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National Registration

Mrs. J. A. Richards and Mr. K. G. Betts of Flesherton have charge of the National Registration in the village from August 19th to 21st. They will need assistance in this work and and person who is free to assist are urged to communcate with Mr. Betts and offer their services. A number will be needed each day, so as to make the work as light as possible. Registration for Flesherton will be held in the Fraternal Hall, while in the townships registration will be at usual polling places. All persons 16 years of age and over are to register at the appointed places some time during those three days and they will receive a card denoting that they have registered. This registration is different from a census, as those registering go to the appointed place, in place of the enumerators going from house to house.

DRIVERS WITHOUT PROPER LICENSES PICKED UP MONDAY

On orders from the Ontario Attorney-Geneal's department Provincial Constable Harold Black of Flesherton was busily engaged checking up on drivers' permits on the holiday. In Flesherton he found seven young men and one lady driver without a permit or had failed to have their 1939 licenses renewed.

PRODUCTION OF BREN GUNS STEADILF GAINS IN CANADA

The output of Bren guns in July virtually doubled the revised schedule arranged about six months ahead of the date originally planned, according to Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. The results achieved to date indicate that within six months the monthly production may be six times as great as that originally ulanned.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY CRUISE

On Friday, August 9th, the C.P.R. flagship "Assiniboia" will make a special cruise from Owen Sound to Midland via Nottawasaga Bay. Leaves at 8.30 a.m., returns at 10 p.m. Fare $2; children $1. Secure tickets from Daily Sun-Times, Owen Sound.

VANDELEUR GARDEN PARTY

Vadneleur garden party will be held Thursday, Aug. 8th. Supper 6 to 8.5. First United Church, Owen Sound, will present their play "The Laughing Cure." Music between acts. Admission: 25c and 10c.

Flesherton Baptist Church
Minister: Rev. Fred Ashton

Services—Flesherton.
Sunday 11 a.m.—Worship.
12 noon—Bible School.
Rock Mills:
2 p.m.—Bible School.
3 p.m.—Worship.

Maxwell United Church
REV. GEO. L. MERCER, B.D., D.D.
Minister

Services:
11 a.m.—Eugenia.
2 p.m.—Mt. Zion.
3.30 p.m.—Wareham.
7.30 p.m.—Maxwell.

Flesherton United Church
REV. G. K. McMILLAN, B.A., B.D.
Minister

10.00 a.m.—Worship, Ceylon.
11.00 a.m.—Worship, Flesherton.
7.00 p.m.—Worship, Flesherton.

George Beecroft Died On Sunday

George Beecroft, one of Atemesia's oldest residents, passed away on Sunday at the home of his son, John Beecroft, 146—2nd avenue east, Owen Sound. He was in his 90th year. Deceased had been ill for four weeks prior to his death. News of his passing was received with deep regret by a wide circle of friends, both in Owen Sound, where he has resded for thirteen years and in Flesherton, where he had previously lived.

Deceased was born in Nottawasaga Township, near Collingwood, and his father, the late Edward Beecroft, was one of the pioneers of that section. As a young man the late George Beecroft moved to Flesherton where he farmed. He went to Owen Sound thirteen years ago to make his home with his son.

The late Mr. Beecroft was thrice married. His first wife was Mary McKechnie of Priceville, to whom he was married in 1878, and who predeceased him in 1894. To this union were born three children, Edward, now deceased, John, now living in Owen Sound, and Mary, now Mrs. Salisbury of Sarnia.

His second marriage was to Mina McLean of Kimberley, who predeceased him in 1902. There were no children born to this marriage. Twenty years later he was married a third time, to Mrs. Mary Fenwick, who also predeceased him.

Besides his son and daughter, the late Mr. Beecroft is survived by two brother, Thomas of Collingwood, and John, in the United States.

In religion the late Mr. Beecroft was a devout Baptist. He was a deacon of Flesherton Baptist Church for many years and since going to Owen Sound had attended the South End Baptist Church.

The funeral services will be held from his late residence, 146—2nd avenue east, Owen Sound, on Wednesday, August 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

Presentation To Bride

A very enjoyable surprise party was held for Mrs. Wm. Hyslop (nee Nora Holley) of Markdale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eagles, Springhill, on Tuesday evening of last week, by her friends of Markdale and vicinity. A happy time was spent with games being played on the lawn, as well as in the house. A mock wedding was held, with Miss Ada Eagles as groom and Mr. K. Stewart as bride, while little Miss D. Cook of Detroit acted as flower girl and Miss Gladys McFadden very ably took her place as the minister. Following the wedding Nora was presented with a lovely satin comforter and an address, which was read by Miss Ella Winterburn. Nora was completely taken by surprise, but very ably thanked her friends for their kindness, on behalf of herself and Bill, for the lovely gift. Mr. Hyslop is overseas with the Canadian engineers. Lunch was served by Misses Isobelle Torrie and Ruby Allison, assisted by the hostess.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Falconer and son, George, wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kind sympathy and help at the time of their loss by fire.

