

## Trophy Missing 44 Years Turns Up at Scots Reunion

A 76-year old trophy missing for the past 44 years has been recovered by the Lorne Scots through publicity given to the 1939-45 reunion held in Brampton last week.

The trophy was presented by William McCraney, MP, to the 20th Battalion of Halton Lorne Rifles in 1885. Details of the trophy and the presentation are obscure but it is believed to have been awarded in rifle competition.

In 1917 the trophy was put up for security by two soldiers on an unpaid hotel bill at the Mansion House in Sarnia. The soldiers were believed enroute to Flint, Michigan.

The trophy apparently lay idle until 1925 when the hotel and its effects were purchased by Stanley J. and Leslie K. Smith from J. J. Sutherland who related the story of the trophy.

At this time the trophy had two small soldiers standing on each side. They wore the old 'forage' caps of the militia which suppressed the Riel Rebellion in 1885, raising the question of whether the Lornes took part in the rebellion as a unit.

The trophy was taken to Stanley Smith's residence in Ingersoll where it was kept in the basement. It experienced two floods, one in 1935 and later in 1948, and the two soldiers became broken off and lost.

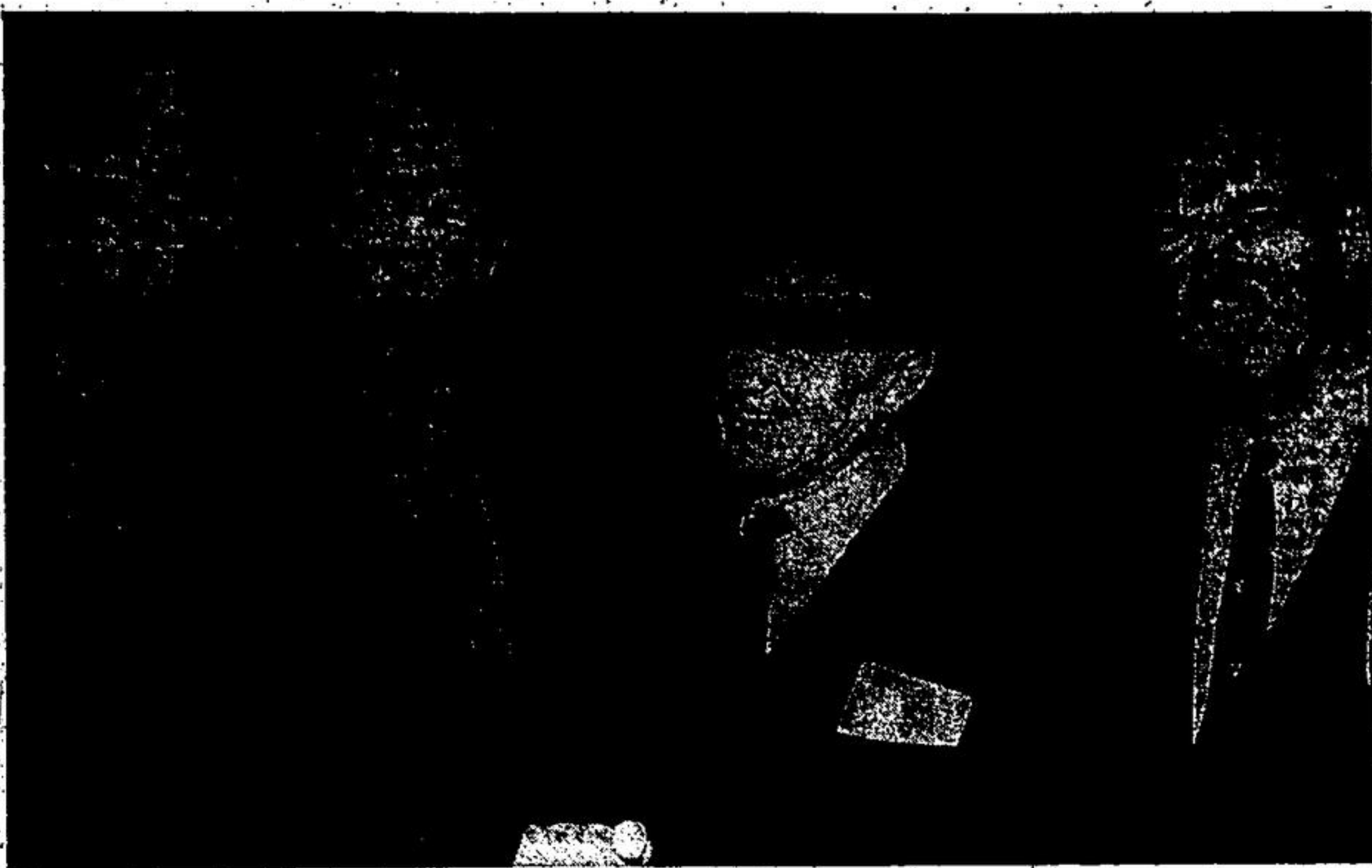
Mr. Smith wrote to the Georgetown War Veterans Association when he discovered the trophy in 1925. He informed them of his discovery but received no reply. He subsequently forgot the matter until a notice of the veteran Lorne Scots reunion was posted on the Ingersoll Legion bulletin board.

