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Tribute to Dr. E. K. Richardson

The following letter was received by the editor from Rev. Dr. G. Sidney Smith, an old Flesherton boy, who writes eulogistically of the late Dr. E. K. Richardson.

Willowdale, Ont.

Editor of The Advance:

Dear Sir,- Will you allow me a little space in your excellent local paper to express a few words of appreciation of one of the old Flesherton boys, who recently passed to his eternal abode.

I attended the funeral of the late Dr. E. K. Richardson in Toronto on January 6th. The chapel, in which the service was held, was much too small for the crowd, composed of old and new friends; a great many had to stand and many couldn't even obtain standing room. The service was simple and dignified and the speaker, whom I took for an Anglican, gave a very fine and appropriate address, at the conclusion of which he referred to the deceased as a man of most admirable character. It was heart-warming to me, and I presume to many other listeners, to sit and hear words of praise for one we knew as a boy.

As I listened I couldn't help repeating the well-worn and ancient phrase "The Boy is Father to the man.," for Ed. Richardson was a boy of the noblest type. I gathered this appraisment of his character, not so much by association, as by observation. I admired him as a boy, because he scaled the heights to fine young manhood amid somewhat adverse circumstances. He was an only son, an only brother among a family of admiring sisters. This is one of the best positions that can exist to spoil a boy, yet amid this position, in which so many boys go down to defeat, Ed. Richardson came forth one of the finest young men I have had the pleasure to know.

I left the good old town of Flesherton in 1891, almost fifty years ago, and during this period I have seen little of the place of my childhood. Sometimes over 20 years have sped by without a look at the scenes of early life, and as a result I have seen little of the boys and girls of school days, and this is true of the subject of these remarks. I saw Ed. Richardson about two or three times in nearly 50 years. I had no chance to know him as a man, but as I listened to the favorable remarks at the funeral service I said that truly, the boy is father to the man. Sometimes a bad boy turns out to be a good man, but such is the exception, not the rule. Let the boys of the old town of 1938 remember that their lives today are telling all who behold, what sort of man will be called by their name, when 40 or 50 years have passed, as in the case of Dr. Edwin Kendall Richardson.

—G. SIDNEY SMITH.

PRICES COMPARED

An interesting comparison of prices is that of the prevailing price 50 years ago and the prevailing price today, for farm produce in Renfrew County. Fifty years, prices were as follows: Wheat 80-90c bus., peas 59c, oats 35-36c, butter 12-20 lb., eggs 17-20 doz., potatoes 50-60c bu., hay $9-$10 ton, turkeys 8-9c lb., geese and chickens 5-6c. Prices prevailing this year during the hoilday season were: Wheat $1.00-$1.25, peas $2.00-$2.25, oats 55-60c, butter 34-36c, eggs 25-35c, potatoes 50-60c, hay $8-$11 ton, turkeys 20-25c, geese 17c, chickens 18-25c.

High Lights of County Council Held Last Week

Warden's Address

When the Grey County Council resumed its sessions on Thursday afternoon after the brief session on Wednesday, Warden Howard A. McCauley presented and read his inaugural address. In this address the Warden deals with affairs as they present themselves to him and offers some helpful suggestions to be considered. To the Members of Grey County Council:

Gentlemen: I wish to extend my heartful thanks to you for the honor you have conferred on me, of being elected Warden of this great County of Grey. As your Warden, I will do my utmost to uphold the traditions of the position, as have Wardens in the past.

I am happy to see so many of last year's members returned, and sorry we have also lost some very highly esteemed members.

It is a pleasure to welcome the new members to this Council, as I know they will be an asset to this County Council as well as to their ows municipalities.

I was disappointed that the price of farm produce did not hold the high levels of the early part of 1937, but I think that in 1938 prices will reach a level which will make the farming industry a paying business in the future. I also trust that the fruit belt will see higher prices for their apples, which, in my opinion, are by far the best grown in Ontario.

