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Meeting Called For Those Interested in Junior Band

To all parents and others interested in the Flesherton Junior Bad:

A meeting is called for Friday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. in the office of Mr. W. J. Bellamy, in order to discuss the future of the band. It is important that all the parents of band members be present, as questions of vital common interest will be taken up. The summer will soon be here, the appeal of band music is then irrisistable. Owing to so many of our young men serving in the army, the bands in the smaller towns are breaking up. Let us build up our own organization. By all means turn out to this meeting.

William Littlejohns Was 89 Years Young January 22

We extend congratulations to Mr. Wm. Littlejohns, who on Monday celebrated his 89th birthday. He is a wonderful old man with every faculty functioning properly. At Present he is suffering from a bad toe but otherwise enjoys good health. He is one of the oldest residents in the locality, having come to this district with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Littlejohns. He was born near Brockville. Mrs. Littlejohns pased away in March of last year. Besides his son, William Littlejohns jr., and two daughters, Mrs. J. E. Walker of Markdale, and Mrs. C. C. Borden of Guelph, one brother, Thomas Littlejohns, and two sisters, Mrs. John Varty and Mrs. W. G. Coburn of Glenelg, are still living. Here's hoping that Mr. Littlejohns may long enjoy good health and happiness. —Markdale Standard.

DIED

HALES — At Presqu'lle, Ont., on Monday, January 29th, 1940, James Hales, aged 88 years. Deceased was a son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Hales, pioneers of Artemesia, and was born on the farm near Saugeen Jct. His wife predeceased him by five years. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Jane Riley, of Alliston. The funeral is taking place this Thursday from his late residence.

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Election On March 26

Canada is to have an election on Tuesday, March 26th. The notice of an early election came out of the blue to the members of Parliament summoned to convene on Thursday of last week for the regular and last session. No person, outside the Prime Minister, knew that an electio would come so soon, and the announcement left the members thunder-struck. Parliament was dissolved by the Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, and the decks are now being swept clear for action on March 26th.

In Grey-Bruce there are two candidates in the field, Mr. Walter Harris, Liberal, of Markdale and Mr. Karl Knechtel, Conservative, of Hanover. Miss Agnes Macphail, U.F.O.-Labor representative in the House of Commons will likely receive the nomination at a meeting being held at Hanover on February 10th. She will definitely be in the field for renomination. From now until election day there will be little discussion other that election topics, so the campaign should be a merry one.

United Church

MAXWELL CHARGE
REV. GEO. L. MERCER, B.D., D.D.
Minister
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1940

Services will be held as usual next Sunday:—

11 a.m.—Eugenia.
3 p.m.—Mt. Zion.
7.30 p.m.—Wareham.

The Church Schools will meet at the usual time.

NOTE:- There will no service next Sunday evening in Maxwell church.

The minister will continue his series of sermons in "What I Believe" and the themes for Sunday will be "What I believe about the church," and "What I believe about Regeneration."

Young People's Meetings
Eugenia (tonight).
Maxwell, Friday at 8 p.m.
Wareham, Tuesday, Feb. 6th.

Choir Practice
The Maxwell choir will meet for practice Thursday evening, Feb. 1st.

United Church

FLESHERTON
Minister,
REV. G. K. McMILLAN, B.A., B.D.

Next Sunday services will be held as usual at the following hours:

11.00 a.m.—Worship, Flesherton.
12.00—Sunday School, Flesherton.
2.00 p.m.—Sunday School, Ceylon.
3.00 p.m.—Worship, Ceylon.
7.00 p.m.—Worship, Flesherton.

Baptist Church Notes

REV. F. ASHTON, Pastor

SERVICES:

Flesherton:
11 A.M.—Worship.
12 noon—Bible School.
7 P.M.—Gospel Service.
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2 P.M.—Bible School.
3 P.M.—Divine Service.

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Thirty Years Married

(By our Maxwell Correspondent)

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Winters gathered on Friday evening to celebrate with them the 30th anniversary of their wedding. About 45 were in attendannce. The evening was spent in singing, speeches and readings. Mrs. Gertie Seeley read the following address:

Dear Jim and Jessie,- We your old friends and neighbors have met here tonight on your 30th wedding anniversary to extend to you our very best wishes, and we hope and trust that you both may be spared to celebrate many more anniversaries together. And so, Jessie, as a slight remembrance we ask you to accept this bedspread and you, Jim, this smoking sett, and may you both have as much pleasure from these gifts as we have in giving them to you.

