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Revive Spelling Matches In Ontario Schools

Said a business executive the other day, "I'm glad to see that some of the rural high schools are reviving spelling competitions. This is an idea that might well be followed by city collegiates if one is to judge by the work of some of the stenographers in our employ these days."

A revival of spelling competitions in schools throughout the country might not be such a bad idea. At one time the spelling bee or match was a weekly event that was looked forward to with the keenest anticipation by pupils of both rural and city schools.

Sides were chosen, the practice being to divide the best spellers equally. Not long after the match was under way, the poorer spellers met their Waterloo on some simple word, to be followed quickly by those of mediocre calibre, and in the end the competition usually developed into a battle royal between a few of the very best spellers.

Largly as a result of these spelling matches youngsters learned to spell, an accomplishment now all too frequently lacking. By introducing a spirit of competition, the matches provide more incentive to a child to make an effort to learn than do the welcome break in the more or less unavoidable monotony of the school day.—The Guelph Mercury.

RATION COUPON DUE DATES

Coupons now valid are butter 90 to 97, Sugar 46 to 53, Preserves 33 to 40.

Valid coupons in book five have no expiry date.

Things don't add up these days but it is easier when you start to divide.

Future Events

SKATING IN MARKDALE

Skating and dancing in Markdale Arena each Saturday night. Skating from 7:30 to 9:30. Music for dance by Rubin Kirk orchestra.

MAXWELL EUCHRE and DANCE

The Women's Institute will hold a euchre party and dance in the Orange Hall, Maxwell, on Friday, February 23rd. Admission: 35c. Lunch included.

DANCE IN SINGHAMPTON

Dance in Hammill's Hall, Singhampton, Friday night, February 23, music by Dermott's Orchestra. Dancing from 9 to 1. Admission: 50c.

AUCTION SALE

Credit Auction Sale, farm stock, implements, etc., Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1 mile south of Dundalk corner, Highway 10, no reserve.—Chas. Pate, Prop., Geo. Duncan, Auctioneer.

SERVING IN HIGHLAND REGIMENTS

PIPER GRANT MUIR

Two life-long friends enlisted in the Canadian Army early in January of 1943, they being Allan Cameron, only son of Mrs. Cameron and the late Neil Cameron, and Grant Muir, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. S. Muir of Ceylon. Both boys were expert players on the bagpipes and their services were gladly given for various events throughout the district for several years. Their experience was appreciated by officials at District Depot in Toronto when they applied for enlistment for general service and they served in the 48th Highlanders pipe band. After being in Toronto for several months, both boys took their basic military training at Orillia and both were kept together when they went overseas and arrived in England in September, 1943.

PIPER ALLAN CAMERON

Then came the invasion of France and the friends were sent to different units. Grant went to France with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and marched with them in the advance through France and when the port of Dieppe, that place hallowed by Canadian blood, in the raid of 1942, was taken Grant and his pipe marched at the head of the procession of Canadian infantry which took the town. Since then he has been with his Regiment in Holland.

Allan went to Italy the 1st of August, 1944, and joined his old unit, the 48th Highlanders, famous Toronto Regiment, which has taken such a prominent part in the fighting in Italy. Mrs. Everete Blackburn of the 4th line is a sister of Piper Cameron.

Baptist Church Notes

Last Sunday the minister's subject was "The Gospel Message and Tomorrow." This week "THE CHURCH AND TOMORROW" will be considered.

The series of missionary meetings at Cedarside and Rock Mills churches and throughout the surrounding district, with Rev. and Mrs. John Crook, were well attended and the amazing stories of modern miracles in missionary work and life in war-torn China were of interest and an inspiration to all who heard them.

In Memoriam

TURNER — In loving memory of our dear Janie, who passed away February 25, 1925.

In that bright eternal city,
Where no tear e'er dims the eye,
In the home of many mansions
We will meet her by and by.
The world may change from year to year
And friends from day to day,
But never will the one we loved
From memory pass away.
— Always remembered by her loved ones.

Died Of Wounds

Pte. Lloyd Whyte of Priceville has died of wounds received in the recent fighting with the Canadians in Germany. This word was received at Priceville Saturday afternoon. Previous word of his having been wounded had not been received. Pte. Whyte was a son of Mrs. Whyte, Priceville, and the late Sergt. Garfield Whyte, whose death occurred at Halifax a few weeks ago. He was serving with the Highland Light Infantry. Two other brothers are overseas with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment. A great deal of sympathy is extended to Mrs. Whyte and family in the loss of a son and brother.

OSPREY COUNCIL

The Osprey Municipal Council, met in regular session on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. All members were present, and after the reading and confirming of the minutes and proceedings of the next former meeting the following business was done:

By-law No. 2 was passed, to appropriate 320,000.00 for work on roads, and purchase of machinery, during 1945.

The Reeve and Deputy-Reeve authorized to arrange for the purchase of a suitable gift (not to exceed twenty five dollars in value) to be presented to all persons who have served overseas on active service in the armed forces.

The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Road Supernitendent were appointed as delegates to the Good Roads Convention, which is to be held in Toronto, and will each receive $25.00 as expenses.

