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We Wish All a Happy New Year

High School Held Commencement

The auditorium of the high school was filled to capacity for the annual commencement exercises of Flesherton High School on Tuesday evening of last week. Principal H. L. Eubank acted as chairman and introduced the various numbers that made up a very pleasing program. During the course of the evening the Principal announced to the audience the gift of a scholarship for the graduating class of the school by Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P. The scholarship is for the outstanding graduate of the school for 1938, and has a valuation of $25.00. Principal Eubank thanked Miss Macphail for her generous gift to the school.

The program was opened with a number by the newly-formed Glee Club, followed by the senior girls giving an excellent demonstration of exercises, attired in their fine new blue physical training uniforms. The junior and senior boys each gave several selections in a most effective manner. The junior girls danced in farmers' and farmerettes' costumes, while the senior girls gave the "Pirates' Dance," with costumes depicting pirates. They were heartily encored for their splendid dances.

Principal Eubank introduced Miss Evelyn Brown, a member of the graduating class, who presented the valedictory address. Miss Brown is a gifted speaker and presented an address which was very pleasing to the audience. At the conclusion she presented Harvey Archibald, a member of this year's fifth form, with a candle, symbolical of better scholarship.

The special speaker of the evening was Mr. C. C. Middlebro' of Owen Sound, who took as his topic "Twenty Years After," and chose the motto of the O.S.C.V.I., "Dum Vivimus Vivamus"—"While we live, let us live." In his address he pointed out the change in education in the past 20 years, namely more time devoted to the individual student and not class instruction. He made one criticism of the present educational system, that more time should be spent in vocational guidance, in place of languages, mathematics, etc. He outlined several means to obtain happiness: 1st, to gain knowledge always; 2nd, love mercy, to do justly and walk humbly; 3rd, congenial employment, good surroundings, home, children and the development of talents. Mr. Middlebro' is well known in this community and his humorous and instructive address was well received. Sherman Piper, on behalf of the staff and student body, presented Mr. Middlebro' with a book, as a token of their appreciation of his splendid address.

An interesting part of the program was a play "Station YYYY," which was directed by Miss Laura Pallett. Included in the cast were: John Monaghan, Betty Stewart, Geo. Loucks, Marjorie Stewart, Kathleen Bannon, Bill Jamieson, Ted McTavish and Aileen Karstedt. The play was very amusing and excellently presented.

The members of the graduating class of 1937 were presented with their diplomas by Principal Eubank, W. J. Bellamy, secretary of the Board, and F. W. Duncan, member of the Board. Following are the members of the 1937 graduation class: Evelyn Brown, John McVicar, Mac Duncan, Bob Bellamy, Sherman Piper, Della Vause, Catherine McVicar, Martha Ostrander, Argyle Martin, Lloyd Clifton, Verdun McMaster and Merle Allen.

The Late Mrs. Bannon

Our community was shocked to hear that Mrs. Thos. Bannon, one of our most respected citizens, had passed away on Monday morning after only a few days' illness.

Mrs. Bannon, whose maiden name was Maria Ward, was the only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ward, one of the earliest pioneer families of this district. They owned a store built on the farm on which Mrs. Bannon died on No. 10 Highway about four miles south of Flesherton and on which she spent her nearly completed eighty years. It was very interesting to hear her tell of those early pioneer days. It was the time when only a blazed trail marked the way to Orangeville to where her mother walked when supplies became low. From here she took the stage to Toronto and ordered fresh supplies and had them shipped to Collingwood to which destination she returned and was met there by her husband with the ox team and cart. On the way home after dark she often had to walk ahead of the team with a candle in order to follow the road.

These old pioneers kept few cows so made very little butter. To procure this product they put the thickened cream in a muslin sack, dug a hole in the ground, lined it with grape leaves, put the bag of cream in it and covered it with leaves and earth. After an allotted time the cream was dug up and the butter fat was drained away, the remains of which they salted and worked into butter which they used on bread as we do icing on cakes only it was seldom used except for special company.

