

Obituary

Served overseas in World War 1

A World War 1 veteran, Alexander George Mitchell of R.R. 1, Georgetown, died in Guelph General Hospital on Nov. 14. He saw combat duty in France with the infantry in the first war and received military honors. He had the rank of sergeant-major.

Mr. Mitchell was retired. Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home Nov. 16 conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKemie. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were six grandsons, Larry Dredge, Bill Dredge and David Swindlehurst of Milton; Ryan Wilson, Limehouse; Steven Van Fleet, Acton and David Harbottle, Kilbride.

Mr. Mitchell was born at Owen Sound in 1894 and attended school in Toronto. He and his wife Nellie were married in Georgetown in 1924. They lived at Eden Mills from 1920 to 1947, moving from there to Georgetown district. Surviving Mr. Mitchell are his wife Nellie, daughters Mrs. Irene Dredge, Milton; Mrs. Elsie Swindlehurst, Georgetown; Mrs. Georgina Van Fleet, Acton; Mrs. Lillian Curts, Georgetown and Mrs. Noreen Wilson, Limehouse; sisters Mrs. Elsie Miller, Acton; Mrs. Ethel Colgate, Mrs. Annie Ashworth, Toronto and Mrs. Nora McLean, Eden Mills. He was predeceased by daughter Mrs. Rose Marie Kay in 1968; brother Jim Mitchell and sister Mrs. Flora Funtshon.



ONLY 16.8 PER CENT of Acton's eligible voters turned out to cast their ballots in Monday's liquor vote. Returning officer Charlotte Holmes accepts ballots from one of the few voters David McMillan. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Halton approves building garage

Despite strong opposition from Deputy Reeve David Coons of Burlington and Reeve Alan Masson of Oakville, Halton County Council has approved the building of a new central garage for its roads department. Construction of the garage has been debated by County Councillors for two years now. Some members of Council have felt the creation of a Halton Region government might make the garage construction a costly and useless venture. Coons and Masson again brought up this argument when Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve Don McMillan, chairman of the roads department, asked Council to approve the construction at a meeting of Council last week.

Both men felt it would be foolish to build a garage, until the County was to learn the requirements of a new regional government. Roads still there However the other members of Council disagreed. "The roads will still be there, no matter what type of government we have," pointed out McMillan and Georgetown Reeve Rick Morrow. Councillors from Halton's other municipalities said a new central garage could very easily serve a large portion of the County. Deputy Reeve McMillan also pointed out the garage could be expanded if needed in future. After a debate which lasted for about three quarters of an hour, Council voted for the project.

Vaccination program for pre-schoolers

A measles-rubella vaccination program for the protection of children between the ages of one year through the first year of school entry has been instituted by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

In announcing the program, Health Minister Richard T. Potter, M.D., said that all areas of the province have been stocked with vaccine. All practising physicians have been notified of sources of vaccine supplies and have received a recommended immunization schedule. "It is important that all such

children receive their vaccination as soon as possible after their first birthday to ensure protection during the entire pre-school and school period. This calls for a co-operative effort by parents and practising physicians."

Combined vaccine The combined vaccine will be free. It will provide protection against both measles (red) and rubella (German measles) in a single injection. Infants under the age of 12 months should not be given the vaccine because the presence of maternal antibodies may interfere with the immunizing response.

Complications often develop in a child who contracts measles. These include pneumonia, convulsions, middle ear infection and inflammation of the brain. Rubella vaccination of young children will also reduce the risk of infection among women in child-bearing years who have not had the disease. Rubella contracted by a woman during the early months of pregnancy can result in the birth of a baby with serious congenital abnormalities. The earlier in pregnancy the fetus is infected, the more severe the handicaps may be.

Snowmobile complaints

Police have received several complaints of snowmobiles since the first snowfall last week. The bylaw states drivers should only have snowmobiles on town streets going to or from their homes, and each machine should have a fluorescent safety antenna not less than five feet from ground level.



TOM RAMAUTARSINGH

Receives M.A. degree

At the fall convocation of Waterloo Lutheran University, Tom Ramautarsingh received his M.A. in history. Mr. Ramautarsingh of Georgetown is president of Halton district 9 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation. Convocation was November 5 with 370 graduates receiving degrees in the Kitchener auditorium.

Claim low income families to benefit from tax change

Low income families in Ontario will be able to recover up to 42 per cent of their 1972 property taxes through income tax refunds financed by the Ontario Government.

The impact of the Ontario program is shown in a staff paper made public today by Treasurer Charles S. MacNaughton who said it justifies government concern over and action to offset the regressive effect of property taxation.

Using Guelph, which is representative of the province as a whole, the study found property tax credits for 1972 will range from \$123 for low income families to \$50 for those earning between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Maximum credit is \$250.

More Equitable Mr. MacNaughton said the property tax credit plan was introduced in the 1972 budget as part of the government's continuing effort to make taxation more equitable. The study, he said, shows the credits made the combined burden of income and property taxes correspond more closely to the ability to pay.

The property tax credits replace the basic shelter grants which have been in effect in Ontario since 1968.

Property owners in Ontario will be able to claim \$90 plus 10 per cent of their property taxes less one per cent of their taxable income when they file income tax returns early in the New Year.

Tenants will be able to claim \$90 plus two per cent of their rent less one per cent of taxable income in determining their property tax credit.

Along with tax credits, two additional programs are being continued this year: the 25 per cent farm tax rebates and the \$50 to \$100 supplementary tax relief grants to needy pensioners. Eventually efforts will be made to incorporate special relief for farmers and pensioners into the tax credit system.

Conclusive Evidence Until the Guelph study was completed, Ontario lacked conclusive evidence to support many of the assumptions held by most government leaders and taxpayers. There has been no comparable study elsewhere although other programs in the United States and Britain are discussed in the report.

Guelph proved ideal for the purpose because it is the first major municipality where reassessment has been completed by provincial assessors. Also, the average property tax in Guelph in 1969 was \$374 compared with the

provincial average of \$371 and the average gross income there was \$5,348 compared with the Ontario average of \$5,622.

A movie projector and tape recorder have been reported missing from the high school, and police are investigating. Value is set at \$384.

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NOTICE

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The third and final installment of the 1972 property taxes are due Nov. 30, 1972.

Under the new Ontario Property Tax Credit Plan, residential and farm property taxes levied and due must be paid by Dec. 31, 1972.

The payment of these municipal taxes will enable you to receive full credit under the Ontario Plan on your 1972 income tax return.

Bert Berry, Treasurer & Tax Collector Township of Erin.

English mother tongue

Figures released by Statistics Canada show the population of Halton County at 100,470, with 105,470 having English as the mother tongue. Surprisingly, perhaps, German, not French, was the second largest language group in the county with 4,300 people using German as the mother tongue.

The Netherlands came next with 3,745, French with 3,455 came in fourth, closely followed by Italian with 3,420. There are 1470 people in the county with Ukrainian as the mother tongue and 1455 with Polish. There are 30 native Canadian Indians and Eskimos and 7,050 people of other diversified languages, according to figures.

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L.T. Hindley, Clerk. Township of Eramosa

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