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RICHARD CASLOR HOWELL

The death occurred on Sunday evening, January 28, 1945, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. Johnston, Shelburne, Ont., of a former well-known resident of Kimberley and Proton districts, in the person of Richard Caslor Howell.

The deceased was born in Churchville, Ont., June 8, 1852 and was the last surviving member of a family of five brothers, one half-brother and one half-sister. As a young man, he served his apprenticeship as a blacksmith at Bolton. In August, 1873, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Woodsworth. To this union were born one son, John D. of Calgary and one daughter, Mrs. Johnston of Shelburne. After their marriage they lived at Toronto and Claireville, Peel County, then moved to Kimberley, where they resided until 1892, moving to Proton and later to Dundalk where Mrs. Howell died in August, 1906. About a year later Mr. Howell took up a homestead near Hughton, Sask. Returning to Detroit he married, in the Fall of 1912, Mrs. Margaret Williams, who predeceased him by just six weeks, passing away Dec. 18, 1944. Besides the son and daughter, there also survive five grandsons, three granddaughters, 13 great grandsons, and five great granddaughters. A grandson was killed on his eighteenth birthday in the first World War.

The funeral, with the service conducted by Rev. H. O. Hutcheson, took place from the Gamble Funeral Home, Shelburne, on Tuesday, January 30 at 2.30 o'clock, interment being made in Shelburne Cemetery Mortuary.

Relatives and friends who attended the funeral included: Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Taylor, Miss Mary Taylor, Mr. Lloyd Golden of Toronto; Mr. E. Wickens, and Mrs. Mervin McFadden of Flesherton; Mr. R. G. Acheson, Mr Walter Acheson, Mrs. J. Copeland of Proton; Mr. Jas. F. Acheson, Mr. Ernest Acheson, Mr. Dave Wiltshire, Mr. S. McMillin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan, Mr. Geo. Duncan of Dundalk; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hand of Alliston; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hand, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rutledge, Mr. Russell Hand, Mr. Cecil Lloyd of Mansfield.

Pall-bearers were, Messrs. R. G. Acheson, Alex Morrison, J. C. McLean, Howard Burk, Raymond Reid and Elwood Foster.

THE LATE ALEX CAMERON

The late Alex Cameron, age 66 years, passed away in Toronto General Hospital on January 22nd, after an illness of about five weeks, although he had not enjoyed good health for about a year.

Mr. Cameron was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron, pioneers of Artemesia Township, and spent his entire life on the farm on which he was born, on the 8th Line east of Eugenia. Mr. Cameron took a very active interest in the life of the community and the church, being sec-treas. of the Presbyterian Church from 1912 to the time of union, and was a member of the church from early manhood, later holding offices trustee and elder in the United Church. He was sec.-treas. of the home school board for 22 years. He was also connected with the Artemesia council for 30 years, resigning the Reveship 15 years ago to take over the duties of treasurer, for the last three years he was also Clerk. He served as Commissioner of the Osprey Telephone System and was treasurer for five years.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, with service in St. John's United Church, Flesherton, conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. A. Westcott. Interment was made in the Flesherton Cemetery Chapel. Members of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, A.F.&A.M., of which he was a Past Master, conducted their commitment service at the Chapel.

The pall-bearers were five members of Prince Arthur Lodge, H. A. McCauley, Ray Pedlar, A. S. Muir, K. G. Betts, G. A. Cairns and a neighbor, Mr. Wilfred Magee.

Among the beautiful floral tributes were expressions of sympathy from the Township of Artemesia, Prince Arthur, A.F.A.M., Eugenia friends and neighbors.

Left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father are his wife, formerly Edith May Orr, and two sons, Dr. W. R. Cameron of Toronto and Donald at home. One daughter, Muriel, passed away several years ago at the age of 16. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. A. E. Carr of Stoughton, Sask., and Mrs. E. A. Graham of Thornbury. Owing to the severe storm, Mrs. Graham was unable to attend the funeral.

