



SCRAMBLING UP THE STEEP SLOPE, these members of the Lorne Scouts close on the objective under cover of a smoke screen. They were storming a position held by the RHLI when the two regiments engaged in training exercises at Waterdown recently.

SILVER-WOOD

RELATIVES FROM PERU VISITING THE NORTONS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton, Nancy and David have been making an extended visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Norton. They have been living in Tariara, Peru for some time and are going to the west, taking in the Calgary Stampede, and then Mr. Harry Norton will take a two week training course in the oil fields of Alberta.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller upon the arrival of their daughter, Laurie Elizabeth, June 28th.

Mr. Ben Case has just returned from a two week trip to Cape Cod. Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Corbett this week are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hahn of Detroit and Mr. Hahn's sister, Mrs. E. Green of Los Angeles, California.

Many Causes Aided by the Masons Without Publicity

An occasion such as the Centennial of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in Ontario, to be observed in Toronto this July 17th, 18 and 19 serves to focus attention on activities of the Masonic Order which have been carried on quietly and which are seldom in the publicity limelight.

While the Order is not a benevolent organization in the accepted sense of the word, one of its cornerstones is the practice of benevolence and charity. This fact is clearly indicated by reports that show that during the thirty-year period ending May 31, 1950 alone, the Grand Lodge and its associated lodges in Ontario contributed a total of approximately \$6,000,000 for benevolent purposes.

Over the ten years of the depression, an average of some \$114,800 a year was paid out in grants. During the war years, when there was full employment, the yearly average was approximately \$76,700 and, in subsequent years, close to \$75,175 a year was contributed for charitable causes. In assisting needy among its membership, the Ontario Grand Lodge did much to relieve distress caused by the war. For example, early in 1940, something like 1,000 Ontario Masonic homes were made available to children of Masonic families in Britain who had to be evacuated. At the same time, the wives and children of Masons, who came to Canada unassisted and who had difficulty in getting funds out of Britain, received generous assistance.

Another important war activity of the Grand Lodge in Ontario related to assistance given to bombed out civilians in Britain, subscriptions to this cause totalling close to a quarter of a million dollars. Of that total, over \$250,000 was remitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England.

When the years immediately following the close of the war brought acute distress to the people of Britain, the Ontario Lodge gave prompt aid. A total of 33,347 twenty-pound parcels of food at the rate of some 1,200 a month were shipped to Masonic brethren in Scotland, England and Ireland and, by July 31, 1946, in excess of \$250,000 had been contributed by Ontario Masons to meet this need.

In still another field of benevolence, Ontario Masons have been active. When a group of voluntary donors supplied fifty donations of blood to victims of the disastrous Moor Hill fire in Hamilton in 1941, they actually inspired the organization of simi-

lar Masonic blood donor groups in Toronto, London, Ottawa, Belleville, and Sarnia. Within the past five years, 2,197 registered donors from lodges in the Toronto Metropolitan area alone have provided blood replacement totalling 2,017,000 cc. or 502 gallons, while 879 patients have been cared for. Total value of the blood donated is estimated at close to \$85,000.

This proud record of humanitarian services emerges at this time as the progress and history of the Masonic Order are recalled on the eve of the Centennial celebrations of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

The opening of this historic event will be marked by a monster religious service for Masons and their families at the CNE grandstand on Sunday, July 17th. J. P. Maher, chairman of the Centennial Committee, announced that the service will be conducted by the Most Rev. W. L. Wright, Archbishop of Algoma, while Rev. W. Harold Young of Toronto will preach the sermon with Rev. H. G. Cleghorne reading the lessons. In attendance at the service will be a choir of 300 voices under the direction of Dr. Charles Peaker of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto.

Sessions of the Grand Lodge, itself, will commence the following morning, July 18th, in the Coliseum at the Exhibition and will continue for two days.

In addition to the large influx of Brethren from all parts of Ontario and Canada, there will be large delegations of Masonic dignitaries from Britain & other Commonwealth countries, including Australia, as well as representatives of Grand Lodges in most of the states in the U.S.

When discussing the historic significance of the event, Mr. Maher said that when the Grand Lodge in Ontario was formed a hundred years ago in Hamilton, some forty lodges were represented and there was a membership in good standing of 1,170. At last year's session of the same Grand Lodge there were 502 lodges with a membership of over 130,000.

As membership increased in other provinces, members outside Ontario felt they should have their own Grand Lodges. This resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec followed by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but Ontario Masons, for sentimental reasons, retained the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada. However, out of respect for the feelings of their Brethren outside their jurisdiction, Ontario added the words "In the Province of Ontario" to the official name which is still retained.

Canada has 115,000 troops on active service but here is the harsh note for taxpayers — it takes 30,000 civil servants to administer the affairs of these troops.

Catastrophe Benefits Offered by Co-op

The Catastrophe Benefit Plan, approved by members at the annual meeting of the Halton Co-Operative Medical Services was carried out last week when seven members received cheques totalling approximately \$2000. Occasionally, in every community certain people experience hardship every year as a result of unexpected illnesses or injuries, far more serious than the average conditions for which prepaid hospitalization or surgical contracts were designed. This was evident in the fact that when members of the Halton Co-Operative Medical Services who had received extensive hospitalization benefits during the fiscal year ended November 30, 1954, were asked to submit their hospital medical and surgical costs exceeding \$500, 12 members submitted claims totalling over \$13,000. Of this number seven had expenses totalling over \$9,000 and thus were eligible for Catastrophe benefits. One member had a total expense of \$1,786.75. This could happen to anyone!

It speaks well for the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Medical Services organizations in Ontario that they are among the first to offer extra benefits for Catastrophic illnesses. Locally, the money for these extra benefits was obtained from the 1954 savings. In view of the fact that medical and surgical costs are steadily rising careful consideration is being given to future plans for Catastrophe benefits.

Wilbert Henry Breadner Buried Norval Cemetery

Following a very brief illness, Wilbert Henry Breadner, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Breadner, died at his home, lot 12, conc. 3, Chinguacousy, recently. In his 58th year, he resided all his life on the Breadner homestead.

He is survived by two sisters and four brothers, the eldest sister, Lily (Mrs. John Sloan) predeceased him about three years ago. Surviving are

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Miss Margaret Breadner, Lorina (Mrs. W. G. Reed), Albert, John, James and Norman, all of Chinguacousy. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. L. Royal of Norval, at the McKillop Funeral Home, Brampton. Interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval. The pallbearers were James Eccles, Sr., Archie Fuller, Les Collin, Sam McClure, Harold McClure, and Clure Archdekin.

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