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### *Married*

COUTTS-STEWART—At Aberdeen, Scotland, on November 30th, 1918, Benson A. Coutts, 31st, Batt. Can. Army, to Nora, fourth daughter of Mr. Wm. F. Stewart, Aberdeen.

### *Died*

GIVEN—In Esquesing, on Sunday, December 22nd, 1918, John Given aged 80 years.

KAISER—In London, Ont., Thursday, December 19th, 1918, Mary Mind beloved wife of William Kaiser.

## The Georgetown Herald

Wednesday, December 25th, 1918

KING GEORGE's estimate of his German count is about right. The ex-Kaiser is certainly one of the greatest criminals on earth, when we consider the six million men whom the world has been deprived of as the result of one man's crazé for power.

"A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to you—a peaceful Christmas, a useful Christmas, and a comforting Christmas. A Christmas to look back upon with pleasure; a Christmas of unruffled brow and smiling lips; a Christmas that will find you well and will leave you glad. And if you think of any other nice sort of Christmas for yourself—that also is wished you by me."

"'Twas long ago, in a distant land,
That a child lay cradled in the hay,
But a message all can understand
He smiles to us still on Christmas Day—
Whisper of love and peace and cheer,
And the troubled world bends low to hear."

THIS wonderful Christmas-time hearts draw nearer each other from the length and breath of the earth. Whether we have home and kindred, or whether we are alone in strange cities, and amongst strangers, something of the Christmas spirit touches us as surely as we are open-hearted enough to receive it. The open heart, the open mind, will look away from self, and, instead, find out those who are worse off and lonelier in the world, whose lives can be brightened, whose burdens can be lightened, by sympathy and kindness. This should be the keynote of our Christmas, service to others; aye, service.

WE DON'T SING enough, we don't whistle enough, we don't laugh enough! Somehow or other we have allowed clamps to be put upon almost all our actions so that we scarcely ever to-day allow our feelings to become clearly revealed. The little lad who goes whistling down the street, or humming to himself some tune, has it on us in many ways. His joy is unconfined, while we, well, if the average man is judged by his manner, he is living in a world in which there is no joy—only kaiserdom. This repression business is the worst thing possible for the human race. What made trench-life so horrible for the soldiers was the comparative repression that was necessary in the trenches. When he got back to the lines he was happier, because he could be glad and sing and whistle. We all need more of it. Everyone knows the men work faster when lively music is played. It is claimed that the new navy building in Washington was speeded up with an actual gain in transportation work of 1,800 because the men sang at work. Singing keeps one's brain clear for sound thinking. There is no chance for "grouching."

YESTERDAY I heard a man complaining that there does not seem to be any Christmas spirit in the air this year. He had been to town several times, had met a lot of people, and no one had said "Merry Christmas." It is just possible that the disordered state of the world is keeping people from showing the usual Christmas spirit but the trouble can be remedied. If that man had said "Merry Christmas to everyone he met they would all have responded in the same spirit, and he would have found a Christmas feeling everywhere. We managed to keep up our Christmas celebrations during the years of war, and it would never do to let this season lag behind the others. It is true that empty chairs in many homes will cause sorrow for those who have not yet returned, and those who have escaped suffering should make an especial effort to make the Christmas a time of rejoicing for the coming of peace. As Christmas is especially the children's festivity an effort should be made to make this Christmas particularly notable as marking the beginning of an era of peace. If you cannot do anything else, you can at least fling a word of Christmas greeting to everyone you meet. Do not be like my friend who waited for others to say "Merry Christmas" to him. And so—Merry Christmas, to all and to all!

## Welcome Home Boys

On Saturday morning last four more of our boys arrived home from the battle fields of France and Belgium. And right proud we were to see them looking hale and hearty after their varied experiences in the war. They were Bert Parr, John Shepherd, Bob McMaster and —Garvin. Pte. Wagstaffe arrived home last week.

As they came unannounced there was no demonstration but they all received many individual handshakes and hearty welcomes to their native town.

A civic demonstration and welcome will be tendered all the boys at a later date to be arranged by a committee organized for that purpose.

## Military News

Pte. J. L. McNicol, who went overseas with the Ohio infantry was killed in action on November 10th, the day before the armistice was signed. "Jimmie" was 28 years old and had many friends in Georgetown who deeply regret his death. He was a son of Mr. J. L. McNicol, pulp and paper expert and Assistant Paper Controller for the Dominion Government. Mr. and Mrs. McNicol have the sympathy of many friends here in their sad bereavement.

