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Now Has Post With French Airline George M. White, former Radio Officer with the R.A.F. Ferry Command, spent two days with his grandfather, George Rowbottom and his aunt Irene Rowbottom, formerly of this district. Mr. White proceeded back to Montreal Friday night from where he will leave for New York to take up his new position as Radio Officer with Air France. During his four and one half years with the R.A.F. Ferry Command Mr. White flew almost exclusively with a French pilot, a veteran of the French Air Force, who left France just ahead of the Nazis and joined the Free French Air Force in Indo-China.

In their crew also was an American Navigator and an English Flight Engineer, making a very cosmopolitan crew. Together these men made 86 ocean crossings, mostly over the North Atlantic, delivering 12 different types of aircraft from the small Hudson Bomber up to the huge Martin Mariner flying boat.

Last July Radio Officer White, still with the same French pilot, delivered the first airplane to France. This aircraft was built in Montreal and purchased by the French government for use as an airliner on the continent.

After the cessation of hostilities with Japan the R.A.F. Ferry Command in Dorval proceeded to disband as a Ferry Unit, keeping only enough crews as was necessary to fly the odd plane from England to Canada with mail and priority passengers.

Radio Officer White was contacted by the French government regarding a position as Flight Radio Officer with the rapidly growing airline, Air France. He takes up this new position on March 1st and will be based in California for a short period, ferrying the new planes from the factory at Burbank, California to Paris, France. When enough ships have been procured to form the nucleus of the Trans-Atlantic run Mr. White will be based in New York and on the regular Paris-New York flight.

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MAPLE The monthly meeting of the United Church W.A. and W.M.S. was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. P. Rumble with a good attendance. The devotional part of the meeting was in charge of Mrs. C. E. Pockler and Mrs. L. Wiltshire had charge of the study book. Mrs. Rumble served refreshments.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saigeon who were married on Saturday in the parsonage at King. The United Church Y.P.U. met on Monday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Hallowell. Mr. Morley Kincaid was guest speaker for the citizenship convener. Special music was provided by Misses Reta and Mary Keffer. The young people played games after which the hostesses served a delicious lunch.

Prize winners at the combined Vellore and Maple Euchre last Thursday evening were: Ladies, 1st, a pair of bath towels won by Mrs. Earl Palmer; 2nd, a lunch cloth won by Mrs. Jack Rumble. Gents, 1st, a shirt, Mr. Milt McDonald; 2nd, pair of socks, Mr. I. B. Musselman. Vellore has invited Maple to join them on Monday evening, March 4th at 8.15 o'clock.

Miss Lydia Metcalfe of Paisley, Ont. is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Jack Leese. Mrs. Roy Clegg has passed her examination in piano and also theory at the Toronto Conservatory of Music with first class honours. We extend heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Clegg and also to her pupil Donnie Hodge who was successful in passing also with first class honours his grade I examination in piano at the Conservatory.

Warrant Officer I Earl Cooper, R.C.A.F., has been transferred from B.C. to Portage La Prairie. Maple W.L. Euchre will be held in the Masonic Hall, Maple Thursday, March 7th. Friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clegg met on Tuesday evening in Maple Villa to shower them with gifts. Groups of ladies combined to give large gifts, one group giving a set of 3 "super health" aluminum pots to fit one burner; another group gave a large super health roast pan; and still another gave a huge beautiful mirror and Walnut coffee table and a purse of money. A beautiful Walnut living room table and a purse of money was given by the employees of Concord Floral Greenhouse where Roy is employed. Numerous beautiful individual gifts were also showered on the bride including 355 in war certificates from her father, Mr. F. Lme. Out of town guests present were Mrs. W. S. Caldwell of Brampton, Mrs. H. Wilson and Mrs. Chas. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Miss Carey, Pte. Hugh Todd and Mrs. Todd, all of Toronto, and Mrs. Carl Black of Kettleby. The committee, Mrs. Albert Bowes, Mrs. Wm. Woods and Mrs. Geo. Metcalfe presented Mrs. Howard Knight with a lovely cup and saucer for their hospitality. A delicious lunch was served.

MAPLE

Maple Red Cross unit will meet on Monday next, March 4th in the work room for a short business meeting at 2.50 p.m. A complete statement of sewing and knitting done in the months from January 1945 to end of February 1946 is being asked for at this time, also a financial statement.