Mrs. Bannon who would have been eighty years old on Sunday Dec. 26, was married fifty years ago on that date to Mr. Thos. Bannon who, though an invalid and bedfast for the past couple of years survives her.

Until last Wednesday she had been keeping her large house spotless and waiting on Mr. Bannon. She complained of such pains as could be attributed to age but on Wednesday she went to the doctor and sank quickly afterwards. Although being very deaf for a long time she had always kept a bright and kindly interest in friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Bannon had three sons: Milton on the Bannon homestead across the road, Maxwell, who died in Westminster B. C. in 1918 just before the Armistice was signed as he was on his way to join the Allies in Siberia, and Newton who also predeceased her ten years ago. There are also nine grandchildren. Mr. Alfred Harrison of Spring Hill is a cousin.

On account of Mr Bannon's health only a quiet celebration with the immediate family had been planned for the golden wedding anniversary. She had made the four storey cake and had it trimmed in gold and white and on Saturday amid great suffering she gave a list of the friends she wished to be remembered with a piece of it. The list comprised about sixty names some in U. S. A. some in Western Canada and many near home.

Mr. Hepburn must be an optimist. He says he is looking forward to co-operation from the opposition when the House meets.

Letter to the Editor.

Editor of The Advance:

Dear Sir,- I, with many others, think the County Council should change that part of Highway No. 26, from Kimberley to Flesherton, back to the valley road as first established. This road from Kimberley to Thornbury is one of the best winter roads in the Province of Ontario, as it is always open for motor travel, no matter how stormy the weather may be. A few miles of this road over the mountains from Kimberley to Eugenia is blocked with snow every winter. It cannot be kept open as a winter road.

Now if these few miles of county road were changed to the valley road, it would make a splendid coss-country road between Thornbury, on the north, and Flesherton, Dundalk and Markdale, in fact all the western part of the county. It would connect the C.N.R. at Thornbury with the C. P.R. at Ceylon in the most stormy weather.

Conditions have greatly changed in the past few years. Winter motor travel is now very important to every one. There are no longer livery barns in every town filled with horses. Even farmers no longer have horses and vehicles prepared for long trips on winter roads. Livestock, logs, lumber and goods of all descriptions are now transported by truck. On the south end of the valley road, which should be county road, there is one of the largest and best gravel pits to be found anywhere and as it is on the side of a hill is easily accessible for road building, as the gravel can be run into a chute making it cheaper for road building than crushing the field stone.

No one has any doubt but that this part of the valley road from Kimberley to Flesherton, will eventually be county road, because, as C. W. Hartman has often said, it is the natural place for it. It is hard to conceive how any person could imagine that the mountain road is preferable to the valley road.

I hope that the County Council at the next session, will change these few miles of road and give to the County of Grey the best winter road in Ontario.

—PROGRESS.

John Beaton Passed Away Early Christmas Morning

Mr. John Beaton, a well known and highly respected resident on the West Backline, passed away early on Christmas morning following an illness of some months. The immediate cause of death was a paralytic stroke.

The late John Beaton had been a resident of the locality practically all his life, and was in his 74th year. He is survived by his wife, before her marriage Miss Cullen of Flesherton, two brothers and three sisters, namely: Lorne and Angus Beaton at Winnifred, Alta.; Mrs. B. H. Walden of Markdale; Mrs. William Crockett of Manton, Alta.; Mrs. Wilson McGregor of Leeds, S.D.

The funeral took place to Markdale cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. T. O. Miller had charge of the services at the house and chapel.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Beaton and other sorrowing relatives.

PROTON STATION

(Last week's Items)

Mr. Lorne Hodgins who has been a popular and efficient clerk in Dever Bros. store for several years has resigned his position there and taken one with the York Trading Co. of Owen Sound. Lorne and his wife will be much missed from this village and their many friends wish them success and happiness in their new venture.

Rev. H. B. Jackson has returned from Indianna to spend the holidays with his wife and family here.

