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The Guarantee of Freedom

This is the closing editorial of a series which was designed to provide our readers with a better understanding of the functions of the press which serves their community. An attempt has been made to deal briefly, simply and adequately with the many phases and relationships between the newspaper and the territory it serves. It is not without purpose that this editorial has been left until the last, because in a sense it sums up what has been said in the previous editorials about the aims, objects, ideals and problems of the community weekly newspaper.

The purpose of this series has been to give a glimpse of the intangible things about a newspaper — the soul if you will. For the newspaper has a soul, that is what makes it such an important asset in the district it serves. We borrow words from another writer to explain just why we believe that your newspaper is your guarantee of freedom.

"I am the guarantee of the Canadian way of liberty — the way of equal opportunity — the way of free enterprise — the divine way and the true way of national well-being and upward advancement.

"Weekly I go into your home — in winter and summer, in spring and fall. I chronicle your birth, your marriage, your death, and the intervening years which mean for sorrow or joy, depression or exaltation, health or pestilence, poverty or wealth, weakness or sertngth.

"Freeborn am I and true to my heritage. I am not the subservient carrier of propaganda which enabled a Hitler to become the master of Germany, nor am I the complacant press which contributed to the downfall of France. I am a friendly visitor. You'll find me constantly at your right hand, week after week. I have character, even when I hurt you, I know you would not have me spineless.

"I provide you with specific public service. I support to the last drop of ink your charities, your Red Cross drives' your school, your church, and your service organizations. Yes, I assist in the building of community character.

"Through advertising I promote your trade, move your commodities, advanc your living standards. I am a bit bashful about mentioning these things, but I want you to rest assured that I am your friend.

"I am the Canadian home town newspaper, and without me your liberties would vanish."

Proton Women's Institute

On May 29th, the monthly meeting of Proton W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. N. R. McCannell, when 13 members and five visitors were present. Mrs. Chas. Moore, the newly leected president, occupied the chair.

The meeting was opened by the Ode, followed by prayer. Roll call was answered by payment of fees. Minutes of the last meeting were read and communications and letter of appreciation were read. Mrs. Herb Corbett gave some interesting items of current events.

Following the business part of the program, Doris Bannon gave a talk based on "England's Hour," by Vera Brittain. This dealt with the position of the pacifist in England, the plight of evacuated women and children, and gave a vivid picture of the blitzkreig as seen through the author's eyes.

It was decided to quilt three tops at the hall at Proton on Tuesday, June 10th We expect to start in the morning and would like a goodly number of ladies to help with this Red Cross work.

Mrs. Bert Hodgins was lucky enough to get both a first and second prize for the two contests held during the social hour.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction, followed by the National Anthem.

The school boy who wrote that a spinster is a bachelor's wife did not get a pass mark.

In these days when income tax exemptions are being eagerly sought, Oliva Dionne is in preferred position.

Two cases of German measles are reported in Stratford, and the folk do not know whether to call the doctor or notify the R.C.M.P.

Sixtieth Birthday

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merchant, postmaster, insurance agent and clerical man-about-town for so many years. He was a builder. No descendants bear his name. Was brother of the well-known Dr. T. S. Sproule, M.P., of Markdale, who was head of the Orange Order in British North America, and at his death a Senator.

Robert Trimble, pioneer merchant, gone these many years, and father of the late W. W. Trimble, postmaster for many years prior to his death several years ago.

Henry Flesher, painter and woollen mill. His father was W. K. Flesher, founder of Flesherton.

J. E. Moore, furniture dealer, moved to California 43 years ago.

Thos. Leitch, retired tailor, and his son, Charlie, who was a tailor and built the present Advance office building, later moving to Winnipeg.

Jas. Sullivan, early tinsmith, with family scattered in Canada and the U.S.A. for many years.

Elias VanZant, marble cutter and band leader.

Robert Clark, blacksmith, father of our townsman, Robert Clark.

Wm. Wright, general merchant and later cattle buyer.

Wm. Bradley who owned and operated the gristmill until it was burned.

Alex. Thompson was a baker for many years, his wife, and later his son, Ed., continued the business.

When W. H. Thurston Came

J. G. Russell, jeweller, who moved to Hamilton, and who has been an Advance subscriber during the 52 years since he left Flesherton. Has retired from business.

Wm. Irwin, able educationalist, who later located in Durham, and became an able journalist. His son, Frank, continues as editor of the Durham Chronicle.

