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SHUT UP THE BANDITS

Only a few days elapsed after a murderous attack on a Toronto dentist before the police had traced the bandits to their respective homes in Toronto and had obtained from them, it is announced, confession not only of this crime, but of earlier felonies in the city. As on the day of their arrests, the victim of their crime had succumbed to the revolver wound, a charge of murder has been laid. This is another of those crimes of violence, undertaken for gain, which have resulted in the taking of life. The habit of this class of criminal is to so arm himself that if he is thwarted in his nefarious mission he can take the life of his victim and by aid of a stolen automobile or otherwise escape. Surely the time has arrived when there should be united demand by the public that the carrying of life threatening weapons should be prohibited under pain, on conviction, of most exemplary punishment. Our view has always been that in our law-abiding country few, if any persons require to carry a revolver for self protection. That being the case, should the man who is found in possession of a loaded fire arm, or other felonous weapon, not be treated as a potential murderer? He can have no valid excuse for carrying a concealed weapon, and should be committed to a place of detention for a long period of years. He should not be left at large.

"BIDE A' WEE' AND HOPE FOR THE BEST

The agreements arrived at in the Ottawa Trade Conference have been laid before Parliament. There has been a good many changes in the tariffs of the agreeing countries and the Motherland. Some taxes are increased; others are reduced, and increased preferences in the British and Canadian market have been arranged. It is natural that there should be criticisms of the results arrived at, but we should all hope that, on the whole, the changes effected may, in the long run, prove beneficial not only to Canada and her sister nations, but of the Empire as well. It may take some time for many of us to feel the benefits promised, but we will have to "wait and see," as the bargain as a whole will be put through by the Canadian Parliament, as well as by the Imperial Parliament and those of the other contracting countries. Again, as to the results we must just "bide a wee." "The proof o' the puddin's in the eatin' o't." as the Scotch proverb puts it.

SEED INDUSTRY GROWING

The seed growing industry in Canada has been gradually developed and improved during the period of the past thirty years. It now embraces the production and improvement of approved varieties of cereals of pedigreed stock, the production of forage crop seeds, and the production of field root, garden vegetable, and flower seeds. It is estimated that in 1931, 3,710 farms were producing seed crops subject to federal inspection, and that around 12,000 persons were engaged in the production and marketing of the improved seed.

SHOOTING MATCH

A shooting match will be held on Tuesday, October 25th, on Lot 39, Con. 5, Artemesia, for ducks and geese. Ammunition supplied —
—WALLACE FISHER, Maxwell.

SHOOTING MATCH

A shooting match for ducks, geese and turkeys will be held by Jack Teeter, east backline, Artemesia, on Friday, November 11th. Ammunition supplied for shot guns and rifles and will commence at 1 p.m. sharp.

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Report Of South Grey Teachers' Convention

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of South Grey Teachers' Institute was held in the Public school, Flesherton, on Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th of October, 1932. This was the largest convention ever held in South Grey. There were present 90 Elementary Rural teachers, 32 Elementary Urban teachers, 3 visiting Elementary teachers, 12 High school teachers, making a grand total of 137. It might also be said that this was the most successful convention ever held in South Grey; for due to the absence of a speaker from a Normal school the program consisted entirely of addresses given by the teachers of South Grey. These were greatly appreciated for much useful and practical information and general knowledge of their own experience was handed on to fellow teachers.

The first session was opened at 9:45 a.m. Thursday with the Hon.-Pres., Mr. Wright. I. P. S. in the chair. Mr. Merriam our president had accepted a position on the staff of the Thornbury Continuation school was unable to be with us, but it was moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. J. A. Graham that Mr. Merriam's worthy successor, Mr. Chapple, be the Presiding Chairman and Acting President. This motion was carried. Mr. Chapple then occupied the chair through all the sessions and handled the program so well that this meeting of teachers was one of the very best of the many good ones we have had in Grey.