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Large Crowd At Feversham For Big Celebration

Feversham old boys and girls held their fifth annual reunion at Feversham on Monday (Civic Holiday) and large crowds attended the festivities throughout the day. People who resided in the district many years ago were again present renewing friendships of their youth, and those of the younger generation renewed familiar scenes, which draw them back home in increasing numbers each year.

The proceedings opened on Sunday afternoon with a religious service in the Agricultural Park, at which the resident ministers presided. Rev. Thompson, Presbyterian student minister, had charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. McNickol of the Gospel Workers' Church, and Rev. N. Dinnick of the Baptist Church. Mr. Arthur Brownridge of Stayner also gave a short but appreciative address. The Feversham male choir gave several selections, with Mrs. Wm. Heitman presiding at the organ.

Fun and frolic opened the big Monday program, when a calithumpian parade was held, the best yet, and better than many held in larger centres, The parade formed shortly after one o'clock and was headed by the Dundalk band, which provided music throughout the afternoon. The outstanding comical feature was the actions of a horse formed by two boys, who brought howls of laughter with their antics. Twelve girls were dressed in red, wite and blue costumes to represent the countries of the British Empire, which drew much favorable comment. Other items represented were the Quintuplets, the hanging in effigy of Hitler and numerous noisy bands.

The feature of this Feversham gathering is the presentation of the older people of the community and visitors, among them being Mr. Joseph Allison of Toronto, 88 years of age, who was the oldest "old boy" on the grounds; three chums who attended S. S. No. 6, Osprey, together, Messrs. John Poole, Henry Buckingham and Chris Thomson; Geo. Mitchell of Flesherton, who taught the Feversham school some fifty years ago; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffatt; Alex. Morrison; Mrs. Jos. Henderson (Mary Heron) of Toronto; Mr. George Burk and two old boys (not so old, either) Harvey Perigoe of Toronto and Chas. Perigoe of Malton. The presentation of these old residents was made by Mr. C. N. Long, who was Master of Ceremonies for the day.

Races were held for all children 10 years and under and prizes were awarded to the victors in the various events.

Two softball games were held, the first between Flesherton and Feversham in which the visitors were victors 12-7 and the second between the Flesherton team and the old boys from Toronto, in which the latter won 9-7, in a real good game.

A splendid concert was held in the Agricultural Hall in the evening, featuring local talent, and the large hall was more than crowded, many being unable to find room inside. Among the numbers were an instrumental by Mrs. W. R. Colquette of Owen Sound, while Mr. Colquette gave a comic song and also had charge of the community singing. A son and daughter of Mr. Fred Brackenbury of Owen Sound, an old boy, gave a violin duet and Miss Queenie Kaitting gave a reading. Misses Ruth Francis, Donna Osborne and Doris Springgay featured with a song and Miss Yvonne Davidson also gave a solo. Messrs. Jas. Davidson and Harold Osborne sang "I Am Old and Always in The Way," and acted the parts to the great amusement of the audience. The draw for the quilt made by the Buckingham Community Club was made and Mr. Ed. Seeley of Maxwell was the lucky winner.

Dancing was held following the concert to music supplied by Florence Sauer and her fine orchestra from Mildmay. The dance was the largest attended in Feversham for years.

The big day Monday was voted a huge success, all events being run off with a precision that spoke of careful planning. The noted part of the program was that everything was free, except the dance but a silver collection was taken at the concert. Everybody saw many friends they had not seen for some time and all voted the reunion the best yet held.

Fine Amateur Program

Last Wednesday night's amateur program was a real treat to a large crowd which was in Flesherton that night. Toronto talent provided a real fine evening's entertainment, the quality of which was excellent. Mr. Ernie Holmes, who plays over radio station CHML, gave several fine cowboy selections, accompanying himself on the guitar. Mr. Wm. Pennycroft of Toronto gave selections with the Hawaiian guitar, which were also heartily applauded. Miss Duffie gave a couple of soprano solos that were greatly enjoyed and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jarrett. Mr. Wm. Fleming, who assisted at the Red Cross carnival on July 1st, gave a couple of readings, read extracts from his scrap book and made a perfect Master of Ceremonies. The work and interest of these Toronto friends is greatly appreciated by the committee, as they gave their talents free, Mr. H. W. Kernahan bringing them up and returning them to Toronto. We would be pleased to have them visit us another time.

