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Post Office Is Big Business At The Christmas Season

December is the peak of the year for the postal people, because all the world tries to beat its own record for the number of greetings sent. A fine and friendly custom it is too but when those first handpainted cards were used by royalty and fashionable Society about a century ago who could have forseen that Christmas cards would some day travel by the billions and that greeting cards would be used for every conceivable special day and special purpose.

It is no solemn mystery. It all followed naturally from what was called the Penny Post. Give the world little stick-on stamps at very low cost and ensure safe delivery of all stamped mail entrusted to the Post Office, and the present high tide of Christmas mail became inevitable. It was an Englishman. Sir Rowland Hill, who published a pamphlet which urged the British Government to adopt a uniform one penny rate of postage. Mail had been carried by private couriers at high cost but the penny post ended that lucrative business. Hill also invented the second essential, the paper stamps with a glutinous wash on the back which could be licked with impunity. We pay a little more to-day but what amazing service we buy for our coppers. By the way, when so many Canadians copy U. S. practice and called a cent a penny, we forget that a penny is 2 cents approximately, a half-penny equalling our cent. Older folk can remember when Canada had a two-cent copper coin, which was called a penny.

About the only flaw in the magnificent postal structure lies in those who use it. We will misspell names of people, streets, and places. We will forget to have the address complete in every detail. We forget our own postal rates causing delay and annoyance to recipients. We will wrap insecurely, putting heavy goods in light boxes, and tying with saved string instead of heavy cord One Christmas card of 1947 reached its destination in May, 1948, because it was sent to a twenty-year-old address. But note that it did arrive: all honour to some patient clerk who finally took time to identify the addressee.

We hear that a postal clerk did some research on this matter of spelling and listed 197 variations on Chicago including Zizabow and Chaque-chico. Yet every country publishes a Postal Guide which gives names of all post offices; also gives rates for first and second and third class mail. Every house, especially every farm house, should have such a guide and make it a current number if it is to prevent error.

Helpful habits include that of putting your address for return on every envelope; your address at top of every letter; and the keeping of an up-to-date address book.

Born

RUSSELL — At the Nuhn Nursing Home, Flesherton, on Sunday, Dec. 26, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Russell (Natalie Patton) of Rock Mills a daughter, Brenda Marie.

A good doctor is one who knows almost as much about medicine as he does about human nature.

ARTEMESIA COUNCIL ENDS YEAR'S BUSINESS

Artemesia Council met on December 15th for the completion of 1948 business.

Mrs. Jessie Koertz, chairman of the Priceville Hydro committee, waited on the Council, requesting that a By-law be passed authorizing an expenditure of $5,000.00 by the Police Village of Priceville for repairs to the Hydro lines, etc., in that village. The Reeve and Clerk were appointed a committee to investigate this expenditure and if satisfactory, to have a By-law prepared for the next Council meeting.

The following accounts were passed and ordered paid:

Election expenses — Deputy Returning Oicers $40, Poll Clerks $32, Polling Booths $21, election supplies from Municipal World $12.29, ballots $16.50, Returning Officer, delivering ballot boxes, etc., $10 — Total $131.79; Flesherton Advance, printing account $173.75; County of Grey, Township share of Hospital accounts $64.13; Dept. of Health, insulin account $1.63; Jessie Koertz for C. V. Gilbert maintenance acct. $10; Richards Ambulance Service, C. V. Gilbert $5; Ontario Gazette, tax sale of lands $7; Village of Flesherton 1948 hall rent $50; Division Court costs: Dundalk $11.67, Flesherton $11.67, Markdale $10.92; Sheep claims: F. Pedlar $15, Harold Hutchinson $18; valuators John Campbell and Clare Foster $1.80 each; A. B. Chard, part Tax Collector's salary, stamps and telephone $132.50; Harry Scott, on account Assessor's salary $100; Federation of Agriculture, grant $200; Treasurer's supplies $4.50; wood and relief Mrs. McMaster $71.44; Stan Campbell, school attendance officer $10; Thos. Whillier & Co., treasurer's supplies $5.85; Committee work: J. A. Davis 3 days $12, Geo. Cairns 1 day $4; phone account, J. A. Davis $11.80 and Jas. McLoughry $3.09; Refund on dog tax: Wm. Reid $2, Percy Semple $2, R. D. Purvis $2, Jos. Copeland $2, John Dow $2, Wm. Campbell $4 and Robt. Parslow Jr. $4; H. Richardson, refund on taxes $15 and extra mileage on timber haul $10; Road Supt., payment voucher No. 12 $554.58 and 12A, Priceville, $50.00.