Lt.-Col. James Ballantine, D.S.O. is home for the holidays.

Cadet Harold Smith of Stewarttown arrived home from Boston last week.

The following letter from Sgt. S. J. McMaster to his sister will be read with interest by "Sam's" many friends here:—

France,
Sat. Nov. 16, 1918.

Dear Ethel:—

We hung and we cremated the kaiser to-day. He burnt well too.

To-day has been a beautiful day, bright, sunny, and cool like an autumn day should be. All day the soft fair wind made the brown leaves to scamper over the green grass and the sandy earth, on land and the white caps to roll and play on the sea and this was a fete day.

With flags and banners flying and musical bands and field kitchens accompanying, troops were to be seen on many roads early in the morning, moving toward a delightful spot beside the sea.

There in a grove of young sycamores in a level park, at this delightful spot beside the sea, were set up the kitchens and, while a game of football progressed, busy cooks prepared a dinner. The cooks of other units did the same and numerous columns of curling smoke were to be seen ascending from the site of the soon-to-be leafless grove.

Dinner time was a scene of merrymaking, a time of jest and laughter. All this was because of the significant events of the past few days, the capitulation of Germany, in asmuch as she signed an armistice fatal to her success in war.

After dinner, races of various kinds were run and greater joy was excited. Contests of various kinds were entered into and followed a merry making course. Then the day began to wane, and as evening drew nigh and darkness gathered round, we lit a monstrous bon-fire. Nearby we hung effigies of the kaiser and the crown prince of Germany. We fired on them, then charged them with the bayonet, and then when one bayonet had cut the rope that hanged them they were carried aloft on as many points as there was room for, to the bonfire and tossed into the flames. Thus, was the king of Jerries consumed. To-morrow we have a turkey dinner and a Thanksgiving divine service to thank Almighty God for the peace and the victory.

The programme for Monday has not yet been set. But in my opinion we shall do as Alexander did when he had conquered the world; that instead of weeping because there are no more worlds to conquer, we shall weep because there are no more kaisers to kill and burn.

What kind of a turkey are you having for dinner at Christmas? If I am not home for Christmas save a leg for me. If I am not too busy I will take a stroll over in the afternoon. In case I may be a little late I wish you a very merry merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous and profitable New Year in 1919.

1919 is the year we all vote no booze for Canada isn't it?

I am beginning to be afraid now I will have no chance to visit our people in England again. I hope that such is not the case, but if rumors come true its what will happen. Love to all and to Granny—Sam.

Lieut. Carey B. Warren writing from Mons, Belgium, to his mother in Toronto, says:—

Just before we left Valenciennes, from which I wrote last, General Horne and President Pontcaire of France paid the place a visit. The town itself was pretty well cleared of civilians. All windows were smashed, but buildings nearly all intact. Everything was cleared out of the houses of course. The doing's took place in the town Square and the spectators were nearly all Canadians, there being a few civilians through the crowd. President Pontcaire gave quite a speech in French. About all I could make out clearly was "Canada and Brave Canadians," which was repeated every few minutes.

The Mons road is all cobble stones and had been blown up rather badly at cross-roads, but the engineers soon made it passable. Talk about traffic! London and New York have nothing on the Mons road. Coming from the direction of Mons were many refugees. You have seen pictures of these people but you have no idea what they mean. I do not think anyone knows or can possibly feel what these people have gone through. They are coming down the road with their own. A little cart has been made out of a couple of wheels and a box, and all their belongings are packed into it. Sometimes a little baby is on top, and an old man, and a couple of women are shoving or pulling, and usually a number of little kids pulling also. They are not properly clothed and usually without sufficient food. Lately the Canadian Corps have been feeding about 80,000 of these people so that will give a little idea of the state of things.

They go back to Valenciennes and the majority will find their homes standing, but farther back they will have nothing left. It simply means that Canada, England and the States have got to feed and practically keep these people for sometimes or they will starve.

Prices here are awful. I wanted to buy a little cake of soap, (about 15 cents at home), and the price was $1.50. Everything is on the same scale and most of the people have very little money left. Industries are crippled and no one in the place but the tradespeople seem to be doing anything. In all the other towns everything was taken from the stores even. Here all machinery is gone and thus there is nothing for the people to do. We have from 20 to 25 working all day in our wagons and they do it for their "three meals a day." That shows how they are fixed.