Col. Sam Charters received a telephone call from Mr. Smith Friday night before the reunion. The caller mentioned nothing about the trophy but said that a parcel would arrive the

next day by express and asked Col. Charters to take it to the reunion. When it arrived, Col. Charters turned it over to Major E. F. Conover.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Ingersoll town council, a veteran of the First World War and a member of the Oxford County Historical Society.

The regiment is considering having the trophy restored to its original condition, including the two soldiers, by a firm of silversmiths.



GETTING TOGETHER

— Photo by Roy Platt

GETTING TOGETHER after the Lorne Scots reunion dinner Saturday night, May 6th, are (l to r), Honorary Lt. Col. John R. Barber, ED, of Georgetown; Col. R. V. Conover, Meadowdale; Mayor Carman Core of Brampton and Major C. G. Guy, CD, chairman of the reunion committee.



## HOSPITAL NEWS

Items of Interest about YOUR Hospital

The full energies of the people connected with the hospital are being directed to making the official opening a huge success. It is hoped that every person in the district will join in the ceremonies that weekend and help make it a memorable event.

All the preliminary work has been finished, as far as arrangements for the opening are concerned. Dr. Dymond, the Minister of Health, will officially open the hospital and will be the guest speaker. All levels of government will be on hand to inspect the building. Many distinguished people who have been interested in the hospital will be in town that day, and many former citizens will return for the event.

The finishing phases of the construction are now being carried out, and everything seems to be coming along according to schedule. It is confidently expected that everything will be in tip top shape for that great occasion.

Equipment-wise, the tempo of furnishing has been increased and almost daily decisions are being made as to the various supplies needed. The committee in charge of this important area have been almost constantly at work, selecting and ordering. This group, with the assistance of many others, have had a big job, and one that will contribute in no small measure to the well being of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Those acting on this committee are Ted Evans, Dick Licata, and of course, the Administrator, who has been doing a herculean task in so many ways, and whose advice and help in this instance has been invaluable.

It has been a pleasant surprise to find that contributions and inquiries about giving still come in. As readers are aware, the costs of the hospital are substantially more than it was expected during the early stages of planning. And while to a great degree the problem of financing has been met, every dollar, yes every penny that can be obtained, is needed to make this hospital the pride of every district citizen, and the ultimate in efficiency and comfort for the many who will use it.

A rather fine example of community spirit was shown when a group of Brownies in the United Church, presented a small 'Memorial' in memory of the late Mr. Ford, who had been most active in youth work. This donation along with others like it continue to swell the fund and when the sum total of this type of donation is taken, makes a very substantial contribution. A number of other organizations have also paid further installments of their pledge and this helps the situation. Many groups are attempting to pay their pledges ahead of schedule, and in this regard, anyone who has not done so, is urged to review their pledge and see if it is up to date. This is mentioned because at the time of the canvass, a number of pledges were collected with the amount pledged for on the card, but no provision as to where or how it was to be paid.

Any of the three banks in Georgetown will accept pledges... or they may be paid direct to the treasurer, Mrs. Wm. B. Hamilton, Reid Court.

With building once again assuming large proportions in the town, many new families have moved in since the campaign, and no doubt are unaware of this great civic project. All of these people are urged to take part, and your donation, no

matter how big or small, will be a welcome addition to the fund.

Recently Business Administrator Gilbody brought up an interesting point in the value of receiving donations of goods. These are of equal value to the hospital, and as an example, a gift of say, several bags of potatoes, takes equal value to a cash donation. It is hoped to have the Administrator enlarge on his theme in 'Hospital News' in the near future.

With the interest being given to the Hospital, not only in town, but in other centres, it is confidently expected that the official opening on June 17th, will attract more people to it than anything held in Georgetown until now. And arrangements are such that every single person will be able to have a 'look through', either on their own, or a more leisurely guided tour.

## Industrial Softball In Doldrums

Industrial Softball in Georgetown has apparently folded.

A league spokesman said this week that not enough interest has been shown this year to warrant carrying on the league. To date only two clubs have indicated their intention to return this season. One team, the Glen, will compete in the Halton Rural Ball League, and the others have never come out of hibernation.

