

Former Georgetown Reeve Active in Public Service

Tribute as one of Georgetown's best citizens was paid to the late Alexander MacLaren when Rev. Robert Scriver conducted a memorial service in St. John's United Church on Saturday.

The service followed a private interment service in Greenwood Cemetery for the former Georgetown reeve who died in hospital in Greenwich, Connecticut on March 23. He had been

Overseas Veteran 'Nick' Brown Dies

A Smith & Stone employee, Theodore "Nick" Brown, 49, died in Georgetown hospital on March 18 following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Brown served with the Lorne Scots overseas as a driving instructor during World War II.

Born in Brantford he was the son of Samuel Brown and Johnetta Shepherd and came to Georgetown as a boy. He had been employed as a truck driver with Sykes Quarries prior to joining Smith & Stone.

He was a member of Branch 120, Canadian Legion, North Halton Golf & Country Club and also belonged to a local bowling league.

He leaves a brother Herbert, 59 Normandy Blvd., and a niece and nephew, Georgina and Murray Brown.

Rev. Kelvin Johnston conducted the funeral service at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gordon King, Lorne Cross, Albert Stapleton, Gordon Harley, Keith Tracey and Jim Bradley.

Trumpet His Hobby. So Uses It For Religion

The Rev. John McMulkin is combining a hobby with his profession these days in his position as rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hamilton.

Sunday afternoon folk masses have become popular with his congregation, and Mr. McMulkin, a proficient trumpet player, uses his musical talent in this. A picture of him, performing during a musical evening in Grace Church, Hamilton, appeared in the current issue of the Niagara Anglican.

Mr. McMulkin was rector of St. George's Anglican Church here prior to being appointed to the Hamilton parish.

Mrs. MacLaren died last November and he was also predeceased by two sons, Stewart, killed on active service with the airforce in World War II and Jack. He leaves two other sons, William of Greenwich and Douglas of Georgetown and a

daughter Mrs. Peggie Specht, of Toronto, and brothers Hugh of Kelowna, B.C., and Jack of Goderich.

