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The Late John McLachlan

(By Priceville Reporter)

This community was ddened again, when it was learned that John McLachlan had passed away Wednesday morning, Feb. 28th, Ceylon in his 85th year. He was the son of John McLachlan and Mary McCormick and was born on highway No. 4 on the farm now owned by Arthur Leith and moved with his parents to the North Line when he was twelve years of age and resided all his life there. He was sick in bed over a month and was tenderly cared for by Mrs. McLachlan and family who did every thing possible to make him comfortable but in spite of all he passed to the great beyond. He will be greatly missed in the home. He was of a quiet and kind disposition and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon and was largely atetnded. A short service was held at the house, followed by a service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and was conducted by Mr. Paul Rumball, who preached a comforting sermon. The hymns used were Nearer My God to Thee, Rock of Ages and Safe in the Arms of Jesus. The choir sang an anthem "Asleep in Jesus."

The pall bearers were Archie McArthur, Neil Black, Elmer Neun, Angus Black, Donald Campbell and Andrew Hincks.

The casket was covered with beautiful floral tributes from Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLachlan, Eldon McLachlan, Donald Black, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Park Flying Officer and Mrs. L. G. Stickney Mrs. Charles Park, Miss Marge Park, Mrs. J. A. Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Goodfellow Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tuck Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schenk, Miss Iona Beaton, Mrs. Mary McLachlan and family. There were nine boys and three girls in the family, Dan, Hughie, Angus, Dougall, Sandy, Charlie, and Mrs. Parks (Flora) have all passed on. Two brothers, Neil and Bob both of Calgary and two sisters. Mrs. Beaton (Minnie), Nobleton and Mrs. Thos. Bruce (Belle), Santa-Monica California, are the suviving members of the family.

Friends from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLachlan, Mr. Eldon McLachlan Orillia, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Goodfellow, Nobleton. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Park, Flesherton. Sympathy is extended to all the friends in their time of sorrow. Interment was in McNeil's Cemetery.

PRICEVILLE

This Wednesday the Holdfast Club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Beaton.

The Y.P.S. is to be held this week at the home of Mr. Grant Sayers.

On Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Dan Campbell entertained friends and neighbors to a euchre party when 6 tables were in play. Mr. Percy Sims and Mrs. Bradey Irwin held the high score cards, Beth and Jane Fawcett won the consolation prizes.

Pte. Murray and Mrs. McMillan of Toronto spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. Hector McLean. Murray has been stationed at Brantford and left Saturday evening for his new station at Newfoundland.

Miss Mary McKinnon of town visited Thursday at the Carson home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ritchie have moved from town to the farm he purchased from Mr. Jas. Oliver.

Rev. Mr. Penman received word that his son-in-law had passed away in the General hospital where he had been a patient for the last month.

We regret to learn that Mrs. F. G. Karstedt is not well and went to a hospital in Toronto Thursday. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Malcolm McInnis was held Monday afternoon, March 5 in St. Columba Church. She passed away Saturday in Toronto, after an illness of some months. Mrs McInnis was the last member of a family of seven, her 3 sisters and 3 brothers predeceased her. She was born on the Durham Road, 4 miles east of Durham and her whole life had been spent in that district until her removal to Toronto. Her husband died about 6 years ago. Since then she made her home with her daughter in Toronto. Surviving are one daughter, Esther and one son, Allan, both of Toronto. Mr. Reid, a student minister had charge of the service and gave a fine message. The remains were brought to Priceville by train. The pall bearers were: Angus McArthur, Neil McArthur George Finney, Roy McDermid, Alex Stonehouse and Chas. Kennedy.

Many beautiful floral tributes showed the high esteem in which Mrs. McInnis was held both in Toronto and her home district. Interment was made in McNeill's Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carson, visited friends in Toronto last week.

NOTICE

Registration of all revolvers and pistols is required by law during the period of March 1st 1945 to July 1st, 1945. Any persons failing to comply with the law, will be subject to prosecution. Consult your local Provincial Officer.

SOIL CONSERVATION IN ONTARIO

By Hon. P. M. Dewan, Dawendine Farm, Ingersoll, Ont., former Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

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

"First impressions are most lasting". When quite a young chap I rode a bicycle over a road in Eastern Ontario, which is now a provincial highway. At one spot I always had difficulty in pushing through several rods of blow sand, drifted across from an area of light soil.

In the intervening years, I have motored several times over the modern highway. No sand is to be seen. A reforested plot, now well developed and most pleasing to the eye, has remedied the situation. This was my first lesson in "Soil Conservation".

