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Union Pre-Easter Services Here

Easter is one of Christianity's most important anniversaries. It is a time when christian rejoicing overleaps all denominational barriers and breaks forth in that triumphant strain "Christ the Lord is risen today; Hallelujah."

In order that we might better prepare our minds and hearts for this coming anniversary, the Flesherton United and Baptist churches have decided to unite in periods of meditation during the week prior to Easter, commencing Monday, April 11th. These meetings will be held in the United church each night of the week, except Saturday, beginning at 8 o'clock. Both ministers will be present each night and will alternate in bringing the messages.

A hearty invitation is extended to all our country and town people, young and old, irrespective of your local church affiliations. Let us make these services a time of inner examination and outward declaration of our love and loyalty to Him who died and rose again that we might live.

Cottage Burned At Sunnyside Beach

A fire of unknown origin burned the cottage belonging to Otto Clipperton, a week ago Monday night, at Sunnyside Beach.

The frame cottage was completely destroyed and no contents were saved from the building, with an estimated loss of from $1500 to $1800. Flames soared high in the air over the bay making it a spectacular sight. The fire was first seen about 10.30 p,m, and quite a number of spectators went out from Merford to see the blaze.

Mr. Clipperton is a French teacher in the Humberside Collegiate, Toronto. The loss of his cottage is the first major fire to occur on that beach and will be felt as a great loss to him. Many are of the belief that a transient has been making his quarters in the cottage and carelessly left matches or cigarette stubs lying around.—Meaford Mirror.

[Editor's note—Mr. Clipperton is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. G. Mitchell of town and is well known here.]

Outstanding Services

Unusually interesting services were held in St. John's United Church, when Rev. J. C. Cochrane, B.D., Superintendent of Missions for Northern Ontario delivered two addresses. At the morning service he dealt with critics of the church, taking his text from Samuel 2, chapter 16, verse 10: Let "him curse." His subject was handled in a most original way, and was much appreciated by a very interested congregation.

The evening service was given over to something in the nature of a travelogue in which the audience was taken into the new mining districts of north-western Quebec and Northern Ontario, where his field of operations is laid. A large number of very fine views were shown, which were very much appreciated by the people present, showing as they did the remarkable development of the north country during the past decade.

Most people prefer their candid criticism spell with an "e"—candied.

Artemesia Council

Council met at Flesherton on March 14th, 1938 with all the members present and the reeve presiding. The minutes of tht former meeting were read and on motion adopted.

Accounts presented and ordered paid were: H. Cairns, $3.50 relief; Dever Bros., $17.17 relief; Markdale Co-operative, $12.40 relief; Dever Bros., $3.30 relief; W. G. Watson, burial of indigent, $35.00. Tenders for crushing gravel and hauling same were received from Deacon and Proctor, D. L. Weber, T. A. McAsey, and from R. J. Vause and C. E. Moore for hauling. This contract was let to D. L. Weber, crushing 4000 yards at four different points at 33c per cubic yard and for hauling at 9c per yard per mile.

Stanley Patton presented a claim for two sheep killed, valued by A. Blackburn at $16.50 and payment was ordered. A financial report from the Artemesia Telephone System was received and ordered filed. Wilfred Magee asked for a refund of dog tax $2.00, charged in 1937, and payment was ordered. The treasurer presented an account of $1.50 for trip to Priceville on tax sale. Messrs. Stinson, Purvis, Davis and Cameron were allowed $11.20 expenses waiting on the Minister of Highways regarding subsidy on expenditure in 1937. The reeve and the road superintendent were paid $15.00 each for expenses, attending Good Roads Convention and Superintendents Convention. The reeve and clerk were authorized to sign agreement with the Hydro Electric Commission regarding fill on the 8th line. The Council adjourned.

