The Flesherton Advance.

VOL. 57; NO. 20 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1937 W. H THURSTON & SON, Proprietors

Terrible Hardships in West Told in Letter to Rev. Service

The following letter was received by Rev. G. R. Service from his sister, Mrs. R. J. Timmins of Kincaid, Sask., in which she gives some idea of conditions to be met there.

"I would like to tell you a little about conditions in our country. Last fall there was no moisture and the ground did not freeze before snow came, which was the first indication that there would be no crop this year. Still we thought it would rain. When the snow went away and there was lots of it, it left enough moisture to start the crop. It came up nicely but the weather got hot and by the 1st of June we knew our crop was doomed, and by the 15th of June the stock was turned into it, as they needed feed and the crop was growing downward rather than up.

Our first rain this year came on July 14th, with one shower a day for three or four days. The next was a good shower on August 1st, and we have had a few slight showers lately which don't amount to anything. People used to say, "This is a next year country" but it isn't that any more, for we have absolutely no hope for next year except the ground is thoroughly soaked this fall before the freeze-up.

Although this has been the windiest and dryest year in all our 7 failures, and 2 poor crops, yet the country does not look as badly as it did in 1931 when the fences were piled high with drift sand. The wind blew from every quarter and kept the sand pretty well spread around. Even now you may see a field over there that looks nice and green, but it is only small weeds which the stock will not eat that have sprung up since the rain. Those fields were sown last spring but were blown right down to hard pan. Other fields which should have been summer-fallowed have grown a huge Russian thistle and millions upon millions of army worms have crawled over them and have left them dead and black.

As soon as the feed for stock became scarce last spring we sold off all our surplus cattle and pigs. The Government came around and said how much stock they would supply feed for. They bought up all extra cattle, gave a good price for them; and are taking them to Camp Hughes to feed and fatten them before selling. There have been a lot of sick cattle because of living on only Russian thistle. Cattle can live on the thistle, but horses can't. We were told to find pasture for all surplus horses and the government would ship them for us. Ours and a neighbor's were taken down to the south east corner of Saskatchewan. The Government has promised to supply feed for the horses kept at home; but the people have been asking—yes, begging for horse feed ever since the 1st of July and none has come yet; that is, no hay or fodder. We did get 15 bus. of oats and 10 bus. another time and 5 bus. of chick feed but that is all.

We attended a ratepayers meeting last night and were told that the Government is just beginning to buy hay and that none will be shipped till October. There are no oats in the elevators that could be bought even if we had the money. The Ratepayers' Association, the Municipal Council and other organizations have been sending resolutions to the Government asking for 100 per cent. increase in our grocery relief, but we heard at the meeting that they are just going to increase it 27 per cent. to cover the increase in the price of commodities plus a 2 per cent. educational tax that is placed on all goods except flour and sugar.

I see by the papers that a great number of cars of vegetables and fruit are being shipped out here and of course some will be shipped to our town as they have in times past and for which everyone was exceedingly grateful. The Government does not provide for our beds—they leave that to the good Samaritans in the east and they have done it most nobly.

No doubt after reading this tale of woe, you will be asking, "Why don't they get out of there and move to another place. There are three reasons: 1st, The Government does not want to abandon this land yet. They say all we need is rain to grow a crop. 2nd, Even if the Government did pay transportation charges on a car of settlers' effects it would take more money than we have to move a family of seven and then get started elsewhere. And last, but not least, we do not want to take our children away from the high school. It is on a co-operative basis, the more families going, the less it costs. Last year it cost us $10 for tuition fees. They use the municipal hall for a school building. Each scholar provides his own desk and chair, and the teacher works for the Government grant. We have three children in high school."

New C.P.R. Agent

Mr. Ernie Mitchell of Toronto has received the appointment of agent at Flesherton C. P. R. station and is expected to report for duty this week end. Mr. Mitchell has been day operator at the West Toronto C. P. R. station for a number of years and altogether has over 20 years' service with the railroad. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to our district.

Seth Perkins says that even a person with little else to invest will find that courtesy yields large returns.

Baptist Church Services

Harvest Home Service will be held in Rock Mills Baptist Church next Sunday, October 24th at 3 p.m. Special music will be provided and the Pastor will give an appropriate message. Miss Dorothy Foster, pianist.

Services in the Flesherton Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. A cordial welcome for all.

It may be cowardly to kick a man when he is down, but it is sometimes necessary to get him up.

Auction Sale

OF WESTERN COLTS

50 PERCHERON COLTS

Will be Offered for Sale at the Stock Yards,

DUNDALK

Sat., Oct. 23rd

AT ONE O'CLOCK

These Colts are Well Bred and in Good Condition

TERMS MADE KNOWN DAY OF SALE

FREE COLTS

One Colt Given away to the Highest Bidder.