Priceville Talent To Give Concert Aug. 14

Another special amateur night will be held in Flesherton on Wednesday night, August 14th, when Priceville artists will give the amateur program. There are some splendid artists in Priceville district; if their program is better than the one presented by Feversham three weeks ago it will be extra good. Don't fail to be in town that night for this program.

Mrs. R. Strain Dies

On Wednesday, July 24th, after an illness of three months, there passed away in Port Alberni, B. C., Janet Holman, widow of the late Richard Strain, of Minto, Man.

Mrs. Strain was born near Woodstock, Ont., August 11th, 1860. At the age of nine years she, with her parents, moved to Grey County and settled near Flesherton. In 1881 she was married to Richard Strain and eleven years later went west to join her husband who had taken a homestead. She moved to the coast and became a resident of Vistoria, B.C., until a few years ago when she moved to Port Alberni to be near her son Percy. She was a lifelong Christian and was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria.

Two sons, Ernest of Minto, and Percy of Port Alberni and one daughter, Pearl (Mrs. N. B. Wallace) of Vancouver are bereaved; also one brother, Rev. David Holman of Michigan and one sister, Mrs. John Chard, of Cloverdale, B.C.

DIED

ROBINSON — At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Milton Bannon, No. 10 Highway, on Tuesday, August 6th, 1940, Margaret Hannah, widow of the late James Robinson, aged 81 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, August 8th. After a short service at the house, a public service will be held in Bethel United church at 2.30 p.m. Interment will be made in Bethel Cemetery.

MARRIED

McDonald—Thistlethwaite— In Toronto on Saturday, August 3rd, 1940, Miss Nellie Jane Thistlethwaite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thistlethwaite of Flesherton, to Mr. Bruce McDonald, both of Toronto. The young couple left by motor for a honeymoon trip and on their return will reside in Toronto.

With so much confusion and promoted propaganda in the world, one of the great needs of the day is clear thinking.

Hon. Colin Campbell has been promoted to the rank of major while Mayor David Croll, his former cabinet colleague is still a private. Better get a hustle on Dave!

MT. ZION RASPBERRY SOCIAL

A raspberry social will be held at Mt. Zion Church Thursday evening, Aug. 8th. Inistioge young people will present the play "Lena Rivers.,' Ball game prior to social. Admission: 25c and 15c.

Battalion Leaves For Camp Next Week

The local company of the 2nd Batt. of the Grey and Simcoe Foresters is making fine progress in their drilling at the Markdale armories, which is being held three nights a week prior to leaving for camp. Major Wm. Turney of Flesherton is in command of the company and is assisted by Lieut. F. J. Thurston of Flesherton and Lieut. F. D. Sawyer of Markdale, while K. G. Gemmell of the Hydro staff, Markdale, is acting Sergt. Major. The battalion leaves for camp this coming Monday morning, Aug. 12th, and will likely travel by bus and reach their destination in time for the noon meal. The company will be going into camp 150 strong, with about 90 men from Markdale centre and 60 from Durham, under Lieut. B. Jamieson. This district has done remarkably well in enlistments for the battalion and all ranks are taking a deep interest in the work with the idea that they will make their own particular platoon the best in the company. Next week we expect to give a full list of those in camp from this district.

Caught Brown Trout

A fine large German Brown trout was caught in the Eugenia Hydro lake over the week end by Mr. Jack Sutton manager of Simpson's sporting goods department, Toronto. The trout measured 15 inches in length 10 inches in girth and weighed two and one half pounds. This is the first Brown trout known to have been caught at the Hydro Pond. There have not been any fingerlings deposited there, but a few may have slipped in when the pond was being restocked. More of these trout would do well in some of our rivers where the Speckled Trout will not thrive.

Soldier Letters

Last week we received an interesting letter from a former employee of this office, Harry Frost, who wrote the editor from a bed in the Canadian hospital in England Harry escaped the bursting of two bombs which fell near him in an air raid, but was caught by a motor cycle when it crashed into him and laid him up in the hospital for a couple of weeks. Harry gives a fine word for the Canadian nurses in the hospital. He mentions them being carefully trained, of neat appearance and all of them with very nice dispositions. We were pleased to hear from Harry, as it is twenty years since we have heard from him and did not know that he had again donned the uniform. He was in the last war and came back home in good condition.

