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DOMINION SEED HOUSE OWNER SERVED CHURCH, COMMUNITY

Owner of the Dominion Seed House and one of Georgetown's most prominent citizens, William F. Bradley died in Toronto General Hospital on Sunday morning where he had been a patient for several weeks.

His death leaves a void in community life which will be hard to fill, for at one time or another he had served practically every local organization, either on the executive or with his help behind the scenes. Particularly will he be missed at St. George's Anglican Church, to which he devoted a lifetime of service. He was choirmaster for many years until his retirement last year when his son-in-law succeeded him, and he remained a faithful choir member after this time. At various times he was a churchwarden and a lay delegate and at the time of his death he was a member of the church's vestry committee.

Son of James Bradley and Isabella Hainer, he was born in Georgetown where his father farmed on what is now the Cedarvale School property. He was a clerk in the old Bank of Hamilton in his youth, then after trying his hand at farming for awhile he entered the mail order business in 1922. Handling everything from fireless cookers to barbers' clippers, in 1928 he added a line of novelty seeds which was the nucleus of a business which today is known the world over and which claims to be the largest supplier of mail order garden seeds in the country.

A keen musician, he played in the Georgetown Band in the days when it was led by A. B. Castell. In 1908, he was one of the Lorne Rifles chosen to attend the Quebec celebration when King George V visited that city. He was an honorary president of the Lorne Scots Band for the past several years.

It was Mr. Bradley's custom every year to take a business trip, searching the continent for new varieties of seeds to add to his business. And he shared his travels with the community, for his movies and coloured slides were much in demand for showing at meetings. This past summer he toured Europe and Great Britain, returning home in early September.

His property on Main Street South was a garden beauty spot, and he enhanced the surroundings a few years ago when he purchased the old Barber residence and the Coulter home and remodelled them into handsome apartment buildings.

He was one of the original members of Georgetown Lions Club, a member of Credit Masonic Lodge and during the war he served on several Victory Loan committees. But it was to his church that he devoted the great part of his time. He rarely missed a Sunday in his accustomed place in the choir loft, where his wife was organist and his daughter and son-in-law choir members.

Surviving are his wife, Alexandra Robertson and an only daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Bruce M. Harding. Of an original family of ten, only two sisters remain, Mrs. Hugh MacDonald, Ottawa, and Mrs. George Bradshaw, Seattle, Wash.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service yesterday at the Bradley home, and interment followed in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Cecil Davidson, Arthur Armstrong, Fred Fryer, John MacDonald, Paul Barber and a nephew, Kenneth Jackson, Toronto. Several lifelong friends were honorary pallbearers, Everett Cole, Ray Thompson, Fred McNally, LeRoy Dale, J. A. Wiltoughby, Herbert Cleave, Lorne Cleave, Thomas Warnes, Thomas Eason, A. E. Dawson, Charles Mayo Toronto and Roy Edwards, Toronto, the latter an associate when the Bradley-Edwards Electric Company was organized.

LAWN BOWLERS HAVE ANNUAL BANQUET

Fifty four men and lady members of Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club attended their annual banquet at the Royal Hotel, Guelph on Monday.

After a turkey dinner, some member played cards while others enjoyed dancing to music supplied by Bill Young and his violin, accompanied by Mrs. Ern Thompson and Mrs. Ernie Curry. Norman Ican called off the square dances.

Prizes were presented to Wilfred Lavoie and W. G. Bell who were winners in the Monday night men's doubles. President Nelson Robinson expressed appreciation of those present for the good time which was arranged by Howard Kentner. He also welcomed some new bowlers to the club.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:-
November is away to a fast start with snow and the six inches on Saturday was a real surprise. Maybe now we will get our Indian Summer.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Nov. 2	63	38	
Nov. 3	62	45	
Nov. 4	45	28	Flurries
Nov. 5	42	20	
Nov. 6	38	13	
Nov. 7	32	23	6"
Nov. 8	37	24	Flurries
Average	45	27	S 6"

District People Get Coronation Medals

A total of seven Georgetown and district people have received Coronation medals, specially struck to honour citizens who have given outstanding service in their communities, as a remembrance at the time of Queen Elizabeth's coronation.