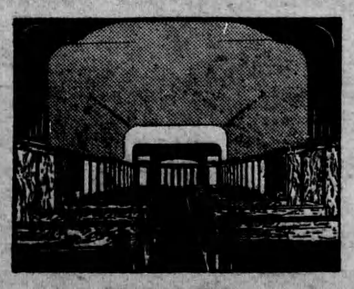
Meeting of Citizens

An important public meeting of the people of this village has been called by Reeve H. A. McCauley for Tuesday evening of next week at 7.30 p.m. in the town hall. Several questions will be up for discussion that are important to the citizens of the village, among them being the pasteurization of milk, a bill which was passed by the Legislature making it compulsory to pasteurize milk sold to householders in cities and towns. The unveiling of the war memorial erected in Memorial Park is to take place on Civic Holiday and arrangements for that and the celebration program during the day are to be made, so that this event will be another landmark in the history of the village. The half holiday during the summer and other items will be discussed. All citizens are urged to attend this meeting, because only with united effort can this summer's program be made the success which it warrants.

Magee-Arnott

The marriage of Amy Violetta Arnott, youngest daughter of Mr. Robt. Arnott of the 3rd line, Osprey, to Clinton Garnet Magee of the 8th line, Osprey, was performed in St. James' Church rectory by Rev. E. C. Rourke on Wednesday, March 30th, at 2 p.m. The bride was attired in a dark blue suit with navy accessories and wore a shoulder bouquet of sweet peas. Miss Cora Arnott, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. Stanley Magee was his brother's groomsman. Mr. and Mrs. Magee will make their home on the Maxwell gravel road.

Half-load regulations are in force on all highways.



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GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Talbot

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Talbot of the East Back Line, Artemesia, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Monday, April 4, quietly at their home. Mrs. Talbot was formerly Miss Frances LeGard, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles LeGard. She was born on the farm where she now resides. Mr. Talbot was a native of Proton township but has resided near Flesherton since his marriage. He has been one of our most esteemed citizens with an enviable record for honesty and honor in all his dealings. There is one son and one daughter, Lloyd, lives near his parents, and Velma, (Mrs. Earl Best) of Saugeen Junction. Many friends including The Advance join in wishing a continuation of many days of happy married life before being called upon to lay down the burden.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Blakeley

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blakeley of our village celebrated their golden wedding on Monday of this week, when a large number of friends called to offer congratulations and tender hearty wishes for many happy returns. In the evening the Board of St. John's United Church also called and enjoyed a cup of tea with this highly esteemed couple, Mr. Blakeley being an honorary member of the Board, on which he served faithfully for many years. Some beautiful flowers were in evidence including a large bouquet of narcissus and tulips from the Official Board of St. John's United church, a bouquet of roses from Mrs. Wm. Parker, another bouquet of roses from Mrs. Robert McIntyre of Osprey and an Easter lily from the Ladies' Aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakeley were married by the late Rev. J. W. Shilton, who was the Methodist minister here at that time. An interesting sidelight is the fact that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Talbot of Artemesia were also married the same day by the same minister, and on the same day in our sister town of Dundalk Mr. and Mrs. James Russell took the marriage vows, but Mrs. Russell passed away last fall. The bride Mr. Blakely chose for himself fifty years ago was Miss Grace Sharp, and together they settled at Inistioge, where they lived for several years, when they moved to the Thos. Sled farm, north of the village, remaining there for eight years, then sold the farm and purchased the John Whitten farm just south of the village. They again sold this farm and moved into Flesherton in 1916, where they have since resided. Mr. Blakeley took his part in the governing of the village when he served on the council for several terms. There were two children to the union, Garnet Wellesley and Gladys Irene. The former died at the age of seven years and Gladys at 14 years of age. Mr. Blakeley has three brothers and two sisters living, as follows: Guy of Winnipeg, John of Toronto, Andrew of North Dakota, Maggie (Mrs. Alfred Allen) of Montreal and Cassie (Mrs. W. Currie) of Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Blakeley is the last surviving member of the Sharp family.