MISS LILLIAN BUCHANAN

On Wednesday, January 13st, the funeral of Miss Margaret Lillian Buchanan was held in the Funeral Chapel at Markdale. The unusually large attendance on such a stormy day testified to the high esteem in which her many friends regarded her. The service was conducted by the Rev. Norman Caswell, pastor of the Vandeleur United Church where Miss Buchanan was a member at the time of her death. His message on "Peace" was most appropriate and comforting. Her social service work in Toronto demanded much self-sacrifice on her part. Through her conscientious efforts Peace and Comfort were exchanged for sickness and trouble in many Toronto homes. Many families there owe her unrepayable debts.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received from relatives, friends and former business associates.

The flower-bearers were Messrs. Lundy Johnston, Frank Davis, F. R. Boland, Jas. Cargo, W. G. Bowles and Howard Graham.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Glen McGee, Howard McGee, Dane McGee, Billie Johnston, Kendal Teeter and Ralph Fitzsimmons.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her father, Joseph Buchanan, three brothers, Wm. R. of Ravenna, George of Vandeleur, Albert of Toronto, one niece and five nephews. Her mother predeceased her by six years. A brother, Charlie, sacrificed his life in the First World War.

Several out of town relatives were present from Toronto and Owen Sound. Interment was made in Markdale Cemetery.

Livestock Improvements In Ontario

By W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Province of Ontario

(Note.—This is the first of a series of comments by well-known authorities, written expressly for the Weekly Press of Ontario.)

The cash income of Ontario farmers reached an all time high in 1944. In the previous year, the last one for which figures are available, it was $389,142,000. Of this total $278,994,000., or 72% was drived from the sale of live stock and live stock products. Dairy products, hogs, cattle and poultry provided the greatest volume of revenue and all were produced in excess of domestic requirements. As in the past, so in the future, conditions in world markets will have a tremendous influence on price. Consequently all efforts should be directed towards the production of products that are suitable for sale on any market in the world.

Live stock improvement, as the words imply, involves the production of a high quality product, but that is not the whole story. The product must be produced at a relatively low cost, an achievement that can be attained through the production of more pounds of milk per cow, more eggs per hen and more pounds of meat with the same amount of feed. Only healthy animals can be expected to produce efficiently.

The most economical way of improving live stock is through the use of better sires. The purchase of a high class sire for exclusive use in a small cattle herd is a costly procedure. During recent years the technique of artificial insemination has been improved and this practice is now widely used in various States. Last year an experimental unit was organized in Ontario and results to date justify the action taken. It can now be stated that this method of breeding offers the most economical means of transmitting the blood of outstanding sires. Moreover it provides a basis for improving all cattle in a given area, if the individual farmers within the community support the programme.

Hogs can also be improved through the use of better sires. The advanced registry policy for swine has identified the strains capable of producing large litters of high quality pigs at relatively low feed costs. These strains can make Canadian bacon famous the world over.

Ontario's poultry has been greatly improved in the past ten years as a result of inspection and control exercised over flocks supplying eggs to hatcheries. Most pullets offered for sale today possess the characteristics necessary for producing 200 or more eggs annually because of good feeding and management.

Perhaps Ontario's most valuable and most neglected crop is pasture. It provides the cheapest feed used in the production of meat and milk. Last year the Ontario Department of Agriculture launched an extensive programme of demonstration pasture plots for the purpose of ascertaining the best mixture and the most suitable methods of seeding. The results have been most gratifying but will be of little value unless given wider application in 1945 and after.

Feed relatively rich in protein is necessary for balancing any live stock ration. Milking cows, hogs and poultry require more of this ingredient than beef cattle. Protein is usually expensive so feeding costs can be reduced by increasing the production of nitrogenous crops on the home farm. The volume of available protein can be increased by growing alfalfa and harvesting it earlier, by producing some soy beans and by adding a few peas to mixed grain mixtures. Suitable rations have been outlined in Ontario bulletins and should be used as guides in the preparation of balanced diets.