One Colt Given away to Party Buying Greatest Number of Colts.

Also Prize Given to Party Coming the Longest Distance Who Buys a Colt.

Arrangements Will be made with Truckers here to Deliver Animals at Reasonable Rates.

HERB CORBETT, Clerk

J. K. GIBSON, Prop. **GEO DUNCAN Auctioneer.**

South Teachers Held Convention

The 60th convention of the South Grey Teachers' Institute was held in the Baptist Church, Neustadt, on Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8, with practically 100 per cent.. of the teachers in attendance. The program was one of the best, due to the thoughtful foresight of the committees, the co-operation of everyone who was asked to assist, the able guidance of Miss Faust who was acting as president, the kindly ministrations of the people of Neustadt towards the comfort and entertainment of the teachers, and the solicitude of the church officials, particularly Rev. Mr. Zinz.

The president's address on "Adult Education" gave all a fine insight into what is being done in this line in Denmark, and its results. "The New Course of Study for Grades I to VI" was discussed by Mr. Magee, bringing out the elasticity, breadth, adapability and opportunities of the course in the hands of the able teacher. Rigid final promotions from grade to grade are taboo, and homework of any formal type is practically abolished. Health is placed in the foremost position in point of value to the pupils, with English second. The supposedly all-important subject of arithmetic is placed in quite a subordinate position, while music and art have been given the place they long ago deserved as very important subjects, not mere frills

Miss Irene Curtis, delegate to the O.E.A., presented a report of the annual Easter convention in Toronto that was a classic, and should stir the ambitions of every teacher and strive for a personal share, directly, in its benefits.

This was followed up by a report of the wonderful progress and future plans of the O.E.A. and the Ontario Teachers' Council, presented by Mr. Trussler, field secretary of the O.E.A.

Manual training, according to the experience of Mr. Morris Matthews, is not only practicable but intensely valuable in a rural school. Closely related to this was the use of a sand-table in almost every subject and grade, as shown by Mr. Ross Smith.

Miss Helen Heard, showed some fine specimens of pupils' art in a rural school, done by the spatter method, using an old tooth brush. This would be glad news to many a floundering art student striving to master the use of the regulation paint brush.

Miss Verlie Mervyn provided a delightful interlude by proving to all that she might indeed be the best public school reader in South Grey. This rural school pupil read selections from the new readers with such vigorous, sympathetic, intelligent abandon that her hearers were as highly pleased as she herself surely enjoyed the incidents she pictured.

The problem of fifth classes in rural schools was discussed by various teachers, with experience in the work, and the concensus of opinion seemed to be that, while there was a very real need for such, it was almost impossible to do it all satisfactorily, and at the same time handle the work of the eight grades below it. Some better plan must soon be evolved to meet the needs of the rural boys and girls for training beyond the Entrance, who deserve it as much as their town cousins, and yet find attendance at high schools almost impossible

The pupils of Neustadt public school, under the leadership of Mr. Zinz, sang a number of German songs, which entertained the teachers quite perceptibly, even though in most cases the words were in an unknown tongue. "O Canada" in German was a particular treat.

A number of "Hints for School management" were contributed by various teachers from both graded and ungraded schools, all of which were very welcome. The tone of most of them showed that the old discipline of the rod has been in the main superseded by the new stressing of sympathy, co-operation, understanding and kindness.

Miss Annie McBride made many of her fellow teachers wish they were only now starting out to "the little old red school-house" instead of having to look back to it. To have the opportunity of enjoying a hot lunch as managed by herself and her pupils, rather than being allowed to "bolt" a cold, and often poor one as of old, is one evidence of the great strides being made to educate children of the present, not only in the three R's, but also in the essentials of social living and good health.

Next year's convention is to be at Dundalk under the following officers: honorary presidents, G. E. Pentland and J. A. Graham; president, Miss Dell Scott; vice-president, Mr. E. A. Ruttle; secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. A. Magee; delegates to O.E.A., Miss M. Faust and Mr. R. Brown; auditors, Mr. A. C. Collins and Miss E. Sippell; resolutions comcittee, Messrs. R. Christie and M. Matthews, Misses E. Harding, I. Klages, F. Eagles.

It is because there are so many fools in the world that the wise man gets an occasional break.

Car of Vegetables Needed For West

There met in Flesherton United Church School Room on Monday night last, the Ministers and interested men from Priceville, Maxwell, Eugenia, Rock Mills and Flesherton to lay plans for shipping a car of vegetables to the West. Rev. G. R. Service was appointed Chairman and Mr. Ken. Stewart, Sec.-Treas. After a good discussion the following were decided upon.