Rev. Mr. Miller conducted the Devotional exercises, and in his few but well chosen words he told the teachers, that the skilful teacher fits the matter to the capacity of the mind she has in charge. He said a careful study of the life of Christ is a great aid to the teacher. Rev. Mr. Scott extended a most cordial welcome to the teachers of South Grey. He complimented us on our splendid motto, "Each for All, and All for Each." He thinks the teacher's work a very noble calling and building up of life.

Mr. Inkster, chairman of the P. S. Board extended a hearty welcome to the teachers. After 18 years as a trustee and 21 years as Sec.-Treas. he felt he knew much about teachers. He stressed the responsibilities of the teacher and the influence the teachers have over the little ones, whose minds are plastic. Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the H. S. Board, further stressed the welcome, and gave the teachers sound advice. He said, "If you don't want to do your duty, get out of the profession before you blight some child's life. If you have a dull pupil give him all you can." Mr. H. Corbett, Pres. of the Trustees Dept. of the O.E.A. was present and was called upon. He told the teachers it was their duty to set a high standard which the pupils are to follow.

The minutes of the last Institute meeting held in the Dundalk H.S., were read by the Secretary, Miss C. M. Weinert. The Auditor's Report was presented by Miss E. M. Hunt, who with her associate auditor, Mrs. Frost, had found everything all right with the vouchers shown. The Treasurer's Report was made by Miss C. M. Weinert and showed a balance in the bank on October 6, 1932, of $382.03.

Inspector Wright then named the Register Keepers, and also the Standing Committee as follows: Messrs. Kirstine and Collins; Misses Edith Hunt, Bergin, Montgomery, Hume, Ritchie, M. Beaton, Fettes.

Letters were read from Mr. David White, President of Toronto Normal School re a memorial for Dr. Radcliffe. Any one wishing to contribute to this fund may do so by remitting to Miss Jean Merchant, Toronto Normal School. (2) from Chief Inspector V. K. Greer, re grants. Grants will be reduced if schools were opened on September 6, instead of September 1. The 3rd letter gave detailed instructions for computing the average attendance.

Mr. Chapple, the acting-president, thanked the Inspector and teachers for the honor conferred upon him, and congratulated the meeting on the splendid program. He was pleased to see that teachers from urban and rural schools were to speak, and he felt sure that every teacher would be able to take home new ideas, and would be inspired to do better work. In closing he extended a hearty invitation to attend the play, "The Two Masters" presented by the W.M.S. of the United church. A short intermission was given and during this time many teachers paid their fees, and subscriptions for Educational Magazines.

Miss Ruth E. Wright, of S. S. No. 4, Egremont, in a very pleasing manner dealt with the subject "Music in a rural school." Why teach it? (1) To cultivate a taste for good music, (2) To provide an ennobling means of self expression. (3)To afford a pleasant and agreeable change in the routine of school work, and the occupations of daily life. Vocal music in the school is cultural, intellectual, physical and social in its benefits. Music has a value equal to the best subjects on the carriculum. For memory training, music has no equal. In developing concentration and accuracy in perception, there is no better subject. Its value in the co-ordination of eye, hand and heart is unchallengeable. Even the short vocal periods of music which we can make use of in a rural school house to refresh the pupils' minds that they return to their work with renewed vigour and greatly stimulated mental efficiency. One of the greatest values of music after all is in making the Home and Community life attractive and so the schools offer probably the quickest way to reach the homes. Songs for school may be divided into 2 classes. (1) Songs for detailed study. (2) Recreative songs. In rural schools we deal mostly with recreative songs. Miss Wright advocated teaching more "Rounds." Rounds are excellent specimens of part singing and easier to learn than part songs. The speaker thought that no teacher should hesitate because she feels the lack of musical training. She may make a start and grow with her pupils. Children should be trained to listen to music, for it is after the listener has been aroused by the parts in music, that he may enquire, "Who wrote that music? Are all his tunes so sweet and clear?" Children should also be taught to listen to Nature's music. Miss Wright advocated musical gatherings to develop musical talent.