In later years I came to reside in the County of Oxford, a section, for the most part, of good and fertile soil. But, in the south-west portion of the country I saw, on my first visit, an area of pine-stump fences, of tumbled-down and abandoned buildings of light and blowing sands, with here and there stalks of rye surviving, maturing and propagating themselves. Obviously, rye had been grown as a last resort in a field crop programme. Within a few years, in the development of the tobacco industry, this land was all reclaimed and made productive for the growing of tobacco, by the use of cover crops, ploughed in to give body to operators were able to buy manure bought from general farms to the north and, of course, by the liberal purchases of artificial fertilizers.

This programme was only made possible because tobacco was then, at least, paying much better than the average farm crop and so the opeartors were able tob uy manure and fertilizers in large quantities. Yet, one is obliged to ask: "Were it not far better had this land been reforested immediately after the harvesting of the original pine crop?"

Especially, is this query pertinent in Old Ontario, where already the wooded area is running far below that 15 to 16 per cent, considered essential in those European countries, where much scientific study has been given to reforestration policies.

On a rather dreary August day, while Minister of Agriculture, I had occasion to drive south-east over Number 20 highway. I could not avoid feeling depressed, as I viewed farm after farm of heavy, yet robbed and depleted soil, which it would take years to rebuild. An undue surplus of bare fields, of unpainted and decrepit houses and out-buildings, a farmer and his wife hauling in poor quality outfit, all provided mute but concrete and convincing evidence that, for too long a time, as the saying goes, these farmers "had sold their manure over the mountain," to the fruit growers beyond. Such observations make one wonder whether correction is to be brought about by arbitrary Government dictation or by intensive education. Personally, I lean toward the latter.

So far I have referred chiefly to the maintenance of soil fertility, which is but one of the many forms of soil conservation. For instance, many originally fertile farm hillsides are washing away and much of the good soil is being carried to the valleys and flat surfaces below. This calls for a proper system of drainage, of contour ploughing, and of planting.

It is now almost an annual story to find an acute water shortage on many farms in Old Ontario. In the present month (December) a shortage is reported in ten countries, some in the West and more in the East. This is occurring in parts of the Province where our yearly precipitation is sufficient. Yet we are experiencing floods at one time of the year and water famines at another. With swamps being cleared and drained, with wooded areas becoming less and less, with reforestration limited, in spite of the commendable good work of some municipal authorities, Old Ontario is sorely lacking in water reservoirs.

The whole problem is so big that it calls for action in a big way. Surveys require to be made and acted upon. Some projects will necessitate prosecution exclusively by the Government or by a group or Commission vested with government authority. Other soil conservation projects will require considerable cooperation upon the part of the farmers themselves. Some activities are, indeed, entirely within their own hands. These include reforestration, where labour costs are a factor, and it may indeed be governmental conservation schemes, to the farmers advantage, wherein additional taxes are involved.

These are days when farmers are conserving more money than they can accumulate in normal times. It is an excellent time to save money for post-war improvements and for conservation programmes. There is every likelihood that these can be done with greater facility and at less cost after the war than in these years.

It is a most opportune time to save, and savings should be placed in some liquid form of investment such as Victory Bonds.

MAXWELL

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Mel Sled on Thursday, March 8th, with a good attendance. Yarn was given out from the Red Cross for knitting socks and sweaters.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pallister have returned to their home here after spending the winter at Clarksburg.

A very pleasant time was enjoyed at a dance sponsored by Wesley Long and Russell Seeley, the proceeds to go to war work.

The Guild of St. Mary's Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Seeley on Thursday March 15.

Mabel Ross is visiting in Toronto this week.

Science Professor—"What happens when a body is immersed in water?"
Geed—"The telephone rings."

VANDELEUR

The Farm Forum met on Monday evening, March 12th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Boland and the subject for discussion was, "Will Price Stabilization Help?" Chas. Boland presided and Mrs. Lorne Ormbsy conducted the recreation program. Two groups were formed with Billie Johnston and Dora Boland as secretaries and a lively discussion took place. The Forum decided that "Price control" has been of general advantage, that price stabilization would be beneficial and that the Agricultural Prices Support Act" should give the farmer a fair deal if it is properly administered. It was decided to put on a campaign to have all the cattle in the school section treated for warble fly and a committee composed of F. R. Boland, Jim Cargoe, Billie Johnston, Johnnie Fitzsimmons and the secretary, H. I. Graham were appointed to canvass. Several good contests were put on and Mrs. Geo. Shaw and H. I. Graham were the prize winners. Readings were given by Dorothy Johnston and Dora Boland, followed by music and games. Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be in the Community Hall on Tuesday evening, March 20, when a St. Patrick's Day program will be given. Johnnie Fitzsimmons, and Elmer Cargoe are the conveners.

The March meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of the president Mrs. Geo. Buchanan, with a good attendance of members. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Fitzsimmons and the roll call was answered by a verse on "Hope". The Vice-President, Mrs. Summers, was in charge of the program, which consisted of a paper. "An Important Duty" by Mrs. Summers and reading by Myrtle Fawcett and other members. Luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Geo. Shaw and Mrs. H. Graham.