Mayor Jack Armstrong, Georgetown and Reeve George Leslie, Esquusing, who is warden of Halton County, along with all heads of municipalities in Canada were honoured.

Miss Effie Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bird, Maple Avenue, had many years of service as a teacher recognized when she received a medal. She has for several years been on the staff of Banrockburn Ave. School, North York.

Four members of the Lorne Scots who reside in town and district were numbered among the eleven members of the regiment who received their medals at a Sunday church parade in Oakville. Honoured were the commanding officer, Lt.-Col. John R. Barber, Sgt. Arthur Herbert, a local man who has a long record of service as a bandman, Sgt. Alan Teeter, who was recognized for his work with the Georgetown High School cadets, and RQMS A. G. Rudd, Norval.

Nancy MacLaren Dies Suddenly in Montreal

A sad ending to a vacation trip to Bermuda for Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacLaren was the news of the death of his sister, Miss Nancy MacLaren in Montreal.

Miss MacLaren, a frequent visitor in town, was found dead in her apartment in Montreal on November 1st, victim of a heart attack which she had suffered the previous day. She had been preparing to meet a friend for dinner that evening and her death was discovered when the friend phoned the next morning to see why she had not kept the appointment.

A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, she came to Canada in 1920. She had been private secretary to hotel managers at the Manor Ritchie, Chateau Lake Louise and at the Bermudiana and Belmont Manor in Bermuda. A few years ago she served as camp secretary at farm service force camps at Oakville and Burlington.

She had only recently returned to Montreal after visiting in Ontario and returned to that city after bidding Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren farewell in New York on the start of their trip to Bermuda.

Miss MacLaren is survived by three brothers, Alex of Georgetown, Hugh of Oyama, B.C. and Jack of Todmorden. After a funeral service in Montreal on Tuesday, the body was cremated and the ashes will be sent for interment beside her parents in the family burial plot in Edinburgh. On Sunday, Rev. John M. Smith conducted a memorial service at the MacLaren home here.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

A 4-team industrial hockey group will start a Sunday afternoon schedule in the arena in another few weeks.

George Lough, Sr. is president and Bob McCandless, secretary-treasurer of the league this year. Each team has a representative on the executive, these being Bruce Gummer, Avro Commuters; Vic Masters, Acton; Tom Beckett, Smith & Stone; Bob Burns, Burns Transport. Commuters who played in the Avro house league last year and were semi-finalists, are a new entry in the Georgetown Industrial group. The three other teams have competed for several years.

NORVAL SOLDIER SERVES IN GERMANY



CPL. LIONEL HAZELL

Stationed with the Canadian Army in the Northwest Territories for the past seven years, Cpl. Lionel Hazell of Norval has been posted with the Princess Patricia's Regiment to Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hazell of Norval.

LIMEHOUSE

TELLS INSTITUTE OF FORMER BUS TRIPS

Mr. J. E. Whitelock, agricultural representative of Halton County, was guest speaker at the November meeting of Limehouse Women's Institute on November 5th in Limehouse Memorial Hall. Mr. Whitelock spoke briefly of the changing conditions facing agriculture at the present time after which he showed very interesting pictures of the bus trips enjoyed the past few years by Halton farm operators and sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association. He said "You can tell a person, you can show him pictures, but if he sees for himself it carries more weight and much more often brings results."

The roll call "a piece of furniture I would like" was answered by 13 members and 1 visitor.

The motto: "Don't pray cream on Sunday and live skin milk the rest of the week" was taken by Mrs. Allan Norton and Current Events were given by Mrs. Smethurst. During the business session a bazaar and afternoon euchre were planned for later this month, also the Christmas parcel to an English family arranged and \$25 was voted for the Korea fund of the Unitarian Service of Canada.