In any live stock improvement programme health of animals should occupy number one position. At the present time about half the cattle in the province have been tested for the province are anxiously awaiting tuberculosis under some federal plan and live stock owners and the rest of tests. Bangs disease is being tackled by individual breeders and farmers. Somt have adopted the blood test and slaughter plan while others are using the calfhood vaccination method. Mastitis is causing dairy men much conctrn and unfortunately no effective has been devised. The spread of the disease can be reduced by good dairy husbandry and the application of sound sanitary practices. Parasites cause high annual losses in our hog, sheep and poultry herds and flocks. Infectious diseases play havoc with winter farrowed litters of swine. Research and experimental work is being conducted at the Ontario Veterinary College with a view to developing effective treatments for these diseases.

In the final analysis "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", and if practised systematically will go a long way towards lowering the cost of producing live stock products. But the application of good live stock management costs money. So many farmers planning for post-war improvements are buying Victory Bonds and setting them aside for the provision of capital later. Then they will be able to make those improvements they can't make now because of material and labour shortages.

Modern Medicine The Marvels Of

"Burned alive" in France, Cftn Clifford Corcoran was far from dead when he arrived home in Toronto recently along with other war wounded on a hospital train.

"There's a pair of ears to go on yet," grinned the 39-year-old Toronto soldier "and I've a few scars here and there. But I think the Medical Corps did an amazing job." It was July 14 and Caen had just been cleared when Cftn. Corcoran, attached to the 2nd Armored Tank Brigade, RCEME, was sprayed with blazing gasoline. A gasoline stove exploded near him and set him afire from head to foot. "They poured 10 quarts of blood into me in France," he said, "and I had at least six more transfusions in England. I really don't remember a great deal about it; I was wacky for about a month.
and neuro hospital at Basingstoke
"But those doctors at the plastic couldn't do enough for me when they heard I was from Toronto. They were Col. Barclay, Major Campbell and Major Gordon, all from Toronto whom I can recall, and there were others."

Corcoran received "plenty of pencillin, too," he said "It's wonderful stuff, promotes healing and does a real job. All the blood was Red Cross blood from Toronto."

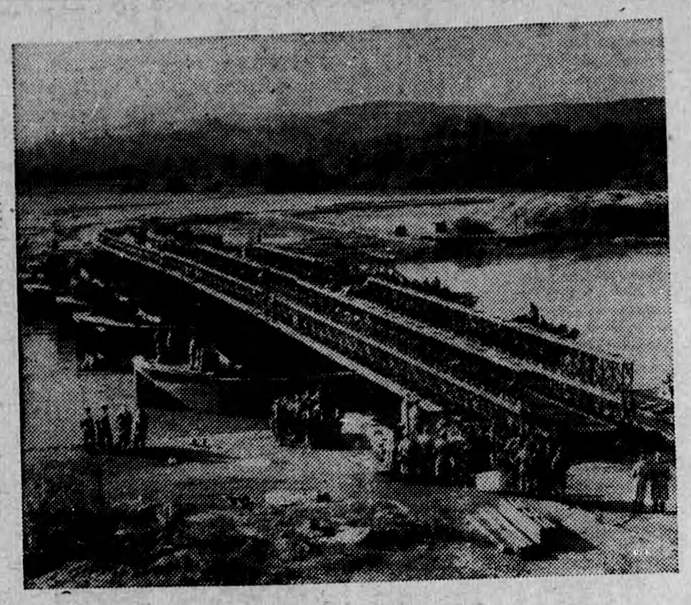
FLOOD CONTROL PLAN

Hon. Dana Porter, Minister of Planning and Development, declared recently that the Ontario Government is seriousy considering a long term program of conversation and flood control in Southern Ontario. "Southern Ontario faces a grave situation with increasing damage from spring floods & the solution provides a complicated problem," he said. "Flood check methods would have to include planting of trees, building of dams and even, perhaps, in some cases, changing of present agricultural methods to conserve water supply and halt costly erosion."

A local stenographer is trying to train a bird dog to scent out and point at gum hidden under counters.