Mr. Norman has returned to his home here. He has been with the King Paving Co. in the North Bay district for the past seven months.

Mrs. Oscar Patterson and children Douglas and Nancy, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Acheson.

Brooding of Chicks

The poultryman with proper equipment can handle chicks in mid-winter with as little mortality as with April chicks. He may not get as high percentage hatch as later on, but even the hatchability of eggs is being controlled by the feed. January chicks will cost more as eggs are higher priced to start with. Then it will take more fuel than with Spring brooding. But there is more time for looking after the chicks; there may be less disease and mortality; broilers will catch a high market and pullets should be laying early in the fall or even in late summer when egg prices are at their peak. Of course, if many started hatching all their chicks in January the higher prices for broilers and eggs would be wiped out, and chicks hatched at some other season would find the best market. Brooder houses unsuited for prolonged zero weather and the higher price for chicks will limit the number going in for January chicks. Nevertheless there should be good returns for the few who do, and they can prolong the use of their equipment, as those who have January chicks usually have another batch in the spring so as to have pullets coming into production at different seasons. January chicks will go on to range early in the season, or they may be raised indoors until ready for the laying pen.

Inspection of Truck Loads

For the protection of the consuming public, the Ontario Department of Agriculture is establishing a system of inspection of shipments of fruit and vegetables throughout the province Hon. P. M. Dewan, Minister of Agriculture, announces.

The first of a series of inspection points has been established at "Sunset Camp," near Gravenhurst, where all shipments of fruit and vegetables moving into Northern Ontario by truck must be submitted for inspection. This move resulted from complaints about the quality of produce going into the north country, but the inspection system will soon be extended to cover the whole province.

There are some 11 Dominion fruit and vegetable inspectors in Ontario, but until now their authority only allowed them to inspect shipments leaving the province. Now, however, they have been appointed Ontario inspectors as well and may check on all produce intended for sale in the province. In giving them this authority the minister acted under the provisions of the Ontario Farm Products Grade and Sales Act. Other inspection points will be designated at an early date.

SERVING THE PEOPLE

The year is drawing to a close and the time to select councillors and school boards will soon be with us again. We hope there wll be available a good supply of capable men to fill the offices.

We sometimes feel that men who serve in public life are not half appreciated. In fact we are sure no greater truism was ever written. All one has to do is ask anyone who has had experience. The man who has sat back and criticized without taking off his coat and shouldering a share of the burden doesn't know whereof he speaks.

A man said to us the other day — and he was a shrewd man, now sitting on a municipal council: "Any person who accepts a seat on a council or school board should have his head read.' In other words, he implied he was courting trouble, and under present conditions this is very true.

It is an impossibilty to accept a seat on any governing body and please everybody. If you are in business you will inadvertently offend some people and lose their custom. This is the very reason many of the best men refuse to serve the people. Is their anything that can be done about it? Unfortunately public men seldom get credit for the good things they do, and they get heaps of criticism for the mistakes they make, and where is there a man who has never made a mistake?

Just how great the dairy instinct is in Woodstock can be judged by the finding of 228 milk bottles in the cellar of one home.

John E. Walker Died In Markdale On Wednesday

Mr. John E. Walker, a life-long resident of Markdale and district, passed away at his home in the village Wednesday morning, in his 79th year. He had been in failing health for some time and was bedfast for several weeks. He is survived by his widow.

The funeral will take place on Friday to Markdale Cemetery with service in Annesley Church at 2.30 o'clock.

Clover and Alfalfa Seed

There is a market shortage in the production of red clover seed this year in Canada, with barely one million lbs This supply is located in Ontario and the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. Seedmen will need to purchase from other countries to meet the requirements of about four million lbs. for the Dominion.

The Seeds Act of Canada provides for the identification of the red clover seed sold in Canada, so that farmers may know its origin. English seed requires to contain one per cent of seed stained yellow, United States one per cent stained blue, Northern Europe and New Zealand one per cent stained green, and all other red clover seed which comes from comparatively warm countries ten per cent red. The home-gown seed is exempt from staining and may be identified accordingly.