Mr. Wesley Smith was appointed High School Trustee for a term of two years, replacing Mr. Richard Allen, who resigned.

By-Law No. 10, 1948, covering the issuing of debentures for an amount of $22,500.00, for the purpose of building a new school house in U.S.S. No. 12, Priceville, Artemesia and Glenelg, was read a first and second time and forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

The Township Treasuer has authority to pay a bounty on foxes up to and including Dec. 31st, 1948 Those having pelts please try and have them in before that date.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. J. A. Davis, Reeve, entertained the Council members, Road Superintendant, Clerk and Treasurer at the Park Hotel, where an excellent supper was provided by Mrs. and Mr. MacLean.

The first meeting of the 1949 Council will be held in the Flesherton Town Hall, Monday, January 10, at the hour of 11 o'clock a.m.

Rancher: "What's the matter with your finger?"

Cowhand: "Oh, I was down gettin' some cigarettes yesterday and some clumsy fool stepped on my hand."

Our Chapel

is at the disposal of our clientele without extra charge. It contains well-appointed family reception rooms, including organ and organist.

Bates and Maddocks
FUNERAL CHAPEL
124 Avenue Rd. KI. 4344

OSPREY ELECTION NEXT MONDAY

Osprey Township will have an election this year with candidates to fill all offices. Reeve Fred F. Hale will be opposed by Deputy Reeve Archie Buie, who is attempting to advance, as there were not enough voters to warrant Osprey a Deputy Reeve this year. For Councillors, the three members of this year's council are up for re-election, Leslie O. Moore, Elgin McCutcheon and Harry Thompson, and will be opposed by George Dobson and George Morrison, both well known throughout the Township. This should make an interesting election, a both Messrs. Hale and Buie have given good service in the Township.

The nomination at Maxwell on Monday was well attended, although there have been larger crowds and members of the 1948 Council gave an accounting of their stewarship during the year.

Sunday School Concert Was Well Attended

St. John's United Church was crowded to the doors on Wednesday night of last week for the annual concert and Christmas tree. Interesting numbers were contributed by pupils under the direction of the following day-school and Sunday-school teachers: Miss Oliver, Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Goheen, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. A. Sparks, Mrs. R. Boyd, Mrs. R. Phillips. Colored lighting was provided by Mr. John Cook, assisted by Bob Stoddart and Jack Turvey. Beautiful organ-chimes records were also played by Mr. Cook over his amplifying system. Rev. A. G. Macpherson acted as chairman, and reports on the work of the Sunday School were made by the Superintendant, Mr. John Brackenbury, and the secretary, Mr. Bert Sparks. Prizes for attendance were presented to the following members of the junior room: Judy Sparks, Hugh Macpherson, Alan Gowanlock, Barrie Andrews, Billie Boyd, Bruce Richardson, Joyce Long, Norma Betts, Leona Richardson.

The excellent concert program was as follows: Chorus by the primary room; recitations by Allan Gowanlock, Donna Littlejohns, Carol Littlejohns, Albert McArthur, Donalda Aberdein, Linda Littlejohns, Verna Genoe and Barrie Scarrow, Jane Russell, and Kenneth Russell. Other numbers were an exercise by beginners; an exercise by the primary room and a rythm band from Springhill; Jack and Jill dance by Springhill talent, duet by Jane and Kenneth Russell of Orange Valley school; a dumb-bell drill and minuet by the Springhill pupils. A Scotch song was well-rendered by George Akins. A play "The Other Wise Man" was given by pupils of Flesherton public school and a Negro skit by Springhill was also well given. "Santa Has the Measles," a play, was given by Flesherton Public School, as also a song "Uncle Remus." The program was closed with a chorus by the local Public School pupils.