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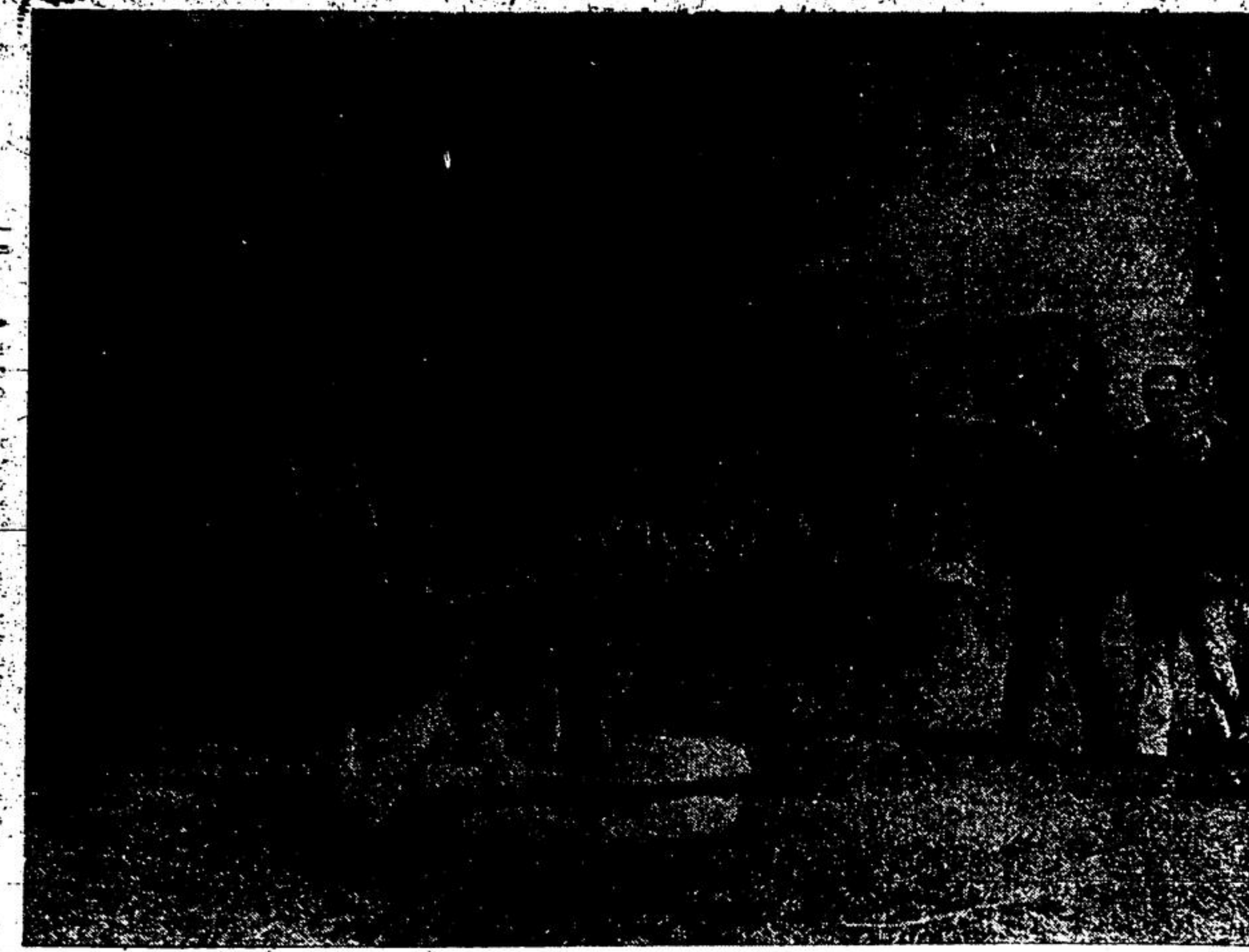
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RIDICULOUS REGATA — Promoting Georgetown Jaycees third annual Crazy Boat Race are, at left, Jim Sword and Sam Jones and at right Steve Hutchison and Rex Heslop Jr. Limbering up aboard the HMCS Flush is Terry Gill. The races with special trophies for the winners of five classes, comic, rubber rafts, boats, two man canoes, and professional canoes and kayaks, will start from the 10th Line bridge east of Glen Williams at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with the Riviera the finishing point at Norval, seven miles down stream. The day will conclude with a "bilgewater ball" in the morning.

To Sell or Not To Sell Puzzlement to Farmers

"To sell or not to sell? That is the question." This is the question bothering most Halton County farmers during the past few months. Real estate people keep driving into the farm in increasing numbers offering increasing prices for the property. What are some of the thoughts running through the farmers' mind?

In favour of selling — "The amount offered will allow me to move to town and live comfortably all my life if I invest it at 7 1/2%; it will allow me to move to another county to the north, or west where I can buy a larger farm, with more mechanization and have money left for investment; I can move out of farming before a Capital Gains Tax is implemented or before my area is permanently zoned agriculture or declared a Green Belt; I can move to a county where taxes are realistic and where I know that farming will have a future for my sons' etc.

Against selling — "I am going to find difficulty in getting land and buildings similar to the present; I can only get a down payment and this does not give me enough money to buy a new farm and renovate buildings; my farm may continue to increase in value and I would lose it if I sell now; I can stay in Halton and rent land here at

See How They Run is Well Acted, Produced

by George Topp
The audience was small but very appreciative at the opening of See How They Run at Georgetown High-School, Thursday.

The play ran three consecutive nights. The delightful dialogue of the British comedy was so infectious that even the most staid of the few who braved the thunder storm howled out loud at the misfortunes of the characters on stage.

And misfortunes there were in plenty — all according to the script. Reminiscent of many of the famed Aldwych farces — although it was not written until 1947 — See How They Run has all the ingredients that go to make success. "It has a village vicar, his former American actress wife, an escaped Russian spy, a bishop, a visiting minister, a Cockney maid, a prudish female villager who unbends somewhat after a bout of sherry drinking, and a former actor boyfriend of the vicar's wife.