We have our mules and horses in a large factory here, an immense place and it is completely at a stand-still. Everything left is upside down and all movable machinery is gone. Referring again to the road, everything is carried by trucks. There is nothing doing on the railroads. As far as you can see are lines of trucks carrying supplies for men and animals. A light railroad runs along side the road but the rails are all bent. In one place a mine had been exploded and the rails were thrown right up on top of a house where some of them still lay.

The country in general is level and some fall crops are coming up. Quite a lot of vegetables were left behind by the huns.

When we arrived at Jumappe the enemy was shelling the town heavily. Quite a number of civilians were killed. Some of our batteries were in action in the town. One officer, one of the "originals," had both legs blown off and died—Lieut. Lingworth. Can you think of harder luck than that? He was here from the first and was killed the day before the war stopped. But that is only one case in many.

A few German prisoners were coming back, when a Belgian woman recognizing one of them, ran at him with a meat cleaver, hit him on the back of the neck and killed him. All the people jeered and laughed and our guard did not express any regrets.

The Germans lost no time in leaving the town. One German was in a house when it was struck and the last the owner of the place saw of him was a fleeing hun taking a leap over the back fence. The children stood out in the street and were saying "To Paris, Quick March!" and then they would march backwards.

## Many Parents to Give War Saving Stamps To Children

**New Form of Christmas Box will be Adopted this Year.**

Many parents are manifesting not a little concern over what kind of a gift they will give a child at Christmas. They will confer a lasting benefit. Hence their concern over the subject.

This Christmas they may give an altogether new and appreciate gift in the form of War Saving Stamps, which cost $4 each, and at any time are worth the money paid for them in addition to a little over 4½ per cent compounded half-yearly. They are thus a great deal better than the ordinary gift which usually depreciates in value. These stamps, however, become more valuable as time goes on.

Those who have not $4 in cash may by merely spending 25c for a Thrift Stamp start a child on the way to securing a War Savings Stamp. Indeed, a Thrift Stamp is the first of sixteen instalments on the purchase of a War Savings Stamp. The habit of saving thus formed will do the child a world of good.

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## Notice to Creditors

**In the matter of the estate of Alexander Stirrat, late of the village of Glenwilliams, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, deceased.**

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 56 of the Trustees Act, R.S.O. 1914, Chapter 121, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Alexander Stirrat, who died on or about the ninth day of September, 1918, at the village of Glenwilliams are required on or before the 12th day of January 1919, to send by post prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned, solicitors herein for Lachlan Grant, Ernest V. Bartlebough, and George Winfield, executors of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security if any held by them.

And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

SHILTON, WALLBRIDGE & DALE
Georgetown, Ontario.
Solicitors for the said executors.
Dated at Georgetown, this 9th, day of December 1918.

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## Notice to Creditors

**In the matter of the estate of Ella Hall, late of the village of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, widow, deceased.**

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 56 of the Trustees Act, R.S.O. 1914, Chap. 121, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Ella Hall, who died on or about the second day of October 1918, at the city of St. Catherines, are required, on or before the 12th, day of January 1919, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned, solicitors herein for Edward McCannah, the executor of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, in writing, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security, if any held by them.

And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at time of such ditribution.

SHILTON, WALLBRIDGE & DALE,
Georgetown, Ontario.
Solicitors for the said executor.
Dated at Georgetown, this 9th, day of December 1918.

## Mail Contract!

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 17th January, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week on the route Georgetown Rural Route No. 3, from the Postmaster General's Pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Georgetown, or at the office of the Post Office Inspector, Toronto.

A. SUTHERLAND,
Post Office Inspector
Post Office Inspector's Office, Toronto,
Dec. 5th, 1918.

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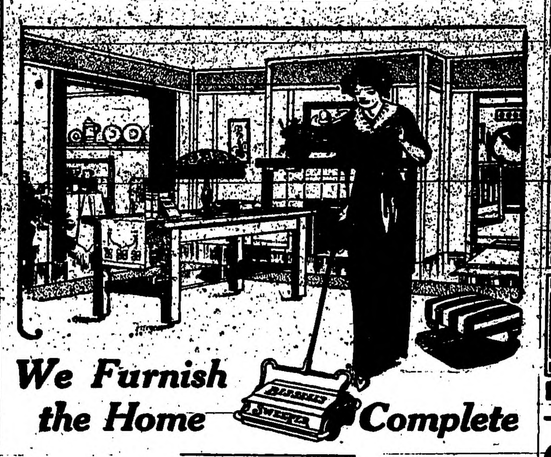

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1918 Season's Greetings 1918

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