The teachers then wended their way to the hotels, restaurants, and homes to partake of a hearty dinner.

"Administration of a Rural School." was the subject of an excellent address given by Mr. Kirstine, of Proton Sta Public School. Organization and government of the rural school should be dealt with in such a way that all interests shall contribute to the high ideals of the school. Organization consists of arranging equipment, seating pupils and constructing a time table. To govern means to control. This must be done under healthful conditions, good light and plenty of fresh air. As children are bouyant and get restless a short period of physical training will help to get rid of the surplus energy. Mr. Kirstine thinks that discipline in a school is an important factor. Obedience has to be maintained but obedience can best be obtained by (1) gaining the child's respect, (2) overlooking trivial misdemeanours and (3) avoid constant nagging. Mr. Kirstine gave to the teachers much practical information in a humorous manner.

Miss Agnes Hume, one of the progressive teachers of South Grey, dealt with "Busy Work for Beginners at School." Busy work should be called seat work. The greatest need is well planned and purposeful seat work. We find that the busiest are the happiest Seat work should consist of preparatory work and follow-up material. The wise teacher makes use of new found knowledge. There should be useful variety and the teacher should see that each seat work exercise has a purpose. Each teacher must plan her own work. From her remarks and great supply of excellent material, it is evident that the pupils of Miss Hume's room are making progress and are much interested in their studies. Mr. Wright, I.P.S., complimented Miss Hume on her paper, the ground covered and the excellent ideas given to the teachers.

Miss K. Bergin, of the Continuation School, Ayton, took up the subject "The Teacher and Her Work. Miss Bergin's address was well given and was listened to with rapt attention. She says we are members of the most responsible, the least advertised, the worst paid, and the most richly rewarded profession in the world. Good teachers everywhere must recognize the responsibility of the teaching profession. We are responsible for the manners, morals, mental habits and to a great extent the characters of those entrusted to our charge. Happy is the teacher whose intellectual training, evenness of temper and firmness of bearing, directs the laziest and most backward pupils up the steep slopes of Parnassus, without apparent effort. Good teachers love their subject and instil in pupils knowledge for its own sake. Knowledge is a passport to a fuller and richer life, which needs not the wear and tear of existence to make it a joy. Miss Bergin thinks that one of the greatest secrets of success is perseverance in overcoming one's own difficulties. She thinks ungraded schools are better developers than are the larger graded schools. In ungraded schools the teacher has many classes; much of the time pupils work along on their own initiative and do not receive too much ready help. Encourage healthful recreation and the reading of the daily papers and of good magazines for general information. Interest pupils in the reading of good books for knowledge and to enrich the mind. The love of music and of nature itself has a broadening influence. Teachers of all people should be the last to grow old in thought and action with increasing years. Mr. Graham complimented Miss Bergin on her excellent address and said he was sorry the Normal masters were not present, for he was sure they might learn more if they heard the excellent paper just given.

Mr. Wm. Ramage, of Priceville, who has always shown a keen interest in the Teachers' Convention, and who for 54 years has been a leader of singing, pleased the teachers with a well-rendered solo ,'The March of the Cameron Men." Mr. Ramage led the teachers in community singing 'Annie Laurie.' Mr. Wright expressed thanks to Mr. Ramage for his part in making the convention a success.

Miss Islay W. McKechnie, of S. S. No. 3, Artemesia, spoke on the subject "Agriculture in the Rural school." She thinks agriculture should be taught in all schools, for it may be correlated with nature study, composition, art and geography. Work is remunerated by grants and by co-operation you develop in boys and girls. Miss McKechnie advocated the collection of pictures, literature, weeds and seeds, as an aid in the study of agriculture. These may be included in the pupils' notebooks.

The meeting of the Women Teachers' Federation was held at this time.