General accounts ordered paid were: E. Robinson, postage, $7.00; Treas. Osprey Branch Red Cross, grant, $600.00; Salvation Army Rescue home, grant, $10.00; Salvation Army, for home front work, $50.00; J. F. P. Birnie, certifying voters lists, $9.00; Mrs. J. Smith, care of E. Miller for January, $46.50.

General Road accounts ordered paid were: Jas. Stewart, gravel, $24.00; Pay Roll No. 2, $209.70.

Council adjourned to meet Saturday, March 3rd, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Thomas Betts wish to express their sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who have been so kind and thoughtful during the past two years of his illness and at the time of his death.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CLINIC HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Due to the scarcity of physicians and the conditions for travel, the local blood donors' clinic, which was to have been held in February, has been postponed to a later date. Flesherton village has been without a doctor for some time, due to the illness of Dr. J. E. Milne and the other doctors who usually assist at the clinic are exceptionally busy and find it difficult to preside. There is a great need for blood and it is unfortunate that the clinic cannot be held.

Training At Calgary

LAC EARLE S. THURSTON

Second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thurston, who is training at No. 2 Wirless School Calgary. His older brother, LAC Jim Thurston, has been overseas since October, 1943.

World Day of Prayer

The Woman's Missionary Society World Day of Prayer was held in Cedarside Baptist Church on Friday of last week, with a good attendance. Mrs. Westcott of the United Church took chrge of the meeting in her usual capable manner. The them of the service was "That ye should show forth the praise of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."—1 Peter 2: 9.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. F. B. Keys of the Cedarside Baptist Church delivered a very inspiring message from the text Eph. 5: 25-27, "That he might present to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." By showing the responsibility of each and every member to the Church, the realization was brought home of how little the minister or minister's wife can do unless we, the people, stand behind them, not only loyal to them, but more important, loyal to our God with a faith and trust that knows not doubt.

Mrs. Keys took as an illustration a beautiful, true story which has been told of a traveller in Switzerland. This man is said to have gone to a small town and staying overnight with time on his hands, went out for a walk. He noticed people seemed to be all going in one direction and each carried a small lamp. Becoming curious, he enquired what it meant and was informed they were going to the Church of the Lighted Lamps. In 1550 the Seigneur of the village decreed that lamps be given to all members, and that each carry his own lamp to every service. Thus, if a member were absent, there was a dark place in his or her pew "And do the people like the custom?" asked the traveller. "They love to come and hate to think of being responsible for a 'dark place' in the church," the informant replied. Just so, how very easy it is for us to allow our "corner", by the sins of omission as well as the sins of commission, to became a dark corner.

During the service, several ladies read Scripture, and led in prayer, and Mrs. D. Williams officiated at the piano throughout.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hagrave wish to express their appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness extended them in their recent bereavement by the death of their little son.

Evaded His Draft

Two Royal Canadian Mounted Police were in town one day last week checking up on a young man who evaded his call-up notice and failed to report for military examination. This young man was at home when the officers called and acknowledged that he had received his call and had not paid any attention to the notice. He considered that he was slightly above the age limit and did not think he would be taken even if he did report. This gentleman was no other than our fellow-townsman Mr. A. B. Ferris, who will soon observe his 65th birthday. He received notice to report prior to Christmas and considered it more of a joke than anything, as there was no other person in this district with the same name, and presumed that the letter was addressed to himself. The R.C.M.P. considered their call quite a joke and when their report would be received by the military authorities, they did not think that he would be embarrassed by any other such calls.

Now Practising Law

MAJOR WALTER E. HARRIS

Major Walter E. Harris, M.P., has received his discharge from the Canadian Army. Major Harris received a wound at Caen, France, last July and has been at his home in Markdale for several months. He has resumed the practice of law in Markdale and will open a branch office in Flesherton.

Write For Allowances

Dependents of as many as ten thousand Navy, Army and Air Force personnel who have been killed or have failed to apply for the War Service Gratuity, it was announced today by the Department of National Defence. Only a portion of those eligible have made application for these gratitude, it was stated.

Entitled to receive gratuities on or behalf of deceased servicemen are: —

(a) Those who were drawing dependent's allowance at the time of the serviceman's death.

(b) Those who were dependent upon the deceased servicemen and who were receiving assigned pay from him at the time of his death, even though they were not eligible for dependent's allowance.

Next of kin who were not dependent upon the deceased serviceman are not eligible for gratuity payment.

Dependent's, in claiming this war service gratuity should apply to National Defense Headquarters, giving the number, rank or rating and full name of the deceased serviceman, explaining in detail the extent to which the applicant was dependent upon him, and stating whether the applicant was receiving dependent's allowance or assigned pay at the time of the sailor's, soldier's or airman's death.

The address to which applications should be mailed is as follows: —

The Secretary
Department of National Defence (Army)
Ottawa, Ontario
Attention: Postmaster-General.

The Germans seem to have invented the Blitz retreat as well as the Blitz advance.