(Signed) Your Maxwell Friends.

Mrs. Wm. Benson made the presentation. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and a very fine social time was enjoyed.

Nominating Convention

The U.F.O.-Labor Convention will be held on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 10, in the Hanover town hall, to choose a candidate for the federal election. Miss Agnes Macphail and others will address the gathering.

Jos. Crutchly, Pres.
Wm. C. Bierworthy, Sec.

WARDEN OF SIMCOE SUCCESSFUL FARMER

Although he was born on Friday, the thirteenth, Percival Albert Neff, popularly known to his friends as "Percy," had not been pursed by ill luck all his life. On the contrary, he has had a steady rise to fame that is now his as Chief Magistrate of the County of Simcoe in 1940.

Warden Neff and his only son, Donald A. Neff, are masters of 500 acres of the best farm land in Nottawasaga township, the farm being located on lot 17, con. 12, at Singhampton, on the extreme westerly boundary of Simcoe County, where it meets Grey County.

His Worship was born in Nottawasage, two miles from where he now resides, on November 13, 1882, and has lived there all his life. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neff, who were both of United Empire Loyalist stock, of Scotch and Irish descent. He attended the old Pine Tree school, S.S. 16, Nottawasaga, and then was the only one of the six boys in the family to remain on the family acres. The five others moved to all parts of the Dominion.

Mixed farming has been his long suit, with good horses a backbone of the business. "I know a horse when I see one," the Warden will modestly admit if you ask him. He used to show Clydesdale horses in the prize ring.

Warden Neff is entering his 13th year in municipal life. After spending three years as a township councillor, he held the deputy reeveship for five years, and is now entering his fifth year as reeve, a few weeks ago, produced a majority of 342, and he got all but seven of the votes at the Singhampton poll. He has had to face the ballot box only four times, three times as a deputy reeve, and once as reeve.

Warden Neff has been a popular and able member of the County Council for the past nine years. He was chairman of the Equalization of Assessment Committee, and latterly, the County Good Roads Committee of which he was chairman.

Due partly to his guidance, the township of Nottawasaga holds one of the best finacial positions of any township in the County. It actually has a surplus in the bank and has no debts. This sounds like sound administration.

In social affairs, Warden Neff is a member of the United Church; Nitetis Lodge No. 444, A.F. & A.M., Creemore; Scottish Rite, Valley of Barrie; L.O.L. No. 586, Singhampton. He is traditionally a Conservative in politics; in fact, most of the people around Singhampton are Tories, judging by the results that come forth each election.

Warden Neff was married on Dec. 21, 1911, to Margaret McQueen of Osprey township of Osprey, Grey county, and they have one son, Donald A. Neff, whose farm is located next to his father's. He also has five brothers and two sisters.

Information Denied Federal Members

We are going to have a federal election. In the winter itme. The first mid-winter election since the days of Sir John A. McDonald. Mr. King has been informed that the roads will not be broken up by the 26th of March. Someone has blundered. They forgot to inform him that until then they will only be blocked.

And all because Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, Premier of Ontario, railroaded a resolution through the Legislature censuring the federal government. Many of his followers didn't support it, but they also didn't oppose it, and the incident became world news.

But let us begin at the beginning. We are at war. We had a war-time session of six days in September. The government, at that time, asked that no statements or enquiries be made which might strengthen the enemy. We were to be good and leave everything to the administration. Vote the money and go home. We did and went. In reward for such docile behavior, we, the members of the House of Commons, were to be allowed to ask questions and voice criticism when Parliament met again.

But would Parliament meet again before a general election? To make sure of it, Dr. Manion asked the Prime Minister, Mr. William Lyon Mackenzie King, if he would give an undertaking (an over-worked Parliamentary term) that Parliament would be called again before the general election. He did. "He" meaning the Prime Minister and "did" meaning that Parliament would be called.

That the letter of the promise be kept, though the spirit broken, M.P.'s and Senators were called from all over this great country. The stenographic staff, messenger, restaurant, cleaning staffs assembled. In short, the parliamentary machinery was oiled for a session of at least a few months; a grave, responsible session when through the medium of Parliament the people of Canada would be informed of their government's war-time effort and preparation for the future, both at home and abroad. Instead, we got a four-hour session, with no questions asked, no information given; only three speeches: Mr. King's carefully prepared political speech and Dr. Manion's and Mr. Woodsworth's extemporaneous, indignant replies. The epitaph of the session might well be:

'If soon I would be done for,
What on earth was I begun for?"