1. The area to be canvassed to comprise, from Priceville east and north, Ceylon and adjoining territory, Flesherton north to Orange Valley and south to the Proton road, including the back line. The areas around the following centres, Rock Mills, Mt. Zion, Wareham, Maxwell, Eugenia and Feversham.

2. The following will be very acceptable, potatoes, turnips, carrots, beets, cabbage, parsnips, pumpkins, citron, squash, apples, canned fruit, honey and cash.

3. The date of shipping will be on Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29 from Flesherton Station.

4. All vegetables are to be in bags ready for shipping. Parts of bags of small vegetables can be put together into full bags at the car. If you cannot give a full bag of carrots, beets, parsnips, etc. give a part. No contribution will be too small.

5. Trucks will be available to bring in the vegetables from the following centres: Feversham, Maxwell, Wareham shed, Rock Mills, Eugenia shed, J. T. Best's barn, Milton Bannon's barn, Ed. Loucks' barn. The rest are asked to bring theirs direct to the station. We suggest that two or three farmers go together in one load. Please bring your contributions in, in the forenoon of Thursday, October 28 to the above places.

6. It takes 700 bags to fill a car and that means that we will need the co-operation of every last person to make this a reality.

CARROTHERS—ROSS

A pretty autumn wedding was solemnized Monday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, when Mamie Irene Ross, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ross, of 327 Rectory street, was united in marriage to Borden E. Carrothers, of Flesherton, Ont., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carrothers of Dreaney avenue, London. Rev. P. P. W. Zeiman performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was becomingly gowned in floor-length white satin with lace trimmings and a halo of white satin and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of Carmelita roses with heather and showers of lily of the valley. Mrs Syd Read, who attended the bride wore a floor-length gown of dubonnet velvet with hat to match and gold sandals. She carried a bouquet of Johanna Hill roses. Miss E. J. Beattie, of Ingersoll, played the wedding march and Ted George played "I Love You Truly" on his Hawaiian guitar. Syd Read was groomsman and Miss Peggy Meadows was door attendant. The guests at the reception were received by Mrs. David Ross, mother of the bride, wearing blue velvet with a shoulderette of butterfly roses, and Mrs. Carrothers, mother of the groom, who chose plum velvet with a shoulderette of Nancy roses. The reception was at the Glen Allen Villa, where a wedding dinner was served. The couple left for Cleveland and New York, the bride wearing copenhagen blue with navy accessories. Out-of-town guests were present from Toronto, Sarnia, Ailsa Craig and Cleveland.

Trip to Royal Fair

Many Grey County farmers have never attended the Royal Winter Fair. The chief reasons given are that it is too far to motor; too confusing to drive in the city or that they do not know the city well enough. In order to make it easier for Grey County farmers, the Department of Agriculture, Markdale, propose to take charge of a tour to the Royal, if sufficient farmers desire to go to that Fair. It is held from November 16th to November 24th. The tour will occupy two days within the above dates.

No details have been worked out as yet. These are unnecessary until it is ascertained how many farmers would like to make the trip.

1. Buses will be used, if they can be secured at a specially reasonable rate.

2. The trip will last two days—leaving one morning, so as to arrive in Toronto at noon and returning from Toronto about 5 p.m. the next day.

3. The Royal Winter Fair will be visited during the first afternoon, remaining for the evening's entertainment.

4. The next forenoon will be given over to visiting Industrial Plants and the Royal Winter Fair again in the afternoon. This is subject to change

5. Night accommodation will be provided at some hotel, the rates to be announced later.

6. Ladies will be provided for, but notice of their coming must be received before November 1st, so that special entertainment can be provided for them.

7. Total cost should not exceed $7.00

8. Farmers wishing to attend should indicate such desire at an early date, preferably before **October 27th**, so that those in charge may be enabled to make some arrangements. All going must apply before November 7th. Details and program will be announced during the week of November 1st.

T. Stewart Cooper,
Department of Agriculture,
Markdale, Ontario.

PROTON STATION

Rev. Mr. Barnard of Emmanuel College, conducted the services on the Proton charge very acceptably last Sunday.

Mr. Samuel Shearson is at present ill in Orangeville hospital. We hope he will soon recover.

Mr. Jack Neilson has returned from Toronto General Hospital. We are sorry to report he is still not very well.

Miss Gertrude Irish has returned from Owen Sound Hospital and is recovering. Visitors with Miss Irish and her parents over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robinson and son Robert, Mrs. James Wylie, Miss Mabel Irish and Mr. John Irish, all of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver, Mr. Thos. Currie of the Old Durham Road, and Mr. Robt. Vause and daughters were Sunday guests of Mrs. Vause.

