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-Just a week, in that brief space can be foreseen, in miniature, its future role in the life of the community, for it has been the scene of several births, one death, an operation and several minor cases. On Friday evening at 6 o'clock the first infant was born, to Dr. and Mrs. Cameron Hyatt, a baby girl. It was nice timing on the part of the Hyatt baby, who thereby qualified for a splendid McFarlane Gendron de luxe convertible carriage donated by Bennett Furniture Store, also a baby blanket donated by the Hon. Russell T. Kelly and many other prizes. Next to arrive was a bouncing set of twins, a boy and a girl, both weighing over 8 pounds, born to Mr and Mrs Ken Lyburner. They put in their appearance 6.15 on Saturday evening. The little girl will receive a gift of a commode chair and a dozen Curity diapers, and the baby boy will receive two white Kenwood blankets. The fourth baby, a girl, born early Sunday morning to Mr and Mrs Harvey Williamson, will receive a lacy shawl and a beautiful sweater set.

-A meeting under the sponsorship of Chief Peter Nadjiwon was held in the Council Hall last Wednesday for the purpose of forming a local Guide and Fishing Association.

-A mechanical engineer

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-Possibly the best industry Wiarton possesses is the Marine Railway and it has never cost the town a cent. But it has brought thousands of dollars to the town. About eleven years ago R. Nimmo laid the foundation of this plant, and today his fame as a ship builder is known all around the Great Lakes.

-Well, this will be another busy season. The Dominion Fish Co. have two tugs on hand now to be rebuilt. They are the Captain Jim and the Ainsworth, both from the Soo. And also two more are expected. But what is more important the Company will build a tug for sale. This boat will have a keel of 65 feet and if it is sold quickly, as it is expected, then another will be built. What does this mean? Easily 30 men working at wages ranging from 40 to 70 cents per hour.

-The Wiarton Creamery has closed the most successful season in its history. With its down town situation it has been in a position to catch a trade, which has hitherto been impossible. The management aimed at an output of 200,000 pounds, and while they fell short it is sure that they would have exceeded the goal had the summer been not so dry. The creamery will operate during the winter. The sum of 62 cents per pound for butter fat is now being paid which is the highest ever paid in this district. The Wiarton Creamery has the most up-to-date plant, there is nothing better for its size. Mr Scott has a reputation far and wide as a butter maker.



Some idea of high snow banks in the Ferndale district is given by this picture of Hart Strong who had to climb the snowbank to pick up cream cans at farm of James Fowle. It's tough even getting the mail these days.—Sun-Times Staff Photo.

Wiarton. Jim Taylor, on the other hand has struck prosperity from the same cause, politics. He is now Deputy Game Warden of the Province of Ontario.

And when it was known around the town that very shortly these two good citizens would be leaving Wiarton, the Board of Trade prepared to send them off with a banquet. Ab Cordingley acted as chairman on behalf of the Board of Trade and took charge of the program.

Hunt Club Skunked

The Horse Island Hunt Club returned from this year's hunt empty-handed. The eight men in the group saw very few signs of deer. The warm weather allowed the snakes to be still around and one of the dogs was bitten by a huge rattler. It had 14 rattlers on it. Dr. Cameron Hyatt, a veterinarian and one of the hunters, was able to save the dog's life.

Fred Gilbert said the snake would be a good 3 inches thick in the centre.

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-Lion's Head News - Tuesday afternoon, November 11th, was proclaimed a half holiday by the Reeve, who asked all the persons owning businesses places to close at 12.30 so that they could prepare to be ready for the parade which was to be held at 3 o'clock on the anniversary of the Armistice. The people from the country, surrounding villages and the village itself prepared their autos, trucks, buggies and different vehicles in the most appropriate way possible. During the early part of the afternoon the band from Cape Croker played a few selections which helped to liven everything up in the village. By the time for the parade, the streets were crowded with decorated persons and vehicles. At three o'clock a trumpet sounded for the parade, headed by the band proceeded up Maine Street to the school corner, then West, then North around the block and back downtown, followed closely by Lieut. Pettigrew with about thirty or forty returned soldiers who served under him in France, on foot, followed by Memorial rig drawn by Mr. F.G. Moore's black pony, in memory of the brave boys who gave their lives for their flag and Country. Then followed more cars decorated to represent the Patriotic League, the Pupils Continuation School, the Public Schools, the Orange Society and many more.

After the parade all went to the Hall where the ladies prepared lunch then about eight o'clock the concert began, with addresses from the speakers, songs, solos, etc. During the program the boys who fought side by side with Lieut. E. Pettigrew took it upon themselves to present their noble and true friend with a travelling bag as a token of esteem as how much they

felt for him and how well he used them.



Sr. and Jr. Fourth Combined Classes, Wiarton P. S., About 1920

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Mr. George W. Beacock who has been one of the best draymen the town has ever had, has sold his business to Smith and Shearer, who will take possession very soon. Mr. Beacock will continue to act as auctioneer.

-To-day, Wednesday, a branch with a number of raspberries on it, was brought to us by Miss Lewis, who picked them on the way to Colpoy. Raspberries in November are indeed an unusual occurrence.

-The weather is delightfully open and just suits the farmers. The fall plowing is just about all done, and the cattle are still in pasture. Very little feeding of stock has taken place so far, and this is most important, as feed is scarce. Reports for reports from Western Canada indicates that snow storms are raging there, but around the Georgian Bay everything is delightful.