Mix these together with a good shake, and you have See How They Run, a comedy in which everyone is mistaken for everyone else, people dash around in underwear, get hit on the head, held up at pistol point and are found wrestling on the floor in the most compromising positions. But, as always with this type of play, all ends well, leaving behind a few sides aching with laughter and the knowledge that Georgetown Little Theatre deserves packed houses.

There are no great performances, but there are several priceless performances.

The three girls take top honors. Kathy Spicer, as the Cockney maid, gave a gem of a characterization that may not have been polished but it shone through its rough edges like a beacon. Contrasting to her down to earth style was the very professional Penelope Toop, the vicar's wife, played by Vera MacDonald. She was quite delightful from start to finish. Her superb timing and sense of humour squeezed every ounce of laughs from the dialogue.

Last of the distaff trio, Edna Ferguson, as the prim Miss Skilton, whose hidden desires were awakened by the drink, was again a perfect contrast, and her alcoholic stupor scene was outstanding.

Of the males, two Rons, Ron Hill as Clive, the American friend of Mrs. Toop, and Ron Hunt, as the vicar, were stand-outs. Ideally cast, perfect foils for each other's peculiarities, they both romped through the play, setting the pace that so enhanced the production.

Bob Thornley gave a boost to the play after his arrival as the visiting vicar. Des Nicholls as the Russian, Gordon Hunt as the bishop, and John Bew as Sergeant Towers all added to the continuous fun.

Final praise to Chris Fisher, director, who showed that this type of production can, if well presented, be as good as any New York hit and directed this stylish way, much better than most.

Whiting said he doesn't expect much difficulty in getting the bill through the Commons.

FAIR BOARD WANTS MORE

Wilmer Fryer heading a delegation from Acton Fair Board asked Esqueing council for a raise in their grant, Monday night.

"I hear Acton Fair took in more money last year than ever," commented Deputy Reeve Tom Hill.

"That's right," replied Mr. Fryer. "We took in \$5,000 at the gate, but paid out \$5,800 in prizes."

"Has Acton upped your grant?" asked Deputy Reeve Hill.

"Not yet" was the reply, "but we have asked them."

Acton now grants the Fair board \$250, and Esqueing grants \$200.

"Well, we've heard you, and we'll give it our consideration," stated Reeve George Currie.

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Clean Up for Spring is Fire Bureau's Theme

A spring clean-up campaign was launched this week by members of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, when 25,000 posters urging a home clean-up were distributed by member fire departments.

A new poster was designed by the Bureau this year, emphasizing to homeowners that "YOU are the key to fire prevention."

"Clean up — keep fires down" says the poster. The Bureau suggests every homeowner should make a spring clean-up project a "family affair." Housewives love to go bustling about their homes, tidying up at the start of the spring season. As she works she should keep potential fires in mind. These hazards might include flammable materials such as rags and papers stored beneath stairways, and gasoline stored inside a building. It's mother's job to make sure no lighters or matches are left where children may reach them.

The husband of the house should also get involved in a clean-up. His job includes checking to make sure the furnace and smoke pipes are clean and tidying up in the attic, basement and garage. It might also be wise to check your electrical connections for frayed cords, and plan to remedy any "octopus" wiring.

Even the children can get in on the fun. Let them be responsible for tidying up the yard and their indoor play areas. Every home should also have a small fire extinguisher, kept fully charged and ready for emergency.

MP Says Halton People Oppose Vatican Envoy

Halton residents who have written to their MP regarding the possibility of the Canadian government appointing an envoy to the Vatican are against the idea.

Rud Whiting, MP for Halton East riding, said most of his mail on the subject opposes the suggestion and he agrees.

"I can't see the need for one" he said.

He said most of the other Ontario MPs, whom he has discussed the matter with, are also opposed.

The idea of appointing an envoy to the Vatican was renewed when Prime Minister Trudeau recently visited with Pope Paul. The matter is now being studied.

Turning to the matter of birth control legislation, Whiting said it might come before the House of Commons this week. The bill to legalize the use of birth control devices has already been passed by the Senate.