Safe And Car Stolen From Local Garage

The Boyd garage was at one end end of a double play robbery which occurred during the week end in which unknown criminals were involved, the other end of the double robbery being the Home Dairy, on Brown's Line, Etobicoke, near Toronto. The guilty parties are still at large, although the Provincial Police have been conducting an investigation ever since the robberies were discovered.

Information here is that the Home Dairy store on Brown's Line, Etobicoke Township, near Islington, was broken into on Saturday night and a sum of money stolen, along with one of the milk trucks. This happened about 1.30 o'clock on Sunday morning and was at once made known to the police of that district. Later the truck was seen in Flesherton, about 4 o'clock in the morning, parked in front of the Park Hotel, about a block from Boyd's Garage.

Soon afterwards it was discovered that the garage had been broken into by breaking a pane of glass in the door and enabling anyone to unlock the door. The door of the garage was noticed by Reeve K. G. Betts to be wide open and an investigation revealed the fact that the safe had been stolen and also that a motor car belonging to Mrs. Wesley Armstrong, which was kept in the garage, was missing. It was apparent that it had been quite a task to get the safe from the office into the back of Mrs. Armstrong's car. The safe is about 20 inches square and weighs about 450 pounds, indicating that there were several engaged in the robbery. However, by the use of one of the jacks found in the garage they succeeded in getting it into the car, although it would be impossible to get the cover down. It was 10 o'clock on Sunday morning before the garage doors were noticed to be wide open, so that the robbers had plenty of time to get away.

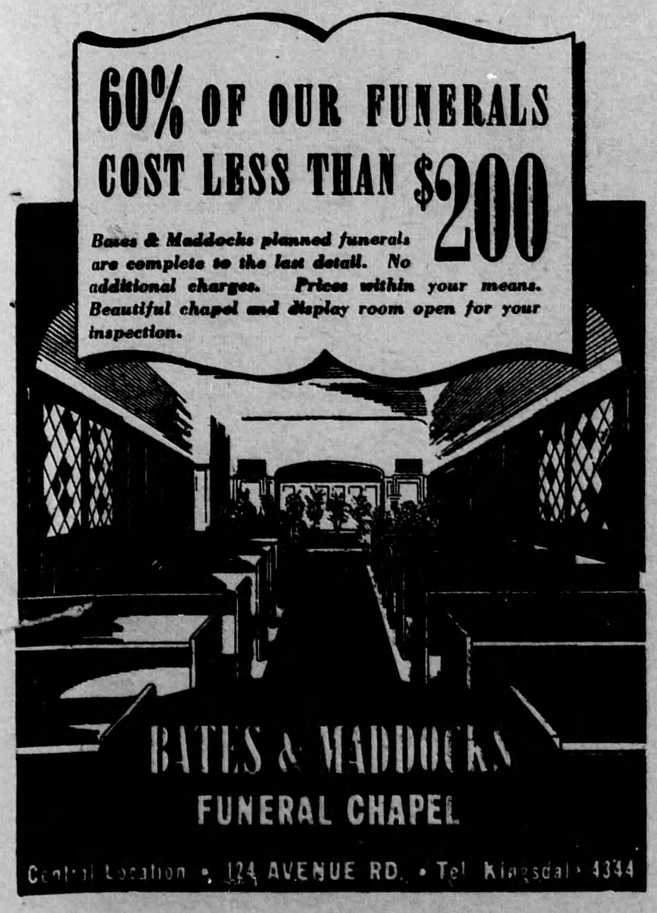
The criminal loop was completed on Sunday morning when a farmer residing at Islington went out of his lane on his way to church. He found Mrs. Armstrong's car, with one flat tire, and the rim badly damaged, and close beside it in the snow was the safe stolen from the Boyd garage in Flesherton. The bottom of the safe had been blown open & it was looted of about $315 in cash, while scattered in the snow were a number of cheques and other papers. These were picked up and Chief of Police, J. A. McConnell of Etobicoke, who resides near the Home Dairy on Brown's Line was notified. Also missing was a $100 Victory Bond owned by Mrs. Geo. Boyd.

Word was immediately sent to Flesherton , and later two men drove the milk truck, which was still on the street in Flesherton, to Islington, where it was delivered to the owner, and they brought back Mrs. rmstrong's car after the flat tire had been repaired. It was none the worse for the trip.

Several Flesherton people saw the milk truck arrive in town, but no attention was given to it. The robbers carried out their work very quietly. They were evidently experienced men and know how to go about their job. Provincial Constable J. W. Brown, of Owen ound, was notified as Provincial Constable Harold Black was away from home at the time, and he conducted the investigation, but up to the present there are no traces of the guilty parties.

MEMBERS WANTED

The Flesherton-Artemesia Horticultural Society was organized abou a year ago and has had a very successful year. We had 63 members last year and would like to report as many more for 1945. We wish to remind the old members that their fees ar now due and ask them to try and secure another membership fee along with their own and hand it to the secretary-treasurer as soon as possible. Spring will be here shortly and it will soon be time for you taking advantage of the prices given by the Society in ordering your nursery plants and trees. Fees $1.00 per year, with which premium will be given.

—C. J. Bellamy, Sec.-Treas.

Few care to see a show twice says a movie official And often not even once we find out too late.