Mr. Robert Bradley and daughter, Miss Ina Bradley, of Berkeley were visitors at Dever Bros. on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kalesky and family from Weyburn, Sask., are the new tenants on the Binnie farm north of Proton Station. We hope they will enjoy their home in this locality.

The cost of living is steadily mounting according to official figures. The trouble is too that most of the consumers are caught without a parachute as the upward movement continues.

Artemesia Council

The council of the Township of Artemesia met at the Council Chambers, Flesherton on the 12th day of October 1937, there were present, the Reeve and Councillors Purvis, Stinson and Hostrawser, the Reeve Presiding.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

Claims for sheep killed by dogs: from Richard Clark, one sheep valued by John Campbell at $7.00, from Walter Aldcorn, sheep valued by James Oliver at $7.00, and Alvin McKenzie, sheep valued by A. Blackburn at $8, and from J. Stewart, one sheep valued by R. Piper at $6.00, also one dollar per sheep each to valuers. A deputation from Melancthon Council waited on the Council in reference to the Levi Allan drain, and W. S. Hunter, chairman of the County education Committee and J. C. Mercer, County Treasurer waited upon the Council regarding County rate for 1937.

By-law No. 988, to amend By-law 986, levying rates for 1937 was introduced and passed, and By-law 987 to appoint deputy returning officers was introduced and laid over to next meeting for third reading.

Stinson—Hostrawser, That Robert Purvis be paid thirty dollars balance on bridge timber. Carried.

Purvis—Stinson, That the premium of $22.50 on Collector's Bond be paid. Carried.

Stinson—Purvis, That the following gravel accounts be paid: Harry Fisher $52.00; Herb Grummett $39.00; Mrs. Doupe $13.80; W. Kaitting $2.70. Carried.

Stinson—Purvis, That the following pay lists be passed and paid viz, Div. I, $6.75; Div. 3, $780.30; Div. 4, $15.25; Div. 5, $12.25. Carried.

Hostrawser -- Purvis, That the Reeve, Treasurer, Clerk and Mr. Stinson be a committee to meet committee from Melancthon Council in regard to the Levi Allan drain matter. Carried.

The Council adjourned to meet again on the 15th day of November next.

CLOTHING FOR WEST

Two bales of clothing were packed and shipped to Rev. R. J. McDonald, Regina, Chairman National Relief Committee for distribution. There was 320 lbs. of warm clothing which included 14 quilts and blankets. The Committee wish to thank all who so generously donated.

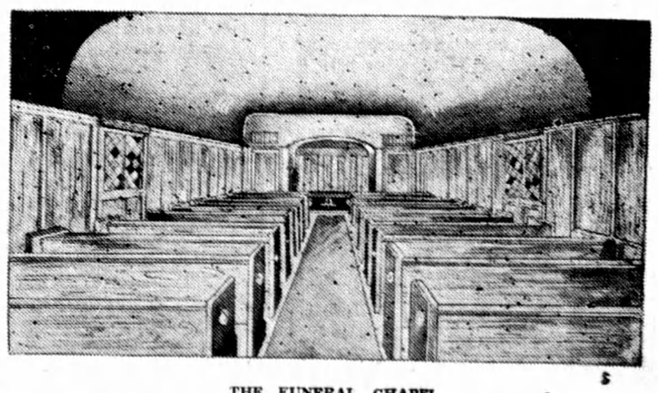
Signed
Rev. F. Ashton
Rev. G. R. Service

Funeral of D. McKillop

The funeral of the late Dougald McKillop, who passed away suddenly on Monday of last week, was held on Thursday afternoon, October 14th. Service was held at his late residence conducted by Rev. F. Ashton, who also presided at the committal ceremonies at the cemetery. He brought a most comforting message to the bereaved family.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. G. B. Welton, C. N. Richardson, O. W. Phillips, J. O. Dargavel, G. A. McTavish and G. A. Brackenbury.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Cherott and two sons, Myler and Argyle and Mrs. Robbins of Wallaceburg, Miss Luella Carr, Mrs. B. Mobbs and Mr. R. Scott of Toronto and Mr. Emerson Thomson of Sault Ste. Marie. The latter will remain with his grandmother until spring.



THE FUNERAL CHAPEL

A dignified, personal funeral service. Available in all parts of Toronto and suburbs at prices to suit the income of every family.

Bates & Maddocks Burial Co.

FORMERLY BATES BURIAL CO.

Fred Maddocks — Richard Maddocks, Mgr.

KI. 4344-3456 — 124 AVENUE ROAD

ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF DAVENPORT ROAD