8TH LINE OSPREY

(Intended for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams entertained a number of their neighbors to a euchre party Saturday evening.

The Farm Forum held their last meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. J. Ottewell. An interesting discussion took place on ,Are National Farm Organizations Effective." The next meeting will be held at the home of Kendal Hawkins. Miss Elizabeth Murphy presented an interesting menu contest, later which sides were chosen for a Geography match. This week's discusion. is on "Do We Need Internatioanl Farm Organization."

Mr. Walter Lawler spent a few days in Toronto the past week.

Mrs. James Ottewell returned home Thursday from Goring, where she was attending Mrs. John Fitzsommons. While there Mrs. Ottewell accompanied Mrs. Fitzsimmons to Meaford where the latter will make her home for a time with her son, William,

Mr. Fred Hale attended County Council in Owen Sound last week.

Mr. Peter Somers is visiting with his wife and two daughters at Mildmay at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stephens and Helen visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilkinson, Florence and Dorothy.

EUGENIA

On Friday evening, a party was held in the L.O.L. hall to welcome home L.Cpl. Doug. Cairns and Tpr. Norman Williams, who have recently returned from overseas. During the evening at an opportune time, the boys were called forward and given seats while an address was read by Mrs. M. Phillips and the presentation of $20.00 was made to each of the boys. Mrs. J. Campbell presented the gift to Norman and Mrs. S. Campbell to Doug. on behalf of the community. The boys heartily thanked all for their kindness. The evening was spent in dancing and social chat. Lunch was served at midnight.

Miss Muriel Carruthers of Toronto spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Park and Gwen, also her uncle, Ben.

Mrs. J. Cairns went to Toronto on Monday to attend the funeral of her aunt on Tuesday.

Mr. Jake Williams has returned home from Toronto after spending the past month with his daughters there.

We were very sorry to hear of the collision of the Hydro Bus (from the Power House vicinity) which carried the children to Flesherton High School on Wednesday of last week. We are glad to learn that all the injured are progressing favourably.

The H.E.P.C. workmen stationed here are now working on the line between Flesherton and Dundalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burton spent a few days in Toronto last week.

ROCK MILLS

Colder weather again prevailed over the week end with a strong wind blowing, making the weather most severe.

The church service was again withdrawn for Sunday, owing to the severe weather.

Mr. Ken Wickens of Lady Bank was in this neighborhood the past week buzzing wood for some of the farmers.

The Young People's meetings have been discontinued for the winter months.

Visitors over the week end with Mrs. Dick Clark and Bill were Messrs. Bob Phillips and Leslie Smale of Toronto.

Mrs. J. O. Dargavel representative for the Canadian Facts Limited has been calling on the housewives on this line, leaving products for testing purposes.

CEYLON

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whittaker (nee Alice Muir) who were married recently. May they have a long and happy wedded life together. Mr. Whittaker has just recently returned from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McWilliam motored to Hamilton early Tuesday morning to meet their son, Pte. Charles McWilliam, who arrived from overseas with the Argyle and Southern Highlanders on the Isle de France, arriving at Halifax late Saturday afternoon.

Gnr. Fred Marshal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall, arrived home Tuesday from overseas, also coming on the Isle de France. We gladly welcome Charlie and Fred back to their home land.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday, Jan. 31st. at the home of Mrs. Mel Hogarth at 2 p.m. Kindly attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Edwards and son, Murray, are visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrison were recent visitors with Miss M. Hemphill and Mr. S. Hemphill Fred returned from overseas three weeks ago. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harrison of Dundalk.

Service was not held in the church here Sunday evening, due to stormy weather conditions.

A number from our community attended the soldier presentations in Flesherton Thursday evening.

STEPHEN'S CORNERS

We extend our sympathy to Mr. Judge Londry in the death of his only brother, Mr. Thos. Londry, who died in Collingwood Hospital on January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLean and Ruth, Feversham, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porteous.

Mr. Frank Hammill of Toronto spent the week end with his wife here. They attended the memorial service in Singhampton on Sunday Jan. 20, for the late Pte. Mervyn Hammill, who died recently in Germany. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved relatives.

Miss Mable Fenwick, Reg. N., of the Markdale Hospital Staff, spent Tuesday afternoon at her home here.

We are glad to report that Master Delbert Winters is making favourable progress and is able to be up and around again, after having been confined to bed, suffering from a broken leg.

