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Splendid Meeting Feversham Literary

The pupils of the Feversham continuation school presented their annual open literary meeting on the afternoon of Friday, March 1st. The custom of holding their annual open meeting was inaugurated last year and its success prompted the students to give a similar program this year.

The meeting was opened with the singing of"Schol Days" by the newly-organized Glee Club, which was well received, Mr. Harvey Pedlar, one of the trustees was appointed to act as critic in place of Harold Mills, regular critic, who was engaged in the debate.

The business concluded, the program proceeded by the speech of the president Hurbert Sayers, who extended a hearty welcome to the large number of visitors. This was followed by the reading of the latest edition of the school newspaper, "The Feversham Eye-Opener" by Miss Beatrice Maxwell, which consisted of society news, current events, sports and science. The paper was concluded with some harmless jokes on various members of the school. as prepared by Gordon Davidson, school reporter. This section of the paper was especially humorous and was given a hearty reception by the audience. A French recitation by Vernon Somers was enjoyed. The trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice" was reproduced by a number of the lower school pupils, Miss Evelyn Hale acting as "Portia" and Lawrence Phillips as --Shylock" who acquitted themselves excellently in their respective parts. A piano solo by Miss Delmar Seely was a pleasant break for everyone and helped them settle their nerves for the coming debate.

The feature of the afternoon was begun when the president announced the debate on the time honoured subject "resolve that the pen is mightier than the sword". Supporting the affirmative side of the debate were Billy Burke and Miss Marion Hawton and opposing them were Harold Mills and Miss Jean Short. The Rev. Cutler, assisted by Mrs. Somers and Mr. John Hale, kindly consented to act as judges and later judging from the report of their foreman Mr. Cutler, it was not easy to reach a decision.

While the judges deliberated the Glee Club rendered a song "Grand Fathers Clock" in fine style followed by the president announcing that Mr. T. Stewart Cooper, agriculture representative for Grey County would give a lantern slide program in the school some evening in the near future. A second piano solo by Miss Seely was enjoyed by all and the impromptu critic, Mr. Pedlar was called upon to give his report. He expresed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him and his pleasure at being present. He commended the pupils for their high-class program and took his seat amid spontaneous applause. As the judges were not yet ready to give their decision Miss Seely was called upon for a third selection. the number of selections demanded being ample tribute to her playing. To pass the rest of the time of suspense Mr. Howard Short another trustee was asked for a short speech.

As he regained his seat the judges filed in and after a few preliminary remarks, Mr. Cutler announced the verdict, the affirmative being awarded the victory. After a vote of thanks to the judges had been moved by the leader of the negative, the afternoon was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

DIED

PARK—At Markdale Hospital on Monday, March 11th, 1935, George Campbell Park, aged 79 years, The funeral will take place from the home of Mr. Russel Park, Flesherton, on Wednesday, March 13th, with a short service at 2 o'clock p.m., interment in Flesherton cemetery.

Five woollen blankets are being made at Lindsay and they will be sent to the Dionne children. If not immediately needed the little gals can put them away in their hope chests.

During a debate at Ottawa several doctor members said that general health was always better during a period of depression . In such times people are more apt to eat what they need than what they want.

Traffic Safety And Car Replacement

There is, observers insist, a direct relation between the level of traffic accidents and the level of new car sales; when one is high, the other is low. No mere coincidence, they believe, are the simultaneous "drives" now being made in various cities throughout the Dominion to reduce the number of street and highway casualties. The plain truth is that cars are unsafe, and nearly half the automobiles now being driven in Canada are more than seven years old: a great many are twice that age.. In some of the larger centres, police commissioners, heeding public opinion, are denying licenses to taxicabs and other motor vehicles which are deemed to be in unsatisfactory condition. These official acts help, but so do new cars sales. Every new automobile purchased, every old car sent to the boneyard, means reduction in traffic hazard. There is a big field if Canadian registrations are to return to the 1930 level of 1,230,000, a market of 220,000 a year for the next three years is indicated. Consumption during the past four years has been about one quarter of this.

New Jewellry Store To Open April 1st

Flesherton is to have another jewellery store in the building formerley occupied by W. A. Armstrong for many years. W. F. Potter of Hanover has rented the building from D. McTavish and Son and expects to occupy it by April 1st. Besides placing a large stock of jewellery and other merchandise in the store Mr. Potter will engage in watch and clock repairing. Living quarters are to be fitted up in the rear of the store which Mr. and Mrs. Potter will occupy. Flesherton has been without a jewellery store for the past couple of years and Mr. Potter's entrance to the village business fraternity will be welcomed. Mr. Potter has been coming to Flesherton each Monday for the past year and has given good satisfaction in watch and clock repairing.