Miss E. M. Weinert and Mr. E. A. Ruttle, delegates to the O.E.A. were unable to attend those meetings, so were unable to present reports. Mr. A. E. Wells, principal of Neustadt Public School, spoke on the subject Products and Processes in Geography for Senior Form." Mr. Wells gave a list of products and told where each is found in the British Empire. Because information gained by the eye remains longer with the child, he thinks that every teacher should obtain a supply of products to be used at school. He gave concisely the history of paper, rubber, asbestos, corn, cocoa and spices. The teachers felt they were indebted to Mr. Wells for the useful information.

Mr. W. F. Shackleton of Priceville P.S. in his free and easy manner showed his supply of products. These were numerous and interesting. Mr. Shackleton gave to the teachers the addresses from which much useful information and samples of products may be obtained. He showed a splendid exhibit of rocks found in Grey County and elsewhere.

This brought the sessions on Thursday to a close.

Friday morning's session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. Wolstencroft of the Baptist Church. He urged the teachers not to belittle their work. Mr. J. A Magee, principal of Hanover P.S spoke highly of the outstanding qualities of a former teacher, and said it was with deepest sorrow that we mourn the loss of a leading light of the old-time conventions, Mr. Thos. Allan, who passed away at his home in Durham.

Mr. Magee then took as his subject "The English Literature Entrance Paper." He thinks literature has a heart and is a sacred subject, but the stiff questions bring the subject to a low level. The paper consists of two sight selections and one selection from the Fourth Reader. This is a good plan because the child's response is called forth from the papers that Mr. Magee had marked, he feels that literature is being handled better than it used to be. Mr. Magee said that the literature of the poem should be taken up before the pupils memorize the poem and these poems may be set to music. A good dictionary is an asset. The great speaker, Sir Wilfred Laurier always had one on his desk.

"Foundation Work in Arithmetic" was the topic of a splendid address given by Miss M. B. Hill of S. S. No. 1, Bentinck. Miss Hill had her subject well in hand and outlined the steps to be used in teaching number work to the beginners. She showed various devices and pictures which may be used to an advantage. The teacher must study the child and his experiences and try to associate what she teaches with what the child knows Do not have the child do too much writing but have plenty of rapid, enthusiastic drill to create accuracy, ease and speed.

Miss L. D. Schrieber, of S. S. No. 8, Bentinck, followed Miss Hill and spoke on the same subject. She said the major principle is paying special attention to daily drill, to enable the pupils to use number facts with accuracy, ease, confidence and rapidity. For daily drill appeal through seeing, hearing and doing. The subject was well presented by both teachers, many devices were given and shown.

The women teachers had a few minutes intermission while the men held their Federation meeting.

Miss Dorothy P. Fisher, of Ceylon P. S. explained her system of teaching art in a rural school. Let the teaching of art lead to a love for art. Every child will not become an artist, but every child should become a lover of art or that which is beautiful. Relate art to everyday work and evedyday life; that its influence may be seen and felt in the home. Study patterns in the designs of wall paper, linoleums, book covers, mats, etc. Utilize all special occasions. Miss Fisher's work shows she is certainly an artist of a high type. The samples of art done by her pupils are much above the general average.

Miss H. Thompson of Hanover P.S. opened the session on Friday afternoon with an address on "Devices in History." Whether history becomes a drudgery or a delight depends on the teacher. In order to be a successful history teacher, one must read widely, think seriously, obtain the best material, use imagination and have the lessons well prepared. Correlate history with literature, music, geography and composition. Scrap books are helpful. Miss Thompson drew attention to two books "Class Room History" and "Little Dramas of History". We must make history real to be interesting. It was an excellent topic and was well presented by Miss Thompson.