Education

With regard to Education, I would first like to congratulate last year's Education Committee for their splendid work, and I trust that this year's Committee will continue this excellent work. We will be using the 1937 amendment for high schools this year. This amendment will be troublesome to interpret but I believe this can be done to the satisfaction of this Council.

County Roads

I believe the time has come when this county should take some action in regard to winter traffic. We find more of our people practically depending on trucks and cars for transportation during the winter months, and I think it is our duty to give whatever service is necessary with regard to winter roads. I do not suggest that all county roads should be kept open, but only those roads which serve places not on railroads, and those connecting two highways. I believe also that we should set aside a portion of our county levy for construction, as more constructed roads are being taken over as provincial roads each year. We will soon find ourselves with no county road constructed and we will be obliged to raise debentures to construct roads, where, if we could construct a small mileage every year, we can continue our "pay as you go" policy.

Finance

I feel quite confident that this County Council will keep the finances of the county in their present condition. In regard to the sinking fund, I would like, at this time, to congratulate the special bond committee and our treasurer for the manner in which they have handled this business.

General

With regard to accounts for indigent patients in hospital, I think that more of this expense should be borne jointly by Dominion and Provincial Governments, and thus relieve the property owner of some of his now overloaded burden.

I personally believe that no costs in regard to social legislation should be a charge on property, and I would suggest that if this meets with your approval, that you will bring in a resolution at this session, protesting this unfair burden.

In conclusion, gentlemen, let me again thank you for the honor of being Warden for the year 1938.

Four Meetings in Year

Grey County Council unanimously adopted a report, presented by the special committee named at the November session, that the council meet four times a year in future instead of three as has been the custom for many years. The first meeting, a statutory one in January will last five days, then a two-day meeting in the early part of April, a three-day session in June, and the final meeting will be for four days in November, for a total of fourteen days instead of seventeen days as at present. It is estimated that the county will save $470. a year under the new system.

Reforesting Committee

A new permanent committee has been put to work in Grey, supplementing a committee to enquire into reforesting in the county, a start in this direction being made when land was acquired in Glenelg and Egremont townships. The committee is composed of Reeve Jos. Gerry of Sarawak for a three year term, Reeve Wm. Marshall of Derby, Reeve Brown of Collingwood, and Reeve A. McGirr of Glenelg for a two year term.

Road Construction

Grey County will spend a total of $166,500.00 for county and suburban roads during 1938. Of this amount $60,000 is for the construction of new county roads, while $100,000 is for the maintenance of existing county roads, and the remainder, $6500, will be used for suburban roads leading into Owen Sound.

Deputations

A deputation was present from the Kimberley, Flesherton, and Markdale districts requesting the County to take over the Beaver Valley road from Kimberley to Flesherton, as the possibilities for winter driving are excellent and it would open up the valley for tourist traffic including winter sports. The deputation was composed of Dr. R. L. Carefoot of Markdale, president of the Beaver Valley Road Association, D. McTavish of Flesherton, ex-Warden, David Weber and David Graham of Kimberley, Gordon Beaton, Thos. Mercer, John Dillon, H. Shaw and Mr. D'Arcy of Markdale and B. Welton of Flesherton.

The Menace of A Skid

Just as a competent swimmer may "panic" when an unexpected wave slaps him in the mouth, so a normally cool-headed motorist may "freeze on the wheel" during those precious split-seconds when a skid can become either a tragedy or just a discomfiting incident in a day's drive. But while any expert can tell you how to pull out of a skid by steering into it, the really wise adviser is the one who tells you how to recognize the two common types of skid, and more particularly, how to avoid them.The slippery pavement skid can be prevented by cautious driving, by slow turns, stops and starts, and by the judicious use of second gear as a brake. The "brake-skid", when caused by unequalized or poorly adjusted brakes, has only one cure — adjustment by a mechanic. Its symptom, unmistakeable even on dry pavement, is a pull at the steering wheel when the brake is applied even gently. Badly-adjusted brakes can be almost as dangerous on wet pavement or at high speed as no brakes at all.

We feel better now with the announcement that when all [illegible] cal in the world is exhausted able to get power and h sun.