Life is a fascinating adventure, where change, chance, shock and opportunity lie in wait to test the fibre of the adventurer.

When we met in the Commons Chamber to await the summons to the Senate by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, the unsuspecting members greeted each other with affability, all unconscious of the imminent dissolution. Even when we gathered at the bar of the Senate to hear the Throne Speech many did not hear the words "Immedaite appeal to the country." The space is cramped and it is almost impossible to hear the Governor-General read at the distance we must stand from him. M.P.'s are not allowed within the bar of the Senate.

At the very last minute before we went to the Senate, I had promised to introduce the Reverend Mr. Brown, late moderator of the Presbyterian Church and newly elected member for Saskatoon. It is a little ceremony which takes place when a new member, elected in a bye-election, enters the House. Not being able to hear distinctly, I was going over in my mind the required formula, so the bombshell didn't hit me until we were back in the Commons and had formally introduced Walter George Brown. The stickler in the formula was this. It runs: "I have the honor to introduce . . . member for . . . who has taken the oath, signed the roll and now claims the right to take his seat." I was terrified lest I say: " . . . signed the oath, taken the roll . . . " Isn't life just like that?

So there we are. The election is on. The government is in control. Under the War Measures Act, and by Orders in Council, they can do almost anything they like and stop other people doing what they don't like.

The information Parliament was entitled to has been withheld. The sessional indemnity, which would have enabled poor members to fight a clean election was also withheld. Instead, we got a cheque for twenty-five dollars. Democracy, liberty and freedom has been injured in the house of its so-called friends and Parliament flouted to its face by a Prime Minister whose favorite phrase is: "Parliament will decide."

—AGNES C. MACPHAIL.

Ottawa, Saturday
January 27th, 1940

Osprey Council

The inaugral meeting of the Osprey Municipal Council, was held in Feversham, on Monday. January 8, and after making and subscribing to the declaration of office, the Reeve, Mr. Hutshinson, took the chair, and in a short address outlined some of the work which will come under the jurisdiction of the Council in the coming year, and also stressed the point that expenditures must be kept to the lowest point possible with good business principals. The other members were called on to make short address which was done, after which the following business was done.

By law No. 1 was passed, to authorize the borrowing of $23,500 from the Bank of Toronto, as required.

By law No. 2, appointing Mr. Morton Sayers as the local member of the Board of Health for 1940.

By law No. 3, providing for expenditures of $11,000 on Township roads for 1940.

By law No. 4, appointing attendance officers for schools as follows: Schools Nos., 1, 2, 12, Clayton Sprott; 3, 8, 10, 14, Wm. Kendall; 4, 9, 11, Wm. Harbrave; 5, 6, 7, George Burk.

A donation of $10 was made to the Hospital for Sick Childen. Toronto, and the Army Rescue Home, London.

General accounts ordered paid were: S. McDonald, relief, $14.00; Hy Marsden, relief $14.00; L. Hambly, relief, $10.00; J. Izard, relief, $12.00; W. Parker, relief, $16.00; E. J. Walters, relief, account with Mrs. Banerman, $7.31; M. Sayers, expenses to Owen Sonud, $3.00; A. Hutchinson, expenses to Owen Sound, and car hire, $8.;00; Treas. Good Roads Assoc. fees, $5.00; Treas. Rural Municipalities Assoc., fees $5.00; S. McInnes, refund error in assessment, $6.48; E. Taylor, refund error in assessment, 1938, $26.66; Treasurer Maxwell L. O. L. hall for nomination meeting, $5.00; Treas. township Euphrasia, relief, account with E. Miller, $2.27; Mrs. Geo. Priestly, care of E. Miller, $12.00; Treas. Hospital for Sick Children, grant, $10.00; Treas. Savation Army Recue Home, grant, $10.00; Treas. Feversham L. O. L. hall, for short course, $20.00; J. W. Robinson, hall for short course, $5.00; E. Robinson postage, $6.00.

The road Supt. presented voucher no. 1, amounting to $144.00, which was ordered paid.