Seven years later, when W. H. Thurston moved back to his beloved Grey County in 1888, within 12 miles and have played an important part in its development.

F. G. Karstedt came to Flesherton in March of 1888 and is still in business, Still youthful in spite of anything the calendar may try to insinuate.

Dan McTavish came about that time, and the family tradition is carried on here by his sons, George and Cecil.

George Mitchell opened up his private bank here about that time, and later sold out, finally retiring some years ago. He is not in good health.

W. P. Crossley came and was bus driver for many years; well known and liked by all. Mrs. Crossley is still residing in Flesherton.

Dr. J. P. Ottewell came about that time — for the good of the live stock population, and happily is still with us, though not in good health.

In those days The Advance was a large four-page paper, half printed here on an old "Armstrong" press: a laborious task each week. Two apprentices were always employed, those on the job at that time being: A. D. Thurston and Vic Kester.

Aprentices who graduated from The Advance included: George LeGard, who went into business for himseh at Chicago, and who has since died; A. D. Thurston, The Gazette, Montreal; John Gibson; Nicholas Abercrombie, B.C., Hugh D. Pedlar of Oxbow, Sask., Stan Thurston, Meaford; Elwood Genoa, Toronto; Carl Walker, Shelburne; Joe and Herb LeGard, Toronto and Pickering; Geo. Akins, Toronto, and others of more recent vintage.

Today the office is modernly-equipped with linotype and power presses and folder, and the staff at the moment consists of second and third generation Thurstons: Frank J. and his son, Jim.

Throughout the sixty years The Advance has never been used for personal ends. We presume it could never rank high as a money-making prpoosition. This angle was of minor consideration to the editor who laid down his pen two years ago, and of his birthplace at Kimberley, there were several other well-known folk who came to the young community, one fancies must always be to those who follow his footstep .

The record of maintaining for 60 years a useful, newsy, wholesome rural newspaper in a centre of less than 500 population, is a genuine accomplishment. So many small papers have found it impossible to continue in the field. And yet a weekly newspaper enriches the life of its community, and provides a permanent record of its life which gives a dignity and poise.

We congratulate these second and third generation Thurstons for their work in carrying on the traditions instituted 60 years ago — and trust The Advance may continue in a greater way in the future than ever before.

Note: We regret that in this fra mentary sketch many names certaainly have been omitted. The omission is unintentional. We should like the record to be complete, but sources of information are scanty, after sixty years! And the writer wasn't here at the time!

SPRINGHILL

Miss Ellen Parker of Chesley and Everette Parker of Manning Pool, Toronto, visited recently with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Parker. Mrs. Parker Sr. has also been visiting at the same home.

Mr. Allister Pattison of Corbetton visited recently at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Akins of Toronto and Miss Ann Akins spent a week end recently with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Kirk of Berkeley visited recently with Mrs. Sarah Beaton, East Backline.

Mrs. Wilson of Badjeros is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Irwin.

Mr. Willard Knight is spending a couple of weeks at his home at Essex.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stevens and Lavina, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Irwin and Mrs. Wilson visited with Mrs. N. Gilchrist at Maple Valley recently.

Recent visitors at the Eagle home were: Mrs. B. Hyslop and Mrs. A. Hyslop, Mr. and Mrs. R. Allison and Joey, Mr. J. Allison Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John N. Eagles, all of Markdale.

The school children, as well as a number of residents who reside on the highway, had the privilege of seeing the parade from Camp Borden of the mechanized unit on Monday morning.

A Red Cross meeting was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Ward Harrison to decide on the social evening and dance to be held. It is being held this Friday evening in the Fraternal Hall, Flesherton at which the drawing of the tickets for the two quilts will be made: the one quilt which they sold tickets on and the one which the school children made. Good music will be provided for dancing All the ladies in the section are requested to bring lunch.

St. Columba Church News

The minister completed Bible lesson courses at Salem school (Proton No. 12) on Tuesday, and at the O.D.R. on Wednesday. Examinations will be held next week.

The funeral of Russell William Wilson, aged 10, was held on Wednesday afternoon from the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Harrison, 19th Proton. Rev. A. R. Muir was in charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. Irwin, Alliance minister from Hopeville, ho along with Mrs. Pallister rendered a duet, "Gathering Buds." The hymns "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and "When He Cometh" were sung. Mr. Muir referred to the heavy loss sustained in the accidental drowning and directed his address especially to the immediate relatives from Isaiah 53: 4, "For He hatr borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." Mr. Irwin also assisted at the interment in McNeil Cemetery, Priceville.