Mr. Blakeley can give some very interesting reminiscenses of pioneer days. His father, the late Thomas Blakeley, helped to survey the township of Artemesia and was one of the very first white men who gazed on the rugged beauty of Eugenia Falls, and he often spoke of the thrill he experienced when he first looked on this beauty spot in the wilderness. Mr. Blakeley's father helped to organize and was a charter member of the first Orange Lodge in this district, the old and honored No. 244 at Inistioge, later moved to Proton Station. Mr. Joseph Blakeley has been a member of this Lodge since 1875 and was made an honorary member for his faithful work in the Lodge.

This esteemed couple have been members of the Methodist, later United, church for over 43 years and have been active in all branches of church work, and with their kindly attributes and sympathy with all good works, it is little wonder that they have earned the love and esteem of all with whom they came in contact.

The Advance adds its tribute of good will and wishes them many more years of happy companionship in the fading light of their march towards the sunset.

Emily Post, arbiter on etiquette, says it is all right to put crackers in the soup. In other words, soup with crackers not only tastes good but is good taste.

Turgeon Report Before Parliament

(By Miss A. C. Macphail, M.P.)

If the Press Gallery is right and a long Easter recess means a session running to July 1st, then we are in for it . We recess from April 8th to 25th. The length of the session isn't so bad; it's the heat of the last of it. Ottawa weather is curious. There's very little spring; it jumps right from winter into summer, and anything hotter than Parliament Hill in early July in hard to find.

There's no good reason why Parliament should sit more than four months at a time. If no one talked for effect, but all sought to further the business before the House, we could do an amazing amount of work in that time. But here we have T. L. Church — and I like Tommy a lot — railing against wasting of time, when, if every member talked as often as he does and as long, we would do well to get home for Christmas dinner.

The outstanding features of the week were Mr. King's promise of foreign policy after the Easter recess and his clarification of the Paris speech; Mr. Bennett's warning that another depression (this time called "recession") is upon us; the providing for relief of the drought-stricken areas in Western Canada, including seed for the spring sowing; the report of the Turgeon Commission, which has for two years been studying conditions in the textile industry; and the excitement of a division — the second vote in two months of talk.

Time was when two or three divisions a week was not uncommon, but now, when the government has a majority of a hundred, we seldom hear the Speaker's sonorous "Call in the members," the ringing of the bells to warn those in their offices, library and reading room that a vote is on, while those who are in the Chamber sing lustily "Alouette" or "My Wild Irish Rose." And to think I missed this one! I was preoccupied with my usual bout of spring 'flu.

Turgeon Textile Commission

When this Parliament was new, the Dominion Textile's rayon plant in Sherbrooke, Quebec, shut down, claiming that they could not compete with Japan, on account of the newly formed trade arrangement between Canada and that country. This caused the Mackenzie King government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the whole textile industry.

Mr. Justice Turgeon headed the Commission. It took in a very wide field, examining companies, their financial affairs and operating methods. A hundred and thirty witnesses gave evidence. The probe covered the rayon, cotton and woollen industries. The report, which is naturally voluminous, was tabled at the end of the weeks.

In the report Mr. Justice Turgeon emphasized the responsibility of an industry which enjoys tariff protection. It should, he said, demonstrate that its value to the community is equal to the sacrifice made by the community (by way of tariffs). Financially, the report states, the textile industry has fared well. It emerged from the depression in a condition that other industries might envy. (One Montreal company made nearly a hundred per cent yearly upon the original investment). Yet the hours of labor are comparable to those of labor in the Orient.

Strong ground was taken in regard to "secret reserves" which a number of companies have built up. It was not so much that there were reserves but that they were secret, making the financial statements of such companies seem what they were not. That is, when companies approach the government for more protection (they never approach it for less), their figures should be wholly reliable. If this were not so, the government and the people are asked to give special privilege where it may neither be required nor deserved.

