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She was interviewed by the local Chinese newspaper and with the help of her interpreter, she was asked about her experiences in their culture.

A television crew followed Mrs. Martin around one day, from morning, 'til night. Her interview was broadcast twice on the local television station and after these aired, business at the Monte Carlo increased significantly.

Mrs. Martin was given business cards, one side in English and the other Chinese, and wandered around the restaurant with her translator, bowing and introducing herself to patrons. It was surprising to her that many guests spoke broken English and they were delighted to try speaking to her in her native tongue.

After a lot of hard work westernizing the Monte Carlo and increasing business, Mrs. Martin knew it was time to return to her family in Canada. She arrived home December 23, just in time for Christmas. Unfortunately, her suitcases, with all her Christmas presents, were misplaced but to her delight were found on Christmas Eve day.

Mrs. Martin has made many new friends and has wonderful memories to treasure.

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be a factor in determining road reconstruction priorities for budgets beginning in 2003.

2002 BUDGET: The Administration & Planning standing committee has recommended a Capital Budget of just over \$23 million and an Operating Budget of just over \$10 million. Although considerably higher than last year, this budget represents a 0% increase in the Town's portion of taxes, due to growth in assessment and development charges (plus the contribution of Slots dollars to capital projects). This recommendation will come to full Council on January 7.

SLOT DOLLARS: The expected Slot Revenue for 2001 is 18% less than 2000, but will still represent just over \$5,000,000. Council's policy is to hold funds for the year and allocate the revenues in the following year's budget. With interest earned, the amount available for 2002 budget is just under \$6,000,000. Subject to final budget approvals in January, Council has identified \$5,175,000 for capital infrastructure projects, \$500,000 to continue the Community Grants fund, and \$225,000 for police services in Nassagaweya.

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Profile of a Veteran

by Ed Goodall

The Dales came to Canada in the early 1800s, leaving behind the James Herriot country of Yorkshire.

They settled on a piece of escarpment land on the Guelph Line, (where Money's Mushroom Plant is now located) and built the house that still stands on the property.

The Milton area was still a growing farming community when fourth generation Lyle Dales was born in 1918. As a young lad of 14 he had attended Limestone School on Derry Road and was now helping his father clear a new land acquisition that is part of the Crawford Lake Conservation Area today. Mr. Dales has an older sister and two younger brothers.

In 1940 the second World War was warming up in Europe and like many of his friends, Mr. Dales made the journey into Toronto to volunteer for service as aircrew in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Acceptance was delayed and



Lyle Dales during his time in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

three months later when he was called to report to the Brantford Armoury he went into Hamilton and was immediately accepted by the RCAF and was told to report to Jarvis, Ontario. Completing his initial training, he was posted to Number 3 Wireless School in Winnipeg for his training as a wireless operator, then to Moss Bank, Saskatchewan for his bombing and gunnery training. Mr. Dales' first operational posting was to 149 Squadron, Pat Bay, Vancouver Island. The Squadron did their work out on Bolingbroke Aircraft, then converted to Beauforts and then Venturas, to do an 18 month tour of aerial patrols along the Pacific Coast as far north as Alaska.

Early 1942 found Mr. Dales on the long train journey to Halifax to board a troop ship bound for England. Arriving at Portsmouth the Squadron moved north to Wick, Scotland to begin their patrols across the North Sea. A year later he was sent to Tambury, Wales for a RADAR course and then to the Parachute School at Ringway, Lancashire, for a conversion to C47 Dakota aircraft and a transfer to 194 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Next came the long flight to India via Sardinia, Malta, Cairo, Bagdad and finally arriving in Karachi. The crews got a two day rest period then went on operations from Inphal Assam, flying troops, arms, ammunition, food and equipment into the Burma jungle in support of General Wingate's Chindit army. As the Japanese began their withdrawal, 194 Squadron Aircraft were able to land in Burma to bring out wounded and prisoners. Parachute drops were often made behind enemy

lines and as many as 200 flights where made.


In August, 1945 the Squadron stood down having completed their tour of operation. It was while on leave in Calcutta, they heard the atom bombs had been dropped on Japan and the war was over. Ships were leaving Bombay to return home but Mr. Dales' Squadron elected to remain for an extra month to allow expatriated prisoners of war, to get away first. Their turn finally came.

In Liverpool the Canadians were transferred to the QE 1 for the journey home, arriving on December 23, 1945 - just in time for Christmas.

Mr. Dales married Dorris Harrison on March 9, 1946 and they have a son, Jim and a daughter, Beverly. Lyle and Doris now live an active retirement life in Milton.



Lyle Dales today

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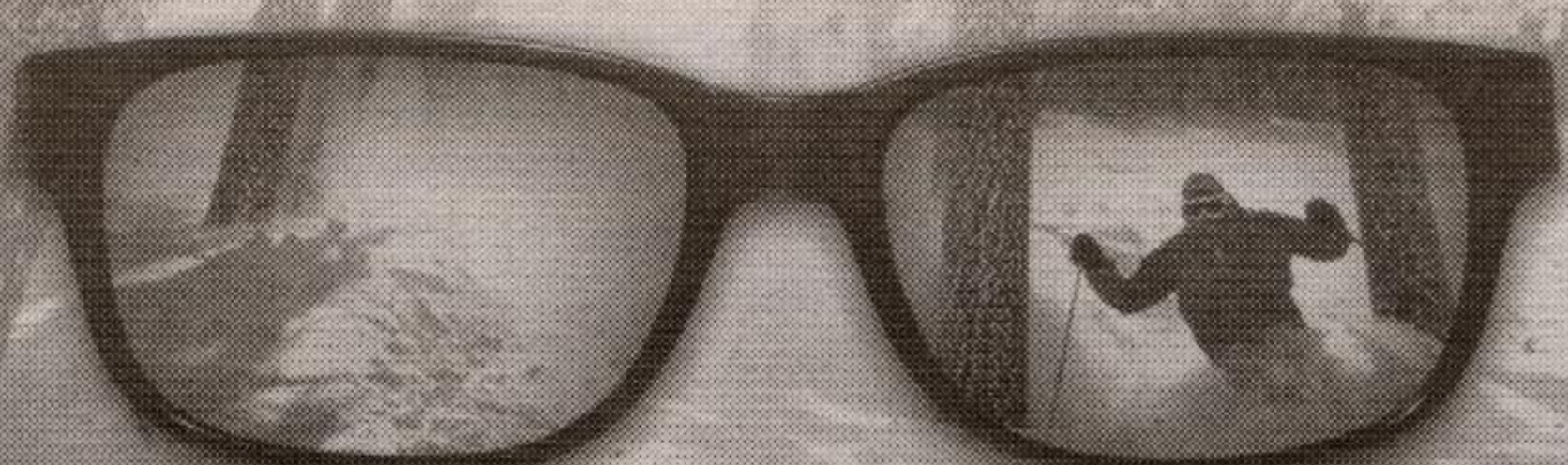
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