The minister preached at a Communion Preparatory Service in the Salem church, Kilsyth, last Wednesday evening.

The members of the cast of the new Y.P.S. play "The Rose Covered Cottage" met for their first practice on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Gary Whyte.

Rev. A. R. Muir has received a call from the Kilsyth United church, subject to the approval of the settlement committee of Conference, which is in session this week in Bloor St. United church, Toronto.

The Board of Managers met Tuesday evening at the church.

Toronto Choir Coming

People of Flesherton and community are again to have the rare privilege of hearing a city choir, when the fifty voice choir of High Park United Church, Toronto, visits town on June 12th, to give the concert in connection with the anniversary celebration in St. John's church. The program will consist of choir, quartette and solo, as well as readings by Mrs. Ola McNaughton, who will accompany the group. It promises to be a concert of high order. Many spoke very highly of them on a previous visit several months ago.

Much is being said of the battle of the Atlantic, but the coal dealer called the other day to see if it would be all right to put some Scotch anthracite in the cellar for next winter.

Reports from Italy indicate food can be secured if one has the money to pay the high prices, and that smells very much as thought grafters were operating.

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The UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PLAN

To the Employer...

Contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund become payable as from July 1st, 1941.

Contributions are made by the employer and the employee, and are paid by the purchase of Unemployment Insurance stamps by the employer from the Post Offices.

The employee's contributions are deducted from his wages by the employer.

Stamps will be affixed to a special book, called the Insurance Book, by the employer. The book is the employee's record of contributions, and when he becomes unemployed it forms the record from which insurance benefits may be paid. Full details will be sent to you when you have returned the postcard attached to a form which is now in the mails.

The plan of procedure has been adopted after consultation with employer and employee associations and is one which has been based upon thirty years' experience in Great Britain.

The Dominion Government adds 20% to the combined employee-employer contributions, and in addition, pays the administration costs which include the operation of a National Employment Service for the convenience of employers and employees.

Contributions are payable by all persons while in employment and by their employers, with the exceptions listed in the panel below.

The first duty of every employer will be to REGISTER WITH THE COMMISSION by completing the postcard attached to a form which is now in the mails, and obtaining and issuing insurance books for all his employees. If there is doubt as to whether your employees, or any of them, are insurable, ask for instructions when you return the postal card. If you do not receive a form through the mail go to the nearest Post Office and ask for one. **All employers must complete registration prior to June 14th, 1941.**

The Commission feels that it can be assured of the full cooperation of all employers. Nevertheless, attention is drawn to the fact that registration is compulsory and any failure to register is an infraction of the law and is subject to penalties.

HON. NORMAN A. McLARTY,
Minister of Labour

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Employers, all of Whose Employees are in One or More of the Employments Listed Below, Need Not Register

1. Agriculture, horticulture and forestry.
2. Fishing.
3. Lumbering and logging, exclusive of wood-processing mills and plants reasonably continuous in operation.
4. Hunting and trapping.
5. Transportation by water, or by air, and stevedoring.
6. Domestic service in a private home.
7. Employment in a hospital or charitable institution not carried on for gain.
8. Professional nursing for the sick or as a nurse-probationer.
9. Teaching, including teachers of music and dancing.
10. Members of the armed forces or policemen in the public service.
11. Service in the Government of Canada unless brought in by special rulings.
12. Service in a government of any province unless the government of a province agrees to you being insured.
13. Service under any municipal authority if said authority certifies that employment is permanent in character.
14. Agents paid by commission, or fees, or share of profits, if this is not the main means of livelihood and if the employee is not under a contract of service giving the employer control over how and when the service shall be performed.
15. At a rate of remuneration exceeding $2,000 in a year. (All tradesmen employed in the building construction industry are to be insured).
16. Casual employment, otherwise than for the employer's regular business.
17. Subsidiary employment, not the main means of livelihood.
18. When the employed person is in the service of his or her husband or wife.
19. Where no wages are paid and the employee is the child of the employer.
20. Where wages are paid for playing any game.
21. Any employment where ordinarily employed
(a) for less than four hours a day, or
(b) by more than one employer but less than four hours a day for any one of them, or
(c) if only available for employment in insurable employment for not more than two days in any week.

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