Condemns "Watered" Stock

Commissioner Turgeon condemned also "watered" stocks. "In some cases these companies have succeeded in spite of the inflation (watered stock) in making profits out of their operations. This would tend to show that in those instances they could, on a proper capitalization, have prospered with less tariff protection than they received and that the consumer had been called upon to pay more than ought fairly to have been asked of him. In other cases the companies have come to grief and the loss has been borne by those who invested their money on the faith of a capital-

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Mrs. D. McTavish Died On Tuesday

Again has the grim reaper passed his blighting hand over this village and taken from our midst one who has for many years been a shining member of the social life of the village in the person of Mrs. D. McTavish, whose spirit fled its environment on Tuesday morning of this week while her sorrowing family was grouped around her bedside. Her departure was painless. On Friday she did not feel well and expressed to her son George the conviction that she would be gone home before Easter, when some of the children were expected home. The doctor was called and she was put to bed with a high temperature. Saturday morning she developed pneumonia and Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock the summons came.

Mrs. McTavish's maiden name was Mary Jane Stewart. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart of Flesherton. She was married to Mr. Daniel McTavish who kept a blacksmith shop here fifty years ago. They were married forty-nine years ago next 28th of May. The children left to mourn their heavy loss are Charles E. of Oshawa; George A. of Flesherton; Fred of Regina, Sask.; Muriel, (Mrs. Dr. Coleridge of Kingsville); Stewart of Oshawa; Cecil and Mary Margaret, (Mrs. John Nuhn) twins of Flesherton. Her living brothers and sisters are William, Charles, and Albert of Flesherton; Harry of St. Paul near Stratford; Annie, (Mrs. E. White, who is at present in Florida,) and Ella, (Mrs. Herb. Smith) of Meaford. The deceased lady was for nearly all her life a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a great favorite and staunch helper in all good works, but served her day without ostentation or pride. Surely "her good works do follow her."

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon of this week. Service at the home at 2 o'clock p.m.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my friends, also members of the Eastern Star for treats and kindness shown me during my recent illness.

Mrs. Delbert Hopkins.

Hydro Statement

Flesherton's thirteenth hydro bill which announces either a profit or loss on the year's operations arrived recently and while it shows the loca system to be in a flourishing condition, it does not show as great a net profit as other years, which is $30.88. The report shows that the earnings of the Flesherton system amounted to $5,170.97, with total operating costs and fixed charges $5,140.09, leaving a net balance of $30.88. The earnings of the system were down in 1937 by $241.42 to what they were in 1936, while the expenses were higher last year than in 1936 by $332.75. In 1936 the net surplus amounted to $605.05. Total assets of the Flesherton Hydro System amounted to $21,988.76, with liabilities of $2,589.13. The assets include the distribution system transformers meters, etc., and amount to $11,483.33; bank and cash balance of $4,872.51, accounts receivable of $223.58 and equity in H.E.P.C. system of $5,409.34. A year ago rates in the village were slightly reduced hence the reduction in the net surplus. If the System shows a reduction next year as large as this the rates will have to be raised to provide electric service at cost.

There are 199 consumers on the Flesherton Hydro System, made up of 145 using domestic service, 53 commercial service and one taking a power service.

Robt. J. Priestley Buys Butcher Shop

Mr. Robert J. Priestley of Maxwell, last week purchased the butcher business in town owned by Mr. Gordon Gilbraith, formerly the Wilson butcher shop, and opened for business on Monday. Mr. Priestley needs no introduction to the people of this district, in which he is widely known and highly respected. He has conducted a butcher shop at Maxwell for the past six years and sold recently to Mr. Jack Seeley of Dundalk. Bob has spent twelve years in the meat business and has been successful in his chosen field of labor. We welcome him to the business life of the village. He has rented an apartment from Mrs. McGeoch, near the shop, and will shortly move thereto.

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Pasteurization of Milk, Unveiling of Memorial, Half Holiday and Civic Holiday Program.

H. A. McCauley, Reeve