and in 1903 was transferred to Regina as manager of the parts department. During his service with the company he was also a salesman and sold many large breaking outfits during the early development of the farm industry in Saskatchewan.

In August, 1952, he was tendered a banquet to mark his 50th anniversary with Massey-Harris, attended by directors of the company from the east and many western dealers. A few years later he received his 50-year jewel from the Oddfellows. During the year he was an ardent curler and won many prizes in bonspiels throughout the province.

He is survived by two daughters, Prairie Maguire, Norval, and Mrs. W. White, Seattle, Washington; a brother, A. S. Maguire, Elgin, Man., and a sister, Mrs. F. Perkins, Brandon, Manitoba.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Presswood Friendship Club Heads

New officers were elected at a meeting of the Friendship Club of the Glen United Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bullock. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Presswood are presidents. Other officers are: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hancock, vice presidents; Mr. and Mrs. Les DeForest, secretaries; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bullock, treasurers; Mrs. John Wastaffe, social convener; Mrs. J. McCowan, sick convener.

The year's work showed a busy time and an excellent financial report was presented. At a social hour after the meeting refreshments were served and members exchanged Christmas gifts.

Child M.C. Features St. John's Yule Concert

The highlight of St. John's United Church Sunday School Christmas concert was the performance of Donny Tuck as master of ceremonies for the large class (24) of six year olds under the direction of Mrs. Jack Bailey.

The large crowd in attendance were entertained by solos, recitations and short plays by each class including Nursery Class of two and three year olds.

By good fortune Santa Claus arrived just as the program ended and received a tremendous welcome from the children. Santa then proceeded to his friendly greetings plus candies, oranges and nuts to each member of the school.

Due to the difficulty in hearing of the younger children's recitations a microphone and amplifier was used to every good advantage. The executives of the school are hoping to have a suitable public address system installed in the hall.



Canada's First Christmas Carol

First recorded Christmas carol in Canada was one said to have been written over 300 years ago by Father Jean de Brebeauf, Jesuit missionary to the Indian tribes of Huronia, the district which lies between the southern shores of Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe, and which is now famous as a vacation land.

The tune is reported to have been sung in France to a carol called 'Une Jeune Pucelle' (A Young Maiden). Its opening phrases are similar to those of the famous English carol, 'God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen.' Father Jean de Brebeauf wrote in

1642: "The Indians have a particular devotion to the night that was enlightened in honour of the manger of the Infant Jesus... Even those who were at a distance of more than two days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honour of the new born Child."

"'Twas in the moon of winter time when all the birds had fled, That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead

Before their light the stars grew dim, And wandering hunters heard the hymn;

"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born; in excelsis gloria."

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found, A ragged robe of rabbit skin enveloped His beauty round. And as the hunter braves drew nigh, The angel song rang loud and high: "Jesus your King, is born; Jesus is born; in excelsis gloria!"

The earliest moon of winter time is not so round and fair As was the ring of glory on the helpless Infant there,

While Chiefs from far before Him knelt,

With gifts of fox and beaver pelt. "Jesus, your King, is born; Jesus is born; in excelsis gloria!"

O children of the forest tree, O sons of Manitou, The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come, kneel before the radiant Boy Who brings you beauty, peace and joy.

"Jesus, your king is born, Jesus is born; in excelsis gloria."