Production of alfalfa seed this year is estimated at 4,183,000 pounds compared with 2,575,000 pounds in 1936. As the domestic consumption is about 2,000,000 pounds there will be a surplus for export. Western Ontario is the leader in alfalfa seed with Saskatchewan begining to take a prominent part.

The Ladies' Aid held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. J. R. Sinclair, with a fair attendance. Mrs. Udell presided for the opening exercises and business. The roll call was answered with a funny story. Mrs. Roy Piper delighted all present with a humorous reading. Discussions followed on several items of business. The taxes were ordered to be paid. Mrs. White extended an invitation for the December meeting, which was gratefully accepted. Rev. Service was present and closed the meeting with the benediction, after which lunch was served.

ORANGE VALLEY

Mrs. Frank Eagles has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Allison, who has been sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFadden were in Owen Sound on business recently.

Several from here attended the commencement concert and dance in Flesherton High School and reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Smith called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Alcox recently.

Mr. Byron Hill and Miss Margaret Davidson spent an evening with her sister, Mrs. C. Alcox.

School has closed for the holidays and Miss I. Martin has gone to her home in Eugenia.

Miss Miller, who has been staying at her uncle's, Alex. Miller, and attending Flesherton High School, is spending her holidays at the parental home.

Miss Bessie Russell of Rock Mills spent a few days with her friend, Miss Velma Alcox.

LIVE STOCK MARKET REPORT

by DUNN & LEVACK, TORONTO

Although supplies of cattle were light for Monday's market trading was very slow, as the outlet seemed to be confined, due largely to the holiday season, during which there has been such large quantities of poultry on the dressed meat market. There is also a feeling that prices will not be any better just now unless some better outlet develops, either to the United States or to Great Britain, which will not likely be very helpful during the immediate future.

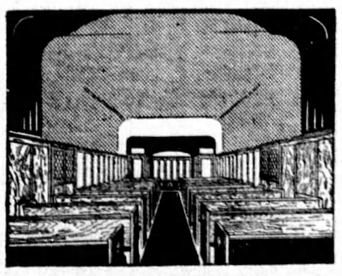
A few choice heavy steers sold at from 6.50 to 7.00, with those of fair to good quality from 5.50 to 6.25. In the butcher section, choice handy weight steers and heifers brought from 5.50 to 6.00, with bulk of the sales of fair to good butchers ranging from 4.50 to 5.25; common to medium 3.75 to 4.25. The cow market was steady, with choice fat cows from 3.75 to 4.25; fair to good from 3.00 to 3.65; common and medium 2.50 to 3.00; canners and cutters 2.00 to 2.50. The bull trade was slow with choice from 3.75 to 4.00, and bolognas from 3.00 to 3.50.

In the small meats choice ewe lambs sold at from 7.50 to 7.75, while best light butcher sheep brought from 4.00 to 4.50. The calf market was strong with choice from 9.50 to 10.00, with a few tops at 10.50; fair to good from 8.00 to 9.00; common to medium 5.50 to 7.50.

Supplies of hogs were very light for Monday and truck deliveries sold on the basis of 8.50. Prices for the balance of the week will depend entirely upon supplies.

PILOTS TO LOOK LIKE NAVY MEN

Pilots of the Trans-Canada Airlines will look very much like smart officers of the Royal Navy, judging by the pattern uniform which has just been made up for approval. The double breasted 'monkey jacket' and the trousers (known as "slacks" in spite of their immaculate creases) will be of Navy blue and Navy cut. One difference will be that the jacket will have only three buttons on each side instead of four. On each button will be stamped the Airline's insignia and this will be embroidered in gold on the bold-peaked cap. Caps, it is annnounced, will not be worn in the planes but the pilots will have small toques to pull on in cold weather. Rank badges have not yet been decided on but each pilot will wear his brevet wings embroidered above the left breast pocket.



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