On motion it was decided to hold all regular meetings at Feversham, on the second Saturday, of each month, during the year.

Council adjourned.

C. N. Long. Clerk-Treas.

County Roads Must Be Sixty-Six Feet Wide

The county of Grey will start no construction work on any roads that have less distance between the fences than 66 feet, it was decided by that body at County Council. A recommendation to that effect was included in the report of the Roads Committee, and after some discussion it was endorsed by council members. It was pointed out that some of the township roads that have been taken over as county roads in the last few years have not the required width. Farmers have built their fences on the right of way, in some instances cutting the width of the road considerably in some places. Some of the reeves present announced that they had notified property owners who had trespassed in this fashion, to move their fences back to the line, but there was some doubt as to how far the county could go towards forcing them to do so. Some townships have had surveys of the situation made by their fence viewers, and when farm owners had not acted on the instruction of these, the work had been done by the township and billed to the owners.

The outlook in the automobile trade is encouraging as there are still many houses that haven't been mortgaged to buy cars.

Funeral of Wm. J. Meads Held Friday

Death came quietly to Mr. William J. Meads, highly repsected citizen of Artemesia township, at the home of his son, William R. Meads, early on Wednesday morning of last week, at the advanced age of 80 years.

The late Mr. Meads was born in Hamilton on July 6th, 1859, and came with his parents to Artemesia township when he was five years of age. settling on the Old Durham Road, on the farm now occupied by his son, W. R. Here he resided all his life until he moved to Flesherton in 1921. In 1887 he married Maria Oliver, daughter of the late Robert and Emma Oliver. To them were born six children: Ella (Mrs. Will Gibson), who died 11 years ago, John of the O.D.R., Artemesia, William R. on the old homestead, Emma, widow of the late James Ferris, of Toronto, and Robert and Joseph of Toronto. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Joseph Oliver, of the O.D.R. Since the death of his wife in Flesherton five years ago, when he suffered a stroke, he has been residing with his son, William R.

The late Mr. Meads and Mrs. Meads moved to Flesherton in 1921 and were excellent citizens. Mr. Meads was a member of Artemesia Council for a number of years and served as Deputy Reeve for one year and was the Reeve of Artemesia when he moved to Flesherton, retiring at the end of his term. He was also Reeve of Flesherton for the years 1925 and 1926. He had a sincere disposition and held the highest principals and ideals of service to his fellow man. His integrity was unquestionable and he made many warm friends who were sorry to see him in ill health for the past five years the last two of which he was bedfast. He was a member of St. John's United Church, which he regularly attended when in good health and was also member of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, A.F.& A.M., in which he held office at various times.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, service being held at his late residence at 1.30 p.m. Rev. A. R. Muir, pastor of St Columba United Church, Priceville, conducted the services at the home and cemetery. The hymns sung were favorites of the deceased: "Abide With Me," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Interment was made in the family plot in Evergreen Cemetery, South Line. The members of Prince Arthur Lodge also conducted their burial ceremony at the home and cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. W. Williamson, P Muir, A. Blackburn, G. Cains, F. Collinson, G. Arrowsmith, H. Corbett and M. S. McLeod.

Saving of $19,365 for Grey County Sanitarium Fees

Statistics released recently by Hon. Harold J. Kirby, Ontario Minister of Health, indicate that the municipalities of the province have been saved considerable money during the past two years as the result of the province assuming the total cost of the maintenance charges in connection with people sent to the various sanitoria. Formerly the municipality paid 50 per cent of the cost and the province the balance, but now the latter pays 100 per cent.

It is estimated that during 1939, counties, districts and local municipalities were saved $1,607,019, this estimate being based on a total of 5,249 patients treated 1,071,346 patient days at a saving of $.50 per day.

In the figures which have been given all municipalities situated in the counties are included, thus Owen Sound will be included in the county of Grey for this purpose. The saving to Grey county in 1939 was $19,363.

IN MEMORIAM

CROFT — In loving memory of our dear father, Robert J. Croft, who died January 31st, 1930.

Ten years have passed since that sad day
When our dear daddy was called away.

— Lovingly remembered by his daughters.

Mrs. A. Saulter and Mr. Donald Gillies were the winners in the "Old Time Waltz" at the Tenth Annual Dance of the Priceville Old Boys and Girls Assoc. in Toronto on Jan. 26 1940.