Donald Hodge, pupil of Mrs. Roy Clegg, achieved first class honours in recent Toronto Conservatory of Music grade one examinations. Lenten services will be held in Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 8 o'clock. The Pastor, Rev. S. Cooper, will speak on the Passion of Jesus from the Passover Feast to the Cross. The first of the series will be "Jesus in the Upper Room". Any and all are invited to come aside on these Wednesday evenings for meditation and prayer. The services will be on Thursday evenings at Bethesda, Unionville.

The Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. of Zion Lutheran Church has decided to take a Proteege in India to train and educate. The Young People met in the Sunday School room of the Lutheran Church on Sunday evening. The president, Miss Jean Keffer, conducted the meeting.

The Sunday School of Zion Lutheran joined in a skating party with Bethesda, Unionville in the Unionville Rink.

The funeral of the late Hon. G. Howard Ferguson was held from St. Paul's Church, Toronto, Saturday afternoon. The former Ontario Premier died Feb. 21st in his 76th year. For over 25 years a prominent figure in the political life of Ontario he never once suffered a personal defeat.

Langstaff Branch, Canadian Naval Cadet Corps How well do you remember the storm we had on Tuesday night, February 19th. But storm or no storm we had the best turnout yet to hear Capt. Haysey, R.S.M. Connor and Sgt. Levens. Our first order of business for the evening was the paying of our weekly dues of 5c. each and the meeting was turned over to Sgt. Maj. Connor, M.M.

We had seven new members and they were sworn in in a touching ceremony. After the meeting all stated they were glad they braved the weather because they found our group very interesting and promised to attend every meeting. We then went up to our Quarter Deck for our drill and P.T., also the raising of the colors. We sang the National Anthem. Capt. Haysey lead in the Lord's Prayer and Sgt. Levens received the salute of the flag. Dismissing to our class we passed out our slips with a questionnaire covering all subjects that we had before. It was very encouraging to note that over half the class of 27 boys had better than 75% right with two having 100% for which they were presented with a whistle lanyard that was worn by Sgt. W. L. Levens while aboard the Black Prince in 1899. So you can see that there was a lot of sentiment attached to them. The winners of the Lanyards were Harold Tutt and Joe Greenfield.

Sgt. Levens also showed the boys the "pipe" that was used to pipe King Edward VII aboard the "Black Prince" in 1902. This pipe bears the crown of Royalty and the anchor of the Royal Navy and Sgt. Levens is making a presentation of it to the first boy that attains the rank of Boatswain and there will be real competition, for it carries with it a concrete evidence of knowledge.

We were then introduced to Capt. Haysey and at one glance at him we knew that what we were going to be told would be useful to everyone. His own personality was striking, character of the finest degree was expressed in his countenance and his bearing. His subject was most difficult but not for Capt. Haysey. He spoke on the Modern Youth Problems. His opening remarks were honor. In the first place is honor to God, second honor to our parents, and thirdly honor to our King, our flag and country. Capt. Haysey next explained the right and wrong of every day life and his talk really made all our visitors and class think. He suggested that if the boys would read more educational literature and were occupied in helpful healthful exercises their minds would become more fully developed and with a clean mind they will be able to tackle and complete any task that they may encounter in later life. He told us that we should try our best always to be honest with ourselves and then we will be honest with our friends, for a given word from an honest man is his bond.

In closing, Capt. Haysey stated he has been at a number of classes but our group was the best mannered and most attentive he had ever spoken to and has promised to come again and visit us.

The meeting was then turned over to R.S.M. Connor, M.M., who discussed the Cardinal Points of the compass and then distributed the St. John Sling to about 18 members to test their knowledge in the folding and putting it on their mates and without exception our boys are capable of putting on a narrow and broad sling and the knot will not bother the patient. It will not slip for they have mastered the square knot and it will be comfortable while the patient is laying, standing or sitting.

Next we covered the next four letters of the Morse Code. Oh by the way how many readers are able to tell how many points there are on the compass? Ask any of our boys and they will name them for you.

Next week we expect a surprise. No telling—Come and see. So how many remember our first meeting in Mr. Morris' store? Mr. Gillard and Mr. Ramsey were there and next Tuesday we may have them up to see us. How about having a real turnout for this surprise and bring Dad, he will enjoy himself and besides we would like to meet him.

The place, Langstaff Public School at Stop 18 Yonge Street, 7.30 p.m. sharp, and boys, if you are over 12 years old and are anxious to learn as well as to enjoy yourself every Tuesday night we invite you to come and bring a friend. Organizers, Joe Foxley, Thornhill 7r3; P. Morris, Thornhill 6r.

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