The final touch to a splendid program was the arrival of Santa Claus and, with the assistance of several others, distributed the many gifts and treats from the Christmas tree. While the concert was in progress a heavy snow storm was blowing outside and some people had difficulty in reaching home, but all reported an enjoyable time at the church.

"You know, my dear," he observed looking up from his book, "when one reads of the stupendous happenings in Nature one realizes how lowly and insignificant is man."

"A woman does'nt have to read books to learn that!" replied his wife.

RESERVED SEAT SALE In Flesherton Rink

The Rink Committee has arraned that for a payment of $2.00 in advance you may have the privilege of occupying the seat of your choice for all hockey games. Regular admission fee to be paid each game and all seats must be occupied within 20 minutes of time game is called.

Plan of sale of seats aveailable for your inspection at Richards Home Furnishings store on and after 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31st, 1948.

—RINK MANAGEMENT

The Advance Wishes All Readers A Happy New Year

The Editor and Staff of The Advance take this opportunity of conveying to readers of this newspaper the compliments of the season, with the wish that the New Year will bring contentment and prosperity We also wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our correspondents who send in tha news from their district each week, and to those who renew their paper in good time. We appreciate the confidence placed in us throughout the years, and we hope that the confidence will not be mispiaced in the years to come. We thank you!

SCHEDULE FOR SEMI-PRO. LEAGUE

President Geo. Sled of Feversham presided at a meeting of the Semi-Pro. League held in Flesherton on Thursday evening last, when the schedule of games was drawn up, with sir teams in the competition: Mayburne (near Dundalk), Dundalk, Proton, Flesherton, Markdale and Feversham. Proton and Feversham will play their home games in the Flesherton arena, while Mayburne will play their games in Dundalk. This year players in the Semi-Pro. League will be allowed to play three games in the Central Ontario League and still be eligible. Last year they were allowed to play one game. All games at Flesherton will be of the double variety, one at 7 p.m. and the second at 9 p.m., so there should be plenty of hockey each night.

Following is the schedule:

JANUARY—
5 — Mayburne at Dundalk
6 — Proton at Feversham
Markdale at Flesherton
7 — Flesherton at Mayburne
Dundalk at Markdale
12 — Mayburne at Feversham
Flesherton at Proton
14 — Markdale at Dundalk
17 — Feversham at Mayburne
19 — Dundalk at Proton
Feversham at Flesherton
21 — Flesherton at Dundalk
Proton at Markdale
24 — Proton at Mayburne
26 — Mayburne at Markdale
Feversham at Proton
Dundalk at Flesherton
28 — Feversham at Markdale
Dundalk at Mayburne
31 — Markdale at Proton
Dundalk at Feversham

FEBRUARY—
2 — Proton at Dundalk
3 — Markdale at Feversham
Mayburne at Flesherton
7 — Feversham at Flesherton
Mayburne at Proton
9 — Markdale at Mayburne
11 — Feversham at Dundalk
Proton at Flesherton
16 — Flesherton at Markdale

F. W. Duncan President Flesherton Curling Club

Frank W. Duncan was elected president of the Flesherton Curling Club at the organization meeting held last week, succeeding Mr. J. O. Dargavel, who has been president of the Club since it was organized. The other officers are R. J. Boyd, vice-President; F. H. W. Hickling, secretary-treasurer, which he also held since the club was formed.

Managing Com. — H. Milligan, R. J. Boyd, C. S. MacTavish, H. A. McCauley, G. B. Welton and L. Chard.

Bonspiel Com. — K. G. Betts, Fred Gorrell, H. A. McCauley, G. A. MacTavish and R. J. Boyd.

Membership Com. — H. A. McCauley, J. A. Richards, G. A. MacTavish and K. G. Betts.