More Benefits To Vets

The other day the "Ottawa Journal", frequently quite critical of the Government's policies and their applications, took a "disgusted veterans' to task for complaining he had no job, no money, nothing but promises.

The "Journal" printed the letter which it had received, and the veteran was astonished at the amount of help which immediately was forthcomini. He quickly learned that the man discharged from the Canadian Armed Forces most definitely is not thrown upon his own resources to sink or swim. As the "Journal" indicated "there is an elaborate organization ready and anxious to assist him—and the regulations make many forms of assistance available."

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has set up a system of counsellors throughout the country, and no veteran should have any difficulty in locating them. Indeed, his nearest newspaper office is most likely to have the answer fastest. The Department stands ready "to make a complete investigation of any complaint and if the Department is at fault will only be too anxious to correct any condition complained of."

To give even one more service to the discharged members of Canada's fine democratic army, the Government has evolved an arrangement between the Veterans' and Labour Departments to give veterans out-of-work benefits, paid through the offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission after February 1.

By using the benefits, the veteran does not need to spend his gratuities for living expenses while he is seeking a job.

The benefits amount to $50 a month for a single man and $70 a month for a married man, with additional allowances for children. If a veteran has not found work within 39 days after discharge, the benefits are drawable for a period equal to the length of service but not exceeding a year.

The lightning bug is brilliant,
But it hasn't any mind;
It wanders through creation
With its headlight on behind.

VANDELEUR

(Intended for Last Week)

The Farm Forum met at the home fo Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnston on Monday evening and discussed the subject, "Do We Need An International Farm Organization?" The Forum agreed that we did and felt that: Our Marketing Prospects, Production Plans, A Standard of Living, and The Prospects for World Peace, would be improved by such organization. It would also increase the food production in famine countries such as China and India.

The Forum voted unanimously that Canadians of Japanese parentage born in Canada & naturalized Canadians born in Japan should be allowed to stay here, but Japanese nationals should be deported.

Johnnie Fitzsimmons presided and Elmer Cargoe conducted several good contests. Readings were given by Donnie and Billie Johnton. Mrs. Ormsby, Mrs. L. Johnston and Howard Graham. Followed by crokinole, communty singing and lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graham with Dora Boland and Marie Johnston in charge.

Owing to the severe storm on Friday evening of last week, the young people's dance in the Community Hall was postponed.

The community were shocked by the terrible tragedy that befell Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Foster and family, when they were burned to death in their home. They were former residents of Vandeleur and relatives of the Wyville families here.

Mrs. Geo. Shaw, who recently had an operation in Markdale Hospital, has returned to her home and is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Will Bowles is a patient in Markdale Hospital and is progressing favourbaly after her recent operation. Both these ladies are members of The Blue Cross Plan for Hospital Care, sponsored by Vandeleur Woman's Institute.

The Farm Forum is having a program of sound moving pictures in the community hall on Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

PORTLAW

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jackson of Hamilton were visitors with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKee recently. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Grummett, who visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Grummett, Hatherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Taylor and son, Elmer, are spending a few days in Toronto, Clifford will get his discharge from the army while there.

The fourth line red cross unit met at the home of Mrs. Leslie Chard on Thursday. Jan. 24 with six members and one visitor present. Cigarettes are being sent to eleven soldiers, who are still overseas. A letter of thanks for cigarettes recieved was read from Bob Clark, overseas, and a letter of thanks for candy received while overseas from John Blakey, who has returned to his home here. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harry Fisher, on February 14. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. Fred Betts, who has got his discharge from the navy and is now working in Toronto spent the week end with his wife and little daughter, at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Herb Betts has received word that her brother, Ted Stoddart of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment is to be in St. Catherines on Saturday.

Hunter, Consider The Bird Of Prey

Large numbers of red-tailed hawk, rough-legged hawk and snowy owl, moving into southern Ontario during the winter, deserve more protection. Usually these large birds are killed because of their alleged attacks on poultry, but analyses of the stomach contents of these birds made at the Royal Ontario Museum, show that their major prey is shrews and wild mice. The latter do much damage to fruit trees and shrubbery throughout the winter. In addition, the snowy owl kills large numbers of the brown rat—a dangerous pest.

To many persons, however, hawks and owls are intrinsically worth saving, even where the economic consideration is not clear. They are a beautiful and graceful part of our countryside. If all animals which fell foul of some special part of our interests were eradicated, this would be a dull and empty land for he lover of the out-of-doors.

Visitor—"So you call your canary "Joe". Does that stand for Joseph or Josephine?"

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