Mr. G. A. Noble, of the Durham P.S., brought honor to himself and his former teacher, Mr. J. A. Graham, when he presented in a masterly manner the topic "English Grammar in the Elementary Schools." Mr. Noble dealt with the high lights of the theory used in teaching grammar. In the 19th century grammar was called the art of speaking and writing correctly. Grammar draws heavily upon the reasoning power of the child, and should be started in the fourth book class. Do not place too much emphasis on a formal definition. In addition to teaching, revert to review. Do not overload a lesson with detail.

Mr. F. O. Moon, of S. S. No. 2, Bentinck, took for his topic "School Games." Mr. Moon has a pleasing manner and is full of wit and humor. When arranging games consider the age, ability, physique of children, size of grounds, season and desires of the child. Explain the rules of the game and then enforce same. Settle disputes quickly. The teacher should keep playing and keep young. Let the children play for the love of it The point of value is lost if pupils play only for winning. Inter school games unite the sections of the countryside.

Mr. A. Collins, principal of Ayton P.S., very kindly presented a report of the meeting held at the O.E.A held last Easter in Toronto.

Mr. J. R. Hamilton, principal of Hanover H.S., said "Your difficulties are ours, your problems are ours—we build on the foundation laid by you.' He thinks educational institutions should be placed on high hills because the teacher's work is so ennobling. Mr. I. Sharp, of Durham H.S., said he felt at home at this convention, and urged the teachers to take up further study. Mr. D. Wright of Dundalk H.S., said he has profited from the good material obtained at South Grey conventions. Mr. Graham presented the resolutions which were discussed and adopted.

Since our last meeting a well-known and respected teacher of South Grey had passed away, in the person of Mr. Thos. Allan. Both Mr. Wright and Mr. Graham spoke of his outstanding qualities as a teacher and social worker. He was a true friend to all who had the good fortune to know him. South Grey Teachers' Institute placed a wreath on the grave of the departed teacher and as a further mark of their esteem the secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Allan expressing our deep and lasting regard for Mr. Allan. Mr. J. A. Magee then gave the report of the Flower Fund.

Votes of thanks were extended by the meeting to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the convention. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows: Hon. Pres., R. Wright, B.A., I.P.S.; President, A. C. Collins; Vice-Pres., Miss K. Bergin; Sec'y-Treas., Miss C. M. Weinert; Delegates to O.E.A., Mr. Chapple with Secretary-Treasurer as alternative; Auditors, G. H. Brown, Miss A. Hume; Resolutions committee, Messrs. A. McIntosh, Wells, Kirstine, Ruttle, Misses Oliver, Mann, Fettes, Beaton. Place of meeting in 1933, Ayton.

TORONTO LINE NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. H. McLean of Akron, Ohio, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. E. Wickens last week.

Miss Bertha Ottewell, teacher near Proton, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Littlejohns.

Rev. G. Sidney Smith of Meaford was a visitor on Tuesday with his cousin, E. Wickens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood and children of Markdale spent the week end at T. Lever's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reed of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Rev. R. Pritchard of Brandon, Man., were visitors last week at the home of Mr. Robert Richardson.

Mrs. Sam Osborne, who has spent the past several weeks with friends at Caledon, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Richardson attended the Chatsworth fair on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Albert Stewart visited with friends in Toronto a few days recently.

HONEY PRICES GOING UP

Honey producers throughout the Province are considerably gratified with the recent steady rise in price for their product. As a result of heavy exportations totalling over one quarter of a million pounds in September alone, the domestic price has risen from a cent to a cent and a half and most producers are now refusing to sell for less than six and a half cents per pound net. With reports of further heavy export shipments going forward in October, large beekeepers are watching the situation with keen interest. Meanwhile smaller producers are preparing to take advantage of an improved market, which now freed of the pressure of large individual lots of honey, has lost most of its former bearishness.

Ontario honey is now handled through a commercial sales promotion representative and is bottled and sold under the industry's own brand and trademark. In this way its identity is retained through to the consumer and every advantage taken of the powerful "buy British" sentiment in Great Britain.

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