St. John's United Church

Rev. A. G. Macpherson
Minister

"From age to age Thy love endures;
Thou are our God.
Send now Thy flaming truth abroad,
That with the New Year's dawning,
right may conquer wrong,
Grief yield to joy, and tears to song."

New Year services on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at Flesherton, Proton and Eugenia. Everyody welcome.

St. John's W.A. meets Tuesday, Jan. 4th, at the home of Mrs. H. A. McCauley at 8 p.m. All the ladies of the congregation invited to attend and join the Association.

St. John's Young People's Union meets Tuesday evening, Jan. 4th, at 8 o'clock in the church basement. All young people of the community cordially invited.

Flesherton Arena Will Be Ready New Year's Day

The Central Ontario League gets away to a good start in Flesherton on New Year's Day, with Grand Valley the visiting team, to start at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There is a good sheet of ice on the rink now as the weather has been excellent for ice-making since the first flooding Thursday night last. The interior carpentry work is going ahead fast and 100 seats will be available for spectators in the north end. The players have only been on skates once his season, but with another night before the game should oe able to give a good account of themselves on New Year's. Last year there was a real crowd for the first game the same day and with more accommodation available this season, all records should be broken.

According to rumors coming from our sister town to the north, Markdale will not have a team this year in the Central Ontario League, despite the fact they were included in she tchedule. Difficulty in securing players at not too great an expense is one of the reasons we have heard. If they were allowed to draw players from Chatsworth they might be able to ice a team, but this is against League rules. We would certainly like to see Markdale in as strong as ever, as the Flesherton-Markdale series always packs 'em in.

Flesherton High School

FALL TERM

Marks indicate percentages of students standing first in grades. Names are listed in order of merit. Aeq indicates that the two preceding students are equal in standing.

Numbers following names show the number of papers tried by each student:

GRADE 13

Delores Johnston 78.5 (8), Marjorie Bumstead (9), Eleanore Sparks (9), Eric Campbell (10), Barry Thurston (9), Joan Turney (9), Jack Milne (6), Eleanor Proctor (9), David McGee (8), Harold Nichol (8) Evlyn Acheson (9), Marion Baker (7)

GRADE 12

Kaye Peebles 74.5, Phillip McMullen, Ruth Smith, Lawrence Dobson Maurice Russell, Joyce Tucker Irene Porteous, Ioan Betts, Erma Aberdein Bob Falconer, Billie Richardson, Don Smith.

GRADE 11

Beth Courvoisier (89.3) Muriel Sparks, Ruth Chard, Gladys Love, Margot Ann Goessel, Iona Hodgins, Charles Pedlar, Gwen Park, Beth Fawcett, Emily Acheson, Glenora McGee, John Milligan, Eleanor McMullen and Pat Stauffer (aeq.), Mary Hincks, Joan Akins, Russell Hargrave, Dorothy Campbell, Phyllis Rutledge, Mary Jane MacTavish, Gordon Morrison, Faye McMullen Phyllis Davison, Ivan Young.

GRADE 10

M. White (84.3), M. Lawler, J. Avis, C. Porteous, D. Buckton J. Fawcett E. Cook, S. Forbes, R. Betts, M. Russell, M. Loucks, R. Phillips, E. Fawcett, B. Weatherall L. Bowles, G. White and S. Cairns (aeq.), P. Stewart, L. Hill, I. Croft E. Weatherall, R. Dobson, J. Boyce G. Atkinson, G. Proctor.

GRADE 9

M. Macpherson (95), J. Banks and B. MacMillan (aeq.), K. Inkster, Johnston, J. Betts, M. Richardson Ivan McWilliam and B. Nichol (aeq.), B. Aberdein, R. Fawcett, B Cook, J. Cargoe, M. Acheson, G. White, D. Peebles, C. Young, D Adlam and D. Fisher (aeq.), P. Hodder, M. Stewart, G. Thompson R. Falconer, E. Gallaugher, G. Copeland and T. McGee (aeq.), S. Weber, A. Campbell G. McMaster, R. Grummett, A. Baker, J. Adams and G. Ferguson (aeq.), L. Shier, C. Richardson, Royden Johnson, V. Fothergill, S. Partridge, B. Teeter, Ian McWilliam and R. Wright (aeq.), E. Shier. Not grade: M. O'Sullivan (abs.), W. Stevens.