## WORDS OF THE WISE

My role, I know, is not to transform the world, nor man; for that, I have not virtues enough, nor clear sightedness. But it consists, perhaps, in serving, where I can, those few values without which a world, even transformed, is not worth living in, without which a man even now, would not be worthy of respect. — Albert Camus.

## STEWARTTOWN

### Public Speaking Shield Gift of Stewarttown W.I.

Mrs. R. Harris conducted the installation ceremony at Esquimaux W.I. Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. J. Atkinson. The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada, followed by the Institute Ode. Mrs. W. R. Lawson read the Scripture, St. Luke 10: 30-31.

Mrs. Robert McDonald, was welcomed as a new member. The roll call was answered by members bringing a picture or clipping suitable for the history book.

The Institute has purchased a shield to be presented to Stewarttown school in honour of public speaking pupils Brian Sinclair, the winner for 1961, will be asked to accept the shield for the school at a later date. Brian's name appears on the shield and there is space for five more winning names.

The district annual meeting will be held in Knox Church hall on May 23rd and delegates appointed to attend are Mrs. Herb Reid, Mrs. Wm. Humphreys, and Mrs. C. A. Grant, alternates Mrs. W. R. Lawson, Mrs. R. Harris and Mrs. W. Lawson. Mrs. H. P. Lawson will answer the roll call. "The date of our organization meeting and the name of the first president."

It was decided to purchase 1962 calendars for sale. These will be available late in September of this year.

Programmes for the coming year were passed out to the members. This year the cover contained a snapshot of the members attending the pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. L. de Vries.

Mrs. W. Lawson had charge of the historical programme. She read current events, also a portion of Stewarttown history from "Halton's Pages of the Past". She also displayed the Tweed-muir History Books, which she has spent many long hours preparing, but which are a credit to her and the Institute.

Mrs. J. Sanford moved a vote of thanks to the hostess, and the meeting closed with the members repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. R. Harris and Mrs. F. Armstrong assisted the hostess

and served a delicious lunch.

Members and friends of St. John's Church Choir spent a social evening at "The Cabin" as guests of Reverend J. E. and Mrs. Maxwell, Thursday evening. A fishing jaunt up the valley was a highlight of the evening entertainment. Hot dogs and pie, made the evening complete.

Miss Doreen Geier, of Thistleton, a former teacher at Stewarttown, visited friends in the village this past week.

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Mrs. Herb Reid received a phone call this week from home telling her of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Robert Muggay, at Manitowaning, Manitowin Island.

Mrs. J. Sanford visited the Mitchell's in Limehouse on Sunday.

The Sunday evening hymn sing at St. John's Church proved quite popular again this past Sunday. Visitors attended from Georgetown, Norval, Toronto, Brampton and Guelph. Immediately following the service, a social hour in the basement hall, gave the visitors the opportunity to chat with friends while enjoying a cup of coffee. The flowers on the altar this past Sunday were given by the Sunday School in memory of all mothers.

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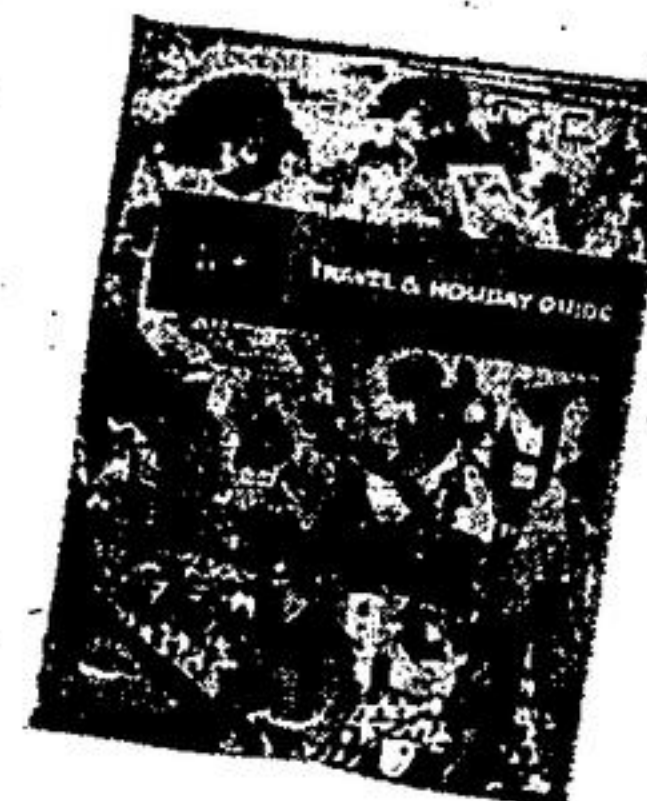
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