Building Of Barracks Assailed By Lady M.P.

Agnes MacPhail only woman in the House of Comomns on Friday night objected strenuously to "this stupid policy of building more armouries and military buildings in days like this."

Miss MacPhail, a keen pacifist. always has been outspoken against militraism. She advised the Government on Friday night that if money must be spent to releive unemployement it would be better to eliminate grade crossings than build barracks. "Of course",she added, 'I' realize that would prevent people from being killed instead of getting ready for the next war and it's killing."

The South Grey Progressive suggested it would be wiser to build roads, eliminate slums, extend Hydro, reclaim drought areas, build post offices and commmunity halls than "to go on with this stupid program of building more armouries in days like this."

It also would be wiser, Miss MacPhail continued. to provide pensions for the blind or superannuate all people at 60 or 65 with enough money to live comfortably, providing jobs for unemployed youth.

POULTRY BREEDING

Too often in selecting the stock for breeding. high egg records or some outstanding feature of the sire are allowed to influence the judgment without due regard to vitality of good breeding qualities that may or may not be present.

The selection for vigour and for those desirable qualifications that conform to the breed is comparatively simple, because these are mostly visible characters and can be chosen by comparison. Vigour evident by the carriage, desirable body weight for age and breed, health and bloom of feathers, and good bone formation. A clean-cut head with clear, bright and prominent eye in the male and female is a certain indication of brain power and nervous energy and the hall-mark of high vitality and reproductive strength.

"My Government" Is Ottawa Reality

The Prime Minister is sick; the House is far from being the same place without him. For almost five years now his personality has dominated Parliament. He has either piloed all the great pieces of legislation through the House, or been very close to the Minister who did. The frequently used phrase in his radio broadcasts "my government" was more than a figure of speech, it was an actuality.

One has often noticed among their acquaintances an extremely efficient mother, whose daughters had little or nothing of their mother's skill and ability in homemaking and housekeeping. The mother, being able to do the work so much more rapidly and skillfully, had not the patience to train them laboriously. With all due deference to the Cabinet Ministers, the situation in the Commons is quite similar.

The Prime Minister has always had dynamic energy and work was his chief recreation. Even his apparent holidays were connected with one task or another. A legend has grown up about the Prime Minister's industry; we hear he is in his office at 9 o'clock every morning and there, also. until 12 o'clock at night; we see him in the House, leading, fathering measure after measure, making many speeches most days, either long or short, and always directing the whole government. Added to this are the responsibilities of his own large personal interests and the much speaking and travelling which he seems constantly to do. Within two weeks he went to New York and spoke in company with Cordell Hull, of the American government; made an outstanding address at Queen's University, Kingston. one of his best, in my opinion; addressed, in company with Denton Massey, the Young Conservative Association in Toronto; and at the same time, carried on his heavy routine work, Parliamentary, personal and political.

No wonder the Prime Minister is ill! No one can stand such continuous high pressure activity and surely there is no need. Many of his Ministers and private members could have relieved him of much of the burden which would. at the same time, have given them an opportunity for growth and in an emergency, such as is caused by his illness, would have left the government in a much stronger position.

The uncertainty as to the time of prorogation, dissolution and election, of which I spoke in a recent article, has been accentuated. There is no hope of prorogation before Easter and a July election seems more certain than when I last wrote. That it will not be earlier one can be fairly sure. It seems probable that the House will adjourn for a lengthy Easter recess, which might stretch out to the middle or end of May. Almost everything depends on the Prime Minister's hoped-for recovery.

The members of the House of Commons regret the illness of the Prime Minister and when, after some days of "choring," Sir George Perley, acting Prime Minister, announced that he would proceed with the social insurance bill, Mr. Mackenzie King said, "Let the Rt. Hon. gentleman take up all the social legislation and get it through this week." Sir George wisely observed that he would see how he got on with the first piece. For some time the Liberals did not take part in the debate at all on the bill, but later did. On the whole, however, good progress has been made.

A number of matters of interest came up during the week. There was some cheerful talk regarding tourist business. It was estimated that the tourist traffic brought to Canada $140 millions last year, which, while far from the peak (1929 with its estimated revenue of $309 mililon), was an improvement on 1933, which brought in only $117 million. Much praise was given the Minister of Railways, Dr. Manion, and Senator Denis for their good work in encouraging tourist traffic. Dr. Manion passed much of the praise on to the tourist hotel people, merchants and all others who, by their courtesy and friendly spirit, made the visitors happy.

The Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act was discussed at some length, with Mr. G. G. Coote, the member for MacLeod, Alta., making a stubborn effort to have a clause inserted which would set 5 per cent as the maximum interest charge on farm mortgages. He said: "The most pressing factor in the farm debt situation in Canada is the high rate of interest payable on farm mortgages in many cases 8 per cent. That is an impossible rate; I say it is usuery. . . . I know families who are going without sheets on their beds in order that they may keep their interest paid up. . . . A former member of this House said to me last December. "I had a mortgage of $30,000 on two sections of land. I can show you that I paid $50.000 on that mortgage last week, making me show cause why I should not allow them to proceed to foreclose."

The Farmers' Creditors Act is really a bankruptcy act for farmers. They have been, until last year, shut out of the advantages of bankrupt proceedings. It is, then, clear that every effort should be made to prevent farmers becoming so financially embarrased that they must take advantage of the act. There are two ways, it seems to me, that this can be done. The first, and by far the most important — increasing farm prices. And the second—decreasing the farmer's costs, of which interest is an important item. I have felt all along that the government ought to carry the administration costs of the Farm Loan Act, which would, in effect, substantially lower interest rates to the farmer.

According to figures given by the social service agencies a week ago there are 1, 350, 000 persons on relief at the moment. It is a staggering number. I wish I knew the ages of the workers who are unemployed, both male and female. A letter I received from an old gentleman who has worked in a coal mine all his life, suggested a new trend of thought. "I have worked in the coal mines of the Crow's Nest Pass for 32 years and 10 years in the mines in the Old Country before coming out here, making 42 years altogether. I have produced for someone and I have no chance of any pension until I reach the age of 70 I have two boys. in their early twenties and they have not done a day's work or ever earned a cent, though they are anxious to work and earn their own living. Why does not the government pension us old fellows off and give the young ones a chance to work?"

According to the Bureau of Statistics, 79,000 people over 70 were gainfully employed in industry when the last census was taken. 99,000 between 65 and 69 were so employed and 354,000 between 55 and 64 years of age. It would certainly be very much better if the thousands of young people who are around, concentrated in employment camps, or remaining at home relying on the bounty of their parents, were able to get work and the older people were given an opportunity to enjoy some recreation and rest.

Newspaper article has headline, Don't Paint Your Youth Away." And just to think of it we had always thought the idea behind it all was to paint age away.

New Zealand was the principal source of butter imported into the United Kingdom during 1934, supplanting Denmark as the premier exporter.

An owl in the west choked to death when it tried to swallow a kitten. Even wise old birds sometimes let their appetites get the best of them.

Splits Wood At Old Age

One of Shelburne's noted citizens Samuel Moore was deploring the fact that he was unable to split his own wood last fall and had to hire a man to do it for him. It was suggested to him that possibly he was getting too old for work of that nature, but he assured his friends that he would not be 100 until next September. A month or so later he complained that the wood had not been prperly split, so besides doing all his own house work he had to split most of the wood all winter. Mr. Moore has a son who is over 70 years of age. The situation is unique in that both father and son are drawing old age pensions.—Shelburne Free Press and Economist.

Went To Finals In Markdale Bonspiel

Roy Piper's rink from Flesherton took second place in the second competition when they were defeated 13-5 by the A. V. Silk rink of Shelburne. Previous to this Piper and Geo. McTavish had entered the semi-finals through victories over two Markdale rinks and McTavish was then defeated by Piper 8-5 and Silk won from Richards, another Flesherton entry, 10-5. This is the first instance that a rink from Flesherton has brought home a curling prize and the rink was composed of J. Dargavel, skip, R. Piper, vice skip, G. B. Welton replacing Alf. Down who was ill, and F. H. W. Hickling. We congratulate this rink on their great accomplishment. Geo. McTavish's rink was the only one from Flesherton to enter the semi-finals in the first competition and again reach the same place in the second only to be eliminated each time.

Mary Hopper Passes

(By our Eugenia Correspondent)

The sudden death of Miss Mary Ann Hopper on Wednesday afternoon, March 6, 1935, is deeply regretted by her many friends and neighbors. She had been in failing health for sometime but no one thought that the end of her earthly life was so near.