The 'idea man' is the 'key' man in many a business. They use him to open closed minds.

A great philosopher said, "I think; therefore, I am." On this basis, there are persons who couldn't prove their existance.



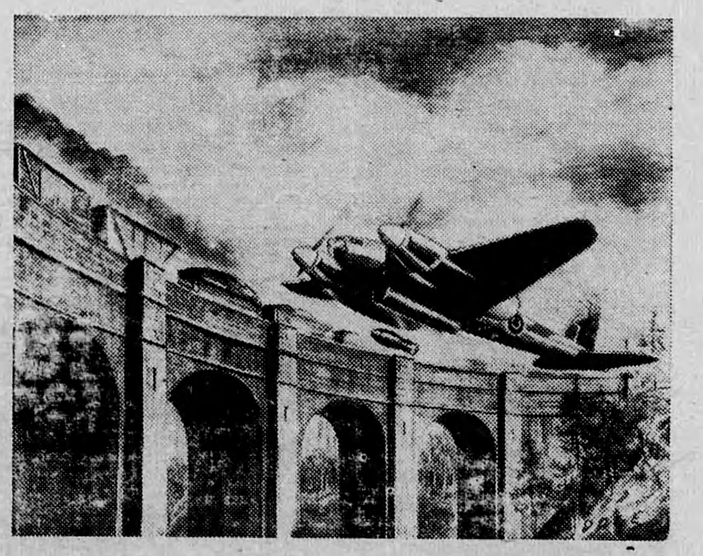
The Bailey Bridge Used by British Army

The Bailey bridge is the best answer yet to the enemy's demolitions, and has greatly facilitated Allied advances in both Italy and Normandy. It is a British invention and is named after its inventor, Mr. D. C. Bailey of the Ministry of Supply. Components, which are made both in the U.S.A. and Britain, are interchangeable and can be speedily put together. This together with its great strength and stability make it ideal for every purpose for which heavy bridging is required.

Picture shows: A Bailey bridge built across a river somewhere in Britain.

Pontecorvo, Italy, After Capture by 8th Army

Photo shows: On the Eighth Army sector of the Italian front, the enemy were forced to evacuate Pontecorvo, and to draw back north-west along the Liri river as a result of the Canadian penetration of the Hitler line between Pontecorvo nd Aquino. This picture bears testimony to the terrific battering which the enemy received while defending the town of Pontecorvo.



Rail Traffic in Belgium and France Hit by Allied Blitz

Germany's rail communications recently suffered their most concentrated bombing of the war. Giving details of these all-out attacks, it was reported that British planes gunned their targets, made cannon and rocket attacks, dive bombed, glider bombed, skip bombed and buzz bombed. Buzz bombing is a new term meaning the pointblank release of bombs at a target from point level with it, or below it. The bomb is flipped into the target horizontally. Delayed action bombs are used, giving the pilot a chance to get away. This method of bombing is graphically illustrated in this artist's impression of a Mosquito launching its attack.

Rock Mills School

Grade 8 — Ioan Betts, 84; Allan Betts, 74.2; Irene Porteous, 74; Don Smith, 61; Lawrence Dobson, 60.7.

Grade 7 — Myrtle Betts 76; Gordon Helmkay, 72.

Grade 6 — Shirley Partridge, 71; Bobbie Betts, 69; Goldie Atkinson, 65.

Grade 5 — Clayton Porteous, 84; Redge Dobson, 76; Leslie Porteous, 60.

Grade 3 — Jeanette Dobson, 91; Murray Betts, 87; Kenny Smith, 86; Lois Helmkay, 82; Kathleen Weatherall, 81; Ethel Betts, 70; Florence Wilkinson, 70.

Grade 2 — Ivan Betts, 96; Bernice Weatherall, 68.

Grade 1 — Harvey Weatherall, 50.

The numbers are average percentages. Kenny Smith winner of conduct prize. Number on the roll, 23. Average attendance, 19.52.
— Mrs. Francis J. Seeley, (teacher).