Report of the Conference on Cultural Activities in our Community showed a small attendance but a really worthwhile day for those who attended.

A social time was spent over the tea-cups at the close of the meeting.

SUFFERS FATAL HEART ATTACK ON STREET

A Georgetown resident, William Presswood, 66, suffered a heart attack near his home on Victoria Street on Monday afternoon and died a few minutes later.

Mr. Presswood, who had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Gordon Spence, since his wife died last year, had gone to mail a letter at the post box on the street. He was unconscious when found by William Collier on his way to work at the Smith and Stone plant, and died a few minutes after Mrs. Spence reached the scene and before a doctor had arrived.

Born in Yorkshire, England, Mr. Presswood and his wife came to Canada about 45 years ago, and first lived at Norval while he worked for a farmer there. Later he worked at the Barraclough Woolen Mill in Glen Williams, then farmed for many years at his own farm on the 8th Line. Both Mr. and Mrs. Presswood were valued members of the Stone School Farm Forum.

He is survived by two children, Edna, Mrs. Gordon Spence, and Jack of Georgetown and four grandchildren. He also leaves seven sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Emily Hill, Yorkshire, England; Mrs. Janet Bell, Georgetown; Mrs. Annie Patterson, Toronto; Mrs. Alice Sharpe, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Charles Gibbs, Glen Williams; Mrs. Oliver Carey, Georgetown; Albert and Harry Presswood, Glen Williams. A brother Jack was killed overseas in the first war.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service this afternoon at the McClure Funeral Home which was followed with interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Walter Thompson and five of his 8th Line neighbours, Harold Campbell, Horace Bell, Ben Case, Gilbert Sinclair and Fred Flood.

Remember War Dead At Cenotaph Service

Georgetown remembered servicemen who died in two world wars and the Korean conflict on Sunday afternoon when a solemn service was held at the cenotaph.

Members of the Legion and Auxiliary, high school cadets, firemen and members of town and township councils marched from the Legion Hall to the cenotaph for the service. Two bands led the parade, Georgetown Girls Pipe Band and Guelph Musical Society Band, the latter playing for the singing of hymns. SQMS Henry Shepherd, MBE was parade marshal.

Legion chaplain Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson was in charge of the service, in which Mayor Jack Armstrong took part, and Rev. John M. Smith and Rev. Alfred Barker, Legion president Leslie Clark and Fred McCartney called the honour roll, and a number of wreaths were placed by relatives of those who died in the wars and by local organizations.

CFN. BUD HARDMAN EN ROUTE OVERSEAS

Cfn. R. S. (Bud) Hardman is en route to Germany with a Canadian army contingent which will serve with NATO troops overseas.

A member of the RCME, he has been stationed at Calgary with the Lord Strathcona Horse Regiment since joining the army last year. The troops are due to sail today aboard the Samaria. He had been in town on furlough for the past month, with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hardman.

Legion Notes

Last Friday evening saw the annual Remembrance Supper held in the Legion Auditorium. Over 200 guests were present for this.

The toastmaster of the evening was branch president, Les Clark. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, branch chaplain, led in singing of 'Grace, after which a delicious turkey dinner was served. Dave Bowman, proposed the toast to Her Majesty, Queen, Elizabeth and a very moving toast to the "Fallen Comrades" was given by J. F. McCartney. The toast to the Legion was given by LeRoy Dale, and responded to by the president. Various guests were heard from including Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson who has been chaplain of Branch 120 for almost 20 years, John T. Armstrong, Mayor of Georgetown, Warden George Leslie, of Halton, and Sybil Bennett, QC, Halton's federal member of parliament. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Joss Cameron, a former Georgetown boy, who served during World War II in the RCAF and is at present chaplain of Toronto's 48th Highlanders.