Mr. Howard McGee has purchased the Tom Sled farm, Highway 10, near Fesherton and intends moving to the farm this spring.

Mrs. Ethel Simpson was a week end guest with her daughter Miss Roberta, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Johnston, recently.

Mr. Lundy Johnston has returned after a week's vacation in Toronto.

"KING WOEAT" DEPOSED

A recent report from Saskatchewan confirms the general impression that even in that one-time stronghold of wheat raising, mixed farming is making rapid headway. This is particularly shown by the figures of beef cattle production. The number of beef cattle in the province has increased from 680,000 in 1939 to 1,100,000 in 1943. There have been similar increases for other types of livestock, and it would appear that Saskatchewan's exclusive dependence upon wheat is a thing of the past.

Several reasons are given for this change. Good war-time prices for cattle & hogs have undoubtedly contributed substantially. Other causes are the estabishment of community pastures under the Prairie Farm rehabilitation Act, and the extension of settlement into northern districts suitable for stock production. The main reason, however is probably the realization by the majority of the farmers, of the dangers of exclusive dependence of wheat.—Calgary Alta. Albertan.

Born

CONN — At Markdale Hospital on Saturday, March 10, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. James Conn (nee Frances Roberts) of Feversham, the gift of a son, Chalmer Roberts.

Change in Train Service

Sunday, April 1

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We reply that we can only see ahead greater responsibilities than ever. Both in Europe and at home the work of the Red Cross must go on. The war will not bring an end to suffering and want, to the care of our Prisoners of War, to our Wounded, and to the millions whose homes and way of life have been dislocated by strife.

We therefore feel that every Canadian has a right to some knowledge of what our responsibilities will be in the event of peace, and just how we propose to discharge those responsibilities. We treat each of our main activities under its respective heading.

PRISONERS OF WAR—With the end of hostilities our Prisoners of War will automatically cease to be Prisoners. Chaos and breakdown in Germany will probably ensue. The German state will cease to care for them. They will become wards of the Allied General in command of the Occupation Forces. Transportation will be difficult, and it will probably take a minimum of six months to repatriate the 2,400,000 Canadian, British and Allied Prisoners in German Camps. The need of Prisoners' Parcels and Medical Supplies will be doubled. They will be distributed by the Allied Command, and will play a vital part in feeding our men pending repatriation. After the magnificent job we have done during the last five years we cannot let our boys in German prison camps down. Our Prisoners in the Far East will also be a continuing responsibility. We must carry on until every man is back home.

EUROPE'S STARVING MILLIONS—The job of feeding Europe's hungry millions is staggerng in its immensity. Over 17,000,000 humans have been torn from their homes. Many have nowhere to rest their weary heads. They are starving. Malnutrition is the rule rather than the exception. There will be an urgent need for food, clothing and medical supplies. The Red Cross in these stricken countries are utterly dependent on their sister societies for supplies to meet these dire needs. Can we let them down? The Canadian Red Cross must go on!

RED CROSS WORK WITH OUR ARMED FORCES—Until the last Canadian soldier has left Europe and has been discharged from hospital, there will be important work for the Red Cross to do. How long this will be we do not know, but one thing we are certain of and that is that every Canadian at home will want to make sure that our boys will be as well looked after with the coming of peace as they were in war. The care of the wounded both in Europe and Canada is a permanent responsibility which we cannot evade. No Canadian wants to evade it. Here again the Red Cross must go on!

BLOOD SERUM SERVICE—Red Cross Blood Serum has saved countless lives in battle. The end of the war will see the end of painful war wounds. The demand for serum on the fighting fronts, except the Far East, will cease. But the Red Cross Blood Serum Service should be continued for civilian use. If the Red Cross makes it freely available it can save thousands of the lives of our own civilian citizens when war has ended.

OUTPOST HOSPITALS, CHILDREN'S CLINICS AND DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE—This is part of the Red Cross service to civilians in Canada. It is carried out in the sparsely settled parts of the Dominion, and it must go on.

FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING SERVICE—One of the finest peacetime activities of the Canadian Red Cross. It is truly a worth-while work and must go on.

TEACHING CANADIANS HOW TO BE BETTER NOURISHED—There is important work yet to be done in the matter of Nutrition. Thousands of Canadians are not eating the proper food. Their health could be improved immeasurably. The Canadian Red Cross has undertaken to educate where education is necessary. This work must go on.

PREPARATION TO MEET EPIDEMIC OR DISASTER—In case of these twin evils the Red Cross is always first on the job. For this reason alone the Red Cross must go on.

JUNIOR RED CROSS—A great crusade of 900,000 Canadian school children for health and good citizenship. A work that must go on.

Vincent C. Meredith

Chairman,
National Executive Committee
CANADIAN RED CROSS

Red Cross Work Must Go On!