ENGINE 9000 DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE

One of the best known Diesel locomotives in Canada—the 9000 of the Canadian National Railways—has just been discharged from military service. On the secret list since the beginning of the war, 9000 was completely remodelled in the railway's Transcona shops to furnish the power for an armoured train. Four all-steel Canadian National flat cars and three all-steel box cars were armored for use in British Columbia until the Japenese invasion menace disappeared. Locomotive and box cars looked alike, making it difficult for the enemy to pick out the engine in attack. The armored train is now dismantled, all the cars stripped of their war dress and returned to regular freight service, and 9000 is having its armor plate removed and is being refitted for passenger service.

CEYLON

Mrs. McDonald of Weston was a week end visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cairns.

Mrs. Buckley, Toronto, and Mr. Austin McMullen, Toronto, were recent vistors with their father, Mr. Jas. McMullen Sr. who is ill. We hope for an improvement in Mr. McMullen's health.

Mrs. Edgar Doupe was in Owen Sound the first of the week.

Miss Maxine Connell of Vandeleur spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cairns.

Masters Donald and Douglas Sinclair spent the week end in Dundalk with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. A. Sinclair.

The sincere sympathy of this community is extended to the bereaved widow and family of Sergt. Garry Whyte of Priceville, who passed away suddenly at Haliafx.

Mrs. Anna McMillan and Mr. Fred Chislett were called to Owen Sound last Sunday, owing to the illness of their sister, Mrs. G. H. Holmes. Mrs. MacMillan remained with her sister. Their many friends hope for an improvement in the health of Mrs. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sinclair, Dundalk, visited last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sinclair.

Owing to the condition of the roads there was no service held in Ceylon United Church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Walter Scrace and two daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine returned last Monday to their home in Todmorden after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cairns.

Mrs. M. Irwin and Mrs. Jas. Sinclair are holding a euchre and bingo this Friday evening in the Ceylon Public School. Kindly keep this date in mind, as the proceeds are for the soldiers' cigarette fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stoddart and son, Walter, attended the presentation last Friday night held in the Fraternal Hall, Flesherton for Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Fawcett of Aldershot.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hogarth and dauhgter, Catherine, also Mrs. A. Stewart motored to Harriston last Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quigg an other relatives Mrs. Stewart remained for a longer visit.

Lawson Whitehead is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Stan Carnahan, and other relatives in Toronto this week.

Boxes Packed for Russian Relief

The magnificent response of Flesherton - Ceylon and community to the appeal for Russian Relief is much appreciated by the sponsors, "The Holdfast Farm Women", who met at the home of Mrs. Melville Hogarth last Friday where the boxes were packed. That evening a euchre was also held at the same home when a pleasant evening was spent, a tidy sum of $17.00 was realized from the tea in the afternoon and the euchre in the evening.

Order Fertilizers And Take Delivery Now

Unless farmers place their orders for fertilizers at once and take immediate delivery, there is grave danger that they may not be able to any later on, says the Fertilizer Administrator.

While it is considered that the available supply of fertilizers is sufficient to meet all requirements the difficulty, however is in connection with delivery. There has been a tendency on the part of farmers in Eastern Canada particularly, to delay ordering the fertilizers they need for the spring and in taking immediate delivery. The situation with respect to railway box cars, due to wartime conditions, is that there are not enough to meet all the abnormal demands for them. Then the labour shortage is now more critical than ever before. Many plants during the winter are carried on principally by men from farms. Should there be an early spring many of these farmers will return to their farms and the problem of shipping fertilizers will be much more difficult.

Fertilizers are important to increased production of food products, still urgently needed in the war effort.

Avoiding delay in placing orders and taking immediate delivery of fertilizers will help substantially to relieve the present situation. All fertilizer plants have a large supply of mixed fertilizers in stock available for distribution now, says the Administrator.

"You say that you are the sole support of a widowed mother, your father having recently been killed in an explosion. How did the explosion happen?"

"Mother says it was too much yeast, but Uncle Jim thinks it was too much sugar."