Mr. Cameron spoke of our ties with the old country, the falling into disuse of the phrase British Empire, and the many ties both culturally and politically with the rest of our empire. Mr. Cameron expressed his happiness at being present and hoped to be with the members at some future date.

After the president had thanked the ladies and all those who helped in any way, tables were cleared and dancing took place to the music of Babe Graham and his Orchestra. A lucky door prize was won by Mrs. Ed Francis and a spot dance by Mrs. Gordon James and Nick Brown.

HEY, KIDS! If you haven't a television set to see the Santa parade on Saturday morning, come on down and view it on the set at the Legion Hall. Mothers can drop in and let their children watch this Big annual parade and get a "breather" from that Saturday morning shopping. Televised times will be available in your daily paper.

DON'T FORGET to be on hand Monday night at the Legion Hall. All parents are invited to come and bring their boys, and all interested adults are urged to be present, whether they have boys of their own or not. Hockey stars - Refreshments - half hour movie of Stanley Cup finals. Every one try and be on hand.

Opening date for 'kid' hockey is Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28th. Be on hand for this big day.

ODDFELLOWS' EUCHERE E. Lyons, Streetsville, won two prizes at the Oddfellows marathon euchre Friday, holding high score of 115 for gentlemen as well as winning the door prize.

Mrs. Hall, Milton, 118, was high lady. Second prizes were won by Mrs. George Walters and Harold Reed, each of whom scored 111 points.

MacCormack Speaker as New Fire Hall is Opened

FAIR HAS GOOD FINANCIAL YEAR

Directors of the Esquusing Agricultural Society met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Shortill, Limehouse, as the guests of the president, Harding Price.

In opening the meeting Mr. Price welcomed the directors and expressed his appreciation of the splendid support given not only to himself but to the fair in general. He called on the first vice president, Spencer Wilson, to conduct the men's meeting, while the lady president, Mrs. J. L. Ellerby, was in charge of the ladies meeting.

Treasurer P. W. Cleave presented a financial report on the year's operations, which showed that this year's show was a financial success. It was urged that the building committee continue their efforts in the campaign to wipe off the deficit on the building in the park.

A motion was recorded thanking the municipal councils of Georgetown and Esquusing for their efforts in having the park and track put in shape for fair day.

It was decided that the annual fair directors' banquet would be held the latter part of the month, and suggested speakers were Lance Rumble of Toronto and Louis Blake Duff of Welland.

In a draw held among the directors at the meeting, \$10 was added to the funds, with Vern Archer being the winner.

It was reported that two new show cases had been acquired for the 1954 fair, which will give adequate protection to all baking exhibits.

The Society's first euchre and dance for the season is scheduled for Friday, January 8th in Esquusing Hall.

STEWARTTOWN

ST. JOHN'S GUILD SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

Despite a heavy snow storm, attendance was good and the afternoon a success when St. John's Guild held a bazaar on Saturday in Esquusing Community Hall. Lt.-Col. Gordon Brown donated a quilt which he won in a lucky draw for auctioning. Bob Harris won a pair of table lamps in another draw. Mrs. Cecil Smith, Mrs. Roy Smith and Mrs. Wm. Huffman had charge of the fanciwork, Mrs. John Standish aprons, Mrs. Blizard novelties, and Mrs. David Barclay the parcel post table. Ruby Tennant looked after the fish pond. Dorothy Stone was very busy making coloured portrait sketches. Mrs. C. A. Grant and Mrs. Humphreys were lunch conweners.

Happy birthday to Danny McClean who will be seven years old next Sunday, November 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huffman, Michael and Butch of Leaside were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith for the week-end.

The children's service was held in the church Sunday morning with Rev. J. E. Maxwell in charge. There will be another service next Sunday morning.

The W.A. met at Mrs. Cecil Smith's home Thursday afternoon.