The kind of advice that ma[illegible] average man hot under the collar is when the health authorities say that the best way to fight a cold is to stay in bed and rest.

Mrs. Jas. Hamilton

There passed away on Thursday, January 6th, Ellen Margaret Orr, beloved wife of the late Jas. Hamilton, in her 87th year. Deceased was a sister of the late M. G. Orr and was the last member of the Orr family. Death occurred at the home of her son, George R. Hamilton, Ninth Line, Trafalgar township. The funeral took place on Saturday, January 8th at 2.30 p.m. from the home of her son, interment being made in Erindale cemetery.

The late Mrs. Hamilton leaves two sons and one daughter; Laura (Mrs. Albert McCurdy) who resides at Hornby on whose farm the great broadcasting transmitter was recently erected. Forty acres of land was sold to build the power house and transmitter which is 647 feet in height. Mr. McCurdy took a slight stroke when he heard of Mrs. Hamilton's death.

Mrs. Alex Cameron attended the funeral of her aunt following which she visited her sisters Mrs. R. H. Irving (Rene) and Mrs. R. H. McGregor (Stella) in Toronto, and with her son, Dr. Russell Cameron, and wife at Barrie.

Successful Year For St. John's United

The annual congregational meeting of St. John's United Church, Flesherton was held in the church on Wednesday evening of last week. About sixty people met for supper at 6.30 p.m., which was followed by the business of presenting reports on the activities of the church organizations in 1937. Rev. G. R. Service was in the chair and after an opening period of worship called for the reports of all organizations for the year 1937.

The report of the Session showed 177 families connected with the church with 259 church members. During the year 35 names were added: 14 on professon of faith, 14 by letter and 5 re-instatements. There were 19 baptisms and 16 burials during the past year.

Mr. F. W. Duncan gave the treasurer's report which showed receipts to be $3093. All salaries and bills are paid and the only liability is a note for $100.00.

Reports were turned in by the Ladies' Aid, Sunday School, Y.P.U., W.M.S. and Mission Band and showed that the organizations were in a flourishing condition. The amount raised for the Missionary and Maintenance Fund was $362.00. The total amount raised from all sources was $4,116.00, and in the circuit $4,610.00.

Following are church officers for the coming year:

Session — Messrs. John Stewart, John Parker, George Cairns, George McTavish, Wm. Miller, Thos. Fisher, W. A. Hawken, Milton Bannon and Jos. McKee.

Board of Stewards — Messrs. Geo. Cairns, Wm. Miller, C. R. Chapple, T. J. Fisher, A. D. McIntyre, Bert Sparks, F. G. Karstedt, Russell Park, Dr. J. E. Milne, Roy Best, George McTavish and Frank W. Duncan, treasurer.

At the close of the meeting a very hearty vote of appreciation was extended to Rev. and Mrs. Service for their splendid leadership in all departments of the church's activities.

BONSPIEL POSTPONED

Flesherton Curling Club again ran into mild weather for their bonspiel, which was scheduled for the first two days of this week. It is not known at present when the bonspiel will be held, but likely early in February.

Huntsville at its second nomination meeting named 74 municipal candidates. That left just about enough over to run the fire department and the police force.

RADIO SERVICE

We have opened up a first class Radio Service on the premises formerly owned by Austin Shackleford, and we are prepared to serve your interests in a prompt, courteous and [illegible] manner. All work done by a [illegible] man a student of the [illegible] Canada in radio [illegible] we can [illegible] House [illegible] tion. Tubes tested [illegible]

JOHN W. COOK, [illegible]

William Wilson Dies Result of Pneumonia

Wm. R. Wilson, a highly respected farmer who resides on the West Backline, Artemesa, died shortly before midnight Monday after a week's illness. He became ill with the 'flu about a week ago and for the past few days had been critically ill with pneumonia.

Born and brought up on the farm on which he died, he was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson and was 65 years of age. A lifelong resident of the district he was well-known and very popular with his neighbors and friends. He took a keen interest in the affairs of the district and was for many years a member of the Board of Barhead school.