The deceased, who was in her 65th year was born in Devon, England, on December 12, 1870. When quite young she came with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hopper, to Canada and resided all her life on the homestead on the 8th Line, Artemesia. She was the eldest of the family. She was a kind friend and neighbor and will be greatly missed in the community.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, the service being held at the house. Rev. A. Bushell of Eugenia United church and Rev. Mr. Wolstencroft, Baptist minister of Flesherton, officiated at the house and grave. John's version of Heaven in chapter 21 Revelations, was read by Rev. Bushell. Rev. Wolstencroft led in prayer. Rev. Bushell's address was based on verse 1, chapter 12. Hebrews "Seeing we also are compassed about so great a cloud of witnesses." He preached a very comforting sermon, picturing what the departed would say if we could hear her speak.

The hymns used which were requested by friends were: "Rock of Ages" and "Abide with me." After the singing of the latter hymn, friends and neighbors filed by the casket to take their farewell look at the remains of a highly respected citizen. Beautiful floral tokens of love and sympathy were from the brothers, friends and neighbors.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Albert Wilkinson, Alex Cameron, Bert Magee, Garnet Magee, Fred Jamieson and Thos. McKee. Interment took place in the family plot in Salem cemetery, 8th Line.

Those left to mourn her loss are three brothers, Fred, at home; Chas., who has been with the deceased for some time; Ernest of Oakville; and one nephew, Mr. Edgar Linton, to whom the deceased had been a mother to from childhood. Friends from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hopper of Oakville and Mrs. Chas. Hopper of Toronto. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

Somewhere back of the sunset,
Where loneliness never dies,
She dwells in the land of glory
With dreams in her uplifted eyes;
And beauty lies all around her,
And music is in the air;
She is far from all thoughts of sadness
Of sorrow and doubt and care.

A man can be happy without a fortune but not without friends.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer was observed in the Baptist church on Friday of last week when twenty-five women from the three churches met for prayer, praise and supplication. Mrs. (Rev.) Wolstencroft was in the chair and Miss Dorothy presided at the organ. The following led in prayer, Mrs. W. Inkster, Mrs. H. Down, Mrs. Chris. Thompson, Mrs. Cargo, Mrs. D. Williams and Mrs. W. Thurston.

Miss Jean Wolstencroft sang very sweetly, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer". Mrs. W. J. Scott gave an informative address on the origin and purpose of the World Day of Prayer.

The collection, after the programs were paid for, amounted to one dollar and fifty cents, and will be used for the writing, translating and printing of Christian Literature in many lands. The committee to prepare next year's program will be composed of Mrs. W. Inkster, Mrs. Archie Stewart and Mrs. D. Williams and it will be held in St. John's United church.

Other Papers' Opinions

FARERS NOT LAZY

(Tara Leader)

At the Wawanesa Fire Insurance Company Convention banquet, Fire Marshall E. P. Heaton is reported to have said "Our farmers are lazy, and want everything in one barn." This statement has caused wide-spread condemnation and unfavourable comment directed toward Mr. Heaton, who should be in a position to know better than that.

We of the rural centres know that the farmers are not lazy, even though they do have as much as possible under one roof. In this day and age, there is a decided movement for compactness in every phase of life. In our homes, the housewife demands that her kitchen be so laid out as to cut down the time spent there, giving her more time and leisure for pleasure or looking after the children. In manufacturing, there is a most decided move to cut down the number of machines formerly used to manufacture an article and combine one, two or even more machines into one. In general business there has been a move to combine one or two departments into one, thus reducing the staff and overhead.

Why shouldn't the farmer do likewise? If he can save a half hour from one barn to another to get some needed equipment, and thus spend an extra few minutes saved in some other endeavour, why should he be termed lazy? We feel that the farmer is owed an opology by Hr. Heaton for his unwarranted and uncalled for statement.

THOSE CASH SALES

(Creemore Star)

It is noticeable that the auction sales this season nearly all read "Terms Cash." The people holding sales have decided that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush and accordingly have decided they want to know in dollars and cents just what they are worth. We have checked up on such sales as have been held locally and have concluded that the cash system is the only system. Generally speaking the returns have been quite satisfactory, so why revert to the old credit system?

There were many evils connected with the credit sales and we venture opinion that dozens of farmers have been ruined because they found buying was made too easy at sales where credit was given. The banks are ready and willing to loan money to responsible parties. If notes are not acceptable to a Bank they are not worth very much to the fellow making a sale. In every way we believe the cash sale is the best system and the results so far have considerably strengthened this opinion.

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