Junior W. A. meeting was held at Mrs. Baily's home Monday afternoon. Lillian Lawson conducted the worship service and chose "Coming. Coming. Yes, they are" for the opening hymn. The third verse of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" was sung and memorized.

A gift was presented to Mrs. Audrey McClean, who has moved to Acton, at St. John's Guild meeting at the home of Mrs. Walker. Next Tuesday Mrs. Blizard will be histess at the Guild meeting.

Sign Contracts with Thirteen Hockey Players

Georgetown Raiders are being whipped into shape for their upcoming Intermediate A. fixture here next Tuesday with Fergus Thistles.

As yet the exact starting lineup has not been decided. Thirteen players have signed contracts, including defenceman Bob Williams of Hamilton who played last season, and a newcomer from the same city, Don Paul, who will probably be used at centre ice on one of the lines. Up from junior ranks are Blake Inglis, George Grasby and Paul Barber. Fred Lawrence, out with a knee injury all last season, has signed on as a goalie. Those from last year's team who have signed contracts include Jerry Inglis, Rene Martin, Scotty Patterson, Ron Dixon, Jack Remshold, Harvey

Mayor Jack Armstrong officially opened Georgetown's new fire hall on Saturday, when a group of citizens representing all branches of community affairs were guests of the fire department to a ceremony in the hall.

Guest speaker E. V. MacCormack, who was introduced by Clarence Spence, spoke of the high regard in which the firemen are held by the community and said that no other group renders as much community service as volunteer firemen.

The mayor pointed out what a fine group of men are in the brigade when he referred to work they had done on their own such as painting the concrete floors and supplying a refrigerator for the kitchen, and Warden George Leslie said that Esquusing Township was happy to have an arrangement whereby that township supplies a \$20,000 fire truck which is manned by Georgetown firemen and is available both locally and in Esquusing for firefighting work.

Chief William Hyde introduced each member of the brigade, who wore their dress uniforms for the occasion, and the town and township councils were introduced by Messrs. Armstrong and Leslie. Firemen Jack Harlow and Andy Ritchie introduced the other guests, who included representatives of industry, lodges and service clubs.

After the formal opening, lunch was served and those present were taken on a tour of the building.

MAKE ALTERATIONS TO GLEN TOWN HALL

Extensive alterations have been made at the Glen Town Hall and more are planned by an energetic committee which has also raised a good deal of money for the job.

Funds have been raised by public subscription and by proceeds of a lucky draw for a \$50 bond. G. Drenthens, Glen Williams, won the bond when the draw was made at a movie show in the hall on Thursday. He had ticket No. 339.

The building is at present being used as a temporary classroom until a planned addition is made to the school. Toilets have been installed, the interior painted and curtains put up. Later plans call for a kitchen. Members of the hall board who are sparking the work include Harold Wheeler, Howard Garvin, Roland Haines, George Sargent, William Korzack, Vern Kirby, Ed Martin, Jack Hepburn, and Clayton Allen.

FIRES DESTROY TWO AUTOMOBILES

Two cars were destroyed in two separate fires which occurred in town during the week.

Tuesday morning, residents of Glen Williams tried to hale Jim Norton as he drove through the village with smoke puffing from the car. Mr. Norton drove for some distance before he himself noticed his car was on fire. Georgetown fire brigade was called to the scene.

Early Sunday morning, Mrs. Jack Whitely noticed flames in Doug Sargent's car, which was parked beside his home on Normandy Blvd. and called the fire brigade.

BALLINAFAD

HUNTING PARTY BAGS EIGHT DEER

Eleven members of the Ballinafad Hunt Club had good luck on a deer hunting expedition to Martin River last week.

They returned with a bag of eight deer. Members of the hunt were Vic and Ray Swindlehurst, Angus McEachern, John, Bud, Elwood and Sam Snow, Garnet Winters, Hal Saunders, Grant Wright, Reg French and Richard Shortill.