BAPTISM AT EUGENIA

Two children received the Sacrament of Infant Baptism in Eugenia United Church Sunday, Dec. 19th. They were Heather Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cairns, and Donald John Stephen, son of Mr. and Ms. ohn MacDonald. They were dedicated by Rev. A. G. Macpherson, and received into the fellowship and care of the church by the congregation present.

GREY COUNTY PENSION BOARD REPORTS

During the year 1948, there were twelve meetings of the Old Age Pensions, Blind and Mothers' Allowance Board of Grey County, all being held in the County Clerk's office in the Court House, Owen Sound.

The members of the Board are: Mrs. Dingwall, Hopeville; Mr. S. Howey, Holland Twp.; Mr. W. H. Sing, Meaford; Mrs. A. E. Bail, Rutherford, Owen Sound, secretary. Hanover, chairman; Mr. W. A. MacGregor, Desboro; Mrs. Audrey Rutherford, Owen Sound, secretary. Two of the Board are appointees of the County Council, one must be a member of the County Council, three are appointees of the Ontario Government.

Two hundred and fifty-nine applications were received during the year from Grey County. 237 for Old Age Pensions, 2 for the Blind Pension, and 20 for Mothers' Allowance. These wer received from the following sources: Meaford 29, Hanover 16, Durham 17, Chatsworth 2, Thornbury 6, Ayton 1, Flesherton 2, Shallow Lake 4, Dundalk 9, Markdale 6, Collingwood Twp. 21, Derby 8, Sydenham 14, Sullivan 5, Sarawak 3, Osprey 9, Keppel 13, Proton 12, St. Vincent 6, Euphrasia 11, Bentinck 8, Egremont 9, Normanby 9, Holland 14, Artemesia 19, Glenelg 5.

The basic amount of pension for Old Age Pensioners is $30 per month, but may be increased to $40 (maximum), depending on the amount of board paid over $25 per month, or rent paid over $10 per month. It may also be decreased, depending on income from any other source. Medical attention is also provided for Old Age Pensioners.

If the basic pension of $30 per month were allowed for the above 237 Old Age Pensioners it would be a monthly payment of $7,110; or a yearly payment of $85,320 for Grey County itself. With the added sum necessary to meet payments for the Blind Pensioners and Motners' Allowances, this sum would easily reach $100,000 a year for one prosperous county of Ontario alone. Since the institution of this one social service, one can easily see where, over a period of say 10 years, what these services cost taxpayers.

CARDS OF THANKS

Dear Friends of Union and Kimberley: We wish to thank you all most sincerely for your most useful gifts presented to us on the evening of Nov. 27th in Kimberley Hall. After coming from a country hardened by war and austerity, we were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the people of Kimberley and surrounding districts, and it is our sincere wish that we spend many years amongst you as real friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Mason and Family

We wish to thank our neighbors and other friends for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us in our recent bereavement.

—Mrs. F. J. Weber and Family

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for kind enquiries, cards and letters, for all acts of kindness, also the Hatherton L.O.L., Maxwell L.O.L., Women's Institute and all others who sent lovely boxes of fruit and treats.

—GEO. BALL

I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to friends who have visited me during my recent illness and for flowers, cards, telephone calls and treats.

—J. O. Dargavel

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the lovely Christmas box sent to me by St. John's United Church recently.

—Mrs. Jos. Blakeley

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who remembered me during my illness and at Christmas time, with treats, cards and pleasant calls. Wishing each and all of you a very Happy New Year.

—Mrs. Margaret E. Lever,
Markdale, R. R. 5

Prison inmates in an Indiana town want to form a union. And next they'll go on strike.

Some people think that every season comes at the wrong time of the year.