An interesting letter was received from Sergt. W. S. Kerton of the first Anti-Tank Company in England by C. J. Bellamy, which told of his experience when his unit was fortunate to escape from France at the last minute when they went in to assist in stemming the German advance just prior to their capitulation. Bill says:

"We had a swell trip to France, but it didn't last long. Everyone had a swell time and we were lucky to outmanoeuver Jerry the way we did. We sure had horseshoes and four-leaf clovers and very other thing that is supposed to be lucky to us, as his tanks were supposed to have cut us off at one place. We commandeered a train and Serg.-Mayjor Laurie acted as engineer. Capt. King and Major Hendry fired the engine and Capt. Griffith sat on the tender with a Tommy gun on the engine crew. I asked him if he was sobosing his way and he said "Yes, and no conductor is going to put me off, either. We left one man in France in the hospital and as the Germans entered the town as soon as we left, I guess he is a prisoner of war and that will mean a nice long stay.

"Jerry's bombers come over night and day, but he dosn't seem to have much luck .Our Spitfires and Hurricanes are much superior and are on his tail as soon as he arrives, and he usually drops his load and gets out without trying to pick his target too closely. The odd one makes a good showing."

Bill stated that they are now called called "McNaughton's Flying Circus" they had moved all over England and are still moving.

SWEEPING FOR MINES ROUND ANADA'S PORTS RISKY, BUT MONOTONOUS

Most monotonous job in the Royal Canadian Navy is performed by the stubby-hulled little vessels that buck the gales of the Atlantic to keep from mines.

Hour after hour, summer and winter, they wallow and strain through the seas dragging their mine-sweeping equipment behind them. Their crews know that, at present, their chances of snaring a mine are small, but they also know that a crop of death might be sown beneath the surface of the sea at any time. On the Atlantic coast these minesweepers keep clean some of the busiest shipping channels in the world, channels that carry men and material f countless value to the Motherland in her life-and-death struggle.

The day of a minesweeper starts shortly after the first rays of the sun spread across the chilly waters of the North Atlantic. Even during these summer days the ocean winds are cool enough to make necessary the wearing of heavy coats and mufflers. The skipper has already received a chart telling him when channels must be swept during the day. The sweepers usually work in teams of three and four. The senior ship takes the lead and the others spread out behnd her in echelon so that each sweeps part of a wide cannel.

The mine-sweeping equipment is so arranged that anchored mines are snipped from their moorings whenever the long drag-line comes into contact with their cables, and guides them to the special cutting apparatus. When they bob to the surface after their line has been severed, they may be destroyed with rifle fire or perhaps taken with extreme care into port for examination.

Each minesweeper carries on its foward deck a gun capable of delivering a severe blow if the necessity arises. At the stern are carried a number of depth charges. They are thus prepared for encounters with submarines, whether the latter be on the surface or under water.

Stout little ships, they operate in all kinds of weather conditions with the exception of dense fog, when a mine might be cut adrift without the knowledge of the crew. Possibility of collision is another of the factors keeping the minesweeper in port when the fog banks roll in from the Atlantic.

When weather conditions are favorable, the sweepers labor up and down the channels from dawn until far past the setting of the sun. Not until actual darkness has arrived do they point their blunt steel noses homeward. Then they wait until sunrise for another trip in search of the black globes of destruction which may be lurking beneath the surface of the sea.

Band Concerts Sunday

Flesherton and district is to have a real musical treat on Sunday afternoon and evening next, when the Harriston band is coming over to enjoy an outing and incidentally give us two musical concerts. The first concert will be held at 3 p.m. and the second at 8 o'clock p.m. The public is cordially invited to come to the Flesherton Memorial Park Sunday and enjoy the concerts. The Harriston band is led by Mr. T. C. Blakeley, well known old Flesherton boy.

FIFTH COLUMNISTS AT CHESLEY

From all reports there are a number of fifth columnists in our neighboring town of Chesley, especially among the German population and they appear to be showing their hand in brazen way. Rev. J. Fleming, minister of Geneva Presbyterian Church, has recently delivered strong and stirring sermons against the Nazi regime and is also president of the Chesley Legion. The pro-Nazi element evidently resents his stand and recently retaliated by stealing the Communion Silverware from his church and are said to have left a note stating that if he did not desist, more damage would be done. This incident was reported to the Leader, and if true, the authorities should take immediate steps to clean up the mess and intern the guilty parties.

The most frequent offence in car driving is pulling away from the curb without giving any signal of the intention to do so. People who are otherwise quite sensible keep on doing it.