Besides his wife, the former Marjorie Thibaudeau, he leaves a family of five sons and four daughters: Alma at home, Olive (Mrs. Earl Smart) of Glenelg township, Russell in Detroit, Mona (Mrs. Harold Richardson) of Flesherton, Wallace, Howard, Nelson, Lloyd and Anna at nome. There are also three sisters and one brother, T. H. Wilson of Markdale, Mrs. W. H. Richardson of Markdale, Mrs. N. Oliver of Artemesia and Mrs. N. D. Agnew of Ottawa.

The passing of Mr. Wilson is another sad event in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson, Toronto Line North. Just two weeks ago Mr. Richardson buried his mother and father, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson and now Mrs. Richardson's father has passed away. These young people have the sympathy of a host of friends.

Our January Thaw

Our steady winter weather broke out into a thaw on Sunday and Monday morning rain fell in streams. Highways and streets were soon in an almost impassable condition. Cars were having difficulty in wending their way along the streets and pedestrians just had to like it. Monday night the weather changed and on Tuesday afternoon the roads were a glare of ice and snow was falling. Last week the thermometer ranged around the 12 below zero mark.

IN MEMORIAM

FENWICK — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William H. Fenwick, who passed away January 20th 1936.

Gone , dear Husband and Father;
gone forever.
How we miss your smiling face.
But you left us to remember
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed
How sweet the memory still—
But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill.
Sadly missed by his loving Wife
and family.

Baseball items are beginning to make their appearance. After all spring is not more than a couple of corners away.

Radio Tax Now $2.50

Radio inspectors are not authorized to invade the privacy of homes in search of extra radio sets under the new taxation regulations announced last week, Government authorities have stated.

"Radio inspectors will take the word of the householder regarding the number of sets in the homes," a Government officer said. "Certainly there will be no invasion of the homes. There may be a few who would evade the tax in this way, but we are confident of receiving honest answers from the vast majority."

"Our only intention is to spread the cost with regard for those who have the greatest ability to pay," the official said. "A Canadian's home is as much his castle as is the Englishman's home."

Transport Minister Howe announced that every radio set would be taxed, and that the previous arrangement whereby one license per home would cover all radios, does not apply.

Portlaw School

Grade 9 — Robert Nicholls.

Grade 8 — Stanley Taylor, Mabel Blackburn.

Grade 6 — James Nicholls, Fred Shier.

Grade 5 — Donald Sheardown, Robert Blakey, Victor White, Chester Plantt, Donald Meldrum.

Grade 4 — Evelyn Shier, Gordon Nicholls.

Grade 3 — Alvin Sheard, Doris Shier, D. A. Fisher, Earl Helmkay.

Grade 2 — Gwendolyn White, Winnie Shier , Evelyn Fisher, Herbert Shier, Mary Nicholls.

rade 1 — Lloyd Shier, Helen Sheard.

Teacher J. M. Little.

None will deny that winter weather is decidedly invigorating and that Canada's weather program has lots of variety.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Fred Ashton, Minister

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY—
10 a.m.—Bible School.
11 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7 p.m.—Gospel Service.

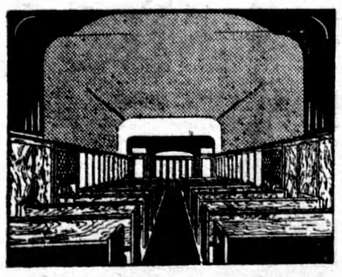
ROCK MILLS—
2 p.m.—Bible School.
3 p.m.—Divine Worship.
"O Come; Let us Worship the Lord in His Sanctuary."

St. John's United Church

"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"

FLESHERTON
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Public Worship.
12 noon — Sunday School.
Monday—8 p.m., Y.P.S.
Friday—7 to 9 p.m., Trail Rangers; 8 to 10 p.m., Young Men's Club; 8 p. m., Choir Practice.

CEYLON
1.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
2.30 p.m.—Public Worship
Wednesday—8 p.m., Choir Practice.



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